

# 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