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posal *in place*. We would like to learn more about this but we don't know where we can get burners. Do you have any suggestions?

(Indiana)

A.—The flaming method essentially is that of 1) dislodging thatch by suitable mechanical equipment, 2) allowing the thatch to dry on the surface of the turf, 3) burning the dry thatch by passing a burner over the area. This has been done in California and Pennsylvania.

Flamers may burn oil or L-P gas. Some work has been done in several states operating flamers to control alfalfa weevil. Several manufacturers offer information: AFCO Flame Cultivator Company, P. O. Box 231, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203; Barrentine Manufacturing Co., Inc., P. O. Box 697, Greenwood, Mississippi 38931; Brunner Manufacturing Co., P. O. Box 559, Bedford, Indiana 47421; Consolidated Manufacturing Co., P. O. Box 1100, Englewood, Colorado 80110; Gotcher Engineering & Manufacturing Co., P. O. Box 670, Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614; Manchester Tank and Equipment Co., P. O. Box 318, Lithonia, Georgia 30058; Western Tank and Steel Corporation, P. O. Box 1338, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Note: There is no known published information on flaming for thatch control in turf at the present time.

Q.—How effective is overseeding fescue greens with Pennncross bent seed? Is the bent strong enough to take over?

(Michigan)

A.—Pennncross will take over if your operations and subsequent management favor the bent. Thorough spiking will provide resting places for the bent seed. I favor hydroseeding (if you have a good sprayer), and fertilization with a slow-release organic fertilizer. If *Poa annua* is a problem, the takeover will be slower.

Fescue greens are a rarity. Is it possible that they might be good enough to be preserved? ●