

News

ICI SHOW DEBUT AT MOTSPUR PARK

ICI Agricultural Division made its debut at the Institute of Groundsmanship International Exhibition at Motspur Park.

The whole of the exhibit was devoted to 'GOLD-N', a new slow release fertiliser, featured jointly with Chipman Chemical Co. Ltd., main selling agents for 'GOLD-N'. This new product releases the nutrient slowly and continuously into the soil for uptake by the plants over a period of between three and six months. Used on turf it promotes a thick green sward and can be used on glasshouse and outdoor crops and flowers, as well as on amenity grass, reclaimed derelict land, etc.

SELSDON PARK EMBARKS ON AMBITIOUS FORESTRY PROGRAMME

Selsdon Park Hotel, Surrey, which has its own 200-acre estate, has just completed an ambitious tree-planting programme on the woodlands and copses that surround the 18-hole golf course.

Forestry Consultants, Dolwin and Gray, of Crowborough, Sussex, were called in last year to suggest proposals that would make up for the ravages of the Dutch Elm disease, which killed off nearly 100 trees on the estate.

Their suggested programme, of which the tree-planting is part, will be spread over a number of years and include normal silvicultural maintenance, in addition to regenerating new areas that were previously scrub.



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John Dolwin, one of the consultants, was most keen to retain the rural aspect of the estate and said, 'Selsdon is quite unique in its proximity to London, coupled with its country-like surroundings. In order to maintain the overall majestic panorama of the grounds, we decided to use trees of the normal forest type rather than shrubs or smaller species which would have spoiled the existing landscape.'

More than 4,000 trees have been planted, ranging from nine to 18 inches in height. 'The three sections planted this year had degenerated into scrub areas', said Mr. Dolwin. 'There were, however, a number of oaks and these, together with some good hawthorn specimens have been preserved.'

NEW APPOINTMENT BY MOMMERSTEEG

International plant breeders, Mom-

mersteeg, announce the appointment of Norman Hever as sports turf advisor. Mr. Hever was, until recently, ground superintendent of Northants County Cricket Club and also played county cricket for Middlesex and Glamorgan.

David Smart, managing director of Mommersteeg, said that the strengthened technical and advisory team, headed by Jim Bradbury, would enable the company to give an even finer service to customers throughout the U.K.

We apologise to Mommersteeg and to our readers for a typographical error in the article entitled 'Top Dressing', written by James Bradbury, which appeared in our September issue and renamed the Company Hommersteeg Seed Company Ltd. - Sorry!

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