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537 Persons Attend 3-Day Midwest Turf Conference

With 537 persons registering, attendance records for the Midwest Regional turf conference, held March 2-4 at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., were easily



Leon Howard, College Station, Tex., Ralph Engel, Rutgers U. and W. H. Daniel of Purdue at Midwest turf meeting.

broken. The greater part of the three-day meeting was held in Purdue's new Memorial Center which has a disappearing stage, luxuriously upholstered seats and a superb public address system along with many other ultra modern appointments.

Forty speakers and panelists appeared on the education programs which covered turf research, a discussion of general turf practices, golf course maintenance, Southern grasses and Northern grasses. Probably the greatest concentrated attack was made on the crabgrass problem. There was considerable discussion of several preemergent control products. One of the more popular talks was made by Leon Howard of College Station, Tex., who explained the principles involved in making analyses of putting green mixtures.

Supts. and others interested in turf were able to take advantage of a "repeated tours" system for viewing Purdue greenhouse experiments and repeated tours of the University campus also were made available. The annual banquet was held on the evening of Mar. 3rd.

During the conference it was announced that Purdue's Field Days will be held Sept. 14-15. Next year's spring turf conference will be held Mar. 7-9. At the annual Midwest Regional meeting, John McCoy, supt. at Cincinnati CC, was elected pres. of the organization. Vp is Robert Mitchell, supt. of Sunset CC, St. Louis, and executive secy. is W. H. Daniel, Purdue agronomist.