



MIDWEST TURF CONFERENCE GROWS TEN-FOLD

From 37 in 1937, the initial year of the Midwest Turf Conference at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., attendance has grown to a registration of 375 this year. Many of those who attended are in the group picture shown above.

Supts. Dramatize Instruction in Labor Relations

In the opinion of many golf course superintendents the most effective presentation of mutual instruction in difficult problems was made during the Midwest Turf Conference at Purdue university. The 370 who registered at the conference agreed that the panel on golf course labor management problems staged by Purdue's Prof. P. E. Lull with the cooperation of 11 supts. dramatized and put into clear focus situations with which every golf course supt. must contend.

Supts. were assigned to acting roles in



Prof. W. H. Daniel, Purdue Univ., is showing supts. attending Midwest Turf Conference some of the turfgrass tests in a Purdue greenhouse. Among those on the Midwest program were Glenn Burton, Ralph Engel, W. F. Pickett, O. J. Noer, Fred V. Grau, Al Linkogel, Joe McDermott and W. H. Daniel. Special sessions were held for private course and for pay-play course supts., in addition to the general conference.

staging the various problems and "The Supts.' Little Theatre Group" which they were called by session chmn. Stan Graves, acted with such realism you forgot they were acting.

The first subject was handling an interview with an applicant for a job. Andy Bertoni was the supt. and Ted Woehrle was the college lad applying for golf course work for the summer.

Criticism of this and the other presentations were invited from supts. and discussion in all cases was lively. In the hiring case the principal comment was that the applicant should be encouraged to do more talking about himself and his qualifications, and that the nature of the work should be stated as specifically as possible.

In the demonstration of reprimanding a course laborer Ray Gerber was the supt. and Pete Koval was the course employee whose work had been unsatisfactory. Pete complained about being underpaid, doing harder work for less money than others on the course, being sick, and gave the rest of the usual excuses.

Comment from the floor was that an investigation of the course laborer's home conditions and even a physical examination by an MD if the fellow had seemed to be worth keeping, might be advisable.

The performance on giving day's work instructions to the crew had Stan Graves as supt. and as the crew: Roy Nelson, Carl Bretzlaff, Chet Mendenhall, Bob Williams, Norm Johnson, John McCoy and Andy Bertoni.

Although the circumstances, especially