

Dr. Herbert R. Albrecht of Purdue examines turf samples at Midwest experimental station on the university's agronomy farm. More than 150 samples of turf are in the breeding plots at the station,

larly the local politicians have a real interest in the welfare of the Club.

"Fortunately some clubs which fail to operate economically as private clubs can be operated commercially or as public clubs and fill a want but the failure of most private clubs is due to committee operation under which no commercial enterprise could hope to survive. A big golf or country club, which is a million dollar business, must have for its successful operation an organization similar to that which makes for success in any other business.

"Under sound business management Baltusrol's net income from operations in the last 22 years has amounted to over half a million dollars and is filling its membership now with members from other clubs which have changed their character or ceased to exist. The earnings through those 22 years have enabled the club to rebuild its golf courses and improve its facilities so that today it is the acknowledged leader in its field."

Now, with war-time income having put many a country club in the black because it couldn't spend money, a severe test of management is going to be canny protection of this solid position when needed improvements can be made. The Jones policy has been something to heed in that respect. He's been a spender for Baltusrol, but a spender who made the outlay pay dividends on a long-term plan of club betterment.

Green Section Offers Nursery Stolons

★ ESTABLISHMENT OF A stolon nursery should perhaps be the first move in anticipation of the rehabilitation of your greens, This will not only insure availability of stolons of superior strains of bent at a time when they are needed most but will be decidedly an economic move. The Green Section has increased its stock of C 1, C 7, C 15, C 17, C 19, C 28 and C 36 so that stolons will be available to any member clubs which are interested in establishing a stolon nursery this fall. One square foot of stolons should plant a row of 100 feet and each 100-foot row under good maintenance should produce sufficient stolons within a year to plant an average green. Late summer or early fall is an ideal time in which to start a stolon nursery. Directions for the establishment and maintenance of such nurser-ies was given in Timely Turf Topics for August, 1944.

Just as a stolon nursery is a sound move, so the establishment of a sod nursery is good insurance. Every course should have a sod nursery composed of the same grass used on the putting greens and maintained under putting green conditions. Such a sod nursery makes possible the replacement of bad scars on a green simply by the removal of the affected sod and the insertion of an identically shaped piece of turf from the sod nursery.

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