

# National Turf Conference, Show To Be Outstanding Event

The 21st National Turf Conference and Show of the National Greenkeeping Superintendents Assn. opens February 6 at Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass., and runs through February 10. This marks the first time the Show has been held in the New England States and reports have it Phil Cassidy and the members of the Greenkeepers Club of New England are leaving no stone unturned to make this the outstanding conference in NGSa history.

1949 has been a trying year for most of the nation's greenkeepers and as NGSa president Carl Bretzlaff points out, this annual event provides the one real opportunity in the year for greenkeeping superintendents and other turf men to become acquainted with new ideas, new techniques, new equipment and supplies and most important of all to compare notes with fellow greenkeepers across the nation. Carl says, "God gave no man the ability to excel in all things. The combined observations, ideas and experiences of many are required to give each man the knowledge he could never obtain by himself. Progress cannot be achieved by just one man; it requires the intelligence and effort of many men.

"Greenkeeping superintendents are—and for some time have been—making a sincere effort to help one another in their common objective of better turf for better golf. Clubs and their officers have an interest in this too and their cooperation in enabling superintendents to attend the National Conference and Show is essential to the attainment of this objective."

The Education program already in its final form offers those attending the best information obtainable on every phase of turf management and maintenance. The program is presented by chairman Ray Gerber and members of his Educational Committee who have been at work almost since the close of the 1949 meeting. Speakers chosen are authorities in their respective fields. Their subjects and the day they appear on the program are as follows:

Exhibitors will occupy the entire Ballroom Floor of the Statler and will show the latest in equipment and supplies. Many will be showing new and improved products for the first time. A tentative list of exhibitors and the products which

will be on display are listed below. (A complete listing with a brief summary on each exhibit will be carried in the February issue of GOLFDOM.)

**The American Agricultural Chemical Co., Fertilizer; American Liquid Fertilizer Co. Inc., Fertilizer; Associated Seed Growers, Inc., Seeds; C. K. Bradley, Supplies; Buckner Mfg. Co., Sprinkling Equipment; The Clapper Co., Equipment & supplies; W. A. Cleary Corp., Weed Controls.**

**The C. B. Dolge Co., Insecticides, herbicides; du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., Fungicides, weed killers; The Fate-Root-Heath Co., Mower sharpeners; Friend Mfg. Co., Sprayers; The Hardie Mfg. Co., Sprayers; Hyper-Humus Co., Hyper-Humus; Ideal Power Lawn Mower Co., Mowers; Jacobsen Mfg. Co.—Worthington Mower Co., Mowing equipment; Jari Products, Inc., Mower scythe; Johns-Manville Corp., Cement pipe; Johnson Plastic Corp.; K. & N. Machine Works, Sod cutter; O. E. Linck Co. Inc., TAT Turf products.**

**John D. Lyons, Inc., Seed consultant; Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, Fungicides; McLain Brothers Co., Turf equipment; Modern Mfg. Co., Mower sharpener; Nelson Mfg. Co.—Rainbird Sprinkler Mfg. Co., Sprinkling equipment; Propulsion Engine Corp.—Roy E. Heffner Co., Rotary Mowers; Niagara Chemical Division, Fungicides; Roseman Mower Corp., Gang mowers.**

**Sawtelle Brothers, Turf equipment; The Sewerage Commission, Fertilizer; Skinner Irrigation Co., Irrigation equipment; Stump & Walter Co., Seed, turf supplies; S. W. Thompson, Aerifying equipment; Toro Mfg. Corp., Mowing equipment; West Point Lawn Products, Aerifier; R. E. Jarvis Co., Mowing equipment.**

In addition to the commercial exhibitors there will be several educational booths including Mass. PGA, Mass. Golf Assn., Greenkeepers Club of New England (the host group), University of Mass., and the Univ. of Rhode Island. These groups will show their relation to the turf interests and their method of cooperation toward better golf for all.

