

Greenkeepers of Rhode Island and Adjoining Territory Meet at Kingston, R. I.



THIRD ANNUAL GREENKEEPERS' FIELD DAY AT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION OF RHODE ISLAND STATE COLLEGE

THE Third Annual Greenkeepers' Field Day was held at the Rhode Island State College and Experiment Station on May 23. The day was ideal and more than 100 greenkeepers and other turf enthusiasts were present.

After registration the greenkeepers visited the turf experiments at the Experiment Station under the guidance of T. E. Odland and H. F. A. North. Although the season has been rather cold and unseasonal the grass plats were at their best. Various fertilizer tests, variety tests, bent grass strains from different clubs, bent grass for seed production and many other experiments and tests are under way.

From the grass plats the way led to the College dining hall where 95 were served with a dinner, the special feature of which was Rhode Island Red chicken pie. After luncheon the visitors were extended greetings from the College by President Raymond G. Bressler. Director Gilbert of the Experiment Station acted as Chairman of the meeting and introduced a number of the greenkeepers and others present.

The chief address of the day was made by Dr. Howard B. Sprague, Agronomist of the New Jersey Experimental Station. The topic was "Soil Conditions and Plant Growth."

Following the dinner and talks the annual business meeting of the Rhode Island Greenkeepers'

Club was held. The following officers were elected: President, John Hay, Agawam Hunt Club; vice president, Thomas Galvin, R. I. Country Club; treasurer, Martin Greene, Wannamoisett Country Club; secretary, Woodworth Bradley, Providence, R. I.

More than a dozen firms were represented with various lines of equipment. Demonstrations of equipment occupied the time from 3 p. m. to well toward 6 o'clock. The opportunity to see and compare these different types and makes of equipment is proving one of the outstanding features in these field days. At no other time during the year is there a more genuinely interested and enthusiastic gathering at the College than when the greenkeepers have their field day.

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