

NEWS AND NOTES

NEW WORMKILLER

Fisons Horticulture Ltd. are marketing a new liquid wormkiller, formulated from chlorinated camphere.

Worms die in the ground and casting should have ceased in four weeks after application. Leatherjackets are killed too. The effects of one application may persist several years, though, presumably, it is still too early to know just how many.

The material comes in 1, 2, 5 and 45 gallon packs, price and area treated being as follows:—

- 1 gallon £3 10 0 treats 1,210 sq. yds. ($\frac{1}{4}$ acre).
- 2 gallons £6 15 0 treat 2,420 sq. yds. ($\frac{1}{2}$ acre).
- 5 gallons £15 12 6 treat 6,050 sq. yds. ($1\frac{1}{4}$ acre).
- 45 gallons £123 15 0 treat 54,450 sq. yds. ($11\frac{1}{4}$ acres).

Application may be by high volume sprayer or watering can after appropriate dilution in water.

The name (why did nobody think of it before, or did they?) is WORMICIDE.

N.A.G. FIELD DAY, MOTSPUR PARK

This year's Motspur Park Field Day will be held on Wednesday, 3rd April, and Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Ltd. will be there as usual showing and demonstrating a wide selection of their grass cutting machinery.

The 18 in. Auto-Certes machine with its world-wide reputation for giving a superb finish on Golf Greens and other fine grass areas is to be exhibited.

The versatile Multi-Mower will be shown with its choice of cutting heads. The Reelcutter attachment is excellent for cutting banks and grass verges while the 27 in. Rotacutter will tackle grass up to 2 feet tall.

Completing the range of heavy duty mowers will be a selection of Gang

Mowers of which Ransomes were the original manufacturers in this country.

The high-quality 18 in. or 20 in. Marquis will be shown. This is used extensively in the upkeep of ornamental lawns.

Ransomes Rotary Mower, the new 18 in. Typhoon Major with its vacuum-lift cutting blades which swing back on the concave disc if an obstruction is met, should receive special attention. It is powered by a 150 c.c. Villiers 4-stroke engine, fitted with oil pump lubrication in the sump.

Another new model on show will be the new 14 in. Ripper Hand Mower; other hand machines on view will be the 12 in. Conquest, 12 in. Ajax and the 16 in. Certes.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

Golf drives out cricket and lawn tennis at Richmond

The Richmond Athletic Association—who own the Richmond golf driving range—have given the four cricket clubs and lawn tennis clubs notice to quit after this summer to make way for an extension of the driving range.

Mr. D. Wheeler, now secretary of the non-profit-making enterprise, explained: "The cricket clubs hardly pay the expense of maintaining their cricket squares, so we are going downhill financially. With business on the driving range booming, we must do this with reluctance. We plan to increase our 12 tees to 20 and install floodlights so during the summer we can play until midnight. A putting green is also planned. With the increased income we will be able to put up a building for the range with changing facilities".

"The Guardian."

WARNING

... It may well be that the spring will bring an exceptional crop of weeds, for frost and snow are great breakers of weed dormancy...

Amateur Gardening—9.2.63.

MERSEYSIDE

“... The frost's unrelaxed grip this time has meant that not a ball has been struck in anger or pleasure, outdoors, for the best part of six weeks. And even grimmer for addicts of which Merseyside has thousands, is the warning by most clubs here that when the thaw comes it will be between ten and fourteen days before greenkeepers will let us play.

These turf-tending experts, always more concerned for the well-being of their beloved greens than with the impatience of members, have left clubs in no doubt that the severity of frost in the ground—in some cases more than twelve inches of it—will make it essential for the ground to be completely thawed out before play is permissible.

This unsuspected postscript delay to the great cold spell will dismay golfers to an even greater extent. Their vexation at being denied a game for so many weeks is assuaged by glances at links

patently unfit for anyone save metal monkeys or for anything except skating and skiing; to have to sit in clubhouses looking (often through picture windows) at green, but still unplayable, courses will be a much harder thing to bear. . .”

Leslie Edwards in the *Liverpool Post*.

FISONS ENTER AMERICAN MARKET

Mr. G. V. K. Burton, Chairman of Fisons Horticulture Limited, announced on 23rd January that his Company had taken “decisive steps to establish their products in the American Horticultural market”. His statement followed Treasury approval of the investment needed by Fisons to secure an 80% share of the equity of the Doggett-Pfeil Company of Springfield, New Jersey, and to provide the working capital necessary to support an extension of its activities. The Company will be re-named Doggett-Fison.

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