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SOD FARMING will be Delaware's biggest crop by 1980, predicts Elwyn Deal, University of Maryland turf specialist. To be profitable, it must be done on a large scale, and there is no place in the industry for poor quality and cut-rate prices, he said. The difference in high-quality sod and cheapest field sod for a typical suburban home is about \$200, he said. For the \$30-\$40 thousand home, cheap sod is a disservice, he added.

The average return to the grower in Maryland, Deal calculated, is about \$330 per acre.

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THE SAD STORY from Fort Worth is that SAD (St. Augustine Decline) has killed the Tarrant County Courthouse lawn. County Agent Gene Graves reported that the disease also had destroyed many home lawns in the county.

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MISSOURI CITIES hard hit by Dutch Elm Disease, or other arboricultural problems, for that matter, can request help from foresters of the Missouri Conservation Commission. Osal Capps, state forester, told the Kansas City Star that "In communities of less than 10,000, we'll help on specific problems or on a complete civic program for planting and maintenance. But in larger cities, we'd have to restrict help to specific problems. We'll be advisers only."

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NEW ZEALAND has reached a new plateau in governmental efficiency by decreeing that rabbit inspectors will now become noxious weed inspectors also. Apparently, the theory is that where you find one you'll find the other.

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