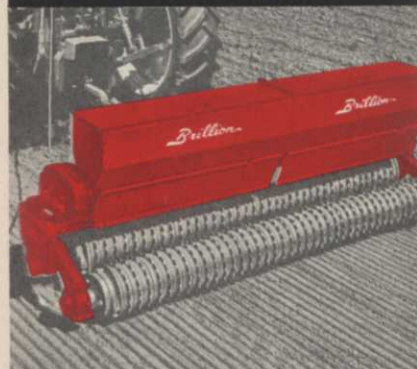




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Three weeks after planting Tifton dwarf bermudagrass, a dense mat of entwined turf begins to form on the course left level by the automatic sprig planter.

ammonium nitrate, or another fast-release form of nitrogen is needed. This additional nitrogen assures fast-growing and healthy turf. About four weeks after planting, we find it worth while to apply an extra 400 pounds of 5-10-15 per acre.

To determine the amounts of lime needed in the soil, it is best to have the soil tested. For bermudagrass, soil pH should range from 5.5 to 7.0. However, if your soil is below pH 6.0 (acidic) then lime applications are advisable. Usually one ton of lime per acre is adequate, and it can be applied before the fertilizer and should be harrowed 3 or 4 inches deep.

Grass should be irrigated within the first hour after it is planted and the soil kept moist continuously for two weeks.

The best planting time for bermudagrass is from March 1 to



Tifton dwarf bermudagrass sprigs were rolled immediately after being planted leaving the soil smooth and uncut.

Natural Gas Harmless to Trees

In the article entitled "How to Diagnose Tree Diseases," WTT May '66, there appeared on page 28, a statement to the effect that heavy concentrations of natural gas is one of the factors which usually results in sudden death of a tree. Also in the same paragraph it was stated that natural gas leaks will make trees become progressively weaker over a period of years.

Dr. Pirone, who is listed as one of the co-authors of this article, advised the publisher that he is not in agreement with these statements and that on the contrary, he has on numerous occasions gone on record in support of the position that natural gas does not affect trees.

November 1 in the Deep South, and April 15 to September 1 in the Middle South. Bermudas planted too late may suffer winter kill, and those planted too early may rot in the cold soil before they take root. Extremely late or early plantings are risks that always should be avoided.

30 Graduate From PSU Turfgrass Course

Representatives from 10 states and 2 Canadian provinces made up the graduating class of 30 students who completed work this spring in the Pennsylvania State University Turfgrass Management Winter Course.

Since the first course started in 1957, over 80% of the graduates have found employment in turf maintenance or a related field. The Turfgrass Management Winter Course consists of two eight-week terms a year in each of two years. Six-month summer periods between the second and third terms are used for on-the-job training.

Individuals with turf maintenance experience are given priority in admission to the course. High school graduates are also