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SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON DRAINAGE FOR NEW GREENS IN TEXAS By Howard Goldthwaite, Texas Toro Co., Houston, Texas

The principles of proper drainage are being embodied in the construction of most of the new courses being built in Texas as a result of the many years of teaching by Agri. Exp. Stations and the USGA Green Section on the values to be received from both surface and internal drainage.

The drainage problem in the new construction is being solved in the following manner: First, especially on the heavier soils, four inch tile drains are placed at a twenty-four inch depth below the finished surface of the green. The tile is laid on a two inch bed of pea gravel and pea gravel is filled solid in the trench up to the level of the subgrade. The sub-grade is further prepared by drainage both ways from the middle point of the tile lines so that the water flows equally into each tile line. Then a four inch layer of pea gravel and soil is laid on the sub-grade and on top of this an eight to ten inch layer of a mixture of equal parts by volume of coarse concrete sand containing some pea gravel, native good loam soil, and peat. The peat is shipped in from Minnesota because as yet we have been unable to find satisfactory quality of peat in this state.

These plans and preparations are made primarily because we are interested in producing the finest bent greens it is possible to have. The golf clubs in this area are willing to go to the extra expense of building greens in this way because they want to avoid those periods in the summer when there is excessive rain and high humidity coupled with high temperatures. This type of construction also is necessary because of the heavy

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clay conditions we find in many parts of Texas which rather effectively prevent the free movement of water and air through the soil. Some of the courses which have had bent greens for a number of years are now rebuilding and installing drainage so that the troubles they have encountered in the past may be avoided in the future.

CHEMICAL DISCOVERIES AID COURSE MAINTENANCE

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Two outstanding events of the past year were the discoveries by our Rhode Island State College scientists. One of the chemical formulas, made up of the initials PMAS, is for the control of Crab Grass, and marketed exclusively under the name of "C-Lect."

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