

## AT THE TURF COURSES



Greenkeepers this year showed widespread interest in short courses offered in several parts of the country, and took advantage of the opportunities to improve their work by attending these schools in large numbers. In addition to the schools shown in the photo, a 10 week course at Massachusetts State college was well attended. Schools shown are: Top, short course at Michigan State college, E. Lansing, Mich., held March 5 and 6; Middle, course at Iowa State college, Ames, Ia., March 2 and 3; Bottom, eighth annual course in Turf Management, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 17-21.

#### Eighth Annual Short Course Draws 41 to Rutgers University

**E**IGHTH annual short course in Turf Management was conducted by College of Agriculture, Rutgers university, New Brunswick, N. J., February 17-21, inclusive. Forty-one attended the course, which is designed to provide fundamental

information on the factors involved in producing turf on golf courses, lawns, parks and cemeteries.

Members of the teaching and research staff of the College of Agriculture and Experiment Station discussed the following subjects: soil physics, chemistry and biology, fertilizers, lime, soil acidity, com-

post, organic matter, seed testing, soil and climatic adaptation of turf plants, the control of turf insects, diseases and weeds, renovation of poor turf, establishment of new turf, and care of grass lands used for recreation. The agronomy department has actively conducted research on this subject for more than ten years.

The large attendance at the course indicated the subject matter is presented in a fashion which is of real value to those actually engaged in turf management. Abstracts for each of the 25 lectures were provided. The interest in this subject has convinced the College of Agriculture to offer the short course again in 1937.

### Tom Bendelow, Dean of Architects, Dies After Year's Illness

**TOM BENDELOW**, who in his time designed and supervised the construction of close to a thousand American golf courses, died March 24 after an illness of a year in River Forest, Ill. He was 67 years of age.

Bendelow was unquestionably one of the most influential factors in the development of golf in the United States. Born

and educated in Scotland, he came to New York in 1894, worked for a newspaper for a time and then joined A. G. Spalding & Bro., specializing in the new and growing golf department of that concern. One of his early architectural jobs was to lay out the Van Cortlandt park course, first public links in the U. S.

In 1899 he toured the country with Vardon and Taylor, and ever a good promoter and talker, lost no opportunity to spread the gospel of golf.

In 1901 Bendelow was transferred to Chicago and between that time and 1915 laid out over 500 golf courses, among which are some of our most famous present day links. During the World War years that followed, there was little golf development in the U. S., but in 1920 the sport picked up momentum and Bendelow joined the American Park Builders as a partner and for the next ten years continued to act as architect and constructor of numerous layouts. The Depression years found him relatively idle, and his failing health prevented him from stepping back into the golf construction picture with the improved conditions of the past year or two.

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