Garfield Williamson reorganizes

Garfield Williamson, Inc. of Fairfield, N.J., has reorganized and expanded its lawn-seed business, according to company officials. The firm recently completed a major expansion of its warehouse and production facilities, including state-of-the-art, high-speed packaging equipment. The Wonderlawn Retail Division and Proform Professional Division will continue to focus on expanding markets in the East and Midwest under the Garfield Williamson nameplate.

Mrs. George Wagner, the widow of one of the company founders, has been named president and owner. William Lind, a seed broker for three years with John Zuelzer & Son, has been named executive vice president and general manager. Gale Wagner O'Brien has been named corporate secretary.

Garfield Williamson also announced that its Performance Seeds Division has become independent and, as a separate company, will be run by president John Zajac. Performance Seeds develops, produces and markets proprietary turfgrass varieties.

Triumph wins three more approvals

Special Local Need (24c) Labels for Triumph insecticide have been approved for Ohio, New Hampshire and New Jersey.

The 24c label allows Triumph to be used for insect control on golf course greens tees and aprons, and on sod farms. And Ciba-Geigy now is making the product available in those three states as well as others where it was previously approved.

Ciba-Geigy doubles turf staff

Ciba-Geigy Corp.'s Turf & Ornamental Department has doubled its staff to manage an expanded product line. In Greensboro, N.C., Owen Towne, formerly responsible for market research, has been named product manager for turf fungicides. Dr. Marcus Juby of Blue Springs, Mo., will coordinate development and product support services with customers and researchers east of the Mississippi River, while Dr. Jeff Kollenkirk of Clovis, Calif., will handle the Western states.

The company's field marketing staff will increase with the addition of Ron Johnson, promoted to national accounts manager, and new employees Mike Daley (Mid-Atlantic), Jimmy Johnson, (Indiana, Kentucky and lower Michigan), Ray Lea (south Florida), Russ Nielsen (New England), Ken Russell (upper Southeast) and Gregg Schaner (Ohio, West Virginia and west Pennsylvania).

Tom Meier

Steiner names Meier to post

Steiner Turf Equipment in Orrville, Ohio, has appointed Tom Meier as director of finance. He will be responsible for all finance and accounting functions, as well as data processing and purchasing.

Meier joins Steiner after four years at Ransomes, where he most recently has been controller. Both Ransomes and Steiner are subsidiaries of Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies of Ipswich, England.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Meier was an auditor with Arthur Anderson & Co. until joining Ransomes.

Sheryl Bunker

Ransomes hires new controller

Ransomes Inc. recently announced the appointment of Sheryl Bunker Schnering as controller at its Johnson Creek, Wis., headquarters.

Ms. Schnering earned a BBA degree in accounting at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She worked five years with Price Waterhouse, most recently as senior accountant.

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