The Nominating Committee consisting of Chet Mendenhall, chairman, Jack Pahl, Clarence Wolfrom, Robert Mitchell, Elmer Corlett and Art Anderson have a slate of officers ready to present to the membership for election at the annual busi-

ness meeting following the educational program. Offices to be filled are: Pres., to serve one year; V-P, to serve one year; three directors, each to serve two years.

Nominations are: Pres.—Ray Gerber, Glen Oak CC, Glen Ellyn, Ill. Vice-Pres.—William H. Johnston, Griffith Park Municipal GC, Los Angeles, Norman Johnson, LaGrange (Ill.) CC. Directors—Phillip Cassidy, Weston Golf Club, Wes-

ton, Mass., John C. Price, Southern Hills CC, Tulsa, Okla., Horace C. Purdy, Toronto GC, Long Branch, Ontario, Canada, Albert Linkogel, Westwood CC, Clayton, Mo., John S. McCoy, Cincinnati CC, Cincinnati, Ohio, Leonard Strong, Saucon Valley CC, Bethlehem, Pa.

In addition to the above nominees, additional nominations for any office can be made from the floor at the proper time.

## Conference Educational Program

Wednesday, February 8, 1950

### MORNING SESSION

Chairman, Homer C. Darling  
Juniper Hills GC, Northboro, Mass.

**Superintendent's Management Attitude**—Herb Graffis, Editor, GOLFDOM.

**Selling Yourself to Your Club and Your Community**—W. G. Strathern, Waban, Mass.

**What Makes the Golf Course Outstanding**—Robert Bruce Harris, Golf Course Architect, Chicago, Ill.; Malcolm McLaren, Oakwood Club, Cleveland, Ohio; Samuel S. Mitchell, Pongapoag GC, Canton, Mass; Francis Ouimet.

**Turf Program in New Jersey**—G. H. Ahlgren and Ralph Engel, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Chairman, Geoffrey Cornish  
Univ. of Mass., Amherst, Mass.

**The Role of Phosphorus in Turf Production**—Dr. Dale Sieling, Univ. of Mass., Amherst, Mass.

**The Use of Potash in Turf Development**—S. D. Gray, American Potash Institute, Washington, D. C.

**Practical Training for Turf Maintenance**—Prof. Lawrence Dickinson, Univ. of Mass., Amherst, Mass.

**Tips on Maintenance**—Dr. O. J. Noer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**The Use and Mis-Use of Water on Turf**—Prof. H. B. Musser, Penn State College, State College, Pa.

**Question Box with the Experts**—(Experts to be appointed at Conference).

Thursday, February 9, 1950

### MORNING SESSION

Chairman, Phillip Cassidy  
Weston, Mass., GC

**Turf on Courses for Winter Play**—Henson Maples, Pinehurst C.C., Pinehurst, N.C.

**New Chemical Herbicides for Weeds and Grasses**—Clyde Bryant, Dow Chemical Company.

**The Behavior of Named Strains of Bent Grasses Under Actual Play**—William Glover, Fairfax CC, Fairfax, Va.

**Progress Report of Cooperative Fungicide Tests**—Dr. Thurston, Penn State College, State College, Pa.

**Crab Grass Control** (Panel discussion) Led by—Dr. J. A. DeFrance, Prof. H. B. Musser, Dr. Ralph E. Engel.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Chairman, Jack Gormley  
Wolfert's Roost CC, Albany, N.Y.

**A Modern Fairway, Tee and Green Irrigation System**—C. E. Stewart, Consulting Irrigation Engineer, Chicago, Ill.

**Turf Maintenance at West Point Military Academy**—Theodore Glowa and Dennis Lavender, West Point, N.Y.

**Turf Research**—Dr. Fred V. Grau, USGA Green Section, Beltsville, Md.

**Remodeling and Renovating Greens**—William Mitchell, Danvers, Mass.

**Aerification of Greens and Fairways**—Marshall E. Farnham, Philadelphia CC, W. Conshohocken, Pa.

**The Tropical Earthworm and Its Control**—Dr. John C. Schread, Conn. Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven.