

ProTurf Hosts 90 Europeans

NINETY PROFESSIONAL turf managers and turf observers from Germany, Switzerland, Italy and the Netherlands stopped in central Ohio for three days near the end of summer to get a first-hand view of American life and to see the facilities of the ProTurf Division of O.M. Scott and Sons, Marysville, Ohio. The group, made up of golf course superintendents, sod growers, park and sports field managers, educators, editors and even a horticultural television show personality, was sponsored by Wolf-Gerate of Betzdorf, Germany, European distributor of Scott ProTurf products.

During the course of their central Ohio tour, the visitors saw a modern Volkswagen distributorship headquarters with its acres of beautiful landscaping; the Marysville high school football field sodded less than a month before last season's home opening game; the new golf course at Muirfield Village in Dublin, Ohio, designed by Jack Nicklaus and just opened for play last Memorial Day; The Ohio State University horticultural facilities; and the restored "German Village" sec-



During their tour of the United States, 90 European turf managers visited research test plots at O. M. Scott and Sons in Marysville, Ohio. Here they are examining experimental grass varieties in the early stages of development.

tion of Columbus where ProTurf's guests closed out one day of touring with dinner at an old-time German restaurant. The visitors also had an opportunity to tour Scott's extensive research and development facilities, and to examine and photograph acres of test plots. On the final day of the tour, they conducted and participated in a German-language seminar of their own on turf maintenance.

This tour marks the second occasion that European turf men and women have come in a group to visit Scott's ProTurf headquarters.

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One of the stops which interested the visiting European turf men was the test lawn laid over cement. Bill Hoopes (far right), Senior PTI Instructor of ProTurf, rolls back the sod to prove to the visitors that there is indeed cement under the living grass.