

## SPREADING IT THIN

Mrs. Bill Schwantz has about recovered from a major operation. She is now at home in the Schwantz's new home in Clarendon Hills. She is doing fine. The last time the Mole passed the house there was washing on the line. Bill spent his vacation last winter working on the house and expects to get to the Miami meeting of the National this coming winter.

Ben Gee of Nordic Hills is still under observation by the Hines Hospital, although he is at home and working and feeling much better. Ben reports that he may have to have an operation for ulcers but that the doctors at Hines have not yet decided this would be absolutely necessary. We are glad you are feeling better, Ben.

Mrs. Geo. Roloff reports that George is out and around again after an attack of Sciatica which had George in bed for two weeks. George hobbles around every morning, Mrs. Roloff reports, and gets a little better every day. Having had the same thing, we really sympathize with George.

John Darrah is now with the Cleary Corp. and has just returned from a brief visit to the home territory between Southern trips. John has visited Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and expects to visit southern Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. He likes his new job as research technician for the Cleary Co., manufacturers of PMAS, SOILOAM and NITRO-GRO.

Walter Killmer stood guard for several hours over an airplane crackup just over the fence of the Ravisloe Country Club on Sunday May 10. The pilot was killed in the crackup.

Don Strand was the guest on the Vaughan's Seed Store TV program on Sunday, May 17. Don did a right good job and looked real handsome. He is bound to get some fan mail.

Art Benson Jr., son of Art of Aurora Country Club was mixed up in the Panty Raid at Urbana the week of May 10. He was one of the two thousand that got caught. At least he got his name in the paper, on the front page, too.

Mrs. Nels Lundblad, wife of Nels of Chicago Golf is on an extended visit with her mother and sisters in Salt Lake City. The family there is not well and Mrs. Lundblad acts as nurse and housekeeper.

Rev Mel Bluhm, whom we have all met, was present celebrating the birth of his fourth child, a daughter. Congratulations Mel. May you catch up on your back work shortly.

Mr. Malone and Mr. Zilstra of the Upjohn Chemical Co. invited the members of the Midwest to visit the Upjohn plant in a group this fall. The members and their wives would leave Chicago in cars or on the R. R., would be met at the station by Upjohn Bus, and taken to the plant. We would tour the plant after luncheon, have a cocktail hour, possibly a buffet supper and leave Kalamazoo about 6:30 and be home by 9:30. It has possibilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Rauch plan to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with a party at the Bonnie Dundee Country Club May 28th. Al was one of a family of 12 children and he expects to have a fine crowd of relatives and personal friends.

Bill Daniel of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation is carrying on extensive trials on the 8th fairway of the LaFayette C. C. Treatment will be made for crabgrass control, clover control, chick weed control, Poa Annuu Control, and to control the growth rate of fairway grasses with maleic hydrocide tests. Bill also plans to plant various strains of Zoysia in this fairway.

Bill reports that Operation Zoysia has been completed at Louisville, Cincinnati and Cleveland. It was good to have Bill with us Monday.

Dr. John Vaughan of the Department of Botany, Michigan State College has accepted the position as Head of the Dept. of Plant Pathology at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.

Marold Reed and his wife spent the winter at Indian Rocks Beach near Clearwater Florida. Harold is feeling better every day.

53 people stayed for dinner at Silver Lake after Operation Zoysia.

Dr. William Klomparens, Ph. D. in Plant Pathology will become a regular full time employee of the Research Division of The Upjohn Co. in Kalamazoo, Michigan June 1. He obtained his Doctors Degree from Michigan State College. He had been a graduate assistant in the Department of Botany under Dr. John R. Vaughn at Michigan State College and did outstanding work there in the field of research on the Helminthosporium disease. He will serve as a field turf consultant to the golf courses and as a speaker for the golf associate on meetings throughout the country.

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## EARLY SEASON TROUBLES

A number of the boys in the district report early troubles. There have been reports of fungus on greens, ranging from "red ring fungus" on shaded areas of turf on greens and tees to a more serious type of fungus which Ray Didier had on his greens last spring and it is reported that he has it again this year. The red ring stuff does not seem to be very serious, it coming in in periods of wet cloudy weather and clearing up during dry, sunny weather. It doesn't seem to spread and just thins the grass out. The other is much more serious and is a real problem. Ray reports that copper fungicides have been helpful in clearing up the trouble.

Desiccation of bent, especially "old bent" in fairways is another problem which is troubling the men this spring. It seems that there is very little root system in much of it and in periods of dry windy weather the bent is apt to fade if not watered. It seems to come back all right but there is always the possibility of infestation of Poa Annuu and weeds until it does.

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## SPECIAL GOLF DAY AT BONNIE DUNDEE

There will be a special golf day at Bonnie Dundee Golf Club on Monday, June 22. Jock Anderson and Al Rauch our hosts. Golf in afternoon, dinner 6:30 p.m.

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