

# GOLF HEADS MSC MEETING

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GOLF section of the 8th Recreation Conference, Massachusetts State College, Amherst, March 14-16, opened Friday morning, March 14, with Prof L. S. Dickinson, agrastology section of the university, speaking on "Business of Education." Jack White, manager of Stockbridge (Mass.) GC, charged the graduating class with advice on "The Business Management of the Golf Course." Following this, R. H. Verbeck, MSC director of short courses, presented winter school certificates to the graduates, and stated that life was only a short course, broken up into many subjects, and the winter school for greenkeepers but one phase of adult education.

The first demonstration of upkeep machinery began Friday afternoon in the

exhibition hall. This building—a glass-roofed structure with dirt floor—is actually the college gymnasium. Exhibitors drove machines from their respective booths to the floor center, and put each piece through its paces. Showing the equipment in actual operation led to most of it being ordered for delivery by those who were "in the market."

Educational exhibits were displayed by the Greenkeeping Superintendents Association, with its affiliates cooperating.

Balance of Friday afternoon was devoted to a program sponsored by the Greenkeepers Club of New England. Sam S. Mitchell, current president of the GCNE, introduced the speakers.

Friday evening program was spent on "Business Management of Fertilizers and

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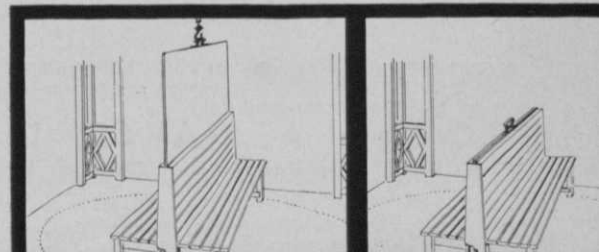
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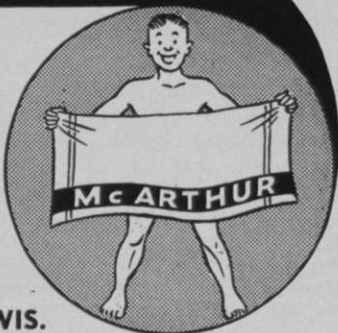
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Application." Prof. R. W. Donaldson, scheduled to speak, could not do so, and requested E. K. Walrath, agronomist of Eastern States Farmer's Exchange, to pinch hit for him. Walrath dealt largely on mixtures and prices.

Prof. Dickinson, spark plug of the golf

section program, concluded the evening in discussion leadership of turf feeding, and nutritive balances.

Saturday morning session began with Chas. K. Hallowell, county agent of Philadelphia, Pa., giving turf management pointers as he observed them. This was slide illustrated. O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, spoke next on "Business Management of Turf Watering." His subject was based on survey notes obtained from course superintendents in various parts of the country. Costs of gallonage and application in various areas were cited, and compared over a 2-year period under varying weather conditions.

Following lunch, a second demonstration of equipment was given in the exhibi-

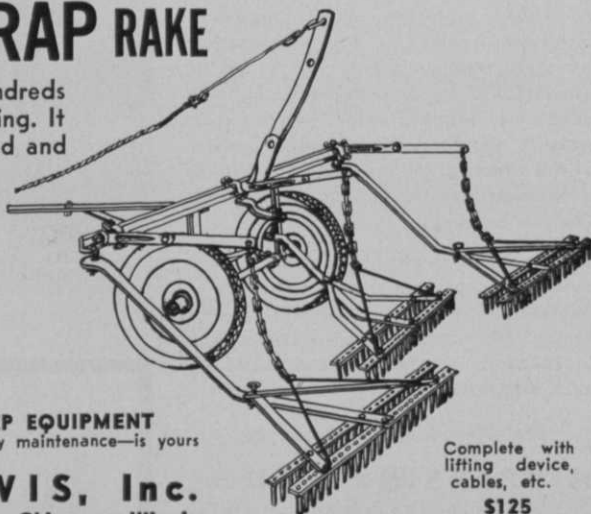


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tion hall. Then MSC President Hugh P. Baker addressed the golf section on timely subjects. Chas. W. Arnold of Haverhill, Mass, spoke on "The Chairman's Influence of Business Management." This was followed by Major R. A. Jones, general manager, Baltusrol GC, Springfield, N. J., whose subject was "Is Future Golf Course Management Centralized Control?" The words that came from this qualified expert indicated proper management of course operation and upkeep is best in hands of experienced career men familiar with the work.

Evening session began with the annual banquet; 110 persons had entered the hall by the time this writer's meal began to cool. Songs by the college women's glee club preceded an after-dinner talk by W. G. Strathern, sales director of New England Koppers' Coke Co.

Balance of the evening was devoted to a round table smoker, discussion subject being "The Business Management of Weed Control." Leaders were Ed. J. Casey, Wykagyl CC, New Rochelle, N. Y., T. T. Taylor, Westchester CC, Rye, N. Y., Herb Moran, Sleepy Hollow GC, Tarrytown, N. Y., and Richard D. Mansfield, Mink Meadows CC, Vineyard Haven, Mass. As this was an informal affair, many in the gathering took part, and the subject was covered from many angles until midnight.

Sunday program of the golf section was the usual "Experts on Trial" feature, with Carlton E. Treat as prosecutor for the audience "peepul." Some of the program speakers and instructors of the university were grilled by Treat with questions submitted by the turfmen. This event ran well past lunch time, and concluded the three-day series of events.

**'Bud' Foerster, Veteran Manager, Dies—** Henry J. Foerster widely known and hailed as "Bud" in the club and hotel management fields died at Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 27 of cerebral hemorrhage. When active in club management he had been at the Oklahoma City G&CC, Maketawah CC (Cincinnati, O.), the Oklahoma City club and Columbus (Ohio) AC.

He was an energetic, competent and genial man, and one of the organizers of the Club Managers Assn. and was prominent in its administration. Mr. Foerster was born at Tell City, Ind., Dec. 13, 1886. Burial was at Cincinnati. He is survived by his widow, Laura C. Foerster, and two sisters.

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