

1953 TURF CONFERENCES

- Jan. 6-7 — Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents and University of Maryland, Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore
- Jan. 9 — Central Florida Lawn and Turf Institute Meeting, Mount Dora, Fla.
- Jan. 19-23 — One-week Short Course in Turf Management, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.
- Feb. 8-13 — 24th Annual Turf Conference and Show of Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, The Ambassador, Atlantic City, N. J.
- Feb. 16-19 — Turf Conference, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.
- Feb. 24-26 — Cornell Turf Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. J.
- Mar. 2-3 — Turf Conference, Midwest Regional Turf Foundation and Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.
- Mar. 9-11 — 19th Annual Superintendents and Turf Assn. Short Course, Iowa State College, Ames.
- Mar. 11-13 — Minnesota Short Course, Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Mar. 13-14 — Michigan Golf Turf Conference, Michigan State College, East Lansing.
- Apr. 22-23 — Southeastern Turf Conference, Abraham Baldwin Agri. College and Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station, Tifton, Ga.
- Oct. 21-23 — Central Plains Turf Foundation Conference, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Ks.

not be shared by others for some time to come. Some feel that it is too much to expect for two grasses to live together in harmony. That, of course, will develop more research to determine the "yes" or "no" of that question. We only say that, since we have been so successful in producing nearly "fool-proof turf" at Beltsville, we should like to see others try it in a small way in nurseries and in research plots to learn if it is practicable and feasible elsewhere, and to determine its practical limitations. The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents has begun to act upon the results at Beltsville and we are seeing more and more plantings of the better warm-season grasses on golf courses in the area.

We were disappointed to be obliged to cancel the National Turf Field Day but it was unavoidable. With such strong Field Days at cooperating experiment stations the loss is softened. We hope that some day soon we can resume full-scale operations again.

The Green Section's place in developing "Operation Zoysia" at the Fairfax Country Club in cooperation with the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents is indicative of one of the types of services which the Green Section is offering to all golf course superintendents' associations in the country.

The Green Section will announce in a more detailed write-up in the Golf Course Reporter how golf course superintendents' associations can cooperate with the Green Section in developing their own "Opera-

tion Zoysia" in the winter and spring of 1953. The Green Section has seed of an improved zoysia and also the information on how to handle this seed to obtain the best results. Enough seed will be made available to each cooperating golf course superintendents association to plant one acre of zoysia on a fairway which will be selected by the association itself.

At the Fairfax Country Club in April 1952 it required approximately 83 man hours to plant one acre of zoysia, using the Aerifier equipped with inch spoons and hand-planting individual Z-73 zoysia seedlings, as described in the USGA Journal for June. One of the projects discussed between the Green Section and the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents for 1953 is the machine planting of an entire fairway using zoysia seedlings. This may be the next step in the cooperative effort established so successfully here in the Mid-Atlantic area. Already the Green Section has arranged for a transplanting machine, and plans are being made to grow the needed seedlings in the greenhouse at Beltsville.

Another step in cooperative effort is being made in the Midwest. Dr. William Daniel will be supplied with enough Z-73 seed to plant sufficient seedlings in the greenhouse at Purdue to supply 100 seedlings to each USGA member club and to each member club of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation. These hundred seedlings will be sufficient to plant a plot 10 ft. x 10 ft., or 100 sq. ft., into either a clean seedbed or into an existing fairway