

NEWS

RANSOMES GOLF CLINIC SUCCESS

A series of two training courses run by Bill Beveridge, sales manager of Ransomes Grass Machinery (Scotland) Ltd., and technical representative George Brown for greenkeepers and golf course operators proved most successful with over 60 people taking part.

The clinics were held at Oatridge College of Agriculture, Edinburgh, and at the F. E. Centre of Horticulture, Woodburn House, Glasgow.

Topics covered were use and maintenance of Ransomes specialised golf course equipment, including the Tournament Triplex and Auto Certes greens mowers and gang mowers. Those attending were also shown Ransomes well-known film "The Royal and Ancient Game".

The Front Cover shows participants at the Glasgow Clinic watching George Brown demonstrate maintenance work on the Ransomes-Hahn Tournament Triplex.

NON-MERCURIAL MOSSKILLER R FROM CIBA-GEIGY

Extensive research by Ciba-Geigy has led to the introduction of a non-mercurial moss killer which sets new standards for moss control in sports and amenity turf.

Ciba-Geigy Mosskiller is claimed to meet the two main requirements for moss control in fine grasses—selectivity, and safety to the user, the public and the environment. The product is cleared through the Government's Pesticide Safety Precaution Scheme.

Trials with the new product have shown that moss is effectively controlled from either spring or autumn

application—without any temporary or residual damage to the grass, while grass growth is encouraged by tonic properties contained in the product.

Moss killer is sold as a wettable powder for application by power or knapsack sprayer, or watering can fitted with a fine rose or dribble bar. Because it is applied as a spray, a more even treatment than is sometimes possible with dry applications can be achieved.

Ciba-Geigy Mosskiller is packed in 1kg cartons sufficient for 556 sq. m. (672 sq. yd.) at a retail price of £9.75 per kg.

Rates for application:

Power Spray: 18.0 kg per hectare (16lb per acre) in 500 litres of water per hectare (50 gal per acre).

Knapsack Sprayer: 180 g per 100 sq. m. (11lb 5 oz per 400 sq. yd.) in 6 litres per 100 sq. m. (4 gal. per 400 sq. yd.)

Watering can fitted with fine rose: 9 g per 5 sq. m. (1/2oz per 15 sq. yd.) in 4 litres of water per 5 sq. m. (2 gal. per 15 sq. yd.)

Patches of uncontrolled moss show up clearly alongside an area treated with Ciba-Geigy Mosskiller. The product contains tonic properties which encourage growth of grass



NEW RYEGRASS FROM J. PICARD & CO.

J. Picard & Co. (Seed Merchants) Ltd., and Zwaan & De Wiljes Limited have much pleasure in announcing that Scottish Agricultural Industries Ltd., have been appointed their exclusive wholesale and retail Agent in Scotland for their new Fine Leaved Dwarf Perennial Ryegrass named **SPRINTER**:

This new variety specially bred for amenity purposes, where hard-wearing, good appearance and low maintenance are required is the result of many years of work by the breeders in Holland.

NEW MACHINERY FROM P. J. ENGINEERING

P. J. Engineering of Market Harborough, manufacturers of lawnmower and garden shear grinding machines, is moving to larger premises in Leicester.

The company is vacating its factory on the Riverside Industrial Estate to occupy new headquarters at Cannock Street on the Industrial Estate at Barkby Lane, Leicester.

P. J. Engineering consolidated its position in the highly specialised lawnmower grinding machinery business a year ago by taking over Action Grinders Limited of Leicester. The acquisition has been so successful that in the last twelve months the company's turnover has been almost doubled, and P. J. therefore needed extra space. At Cannock Street, in addition to the necessary manufacturing capacity, it will also enjoy extra office accommodation and a fully-equipped machine demonstration showroom.

During the year the labour force has been steadily increased and a limited amount of addition recruitment is going on.

At the N. A. G. Exhibition at Motspur Park in September, P. J. introduced its two latest models to the

trade. One, the 24" Junomatic, is for grinding cylinders and bottom blades. It has all the facilities with which the larger well-known 42" Jupiter machine is equipped and these include automatic traverse and grinding wheel feed and, of course, water coolant equipment. The Junomatic offers a new concept in machinery for grinding the cutting units of domestic and the smaller range of professional lawnmowers. It is the first machine of this smaller capacity to provide such comprehensive features.

The other new machine, the 24" Juno, emerges from the same basic design and is hand-operated and intended for bench mounting. Both new models can be supplied with or without the bottom blade grinding facility and prices range from about £400 to £850 ex-works.

*The new 24"
Junomatic
Lawnmower
grinding
machine
manufactured
by P. J.
Engineering
of Leicester.*



RANSOMES INTERNATIONAL GREENKEEPERS TOURNAMENT

The Ransomes International Greenkeepers Tournament will take place at Walton Heath Golf Club on October 6th 1976. There will be teams representing England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, Canada, U.S.A. and a team from Europe, all competing for the title won by Scotland at the last tournament at Ipswich. The English team will consist of Walter Heeles, Don Major and Vic Smith with Eric James as reserve. The tournament follows the 2nd British Turf Symposium organised by the BPGA on October 5th. Further details will be published in a subsequent issue.