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General view of putting green turf plots at UCLA during Southern California Turf Conference.

270 Attend Southern Calif. Turf Conference

A highly successful two-day Southern California Conference on Turf Culture was held on May 8 and 9 with a registration of 270 visitors covering all of the various interests in turf culture, including athletic fields, golf courses, parks, cemeteries and air fields.

The morning session of the first day was held at the turf plots on the Ornamental Horticulture area of the Los Angeles Campus of the University of California. Dean R. W. Hodgson opened the conference by welcoming the visitors on behalf of the College of Agriculture of the University. Professor Pierre A. Miller of the Division of Plant Pathology explained the testing of fungicides which he had conducted during the past season. These trials were part of a national cooperative program. Profes-



The self-powered G-L Aerifier was about to be put thru its paces when this photo was taken during the recent No. California greenkeepers meeting at Del Paso CC, Sacramento. D. E. Graves, pres., and Herb Graves of H. V. Carter Co., were hosts to the group at luncheon where the steaks were sizzlin'. California, here I come!

sor R. N. Jefferson of the Division of Entomology described methods of determining the presence of turf insects and presented the results of his experiments with various control measures,

Mr. John E. Gallagher, in charge of maintenance of the experimental turf plots, explained the series of tests with fertilizers. These plots show a moderately high requirement of nitrogen for the maintenance of high quality putting greens of creeping bent. These trials also indicate the desirability of the new urea-form fertilizers for turf growing. Other test plots demonstrated that 2, 4-D can be used successfully on bent grass greens if certain precautions are taken. Methods of planting stoloniferous grasses were discussed.

Mr. Charles K. Hallowell of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Extension Service and currently on a visiting appointment in the Division of Ornamental Horticulture showed the results of various methods of aeration of turf on the root systems of grasses.

The performance of various new strains and species of grasses in the plots was explained by Professor V. T. Stoutemyer of the Division of Ornamental Horticulture.

The afternoon program was held at the Riviera Country Club with Mr. Colin C. Simpson, Chairman of the Research Advisory Committee, presiding. The various members of this group, which includes representatives of the various interests concerned with turf culture, were introduced. Professor John J. McElroy of the Agricultural Extension Service of the University at Berkeley spoke briefly of the activities of the University in relation to agriculture. Mr. Howard A. Miller told of the importance of turf culture in Southern California. Mr. Hallowell outlined his re-

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sults of a survey which he has been conducting on turf conditions in Southern California and stated that he considered soil conditions to be the most important problem. Dr. Fred Grau of the U. S. Golf Association Green Section discussed recent new developments in turf culture, emphasizing the remarkable results which are apparent from the selection and breeding



From L to R, Dr. V. O. Stoutemyer, Charles K. Hallowell and John Gallagher study sample of soil underneath experimental turf plot, which is a part of the Univ. of Calif. experimental turf culture program for golf courses and lawns. Hallowell, who is agriculture extension representative at Pennsylvania State College, is assisting Dr. Stoutemyer and Gallagher of U.C.L.A. in this program.

program for new bermuda grass, bluegrass, bents, fescues, zoysias, and others. Professor F. L. Howard, of Rhode Island State College, showed many colored slides of turidiseases and discussed diagnostic symptoms and treatment. The number of known diseases which attack turf is about one hundred.

The Tuesday morning session was devoted to an extensive equipment exhibit under the supervision of Mr. E. B. Marzolf, a member of the Research Advisory Committee. Mr. Charles K. Hallowell discussed the subject of mechanical aeration of turf and showed slides of this operation on Eastern athletic fields and golf courses. Dr. Fred Grau discussed the nutrition of turf grasses and emphasized the need of air for roots to make possible their uptake of nutrients. The correct timing of applications to favor certain grass when grown in mixtures was emphasized. The program was concluded by a talk on irrigation and water problems by Professor A. F. Pillsbury of the Division of Irrigation and Soils.

Resolutions were passed by those attending the conference requesting the Agricultural Experiment Station to finance the experimental program in turf culture, which was initiated and has been supported by private contributions, and to provide an extension staff member in turf culture.

New USGA Home



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A five-story building at 40 East 38th Street, New York, N.Y., has been purchased by Golf House, Inc., to serve as the future home of the USGA and its Golf Museum and Library.

The building will be known as "Golf House." It is a 25-foot-wide, limestone-front, American basement dwelling, with elevator. After alterations, the USGA expects to occupy part of it late in September. Until then, the USGA will maintain its present quarters at 73 East 57th Street, New York City.

Golf House, Inc., is a New York corporation formed by the USGA for the purpose of acquiring and holding this property.

The building was purchased from Eliott D. Odell for \$72,775, including a mortgage. Brokers for the purchaser are Douglas Gibbons & Co., Inc.; and for the seller, Malcolm E. Smith Co. The purchaser was represented by its General Counsel, Fraser M. Horn, a member of the firm of Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle. The seller was represented by Edgar H. A. Chapman.

"Golf House" is being established with funds contributed by individual golfers, clubs and associations throughout the United States, as well as in Canada and South America.

Thus far \$44,749 has been subscribed by 2,601 contributors. Total estimated final cost of the project of establishing this national center for the game of golf will be approximately \$100,000.

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efficient working team we are getting almost 30% of our lessons by recommendation. Our club sale policy of being absolutely honest with the customer has built confidence; we now sell many sets (by phone), merely on our recommendation. Management policies are simple and effective enough that the school functions just as well when I'm away as when I'm there.

