

is masked by strength in another. Bluegrass-fescue mixtures, however, will be standard for a long time for lawns that have both sun and shade.

Q.—Our club wants to convert from patchy *Poa annua* and Kentucky bluegrass fairways to bermudagrass. Should we kill the bluegrass first and then reseed with bermuda? We have complete irrigation. Some native bermuda is spreading in our fairways.

(Texas)

A.—In your area you need not consider chemical destruction of all the bluegrass. Annual bluegrass will die if denied water for a few days. Kentucky bluegrass may be a good friend for winter and spring color. By seeding hulled bermuda into the existing fairways and by judicious fertilizing and watering, you should be able to convert to bermuda without the use of chemicals. The punch method of seeding (Gill seeder or equal) is producing excellent results.

Q.—We have many rock (sugar or hard) maples on our course. Would it be all right to mulch my greens (to prevent dessication and winterkill) with these leaves? We can get salt hay but the leaves are free.

(Connecticut)

A.—To avoid matting and smothering, it would seem best to first put down a layer of salt hay, then use hard maple leaves to complete the cover. Be sure to use a snow-mold fungicide before mulching.

Q.—Why have the prices of grass seed gone up?

(Delaware)

A.—Turfgrass seeds in the Pacific Northwest normally are cut and windrowed for curing and threshing. This year rains fell on the windrowed seed which then began to sprout. Losses will run from 25 to 100 per cent, and prices will reflect seed shortage. □

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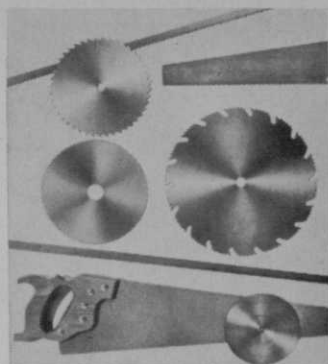
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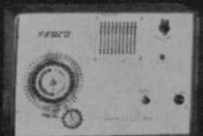
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