GOLF FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. By Chick Evans. Published by Windsor Press, 200 E. Ontario, Chicago 11, Ill. 109 pages. Price \$3.50.

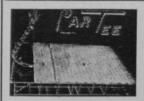
Chick has done a book that will arouse kids' eagerness to play golf and which will give them fundamental knowledge of making shots, playing rounds, proper conduct, terms, caddying and everything else that should go in a sound and interesting "first reader" of the game.

It's abundantly illustrated with drawings by Frank C. Murphy and photographs by Don Honick.

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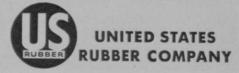
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Green Section Gives Soil Testing Advice

Turfletter of Southeastern Office of USGA Green Section, B. P. Robinson, director, gives some soil testing information that in itself probably will be worth to Green Section regional turf service subscribers the cost of their year's fee, with all the rest of the service being a bonus.

Robinson writes:

"Clubs subscribing to the Regional Turf Service may have their soil analyzed at the Georgia Coastal Plain Experimental Station. The laboratory is supported by tax funds from the State of Georgia. The Station, therefore, does not have authority to test out-of-state soils without a small charge to offset its expenses; this fee is 50 cents per sample. Clubs within the State of Georgia do not pay a fee for the service. Other States within the Southeast have laboratories for testing soils. Various methods are used and recommendations vary according to the type of test run.

"The Southeastern Office would be in a better position to make recommendations to golf clubs if the samples were tested at one laboratory. The Regional Director is accustomed to making recommendations based upon tests from the Tifton laboratory.

Purpose of Soil Testing

"The question often arises, 'How much and what kind of lime or fertilizer should we use?' It is difficult to follow standard recommendations due to wide variation in soils and previous fertilization. Soil testing helps to remove some of the guesswork in fertilizing turf. Plants require some 15 chemical elements for growth. Of these, nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, calcium and magnesium are most likely to be deficient in Southeastern soils.

"Soils vary widely in their fertility and in their fertilizer requirements. Knowing which element or elements are lacking will enable the superintendent to get the most out of his fertilizer dollar. Soil tests can help determine the kind and amount of elements a particular soil needs.

Soil Sampling

"The proper sample is the most important step in any analysis. If one realizes that results obtained from testing a small amount of soil may be used for making recommendations on several fairways or greens, the need for a good sample becomes evident. Every sample should be a thorough mixture of soil taken from at least ten different locations within an area





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from which a soil analysis is desired. This is a composite sample. Specific instructions for sampling and mailing to the

laboratory are as follows:

"1. Take a thin vertical slice of soil to a depth of 2 in. to 3 in. from at least ten different places within the area. Combine all 10 portions, mix thoroughly without touching with the hands, and save about ½ pint of the mixture.

"2. Samples may be taken from representative fairways, greens, or tees. For instance, a club may wish to sample its first 9 and second 9 greens separately and make a composite sample of each 9 greens. In some cases it might be desirable to keep samples separate for areas which have distinctive soil types or drainage conditions, i.e., low and high areas. From 5 to 10 samples should be sufficient for each club.

"3. A trowel, spade, auger, or broken golf shaft may be used in sampling.

"4. Samples should be taken and sent to the laboratory between April 1 and September 1. Do not send samples at other periods of the year. It would be best to have results of soil analysis before the Regional Director's annual visit to the club. Do not sample immediately after fertilization.

"5. Place the soil in a paper carton (1/2 pint ice cream cartons, etc.) or other suitable containers that will not crush or break, number, label and wrap samples in cardboard boxes for mailing. Include check or money order to cover expense of testing-50¢ per sample. Address as follows:

B. P. Robinson USGA Green Section Georgia Coastal Plain Experiment Station Tifton, Ga.

"6. Keep a personal record of where the samples were taken, results of the laboratory, and suggestions of the agronomist. This record over a period of years should give an indication of the amount of fertilizer which should be applied in order to keep soils in a good state of fertility.

What Are Soil Tests?

