

## Fessenden Golf Writers' "Man"

Maynard G. (Scotty) Fessenden, pres., Western GA., has been awarded Golf Writers Assn. of America Wm. D. Richardson memorial trophy as the man who made the outstanding contribution to golf in 1948. Fessenden has been spark plug of big drive for increase in Chick Evans Foundation caddy scholarships. He also heads PGA advisory committee and is pres., Bob O' Link CC (Chicago dist.) and former pres., Chicago District GA. Following Fessenden in the voting were Bing Crosby, Mayor Jim Rhodes of Columbus, O.; Fred V. Grau, director, USGA Green section; Ted Payseur, National Intercollegiate AA golf chmn., and Bob Hope.

## Iowa Greenkeepers Hold 15th Annual Meet at Ames

By H. L. Lantz

One-hundred-fifty greenkeepers and turf men from many midwest states, California and Texas registered for the 15th annual Greenkeepers Conference at Ames, March 14-16.

A wide variety of up-to-the-minute topics were discussed including reports on bent grass strains, new grasses, new fungicides and insecticides, tissue tests for greenkeepers, fertilizers, soil aeration, how plants utilize fertilizers, college training for greenkeepers, etc.

The turf garden at Ames jointly sponsored by the Iowa Greenkeepers Association and the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station was the lead-off subject of a report by H. L. Lantz, of Ames. Lantz described the development of the turf garden and briefly outlined a proposed expanded program of research. Approximately 30 strains of bent grass are growing in replicated 6 x 6 foot plots. The USGA furnished 10 strains, another 10 strains were furnished by the Pennsylvania State College and another 10 strains were added later from assorted sources. The first set of plots were planted in 1939. Each year of observation has indicated that the strains Congressional (C19), Arlington (C1) and Old Orchard (C52) were well adapted and superior in performance to the other strains in the garden. These three strains are being planted on a number of golf courses in Iowa, and have been giving a good account of themselves.

Dr. H. H. Knight, entomologist at Iowa State College told the group about how to use the new insecticides on the golf course and the clubhouse. Numerous questions kept Dr. Knight busy for another 30 minutes. Among the new chemicals for insect control is chlordane which

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