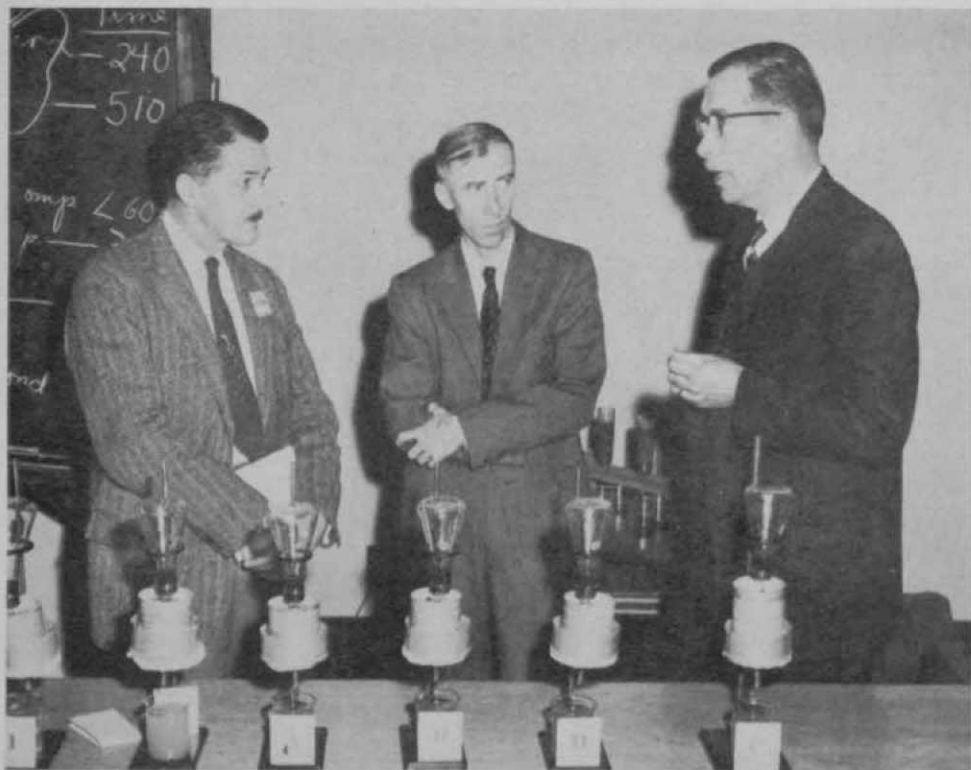


200 Attend Penn State Turf Conference



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Pennsylvania State University's 26th annual turfgrass conference, Feb. 18-21 was attended by nearly 200 course supts., park supervisors, equipment and supply dealers and educators. Ten states and Canada were represented.

Highlight of the conference was a panel on record keeping for golf courses. Moderator was C. K. Hallowell, Mid-Atlantic Dir. of the USGA green section.

Course construction records were discussed by Warren Bidwell, supt. of Seaview CC of Absecon, N. J. Day-to-day operation records were discussed by Marshall E. Farnham, supt. of Philadelphia CC.

Panelist on labor records was Walter J. Leix, Shanopin CC of Pittsburgh. Harry J. Drennan of Buck Hill GC of Buck Hill Falls, Pa., discussed equipment inventories. Budget topics were handled by E. G. Jacobs of South Hills CC of Pittsburgh. Fred V. Grau talked on climatic limitations of turfgrass.

Latest news on chemical weed control

Ability of soil to absorb water is discussed at Pennsylvania State University Conference by Fred V. Grau (l), of Nitroform Chemicals, Inc., Louis T. Kardos, (center), professor of soil technology at Penn State and Theodore Westlake, Elks CC of Apollo, Pa. Equipment in foreground shows how loose soil lets water seep through faster than compacted soil. Kardos, who presented demonstration, used various proportions of sand, soil and peat moss.

was the topic of J. E. Gallagher of the American Chemical Paint Co., Ambler, Pa.

A case history of turfgrass management problems spanning a quarter-century was presented by O. J. Noer. Effects of compaction, or poor soil texture and structure on physical condition, were described by R. B. Alderfer, head of the soils department of Rutgers University. Thomas Mascaro of West Point Products Co. discussed "Growing Turfgrass the Hard Way."

