

Central Plains Foundation First Field Day Draws 92

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Ninety-two attended the first Annual Central Plains Turf Foundation Field Day at the Manhattan (Ks.) CC June 12. In the morning members of the Kansas State College staff showed the visitors the new cooperative turf plots which were planted in the spring of 1951.

These plots include 26 varieties, species, and mixtures of grasses. The work is carried on cooperatively by the Central Plains Turf Foundation and the Kansas State College. The departments of horticulture and agronomy at the college are in immediate supervision of the work.

The purpose of these plots is to determine which grasses or mixtures of grasses are best adapted for turf purposes in this general area. Although the area is equipped for irrigation, the application of water will be restricted to the amount needed for establishing the grasses and for carrying them through severe drought periods.

A height of mowing experiment is planned whereby a portion of each of the plots will be cut to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch, another portion at $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and a third portion at 3 inches.

A series of crab-grass control experiments has been established on the campus of the Kansas State College. This work is being done cooperatively by the Central Plains Turf Foundation, the Kansas State College, and the American Cyanamid Co. through the USGA Green Section.

Representatives of equipment companies gave demonstrations of equipment.

At the noon luncheon, Pres. James A. McCain of the Kansas State College expressed satisfaction that the college is co-operating with the Foundation on turf problems.

O. J. Noer of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission gave an excellent discussion on turf problems. He illustrated his talk with color pictures. A lively period followed during which time Noer and others answered many questions.

The president of the Foundation, Chet Mendenhall, invited everyone to attend a Second Annual Turf Conference to be held at the Kansas State College, October 24, 25, and 26. L. E. (Red) Lambert, chairman of the program committee for that conference, called a meeting of his committee and the over-all plans for the program were made.

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