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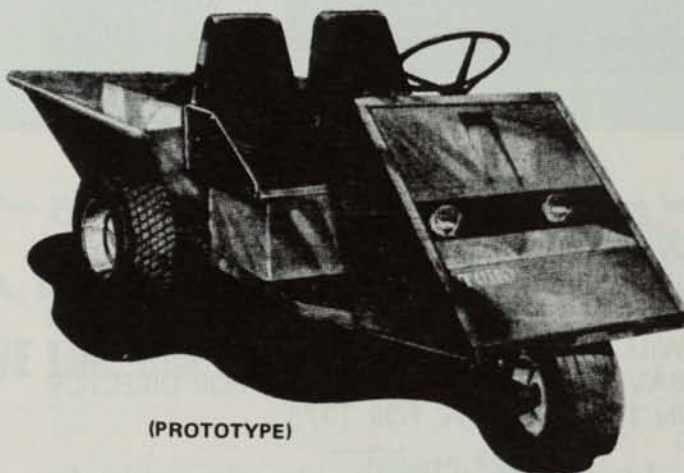
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SOME OBSERVATIONS MADE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND TURFGRASS FIELD DAY

1. The importance of **Balanced Fertility** was shown by: a greater incidence of Striped Smut Disease on grass which had received little or no phosphorus, and a tendency to show more mechanical injury if the plot had not received potassium.
2. **Herbicide applications should be limited.** Frequent applications of Dicamba appear to result in a greater incidence of *Poa annua* in fairway turf.
3. **Slow release fertilizers** do not seem to be the answer yet. From the test plots it appears that we cannot yet make one fertilizer application per year to obtain uniform growth. Slow release sources of Nitrogen such as IBDU, Ureaform, and Sulfur Coated Urea were applied to bluegrass turf to study the effect of the different sources of Nitrogen relative to the time and rate of application. It appears that combinations of the above materials and split or more frequent applications yielded the best results.
4. In the **Disease Studies**, Dr. Jackson commented on the increased evidence of **Fairy Ring**, noting that the systemic fungicides appear to have possibly upset the balance between the "good guy and bad guy" organisms in the soil. No control for the Fairy Ring Fungi was noted but it was suggested that we could aerate, water and perhaps apply wetting agents to help mask the evidence. Dr. Jackson noted that, in his opinion, the systemics need not be watered into the soil for the control of Dollar Spot disease but should be watered in for the control of Striped Smut and Fusarium Blight.