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between jobs. The unit compacts to 8 ft. in width for easy road travel and garaging.

The hydraulic system enables the unit to slim down to pass through narrow areas and disengages the mowers for road transport in less than a minute.

To meet the requirements of any surface the tractor operates four forward gears and reverse. The unit utilises Toro Spartan six-blade gang mowers (30 in. x 8½ in. diameter) for use on formal and semi-formal turf areas and Toro heavy-duty four-blade Roughmaster gang mowers (30 in. x 10 in. diameter) for "control mowing" of limited care turf areas. All the blades are specially designed and highly engineered for rugged performance and low maintenance requirements.

Other special features include a turning radius of 7 ft. 3 in., a 2:1 hill operation capacity, a facility for adjusting the ground pressure of the wheels and rear rollers and hydraulic brakes.

The hydraulic control at the driver's elbow, power steering and maximum seat comfort ensure minimum driver fatigue for long operations.

LATEST NEW ZEALAND MOWER JOINS FLYMO RANGE

A rugged, 28 in. power-driven rotary mower for heavy-duty grass application, the Roughmaster 28 is the latest model in the Morrison range of turf care equipment available through the Institutional Division of Flymo Limited of Watford.

Designed to meet a wide variety of grass conditions, the Roughmaster 28 incorporates several unique design features coupling power with manoeuvrability.

The robust traction-drive New

Zealand machine is fitted with a floating cutting head which pivots to follow contours in close-cutting operations and reduce unsightly scalping. Removable side skids which guide the floating head also help prevent turf damage and provide easy over-edge cutting. In rough cutting, the side skids are fixed to their brackets in a reverse position which makes them inoperative. Inset rear wheels ensure accurate over-edge cutting.

An unique principle of smooth-based orbital discs, which are an additional feature and interchangeable with the two front castor wheels used in normal operations, provide a rotating slide movement for the front of the machine enabling easy operation over uneven ground.

Particularly suitable for use in parks and reserves, road verges, golf courses and other similar areas, the Roughmaster 28 is versatile and easy to operate for lengthy periods.

The mower's powerful 7 h.p. Tecumseh engine, designed for continuous heavyweight performance, drives through a completely enclosed trans-axle at three forward speeds and reverse, with a top forward speed of 4½ m.p.h.

The combination of manoeuvrability, range of speeds and the choice of cutting heights from ½ in. to 3½ in. give the machine exceptional versatility. An important safety feature is the arrangement of the cutter drive mechanism which automatically places a brake on the revolving cutter when the cutter drive is disengaged.

Weighing 290 lb. and measuring 72 in. x 32 in. with a wheel base of 26 in., the machine can be fitted with a trailer seat for a driver-operator for continuous cutting.

The 16 in. diameter pneumatic tyres give positive drive and safety on slopes. The cutter bar is fully enclosed in its housing.

Witham Council is supporting Braintree and District Golf Club by making representations to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government over the Ministry's refusal to make loan sanction for £35,000 for construction of the golf course at Stisted.

The Ministry previously granted loan sanction of £25,000 for purchase of the land.