

resistant to dollar spot, and is a very persistent bent.

The bad points are:

1st. Susceptible to brownpatch.

2nd. Below average in aggressiveness, thereby allowing clover and *Poa Annua* to creep in.

3rd. A slow grower. Does not heal injuries quickly.

4th. Not an early bent; greens up about two weeks later than some strains.

5th. Develops grain.

6th. Has a tendency to swirl in the greens.

7th. Has coarse stolons.

8th. Thins out or disappears if watered excessively.

9th. Has a bluish-green color.

Therefore we feel that the C-1 has too many bad points to offset its good points.

This is the reason that turfgrass experts advocate planting this strain with one or more strains, preferably with Congressional C-19. The idea is that the faults of one strain can be overcome by the good points of the other.

Not once have we heard or read of any responsible turfgrass expert advising planting C-1 alone in the greens.

We have never seen a C-1 green that we would consider to be a first-class green. We wouldn't give 30¢ for some we have seen.

Club Employees' Group Life Insurance Sponsored by WGA

WESTERN Golf Assn. is sponsoring a golf club employees' group life insurance plan which became effective Aug. 1.

The plan has been discussed among Western Golf Assn. officials and officials of its member clubs for some time as needed to meet a want often observed in club operations. In case of death of employees clubs have passed the hat, or have done nothing. The comparison between employment by organizations of gentlemen sportsmen and by private industry with insurance and other benefits set up by management and unions hasn't made the gentlemen sportsmen's organizations shine as employers.

Benefits and monthly cost per employee of the group insurance which is available to all member clubs of the Western Golf Assn. are:

Pro, manager, course supt. . . . \$5000

for life insurance and \$5000 additional for accidental death, at monthly cost of \$6.25 per employee;

Asst. pro, asst. mgr., caddymaster, or other department head . . . \$3000 life insurance and \$3000 additional for accidental death, at monthly cost per employee of \$3.75;

All other employees (and any over age 65) . . . \$1000 life insurance and \$1000 additional for accidental death, at monthly cost per employee of \$1.26.

Waldo D. Thorsen, 1 North LaSalle st., Chicago 2, Ill., the insurance broker who set up the plan says:

"The plan is available to all Western Golf Assn. member clubs that have five or more employees. A full-time employee is defined as one who is employed at least seven months a year. The plan does not cover casual, part-time or temporary employees.

"It is a non-medical group life insurance plan on a non-contributory basis with the member club paying the entire cost of covering its own employees. The plan is underwritten by the State Mutual Life Assurance Co., Worcester, Mass.

"As the plan has just recently become effective any member club not already participating and wishing to enroll its eligible employees, may do so prior to Nov. 1, 1955, without submitting evidence of insurability of individual employees.

"The plan already has proved effective in mutually improving employer-employee relations at outstanding clubs such as Exmoor, Indian Hill and Bob O'Link in the Chicago district and at other prominent clubs in the midwest."

Details of the plan may be obtained from the Western Golf Assn., Golf, Ill.

Spalding Quickly Recovers From Flood Damage

FLOOD damage following hurricane Diane had Spalding's Chicopee, Mass., plant carrying 18 in. of water throughout the first floor.

Production was down for ten days. Raw materials, in-process manufacturing and some finished stock were affected by the flood but energetic, well-organized clean-up operations got the situation restored to nearly normal quickly.

Spalding customers were only slightly inconvenienced by the flood damage at the factory. Decentralized warehouse stocks made it possible for the company to ship most items without delay.