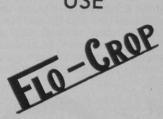
"Soil tests measure the amount of available plant nutrients in the soil. Available plant nutrients are nutrients which turf grasses can obtain for immediate growth. There are, however, nutrients held in soils which plants cannot utilize for growth. Tests are made on each soil for pH (acidity), available pounds per acre of nitrate nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, calcium and magnesium. These are the

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elements most likely needed in South-eastern soils.

The pH Test

"Measurements of soil reaction (whether acid or basic) are made with a pH meter. It is an accurate measurement, and when the soil type and turf grass are known liming recommendations can be made based on pH. Soils high in clay and organic matter require more lime to raise to a given pH level than light sandy soils.

Available Plant Nutrients

"NITRATE NITROGEN. Nitrates may vary in soil from day to day, as they are readily subject to leaching and plant use. Chemical soil tests indicate the general level of nitrates and may be of some help in indicating the need for nitrogen.

"PHOSPHATE. Some heavily fertilized



putting greens are building up a reserve of phosphorous. An excess of phosphorous may be detrimental to plant growth. Most soils, however, are low in phosphorous except those that have been fertilized with phosphorous fertilizers for several years. A soil test will indicate the phosphorous level.

"POTASH. The amount of potash in Southeastern soils varies considerably. A soil test is very helpful in indicating potash needs of a soil.

"CALCIUM. Soil pH, in most cases, indicates the level of available calcium in soils. A low pH coupled with low available calcium indicates need for high liming rate. Some soils such as those with high organic matter and clay may have low pH with fairly high available calcium. This indicates lime is still needed for some grasses. Such soils have a high capacity to hold and exchange nutrients. High pH and hikh available calcium indicate no lime is needed.

"MAGNESIUM. In general, soils that are high in calcium contain ample magnesium. Putting greens may, however, have a good supply of calcium and still be low in magnesium content. Magnesium deficiencies may be corrected by the use of soluble magnesium salts in fertilizers or by applying finely ground limestone containing magnesium (dolomitic limestone). A soil test will indicate if this element is needed."

BALCONY SCENE



The Haig and Ed Rankin, gen. mgr., Walter Hagen div. of Wilson's, perch on the Baltusrol clubhouse and relax while the laboring lads on the course are needing some of the great shots Walter used to play when he was a contestant in National Open championships. Walter looks better than he's looked for years and finds the strain of opening the mail containing royalty checks much easier to take than his routine in the glamorous days.

BARNETT DISTRIBUTOR OF RIPON SOCKS AND HEAD COVERS TO PROS

Grant A. Barnett, 707 Main St., Buffalo 3, N. Y., whose Golfers Keep Warm cool weather golf garment enjoys lively spring and fall pro shop sale, announces his company has been appointed distributor to the golf pro trade of the Ripon line of men's golf and dress hose, women's golf hose and Ripon club head covers. Featured in the sock line is Ripon's new stretchable sock, a snug fitting sock of quality wool and Helanca yarns-50% wool, 40% nylon and 10% cotton. One size fits all sizes, 10-13. a feature that helps reduce the pro's sock inventory. Ripon socks come to the pros in cellophane envelopes for each pair. Descriptive literature and pro prices on the complete line of socks and covers from Barnett at address above.

MacGregor Golf Co. has redesigned Jack Burke, Jr. models of woods and irons for youngsters between 9 and 14. Woods are available in drivers and spoons; irons in sets of four or five. Woods retail at \$9 each and irons at \$6 each.

SOILAIRE HAS NEW DEVICE FOR TURF TREATMENT

Soilaire Industries, 1208 2d ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn., has a new machine for aerating and renovating heavily matted,

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sharp, penetrating slicing action.

LITTLER PICKED BY JONES AS NEXT GREAT U. S. GOLFER

Chicopee, Mass.—Gene Littler, the 23-year old Californian, was picked by Bobby Jones, the greatest golfer America has ever produced, as the next U. S. golf great, and the one to succeed Ben Hogan and Sam Snead as master of the fairways.

"Littler has a perfect golf swing," Jones said here while he was attending the yearly sales meeting of A. G. Spalding & Bros., Inc., of which he is a vice president. "It is so smooth that you'd think he could never hit a bad shot. His short iron game is especially good. He's very accurate. And perhaps best of all, Littler has the right temperament for the game, and that means a lot."



