

The point of this entire discussion is to emphasize that the needs of grass plants have not changed, but that many of our practices have changed. As our knowledge concerning the nutrient needs of grasses has been improved, and as research continues to disclose new materials and new methods for supplying plant nutrients, it is likely that we will continue to make small changes in our practices of fertilizer

application. It does not mean that we have been wrong in the past, but it does mean that with the development of new materials and better methods our practice will have to undergo some changes in order to keep abreast of the times. Fertilizer technology advances furnish one example of the many developments that allow the production of higher quality turf for the nation's golf courses.

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## Make Hay In Early Autumn

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**T**H**ERE** is no royal road to a wholly satisfied membership." These are the words of J. Porter Henry, a man who has spent the past 16 years as Green Committee Chairman at the Algonquin Club near St. Louis.\* It is difficult to keep up with the whims and the fancies of all the members and even more difficult to get your turf program and problems over to the golfing membership. Your USGA Green Section offers an idea.

This is the time, and now is the best chance, for you to do a public relations job within your club on behalf of your turf program. The publicity in mind is a planned program or meeting for club members on Home Lawn Care, to be held this month or early September, sponsored by the Green Committee, and conducted by the Green Committee Chairman and Course Superintendent. Interest in fine lawns has never been greater. There will be no problem in attracting a large number of members to such a meeting.

Early September is the most appropriate time to do something about improving turf composed of cool-season grasses. By discussing the problems of home-lawn maintenance and care you will also be

discussing many of the problems encountered in producing fine turf. Members will come away with a better understanding of grass and its management. And that, of course, is what you are after.

Will this type of program work? It already has, many times! At Henry's course, for example, a dinner meeting was arranged. The chairman gave a short talk on the grass plant, the function of its leaves and roots, soil conditions and fertilization. He then turned the meeting over to the superintendent for a question period. It was a great success.

The importance of publicity and informing the membership should not be overlooked. It pays dividends. It should be a part of your Green Committee's program. If our office can assist you in developing a home-lawn care program, please let us know. You see, you *can* make hay, even on lawns!

\*From an article, "The Superintendent, the Chairman and the Locker Room," USGA Journal, August, 1954.

**You can't help a little child up the hill without getting nearer the top yourself.**