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annual ryegrass and, more recently, with a mixture of grasses, including *Poa trivialis*. What would you think of using one of the new turf-type perennial ryegrasses for overseeding? (Georgia)

A—During the past few years I've not had the opportunity to observe overseedings in the South, but at the Tifton conference, we heard Palmer Maples describe with pictures his experience with Pennfine perennial ryegrass. After the meeting one top-notch superintendent said that he was ready to place his order for Pennfine right then and there for his fall, 1971, overseeding needs. Maples considered the performance from every angle, including side-by-side comparisons with annual rye and with a *Poa trivialis* complex, and Pennfine won "hands down" on every count. He used 40 pounds of seed to 1,000 square feet and admitted that 30 pounds probably would have been ample. The higher cost of Pennfine is no deterrent, according to Maples.

Q—We have many fine young hardwood trees on our golf course which continually are in danger of contracting "mower canker." What are some suggestions? We cannot seem to convince our hot rod drivers to stay away from the trees. (Tennessee)

A—There are several ways to treat the area immediately surrounding the tree trunks. 1) Remove soil to a depth of three to four inches in a circle three-feet in diameter. Line the bottom with plastic and refill with broken stones. 2) Kill all vegetation in a three-foot circle using a weed-killer that will not affect the tree. 3) Plant a ground cover in a three-foot circle to protect the tree trunk. Acceptable ground covers include pachysandra, crownvetch and myrtle. This keeps mowers away and holds moisture. The legume provides nitrogen. □

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