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the pro attack on "buy it wholesale," which has grown so extensively in many businesses that a not-so-joking definition of a sucker is one who buys at retail.

Investigation has shown that "buy it wholesale" accounts for as much as 70% of the golf playing equipment buying at some clubs where pros are expected to make a living from the sale of merchandise to the club's players. Generally the buy-it-wholesale purchasers do not realize their ruination of pro chances for getting and staying solvent. Consequently the signs are rather gentle reminders considering the seriousness of the pro plight. Strangely enough, employees of companies that are hell against discounts on their own merchandise or services, are the worst offenders in buying "wholesale." Insurance, utility and automobile companies, so pros observe, are active in encouraging "wholesale" buying by their employees, but strenuously and stubbornly resist any effort made to buy their own output at discounts.

Ninth Annual Rhode Island Field Day and Conference Held

APPROXIMATELY 65 greenkeepers and other visitors attended the ninth annual Greenkeepers' Field Day held at Rhode Island State college, Kingston, on Monday, May 23. The weather man behaved in his usual good fashion and put on fine weather for the show which was one of the most successful ever held.

The program started off with a tour of inspection of the experimental grass plats. The "old lawn plats," established in 1905, were viewed and the "weedless lawn" was seen. The "weedless lawn" has been developed by continued applications of sulphate of ammonia which have produced a very acid soil in which weeds will not grow. However, the turf is now becoming sod-bound due to lack of lime which helps decompose the mass of roots that accumulate yearly.

Here also was seen the effect of nitrate, organic and ammonia nitrogen on Kentucky bluegrass. The plats treated with nitrate of soda were ahead of the plats receiving sulphate of ammonia and far ahead of the plats getting organic nitrogen. The fertilizer treatment was applied in April. Other plats showed: the effects of different soil reactions on R. I. and velvet bent fertilized with nitrate of soda and with sulphate of ammonia plus lime; the effects of compost topdressing

on different grasses; results of arsenate of lead and other weed treatments; a wild, white clover and white Dutch clover study; and plats showing results of disease control.

Comparisons of strains and variety tests of different bent grasses were studied next. These comparisons were: stolon plantings vs. seeded plantings; webworm and brown-patch control studies; comparison of fertilizer ratios on Piper velvet, R. I., colonial and Washington creeping bents; and a comparison of different sources of nitrogen on Piper, R. I., colonial and Washington bents.

A series of 800 plats of velvet and colonial bent were next in line for the greenkeepers. Each plat represented turf developed from an individual seed taken

from promising strains. These plats have only been established one year but some very interesting strains are showing up even at this early date.

Following lunch at Lippett Hall, an educational program that dealt with velvet bent was conducted, with Dr. B. E. Gilbert, director of research, in charge. Dr. R. G. Bressler, president, R. I. State college, welcomed the group who then heard as speakers: Robert A. Mitchell, Kernwood CC, Salem, Mass., and president of the New England Greenkeepers' assn.; Everett Pyle, Hartford, Conn.; C. W. Baker, F. H. Woodruff & Sons, Milford, Conn.; and Dr. J. A. DeFrance.

The R.I. Greenkeepers' Club held its annual business meeting and election of officers following the educational program. Officers chosen were: Guy C. West, R.I. CC, pres.; R. Wallace Peckham, Sachusett GC, vice-pres.; Martin Greene, Wannamoisett CC, treas.; and Dr. J. A. DeFrance, secy. The program was concluded with demonstration of equipment.

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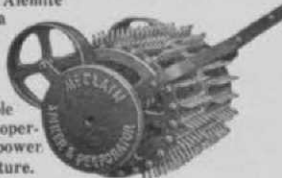
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