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A FOUR colour eight-page brochure describing Irrigation Systems and Sprinkler Appliances has been produced by Cameron Irrigation Co. Ltd., Harwood Industrial Estate, Littlehampton, Sussex. Sprinklers for golf courses must supply just the right amount of water to compensate for all weather conditions and a range of sprinklers is described with circle or sector watering with pressures between one and four A.T.M.S.

CRITCHLEY Bros. Ltd., of Brimsscombe, Stroud, Glos., GL5 2TH, have issued a guide to laying Pipaway. It embraces the product range and fittings, Installation Design, Installation Techniques and a section dealing with Permeable fill and Backfilling. Illustrated with simple diagrams it is useful reading for all greenkeepers.

A NEW 1975 catalogue showing substantially reduced prices has been published by Gerson & Co. (Agricultural) Ltd., Grove Lane, Smethwick, Warley, West Midlands, B66 2SE. It covers grass seeds and combined turf fertilizer and weedkiller. A supplementary price list covers Chlordane Wormkillers and moss control products. Mixtures for tees, fairways and greens are identified and recommended. Seeding rates are given.

CIVIC TREES (Tree Movers) Ltd. of 91a High Street, Great Missenden, Bucks., have produced a leaflet describing a hire service for their tree spade enabling 20ft. trees to be transplanted expertly but cheaply from as little as £6 which they claim is about the same price as buying and planting a nursery standard.

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ELVIN Pennants Ltd., of Spa Road, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4AS have produced an attractive four colour 24-page catalogue listing their wide range of golf course accessories from Tee and Green Boards, flexible P.V.C. flag poles, golf and putting equipment. A must for all Greenkeepers.

PREPARATIONS are now well in hand for The Midland Zone Show. This takes place at Edgbaston, Birmingham, home of the Warwickshire County Cricket Club on Wednesday, April 16, 1975.

The show will be opened by Mr. Denis Howell, M.P. (Minister of Sport). On view will be the latest machines and equipment necessary for maintenance of sports grounds and golf courses.

In this day and age of ever increasing costs grass cutting is becoming an ex-

pensive business as are the other operations coupled with good sports ground maintenance. With this in mind it is of utmost importance to select the right machines and equipment for the job. It is by attending such exhibitions as this, that one can make the correct choice.

During these difficult times there has been a good response from the trade firms. Exhibits covering a wide range are on view, from the various hand tools, fertilizers, etc., right up to the sophisticated machines costing several thousands of pounds.

From the above notes one can see that this exhibition is both educational and informative and is a must for all connected with sports grounds, parks and golf courses.

Remember the date—April 16, 1975, from 10.30 a.m. onwards. So come along and see both the exhibition and this wonderful ground. Facilities are first class and tea and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

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#### [News from Page 21]

EUROPE'S leading plant breeder, Mommersteeg International of Finedon, have started on an extensive development programme to meet the growing demand for their grass seeds and for mixtures.

At the moment work is in hand on the construction of a new 2,090m<sup>2</sup> warehouse at the Finedon headquarters and in July a sophisticated high-capacity seed cleaning plant will be installed for grasses, cereals and roots. Future plans include the complete automation of packing facilities.

At the four-hectare trial grounds at Finedon a new  $418m^2$  warehouse is being fitted out and office space totalling  $46m^2$  is nearing completion.

The new facilities will be unveiled at the first of a series of Open Days the company is planning for later in the year. These include sports and amenity turfs in July, agricultural grasses also in July and agricultural root crops in October. Further details of these events may be obtained from the Programme Organiser, Mommersteeg International, Station Road, Finedon, Northamptonshire, NN9 5NT.

A NEW smooth stalked meadow grass is being introduced this year by Mommersteeg International of Finedon. Called Geronimo, this new variety is a broad-leafed grass which will retain its exceptional dark green colour throughout the winter months. It also has an excellent resistance to rust. Geronimo will form a most attractive, compact and resilient turf.

The variety will be included in the Mommersteeg mixture MM14 which has been designed for sowing down new golf tees, and for tennis courts. As well as containing 20 per cent Geronimo, the mixture contains 45 per cent Koket chewings fescue, 25 per cent Monopoly smooth stalked meadow grass and 10 per cent Highland browntop.

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The Ransomes Hahn TM 80 Aerifier in action

LYN Arbon, head greenkeeper of Woodbridge Golf Club is very pleased with the Ransomes Hahn TM 80 Aerifier which plays an important part in his turf maintenance programme.

The club took delivery of the machine about 12 months ago. Its use then helped the fairways considerably during the summer drought of 1974. Since then the weather has been more favourable, and Mr. Arbon says there has been a continuing improvement in the standard of the fairways.

He thinks regular use of the machine is important and he has used it all year, covering the fairways six or seven times. "It is useless to hire a machine and do the job once" he says. "Aerifying must be carried out regularly, in both directions. It can be done regularly because of the speed of operation of this machine."

Mr. Arbon is convinced of the benefits of the thatching spoons he has been using. He says that where he has used the machine on a wet fairway, drainage has been improved by as much as 50 per cent. Another feature he likes is that the cores brought out by the tines are chopped up by the first pass of the gang mowers and give the effect of an additional top dressing—and while it is doing all this good work the machine does not stop play on the course.



# The latest answer to moss

FISONS Agrochemical Division introduce a new mercurised Mosskiller/Fertilizer onto their range this month. New Mosstoll will complement Fisons very successful Hi-lite range of Fertilizers, being in the form of lightweight peat based granules, formulated by a process unique to Fisons. New Mosstoll will

replace "Mostoll", which was a mercurised mosskiller based on a traditional lawn sand. Like the rest of the Hi-lites, New Mosstoll is easy to apply and pleasant to handle. It gives long lasting efficient control of mosses in turf, without any danger of scorching. New Mosstoll is approved under The Agricultural Chemicals approval scheme.



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