

"Keep on the Grass!"

"Keep on the Grass!" is the title of a new 16 mm colour film produced by Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies with the co-operation of Fisons Limited Cambridge Division.

The film spotlights the magnificent lawns surrounding the colleges at Cambridge and the more common grass areas where people live and play. It also shows the immaculate swards of Old Trafford, Wimbledon and St. Andrews and the smaller fine turf areas achieved by home gardeners.

"Keep on the Grass!" emphasises that, whatever the size of lawn, the principles of good turf management remain the same. It also shows what a properly implemented programme of lawn care can achieve.

The step-by-step guide begins on a small lawn in September with raking and scarifying followed by cross mowing. Next, as a comparison, sophisticated "professional" machines are seen performing the same tasks on public turf areas.

The half-hour film also explains the correct methods of spiking and slitting, plus the application of top dressing, where it emphasises the importance of levelling-off with lute or drag mat.

The control of moss, biggest headache in many lawns, is amply demonstrated on grass originally so infected that its owner had decided to dig up and start again. The film shows the right way to use Fisons Lawn Sand and how subsequent raking of dead material transformed the ground within a few months.

Correct feeding and proper watering is the theme of the spring and summer months featured in "Keep on the Grass!". The film shows more than 20 different types of weed which can appear in lawns and how they can best be destroyed with hormone weed killers. Here, emphasis is placed on correct handling of garden chemicals and the need for following product instructions meticulously.

The final section of the film deals with mowers and mowing. Camera close-ups show the right way to set blades and cylinder to obtain best results.

"Keep on the Grass!" should interest professional and amateur gardeners alike. It will be available for hire to groups and societies through Sound Services Film Library, Kingston Road, Merton Park, London, S.W.19.



JAN.	19th	North-West Section Lecture, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, M/c.
JAN.	29th	Sheffield Section Lecture, Brunswick Hotel.
FEB.	4th	Southern Section Lecture.
FEB.	17th	North-West Section Lecture.
MAR.	4th	Southern Section Lecture.
MAR.	17th	North-West Section Lecture.
MAR.	20th	Southern Section Annual Dance — Shirley Park G.C.