



Here is the turn-out for Michigan State College's two-day greenkeepers' short course, held December 14-15, 1933, at East Lansing, Michigan. According to C. E. Millar, professor of soils at Michigan State, under whose direction the two-day meet was held, a similar short-course will very likely be held at the college again this coming December due to the enthusiasm of those who attended the meeting just closed.

I am firmly of the belief that if it were not for these gardens many golf clubs would not have been able to cut their maintenance budgets as they have done these last two seasons. If it were not for those experimental stations and some of their research work which we do not hear of, there might be many useless chemicals on the market today.

The demonstration gardens have served a useful purpose in many ways. They have served as excellent places for the local greenkeepers' associations to hold their meetings, so that they can discuss their various turf problems. It is difficult to estimate the actual value of these plots. The results can only be defined by the interest shown. It was estimated that a year ago over 1,000 people had attended the meetings announced by the Green Section, as well as numbers of individuals who visited them singly or in small groups during the season or during the course of the regular meetings of the local organizations.

This valuable research work is in grave danger of having to be discontinued for lack of funds. Can we, who have gathered here at this convention afford to let this happen? At least we ought to do our utmost to see that the valuable experiments which are now well advanced and results about to be obtained, and the money that has already been invested, is not thrown away.

We need the information being developed more than ever today, when every club is seeking to curtail its expenditure for fertilizer, seeds, water, etc., and is faced with several menaces to its turf,

such as Japanese beetle, web worm, chinch bugs, etc. So let us remember there is no substitute for the work of the demonstration gardens and research stations, as their experiments are done under actual conditions pertaining to the different localities and soil conditions in which they are located.

Let us give them the maximum support that it is possible to give. Get your chairmen and other club officials interested. In that way the section will be able to carry on.

Midwest Greenkeepers Elect Brandon Their '34 Head

AT THE January meeting of the Midwest Greenkeepers' assn., A. L. Brandon, sup't of St. Charles (Ill.) CC, was elected to serve as president of the organization for the coming year. Other officers elected were: First vice-pres., C. A. Tregillus, Mill Road Farm course; second vice-pres., Frank Dinelli, Northmoor CC; secy, B. A. Yoder, Westmoor CC; treas., Ralph Teter, Aurora CC. Three directors elected were: R. N. Johnson, Medinah CC; Fred Kruger, Olympia Fields CC; Fred Ingwerson, Bunker Hill GC.

ALTHOUGH several clubs suffered severely, only one golf course was put out of business by the floods in southern California—the Oakmont CC at Glendale. Fairways after the flood looked like samples of the Grand Canyon. Restoration of the club to active service is uncertain.