

More than fifty club manager attended the special session on salads and beef cut judging. The attendance at the managers' section was such that at next year's conference it is planned to make a big feature of this department.

President Baker, Dickinson and their associates at Massachusetts State college are to be congratulated on a great affair, which has had a definite effect on the recreational work and finances in the state. The idea is one that might well be adopted by other states where winter sports could be developed.

Iowa Club Pays Price of Maintenance Progress

"Appropriations were allowed to mow the weeds, thus necessitating the erection of two retreats."—*From news report of the annual meeting of the Brookside GC in the Algona (Ia.) Upper Des Moines.*

Iowa State Greens Course Sets New Record

FOURTH annual greenkeepers' Short Course, held at Iowa State College, Ames, March 4 and 5, was unusually successful in attendance and interest shown. The attendance this year broke all records, falling just short of the one-hundred mark.

Laboratory work presented in the entomology, soils and plant pathology laboratories was a new feature this year and was well received. Probably instruction given in future courses will show a definite trend toward the laboratory rather than the lecture type of teaching. The various laboratory periods were conducted by members of the college staff.

The course was opened by a talk on the place of golf and greenkeeping in modern life by Prof. B. S. Pickett, head of the Department of Horticulture at the college. Kenneth Welton of the USGA Green Section and O. J. Noer of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission were headliners of the lecture part of the program. Welton

presented many new facts in advances in greenkeeping methods, a good deal of it being material which has not yet appeared in print. Noer helped to interpret many difficulties which courses have experienced under the unusual climatic conditions of recent years.

At the greenkeepers' dinner Monday evening, Jack Welsh, president of the Iowa Greenkeepers Assn., was toastmaster. Speakers of the evening was I. T. Bode, State Fish and Game Warden of Iowa, who stressed the importance of the conservation movement now so popular.

A number of speakers were on the program who have not appeared on previous short courses at Iowa State College. Jess Fultz, agristologist of the Bureau of Plant Industry, gave an interesting talk on the distribution and physiology of grasses. Earle M. Barrows of Minneapolis presented the plant count method of turf study which he and his co-workers up in Minnesota have been using with striking results. The novelty of this study and the apparently great possibilities contained in it attracted considerable attention among the greenkeepers. Paul E. Burdett of Armour Fertilizer Works, Chicago Heights, Ill. told of his experience with soil tests on many of the large and prominent golf courses of northern Illinois and Indiana. A number of commercial displays of machinery and golf supplies were exhibited.

The attendance was largely from Iowa and Missouri. Many of the Kansas City group who compose the Heart of America Greenkeepers Association were out for the course, under the leadership of Wilhelm Peters of the Lynn Estate, Kansas City, Missouri. About a dozen from Kansas City were registered for the course.

General interest and enthusiasm displayed at this short course certainly must be an indication that the Iowa Greenkeepers Assn. is going to have an unusually successful and interesting season this summer.



Here's part of the record attendance at the 1935 Iowa State Greenkeepers' Short course