### ON THE JOB RESEARCH

Speaking of U-3 Bermuda grass - a few sprigs were obtained this spring from Al Linkogel, St. Louis, Mo. The mater-ial was planted early in May in a single row approximately 100 feet long on 12 inch centers.

During the cool period of the early summer, the bermuda sprigs did not appear to indicate any signs of new growth. After warm weather set in, there was considerable response. The months of June and July were hot and humid, and it was during this period that the bermuda grass made a remarkable growth.

From a single row of sprigs, it has now covered an area in solid turf of about 1200 square feet. During the month of August, plugs of bermuda grass have been taken from this nursery and planted in a few designated tees and fairway areas for further research on how it will grow amongst other grasses.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lake Bluff, Ill.

## Dear Norman:

-5-

I want to thank the Organization for the books they sent me while in the hospital. They were much appreciated.

I am home again now and recuperating nicely. Hope to be able to attend a meeting soon.

Very sincerely,

#### Fred Ingwerson

\* \* \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

DAYS =

# COOL

Some of the local superintendents have obtained bermuda sprigs from this nursery and they report satisfactory performance as to growth. Bob Williams checked on the spread over a 24 hour period, and he stated that some of the runners have grown one inch in that time.

Applications of plant food were made during the summer at rather frequent intervals, in order to encourage the bermuda to grow rapidly.

The prepared seedbed soil is a sandy texture, and this might account for the rapidity of establishment. The watering practices have been consistant during the period of development.

The question which has been asked many times of late, is, will the bermuda grass be hardy enough to withstand the winter climate in this area? After this coming winter, I might venture out on the limb. At the moment, it is too early to make a statement on how far we can go with this grass in the northern flora. Norm Johnson LaGrange Country Club

# WEATHER CROONERS EXTRA---FXTRA

THE WISCONSIN GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION WILL MEET WITH THE MIDWEST SUPERINTEN-DENTS ON SEPTEMBER 12TH AT MCHENRY COUNTRY CLUB. THIS IS THE ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER OF THE SEASON BETWEEN THESE TWO GROUPS. THE WEATHER HAS TURNED COOL. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? PRESSURE RELIEF. AND TIME TO MEET WITH YOUR FELLOW SUPERINTENDEN TS AT AL PURVEY'S CLUB FOR ONE OF THOSE OLD FASHION JAM SESSIONS. DON'T FORGET THE DATE.