

## THE QUESTION BOX

Q. — What is the best time to treat for Snow Mold? Material used? Rate of application?

A. — The best time to treat for Snow Mold is late in the Fall or early Winter before snow covers the ground. It has been found that if treatments are made at this time in sufficient quantity, that it will not be necessary to treat again during the winter. Any material that has given good results on Brown Patch during the summer can be used with preference at this meeting running to Tersan. However, this does not mean that good results have not been obtained with other fungicides. It was reported that large quantities of the fungicide should be used for best results, running from 3 oz. to 15 oz. to a thousand square feet of green surface.

Q. — Is drain tile being used in golf course greens construction today?

A. — The use of tile in putting greens depends very much on soil structure, contours of green, location and a number of different reasons. It has been found that there are many greens which do not have any tile in them and have been satisfactory year in and year out for a long time. However, if there is any chance of seepage getting into the green, or if it is on a slope where there is a chance of seepage, or if the soil is such that water does not readily soak away from the surface, tile is most necessary. If there is any doubt in your mind about drainage, it is good insurance to install tile when building a new green.

Q. — How often can you lime greens and when is the best time to do so?

A. — Some superintendents in the Chicago District believe in liming greens lightly every winter. Some believe that liming acts as a preventative for dollarspot in greens, citing the fact that the disease has been very little in evidence over a number of years when greens have been so limed. Rates vary from 10 to 20 pounds of ground limestone per one thousand square feet of putting surface. The liming is usually done any time during the winter when it is possible to apply to the greens. Some merit has been found in aerifying or otherwise opening up the surface of turf before the lime is applied.

Q. — What should be planted on the banks of a newly dug lake or creek with a 1x1 grade to prevent erosion or cave-ins? If nothing is planted, what is the next best thing to do?

A. — In order to prevent soil from washing on such a grade, it is absolutely necessary to have a planting of some kind. It has been suggested that if grass is planted that it be Alta Fescue and some quick growing grass to hold the soil. Pampas grass was used by one of our Superintendents and was found to have given good results. Experiments have been made in the east with Crown Vetch. Dr. Grau spoke to us on this subject and much merit has been found in this sort of planting. However, if possible, some sort of planting such as willows or shrubbery may be necessary to form a root growth that will hold soil on steep slopes. In some cases the locust trees have been found to make a good, quick growing, root system which is excellent for holding the soil.

Q. — What is the effect of aerifying on the increase of Poa Annua in putting greens.

A. — In order to prevent the possibility of Poa Annua infestation in turf, the turf should be aerified when the bent turf is growing vigorously. The bent will at this time heal over the scars and keep out Poa



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### SPREADING IT THIN

Fred (Nibs) Nuesle, Superintendent for many years of Flossmoor Country Club died suddenly of a heart attack on Thursday evening, November 4. Fred had been employed by Flossmoor for 35 years and will be remembered as one who kept a good golf course and was a friend of every one.

Fall work is about completed by now and there have been few fall seasons when so much work was planned and so much of that which was planned was accomplished in spite of adverse weather conditions in the early part of October. Nobody can remember when the grass grew so much and looked so good all spring summer and fall as this year. Except for trouble early in the summer and floods in the early fall, it was a good year for growing grass. We saw many spots that ordinarily by fall look "lousy", which this year with no more effort on anybody's part than any other time, looked just beautiful. We have heard of places that are good grass country and we think we now know why, if our weather this year has been any indication.

Frank Mastroleo was the only senior who played at Glendale, so naturally he walked off with the prize.

Ray Davis and his committee did a wonderful job of planning for our dinner dance. Ray is always allowed just so much money for these things and it is surprising how close he comes to the set figure. Sometimes he comes out a few bucks ahead and sometimes just a few bucks behind.

The Annual Meeting and dinner of the Chicago District Golf Association is to be held at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago on Dec. 8. A number of our Superintendents are planning to attend.

At our November meeting it was voted that our Association take a full page in the Souvenir Program of our National Meeting at St. Louis. We were very happy when somebody suggested that THE BULL SHEET be mentioned on the page and that the cut of the bull's head be thereon.

Joe Klem reports that his 5 month old boy now has two teeth.

### THE MOLE

Annua. Any time any turf is opened up, there is always the possibility of infestation of undesirable vegetation, if the turf is not vigorous enough to prevent it.