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of air. Without air (drowned) they suffocate and can absorb neither water nor fertilizer. Not only do the roots drown but they starve and die of thirst.

My suggestion is to aerify in four directions to get thorough cultivation. Revamp your fertilizer and water program and repeat the four-way aerifying each month until you can let the greens go a week in dry weather with no irrigation and have them hold a shot perfectly. We can go into details when I see some of the records of your operations. A soil analysis report also will help.

Q—Do you think our club should finance trips to turf conferences for its supt.? (Va.)

A—The best answer I can give is a direct quote from the Mid-Atlantic News Letter for May, 1956:

"Any supt. who misses these conferences is not doing justice to his club; and any club that does not send its supt. to the conference is not doing the right thing in the best interests of its members!"

Q—We have inherited a large supply of dinitro-sec-butyl-phenyl (dinitro-ortho-secondary-butyl-phenyl) (DNSOBD) 6.9 per cent petroleum oil, 79.7 per cent, remainder, inert. What is the recommended dosage and usage?

A—The answer to this one comes from John Gallagher, American Chemical Paint Co., Ambler, Pa.:

This combination can be used safely only where complete kill of all vegetation is de-

sired, such as driveways, sand traps, etc. There would be no selectivity. It is recommended that it be used just as it comes from the can the same as you would use an oil spray.

Byes to Low Qualifiers

Orville Chapin, pro at Ft. Wayne (Ind.) CC, remarks that the customary method of allotting byes isn't logical — and there are many golfers who will agree with him and approve a change.

Chapin says:

"A qualifying round is a process of elimination; the weaker players are thrown out. My idea of the present method is that the better player is at a distinct disadvantage. For instance in a flight of 32 where only 28 players compete the four lowest qualifiers have to play two rounds to get to the quarter finals whereas the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th qualifiers only have to play one round to enter the quarter finals. In such a case four of the higher qualifiers have an advantage because of inferior play in qualifying.

"My idea is that any byes should be distributed to the lowest qualifiers. That is, if there should be four byes they should be allocated to the four lowest qualifiers."