



Al Linkogel and Ray Freeborg (center) explain Link's Nursery experiments.

Freeborg Research Viewed at St. Louis Field Day

"The biggest and best ever" — was the unanimous opinion of the approximately 125 supts., turf authorities, commercial reps and guests from nine states, who gathered at Link's Nursery and Westwood CC, St. Louis, on Sept. 29 for the 1959 Fall Field day.

Sponsored by St. Louis area courses and other organizations interested in turf and under the leadership of the local Turf Foundation Research Committee, consisting of Joe Switzer, Oscar Bowman, and Al Linkogel, visitors were treated to a uniquely interesting tour of the turf plots at the Nursery and at Westwood. The research program for the entire summer, carried on by Ray Freeborg, graduate Purdue agronomist, and guided by Al Linkogel, was presented by Freeborg. Bent grass selections, fertilizers, fungicides, pre-emergent and post-emergent crab grass control studies, Bermuda and Zoysia selection studies were discussed by Freeborg. Chmn. Meyer Levy and Supt. Ralph Sehrt came in for much praise on the fine condition of the Westwood Course.

A prime rib dinner in the grand Westwood manner was followed by an excellent program mc'd by Al Linkogel and featured the following speakers: Joe Switzer; Monty Muncrief, USGA greens section; W. H. Daniel, Purdue; Ray Keen, Kansas State and Ray Freeborg.

Two-Day Conference at University of Arizona

The sixth annual Arizona Turf conference was held in the Student Union building, University of Arizona, Oct. 1-2, with attendance up over last year. Chmn. were

Irving Smith, pres., Arizona CCSA, and Bill Schildmacher, landscape architect for the Tucson school system. Among the speakers were Charles Wilson, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission; Victor B. Youngner, U. of California; Victor J. Miller, Arizona State University; Marvin H. Ferguson, USGA green section; James R. Watson, Toro Mfg. Corp.; Alice Boyle, Joe Folkner, J. N. Roney and I. J. Shields, all of the University of Arizona. Great stress was put on management of Bermuda and discussions of Western type turfs.

Florida Covers Turf Problems in Series of Sessions

The most successful conference in the seven year history of the Florida Turf-grass Assn. was held at the Agricultural Experiment Stations of the University of Florida, Sept. 15-16. A total of 226 persons registered for the two-day meeting, an increase of 65 over last year.

The first day's educational sessions were held in four concurrent sections and covered the following: Golf turf; Sod and Turf Nursery Producers; Lawn Service and Retail Dealers; and Playfields, Parks and Cemeteries. All were presided over by section chmn. and included a variety of speakers and panelists. The second day was devoted to a general education session in which the theme was New Developments and Research Progress. It was directed by G. C. Horn, associate turf technologist of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station.

Speakers at the two-day gathering included: E. W. McElwee, University of Florida, James L. Blackledge, Florida Turf Assn.; A. T. Coith, Orlando Park Dept.; T. E. Freeman, Fla. Agricultural
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Exp. Station; Dan Hall, San Jose G & CC, Jacksonville; E. Ray Jensen, Southern Turf Nurseries; Jasper N. Joiner, U. of F.; Stratton H. Kerr, Fla. AES; James M. Latham, USGA green section; Henry C. Matin, Florida State University; Salvatore Mauro, Miami Beach Park Dept.; O. J. Noer, Milwaukee Sewerage Commission; Gene C. Nutter, executive secy., GCSA; R. B. Roberts, Jr., Fla. Power & Light Co.; Col. Frank Ward, Bradenton CC; James A. Watson, Duval County Agricultural agent; and Homer D. Wells, Georgia Coastal Plain Exp. Station.

During the Florida conference, O. J. Noer of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission was awarded by a plaque by Col. Frank Ward, representing the Florida Turf Assn., in appreciation of the "beneficial contributions he has made to the turf industry." In making the presentation, Ward said: "... we've long looked to you for solid, down to earth advice on turf problems. We hope you can find time to write and publish the great accumulation of turf knowledge you have gained over the years."

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