



Here's part of the group that attended the Rocky Mountain Greenkeepers' Assn. conference and equipment exhibition held July 14 at Cherry Hills Club, Denver.—(O. J. Noer Photo.)

Rocky Mountain Greensmen Organize

Haines named to head new association
formed at recent district turf meeting

MOST of the active leaders in Rocky Mountain section golf course maintenance met at Cherry Hills Club, Denver, July 14, at a turf conference and equipment show, the outcome of which was formation of the Rocky Mountain Greenkeepers' Assn.

President of the new organization is James Haines, Denver CC. Henry Hughes, Cherry Hills, is sec.-treas. and Carl Newberry of City Park GC is v.p. W. H. Thorne of Broadmoor is chairman of the membership committee.

The Rocky Mountain organization was started on its way by W. H. Johnson of Griffith Park, Los Angeles, winner of the GSA 1940 award as Greenkeeper of the Year, and by Art Hall and Harold Henry of Kansas City, ranking officials of the Heart of America Greenkeepers' Assn.

Johnson keynoted the organization element in telling specifically how the behind the scenes teamwork and educational programs of the GSA and regional associations had elevated maintenance standards despite adverse economic and social factors. His remarks were especially timely as state, local park and resort figures in the Rocky Mountain section are planning emphasis on golf in advancing the recreation business of the territory. Organization of the Rocky Mountain greenkeepers is considered a major point in the plan for attracting more vacationers to the region.

Wm. E. Gunesch, Colorado State Horticulturist, gave a valuable address on care of trees and shrubs. Gunesch's remarks on pruning were especially useful. As

many Colorado courses have considerable problems the Gunesch talk was of a most practical nature.

O. J. Noer of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission spoke on the plain common-sense science of fertilizer programs, stressing particularly the matter of correct diagnosis of turf condition and requirements.

Considerable interest was shown in the successful application of Milarsenite in reducing the weeds on a heavily infested section of the Cherry Hills practice ground.

Herb Graffis of GOLFDOM talked on the pronounced benefits of the greenkeepers' self-education and conference programs; benefits which have been primarily to the clubs of the greenkeepers but which now are being recognized by club officials and members in a way elevating the general regard for greenkeepers' professional status and earning prospects in the profession. Graffis remarked that foresighted professionals and managers had keen appreciation of the greenkeepers' educational work and were extending similar educational policies in their departments of club operation.

Considerable equipment was put through its paces and given close study as the demonstration part of the meeting. The day concluded with a banquet and entertainment at the Albany Hotel.

Rocky Mountain greenkeepers were aided in their organization effort by contributions and personal efforts of leading supply houses and course equipment manufacturers active in the area.