

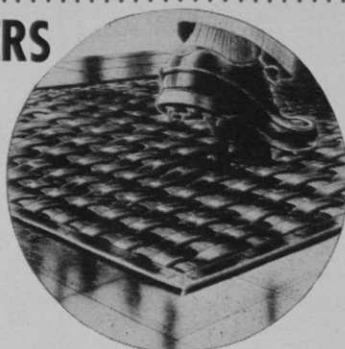
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TURF TOUR

Plugs from the Turf Conferences

By TOM MASCARO

PULLMAN, WASH.

The Fifth Annual Washington State Turf Conference, November 6-7th was highly successful. Much credit goes to Dr. Alvin Law who engineered the conference. Ivan Lee, Pres. of the Turf Assn., is doing an energetic job of promotion. The program at Pullman was varied and covered golf turf, athletic field and other specialized turf areas . . . Bob Stiener, Assistant Coach of Athletics for the Washington Huskies, gave the lowdown on athletic field turf . . . Charlie Wilson, Extension Agronomist for the USGA Green Section, did a fine job of pinching in the absence of Dr. Fred V. Grau . . . Portland superintendents had a good turnout at this conference.

OAKLAND, CALIF.

The Northern California Turf Conference assembled at the Municipal Auditorium in Oakland. 124 attended; golf course superintendents, cemetery, park, school, landscape, army and athletic field men . . . Norvell Gillespie, Garden Editor of the Los Angeles Examiner, served as chairman for one of the sessions. He introduced Harry Schoth and his cigar. Harry reported on developments with turf grasses at the Corvallis experiment station . . . Behind-the-scenes work was done by Ellis Van Gorder, Supt. of Stanford University and Elmer Border, Supt. at Orinda CC.

Dr. W. A. Harvey covered weed control. Bill uses chemical control of weeds on one half of his lawn — his wife takes care of the other half . . . Charlie Wilson again substituted for Dr. Grau . . . Dr. Leonard Carrier, Division of Landscape Gardening, will help Dr. Bob Hagan with the plots of Merion bluegrass at the Agricultural Experiment Station at Davis. Studies will be made to determine rates of irrigation

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for turf grasses on the west coast. The findings of Hagan and Carrier should be applicable with some modification to turf irrigation all over the world . . . Dr. McElroy, Director of Extension Activities, University of California at Berkeley, is coordinating the turf work for the state of California . . . Real support is being given to the Northern California Turf Conference by the City of Oakland. Mr. Mott, Supt. of Parks for Oakland, is to be congratulated for his interest in turf work . . . Commercial interests have gone a long way in supporting the program too.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

The Southern California Turf Conference was held November 14th at the turf plots in Los Angeles on the ornamental horticultural grounds of UCLA . . . Conference was headed up by Dr. Stoutemyer . . . Rancho GC, a city course, was host for the afternoon session. Bill Johnson, Pres. of the National Golf Course Superintendents Assn., is in charge there.

Under the able direction of Dr. Stoutemyer, the turf plots and the turf program have made marked progress . . . John Gallagher has done an outstanding job in managing the plots and helping in extension work. John is leaving UCLA to complete his college training at Pennsylvania State College. He will begin his studies in February and will be a resident of Pennsylvania for the next three years . . . Dr. O. R. Lunt, Division of Irrigation, UCLA, is heading up studies to determine the usefulness of soil amendments for soils under turf . . . Another California first is an Athletic Field group. The organization is going into its second year of existence . . . Carl Bloomfield, Supt. of the Rose Bowl, is in his second year of a good all-round turf management program.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Bill Beresford, Supt., Los Angeles CC and his teammate, Colin C. Simpson, green chmn. of the club, have completed a series of large scale tests in crabgrass control. The course is scheduled for complete renovation. Sodium arsenite will be used . . . Bill also has completed a series of tests on crabgrass control with various mixtures of potassium cyanate and Milorganite. The combination shows promise for home lawns . . . Zaki Mahdi, working at UCLA, has come up with some interesting information on the vegetative planting of U-3 Bermuda plugs. Two-inch plugs and 4-inch plugs planted on equal centers spread at the same rate.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.

Turf men here had a one day meeting November 16th . . . O. J. Noer conducted the whirl-wind tour through the Arizona CC, Phoenix CC and the Municipal Golf Course of Phoenix. Time was short but the fellows got a lot of helpful information from O. J.

1952 TURF CONFERENCES

- Jan. 8-9—Turf Conference. Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents. Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md.
- Jan. 21-25—One-week Course in Turf Management, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.
- Feb. 3-8—23rd Annual Turf Conference and Show of Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Neil House, Columbus, Ohio.
- Feb. 18-21—Turf Conference. The Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.
- Feb. 26-28—5th Cornell Turf Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.
- Mar. 3-6—Turf Conference. Midwest Regional Turf Foundation and Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.
- Mar. 10-12—18th Annual Superintendents and Turf Assn. Short Course, Iowa State College, Ames.
- Mar. 11—Lawn and Turf Conference, Campbell Hall, Ohio State University, Columbus.
- Mar. 13-14—Univ. of Massachusetts Annual Turf Conference, Amherst.
- Mar. 13-14—21st Annual Turf Conference, Michigan State College, East Lansing.
- April 23-24—Southeastern Turf Conference, USDA Experiment Station, Tifton, Ga.
- June 9—Central Plains Turf Foundation Annual Field Day, Boys Town, Nebraska.

Southern Cal. Turf Meet Draws Record Attendance

Southern California's fourth turf conference had a record attendance of almost 300 for the sessions at the UCLA campus test plots and at Rancho course.

Dr. V. T. Stoutemyer, professor of floriculture and ornamental horticulture at University of California, Los Angeles, points out that the wide range of interests of those attending strongly confirmed the judgment of the UCLA, University of California Extension, the course superintendents, green-chairmen and other club officials when their collaboration got the conference established. Park supts., nurserymen, landscape architects, seedsmen, campus and athletic field caretakers and others outside of exclusively golf interests, attended.

The program at UCLA included discussions of experiments on turf diseases by