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NEW FEATURES: Automotive steering and shock absorbers are new standard features on 1976 model Cushman Runabout vehicles. Other standard features on the three-wheel utility cart include turf tires, front shocks and a utility pickup box measuring 46 in. x 343/4 in. x 14 in. Equipment options include front bumper, speedometer, overload springs, steel cab with cloth or steel doors and an exhaust spark arrestor set.

RAKE: York Rakes introduces this new unit designed and built specifically for use with the new 20 to 30 HP tractors. Up until now, according to the manufacturer, landscapers using this new breed of tractor had to resort to rakes built for other horsepower ranges. This unit features welded steel construction and a seven foot working width. The rake can be drawn straight across for leveling and spreading soil, or can be angled to the right or left to discharge excess soil, rocks and debris.

COMPACTOR: This unit mounts on a backhoe boom and rolls along the full width of a trench during backfilling. It uses the hydraulics of the boom for back and forth movement and uses the weight of the backhoe for compacting the soil like the sheepfoot roller it resembles. The unit is manufactured by Earth Pack Industries.

PUMP: This new 115 VAC centrifugal pump can be operated in or out of water and is engineered for continuous operation, says Proven Pumps Corp. Designed specially for silent, efficient, continuous circulation of water and other liquids, the pump is easily unclogged when necessary.
SLOPE RUNNER: Slope Tractor, Inc., introduces this new tractor with a rotary mower to complement its line of tractor and mowing machines that, according to the company, operate with safety, efficiency and comfort on sloping terrains. The unit has axles which tilt right or left, thirty degrees for mowing on grades up to 1.73 to 1.0. For operator comfort, the driving axle remains parallel to the slope while the driver and engine and wheels remain vertical. It also features a 2-post roll bar. The tilting mechanism is hydraulically operated with an automatic leveler.

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LIFT: Maxon Industries claims this portable lift unit requires no underground post holes yet it has the strength to lift passenger cars, pick-up trucks, and vans weighing up to 7,000 lbs. The lifting capacity of this unit is designed for general repair work. It features three position settings which lock automatically at 14 in., 24 in., and 28 in. It incorporates all the safety and convenience of previous models, plus an extra margin of lifting strength for heavier loads, says Maxon.

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HITCH: Here's an extending swing-out model hitch from Superflex Hitches that features an 80,000 lb. rolling load capacity for cars, trucks or tractors. The company claims it has a maximum 1,500 lb. tongue weight. The hitch extends out from the housing and swings onto the trailer tongue, making it possible for one man to hook-up the load. By backing up the towing vehicle, the hitch automatically locks into place. A cushion of Goodyear Neothane acts like a shock absorber to take out the tugging, swaying, or jerking caused by trailing loads.

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FITTINGS: Lasco Industries introduces these new gasketed pressure fittings for water distribution and irrigation systems. Extra-depth sockets in the fittings maintain integrity of the seal and compensate for earth movement, uneven trenches, expansion and contraction of the pipe, as well as lateral movement, says the manufacturer. These units use the supremacy of a sphere as the strongest shape for a pressure container.

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SWEEPER/BLOWER: The Lindell Power Sweeper is made almost completely of cast aluminum which is said to be a very dependable structure with a low maintenance factor. The four-wheeled machines are built in two sweeping widths, 24 in. and 27 in. Both units use a 3½ HP Briggs and Stratton gas engine. The 24 in. model has a breathing-type bag and the 27 in. unit has a larger dust resistant bag with a large zipper. Also new is an optional feature of a multi-directional blower discharge nozzle.

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TURFLINE: Two new fiberglass “Turfline” sprayers from F. E. Meyers can be mounted on all utility cart boxes, as well as a Cushman Truckster chassis. The units are said to be effective in turf maintenance — fairways, greens, lawns, etc. — tree maintenance as well as for mosquito control. The TL40ESG is rated at 40 gpm and 30 psi, while the TL10ESG delivers 10 gpm and 30 psi. Rachet ball valve with remote control rope actuator is standard. Many options are also available, including stainless steel booms with dripless nozzles, spray guns, anchor mounting kits, trailer kit with Terra Tires, etc.

