greens, tees and fairways. If it is a system that calls for hose, all outlets should be under the surface in a receptacle that could hold all hose required and covered over with a cover so that equipment can

be driven over it if necessary.

If we should happen to acquire all these features there will still be many grumps and kicks. The rough will be too high. Some days the greens will be too slippery or the workmen did not get out of the way in time and bothered me so I muffed a shot. The perfect course, eh? If a course could be perfect the player wouldn't have anything to kick but himself and he'd never consider that playing under perfect conditions.

Nut Grass Eradication With Methyl Bromide

Nut grass is a bad weed on many golf courses and other turf areas in the South. It is not easily killed because of the underground bulblet. Some have used heavy doses of ammonium sulfate with fair success.

A method for killing nut grass with methyl bromide fumigent devised by O. A. Leonard of the Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station is outlined in Down to Earth, Volume 6, No. 1 (Summer 1950)



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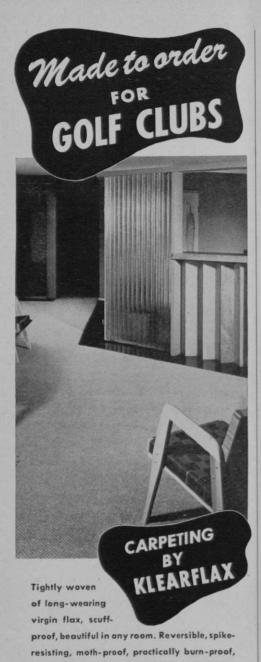
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page 13. The methyl bromide kills all vegetation. Its use is feasible and desirable where one of the newer finer leaved selections of bermuda grass is to be planted on putting greens.

The recommended procedure is to work the soil to a depth of 10 inches because best results are obtained when the soil is porous. A support for the gas-proof cover is constructed lengthwise of the area, by placing 2 x 4 timbers in boxes. (Sisal Kraft paper obtainable from any building supply firm makes a satisfactory cover.) The edges are sealed by weighting down with soil. Methyl bromide is released through a piece of plastic tubing and introduced into an evaporating pan placed under the tent-like cover.

In winter time tests, with the soil wet and at 49° F, methyl bromide was applied at the rate of one, two and four pounds per 100 square feet. The area remained covered for 65 hours. The one pound rate proved adequate for complete eradication of nut grass where the soil had been spaded. Even four pounds was almost completely ineffective when applied to undisturbed soil.

In the spring, flower beds were fumigated after rototilling. Some beds were fumigated later than others, and after several heavy rains. Complete control of nut

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grass was obtained with 34 pounds methyl bromide per 100 square feet, in the bed fumigated immediately after roto-tilling. Control was not complete in beds fumigated after rains which caused the soil to settle.

In July an experiment was conducted to compare the exposure period and the rate of application. Methyl bromide was used at ¼, ½ and 1 pound per 100 square feet. The soil remained covered for 24 to 48 hours. Control was complete with 1/2 pound for 48 hours and with 1 pound for either 24 or 48 hours.

Other tests showed that spading the soil is not necessary for good control when subsoil moisture is low.

Generally speaking, it was suggested that the soil be freshly plowed, roto-tilled or spaded; that 1 pound of gas be released per 100 square feet and exposed 24 hours in summer and 48 hours in winter, with soil temperature above 50° F. It is safe to plant or seed two to three days after the cover is removed.

Editor's Note: Methyl bromide is being used in Oklahoma and Texas to kill bermuda grass in the aprons and around the edges of bent grass greens. The rate is 1 pound to 100 square feet with an exposure time of 24 hours. Grass is seeded 24 hours



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