

Massachusetts Winter Turf School



Graduates and instructors of the University of Massachusetts' 30th Winter Turf school are pictured here: (1st row): Instructors — K. Kucinski, A. Allen, M. Murkuson, L. Blundell, L. Dickinson, E. Roberts, J. Hanson; (2nd row): Jacques Patroni, T/Sgt. William Lyles, Peter Keane, Leo Brown, Ralph Roberts, Bruce Pickering and Peter Mirkes; (3rd row): John Moore, Robert Tuthill, Robert Heffron, Malcolm Hayes, John Feola, Richard Cook, Alex McGugan and David Miller; (4th row): Charles Abel, John Buijs, Arthur Mueller, Henry Dubiel, Richard Bearor, Walter Lowell, Ross Russell, Thomas Topp and Arthur Mersch.

were greeted by Dean Dale H. Sieling, College of Agriculture and Dr. Roberts. Dean Sieling emphasized the importance of groups such as those attending the conference in helping develop enthusiasm for the many programs sponsored by state universities. These institutions, he said, belong to and are supported by taxpayers and consequently more people should be aware of their many functions. Those interested in fine turf have a responsibility in helping to see that work is continued, developed and expanded to meet the needs of all.

Dickinson Praised

Roberts announced that for the first time in the history of fine turf interests at the University of Mass., someone less familiar than Prof. Dickinson was greeting the group as chairman of the conference. Prof. Dickinson developed a tradition in fine turf at the University which it is hoped will be continued. This year's conference was envisioned as the first of a new series of annual get-togethers. The themes of such meetings, like this one, will be devoted to one general phase of turf work. Such phases as pest controls, watering and irrigation, mowing, fertilization, mechanization of golf course work etc., are possibilities, topics being developed according to their timeliness and importance.

Graduation Exercises

Graduation exercises for the 1956 Winter School for Turf Managers, an annual feature of the conference, were held. Twenty-five men received certificates for satisfactory completion of the eight-week course of instruction. These men represented eleven states and Canada.

At a banquet, following the conference, Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson was honored for 30 years' service to the greenkeeping profession. Arthur P. Mersh of Clinton, Ia., pres. of the 1956 winter school gave Prof. Dickinson a 400 day clock with appropriate inscription commemorating the occasion.

Billboard Magazine Takes Note Of Upsurge in Golf

A recent issue of *The Billboard*, the amusement industry journal, devoted more than a half page to describing the upsurge in golf, calling it a billion dollar business. The article pointed out that golf has not only become big from a participant standpoint, but is big business in view of the large sum of money spent each year in maintaining private, semi-private and municipal courses and clubs.

The article also traces the growth of driving ranges, Par-3 and miniature courses and gives a detailed description of how each is operated. Cost of equipment, including turf, lights, balls, construction costs and upkeep for all three of these different types of golf amusement centers are dealt with extensively.

Women's Collegiate Tourney

The Purdue University golf course, Lafayette, Ind., will be the scene of the 12th national Women's Collegiate golf tournament which will be held June 11-16.