

LOCAL NEWS

Word comes to us that new irrigations systems have been installed and are operating in A-1 condition at Joe Dinelli's course at North Shore and at Red Sellers course out Rockford way.

Ray Davis' son was recently married and is on his Honeymoon. Congratulations. As you know Ray is at the new Par 60 Arlington Classic Golf Club. He invites us over for a little turf enjoyment both on the track and on the course.

Paul Voykin is now in his new Maintenance Shop. If you really want to see the ultimate in golf course maintenance equipment and storage facilities stop over and take a look at his shop at Briarwood Country Club in Dearfield, Illinois.

How did you like that picture of Bill Stupple and the gang in the latest issue of Golfdom Magazine?

Most of the turf damage in the Chicago area has finally been eliminated. The courses have never looked better.

Frost damage was reported in some of the outlying areas as late as last week, June 22, 1963. Now it looks like we are really in for a good old hot spell.

WHAT'S NEW IN INDUSTRY

In a recent release to Superintendents we noticed a new product that is being manufactured by: — Aquatrols Corp. of America and W. A. Cleary Corporation. The product is called, Stoma-Seal.

Stoma-Seal is designed to check WILT on greens, tees, fairways and other turfgrass areas. It is claimed that this new formulation effectively closes the stomata of the leaf. Vital moisture loss through the stomata by transpiration is reduced.

It is pointed out that this product has worked well on all fine turfgrasses but it is recommended that this product should not be used on Merion Bluegrass.

The following is an excerpt from a paper entitled "The Control of Wilt on Fine Turfgrass" presented at the Rutgers, Cornell and Massachusetts Turfgrass Short Courses — Winter of 1963, by Superintendent Harry Meusel.

" . . . Wilt occurs in grass plants when Transpiration rate is greater than the rate of water absorption; that is, when the grass roots do not absorb moisture from the soil fast enough to keep pace with the loss of moisture through the leaves. Transpiration occurs mainly through the stomata in the leaves. When the stomata are open water moves freely out of the plant. When the stomata are closed, the loss of water is greatly reduced. Plants with few stomata or with closed stomata are, therefore, less likely to wilt than plants with many stomata or open stomata . . . To the classification of dry wilt and wet wilt, add a third variety: identified as 'cloudy-days wile' . . . Dry wilt occurs where the soil is so dry that there is no water available to the roots. It is easy to understand that in

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