## **MARCH**, 1938

## COURSE SEASON

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 twohour 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 Massachusets 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. Clevett, 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.