



This year Oklahoma golf courses will be showing the results of their superintendents' study and discussions at the annual Oklahoma Turfgrass conference, attended by the fellows above. This is typical of the regional meetings that account for great progress in course maintenance.

Rotating Panels Conduct Oklahoma Turf Sessions

The 9th Annual Oklahoma Turfgrass Conference, held at Oklahoma A. & M. College, had more than 100 attending the three day session.

"Pest Control", the theme of the Conference, and many other phases of turf production for utility and aesthetic uses were considered in their broad relationship to disease, soil, insects, weeds, cultural practices and management.

Outstanding turf authorities collaborating with leaders of the Okla. area included Drs. O. J. Noer, Fred V. Grau, J. R. Watson, Jr., W. H. Daniel, and William Klomparens, John Darrah, H. E. Bennett, Marvin Elstad and Scotty McLaren.

The program included general sessions on Monday afternoon and evening after registration. Tuesday, stationary groups composed of persons of like interests in turfgrass, were visited by rotating panels of authorities discussing such subjects as disease, insect control, weed control and management from the point of view of the group. A joint banquet was held Tuesday evening followed by entertainment and separate business sessions for each association.

O. J. Noer was presented with a beautiful silver plate representing a life membership in the Oklahoma Turfgrass Association in recognition of past services rendered to the association and, in general, to better living through better turfgrass.

Newly elected officers of the Assoc. are: Robert James, pres., R. L. Pearson,

v-pres., Lester Snyder, treas., Bob Dunning, sec., Marvin H. Ferguson, Wayne W. Huffine and Joe T. Parkinson, directors.

The Turf Disease Clinic with microscopic studies and slides of disease with, Dr. William Klomparens as the instructor, was a most informative feature and gave everyone a better understanding of plant disease, and cultural and fungicidal methods of disease control. He was ably assisted by W. H. Daniel, Harry Young, A. L. Michel and Tom Leonard with Bob Dunning as moderator.

The Insect Control Clinic, Dr. O. J. Noer, moderator, brought out useful and fundamental information necessary for control measures.

The Weed Control Clinic with Dr. J. R. Watson, Jr., as moderator, was outstanding and as in all panels audience participation was general and effective.

The Management Clinic covering special problems (fertilizers, construction, labor, cultural practices, grasses, drainage, etc.), with Dr. Wayne W. Huffine as moderator, was basic in its information that will be useful through the years.

Dr. Marvin H. Ferguson acted as general chairman and moderator of the rotating panels.

The wide and varied interests of turfgrass production were given consideration as rotating panels (clinics) visited stationary groups consisting of (1) Golf Courses, R. L. Pearson, chairman; (2) Athletic Fields, Parks, Playgrounds and Institutional Lawns, Albert Norvell and Clay Foresee, co-chairmen. (3) Highways, Airports, Government Installations, R. T. Sutton, Chairman and (4) Cemeteries, Glen A. Hurley, Chairman.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR NOER

Beautiful silver plate representing life membership in the Oklahoma Turfgrass Association is presented to O. J. Noer (R) in recognition of services rendered the association and his contribution to better living through better turfgrass. Bob Dunning, John Price and Robert James (L to R) made the presentation.

The Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station has completed a five year Project on Soils for Putting Greens. Work was done under an annual grant of \$1000.00 sponsored by the Oklahoma Turfgrass Assoc., the Oklahoma Golf Assoc. and the Oklahoma Section of the PGA. Previously the Station had completed work on a project covering grasses with funds largely made available by the Tulsa Fund for War Wounded, Inc., cooperating with the Oklahoma Turfgrass Assoc. and the Experiment Station. A third project on the evaluation of species and strains of grasses for hard wear is next in the plans for further research.

Some examples where better grasses for heavy wear are needed include:

Golf courses where the need has arisen for grasses resistant to traffic of motorized vehicles on fairways and their subsequent maintenance.

School grounds where skinned knees, torn clothes, dust and dirt create economic problems as well as serious hazards to health.

Athletic fields where many serious injuries to players can be minimized through the development of dense, sturdy, resilient wear-resistant turf.

Road shoulders where traffic mishaps may be lessened by the production of turf that can "take it" and for parks and other recreational areas.