



HOLMES CORNER

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The annual U.S.G.A. meeting and Green Section Conference were held in New York January 26 and 25, respectively. Material presented at the Green Section meeting will be published in the March issue of the Green Section Record. The most important single item to come from this meeting was the first showing of our film, "ABC's of Putting Green Construction", directed by Paul Alexander, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina, and published by the Green Section. The 20-minute film, in color, depicts proper steps and methods for greens construction, according to specifications suggested by the Green Section in the September, 1960, issue of the "USGA Journal and Turf Management." Copies of the film will be available shortly. Definitely, there is a growing need regarding most proper and effective methods to build putting greens. This interest can be detected not only from individual superintendents and architects, but entire turf conferences as well as significant portions of others have been devoted to this subject this past conference session. The primary reason for the great interest here can be traced to increasing traffic and demand on putting surface, no doubt.

While in New York, I learned from Al Radko that a new find, *Hyperodes maculiallis*, simply raised havoc with, of all things, *Poa annua*, in the New York area last summer. It seems most damage is done while this weevil is in the larval stage and the beast definitely prefers *Poa annua* to other grasses found on golf courses. They must like *Poa annua* in the east, as the Metropolitan and Long Island GCS were effective in raising \$18,000 in grant monies to be placed at Cornell University in an effort to learn more about hyperodes and suitable control measures. My reaction was to give me a few eggs and I would start my own *Poa annua* control agency in the Mid-West.

It seems we are hearing more and more about weevil damage. Along with the hyperodes (friend or foe), *Zoysia* is being seriously damaged in many sections of the country and the bill bug (weevil) has destroyed acres of turf in the Lincoln, Nebraska, area. Joe Hadwick, superintendent of Lincoln Country Club, has become a world renowned insecticideologist as a result of his efforts to control this pest. To date he is not satisfied that an effective control is available, even though certain organic phosphates show promise.



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