

NEWS

BGGA GROUP VISITS TORO HQ COMPLEX

THE new headquarters' complex of Toro (U.K.) Sales and Service at Faverdale Industrial Estate, Darlington, held an "at home" in December for 31 members of the North West Section of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association.

It was the first organised visit to the new 25,000 sq. ft. Toro office, workshop, warehouse and assembly headquarters in the United Kingdom.

The visitors were impressed with the workshop facilities and inspected the warehouse area covering more than 19,000 sq. ft. and the assembly area where a wide range of Toro equipment is prepared before delivery to golf course and other institutional and domestic customers.

The day was spent in extended discussion between the visitors and the Toro staff on selection of correct equipment for grasscutting tasks, and operating and maintenance problems.

B.G.G.A. VISIT RANSOMES

RECENT visitors to Ransomes, Ipswich headquarters were a party from the East Midlands section of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association.

The visit included a tour of the factory so that greenkeepers could see the care that goes into the manufacture of Ransomes world famous range of professional grass machinery.

It was arranged through Ransomes Leicestershire distributors, the Leicester Horticultural Engineering Co. Ltd.

Mr. Roy Bailey, Sales Director of L.H.E. is President of the East Midlands section of the B.G.G.A.

NEW ULTRA-STRONG GARDEN HOSE

A NEW ultra-strong garden hose — about eight times stronger than conventional plastic hose — is being supplied by Garden Appliances with its complete range of Melnor Travelling Lawn Sprinklers.

The company has found that the new hose is highly acceptable to groundsmen working in parks, bowling greens, lawn tennis courts, cricket grounds and golf courses.

Another attraction for professional gardeners and park keepers is the lightness and flexibility of the new hosing, which makes it especially easy to handle even at low temperatures — an important requirement when in frequent use.

Called ELLBRAID, the hose is available in 50 ft. to 300 ft. lengths in three bore sizes: ½", ¾" and 1".

Guaranteed for 10 years against faulty manufacture, the hose is made from three layers: high quality PVC inner tube reinforced with high-tensile polyester fibre and then coated on the outside with a transparent PVC so as to resist abrasion. The outer PVC layer is an attractive red for easy site identification.

Garden Appliances Ltd., Thame Park Industrial Estate, Chinnor Road, Thame, Oxon. Tel: 084421 3551.

TWO NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS FOR B.G.G.A.

GUY Catchpole, general marketing manager and John Wilson, sales manager of Ransomes Grass Machinery Division have recently been elected Vice-Presidents of the British Golf Greenkeepers Association.

Both men have been involved in many major projects organised in conjunction with the Association. This has included the first International Golf Greenkeepers and Superintendents Tournament in 1973, which was spon-



Guy Catchpole (left) General Marketing Manager and John Wilson (Sales Manager) Ransomes Grass Machinery division, who have recently been made Vice-Presidents of the B.G.G.A.



B.G.G.A. Group visits Toro H.Q. Complex

sored by Ransomes, and also the First British Turfgrass Symposium.

They are now assisting the executive of the B.G.G.A. with the planning of the Second International Golf Tournament and Turf Symposium, to be held at Walton Heath Golf Club in October, 1976.

The proposed training programme being planned by Mr. & Mrs. G. Richards of the Standing Conference for Golf Greenkeeping is also something in which Ransomes are interesting themselves as a means of providing training for golf club staff on every aspect of greenkeeping and in particular, the maintenance and full utilisation of mechanised equipment.

TORO IRRIGATION

IN a statement issued from Ringwood by Wright Rain Limited, pioneers of large-scale sprinkler irrigation in this country, it is announced that Wright Rain have relinquished their U.K. distributorship of Toro irrigation equipment. Commenting on the decision, Mr. Barney Toulson, Sales Manager said, "The majority of our business has al-

ways been in agricultural irrigation in which our experience is probably second to none. This change will enable us to concentrate all of our efforts into that sector of the market".

The Toro International Sales Company of Riverside, California are, as from January 1st this year, marketing and distributing their irrigation equipment from a base in Southern England.

Speaking of the change, Mr. Philip York, European Sales Manager, Toro said, "Although we are assuming the responsibilities for marketing our own products which are designed primarily for irrigating golf courses, sports grounds including all weather pitches, parkland and large gardens, we shall continue to sell through the existing dealer-installer network established under Wright Rain".

The network comprises Wright Rain Limited (Swainsthorpe branch) near Norwich, Pipecraft Limited of Cambridge, J. Wallis-Titt and Company Limited, Warminster, Wilts., E.A. Yates & Sons (Sandbach) Limited, Wakefield and J.R. Stutt Limited, Paisley, Scotland. Toro's U.K. office address is P.O. Box 2, Ringwood, Hampshire.

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