matic, very fast and had an efficient

angle and till blade. "Its speed is incredible," he said, "it can shape greens, traps and bunkers into a fin-

ished grade."

On the fairways he used a York rake with a drag of his own design. The drag was a pipe float that consisted of six four-inch pipes, ranging in length from 10 to 16 feet. The pipes were welded together with three-foot chains, the shortest pipe first and each succeeding pipe about a foot longer. Slagle felt existing drags, such as railroad ties, were not effective enough for this particular job, so he came up with the pipe float to accommodate the needs of golf course construction.

Thunder Hill's fairways, an eight-way mixture of bluegrasses, and the greens, Penncross bentgrass, were double and triple seeded. Slagle said the Brillion seeder had much to do with his success because it covers such a large area. The course was ready to seed last September, but rain delayed seedng until October. It had been mowed four times by the middle of November and Slagle played golf on November 30. When the course officially opened in May, prolessionals and members of other clubs were almost astounded at the apidity of turf growth. They comnented that Thunder Hill has better urf than courses seeded years ago.

Why has Thunder Hill been such success? According to Slagle, 'Other golf course architects probably wouldn't have the success we've had because of the extra time and expense we've put in. But when you're doing it for yourself, you

tend to do it right."

## -Meeting Dates

Tennessee Nurserymen's Association, Annual Meeting, Mountain View Hotel & Motor Lodge, Gatinburg, Sept. 16-17.

Transworld Home Horticultural Exhibit, Chicago Expocenter, Sept. 19-22.

The Fertilizer Institute, International Fertilizer Conference, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, Sept. 19-22.

Indiana Golf Course Superintendents Association Meeting, Westbrook Elks, Sept. 21.

Lawn and Garden Distributors Association 6th Annual Convention, Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 22-24.

Farwest Nursery Show, Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Ore., Sept. 22-24.

**Wy-Mont Golf Course Superintendents Association** meeting, Ramada Inn, Billings, Mon., Sept. 24-25.

**Annual Midwest Field Day,** Purdue Agronomy Farm, West Lafayette, Ind., Sept. 27.

California Association of Nurserymen, 66th Annual Convention, Sheraton Inn Hotel, Fresno, Sept. 28-30.

Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, Hort-I-Scope International Short Course, Curtis Hixon Convention Center, Tampa, Sept. 30-Oct. 1.

Fourth Annual Drip Irrigation Conference, "Drip '76", Fresno, Cal., Sept. 30-Oct. 6.

Nebraska Golf Course Superintendent Association Meeting, Hillcrest Country Club, Lincoln, Oct. 4.

Northern California Turfgrass Council Turf and Landscape Irrigation Seminar, Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, Oct. 1-3.

Florida Nursery and Allied Trade Show, Curtis Hixon Convention Center, Tampa, Oct. 1-3.

Society of American Foresters, New Orleans, Oct. 3-7.

Hill Land Symposium, West Virginia University, Morgantown, Oct. 3-9.

Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents Meeting, Butler National Golf Club, Oct. 4.

Nebraska Golf Course Superintendents Association Meeting, Hillcrest Country Club, Lincoln, Oct. 4.

**Tri-State Golf Course Superintendents Association** Meeting, Owensboro Country Club, Kentucky, Oct. 5.

Northern California Turfgrass Council, Irrigation Seminar, Oakland Hilton Inn, Oct. 6.

Fertilizer Institute International Fertilizer Conference, The Fairmont, New Orleans, La., Oct. 6-8.

Florida Turfgrass Association Management Conference and Show, Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center, Orlando, Oct. 10-14.

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ing, Eagle Creek, Oct. 12. **Ohio Golf Course Superintendents Association** Meeting Westfield Country Club, Oct. 12.

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Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents Meeting, Concord Country Club, Oct. 12.

Kentucky Turfgrass Conference and Field Day, Dam Village State Resort, Gilbertsville, Oct. 12-13.

Northern Michigan Turf Managers Association Meting, Sugar Loaf Village, Cedar, Oct. 13.

Greater Cincinnati Golf Course Superintendents Association Meeting, Glennview Golf Course, Oct. 19.

11th Annual Industrial Weed Control Conference, Texa A & M University, Rudder Center, College Station Oct. 20-21.

The Sixth Southern Forest Soils Workshop, Southern Forests Council, Charleston, S.C., Oct. 20-21.

Southern California Turfgrass Council 16th Annual Turfgrass Equipment and Materials Educational Exportange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa, Oct. 20-21

Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association Meeting, Willis Case Golf Course, Col., Oct. 21

**26th Central Plains Turfgrass Conference,** Kansas Statt Union, Manhattan. Oct. 21-22.

Southwest Turfgrass Conference, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, Oct. 21-22.

Irrigation Conference, Center for Continuing Education Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C., Oct. 21-22

Seventh Technical Conference on Irrigation, Drainag and Flood Control, Spokane, Wash., Oct. 21-23.

Oklahoma State Nursery Research Field Day, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oct. 25.

**Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium,** Pfister Hote Milwaukee, Oct. 27-28.

Fourth National Turf Conference, Iluska Motor In Surfers Paradise, Queensland, Austl., Oct. 31-Nov. 5

Tennessee Golf Course Superintendents Association Meeting, Lakewood Country Club, Tullahoma, Nov.

Tri-State Golf Course Superintendents Association Western Hills Country Club, Mt. Vernon, Ind., Nov.1

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Sprinkler Irrigation Association Annual Convention and Business Management Seminar, Newporter Inn, Newport Beach, Calif., Nov. 7-10.

Sixth National Institute on Park and Grounds Management, Marriott Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 8-10.

National Golf Foundation Eastern National Daily Fee Golf Course Management Workshop, Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Ill., Nov. 8-10.

Indiana Golf Course Superintendents Association Meeting, Delaware Country Club, Nov. 9.

Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents Meeting, Sunnybrook Golf Course, Nov. 9.

Southern California Golf Course Superintendents Meeting, Los Robbles Greens Country Club, Nov. 9.

10th Annual Clemson Turfgrass Conference, Clemson House Hotel, Clemson, S.C., Nov. 9-10.

Missouri Turfgrass Conference, Ramada Inn, Columbia, Nov. 11-12.

30th Annual New York State Turfgrass Association Conference, The Turf Inn, Albany, Nov. 16-18.

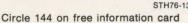
Greater Cincinnati Golf Course Superintendents Association Meeting, Belwood Country Club, Nov. 16.

Seventh Annual University of Georgia Turfgrass Short Course, Center for Continuing Education, University of Georgia, Athens, Nov. 22-23.

31st Oklahoma Turfgrass Conference, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Dec. 1-3.

Texas Turfgrass Conference, Rudder Conference Center, Texas A & M University, College Station, Dec.







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