A new winter course in turfgrass management was announced by Penn State. The training will cover 16 weeks, from Nov. 4 to Jan. 11 and from Feb 3 to March 29. There is also a six months placement train-

ing period where the trainee is employed in a specialized turfgrass position. A second winter of 16 weeks training completes the course.

High school graduates, 16 years of age or older, are eligible for enrollment. Interested persons should write to the Director of Short Courses, College of Agriculture, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.

Cornell Stages Tenth Annual Turf Conference

A typically receptive audience was on hand for the tenth annual Cornell Turf Conference held in Ithaca, N.Y., Feb. 25-28. The event, sponsored by the N.Y. State Turf Assn. and N.Y. State College of Agriculture, was marked by speeches and panel sessions directed almost exclusively toward practical solutions of everyday problems in turf management. John Cornman of Cornell University's Turf Research Dept. was the meeting chmn.

Speakers and their subjects included: J. F. Seeley, "What's Ahead for N.Y. Turf;" J. R. Watson, Jr., "Soil Modification Under Established Turf;" J. G. Mathysse, "Turf Insect Control;" H. B. Couch, "Control of Bluegrass and Fescue Diseases;" J. A. DeFrance, "Turf Grasses and Mixtures;" A. J. Wisniewski, "Combinations of Cool- and Warm- Season Grasses;" O. J. Noer, "Maintenance on the Move;" F. V. Juska, "Research in My Experience;" C. K. Mruk, "Urea-Formaldehyde Materials for Fertilization;" J. A. Jagschitz, "Stabilizing Sand with Vegetation;" A. M. Radko, "Turf Highlights of '56;" and E. F. Gamin, "Building Small Lawns on A Large Scale."

Michigan Supts. Alerted to Need for Insect Control, Water Conservation

Two important new problems that came under discussion during proceedings at the Michigan State Turf Conference on Mar. 14-15, highlighted the 27th annual meeting sponsored by that school. C. A. Boyer of State's dept. of Plant Industry alerted supts. attending the conference to the danger of exporting nematodes and harmful insects to non-infested areas through transportation of turf, and added that some regulatory laws may have to be enacted to stop the practice. Boyer called upon supts. for complete cooperation in helping to prevent the spread of these parasites.

Water conservation laws, it was pointed out by Norman Billings of the State Water Resources Commission, may prove to be a major problem for irrigated courses in the state. Billings asked supts. for their help in conserving water wherever possible so that it won't be necessary for his department to seek legislation that will restrict distribution to volume consumers.

During the conference it was announced that the long-sought Michigan Turfgrass Foundation has been established. Officers of the new organization include Bruce Mathews, pres.; Clarence Wolfrom, vp; and James Tyson, Michigan State agronomist, who did a great deal of work in getting the Foundation set up. secy. Directors are: Mathews, Wolfrom, Don Ross, Horace Godwin, Harold Peck, William Milne, William Smith, Norm Hallnick and George Frieskorn.

Other speakers who were heard at the conference included Tyson, Buford Grigsby, Ray Huston, John Kiernan, Paul A. Miller, Kenyon T. Payne and O. J. Noer.

Honolulu N-M Club Holds First Field Day

Navy-Marine GC, Honolulu, held its first field day late in February with Joe Mayo, supt., and Maj. Frederick Bove, green chmn., serving as hosts to delegates who came from courses in the Honolulu area. Speakers included Henry Ching and Louis Maurina, representing the Pacific Chemical and Fertilizer Co., and Edward Hosaka, University of Hawaii Exp. Station agronomist. One of the highlights of the field day was the tour of the Navy-Marine course where Mayo is carrying on extensive experiments with various grasses and chemicals.

Exchange Brought Progress

In years past greenkeepers were very secretive about their work. There was no progress whatsoever in the golf turf field until men formed associations such as yours and freely exchanged knowledge and information.

Sherrill Sherman, widely known amateur contestant, club and assn. official, at joint meeting of Central New York and Northeastern New York GCSAs.

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