GIVING TURF TROUBLES THE AIR

(L) Superintendent Vince Crockett on a green of seaside bent at the Del Paso CC, Sacramento, California. The green had been aerified earlier in the summer. When disaster hit and most of the seaside bent was destroyed by disease, thatch, humidity and heat, the grass around each Aerifier hole remained green and healthy.

(Above) Vince Crockett cut plugs and found root growth in the openings in the center of each living patch of grass. Evidently excess water contributed greatly to the destruction of grass. Even the roots in the openings were discolored, indicating saturated conditions and lack of proper oxygen supply.

(L) Supt. Vince Crockett and asst. (left) try a new cure. Green was aerified with ¾" special thatch spoons to remove troublesome deep thatch and mat. Vertical mower, (center) was used after aerifying, then top-dressing worked into openings to provide channels of sandy top-dressing soil. Area was dragged and mowed, leaving fine, firm playing condition. Interested onlooker is Alec Engart, Chrmn., Northridge (extreme right) and next to him John Reeves, H. V. Carter Co.

gen feeding with due regard to preventive fungicides, prevention of excessive thatch and other sound maintenance practices.

Q—Our association is thinking of putting out a Spring Lawn Bulletin for the members of our clubs. Do you think this is a good idea and where can we get help on it? (Ohio)

A—We applaud the idea. It is an excellent way to gain greater recognition for the members of your association and to make the club members aware of your abilities and helpfulness. You can get help from your county agent's office, from the state experiment station, and from the several agronomists associated with phases of the turfgrass industry as manufacturer's representatives.

Q—Where can I buy polycross bent seed? (Iowa)

A—Polycross bent is named Penncross creeping bent. At the moment there is no seed available anywhere. Seed is being produced and there should be a limited supply on the market late this summer.

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