



Members and officials of the New England Turf Assn. gather at Univ. of Mass. for first Field Day. Group shown above inspected turf plots and research work resumed in 1948 at the Univ. under direction of Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson. Special emphasis has been placed on study of watering problems in 1950 because of unusual drouth conditions experienced in 1949 in most of New England area.

tively by direct count under controlled conditions, that the long established sulfate of ammonia practice by greenkeepers to reduce clover was justified. But for complete eradication, he found that applications had to be very heavy, and he feared that the use of nitrogen at these excessive rates might cause conditions equally as bad as the clover. However, the treatment need not be so drastic if the greenkeeper resorted to aeration in some form at the same time as the nitrogen application and also checked over-watering. The time of season of application is also important.

Prof. Dickinson conducted the group over the experimental putting greens, demonstrating to the visitors, the results of fertilizer practices.

On a nearby area, he showed the group the start of an experiment to determine the tolerance of various grasses to a deficiency of either nitrogen, phosphorus, or potash. These plots are on a dry sandy side hill. They were seeded in May and received no water other than rainfall. This year the value of a no nitrogen fertilizer for seedlings was clearly shown by the varied growth of grass on these plots. Some grasses under nitrogen treatment were practically wiped out, while others despite the drought, had formed a good even turf.

Western Canada Pros Withdraw From Canadian PGA

Western members of the Canadian PGA irked because the dates for the CPGA tournament and the Canadian Open did not follow one another last summer as reportedly had been agreed upon withdrew from the organization and formed the Western Canada PGA. Officials of

the two tournaments which were held in Eastern Canada apparently did not see fit to schedule both events close enough together to allow the western boys to play in one without laying over in Montreal or Toronto for a week to play in the other. This coupled with the fact U.S. pros take a sizeable chunk of the top prize money in the Open leaving little more than experience for the Western Canadian boys to play for helped bring the rift between the Eastern and Western groups into the open and the break which resulted in formation of the new group. The new organization includes Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Stanley Van Dyke New Chicago District GA Head

At the annual meeting, Dec. 6, 225 members of the Chicago District Golf Association's 87 member clubs applauded the reports of out-going pres. Frank Whiston and his officers on one of the most successful years in the district group's history and welcomed the well qualified Stanley Van Dye (Beverly and South Shore CC), as their new pilot for 1950. During 1949, 13,483 handicap cards were distributed, 1,992 golfers participated in the CDGA 66 day event schedule and 11 new clubs joined the fold. Report of chrmn. John Garrow of the Club Management Committee, having to do with group cooperation and action in helping solve district club's operating problems, indicated considerable progress made in important big business of golf club management. Increasing willingness of clubs to exchange their hard earned do's-and-don'ts promises more rapid headway in 1950, according to Garrow.