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Since its introduction, only three years ago, the systemic fungicide Benlate has revolutionised disease control in many U.K. horticultural crops. There will be few experimental workers engaged in crop disease research who have not made an assessment of Benlate's potential.

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The manufacturers of Benlate, Du Pont, have just brought out a leaflet on turf diseases recommending Benlate for Fusarium Patch, Red Thread and Dollar Spot. Benlate at 6 oz. in 2 gallons of water per 1,000 sq. feet is recommended for Fusarium Patch Control and at 4 oz. in 2 gallons of water per 1,000 sq. ft. against Red Thread and Dollar Spot. It is probable that after further work a recommendation will also be made for the control of Ophiobolus patch.

Benlate (under the name Tersan 1991) is already being successfully used on a wide scale in the U.S.A. for the control of turf diseases. There is no doubt that it is destined to
meet with an equally enthusiastic reception from groundsmen and greenkeepers throughout the U.K.

Benlate is completely safe to man and domestic animals and can be used with complete confidence on turf in public areas. It is distributed in the U.K. on behalf of Du Pont by:

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

It was with great dismay that I read in the British Golf Greenkeeper that it was proposed that our title should be changed from Head Greenkeeper to Golf Course Superintendent.

Is the reason for the proposed change that after all this time we are ashamed of our title as were the dustbinmen, sorry Refuse Disposal Operatives? Or is it that our counterparts in the U.S., which we inevitably copy sooner or later, have such a title?

Maybe it is that we are trying to gain some recognition. Surely such recognition comes from protracting our skills and the way we conduct ourselves.

I myself am proud of my title – HEAD (A chief person, the first, top) GREENKEEPER (Keeper of the greens) and do not wish to malign the men who were proud to bear it before me.

Personally the changing of our title would not amount to a change in our status, but would be regarded as a load of bull’s nitrogenous waste.

Yours faithfully
R. BARNES
(Head Greenkeeper, Sand Moor G.C.)

Dear Editor,

I have read the article by G. P. Simpson entitled ‘Aeration on the Golf Course’ and congratulate him on drawing attention to this vital process.

There is, however, one aspect he omitted. This is the use of vibrating blades which destroy any sub-surface pan but leaves the turf unimpaired. Operating on golf greens at a full 7 ins. depth, this is probably the most valuable of any single operation, although it should supplement other work rather than replace it.

Yours faithfully,
G. W. DAVIDSON
Cambridge Soil Services Ltd.