

Iowa Greenkeepers Organize

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IOWA's first short course for greenkeepers was held Monday, March 7, at the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. It was a zero day but that did not keep the Iowa boys away. We had sixty-three register for the meeting; every one who attended was well pleased, and thought it went over with a bang.

We had a nicely balanced program. Dr. B. S. Pickett of Iowa State College was chairman of the meeting, and arranged the program. Dr. Pickett was unable to attend on Monday but he had a good pinch hitter in Dr. Vernon Stoutemyer.

Luncheon was served at the College Memorial at which time the Iowa Greenkeepers' Association was organized. Leo Feser made a nice talk about the Minnesota Association, and what they were doing, and was well received. Leo did a great job in helping us get organized. The officers elected were as follows: President, Jack Welsh, Wa-

konda C. C., Des Moines; Vice President, Mike Shearman, Sioux City C. C., Sioux City; Secretary, C. G. Yarn, Woodside Golf Club, Des Moines; Treasurer, Ed White, Woodside Golf Club, Des Moines.

Honorary members, Leo J. Feser, Dr. Vernon Stoutemyer.

The Iowa Association will hold regular monthly meetings, on the second Monday of the month. The annual meeting will be held on the second Monday of June.

The first meeting will be held at the Wakonda Country Club in Des Moines on April 11. The plan of the Iowa Greenkeepers' Association is to create a better understanding of greenkeeping and good fellowship, and as a body we can bring this about more quickly.

The boys left for home feeling the day well spent, and it looks as if the Iowa Short Course will be bigger and better next year.

IOWA STATE PROGRAM

- 9:00 a. m. Preparing the Soil for a Golf Green: drainage, fertility, mixing, improving.
(a) General—Vernon Stoutemyer, Iowa State College.
(b) Acidity and Fertility Tests. B. J. Firkins, Iowa State College.
(c) Fertilizers for golf courses. O. J. Noer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 10:50 a. m. Grass Seeds. Their purity, viability, longevity, sources of supply, facilities for testing. H. D. Hughes, Iowa State College.
- 11:20 a. m. Bent Grass Greens: Planting and Care. John Welsh, Wakonda Club, Des Moines.
- 12:00 m. Luncheon.
- 1:30 p. m. Species and Varieties of Grasses. Vernon Stoutemyer, Iowa State College.
- 2:00 p. m. Insect Pests on Golf Greens. Dr. C. J. Drake, Iowa State College.
- 2:30 p. m. Maintaining Greens—a symposium. Brown patch; fertilizers; weeds; watering; repairing small damages; moles; gophers.
Leo Feser, Woodhill Country Club, Wayzata, Minn.
Dr. R. H. Porter, Iowa State College.

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