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ences in the mineral content of the leaf tissue was observed which could be contributed either to the level or source of nitrogen fertility applied.

Comments: Distinct affects of both nitrogen fertility level and source were apparent in terms of the amount of shoot growth, per cent dry weight and mineral composition of the leaf tissue. Shoot growth response is one of the criteria utilized by turfgrass researchers in measuring the response of various fertility treatments. A controlled, medium to low rate of shoot growth is preferable to a high rate of shoot growth under normal turfgrass culture. A rapid production of leaf tissue exhausts the carbohydrate reserves and results in reduced overall vigor and poor recuperative capability from stresses caused by

disease, drought, heat and cold. The professional turfmen should adjust the nitrogen fertility program to maintain a relatively moderate, controlled rate of shoot growth and the associated deep root system rather than promoting rapid growth and the associated green, succulent leaf tissue having a restricted root system.

The distinct increase in potassium content of the leaf foliage at higher nitrogen rates is of particular interest. The importance of maintaining a balance between nutrients is becoming more and more evident in turfgrass nutritional research. Severe problems can arise if higher rates of potassium fertilization are not utilized on turfs maintained at higher nitrogen fertility levels.

Under the conditions of this study, the activated sewage sludge released nitrogen at a rate which was more like the readily available sources, such as ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate, sodi-

um nitrate and urea, than the slower release materials, such as processed tankage and ureaformaldehyde. The exception to this observation was in the fall of the year when cooler temperatures reduced the rate of nitrogen release from activated sewage sludge. This is an important factor in climatic regions where winter injury is a problem, since a relatively slow growth rate is desired for maximum winter survival.

The distinct properties and turfgrass responses associated with each nitrogen carrier illustrates that the value of a nitrogen carrier depends on how it is used. No one carrier possesses all the characteristics desired for turfs. Thus, it is important to select the nitrogen carrier possessing the characteristics which best suits the particular conditions under which it is being utilized.

Effect of varied rates of atrazine and simazine on the es-

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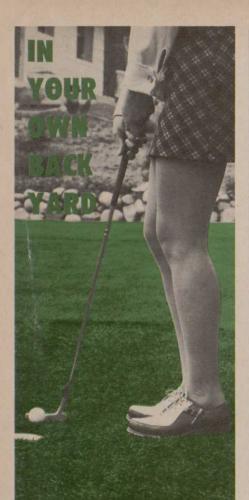
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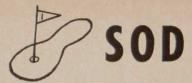
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The objective of this study was to determine the relative tolerance of several strains of zoysiagrass to applications of various rates of simazine and atrazine during vegetative establishment. The cultivars of zoysiagrass utilized in this study were Meyer and Midwest plus several experimental selections. Atrazine and simazine were applied at rates ranging from 1.25 to 7.5 pounds per acre. The stolons were planted on July 15 and the herbicides were applied the next day. Frequent light watering was practiced to insure stolon establishment. Evaluation of injury to the various zovsiagrass strains was determined throughout the initial establishment year. Data taken included plant crown diameters and rate of stolon growth.

Meyer was more tolerant than Midwest to the herbicide treatments. Atrazine caused more injury than simazine, especially on the less tolerant Midwest strain. The 1.25 pounds per acre rate of simazine did not give any significant reduction in zoysiagrass stolon survival and growth. However, atrazine applied at a similar rate did give significant reductions in stand and rate of stolon growth of Midwest. As the rate of application of simazine and atrazine was increased above the 1.25 pounds per acre rate, the degree of plant survival and rate of stolon growth was reduced proportionally.

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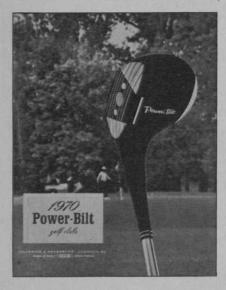


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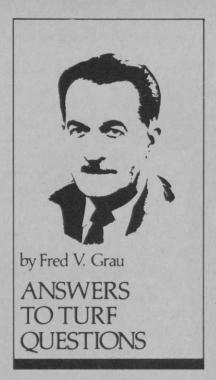
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more outstanding teachers to insure the future of the turfgrass industry. Let us resolve to train more teachers who can motivate young men to move into positions of leadership and give them the necessary training.

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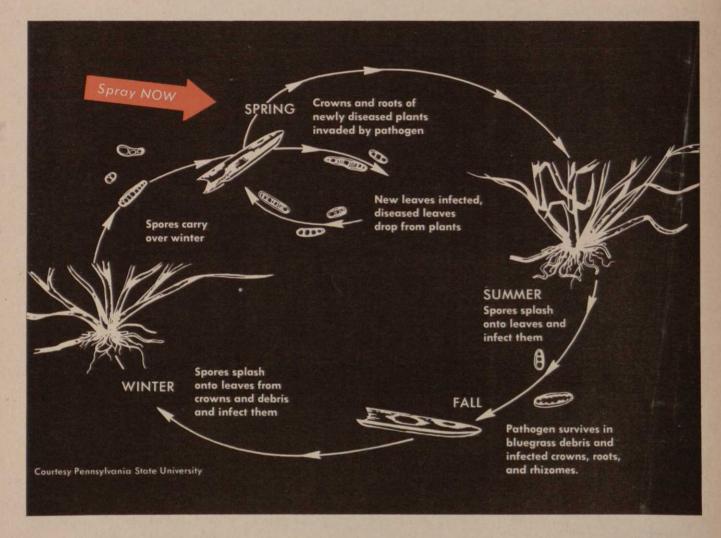
Research workers in turf may be found in many disciplines at many different types of institutions the world over. They cover soils, grasses, fertilizers, pesticides, pathology, entomology and other schools that impinge upon the world of turf. Funds for research are meagre. Much depends on "grants" from industry. More funds must come from tax-supported sources. Private industry contributes vast sums of money and years of effort to perfect products that can produce better turf.

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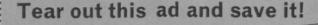
Q.-We keep hearing about the American Society of Agronomy. Would I, a golf course superintendent, be eligible for membership? Would it be to my advantage to hold membership? If I decide to do it how would I go about it?

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