

"On the Job" Research Begins in Illinois

Midwest Assn. of Golf Course Supts. and Agronomy Dept., University of Illinois, are cooperating in an "on the job" turf research program with Chicago area courses as sites of the preliminary work which will be extended in the state, according to present plans.

Ray Gerber, chmn., Turf committee, Midwest assn., and supt., Glen Oak CC, Glen Ellyn, Ill., outlines the initial meeting which was held at the university.

Says Gerber, in the Midwest's bulletin:

"Dr. Burleson, Head Agronomist, opened the meeting and inquired about specific turf problems on the golf course in the Chicago area that would require special research study. A preliminary outline of turf research and weed control experimental projects was presented by the greenkeeping group for discussion and consideration.

"Suggestions were made concerning the possibility of accomplishing some of the practical research work on designated golf courses in the Chicago area which would provide better facilities to carry on with special projects under actual playing con-



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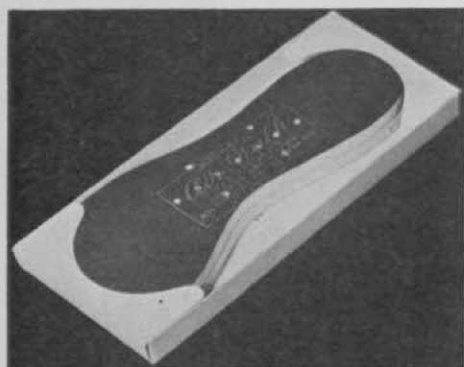
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"In response to the golf course superintendents' proposal, university officials agreed wholeheartedly to cooperate with the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents in conducting a series of "on the job" experimental projects covering the study of poa annua-control of chickweed and soil compaction tests on greens, tees and fairways.

"A request was made by the Agronomy department for more specific information concerning the approximate number of persons participating in the game of golf, (State of Illinois) the number of golf courses, both private and fee; total acreage devoted to turf maintenance and investment of property. Dr. Burleson stated that this pertinent information would be of real importance when making a request for research funds to carry on with further experimental developments.

"The meeting closed with a mutual understanding among those present that there is a definite need for practical as well as technical research, and that tentative plans be drafted immediately to initiate a research program on designated golf courses in the Chicago area, with the

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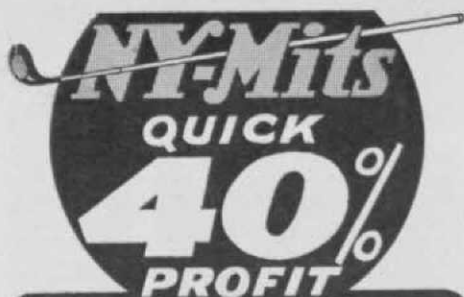


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"A visit to the LaGrange CC was made by Dr. Fullemen and Dr. Slife for the purpose of inspecting local turf conditions, and to make recommendations as to the manner of conducting the experiments. Following the tour, a meeting was held in the office of the Greenkeeping Superintendent. It was suggested to focus attention at present on the control of chick-weed and as time permitted, additional plots would be installed for the study of other specific turf problems.

"For association members who are interested in cooperating, the following layout procedure is printed:

"1. Submit layout drawing of area or fairway that is to be used for experimental purposes.

"2. Take a series of 2" soil plugs from the area, and mark each sample plainly, also indicating on the layout drawing where the samples of soil was taken.

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