

## IRRIGATED BLUE GRASS FAIRWAYS

The University of Illinois 18 hole Golf Course at Savoy, Illinois, just south of Champaign, is unusual in that with irrigation fairways originally seeded to Kentucky Blue Grass, the fairways are still a thick blue grass turf after ten years of operation. It is usually thought that blue grass and fescue turf on fairways will gradually recede and give way to poa annua and bent with the introduction of irrigation. Not so at the University of Illinois Course.

Clint Buckles, the Superintendent, decided to keep his blue grass turf and to follow maintenance practices that would do just that. How does he do it? First of all, he has good soil favorable to blue grass. He never cuts below one inch, fertilizes liberally several times a season, and waters sparingly. During the summer months water is applied about every two weeks and then in liberal amount per application. Clint doesn't believe in frequent watering, but waits 'til the turf shows need for it. Then with plant food available, the response to watering is prompt and vigorous.

No doubt the height of cut is most important, but so are his fertilizing and watering practices. On June 15th, his fairway turf was thick and clean, making for excellent ball lies for fairway shots. The density of the turf offsets the height of the grass.

Supt.: "I'll have to have a raise, there are three companies after me."

Greens Chairman: "What three?"

Supt. "Light, telephone and water."

Son: "Pa, what does the Bull Sheet mean by saying that Mr. X went to the Nat'l. Convention as a delegate-at-large?"

Supt. "He did not take his wife along son."

Brinkworth, rushing into Geo. A. Davis, "Give me a couple of mole traps, I am in a hurry to catch the next bus."

Chuck Doherty: "I am sorry Gordon, they do not come that big."

Walter Fuchs has Glen Eagles Country Club in well nigh perfect shape for the opening of the tournament late in June; Greens, tees, fairways and roughs are beautiful. Walter is enjoying some of the doubtful fruits of being a big time tournament Supt., this time for the tournament, he has a new Ford Convertible to ride around in and has two International Station wagons to haul his assistants around in. Walt promises he will recognize us common folks if he sees us. Good luck and good weather Walt, we hope this will be the best ever.

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