

# NEWS

TWYFORD SEEDS LTD., of Banbury, Oxfordshire, have stated that they are prepared to give a lecture and film show on grass breeding at branch meetings of The Greenkeepers' Association. The film is very interesting and shows how the Dutch plant breeders set about breeding new varieties and we suggest that branch secretaries contact Twyford Seeds direct.

CHIPMAN LTD. announce that following commencement of excavation at the Baseball Ground on April 29th some 4,000-tons of the existing playing area have been removed, an intensified and scientifically calculated underground drainage system and specially selected sand topping has been installed. This involved the placement, spreading and consolidation of over 6,500-tons of various sands designed to produce the required degree of hydraulic conductivity, together with the installation of a fully automated pop-up "Toro" irrigation system. Overseeding with Scottish Agricul-

tural Industries T.F.3 Turf Seed following incorporation of a special blend of N.P.K. fertilisers was completed on June 7th.

Despite one of the driest Summers for many years, root establishment by the end of July was 6" in depth with an excellent level of germination of all grass species. This progress was aided by the application of I.C.I. slow release nitrogen in the form of "Gold-N".

The Baseball Ground has been specifically designed to achieve a predetermined level of surface water drainage. By implementing the recommendations of Dr. V. I. Stewart and Dr. W. Adams of the Soil Science Unit, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, an improving establishment of the turf is already present after three months and this progress should continue. Chipman will monitor the turf's future nutrient requirements and maintenance programmes in order to ensure that this highly permeable pitch provides the playing conditions demanded by a highly professional team.

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