

Something for All Turfmen At Midwest Meet, Mar. 6-8

Golf course superintendents, sod growers, park and roadside men, suppliers, nurserymen, teachers and researchers, and others—both beginners and “old hands”—will find discussions directed toward them when the Midwest Regional Turf Conference convenes Mar. 6 at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., for its annual three-day confab.

Following the Monday afternoon opening on a sales note, speakers in eight different areas of turf work will offer their evaluations of “Trends for Turf Managers.” Wrapping up the opening session will be talks on cost cutting and soil warming. Midwest Regional Turf Foundation will hold its annual banquet on Monday evening.

Tuesday morning, participants will reconvene in special sessions for golf course interests, general turf interests, and sod growers. Golf men will look at “Personnel on Wheels,” “Automatic Irrigation Saving Time,” and “Upgrading from *Poa annua* and Crabgrass”, then will hear personal experiences with different grass varieties from experts in the field. General turfmen will consider seed supplies, St. Louis Stadium, and “Performance of New and Old Turfgrass Varieties,” among other topics. “Developing a New Sod Farm” and “Sod Farm Irrigation” are two subjects on tap for sodmen. Set for Tuesday afternoon are discussions of various ways to regulate irrigation water.

On Wednesday, Mar. 8, basic information on grass varieties, soils, grass development, sod, and herbicides will be offered for fledgling turfmen. Oldtimers will hear talks on ornamental horticulture training and artificial turf, as well as new ideas

on wilt reduction, herbicides, and additives. Readers desiring more information on this conference, which has a \$10 registration fee, should contact Dr. W. H. Daniel, Department of Agronomy, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. 47907.



James Burdett (standing, right) 1966 president of the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, looks on as three featured speakers discuss the program for December's 7th University of Illinois Turfgrass Conference. Seated is **Dr. M. C. Shurtleff**, University of Illinois plant pathologist, who urged participants to use caution in tank mixing of turf chemicals because of the lack of basic knowledge on compatibilities, and offered some combinations not recommended because of known incompatibilities. Standing (left) is **Dr. Roscoe Randell**, U. of I. entomologist, who related sod webworm damage in bluegrass turf to management practices, pointing out that good management (irrigation and monthly fertilization) during the hot, dry summer months of webworm buildup can help grass to “outgrow” a good bit of the damage. Standing (center) is **Dr. Paul Rieke**, Michigan State University staffer, who investigated techniques for growing sod on Michigan's muck soils, where its production has become the fastest growing segment of the state's agricultural industry. The Conference drew specialists from across the country with its exchange of up-to-date ideas for maintaining quality turf. Proceedings are published by the University of Illinois, which sponsors the event in cooperation with the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation.

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