

for the average impatient American.

There are some excellent examples of Merion blue grass turf. When at its best on fairways there is no better playing turf. Rust has been had in some places, probably the result of overwatering. Trial seedings of Merion into existing fairway turf in Detroit and Louisville have been failures. Some Merion is there, but not enough to justify the cost of the seed even at a 40-lb. per acre seeding rate.

Alta and Kentucky 31 fescues seem headed for the discard so far as fairways and tees are concerned. Both have done well in hard to grow places provided close cutting has been avoided. There are examples of excellent performance on steep banks both in the North and in the South. Alta has provided cover in Oklahoma in the shaded areas around tees and greens where Bermuda will not survive.

Interest in Watered Fairways

The long periods of dry weather in 1952 and 1953, which have been country-wide, have stimulated interest in watered fairways. In their zeal for a water system some clubs overlook the importance of an assured source of water. Many who had facilities for watering were unable to do so

because the cities from which water was being obtained were compelled to limit or prevent the use of water on turf areas. Sometimes it was due to a shortage of water, but more often water mains were too small to care for the terrific demand. Most water systems have not kept pace with the ever expanding population.

After providing an assured supply of water, clubs need to revise fertilizer programs and assure themselves that the fairway grass population is of the right type for water and close cutting. Unless this is done, ground cover will become clover, knotweed, crab grass, etc.

Golf Architects to Meet at St. Augustine Fla., Jan. 18-21

Annual meeting of the American Society of Golf Course Architects will be held at St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 18-21. Ponce de Leon Hotel will be headquarters for the architects.

William F. Gordon, Doylestown, Pa. is the society's president. Other officers are William H. Diddel, Ormond Beach, Fla., vp; and James H. Harrison, Turtle Creek, Pa., treasurer.

1954 TURF CONFERENCES

Jan. 3-9—25th ANNUAL TURF CONFERENCE AND SHOW, Golf Course Superintendents Assn. of America, Municipal Auditorium, Miami, Fla. Agar M. Brown, Secretary.

Jan. 5-7—NORTHEASTERN WEED CONTROL CONFERENCE, Hotel New Yorker, New York. Walter C. Jacob, Secy.

Jan. 18-20—8th ANNUAL TEXAS TURF CONFERENCE, Memorial Student Center, Texas A & M College, College Station, Texas. Marvin H. Ferguson, Program Chairman.

Jan. 18-22—NEW JERSEY ONE WEEK COURSE IN TURF MANAGEMENT, Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

Feb. 8-9—ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF MID-ATLANTIC ASSN. OF GC SUPERINTENDENTS, Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md. E. N. Cory, Director.

Feb. 15-18—PENN STATE TURF CONFERENCE, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa., H. B. Musser.

Feb. 22-25—7th ANNUAL CORNELL TURF CONFERENCE, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Mar. 1-3—MID-WEST REGIONAL TURF CONFERENCE, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. W. H. Daniel.

Mar. 8-10—20th ANNUAL IOWA TURF CONFERENCE, Iowa State College, Ames.

Mar. 10-11—MASSACHUSETTS TURF CONFERENCE, University of Mass., Amherst.

Mar. 11-12—MICHIGAN TURF CONFERENCE, Kellogg Center, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.

Apr. 5-6—SOUTHERN TURF ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, Jackson (Miss.) CC.

Apr. 21-22—8th ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN TURF CONFERENCE, Tifton, Ga.

Aug. 5-6—UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA TURF CONFERENCE AND FIELD DAY, Gainesville.

Aug. 19-20—23rd ANNUAL RHODE ISLAND TURF CONFERENCE AND FIELD DAYS, University of Rhode Island, Kingston.

OTHER MEETINGS

Jan. 18-21—AMERICAN SOCIETY OF GOLF COURSE ARCHITECTS, Ponce de Leon Hotel, St. Augustine, Fla.

Feb. 7-10—CLUB MANAGERS' ASSN. OF AMERICA ANNUAL CONVENTION, Atlanta Ga.