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DIGZ-ALL: This unit is equipped with a 37 HP Wisconsin VG4D engine. It is built primarily for heavy-duty trenching, says the manufacturer. ROPS and fully hydraulic backfill blade are standard components. Ground drive for trenching is infinitely variable and hydraulic. Trenching depth range is from 40 in. to 82 in. with a range of 5 in. to 18 in. trench width. Digging speed is 0 to 30 fpm.

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Golf Architects New Survey Examines Slow Play Problem

What can the golf course architect do in his design to speed up play?

Reduce hazards and size of greens was the most frequent response of members of the American Society of Golf Course Architects in a recent survey. Other answers ranging from fairway adjustments to building more golf courses also came into play.

"Puttering" around on monstrous greens and flailing away in sand traps are time-consuming, frustrating experiences for golfers as well as those waiting in the fairway.


Hazards and excessively large greens alone are not to blame for the slow play problem. The imaginative professionals who design golf courses are well aware that golfers' abilities determine the degree of ease with which they conquer challenges. "Eliminate some sand traps and water hazards that bother the average player," is the solution of William H. Johnson of Rialto, Calif. Roger B. Packard, LaGrange, Ill., suggests, "Analyze each hole for play distances beyond ability to reach the low handicap golfers." Spear introduces another aspect: "Keep wooded areas adjacent to fairways free of undergrowth so golfers can easily locate their balls." That would certainly be a welcome relief, not only from the speed-of-play angle, but financially as well!

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Much has been said about slow play on the golf course and what to do about it. But a recent slow play incident on a Washington, D.C. area public course may be the first to have brought serious injuries and police action to the golfers involved. According to reports from National Golf Foundation, a foursome insisted on playing through and so drove their balls close to the foursome ahead. Then, it is alleged, one of the players in the lead group drove one of the balls from the trailing group into the woods. The trailing group then drove their golf cars to where the lead group was playing and demanded the lead group retrieve the ball from the woods. A fracas followed that left one golfer hospitalized with a fractured skull, another suffered severe lacerations requiring seven stitches. Also included in this melee were three broken golf clubs used to speed-up play. Who said golf was a gentleman's game?

Zipp-Penn recently released an expanded chain saw catalog. It offers chipper chain, safety chain and skip-tooth chain in loops and reels to fit practically all current popular makes of saws. Ripping chain, full-house chain and pond and deck chain are available in reels. Other chain saw equipment is also pictured and priced in the new publication. A copy of the catalog is free on request from: Zip-Penn Catalog Office, Box 43073, Middletown, Ky. 40243.

Recent predictions placed Dutch Elm Disease in California in three to five years. Unfortunately, the disease is already there, being detected in Sonoma County, and Napa County, some 35 miles north of San Francisco and also on the peninsula, south of San Francisco, in Santa Clara County. The infected counties have put into operation the DED Project, in areas of the disease survey, identification, tree removal, treatment, trapping and quarantine. In addition to county participation, the project includes 12 permanent and 35 seasonal state employees. The State's DED lab was also recently moved from Sacramento to Napa County. A total of 481 diseased and exposed Elms have been removed and 331 trees have been sprayed and over 100 woodpiles have been fumigated. Traps have also been set to capture the Bark Beetle.

Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, John McGuire, called for Americans to "dedicate ourselves to expanding our public and private forests as well as managing better the forest lands we have. This requires the close cooperation of business, industry, government and individual citizen."

U.S. District Court in Lincoln, Neb., ordered Morrison-Knudsen, Inc., Boise, Idaho, to give back pay with interest to five of the company's Sutherland, Neb., workers who had been discharged after they walked off their jobs because of hazardous working conditions. In a judgment, filed by the court, without contest by the company, Morrison-Knudsen was permanently enjoined and restrained from violating provisions of OSHA, that protects employees against discrimination for exercising their rights under the act.

In the May 1975 issue of WEEDS TREES AND TURF we ran an article on John Beheyt's answer to pesticide safety — the proportional mixing spray rig. Since our interview with Beheyt, he has made some design changes and signed up the Weyer Engineering and Manufacturing Co., Enumclaw, Washington, to produce the unit for the commercial market. Pictured above is a Weyer manufactured unit. Beheyt hopes to have his new models ready for sale before 1976.