

## Eager Greensmen Crowd

### IOWA STATE

Approximately fifty greensmen attended the 8th annual Iowa State College greenkeeping short course, held February 28-March 1, at Ames, Ia. The Iowa State course, with the cooperation of the Iowa Greenkeepers' Assn., is annually one of the standout sessions of the short course season, and word from the school just concluded indicates that tradition was more than upheld.

Prof. H. B. Musser of Pennsylvania State college's department of agronomy was the principal out of state speaker. Musser gave two talks, "Breeding Bent and Bluegrass for Greens and Fairways," and "Feeding Experiments on Kentucky Bluegrass and Fescue Turf." The former was

illustrated by slides. Dr. Leonard H. Haseman, head of the department of entomology and state entomologist for Missouri, gave an interesting talk on "Control of Canker Worms and Shade Tree Insects in General."

Other speakers were John M. Martin, R. W. Richey, and E. P. Sylwester of Iowa State College, and speaking in a panel discussion on greenkeeping were O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission; C. J. Yarn, secy., Iowa Greenkeepers Assn.; and Joe Benson, president, IGA. S. W. Edgcombe, Iowa State College extension horticulturist, was general chairman of the two-day session. Annual banquet was held Tuesday, February 28, at the Sheldon-Munn hotel.



These are some of the greensmen who attended the first annual University of Maryland greenkeepers short course, held January 25-27. Photo was taken on the steps of the U. of M. horticultural bldg., during a recess between educational sessions.

### MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Greenkeepers annual meeting and educational conference was held March 1-3 at the Nicollet hotel in Minneapolis. The University of Minnesota department of agriculture, under whose direction the course has been held in the past, cooperated with the state greenkeepers' group in putting on the conference. L. R. Bloomquist, president of the Minnesota Greenkeepers, was in charge of the three day meeting.

Principal out-of-state speakers were Prof. H. B. Musser, Penn State College, and Theo. Moreau, Chicago golf architect. Other speakers were Victor E. Larson, Minneapolis, GC; Martin Rasmussen, St. Paul municipal courses; Alex Repin, Interlachen GC; Ian Turvet, J. J. Christensen, Louis Sando, L. E. Longley, S. J. Rutherford, A. A. Granovsky, R. G. Nichols, and

R. B. Harvey, all of the Minnesota U. department of agriculture.

Prof. A. H. Larson and C. O. Rost, both from the university department of agriculture, and Dr. Musser led a round table discussion that followed the final paper of the educational conference, Friday, March 3. Annual banquet was held Thursday evening.

### RUTGERS

Eleventh annual short course in turf maintenance at Rutgers University college of agriculture, New Brunswick, N. J., was held February 13-18. Enrollment applications for the course, limited to 75, were entirely taken up, and all but one or two of this number were on hand for the daily sessions of the six day school.

The program consisted of lectures and discussions, supplemented by laboratory demonstrations. Such subjects as soils,

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soil management, use of fertilizers and lime, drainage, turf plants, insect pests, diseases, seeds, and methods of management were included. As in other seasons, Dr. Howard B. Sprague, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, led the course, assisted by such well known lecturers and instructors as J. S. Joffe, E. R. Gross, A. W. Blair, A. L. Prince, H. R. Cox, S. A. Weksman, R. L. Starkey, Miss J. G. Fiske, T. C. Longnecker, C. C. Hamilton, J. H. Boyce, P. P. Pirone, and L. L. Lee.

Prof. Frank Helyar, director of resident instruction, Rutgers University College of Agriculture, was general chairman in charge of the conference.

### MICHIGAN STATE

Annual greenkeepers short course at Michigan State College, East Lansing, was held March 2-3. James Tyson was in charge of the meeting, which was the first in a series of short courses to be conducted by the Michigan State department of agriculture.

Range of subjects covered included nature and properties of soils, suitability of soils to construction and maintenance, fertilization, insect control, turf diseases, and study of various grasses.

