

field cultivator, spring-tooth harrow, two 11-gang and one 7-gang Jacobsen pull type mowers, one 7-gang Jacobsen self-propelled mower, one 7-gang Roseman pull-type mower, a Rogers sweeper and disk seeder, and a Viking seeder.

Trying Different Feeding Approach

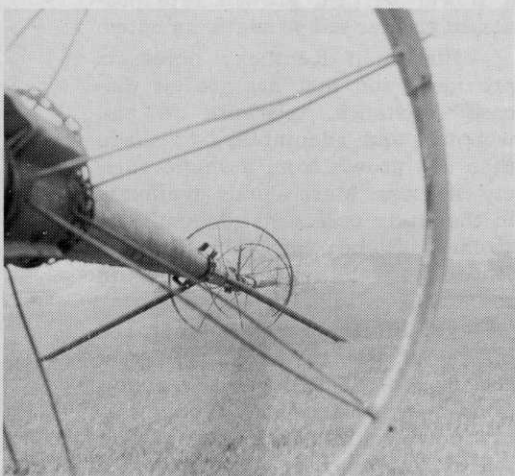
Latta and Scholes have experimented with a minimum-tillage approach to seeding using a West Point Aerifier. As soon as sod is removed, the Aerifier is pulled across the field a number of times creating hook-shaped holes. The field is then seeded. In six months' time grass planted by this method is well ahead of fields planted in the compacted rows by conventional seeders.

"It looks like this method may save time and trips over the field between harvests," Latta observed.

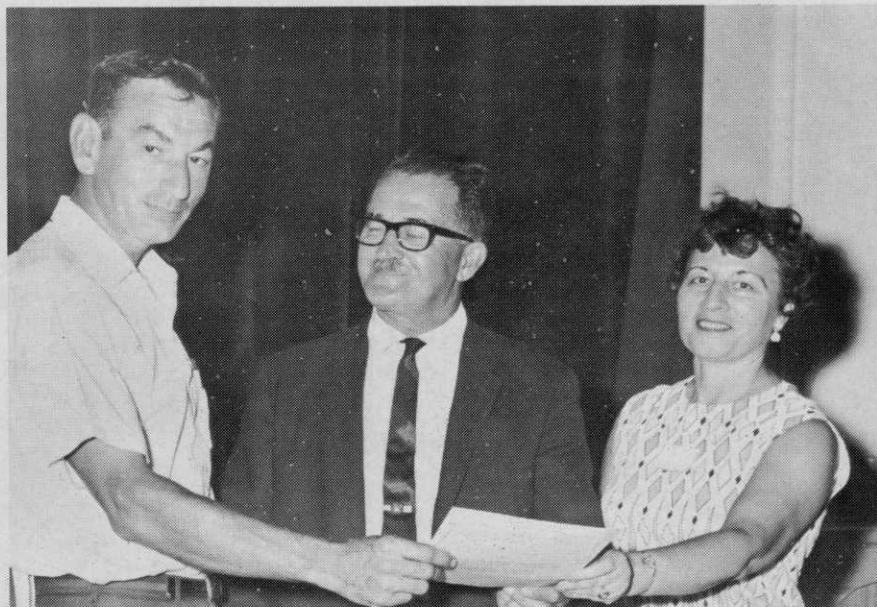
The Aerifier also has been used over turf just before harvesting. The puncturing seems to increase the sod's water holding capacity and quickens water absorption.

Latta has found that new techniques for growing sod can come about in unusual ways. A few years ago, he hired some school boys to plant zoysia plugs. Left unsupervised for a time, they decided to throw the plugs at each other rather than plant them.

Latta's disgust at their performance melted away as he noted that nearly every plug landed right side up for growing on the ground. His next step was to replace the boys with a manure spreader as the method for throwing the plugs. But their mischievous act led to a successful method of establishing a zoysia nursery. Latta has since changed and improved his method for establishing zoysia sod, and experiences in this endeavor will be the subject of an article in a coming issue.



... with a few exceptions.



Dr. Joseph M. Duich, left, Pennsylvania State University, receives the certificate that indicates he is now an honorary member of the Merion Bluegrass Association. The presenters are Dr. Fred Grau, only other living person so honored, and Margaret Herbst, director of information for the Merion Bluegrass Association.

Dr. Duich, who wrote his doctorate on Merion, has been active in breeder nursery research since his graduate student days. He helped develop Pennpar Creeping Bent and Pennstar Kentucky Bluegrass. At Penn State, he is in charge of the largest student teaching program in turfgrass, which has trained 250 golf superintendents.

Dr. Duich received the recognition at the Beltsville Field Day, an appropriate site because the original B-27 bluegrass was brought to Beltsville for trial.

NW Turfgrass Association Announces 1970 Officers

Tom Keel was elected president of the Northwest Turfgrass Association at its recent 23rd annual conference. He is director of Douglas County Park Dept., Roseburg, Ore.

Other new officers elected at the conference, held in Hayden Lake, Idaho, are: Vice-president, Doug Weddle of Tumwater Valley Golf Course, Olympia, Wash.; treasurer, Dick Haskell of Jackson Park Municipal Golf Course, Seattle, Wash.; and executive secretary, Dr. Roy L. Goss of the Puyallup, Wash., Research Center.

The Association's new board of directors includes John Harrison of Idaho; Dick Malpass and Al Blair of Oregon; Art Elliott, Glenn Proctor, Dick Schmidt, Weddle and Haskell of Washington, and Dick Mitchell of British Columbia.

Membership in the Association is composed of some 400 park and recreation administrators, golf course, industry, and school personnel from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and British Columbia. The Association sponsors research centers at Washington State University, Puyallup, and Oregon State University, Corvallis.

The 24th annual conference will be held at Salishan Lodge, Ore.

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