



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

By ELIOT C. ROBERTS

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

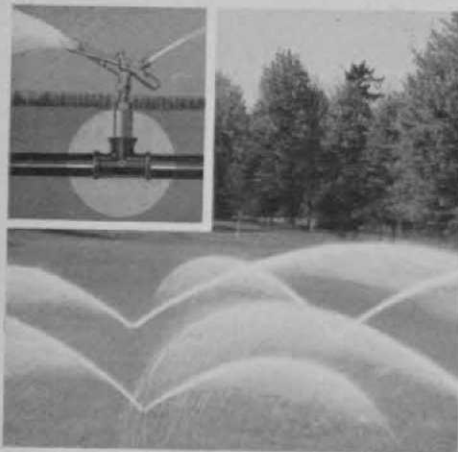
Havis, dir. of the field station. His panel consisted of Francis, Philip Cassidy, Albert Allen and Richard Silvar. Latest information on caring for trees on courses was provided by M. A. McKensie of the University. This was followed by a report by E. C. Roberts on turf research at the University of Massachusetts.

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 C.C. 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



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players in the matches to compete both for team and individual titles.

Last year at Wentworth, Eng., the U. S. carried off both trophies with two of its all-time immortals, teamed for the first time. Ben Hogan won the International Trophy with a 72-hole score of 277 and teamed with Sam Snead to capture the Canada Cup with a combined stroke total of 567.

It was the first appearance in the British Isles of Hogan since his dramatic British Open victory at Carnoustie in 1953. Record Crowds of 20,000 swarmed the Wentworth course to watch Hogan and Snead in action.

"I wouldn't be surprised if we get an even greater reception in Tokyo," said Hopkins, who was honored by America's golf writers recently for his contribution to international good will through golf. "Japan has shown a tremendous interest in golf."

Japanese Like It

Golf is relatively new in Japan. Nevertheless, there are at least 500,000 players regularly playing the country's 70 courses. Kasumigaseki CC course, 30 miles from Tokyo, is a 6,895 layout and compares with the famed Winged Foot course at Mamaroneck, N. Y.

Visiting golfers in Japan will find a unique setting. Japanese players themselves hit their shots speedily and play without undue delay or deliberation. Caddies are teen-age girls, neatly dressed in blue slacks and jackets.

Matsutaro Shoriki, who popularized baseball in Japan by bringing over the late Babe Ruth and later sponsored visits by the Brooklyn Dodgers, is honorary chmn. of the international tournaments.

Yuji Kodera of the Japan Golf Assn. will serve as general chmn. of the competition. Any profits derived from the tournament will be used to establish a four-year scholarship fund to send a Japanese student to an American university.

Hopkins' future plans in international golf also include the establishment of junior and senior tournaments which might run concurrently with the International matches or be staged at different sites and dates.

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