Bill Stupple and Roy Nelson congratulating each other on their 39th birthday.

TURFGRASS ACTIVITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

A cooperative program in turf research is carried on between Horticulture, Plant Pathology, Agronomy, the Natural History Survey and Southern Illinois University. Work done cooperatively with people from these areas include varietal selection and testing, nutritional studies, ecology of diseases, cultural and chemical weed control, lawn insects, etc.

Extensive testing of several named and recent selections of creeping bentgrass for disease resistance, texture, thatch development, etc., is in progress. Ten thousand individual seedlings of Merion Kentucky bluegrass have been planted into field plots. Preliminary investigations have revealed that there are a few Merion type which have rust resistance. Any of these plants carrying a resistance to leaf spot and coming true from seed will be put out for extensive testing. Additional variety testing is being done at DeKalb and at the Dixon Springs Experiment Station.

Nutritional studies are concerned with the role of micronutrients in turf development. Work on the correlation of soil nutritional levels as measured by soil tests to turf growth is being carried on at the Dixon Springs Station. This information is badly needed for soil test interpretations as related to turfgrass.

Investigations into the environmental effects upon turf diseases are being carried on. It is hoped that an accurate prediction technique can be formulated to be used in disease control. Nutritional effects on disease susceptibility are being studied using solution culture methods.

Both chemical and cultural methods of weed control are being investigated. Several chemical and mechanical developments in recent years have greatly facilitated weed control. Successful spring seeded turf can now be assured by using recent developments and findings.

Also, with sod webworm great strides have been made on investigations of the life cycle and control methods. Time of major infestations can be and are now determined and reported each year so that necessary control measures can be taken.

Other investigations have been and will be undertaken as problems arise.

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Birkeland, Charles — Head, Department of Horticulture
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PRESS RELEASE

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS — A group of Chicago area club accountants have organized a national educational non-profit association to be headquartered in Chicago.

The association, The Club Accountants Association of America, was organized by: B. H. Bouey, Indian Hill Club; A. F. Evans, Park Ridge Country Club; D. W. Zienty, Merchants & Manufacturers Club; Eugene Foster, South Shore Country Club; William F. Kelly, Midlothian Country Club; A. C. Rosso, Beverly Country Club and R. C. Wallace, Medinah Country Club.