

WGCSA/UW-MADISON: STRONG TIES SINCE 1930

The short course in Turf Management that was started in 1930 and that played a catalytic role in the founding of the WGCSA was continued until 1942. It was surprising to learn that it was sponsored jointly by the Wisconsin Greenkeepers Association and the Mid-West Greenkeeper Association. This short course was discontinued during the war years. It was resumed again, at the request of the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association and by O. J. Noer, in the spring of 1961. The dates were March 27, 28 and 29 of March. The meeting was held in the Wisconsin Center on the UW—Madison campus. Although not that many years ago, the room rate for a double room was \$2.50 and only \$1.75 for three to a room! Speakers at this meeting included O. J. Noer, L. E. Engelbert, Bill Daniel, Jim Holmes, D. C. Smith, Roger Thomas, Jim Marshall, G. W. Longnecker, George Ziegler, Mac Dana, John Voight, J. G. Dickson and R. T. Miller.

These meetings were held annually until 1967. At that time, into the present time, the decision was made to hold one-day regional conferences across the state.

Take a good look at this photograph, snapped at the 1961 meeting. Many of the speakers just noted are easy to recognize — O. J. Noer, for example, is in the front row. It is also easy to find Jim Love, Bill Sell, Walt Stepanik, Roger Larson, Frank Maurina, and Allan Kress. How many others can you find?

