

## Satan and John Doe

Old Satan sat with face so grim  
And muttered "What'll I do with him?"  
He's sure to find this place a bore  
With the life on earth he's had before!"  
And then while shaking his horny head  
He opened his ledger and this he read:  
"John Doe — Keeper of Greens,  
A man behind the golfing scenes,  
Had sixty years of toil and strife  
Pleasing golfer, manager, pro, and wife.  
His job included keeping the greens,  
Planting new turf, repairing machines.  
Fighting diseases, insects defeat;  
Battling rain, humidity, heat.  
Fixing waterpipes that break through  
the ground,  
Changing all markers and mowing  
weeds down.  
He worked all the day — studied at  
night,  
Trained all new men in ways that were  
right.  
Knew the diseases; chemicals, too.  
Fertilized, aerified, 'til his face would  
turn blue.

Not only scholar and teacher was he,  
But an ambassador of good will — and  
publicity.  
Records he kept; watched budget allo-  
cation —  
On him depended the course reputation,  
And though heading a project whose  
value was high,  
Credit and praise went to some other  
guy.  
Gripping and moaning he got every day  
But seldom a raise in the old take-  
home pay!"  
Now here he lies, his days they are  
through —  
"Tell me," said Satan "What'n hell can  
I put him to?"  
After sitting and thinking for quite a  
while  
His face broke out in a great big smile;  
The best known hardship he could deem  
Was to send him where all was calm  
and green!

*Helen May*

problems the first time you meet with him. He will need time to become acclimated to the special needs of your group just as you needed time to become accustomed to your new job.

If your state lacks a turfgrass specialist, and you feel that there is a real need for one, ask for one. See your county agent and have him arrange an appointment with the director of extension. The first reaction usually is negative. But, when supported by an estimate of the number of taxpayers interested and a reasonable figure on the investment in turf, requests are being granted in more and more states.

### For Strong Organization

**Q.** In our part of the state we have an organization of sorts but we don't seem to be getting anywhere. Our occasional meetings lack purpose in spite of the apparent need for information on everything pertaining to growing grass. Can you suggest anything whereby we might develop an active turfgrass group? (Va.)

**A.** There are some good examples of "self help" where interested individuals sought assistance and proceeded to organize a turf-

grass association. One of the first to do this — if not the first — was the group in the Pocono Mountains who still operate the Pocono Turf Association. That was in 1935-36.

One of the more recent highly successful efforts has been the development of the Delaware Valley Turfgrass Association which embraces five counties in southeastern Pennsylvania. The way in which this group came into existence is outlined in a booklet entitled "Organizing and Conducting A Turfgrass Association" which has been sponsored by the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council.

For further information on the subject and availability of the booklets write to Tom Mascaro, secy.-treas., Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, West Point, Pa.

### Wants Turfgrass Literature

**Q.** I am 22 years old, have just served three years in the Army and am now working on a course. I am very happy with this type of work. I would like to go to turf school.

My stepfather is chmn. of the green committee at the course where I work. He receives GOLFDOM every month and I have been an avid reader of your articles in the Question and Answer section and also have read your "Golf is Played on Grass" in the Agricultural Yearbook.

I would appreciate any advice you may