

longtime employee Tony Nickerson does most of mowing for Green Valley. Equipment consists of a diesel-powered 7-gang mower with this supplemental custom-built rotary unit.

## Room For Both Merion And New Fylking Variety

Fylking Kentucky bluegrass seed is now readily available for the first season since its introduction into this country. According to Doyle Jacklin, Jacklin Seed Co., Inc., it is the first new bluegrass candidate to challenge Merion in 20 years. Jacklin, whose company distributes Fylking, says the grass shouldn't really be considered a "challenger" to Merion, as such, since there is ample room in the field for both Merion and Fylking. Each, Jacklin says, has its own special characteristics.

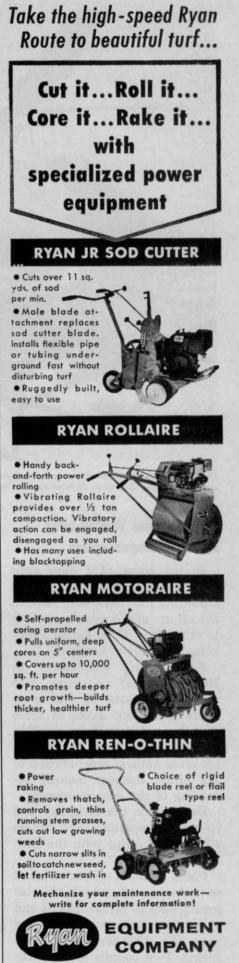
Fylking originated in Svalof, Sweden, and was tested as 0217<sup>®</sup> in North America. The 0217<sup>®</sup> brand Fylking has proven to be a superior performer throughout the cool season area of America, Southern California, and Mexico.

Most unusual feature of Fylking is ability to withstand close mowing—clipping close enough to be an abuse even for a relatively low variety like Merion. Fylking resists weeds, Jacklin states, better at 1 inch than at  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, but it persists when mowed even so close as a golf green.

Of less interest is the ability of Fylking to withstand diseases that frequently blemish lesser varieties. Widespread testing shows it to be resistant to leafspot, stripe smut, and other afflictions that beset many of its widely advertised peers.

Fylking is luxuriantly dense, and of outstanding color, the latter partly because it is so free of disease. Unusual density of the sod is due to an abundance of constantly renewed tillers or side shoots, which make a carpet both resistant to wear and quick to recuperate. Compared to Merion, Fylking is of a slightly finer texture and not quite so stiff underfoot. Jacklin continues. Many experts who have noted Fylking research trials rate its color as second to none.

This "junior" queen among fine bluegrasses is becoming generally available this year for the first time, both as sod and as seed. Seed is economical to use because the seeds are large and plump for a bluegrass; and germinate both quickly and abundantly.



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