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**LACY JOINS PARKER FERTILIZER**

SYLACAUGA, Ala.—Parker Fertilizer Co., Inc. has named Tim Lacy Director of Sales of its Professional Turf Division. According to Division President David Pursley, Lacy’s “knowledge and experience in golf as well as the lawn care industry, will enable us to identify and better serve those customers.”

Lacy will leave his position at Mississippi State University, where he has served as campus horticulturist and golf course superintendent since 1985. He has instructed many future golf course superintendents through MSU’s golf course operations class. Prior to working at MSU, Lacy managed a Jackson, Miss.-based lawn care company for seven years.

Lacy holds memberships in the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America as well as many regional associations. He is past president of the Mississippi Turfgrass Association and is president of the Southern Turfgrass Association.

**RANSOMES OPENS JAPANESE SUBSIDIARY**

Ransomes has announced formation of Ransomes KK in Osaka, Japan. Ransomes has been trading successfully in Japan for a number of years, and over the last five years the volume of sales has increased significantly, officials report.

As a result, Ransomes has decided to form its own company, based in Osaka and staffed by Japanese nationals. Katsuji Ohashi has been appointed managing director.

Commenting on this new development, Group President Executive Bob Dobsworth said, “This is the latest step by the Ransomes Commercial Division to increase international business in the Pacific Basin where it has been very successful in recent years.”

**EDGINGS COMPANY FORMED**

VILLA PARK, Ill.—Oly-Ola Sales, Inc. has formed Oly-Ola Recreational Edgings, Inc. to develop and market polyethylene/vinyl edging products for the athletic, parks and recreation industries.

The first products available from Oly-Ola Recreational Edgings include Safety-Edg curbing and Safety-Line marker. Safety-Edg is a flexible, low-maintenance landscape curb. Safety-Line marker is designed to replace chalk lines on outdoor athletic fields and golf course driving ranges.

**EPA REGISTRATION GRANTED**

INDIANAPOLIS — New Pageant DF insecticide from DowElanco has received federal EPA registration for mole cricket control in turfgrasses. Likewise, Dursban 50WSP insecticide—already used to control a broad spectrum of pests on turf, ornamentals and trees—has received a label amendment, allowing its use to control mole crickets in turfgrasses.

**Ocean Course to become environmental model**

KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C. — A prototype golf course that’s good for the environment is the aim of The Monsanto Agricultural Co., the United States Golf Association and the PGA of America. The three have established a $500,000 grant to make the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island a national example of how to manage a golf course with the environment’s best interest in mind.

The grant was donated to Clemson University’s Institute of Wildlife and Environmental Toxicology, which is conducting the three-year research program.

**Exhibitors optimistic about show and future**

Confidence was not as high as the boom years of the late 1980s, but exhibitors at the recent Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Conference and Show in New Orleans were more optimistic than a year ago. This year, the domestic market seems stronger and the international market is still going well,” he said.

Dakota Peat President Michael Pierce was even more optimistic. Orders were four times higher than a year earlier for the company’s contractor-size 2200 soil blender. Additionally, at least 30 superintendents said they would approach their greens committees with proposals to buy the smaller 220 unit, designed for fertilizer and top dressing applications as well as in-house renovation jobs.

It’s a combination of increased name recognition (the company entered the blender business just three years ago) and the economy picking up,” Pierce said. “It appears many projects are starting to come off hold.”

Dave Derrick, sales and marketing manager for Patterson Fan Co., said he was getting twice as many responses as at the 1991 show. The United States Golf Association’s tee signs and other course equipment noted that Japan has been the deadliest and best market over the years, but sees his “greatest potential in Thailand and Malaysia.”

Standard Golf, Par Aide’s largest competitor, has been in the golf course equipment business for almost 70 years. They look at it (the growing hostilities) and just shake their heads,” Garske said. The manufacturer of ball washers, cups, and tee signs...