

S. Cal. Greensmen Do Grand Job on First Turf Show

THE first Western Turf and Equipment Conference, held May 22-23 at Griffith Park, Los Angeles, was a rousing success from start to finish. The event, sponsored by the Golf Course Supts. Assn. of S. Cal., was attended by more than 200 greenkeepers, green-chairmen, park and cemetery superintendents. Twelve equipment manufacturers were on hand, and participated in the outdoor demonstrations. Success of the program in its first year already has the greensmen looking forward to next year's show.

The first day of the conference was devoted mainly to inspection and demonstration of equipment at the Griffith Park muny course. The order of inspection was: fairway mowers and tractors; sprink-



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lers, putting green mowers; power lawn mowers. A stag dinner that evening at the Embassy hotel (conference headquarters) in Los Angeles concluded the initial day's activities.

A series of field trips got the second and concluding day's program under way. This series of turf inspections kept the greensmen busy until 2 p. m., at which time the men gathered at the Embassy hotel to hear Dr. W. H. Chandler of the U. of C. Citrus Experiment Station, Riverside, speak on "Soils and Fertilizers as Related to Plant Growth". The concluding feature of the educational program was a talk by Dr. R. H. Bohart, U.C.L.A., on "Ground Insects and Their Control". A banquet at the Embassy that evening wound up the conference in grand style.

A tour of a pipe manufacturing plant at Long Beach on June 11, featured the regular June meeting of the association. Pipe is of great interest to all California



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Iowa Greenkeepers Make Initial Research Payment

REGULAR monthly meeting of the Iowa Greenkeepers Assn. was held June 11 at the Des Moines G&CC; approximately 45 of the state's green superintendents were in attendance. The greater part of the day was spent in inspection of Bill Keating's greens at the Des Moines club. Bill had his entire course in excellent shape, and all of his Metropolitan and Washington greens were in splendid condition.

After the tour, the greensmen conducted a business meeting, at which time they advanced \$100 to be applied on the turf research program under way at Iowa State College. This was the first payment made toward the ISC turf research program this year, and a discussion concerning the raising of the remaining money indicated the balance can be met without any trouble.

Midwest Greensmen Set Up Qualifications—June meeting of the Midwest Greenkeepers Assn. was held at the Cary (Ill.) CC, where Herman Kamholz is green superintendent. Herman had his course in tip-top shape, and the greensmen enjoyed a round of golf before getting into the business end of the session.

The main topic for discussion was "Turf Research." Other business concluded at the session was the naming, by President Graham Gardner, of a qualification examination board for prospective members of the Midwest Greenkeepers. Committee appointees were Frank Dinelli,

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