

Ohio State U. golf course at Columbus, brought in \$20,000 in playing fees, despite low rates. The Buckeyes' golf establishment eventually will have 36 holes of such character that the university hopes to be host to the National Intercollegiate golf championship within the next three years.

of the disease will be lessened.

More and more land each year is being taken out of crop production and given over to golf courses. They are essentially parts of our agricultural industry which, like other parts of the same industry, has a great variety of problems peculiar to itself. These problems offer wide opportunities for research and in such research both the greenkeeper and scientist are involved. A satisfactory solution of most of the problems can be attained only through the cooperative efforts of these two individuals.

## 200 Attend Massachusetts Recreational Conference

THE job of getting and keeping a golf course in fine condition came in for the most attention at the sixth annual Recreational Conference held at Massachusetts State College, March 10-12. Over 200 greenkeepers and those interested in turf for recreational areas, attended the sessions of the conference. Six organizations, the Greenkeeping Supts. Assn., the New England, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Northeastern New York and New Jersey Associations of superintendents were represented at the meeting.

The initial event on the program was the graduation exercises for those attending the 1939 MSC greenkeepers short course. Roland H. Verbeck, director of short courses at MSC, presented the certificates. Gordon Haberkorn, Somerset Ridge CC, St. Paul, Minn., got the educational portion of the program under way with a paper on "Appreciation of Depreciation," which brought out the high cost clubs were having to pay for using worn or outmoded maintenance equipment. Other speakers at the first day's proceedings were Anthony J. Sperandio, Leicester, Mass.; Fred J. Sievers, MSC agricultural experiment station director; Myron S. Hazen, American Agricultural Chemical Co.; Joseph Ryan, retired president of the GSA; J. A. Gormley, GSA vice-pres.; Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson, agronomy dept., MSC; Dr. O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission; L. D. Gray, American Potash Institute.

The first day's program was concluded with the showing of two reels of movie film, and numerous colored lantern slides, by Prof. Dickinson. The pictures were taken during his tours in 1938, with a camera presented him a year ago by the alumni of the Massachusetts State College winter schools.

Dr. Hugh P. Baker, president, MSC, opened the Saturday program, speaking on "Cheering Prospects." The strong point Baker made in his talk was that "as long as we have the spirit of play and relaxation, there is little to be feared of political uprisings, or war scares." Dr. James Tyson, Michigan State College agronomist, was the next speaker, giving his observations on the influence of soils and climatic conditions upon the suitability of grasses for golfing areas.

### Treat Presented Gavel

H. T. Islieb, Spring Brook CC, Morristown, N. J.; Wm. Mitchell, New London (N. H.) CC; Charles Parker, Wianno GC, Osterville, Mass.; Guy C. West, president of the R. I. Greenkeepers Club; and Dr. J. DeFrance, R. I. Experiment Station, also spoke on Saturday's educational program. During a program sponsored by the Greenkeepers Club of New England, celebrating the 15th anniversary of the founding of the club, a gavel, as a token of esteem, was presented Carlton E. Treat. Treat was the third president of the New England club, and is now maintenance manager of the Montclair GC in N. J. For the past few winters he has been assisting Prof. Dickinson in class work with the advanced school.

Edward Casey, of Westchester Co., N. Y., golf district, was elected 1939 president of the Massachusetts winter school Alumni assn. at the annual banquet Saturday evening.

The annual "Experts on Trial", held Sunday p. m., was the final event on the program. Dr. James Tyson served as "Chief Justice," and his benchmen were instructors Davis, Eisenmenger, Gunness, and Markusson of MSC, along with T. C. Longnecker, N. J. Experiment Station, Chas. Halowell, Penn State, and O. J. Noer. Carlton Treat was prosecutor and interrogator.

Much interest was shown in the annual course equipment and supply exhibition held in connection with the conference, and the report was that considerable business was transacted.