

Massachusetts State College to Sponsor Recreation Confab

SOMETHING new and different in educational conferences is scheduled for March 15, 16 and 17 at Massachusetts State college, when that institution will sponsor a meeting to bring together the leading groups and agencies interested in outdoor recreation.

As has been suggested by President Roosevelt, the new leisure brought about by the NRA and other federal projects needs guidance to prevent it from being deflected into channels that are unhealthy both from individual and national standpoints. There are many technical problems to be considered and their solution hinges on the ability of all recreational agencies to co-ordinate their work for the better conservation, maintenance, improvement and utilization of our natural resources. In particular it is necessary to sell healthy recreation to the public.

The Massachusetts conference will be the first meeting of practical men since the new leisure became a fact. Five sections are planned—Golf, Fish and Game, Winter Sports, Forest Recreation, and Landscape Recreation—and separate daytime programs have already been tentatively set up for each group. In the evenings, all groups will combine to take up matters of common interest to all recreational groups.

Considering the tentative program planned for the Golf section of the conference (and each of the four other groups will have similar meetings) it is obvious that the three-day meet is one of the finest things ever planned for the ultimate benefit of the general public. Program details, subject to change, are:

On March 16, the morning conference will be split into four groups—municipal course superintendents, daily fee owners and managers, private club managers, and pro golfers—and each group will take up consideration of its immediate problems. The afternoon session will likewise be split, but the division will not be made according to the type of golf course but rather into professions, managers meeting in one hall, greenkeepers in a second and pros in a third.

All sections of the conference will combine for the evening meeting and talks on golf, conservation, fish and game, and landscaping are planned.

March 17 will find the club managers assembling in the morning for consideration of winter use of the clubhouse, while greenkeepers will deal with sports turf and the relation of golf construction to recreation. Park superintendents and pro golfers will also be busy with timely programs of their own.

In the afternoon, the entire golf section of the conference will be addressed as a unit on a variety of important subjects, including methods of handling course appropriations, interpretation of golf statistics, club managers' part in recreation, and fly-casting as a club sport. As on the day before, a series of papers will be read at the evening assembly before all in attendance at the conference.

High light of the Sunday sessions, March 18, will be an address by Governor Ely of Massachusetts.

An important part of the Recreational Conference will be the exhibition of all the tools of recreation—maintenance equipment, playing equipment, sports demonstrations and the like. Leading manufacturers are being invited to supply this valuable feature of the meeting and from present indications the displays will in themselves make attendance well worth while.

The conference is open to all who care to attend, present estimates of the final number running anywhere from 1,000 to 4,000 men for the three days.

Full information is obtainable from L. S. Dickinson, Massachusetts State College, Amherst, who is in charge of the golf section of the conference.

FOR A CLUB to be successfully run, it is essential that its employes be paid wages commensurate with what they are worth. You can't expect an underpaid employe to take much interest in his work; he'll only perform his duties to the extent necessary to hold his job.