

- to the acre is not excessive.
3. "Punch planting," with the Gill seeder (or its equal) is recommended.
 4. Repeat the overseeding three years in succession to develop a high plant population that will produce the desired turf density.
 5. Warn the membership that the turf that will develop will not be as finely textured as bluegrass, but it will be very playable and will require less irrigation water and less weed control treatment.
 6. The turf will be greener more days of the year than any other grass now being used in fairways, especially during the heavy-play season.
 7. A slow-release fertilizer will promote steady growth without the "spurts" associated with soluble N which creates mowing problems. Five to six pounds of N per thousand for

the season is considered normal.

8. This is not a miracle grass or a wonder grass but a coarse hardworking turf-forming grass that is deep rooted and resistant to drought, insects, diseases, chemicals and wear-and-tear. It can't be cut as closely as bent (one inch is OK) but the blades are stiffer and hold the ball up well.

Q.—Our soil test reports just came back from the lab and everything is rated high to very high. Should we continue to use a complete fertilizer or can we safely use straight nitrogen for a season until we get another report?

(Maryland)

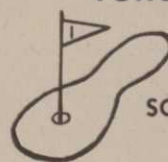
A.—My advice is to use nitrogen only until such time as test results begin to show the need for P and K. For effective Poa control you should work toward a low reading for P. Try to maintain a medium to high level of K for stiffness of leaf, disease resistance and winter hardness.

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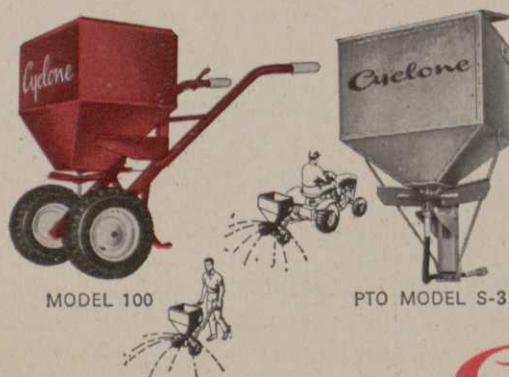
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