



Rhode Island Greensmen assemble for the camera at state college station

Rhode Island Greenkeepers Have Field Day at State College

THIRD ANNUAL greenkeepers' Field Day was held at the Rhode Island State College and Experiment Station on May 23rd. The day was ideal and more than 100 greenkeepers and other turf students were present.

After registration the greenkeepers visited the turf experiments at the Experiment station under the guidance of T. E. Odland and H. F. A. North. Although the season has been rather cold and unseasonal the grass plats were at their best. Various fertilizer tests, variety tests, bent grass strains from different clubs, bent grass for seed production and many other experiments and tests are under way.

From the grass plats the way led to the college dining hall where 95 were served with a dinner, the special feature of which was Rhode Island red chicken pie. After luncheon the visitors were extended greetings from the college by President Raymond G. Bressler. Director Gilbert of the Experiment station acted as chairman of the meeting and introduced a number of the greenkeepers and others present.

The chief address of the day was made by Dr. Howard B. Sprague, Agronomist of the New Jersey Experiment Station. The topic was "Soil Conditions and Plant Growth."

Following the dinner and talks the annual business meeting of the Rhode Island Greenkeepers club was held and the following officers elected:

Pres.—John Hay—Agawam Hunt club.
 V. P.—Thomas Galvin—Rhode Island C. C.
 Treas.—Martin Greene—Wannamoissett C. C.
 Sec.—Woodworth Bradley—Providence, R. I.

More than a dozen firms were represented with demonstrations of equipment from 3 p. m. to well toward 6 o'clock. The opportunity to see and compare these different types and makes of equipment is proving one of the outstanding features in these field days.

At no other time during the year is there a more genuinely interested and enthusiastic gathering at the college than when the greenkeepers have their field day, according to college authorities.

Upper Michigan Greensmen Have Short Course

MEN RESPONSIBLE for maintenance of the 26 golf courses on the upper peninsula of Michigan held a two day short course in greenkeeping at Marquette, Mich., May 23 and 24. The course was conducted by Dr. Tyson and Mr. Wells of the Michigan department of agriculture, assisted by Messrs. Bell, Churchill and Clanahan, also of the department's staff.

Local problems of course maintenance are such that the upper peninsula men felt they needed a conference designed especially for the soil and weather problems with which they contend during their short and crowded season. Almost complete representation from the upper peninsula's courses featured the initial conference and practical results were so satisfying it is planned to hold the short course annually.

A tour was made of the Marquette G. & C. C. course where Percy Cook, one of the organizers of the short course, ably presides as pro and course superintendent.

Short time of the course allowed only summaries of the problems and mimeographed data covering the highlights of the subjects were distributed to those attending the affair, for later review.