



Garland Jones (1) and Raleigh CC pro, Agee Welch, admire the new Bermuda turf on the 9th green.

**Raleigh CC Was Lagging in
Switching to the New 328
Bermuda . . . Then Garland Jones
Went Into Action and Presto,
18 Greens Were Converted**

The Dynamic Mr. Jones

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For four years now golf greens on courses of the mid-South have been steadily planted to the latest Bermuda hybrid, T-328. For one reason or another, many courses waited until 1959 for the change-over and still a good number will not convert to 328 until this year.

Of the courses changing from old seeded bermuda, one, Raleigh (N.C.) CC, which made the switch last summer, had as a guiding figure for this operation a person who we think should be introduced to other club officials and members — J. Garland Jones, pres.

First it should be understood that Jones spends more hours on a course than any person we know in this part of the country who is not employed by a golf club. His interest in golf and the improvement of courses has come about only in recent years. An executive in a large meat products firm, Jones spends an average of five hours per day (5 A.M. to 10 A.M.) in his office. To see a fellow who is able to devote so much of his time to sports, we wondered if he did some hunting since he lived among so many nimrods in Raleigh. When asked, he said, "Yes, used to hunt quite a bit but had to give it up — golf is a full-time job."

No Delay Here

Getting back to the changeover at Raleigh, I first talked to Jones over the phone late last June. He said he was interested in the quickest possible method of getting 328 on his greens and wanted to discuss it without delay. We met the next day and talked at length about methods of removing the thin stands of old Bermuda and planting the new.

It was decided that Jones and Pro Agee Welch would gas and plant the No. 1 green. This they did with a little help. The following week I went back to Raleigh CC to find Jones on the tractor ripping up the greens with a tiller. He said he was con-



Mrs. Jones, a golfer herself, lends a helpful hand by bringing breakfast to the Raleigh CC crew at six in the morning.

vinced the greens did not have enough sand and he was mixing and adding 30 cu. yds. average per green. In addition, he was adding five yds. of peat humus per green. The average green was about 5,500 sq. ft.

Methyl bromide was used to gas all 18 greens. Jones supervised work on nine, and to speed up the operation, a contractor was employed to gas the other nine. About 400 lbs. of 8-8-8 fertilizer was mixed into the top 4 ins. of each green. On nine greens 328 Bermuda stolons were shredded and broadcast over the loose soil bed at the rate of 10 bus. per 1000 sq. ft. Over the stolons was spread $\frac{1}{4}$ in. of topsoil, sand and peat. This was rolled in. On the other nine, stolons were broadcast and cut in and rolled with a planter.

Plenty of Water

Perfectionist Garland Jones saw to it that the newly planted greens did not want for water. During the first week, since it was not raining, all greens were hand watered several times during the daylight hours. This one operation, no doubt, was responsible for much of the rapid growth and high plant survival that followed.

Three weeks later some of the greens could have been played on. In four the greens could have been opened for play. But Jones didn't want to take any chances . . . and waited five or six weeks before opening. This did not work too much of a

hardship on the members as the nearby Carolina CC invited all Raleigh golfers to play their course during the change-over.

Worms Pay Visit

As had been the case several times before my phone rang early one Sunday morning. Real early, in fact! Yes, it was Mr. Jones. Without even saying hello, he shouted that something was eating away his greens. The same thing was happening to Jones as had happened to many a supt. who has had beautiful 328 one day only to see it all but vanish the next. Worms were literally eating away a very much relished food, 328.

But liberal applications of Chlordane and Dieldrin quickly put an end to the worm menace and the grass soon flourished again.

Jones, a leading left-side swinging golfer, believes he knows now, in addition to making sausage, quite a bit about the new Bermudagrass which is rapidly taking over where golf is played in this section.

New England GCSA Officers

Albert Allen has been elected pres. of the New England GCSA. Other officers are Narry Sperandio and Joe Butler, vps, William Ash, secy., and Arthur Cody, treas. Committeemen are Phil Cassidy, John Sperandio, Guy Tedesco and Homer Darling. Ray Brigham joins Mike O'Grady and Ted Swanson as trustees.