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MEETING NOTICE

The August meeting of the New Jersey Golf Course Supt's Association will be held in conjunction with the Rutgers Turf Field Day, on Tuesday, August 11th. As you know this is an annual affair which gives you an opportunity to look over the plots and work at Rutgers.

This year the program will be split into two sessions. The morning session will be devoted to turf as it pertains to parks, cemeteries and Landscape men. The afternoon session will start at 1:00 P.M., and will be devoted to Golf course turf, its maintenance and problems. Everyone is welcome to attend both sessions.

There will be no planned dinner after the Field Day this year, however, there will be a meeting of this association in a building on the campus. The place and room number of this meeting will be announced at the Field Day. We have many important items to discuss, so please make an all out effort to attend.

RUTGERS TURF FIELD DAY

Rutgers held its first organized Turf Field Day for ose interested in the growing of fine turf on golf courses in the Summer of 1929. The main interest of the groups then was not different than now, namely; the economic production of and maintenance of fine turf to meet specific needs of play. The men in charge of such operation then as now recognized the need for facts and fundamentals as they applied in their specialized profession. Fortunately, they were enthusiastically supported by the Greens Keepers Association of New Jersey (New Jersey Association of Golf Course Superintendents) and the Greens Section of the New Jersey and Metropolitan Golf Associations. This real interest and active support was and has been most helpful in getting the acceptance and utilization of fundamental facts and principles in the turf maintenance programs in our metropolitan golfing area.

After a few years the attendance at the turf field day developed to a point where it included representatives from all recreational groups as well as the business interests supplying their material and equipment needs.

Turf field days, with the labeled plots showing different grasses, a variety of treatments and various types of maintenances practices, afford the research specialist of the College a real opportunity to acquaint those interested in fine turf culture with the results of his findings and the practical application of fundamental principles. The dinner program held after the review of the turf plots has been most helpful in presenting outstanding leaders and subjects in the turf field to the group. The turf field days also afford those charged with maintenance of fine turf a poportunity to analyze their problems in light of new dings.

In the early field days most of the attention was given to the selection of improved species of grasses and fundamentals as applied to soils, top-dressing, drainage, diseases, insects, fertilizers and lime as they applied to golf course turf. As a result of research findings and the development of new tools and materials, the emphasis has now been placed on such items as cultivation, aerifying,

irrigation and the like. This shows real progress in the application of basic fundamental principles and facts in one of the most specialized field in Agriculture and also is a real tribute to those who had the foresight to initiate and sponsor the turf field day.

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LITERATURE FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT'S LIBRARY

From time to time we are going to list various books, bulletins, pamphlets and commercial literature that we think every Golf Course Superintendent should read, study and have on hand for ready reference. The following list is a must for the Superintendent's library.

- 1. Fungus Diseases of Turf Grasses Bul. No. 308
 By F.L. Howard, J!B. Rowell, H.L. Keil
 R.I. Agricultural Experiment Station, Kingston, R.I.
 (Free)
- Handbook On Insect Enemies of Flowers & Shrubs
 U.S.D.A. Misc. Pub. No. 626
 By C.A. Weigel & L.G. Baumhofer
 Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.
 Price 45¢
- 3. Important Tree Pests of the Northeast
 Evans Printing Company, Concord, N.H. Price \$2.00
- 4. Picture Aids to Grass Identification

 By Herbert B. Hartwig

 Marion S. Hartwig, 109 Worth Street, Ithaca, N.Y.

 Price \$1.00
- 5. Farm & Grass Seed Manual
 The J. Chas. McCullough Seed Co., P.O. Box 146,
 Cincinnati, 1, Ohio (Free)
- 6. The Role of Lime in Turf Management
 Bul. No. 1
 Better Bent Greens, Fertilization & Management
 Bul. No. 2
 Better Fairways, Theory & Practice
 Turf Service Bureau, Sewerage Commission,
 P.O. Box, 2079
 Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin. (All Free)
- 7. United States Department of Agriculture Yearbooks

 1948 Grass Yearbook of Agriculture \$2.00

 1949 Trees """ \$2.00

 1952 Insects """ \$2.50

 Superintendent of Documents, Govt. Printing Office,
 Washington 25, D.C. or free if you write to your
 Congressman requesting same.

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Please check your records, as dues are no longer due, they are overdue . . .

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