



Winter short course graduates of University of Massachusetts

24 Men Get Turf Diplomas from U. of Massachusetts

Twenty-four men from 10 central and northeastern states graduated Mar. 5 from the Winter short course in Turf Management at the University of Massachusetts. The course, founded in 1927 by Prof. L. S. Dickinson, now has over 500 graduates. Herb Graffis, editor of *Golfdom*, gave the graduation address prior to the awarding of diplomas at the conference banquet. Graffis stressed the importance of sound business management practices on the part of the supt. as well as by the golf club management. Graffis, O. J. Noer, agronomist for the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission and Miss Jessie Anderson of the University of Massachusetts were honored at the Conference for their outstanding work on behalf of turf management through the years.

325 at Conference

The 325 attending the conference heard papers on "Weed Control" by John Gallagher of Amchem Products, Inc.; "Microorganisms as they Affect Turfgrass Management" by Dr. Frank Howard, University of Rhode Island; "Insect Pests of Ornamentals Occurring on Golf Courses" by John Schread, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, and "Soil Testing and the Interpretation of Results for Turfgrass Management" by William G. Colby and Bertram Gersten of the University of Massachusetts. O. J. Noer discussed "The Inventive Genius of the Turfgrass Superintendent"; Al Radko of the USGA green section reviewed the 1958 season in light of its effect on 1959 maintenance practices and Joseph Troll, University of Massachusetts moderated a panel on "Growing Turf on a Low Maintenance Budget."

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Eastern Superintendents Form Metropolitan GCSA

Supts. in Westchester county, N. Y., South Connecticut, Long Island and parts of New Jersey have formed what is known as the Metropolitan GCSA. Monthly meetings at various members' clubs will be held at which leading turf authorities will be asked to speak. A tournament schedule in which supts. and chmn. and supts. and pros will compete is being drawn up.

Officers of the new organization are: Robert St. Thomas, Sunningdale CC, Scarsdale, pres.; Lloyd Stott, Woodway CC, Darien, Conn., vp; Ray Twombly, Old Oaks CC, Purchase, N. Y., secy.; and Al Pentenero, Quaker Ridge CC, Scarsdale, treas. Directors are: Sherwood Moore, Winged Foot, Mamaroneck; Molly Strazza, Round Hill CC, Greenwich, Conn.; Kay Oviam, Woodmere (L. I.) CC; and Henry Mitchell, Lake Success GC, Great Neck, L. I. Percy C. Tumber is p.r. chmn.

Canadian Open on Film

Available from Seagram Distillers, Inc., Chrysler Bldg., New York City, are films of the 1958 Canadian Open golf championship. The tournament was filmed by Crawley Films, Ltd., Ottawa, Can., on the new commercial Ektachrome stock and the colors are claimed to be brilliant. Wes Ellis, Jr., San Antonio, Tex., won the 1958 Canadian Open with a 267.

This was the eighth consecutive year that Crawley had filmed the Open for Seagram. Prints of previous films also are available.

Luxford Helps Juniors

Maurie Luxford, chmn. of Bing Crosby's tournament since it started, is Pepsi-Cola's adviser on junior golf program which is being expanded beyond the tournament stage to include local programs directed by pros.