St. Louis Has Big Turnout for Field Day



Part of the delegation of more than 100 superintendents who gathered at Crystal Lake CC for the annual St. Louis district turf conference.

St. Louis district supts. staged one of their more successful Field Days on Sept. 25 for more than 100 persons who gathered at Crystal Lake CC for the district's annual turf conference. Speakers at the meeting included William Daniel of Purdue University, Marvin H. Ferguson, USGA green section and Jim Holmes of Mallinckrodt.

After observing weed control plots at Crystal Lake, the supts. were taken to Link's Nursery where they viewed experimental plots on fairways for weed control. Following this, they visited Westwood CC for a look at the No. 1 fairway, planted in U-3 Bermuda three years ago, and which stands as a kind of monument to the fact that fine fairway grass can be grown and will survive through hot summer months.

At the evening meeting, Daniel, Ferguson and Holmes spoke and later presided at a general discussion of turf problems. Here it was brought out that as far as is known the St. Louis district is the only one in the country that is running private turf tests and doing its own research work.

Chairman of the St. Louis conference was Leo S. Bauman, Westwood CC, Clayton, who is a pioneer turfman and is credited with having played a leading role in getting the district's research project started.



Lou G. Vickers, Metairle CC, New Orleans, is the first pres. of the Louisiana Turfgrass Assn., organized at Southwestern Louisiana Institute in September. Other officers are: Vps: B. F. Carroll, Sherwood Forest CC, Baton Rouge and C. D. Smith, Barksdale GA, Shreveport; Secy.-treas. and Research Dir.: J. M. Peek, Assoc. Prof. of Agronomy, SLI. Directors are: Lt.-Col. H. C. Sheffield, Mike Barbato, Odis J. Lea; C. L. Deare; R. Z. Torrance and B. P. Robinson.