

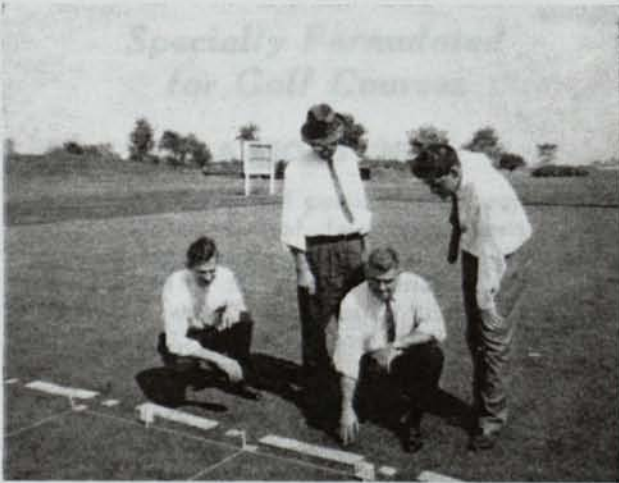
ILLINOIS FIELD DAY

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation presented its third Annual Field Day at the University of Illinois on September 16. There were over 100 interested persons in attendance. Our Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents was well represented. We counted 41 members of our Association.

Some of the work being conducted at the University is greatly improved over last year. Some of the experiments involve: Mowing height in Bent, Crabgrass control in Bent. Varieties in Bent and their response to various maintenance procedures. Some work on Zoysia is being conducted along with fertilizer studies on Merion. A great deal of work is being done on selection of a shade tolerant grass. Experiments are being conducted in three intensities of light.

Out at the Savoy Country Club some work is being done on weed control in Bents plus fungicide trials are being conducted.

We were introduced to various people responsible for the fine work being conducted in turfgrass research.



DR. MIKE BRITTON, with hat, showing PETER BILD, ADOLPH BERTUCCI and PAUL VOYKIN turf plots at Illinois Field Day.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held at the River Forest Country Club, December 2nd. This is the meeting in which new officers are elected and changes to the By-Laws are presented for membership approval or disapproval.

NEW GOLF COURSES IN CHICAGO

This is the beginning of a new series which I hope to continue for some time. I will need the cooperation of the Superintendents involved. This new column will deal with information about the various new clubs in our area. It will deal with statistics that each one of us is interested in.

The first Club that I would like to present is on the Southwest side where I do most of my golfing. It is a new nine holes at the Silver Lake Country Club, 147th Street and 82nd Avenue, Orland Park, Illinois.

John Coghill is the owner of the Course and Dudley Smith is the Superintendent. They have two 18 hole regulation golf courses in addition to this new nine which is called "Rolling Hills." The par is 29, consisting of seven par threes and two par fours.

The course was designed by Ray Didier under the guidance of John Coghill. Ray Didier built the course also. Work was started immediately after the 4th of July 1962 and it was opened for play last month. The greens are huge. They range from 6,500 sq. ft. to 13,000 sq. ft. averaging around 8,500 sq. ft. The terrain of the course is Rolling and very interesting to say the least. Most holes have a generous supply of trees surrounding them. The greens have good contour and very fine pin placements. Almost the entire green is usable.

The soil used for the green surface was mixed off site and hauled to the individual greens. They used a high sand content mixture of about 50% #2 torpedo sand. A calcined clay was mixed into the top three or four inches. Penncross seed was used for the greens. They have covered over very well and are putting beautifully.

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