What of the Future?

Our growth curve has just about flattened out; lack of space limits further expansion of lessons, though club sales could be increased. Our main concern, however, is not increasing business during the peak, but stimulating business during the off season.

The club I started for golf students may help accomplish this. This club was established when I realized that lessons were only part of the job of instruction. So many beginners, especially women, take lessons, buy clubs and still do not play golf. Several factors work against the student who does not belong to a country club, who cannot play golf on weekdays, and has no automobile. These factors are:



Full view of main reception area in Rauworth's club showing merchandising display as designed by Reynard and Majewski. Club racks and fixtures for hanging bags put clubs and bags within easy reach of prospective buyer. Note racks are designed to provide ample storage space behind display. Ceiling lights are high to avoid breakage. Driving areas at either end of club are provided with three-way outlet allowing either regular or ultra violet light with timer to avoid over-exposure. Lights above display racks are on swivels to allow spotting certain merchandise.

1) I'm afraid to go on the course alone; 2) I'm agraid to play with friends . . . they're too good to want me tagging along; 3) I have no car to get out to less crowded outlying courses. Here is a new student faced with the aismal prospect of trying to play golf for the first time without guidance, on week-ends, on the crowded courses served by street cars.

Our club tries to meet this problem in this way: We meet in the city about 9 A.M. Sunday at a golf driving range easily reached by public transportation; from this meeting spot, those who haven't cars ride to the golf course with members fortunate enough to own an automobile. We use a "big brother" system to start the new players. Each beginner is assigned a sponsor who is to show him where to buy the tickets, where to stand, advise what club to use, and great day something about golf etiquette. Often I advise them to play alternate shots on one ball to speed play.

This "every one teach one" method is working surprisingly well; new players usually report enjoyment instead of disappointment on their very first golf game. We are most proud of getting timid people, of marginal golfing ability, on the golf course: once or twice with patient encouragement and they have been "had" . . . the golf bug's got them, and they are then confident enough to play on their own. Last year, we had one of these golf events each month, but since the club is now about 150 members, we are running additional smaller events almost every weekend, at courses that can be reached by street car. To avoid crowds, these events are often scheduled for twilight golf.

Members enjoy the sociability of these golf events so much that we are planning indoor events for them this year, to include canasta, bridge, shuffleboard, dancing, ping-pong and general get-togethers for plain fun. If these events can be made interesting enough to attract and hold members during the fall and winter, we may be able to flatten out the income curve of the golf school.

The success of the school and of the club for beginners seems to indicate that a real need is being met. This same promotional idea could be used on a small public fee golf course; I'd certainly like to try it, even on a run-down (but basically sound) golf course. The beginner has been much maligned by players, but it is the beginner who buys new clubs, takes lessons, and pays the fees. A course with a program to help the beginner (especially women even providing a supervised play-

ground for children so the mother is free to play golf) could become a course that would make profits week-days as well as on week-ends and holidays.

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Entomology S6-Turf Insects

Public Speaking S2

Elective-Physical Education S4 (Basketball and Hockey)

Second Year-first semester-October 1 to January 31 (Sixteen weeks resident instruction)

Agricultural Engineering S3 - (Farm Shop)

Agrostology S5-Correlating all Courses and Water Systems

Agrostology S7-Disease Control

Arboriculture S1-Lectures

Business English S1

Horticulture S3-Surveying and Map-

Horticulture S7-Grounds Maintenance Physical Education S5 - (Required of students not participating in football.) Second Semester-February 1 to May 31

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Agrostology S2 - (Construction of Turf Areas) Influencing of foundation, subsoil and topsoil zones. Talks preliminary to placement training. Adaptation of Agro-

nomy S1.

Agrostology S3 - (Uses and Requirements of Turf Areas) Grass seed and plant characteristics, identification and adaptation. Germination of seeds and growing of plants.

Agrostology S4 - (Maintenance of Turf Areas) Fertilizing, weeds, clipping and watering, with practical work and problems. Adaptation of Agronomy S2.

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Two classes have been graduated. Graduates are listed as follows with their present positions:

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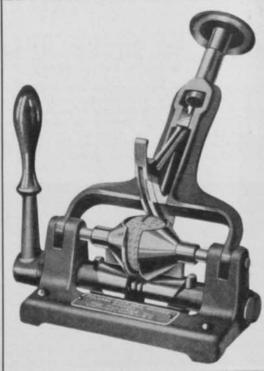
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Two year students are encouraged to take positions as assistant superintendents upon graduation. Due to demand in the last two years, most have become superintendents upon graduation.

Since many are sons of greenkeepers or have worked on golf courses before coming to the University, they have been quite capable of accepting the heavy responsibilities of a greenkeeping supt.

SOIL AND ITS MAINTENANCE

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improve the supply of plant foods in the soil. In order that plants can assimilate those plant foods and make maximum use of them, physical soil conditions must be right. Proper aerification is the way to ensure the loose, porous soil structure needed for optimum plant growth.

When to Aerify?

Quite naturally, the questions arise as to when to aerify and how often? Aerification should be carried out when soil is "right" for it—that is, soil should not be excessively wet nor should it be too dry and hard to cultivate. The same commonsense that tells a person when to spade up the garden is a good guide as to when it is alright to aerify. As to frequency—the oftener the better. Aerification preferably should be done more than once at each operation and the operation should be carried out more than once each season.

An increasing number of superintendents favor once a month aerification throughout the growing season. Improvements on aerifying equipment, to reduce

