

tention to the job of cleaning underbrush and dead timber from woodlands during the summer. Trees suffered as much as turf during intense hot spell of last summer and tree care, neglected widely for the past four or five years, is due again on a major scale.

Fairway watering installations now are at the point where satisfactory systems are available in a wide range of prices, with the factors of thoroughness and labor economy being major ones in determining cost of a good system. Early this past season there was enough rain in most of the central territory to shove ideas of fairway watering aside at many clubs, but things averaged up and when the hot weather came along and stayed, play kept up at the watered courses sufficiently to justify the expense of fairway irrigation.

Fertilizer deficiencies are beginning to show up at many courses. Some greenkeepers admit privately that they have been able to switch around and sneak enough funds from their budgets to do some desperately needed fertilizing but many of them are apprehensive of the future unless they can feed their grasses.

Knowing full well that fungicide effectiveness is governed largely by weather, greenkeepers here and there rejoice they have been lucky enough in guessing weather conditions to keep down fungous diseases, and have begun to talk about weather instruments being a greenkeeping requirement that soon will pay for themselves.

### Mass. S. C. Again Offers Greens Course, Conference

WINTER greenkeeping school at Massachusetts State college, Amherst, Mass., starts January 2 and continues through the annual recreation conference and exposition which will be held March 13, 14 and 15.

This course under the direction of Lawrence S. Dickinson, has become one of the great influences in practical course maintenance. Graduates occupy positions at many first class clubs in the United States and Canada.

Cost of the course is kept low. Registration fee is \$16.50. Board and room can be obtained in Amherst for \$10 a week, and some students get by for an additional expense as low as \$10 during the ten weeks of the course. There are students in the greenkeeping course who bring their

wives, for Amherst is a grand little town where college entertainments with a pleasant blending of culture and pepper are available on a good schedule.

A development of the MAC short course that is creating a lively winter sports program in New England is the recreation conference. President Baker of the school marshalled all his forces in expanding this idea, which grew out of Dickinson's short course, with the result that the conference unquestionably has stirred up considerable winter sports activity in that territory, with golf clubs deriving a good share of the benefits.

At the conclusion of the 1934 conference, the golf section advisory committee, composed of leading factors in golf club maintenance, operation and executive management, drew up several conclusions, one of which was the earnest recommendation that golf clubs should encourage attendance of their greenkeepers at the MAC winter school by defraying all or a part of the expense.

As the winter school is organized and conducted for club service primarily, it is logical that the clubs take advantage of it at club expense rather than make greenkeepers pay a premium for their interest in applying to the clubs' courses lessons from the valuable school at MAC.

### Rutgers Turf Short Course Offered Feb. 17-22

COLLEGE of Agriculture, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., will again offer next spring a one-week course in turf management which should, as in other years, attract large attendance from greenkeepers. The date for this year's course is February 17-22. There is no tuition to residents of New Jersey. A nominal registration fee, to cover cost of supplies used, is charged.

The Rutgers course is conducted as a real course, not merely a series of conferences. Lectures are supplemented by classroom discussions and by laboratory and field demonstrations, so that the student may absorb, so far as possible in the time allowed, a thorough grasp of the subject at hand.

Interested greensmen, whether residents of New Jersey or not, are urged to write without delay to the Director of Short Courses, College of Agriculture, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., for a circular giving full particulars of the course.