

1951 NATIONAL TURF FIELD DAYS

OCTOBER 7-8-9, BELTSVILLE TURF GARDENS, PLANT INDUSTRY STATION, BELTSVILLE, MD.

Plans are going forward to have interesting features again at the 1951 National Turf Field Days which again will be sponsored jointly by the USGA Green Section, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, B. P. I. S. & A. E., and the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents. Full details are not available yet but the pattern of the 1950 program was so successful that we plan to repeat it. To meet the criticisms of those who complained that the program was too long, we are trying to arrange it so that those individuals can get what they want on Monday, October 8. We hope that everyone might come Sunday evening and stay until Tuesday noon.

Sunday evening again will be devoted entirely to progress reports by research workers and graduate students. A discussion of current problems requiring research attention will be encouraged. The place of the Sunday evening meeting will be announced soon.

Monday will be devoted to inspection of plot work at the Beltsville Turf Gardens and demonstrational work at a local golf course. It is expected that East Potomac Park Golf Course may be selected for a visit by virtue of the large number of interesting plantings of new grasses and some new "Economy Features" which are being investigated. Public course operators should be particularly interested and there should be some items of interest for all types of courses. The dinner on Monday evening will climax a full day of activity.

We hope to see many green committee chairmen with their superintendents. Many clubs, of course, will send their superintendents with all expenses paid, as they have each year. This seems to us to be money wisely invested.

Briefly, these are some of the features at Beltsville that visitors will see:

Tests of 54 strains of red fescue at three heights of cut.

Fertilizer trials on bluegrass turf.

Zoysia grasses alone and in combination with cool-season grasses.

Bentgrass trials with no fungicides and no artificial irrigation.

New fairway show plots.

Fairway renovation plots seeded with various mixtures, including Merion bluegrass.

Crabgrass control trials.

All visitors are asked to make their own reservations for rooms. Tourist cabins near the Plant Industry Station include:

Del-Haven White House Cottages, Berwyn, Md. (next door to the Plant Industry Station).

Canary Cottages, Beltsville, Md.

Stewart Cottages, Beltsville, Md.

Hotels downtown are your choice. Don't delay too long in making reservations and be sure to request confirmation.

MERION BLUEGRASS



Seed crop of Merion bluegrass not more than eight inches high, photographed at Beltsville Turf Gardens in June. The plot was seeded in late fall of 1948. For two years it was mowed as fairway turf, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, and was excellent as golf turf. Mowing was discontinued after seed heads began to show about May 1, and seed was cut June 15 with power scythe. Replicated small plots harvested for yield data indicated a potential of 500 pounds of seed to the acre. By July 1, turf was again mowed at about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and had not turned brown at any time.