

BRILLIANT BLUEGRASS DUO

The new breed of bluegrasses designed especially for fine turf includes Glade and Fylking. Each is esteemed for individualistic traits, but also each is inclined to get along well with fescues and ryegrasses in lawnseed mixtures, or with other bluegrasses in blends. A duo blend of Fylking and Glade has a lot going for it. Glade provides a brisk, rich-green undertone to the sod, while Fylking impresses with its soft, velvety knap so elegant to look upon.

All of this didn't just happen. After their initial discovery, both cultivars underwent lengthy testing and improvement, to become the select varieties they are today. New cultivars such as these must be coaxed to acceptable seed yields by skilled growers in the producing regions (e.g. the renowned Jacklin lawnseed farms of the Pacific Northwest). And the harvest must receive professionalized attention from experienced seed handlers, for timely afterripening, screening out of any foreign seeds or debris and proper storage.

Fylking was first discovered and selectively bred in southern Sweden, with proprietary rights for the United States assigned to the Jacklin Seed Company, Spokane, after Jacklin had undertaken a lengthy series of trials nationwide to prove the usefulness and beauty of the cultivar on this continent. Fylking is a luxuriant grass, the foliage arching gracefully low and withstanding short mowing quite well. It tolerates most diseases, and has rated highly in all parts of the country, outstandingly on both coasts (ranking with the top few cultivars in both California and Maryland). Fylking is not a prima donna, but nonetheless should receive the usual fertilization and attentions any fine turf grass is deserving of.

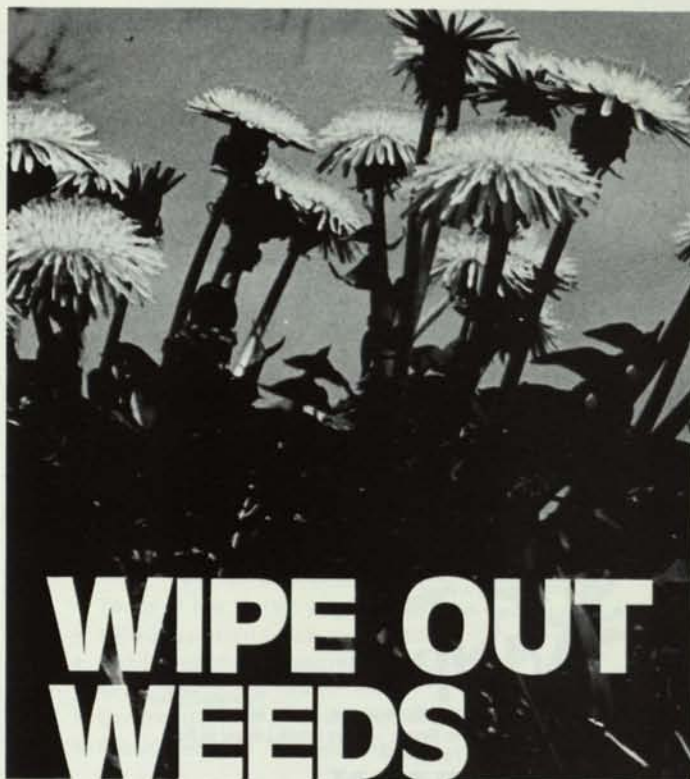
Glade, by contrast, is a domestic find, discovered on a lawn in New York state where its low growth and dark green color were much admired. Years of observation at Rutgers University confirmed unusual resistance to mildew, a chief cause for bluegrass demise in shade; Glade is considered one of the best commercially available "shade" bluegrasses in the country. The cultivar is fairly slow-growing, keeps a low profile, grows true-to-type, and is broadly adapted for use in either sun or shade without a lot of special attention. Its tolerance of most diseases is good, adding to Glade's luster as a stabilizing influence in blends. Glade, too, has had "A" ratings in all sections of the country.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"When the other fellow acts that way, he's **ugly**;
When you do it, it's **nerves**;
When he's set in his ways, he's **obstinate**;
When you are, it's just **firmness**.
When he doesn't like your friends, he's **prejudiced**;
When you don't like him, you are simply **showing good judgment of human nature**.
When he tries to be accommodating, he's **polishing the apple**;
When you do it, you're using **tact**.
When he takes time to do things he is **dead slow**;
When you take ages, you are **deliberate**.
When he picks flaws, he's **cranky**;
When you do, you're **discriminating**."

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