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California turf chiefs and USGA Green Section director Fred Grau, rejoice as big attendance at opening session of GSA national conference at Los Angeles assures high satisfaction with greenkeepers' first national session on west coast. Only Gomer Sims looks glum as "unusual" weather mars greenkeepers' golf program. L to R: Gomer Sims, Cecil Hollingsworth, Wm. Johnson, Wm. Beresford (pres. Southern California Golf Course Supts. Assn.), Tam Hood, Colin Simpson (LA CC green chmn., Green committee chmn., Southern California GA,) Fred V. Grau.

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Grau's talk. He summarized briefly the great progress in fungicides, weedicides and insecticides. Grau sketched the battle with water waste saying that shortage of water, lowering water tables and undesirable nature of available waters is giving superintendents plenty of trouble now and that trouble from water — or lack of it — will increase.

Grau said that turf research needs more trained men. Now there are 24 state experiment station — USGA Green Section co-operative turf research programs being conducted and the problems at each of them are far ahead of the supply of men and money.

Verne Stoutemeyer outlined programs of turf research in his address on "Research and Extension Turf Problems on a Regional Basis." Stoutemeyer now is with the University of Southern California at Los Angeles and is director of the Southern California turf research project. His brilliant and valuable work in golf turf research at Iowa State college ranks Stoutemeyer among the top aces in this work. He told of regional conditions determining the plan and objectives of research. For instance, year around play in Southern California, uncertain water supply and com-

pacting soils, provide some specific problems that may not prevail in other areas. He told of work being done in growing golf grasses in Arizona deserts; a project that has few precedents.

Jerry Bowden, Southern California GA pres., in talking about "How the Green Chairman and Greenkeeper Can Be A Better Team" said any team must have good material as a starter. He said the appointment of the right green chairman is one of the heaviest responsibilities of club officials. Getting men with the necessary interest and time to devote to a green chairman's job is not easy, Bowden observed. He said that teams such as Bob Skelly and "Scotty" McGregor who have been greenkeeper and chairman at Victoria for 30 years and Frank Attencio and Frank Boynton who have been in those respective capacities at La Hacienda for 27 years, are of value beyond reckoning to their clubs. Bowden said the greenkeeper must present his case to the chairman so the chairman understands the situation and the need thoroughly and can properly present the story to the board for emergency expenditures. Bowden also commented on the betterment of courses directly attributable to the greenkeepers' national and regional organizations, saying that at his own club great changes for the better had been made by the superintendent with