instructional purposes in connection with our course in Turf Management.

PLAN:

- 1. Breeding and selection of blue grasses, fescues and bents will be done at Urbana. Chemical agents will be used for the production of polyploid varieties of grasses which may be superior to existing strains. Greenhouse space will be made available, and an area of six acres on the Horticulture Farm.
- 2. For evaluation purposes, some field space will be used in the northern and southern parts of the State.
- 3. Plots will be established with pure and mixed plantings of desirable grasses in common use, adapted to the several areas. These plots will be used to study the responses of these grasses to the existing ecological environment. Bluegrasses, bents, and fescues, will be used primarily in the central and northern areas, with the addition of bermudas and zoysias in the southern area. Studies will be made of the growth, appearance, composition and durability of the resulting turf. If space and funds permit, some studies will be made of bent grasses useful for golf greens.
- 4. Plots will be established at Urbana, at Downers Grove, and at Dixon Springs for soil preparation, fertilizing, height of cut, weed control, and other turf management tests. The areas required for evaluation and testing purposes in the northern and southern testing grounds will be approximately two acres.
- 5. Basic studies will be made in the laboratory and greenhouse, using physiological and ecological techniques in studying the reactions of selected turf grasses to varied soil, temperature, light and miisture conditions.
- 6. A half-time research assistantship position has been assigned to this project.

EXPERIMENT TO BEGIN: 1959

EXPERIMENT TO CLOSE: Indefinite

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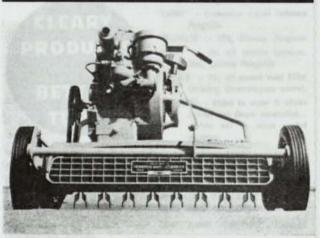
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