

# SUCCESSFUL SHORT

## Rutgers' Turf Management Short Course Has Registration of 72

**R**UTGERS' turf management short course, conducted this year from Feb. 7-11, under the direction of Dr. Howard B. Sprague, agronomist, had a total registration of 72 golf course superintendents and greenkeepers, landscape architects, and others interested in fine turf. Registrants included representatives from Kentucky, Iowa, New York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut.

The course of lectures, given by the teaching staff of the Agricultural college

sciences were presented, as well as standard information which would provide a scientific basis for modern turf practices.

The 1938 short course, the tenth such course given at Rutgers, was celebrated at a dinner on the evening of Feb. 11. At that time certificates of attendance were presented, and a brief speaking program was followed by a special motion picture on the growth of plants under control conditions. This unique moving picture, which was produced in the plant physiology laboratory at Rutgers, showed normal growth movements of plants during germination, growth, and blooming, as



Five states were represented by registrants at Rutgers' greens short course this year.

and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment station, was designed to provide fundamental information on the production of turf. Recent advances in related

well as the differences in type of response to various chemical elements. The university plans to conduct the short course next year in view of its continued popularity.

## Tenth Anniversary Fine Turf Conference at Penn State Is Big Success

**P**ROGRAM at the tenth anniversary Fine Turf Conference, held at Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa., Feb. 22-25, was credited by observers as being one of the most interesting and informative lineups given at any of the previous sessions. H. B. Musser, Agronomy Dept., was chairman of the conference.

Speakers and their subjects on the opening day's program were: "A Half-Century of Research at the Pa. Agricultural Experiment Station," by S. W. Fletcher; "Weed Control and Grasses Abroad," by Fred V. Grau, PSC. Tuesday evening was given over to a committee meeting and an informal get-together. Heard at Wednesday's morning sessions

were: "The Soil Chemist and the Greenkeeper," by J. W. White, PSC; "Soil Fertility Studies on Fine Turf," by F. J. Holben; "Pedigreed Greens and Fairways," by H. B. Musser. Wednesday afternoon speakers were J. O. Pepper, PSC, who spoke on "The Present Status of Our Information on the Control of Turf Insects," and H. W. Thurston, PSC, on "Present Ideas Concerning Disease Control."

O. J. Noer of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission gave assembled greenkeepers a most interesting talk Thursday morning on "The Season of 1937; a Challenge to Greenkeeper and Research Man." Other informative papers heard that day were "A Landscape Architect Looks at the Golf Course," by J. R. Bracken, PSC; "Turf Research Work for the Last Ten

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Years," by Dr. John Monteith; "Some Soil Requirements for Fine Turf," by F. G. Merkle. The anniversary banquet was held Thursday evening, and the turf experts were treated to a lot of valuable turf information in the general discussion that followed the meal.

## Attendance Nearly 100 at ISC's Two Day Short Course

SEVENTH annual two-day short course for greenkeepers at Iowa State College, Ames, held March 1 and 2, was concluded just as GOLFDOM went to press, and reports from the session indicate it was one of the most successful ever held at the college. Approximately one hundred greenkeepers and members of allied professions gathered for the two day program.

At the opening day's sessions speakers and their subjects were: "Turf Management on British Golf Courses," by John Monteith; "Greenkeeper Diplomacy," by A. L. Brandon, sec.-treas. GSA; "Soil Testing," by B. J. Firkins, Agronomy dept., Iowa State college; "Trouble Shooting on the Golf Course," E. G. McKibben,

At the closing day's sessions H. B. Sprague, Rutgers U., spoke on "Relation of Soil Characteristics to the Growth of Turf Grasses," and W. V. Dennis concluded the conference with an appropriately titled address, "Where Do We Go From Here?"

agricultural engineering dept., ISC; "Care of Mowers," Paul Sandahl, Supt., Des Moines park system. O. J. Noer, Sewerage Commission, Milwaukee, also led a discussion on soil-testing.

On Wednesday, March 2, in addition to talks by Noer and Monteith, the former on recent developments in turf culture, and the latter on the International Grassland Congress, the following speakers contributed valuable thoughts during a two-hour panel discussion on greenkeeping; S. W. Edgecombe, ISC; Joe Benson, Cedar Rapids CC; Fred Keating, Des Moines CC; C. J. Drake, ISC; G. C. Decker, ISC; C. J. Yarn, secretary, Iowa Greenkeepers' Assn.; C. W. Mendenhall, Kansas City; Henry Glissman, Sr., Omaha, Neb.; and B. J. Firkins, ISC. The annual greenkeepers banquet was held Tuesday night at the Sheldon Munn Hotel.



Here's the class that attended the twelfth annual winter school for greenkeepers at Massachusetts State College, Amherst. Course began January 3 and will continue through March 14. Lawrence S. Dickinson, shown fourth from left in front row, is in charge of the sessions. More than 240 have completed the course since it was begun eleven years ago.

**Purdue Adds Short Course** — Purdue university at Lafayette, Ind., will conduct the first of its short courses in golf club operation, stressing greenkeeping, March 22 and 23. Complete details may be secured from M. L. Clevert, intramural director. Greenkeepers, pros and club officials of Indiana are invited. Carl Bretzlaff, pres., Indiana Greenkeepers' Assn. helped work

out the program as did officials of the Indiana PGA and the Indiana Golf Assn. Course will be run under the supervision of the Purdue Agricultural Extension div. Among speakers will be John Monteith, Jr., A. L. Brandon, O. J. Noer, Wm. Diddle, Herb Graffis, and experts from Purdue's agricultural dept.