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benefitted from this friendly and helpful exchange of ideas. But there's still a lot of room for progress in the mutual understanding of professionals' and officials' problems. Whether the club is private, daily fee or public this idea of professionals and officials talking over their observations for the good of the cause, is bound to mean smooth operation and, probably, discovery of details that need attention before they become complaints.

"Maybe, for diplomatic reasons, the initiative in establishing these pro-officials meetings as a regular thing should come from the officials. But, at any rate, the teamwork should be made a fixture in conducting the affairs of every club."

N. Y. Turf Assn. Organized At Cornell Conference

By John F. Cornman

One Hundred forty-six turf men from all parts of New York State and some adjacent states met in Ithaca from March 1 to 4 at the Second Cornell Turf Conference. The problems of fairway renovation and management were thoroughly discussed by C. K. Hallowell, F. V. Grau, and O. J. Noer.

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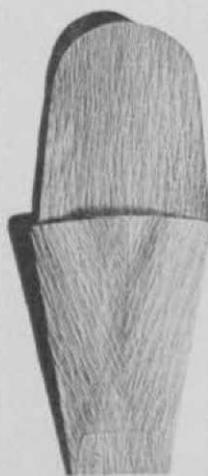
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Pest problems had their share of attention, with discussions of turf diseases by H. W. Thurston of Penn State and various insect problems by F. L. Gambrel, J. A. Adams, and J. G. Mayhyse of New York. Crab grass control with chemicals was covered by R. E. Engel of Rutgers, with comments and discussion of practical experiences by other speakers.

Another aspect of weed control was discussed by J. A. DeFrance of Rhode Island in his talk on weed-free compost and weed-free seedbeds. Roland Schultheis, Superintendent of the Flushing Cemetery, covered the management of cemetery turf. Discussions of problems allied to turf management were those on Labor Management by W. F. Whyte of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell, and the use of trees and shrubs in the landscape by R. W. Curtis of the Cornell staff. One evening was devoted to a spirited Question Box and Bull Session and the evening just before the opening of Conference, March 1, was devoted to a popular Open-House on the campus.

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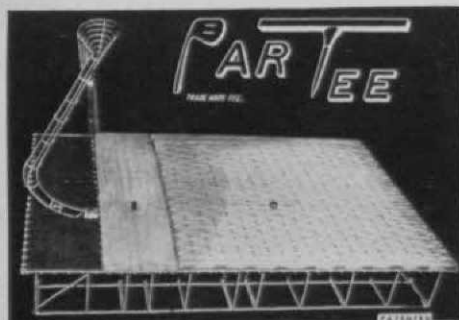
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ditions indicates a keen interest in turf problems in New York State.

A definite need in New York turf work was met at the Cornell Turf Conference by the organization of the New York State Turf Association. Stated objects of the Association are: to develop an attitude of solidarity among persons interested in turf; to encourage the betterment of conditions in the field of turf culture in the State of New York; to handle collectively the problems of turf growers; to disseminate information concerning activities in the field of turf culture and generally to further sound learning and adequate instruction in the field. Active membership is confined to persons whose residence or place of employment is in New York State, but any person in sympathy with the objectives of the Association may join.

During the first year the Association will operate under a set of provisional by-laws. Inasmuch as it is highly desirable that the Board of Directors and the Officers of the Association be chosen to be representatives of the several geographical areas as well as the major occupations most concerned with turf the New York State Turf Advisory Committee appointed several years ago was



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An immediate activity of the Association will be the publication of a periodical dealing with matters of interest in the field of turf culture. Through this publication summaries of the discussions at the Turf Conference will be made available to those who were unable to attend and as a matter of record for those who were able to be present. Complimentary copies will be available to any interested person.

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