

## Preparing Zoysia for Planting



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*Zoysia japonica*, Japanese lawngrass, was increased vegetatively in flats in the greenhouse during the winter. The sod was removed from the flats and cut into 2-inch squares with an edger. The plugs were molded and spot-sodded into Aerifier holes at 24-inch intervals. Planting was done in a bluegrass lawn at the Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Md., on May 3 and 4, 1948. The strain shown is Z-52, a low-growing, fine-bladed strain of *Zoysia japonica* of pleasing, dark-green color

O. J. Noer and Marvin Ferguson. The recording was primarily an outline on the purposes of the turf conference.

The conference was well planned and executed through the efforts of E. G. Schafer, A. G. Law, E. J. Kreizinger and Dr. Mark Buchanan, of the State College of Washington.

### Ellensburg, Washington

On Wednesday, May 26, the party drove to Seattle, stopping briefly at Ellensburg, Wash., where the Ellensburg Country Club course is being reconditioned. Weeds are quite a problem, and the greens have developed a very deep mat.

On the whole, the greens were very good in Seattle. A mat had developed on the greens of a few courses. This mat prevented the penetration of moisture, so the greens were quite hard in spite of frequent rains and irrigation. Heavy soils and the

abundant use of water indicate the need for improvement in drainage and aeration.

### Seattle, Washington

A meeting was held on Friday evening, May 28, at the University Golf Course. Approximately 35 persons were present. The group included greenkeepers, dealers and park officials. This group was very much interested in the development of a research program at Pullman, Wash.

The turf conditions in Seattle were very good. There is some pearlwort and some *Poa annua*. The chief troubles are caused by matted greens and compacted soils. Irrigation of fairways is practiced extensively. It is felt that some saving of water could be effected by the more liberal use of fertilizer.

### Portland, Oregon

The party drove to Portland on Satur-