### PENN STATE

Pennsylvania State College's eleventh annual Fine Turf Conference, held February 22-24, was one of the most successful greens meetings ever conducted at the college. Prof. H. B. Musser, associate professor in experimental agronomy at the college, was general chairman. Every session of the conference was well attended.

Speakers were Fred V. Grau, J. R. Haswell, S. V. Peterson, J. W. White, Earl Moffit, C. C. Wernham, H. N. Worthley, J. O. Pepper, and Prof. Musser.

### MASSACHUSETTS

Thirteenth annual golf course maintenance conference at Massachusetts State College, Amherst, will be held March 10-12. Taking an active part in the conference are the Greenkeeping Superintendents Assn., Greenkeepers Club of New England, N. J. Assn. of Golf Course Supts., Conn. Assn. of Golf Course Supts., R. I. Greenkeepers Assn., and the Northeastern N. Y. Greenkeepers Assn.

Graduation exercises for the 1939 winter school for greenkeepers at MSC will be held Friday morning, March 10, and the educational program of the conference will get under way that afternoon. Speakers during the sessions will be Myron W. Hazen, American Agricultural Chemical Co.; Joseph Ryan, ex-president, GSA.; O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission; L. D. Gray, American Potash Institute; Dr. James Tyson, Michigan State College; Hugh P. Baker, president, Massachusetts State College; John Counsell, president, Greenkeepers Club of New England; Lawrence S. Dickinson, MSC, and representatives of the various greenkeepers' groups.

Movies and slides showing golf course maintenance practices and results during the past summer will be shown by Prof. Dickinson during the conference. One of the most popular sections of the course is the annual "Experts on Trial," to be held Sunday morning, March 12. "Justice" Tyson and "eight old men" will sit in judgment on individual golf course problems



Group attending the thirteenth annual winter school for greenkeepers at Massachusetts State College, Amherst, is shown in photo above. Course this year was divided into two sections to allow a greater number of greenkeepers to attend the sessions. First section of the conference ended Feb. 4, and second half of conference will continue through March 10. Lawrence S. Dickinson, MSC agronomist and director in charge of annual greens course, is shown in third row, extreme right.

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that assembled greensmen will bring before the 'court.' Annual banquet of the conference will be held Saturday evening in Pacific hall. Alumni of the annual Mass. winter greenkeepers school will meet Sunday morning, just prior to the "Experts on Trial", for their yearly confab.

Park section of the conference will be held Friday afternoon in Stockbridge hall. The New England Park Assn. is sponsor.

## Resort Courses Must Be in A-1 Shape

**P**RESENCE of T. J. Hood, who is greenkeeper at the Gilman Hot Springs course, San Jacinto, Calif., at the GSA convention indicates that the greenkeepers' conventions are beginning to register with course owners. Owners of the resort paid Hood's expenses to the convention so he could pick up ideas for use on the attractive resort's 9-hole course.

Last year the course had 18,000 rounds played. Hood operates the 3,020 yard course with 3 day- and one night-man, so it can be imagined that he has to do plenty of the heavy work himself. However, condition of the course is one of the strong drawing cards of the resort.

Golf again is a powerful and profitable factor in resort operation, according to testimony of resort course greenkeepers at the Kansas City convention. From Joe Mayo, course supt. of the famous Del Monte courses, to the fellows like Hood at the smaller resort layouts, Kansas City convention discussions dwelt heavily on the responsibilities of resort course greenkeepers to maintain their courses so they establish standards that the most particular private courses would have to strive to equal.

An accurate indication that course maintenance must be an expert business operation is evident in the superior condition of such courses as those at Del Monte, Pinehurst, Boca Raton and the Carl G. Fisher properties at Miami Beach.

**D**ON'T forget that the revision of women's par requires new scorecards.

Just as a reminder, here are the figures again:

	Effective	(Formerly)
Par 3.....	up to 210 yds.....	(up to 200)
Par 4.....	211 to 400 yds.....	(201-375)
Par 5.....	401 to 575 yds.....	(376-550)
Par 6.....	576 yds. and over..	(551 and over)