



1942 class of the Massachusetts State College winter school for greenkeepers is shown in the above photo. (Five greensmen who attended the regular class sessions were not present when the photographer 'said his piece'.) Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson, director in charge of the winter school, is shown top right in photo.

Graduating exercises for the 1942 school will be held as part of the opening program of the annual MSC Golf Course Maintenance Conference, Friday, March 13. Roland H. Verbeck, director of short courses at MSC, will present the certificates, and Carlton E. Treat, supt., Montclair (N. J.) GC, will give the charge to the graduates. The conference will continue through Sunday, March 15, concluding with the annual Experts on Trial program with the "Chief Justice" and the "eight old men". The following organizations are actively interested in this sixteenth annual conference: Greenkeepers Club of New England, GSA, PGA, N. J. GSA, Conn. Assn. of Golf Cse. Supts., R. I. Greenkeepers Assn.; Northeastern N. Y. Greenkeepers Assn., and Philadelphia GSA.

costs cannot be drastically reduced without loss of turf.

At the other extreme are the courses where water has been applied in great excess for several years. In these cases the vegetation has largely changed and the turf is now chiefly composed of such plants that require ample supplies of water. On these courses any drastic cut in watering costs will result in loss of large areas of turf.

On the courses where an intermediate policy of watering has been carried out it will be possible to make definite reductions in watering costs with only temporary damage to the turf.

The control of diseases on turf is complicated not only by reduced funds but by the threatened curtailment of mercury. Since the mercury fungicides have been standard treatments for turf diseases for several years the limitations in the use of this metal will soon have a definite effect on putting green maintenance. The clubs that have supplies of these fungicides in stock will be wise to ration them carefully so that maximum protection may be obtained from them. Other fungicides have promise of replacing the mercury compounds but their values have not yet been determined fully. Beware of the quack remedies that are sure to appear.

A decided reduction in the amount of water used on the putting green will reduce the severity of brown-patch and make present stock of fungicides last longer. Some careful pruning of trees to open up better air circulation across greens will also help cut down the damage from brown-patch. Supply of inorganic fertilizers may be restricted by demand for war

materials, but there are no present signs of shortage of organic fertilizers such as cotton seed meal, soy bean meal, castor pumice and activated sludge.

## Metropolitan GA Calls Off Tournaments Lasting Over Day

**M**ETROPOLITAN Golf Association, at a recent organization meeting of the Executive Committee, decided to drop for the duration, tournaments which would require more than one day to complete. Chiefly affected by this decision are the amateur championship, the amateur-professional championship, which last year supplanted the open championship of the MGA, the junior championship, and the public links championship.

In lieu of events which would require more than one day to complete the MGA plans to conduct a series of one-day tournaments. Included among these will be an amateur-pro tourney, details of which will be determined later.

The Metropolitan association plans to cooperate with the USGA in the conduct of the sectional qualifying round for the "Hale America" tournament. The committee also decided to hold six one-day tournaments.

Before reaching a final decision on Red Cross events, the committee decided to get in touch with the four sectional associations to determine the most effective methods of conducting these events, always, of course, with the view of raising the most money for the Red Cross. All amateur prizes will be United States Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps.