



Officers of the American Society of Golf Course Architects recently elected at the organization's annual meeting at the Boca Raton (Fla.) Hotel, are (l to r): William B. Langford, Chicago, vp; Ralph Plummer, Ft. Worth, pres.; and David W. Gordon, Doylestown, Pa., sec.-treas.

## 200 Attend Cornell Meeting in Spite of Poor Weather

More than 200 turfmen gathered at Statler Hall on the Cornell University campus in Ithaca, N.Y. for the 15th annual turf conference, Feb. 27-Mar. 1. The first day was devoted to instruction at the elementary level, much as in previous years. Despite repetition, this introductory course remains a popular feature. Turf fundamentals covering grasses, fertilizers and growth were discussed. During the remainder of the day, weed problems, fundamentals of disease control, and allied subjects were covered. John Cornman and Robert Mower alternated in presenting the various topics.

On the 28th, Robert Mower led off with a discussion of pre-emergence crabgrass control, analyzing in some detail the more usual materials and making generalized recommendations based upon work at Cornell and other experiment stations. Harry Eckhoff, Eastern director of the National Golf Foundation, told of the amazing growth of golf courses in the U.S. in recent years, the outlook for the future, and the voluntary services and publications that are available from the Foundation for those contemplating new course construction. Ben Fleming, graduate student at Penn State University, summarized the present status in regard to soil amendments and then described the very extensive field experimentation

recently undertaken at Penn State. John Weidhaas of the Cornell Entomology dept. discussed turf insect problems, with particular emphasis upon grub control.

At the afternoon meeting, John Cornman outlined the activities of the nitrogen cycle in soils and pointed out practical applications of fundamentals in understanding fertilizer activities, thatch reduction, etc. Verne Fish of the Toro Manufacturing Co. emphasized the importance of record keeping, preventive maintenance, and realization of the enormous wear that maintenance machinery undergoes.

### Describes Difficulties, Triumphs

On the final day, Harry Eckhoff showed a sound film strip prepared by the NGF. Robert Mower gave those attending some concept of the difficulties and triumphs of detailed plant disease research, and an account of his own experiences in studying the development of several leafspot organisms on common and Merion and Kentucky bluegrasses. Martin B. Harrison of the Cornell Plant Pathology Department described the stepped-up program at Cornell in turf disease research. Harrison is in charge of the Cornell Nematode lab on L.I. and has recently undertaken an expanded program of turf disease research in that troubled area.

In spite of poor weather which caused numerous delays, the Cornell conference had the highest registration on record.