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Jones named Bud Holscher, Dick Mayer and Shelley Mayfield as three other young

golfers with promising futures.

Jones believes the reason why there aren't many amateurs today who could rank with Chick Evans, Francis Ouimet or Von Elm, is that unless an amateur has an independent income, he can hardly afford to remain an amateur and give the necessary time to improving his game. That's why it's natural for a golfer like Littler to turn pro, he said, since as a pro he could make a living.

Asked how long he thought Hogan would go on winning tournaments, Jones said he would go on winning as long as winning the particular tournament he was competing in was the most important thing in life for him, at the time. A golfer can only continue to win, Jones said, as long as he wants to win so much that he will endure the struggle and concentration required.

NEW PLASTIC PIPE SYSTEM DELIGHTS HEMPSTEAD CLUB

Hempstead (N. Y.) GC recently has put into operation a complete fairways and greens Triangle plastic pipe watering system that already has given Hempstead Pres. A. G. Schei, his committee heads and members and the club's operating heads confirmation of their judgment in making the installation.

Last summer's prolonged drought affected club play, interest and revenue to the degree that Schei and his associates determined to take corrective action. Schei got into conferences with Triangle Conduit and Cable Co., Inc. headquarters at New Brunswick, N. J., and worked out engineering and installation details.



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Triangle's previous installations of plastic pipe for golf course watering had demonstrated that lightness and flexibility of the pipe fitted it into the Hempstead operating and budget situation ideally. Decision to install the job was made early this year.

With the aid of Triangle engineers a layout was made encompassing all holes but 1, 2, 8, 10, and 11 which already had adequate water. The club bought 9400 ft. of 3 in. and 1900 ft. of 2 in. semi-rigid butyrate type plastic pipe through the distributor, The Crane Co. Delivery was made during February, March and April.

Those responsible for the installation were pro Roy S. Jones and Supt. Anthony Matuza.

They buried the pipe 34 to 36 in. below the surface. After the sod was removed, and saved for later replacement, a pow-



Job for bad weather days is pre-fabricating risers. Each consists of a metal riser, a metal coupling, a threaded male adapter, a nipple, reducer and a plastic tee.

ered ditch digger was brought into play. Both operations were fast and simple because the pipe being somewhat flexible, didn't require a perfect ditching operation. By using butyrate plastic fittings each 20 ft. length of pipe was quickly coupled to the next. The main lines were 4 in. and 6 in. galvanized steel to which the plastic pipe was attached by means of plastic adapters supplies by the manufacturer. When the pipe was down, other motorized equipment shoved the dirt back.

The installing crew found that this light plastic pipe was extremely easy to install. The pipe conformed to broad curves. Exact straight-line ditching was not a necessity. The crew worked out a novel and extremely practical way of connecting to the risers. The risers were pre-fabri-



Roy S. Jones, pro, (L) and Anthony Matuza, supt., (R) inspect Triangle plastic pipe ready for installation.

cated in the shop (a rainy day job). This fabrication consisted of a metal riser, a metal coupling, a threaded male adapter, a nipple, reducer and a plastic tee into which the lengths of plastic pipe were cemented.

Other advantages quickly showed themselves as the job progressed. The pipe, being light, was easy to handle. No threading was necessary and each cemented joint was made in a matter of seconds. The pipe was easy to cut with a cross-cut saw.

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Besides the advantages immediately apparent during installation, Schei, Jones and Matuza look forward to other cost-saving characteristics of plastic pipe. This club, like many others, had experienced decreased flow over the years due to rust and corrosion accumulations closing up pipe. Plastic pipe, they have been assured by the manufacturer, will not rot, rust or corrode. Flow characteristics of new plastice pipe, Triangle points out, also are most desirable because plastic pipe has a smooth, mirror-like inner wall and less fittings are necessary.

Management and members of Hempstead club are extremely pleased with their plastic pipe installation, which was easily, quickly and economically made for long service.

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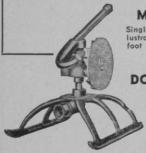
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