



Some 2½ acres of Nunes sod was laid in Willard Park in a 3-day period.

## Willard Park Sodded With Nunes Turfgrass

Nunes Turfgrass Nurseries at Patterson, Calif., won the bid for sodding Willard Park at Berkeley. The 2½ acre site was financed from the City of Berkeley's Capital Improvement Program and the Open Space Program of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Of interest to sod growers is the thinking of Berkeley's Superintendent of Parks, Grayson Mosher, in justifying sodding over seeding to his city administration.

First, Mosher pointed out, time is a critical factor. "In the long run," he emphasized, "the cost balances it-

self out. If we were to seed a park, park personnel would be required to watch over the area 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to keep dogs and people off the area until the seeding had time for adequate germination and a good stand of grass was up."

"Watering of the seeded area," he continued, "is critical too. Crews would have to be on hand to do this regular. Then, there's fertilizing and weeding to be done. On the other hand," Mosher said, "with the use of sod, the irrigation system can be used immediately and the park can actually be opened to the public in a matter of days as opposed to a matter of months with seeding."

## Merion Bluegrass Association Report Good Crop Outlook

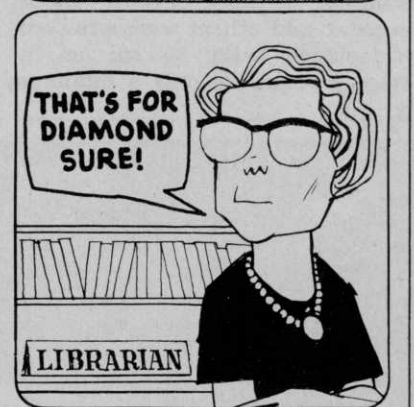
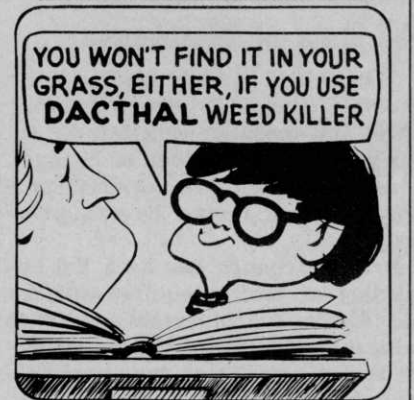
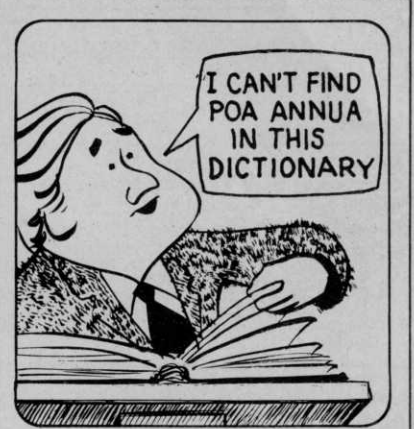
At the recent 18th annual meeting of the Merion Bluegrass Association at Corvallis, Ore., reports from growing areas of the Northwest indicate a good crop for this year in all regions. New acreage will increase the coming '72 crop.

Arden Jacklin, president of Jacklin Seed Company and also president of the Merion association, was again named president for the new year. Dick Bailey, Turf-Seed Inc., Woodburn, Ore., was elected vice-president; Arnie Bonnicksen, Western Farmers Association, Seattle, Wash., treasurer; and James Eveson, La Grande, Ore., secretary. Directors are Jacklin, Bonnicksen, Bailey, Elmer Schneidmiller, Liberty Lake,

Wash., Elmer Satchwell, Post Falls, Idaho, Tom DeArmond, Hubbard, Ore., George Royes, Grass Seeds, Imbler, Ore., and Ron Olsen, Madras, Ore.

Dr. John Hardison, Oregon State University, reported on new chemical studies for control of stripe smut, ergot, and others, indicating that several look promising which are mild in toxicity and could also be less expensive.

The 60 members attending discussed the merit of promoting Merion bluegrass as a base grass in mixtures. The group also decided to exhibit at the coming February turfgrass show of the Golf Course Superintendents of America. They named Spokane, Wash., as site for the coming annual meeting in the spring of '72 and voted to continue support for the Better Lawn & Turf Institute.



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