



### MIDWEST HOLDS GRASS DISEASE CLINIC

Midwest Assn. of Golf Course Supts. held a two-day plant disease clinic in a conference room fitted up as a botany laboratory. Here, discussing some problems of turf disease are: (L to R) Jack Kolb, Wm. Daniel, Wm. Klomprens, Ray Gerber, Don Strand, Wm. Krafft and Bert Rost. Klomprens of Upjohn Co., Ralph Voight of University of Illinois, Wm. Daniel of Purdue and James Watson of Toro Co. were turf scientists associated with Midwest supts. in presenting this initial study of turf grass disease. Microscopic study of grass diseases, study of their causes and prevention in this two-day session in the opinion of John McGregor, veteran in midwestern golf course management, logically promises to save midwestern courses an annual amount equivalent to a substantial percentage of salaries of supts. attending the clinic.

ing a golf course which allows the golf players to perform at their best, and the non-golfers to feast their eyes on the beautiful landscape.

#### Condition Determines Score

I feel satisfied that the quality of any golfer's game is directly hooked up with the course supt., through the condition of the tees, fairways, rough, traps and greens. It would not be true to say that golfers play better on ill-kept golf courses.

There is another element that I am sure will affect most golfers. I know it has to do with my playing. I speak now of the beautification of the golf course as a whole. I believe I am much happier playing where landscaping and cleanliness prevail than on a littered, poorly groomed course, and with the happier condition, my game will comply and also be happier, and I will play better and score better.

As a touring tournament player, last year I played 65 rounds of medal play, and several match play tournaments, besides many rounds of exhibition matches, as well as all my clinical work. I know from this experi-

ence the grooming of the course, both in good turf to play on and beautiful landscaping to look at, had much to do with my state of mind and enjoyment.

I know also that supts. have to meet and remedy many situations. I recall that some years ago the course where I first started golf had a green that set in a cluster of large elm trees. On one side there were four large trees which happened to be within a few feet of the green. This half of the green was always in poor condition. When the tree root spread was controlled the green condition was improved.

I recall also that this golf course had considerable land in plots, one of bent for repairs and new greens, also plots of flowers for the clubhouse, and quite a considerable plot for trees, and shrubs to be set out on the course when needed. I mention this only to show how this club planned for the future and how I have remembered the foresight of the supt. and Green committee.

This course has sprayed both rough and fairways quite regularly in the past several years, as a result I would call it as