



Some evidence of disease was found, such as Fairy Ring above, but most damage was caused by a high temperature period followed by a hard freeze.

there's just no way to cover our costs."

"This kind of a loss," said Warren, "will cause a lot of us to do some thinking and investigating to see if a federal disaster loan of some kind is available and if a type of crop insurance can be obtained for future protection."

With the winterkill so widespread and coming on the heels of a bad year in 1968, Bob Daymon predicted that the Great Lakes region would feel a shortage "until the opening of the spring season in 1971."

"It will take that long for producers to regain the marketable sod acreage lost to winterkill."

Daymon, whose farm is near Gregory, chaired the steering committee of the fledgling Michigan sod producers group. He and the other members, Ted Bosgraaf of Hudsonville and Bob Hozak of Fowlerville, both producers, were instrumental in arranging the plane tour of Michigan farms.

## First World-Wide Turf Meet Set July 14-17 in England

The first international turfgrass research conference is slated for July 14-17 in Harrogate, Yorkshire, England.

According to Organizing Committee Chairman Dr. James B. Beard,

the conference's objective is to establish a forum for the exchange of information on turfgrass problems, research methods and results. Some 60 world specialists are expected to attend.

Creation of a permanent organization is also on the agenda. The date and place of the next international conference will be discussed, Dr. Beard added. He is affiliated with Michigan State University's Department of Crop Science.

Conference proceedings to be published will include: turfgrasses and their improvement; soil modification and nutrition; environmental stress; turfgrass pests—weeds, insects and disease—and their control; construction and maintenance systems; and turfgrass terminology and definitions.

U. S. conference publicity director is Dr. James R. Watson, director of agronomy for Toro Manufacturing Corporation, Minneapolis, Minn. The other two organizing committee members are J. R. Escritt, Sports Turf Research Institute director at Bingley, Yorkshire; and Bjarne Langvad, horticulture director for Weibulls, Landskrona, Sweden.

## ASPA Sod Field Days Open at Rutgers, Aug. 4

Two turfgrass research and development sites and a commercial turf farm will be the focal points of the third annual summer conclave sponsored by the American Sod Producers' Association, Aug. 4-6.

Activities will center at Rutgers University's College of Agriculture and Environmental Science in Brunswick, N. J.; Princeton Turf Farms in Cranbury, N. J., and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Center in Beltsville, Md.

A turfgrass research plots tour will highlight the Aug. 4 field day at Rutgers. Guests will inspect the internationally famous turfgrass breeding program, then attend a dinner business meeting.

On Aug. 5, the newest sod production equipment and products will be displayed and demonstrated at Princeton Turf Farms.

USDA's field day is Aug. 6 at its Beltsville research center.

Interested exhibitors should contact Dr. Henry W. Indyk, executive secretary, Rutgers' College of Agriculture, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903.

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