



Educational Chairman Ray Brigham (left), supt. of Rhode Island CC conducts a discussion session after W. G. Colby, head of the Agronomy dept. at University of Massachusetts, had given a talk on soils and fertilizers. Colby, standing at the blackboard, is discussing iron deficiencies in turfgrass.

## N. E. Group Holds Stop-Gap Turf Conference In Spite of Obstacles

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In the fall of 1956 the University of Massachusetts announced that the winter school for turf managers and the turfgrass conference would not be held because of space limitations and shortages of staff to handle the necessary lecture assignments. But the New England GCSA decided it definitely wasn't in favor of any deemphasis of the instructional program developed at Massachusetts during the past 30 years by Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson. A committee was formed to work with Dean Dale Sieling at the University in order to hold a substitute turf refresher course. The result was that in March the best possible "stop-gap" conference was held at the Waltham Field Station.

### Strong Play on Weed Control

Despite the fact that the usual mailing list was not used, over 150 persons attended meetings on both days of the two-day affair. NEGCSA President Manuel Francis welcomed the group on the first day and introduced Prof. Dickinson who was keynote speaker. Al Radko presented an illustrated lecture on turf renovation and strains of grass for the northeast. One of the most successful weed control panels ever heard in New England was conducted by the conference moderator, John

Havis, dir. of the field station. His panel consisted of Francis, Philip Cassidy, Albert Allen and Richard Silvar. Latest information on caring for trees on courses was provided by M. A. McKensie of the University. This was followed by a report by E. C. Roberts on turf research at the University of Massachusetts.

On the second day W. D. Whitcomb of the University discussed insect problems and William Klamparens of the Upjohn Company lectured on diseases of turf-grasses. Subject of soils and fertilizers was handled by W. G. Colby of the University and Al Radko summed up the meeting by giving highlights of the conference.

### IGC, Canada Cup Matches to be Played in Tokyo

Golfers of 29 nations will compete in the fifth annual International Trophy and Canada Cup matches at the Kasumigaseki CC, outside Tokyo, Oct. 24-27 this year.

John Jay Hopkins, chairman and founder of the International Golf Association, who conceived the idea of building better relations among nations through golf, announced there may be additional entries before the late summer deadline. Each nation is to be represented by its two best