

highly susceptible to damping off. On the other hand after rye grass plants have become well established the use of a nitrogenous fertilizer may be effective in the control of damping off by stimulating a more rapid growth of the grass.

Scald can be attributed to poor management more than any other factor, therefore the amount and time of watering are very important.

At the banquet held in Sibsa hall Tuesday evening, January 21, 1947, Byron Nelson was one of the principal speakers. Following the banquet the Texas Turf Association was organized. Officers elected to head the new organization were Gordon S. Jones, C.A.A., Regional office, Fort Worth, Texas, President; Dr. Howard B. Sprague, Texas Research Foundation, Dallas, Texas and Sam Schneider, pro, River Oaks CC, Houston, VP, and George Aulbach, Amarillo, Sec.-Treas. After organization was complete 68 individuals joined the newly formed association.

The immediate aims of the association are to establish and promote a research, teaching and extension program for better turf in the state of Texas. The need for such a program was immediately apparent when it was pointed out that in the past agricultural technicians, in their search for suitable forage grasses, have discarded many strains of turf grasses because they were inferior from a forage standpoint, but did exhibit characteristics which are desirable for turf. Plans are now being made to establish a turf nursery in collaboration with the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station.

In addition to golf requirements a great deal of interest was manifested in turf for airfields, parks, playgrounds and roadsides. The conference attracted men throughout Texas, parts of New Mexico and Louisiana. Intense interest in turf in this section was evidenced by the 122 individuals enrolled.

Credit for the overwhelming success of this first Southwest Turf conference is due in large part to the untiring efforts of Prof. R. C. Potts, Dr. Fred Grau, Dr. O. J. Noer.

MIDWEST TURF MEETING

The Midwest Turf Conference, March 17-19, will be held in the Purdue Union Building of Purdue University. The conference is sponsored by the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation, Inc. Fee for the conference will be \$5.00. Those interested in attending the meeting have been cautioned to submit their reservations at once to the Purdue Union Club, the Fowler Hotel, or the Lahr Hotel, all in Lafayette, Ind.

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