

136 Supts. Attend Southern Conference



Opening day session at the Southern Association's two-day turf clinic.

All records for attendance at the Southern Turfgrass Association's annual two-day clinics were completely shattered this year when 136 supts. registered for the conference held at the Colonial CC, Memphis, Feb. 25-26. Sponsors of the event thought they had reached the ultimate two years ago when 103 persons attended the sessions.

An excellent array of speakers in addition to a golf tournament, the first ever held at a Southern conference, are credited with having attracted the record turnout. Speakers included William H. Daniel, Marvin H. Ferguson, Charles G. Wilson, B. P. Robinson, Tom Mascaro, Jack Kolb and Mike Klaich. Jake Fondren, Colonial pro, supervised arrangements for the tournament.

Officers who will direct the Southern assn. throughout 1957 are: Jim Hamner, Memphis CC, pres.; Harold Eller, Old Hickory (Tenn.) CC, vp; Reg Perry, Choctaw, Inc., Memphis, secy.-treas.; and the following directors: E. Winfield Allen, Luke Nunley, Marion Scobell C. D. Edwards, E. D. Guy and Charlie Danner. The 1958 conference is scheduled for Chickasaw CC, also in Memphis.

Innovations Introduced at Midwest Turf Meeting

Two innovations were given a trial when the Midwest Turf Foundation held its annual conference at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., Mar. 4-6.

On opening day, speeches and panel meetings were passed up in favor of getting

supts. to circulate among exhibits which interested them, and to discuss common management problems with other turfmen. Conducted on a strictly informal basis, the day's program had the wholehearted approval of the large delegation of supts. attending the conference.

On the second day of the meeting, newcomers to the turf business had the option of attending either "Basic for Beginners" sessions or sitting in with more experienced supts. at more advanced discussions. The new idea of slanting information to new men on a less technical basis than it is imparted to the older supts. was so well received that it will be repeated next year.

William H. Daniel, Purdue University agronomist, was chairman of the Midwest conference and had the following speakers and panel leaders lined up for the three-day clinic: J. R. Watson, A. R. Bertrand, H. B. Musser, Stan Barber, Mal McLaren, Charles Wilson, Dan Wiersma, Fred V. Grau, R. C. Pickett, R. Duke, Burton Kiltz, N. Goetze, J. Gallagher, M. Britton, Arden Jacklin, M. C. Schurtleff, Don Schuder, Marion Mendenhall, M. H. Ferguson, Ray Phillips, Leo Feser, W. L. Nelson, E. Yoder and Doyle Mullen.

Antiquated Equipment

The story of unsatisfactory course maintenance at too many medium-sized and small clubs is told by the pro-supt.-mgr. of a New England club who writes GOLF-DOM: "The golf course equipment is so antiquated that breakdowns and repairs consume many hours that could be used in getting the course in good condition."