

## **Grau's Answers**

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avoid constant and excessive wear and tear.

Too big a hurry accounts for many costly repairs and much rebuilding after the course has been opened for play. Members may be justifiably indignant at being robbed of their pleasure. How often their wrath is directed against the hapless supt. who may have argued in favor of delaying the open date to give course time to settle and mature.

"Hidden Horrors" best describes the rocks, stumps and trees which may have been bulldozed into gullies as a "base" for a green or a tee. With settling and decay, the soil sinks and the area becomes unplayable until the headache is corrected.

Starved seedbeds describes a "short cut" that cannot be detected until after the grass starts to grow. It is an accepted principle that the best time to incorporate long-lasting insoluble soil amendments is during construction, not after the grass is up when it is in a soft, tender and weak condition.

Tees or trees (greens, too) represents a decision faced by many clubs — and of-

ten they cannot have both. The problem involves that of location which can help to resolve the dilemma. Proper placement of tees or greens in relation to trees improves air movement and avoids conflict with tree roots, both vital factors in growing quality turf.

These elements and many more could be cited as valid reasons for closer collaboration between the man who, step by step, creates a beautiful course and the one who maintains it. We could mention inadequate budgets, failure to demand a performance bond, unrealistic plans and specifications, failure to have irrigation system operating before planting grass and several others.

It is encouraging at least that GCSA plans to do something about strengthening the weak points in the system.

## Latham Leaves Green Section

James M. Latham, Jr. is resigning his position Apr. 1st as Southeastern agronomist for the USCA to accept other employment. James B. (Monty) Moncrief will replace Latham and Wayne Allen succeeds Moncrief in the Southwest. Allen is a Texas A & M graduate who specialized in weed control while attending school.