



Philadelphia's turf interest is indicated by this fine turn-out for the local GCS dinner.

GREENS "OPEN" HELD AT PHILADELPHIA

ONE hundred four greenkeepers, chairmen, and other turf experts attended the special Open Meeting conducted by the Philadelphia Assn. of Golf Course Supts., held March 7, at the Penn AC. Object of meeting was to collect and bring into the open the puzzling turf problems of greenkeepers in the district, hoping that the answers to these questions would bring out many new ideas and offer proved solutions to some trying turf problems. This proved very much of a success, as questions were plentiful and furnished ample food for thought.

Joseph Valentine, Merion Cricket club, and president of the assn., got the meeting under way with a talk on the major troubles of the greenkeepers of that area, with emphasis on his particular problems. Chinch bug attacks were so bad on his course last year that they were forced to close during the winter months. Experiments for the control of this pest were told the greenkeepers. Dr. Howard B. Sprague, of the N. J. Experimental Station, spoke on *Poa Annua*, which was especially interesting because Philadelphia district courses have more than an average share of it. Dr. Sprague stated that the best time to discourage the annual was at the height of summer when it was in an unhealthy condition.

Fred Grau, Penn State College, gave a talk on his trip abroad and illustrated his

words with slides. He pointed out that it was foolish to try to copy greenkeeping methods from "the other side" because the conditions are so unlike ours. Prof. J. C. Pepper, PSC entomologist, made a very interesting talk on bugs and emphasized the great need for research work in this line.

Frank Hardt, USGA Secretary, and chairman of the USGA Green Section, cited figures on the size, cost, and general information on golf, taken from the "The Golf Market," published by the GOLFDOM-GOLFING organization. The USGA Green Section committee is working to restore the Green Section Bulletin, Hardt said, and added that government money may be secured to help in the research work.

Henry Strouse, president of the Philadelphia Golf Assn., gave a short talk, and pepped up greenkeepers considerably with these words, "This is one of the finest meetings I have ever attended as regards the betterment of golf courses. At our next meeting I will convey the information on what our greenkeepers are doing in order to have their courses in better shape for the members." Hugh Clarke, of Penn State College Board of Trustees, said that "the next time my putt doesn't fall, I will realize why right away and stop blaming the greenkeeper."