



open invitation to other moles, who will soon take residence and perhaps even improve and enlarge the run.

Before carrying out treatment a thorough inspection of the whole area is recommended, paying particular attention to surrounding copses for signs of mole activity and, if found, these areas should also be treated.

The damage caused to golf courses and greens by rabbits grazing and burrowing will be all too familiar. Resistance to myxomatosis, coupled with the fact that weaker strains of the myxoma virus are now replacing the more virulent strains, means that the rabbit has once again become a major pest.

Rabbits breed from January to June, and a female rabbit born early in the year will be capable of producing litters herself in the same year! An adult will rear two to four litters each year, with each litter consisting of three to six young. After three to four

weeks the young will have been weaned and be capable of finding their own food.

Phostoxin is just as effective against rabbits and works in exactly the same way. As with mole control, the best time to control rabbits is from October to February. The rabbit

A Mole in one

population will be at its lowest at this time and burrow entrances will be easier to locate amongst the sparser vegetation.

While it is an offence under the protection of Animals Act 1911 to lay poisoned baits for rabbits, the use of poisonous

gas in rabbit warrens is permitted under the Prevention of Damage by Rabbits Act 1939.

To carry out treatment, a thorough inspection of the site is necessary. Any rabbits lying out should be driven to ground before commencing operations. One phostoxin tablet should then be placed 13 inches into each burrow entrance and the entrance sealed by cutting a turf and placing this, grass side down, over the entrance, and heeling in. Care should be taken to ensure earth does not cover the tablet when sealing the entrance, as this can reduce the rate at which the gas is evolved.

After 48 hours the site should be re-inspected and any burrow entrance that has been reopened should be treated again.

For more information and a free instruction leaflet please write to Peter Barrett at Rentokil Ltd, Felcourt, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 2JY or ring (0342) 833022.

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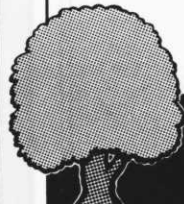
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Closing date: 16th December 1987

Ref: 340 CSD (M)

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APPOINTMENTS

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CLOSING DATE 31st December 1987.

HEAD GREENKEEPER

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NOTEBOOK...

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Parkers Prize

AT THE IOG Exhibition at Windsor T. Parker & Sons Ltd. ran a highly successful putting competition in aid of the British Sports Association for the Disabled whose Patron is the Princess of Wales. The course featuring a three foot slope to a tilting green was certainly demanding, however further skills were required to claim the premier prize. After holding in one the winners each received a bottle of Champagne, some 50 bottles were won, and then they had to complete a sentence, illustrating why Parkers are leading in their field.

The judging panel was chaired by John Steer who organised the competition on behalf of Parkers. The panel consisted of Mr. John Parker and Michael Fabb of Parkers together with Bill Mills Editor of the "Groundsman" and Michael Coffey, publisher of "the Golf Course".

The winning entry they chose was written by David Baker formerly assistant greenkeeper at Walton Heath and now Head Greenkeeper at Addington Court. "Parkers are leaders in total turf care services because if you sow it, grow it or mow it they are always there to help".

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Further information may be obtained by phoning Stewarts on 031-663-6617.

New range from McConnell

THE long hydraulic arms of F.W. McConnell Ltd, Temeside Works, Ludlow, Shropshire, recently unveiled a complete new range of tractor-mounted hedge and grass flails which will be of special interest to contractors and public authorities.

The six strong PA 90 Series brings in some important and totally new improvements and modifications to both arms and flail heads. The introduction of metal cladding on power arms now protects previously exposed hoses, oil tanks are lower for ease of maintenance - there is an anti-splash filler cap and return line filter now inside the tank making it less prone to damage.

The most significant innovation is the unique Automatic Head Control which McConnell are introducing to their larger machines to give operators complete control over hedging and grass cutting operations.

Extra's on the three largest machines, the PA95, 96 and 97 include, Head Float and Angle Float options, particularly useful for grass mowing.

Hydraulic controls allow the head to be floated up and down over contours and electric controls allow it to follow the angles of oddly-shaped bumps. Prices range from £3450 for the PA 92 which is the 'baby' of the bunch for 50hp tractors and more - to, £5950 for the PA95 which needs a 65 hp plus tractor.

Conversion from hedge to grass cutting is simple since the same hood is used. An additional flap and changing to grass flails is all that is needed. The additional flap and changing to grass flails is all that is needed. The rotor motor can drive from left or right of the head and fits more snugly into the machine to allow close cutting around obstructions. Hard-wearing nylon flail bushes replace steel to keep weight down.

Hello Peter!

PETER HAMPTON has been appointed as Roffey Bros. Ltd's agent in the Wiltshire, Avon, Oxford, Gloucester and South Wales areas.

Peter has, over the past two years, established his own business calling on golf clubs, public authorities and other professional users, producing a range of grass machinery and sundries.

The marketing agreement with Roffey Bros. will enable Peter to provide an expanded range of goods and services, particularly the range of RBL Sportsturf Dressing, including the unique RBL Xylorganic. He will also be marketing products from leading manufacturers, such as Vitax fertilisers, May & Baker, Synchemicals and Johnsons seeds.

Peter may be contacted on Trowbridge 02214 5864.

...NOTEBOOK

Greenkeepers win 'Groundsman of the year' awards

MORE than 100 people attended the Institute of Groundsmanship's third annual education and training awards ceremony held in the main library of the Reform Club in London's Pall Mall on Friday 30th October 1987.

Winner of the Young Groundsman of the Year title was 21-year-old Huw Morgan, head greenkeeper of Fairwood Golf Club, Swansea. He received a framed certificate, engraved crystal whisky decanter, and a top prize of an all-expenses-paid trip to Houston, Texas, where he will be attending the GCSAA Convention next February.

Runner-up was Paul Whiting, also 21, assistant groundsman at Ranby House Preparatory School near Retford, Nottinghamshire. Paul received a £250 travel prize. Both young men received their prizes from the TV and stage star Mr. Jimmy Jewel.

Winner of the Master Groundsman of the Year competition was Laurence Pithie (35), golf course manager of Michinhampton Golf Club near Stroud, and a prominent member of the BIGGA and runner-up in last year's competition. He received a similar prize from last year's

Groundsman of the Year John Warner NDT. Runner-up was Graham Mapp NDT (47), sports ground manager for the Post & Mail newspaper in Birmingham. He received his travel prize from IOG Vice President Bob Corbin AH RHS.

The four runners-up in each section of the competition were presented with their framed certificates and engraved crystal by Jim Deen, group editor of Haymarket Publishing Limited, and also received book tokens and

subscriptions to "Horticulture Week" magazine.

The two winners will be joining an official IOG delegation to attend the annual Convention of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America which will be held in Houston, Texas from 1st-8th February 1988.

While in the USA they will be guests of the GCSAA at the education seminars and a celebratory banquet.

For further information tel: Richard Frost on 01 736 9328

New at Huxleys

HUXLEYS Grass Machinery have appointed two new area sales managers for their retail division at Alresford in Hampshire.

Taking on responsibility for direct sales of the company's grass, turf and grounds maintenance equipment to professional customers in Dorset, Southern Hampshire and West Sussex is Mike Read.

The second sales appointment by Huxleys is Roger Barnes, with responsibility for Wiltshire, Oxfordshire and parts of Hampshire, Surrey and Berkshire.

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Stephen Curtis

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Divestment of Farm Machinery Business

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Electrolux will continue to employ a number of Ransomes employees engaged in the farm machinery activity and it is hoped that any redundancies will be minimised by taking advantage of natural wastage during the period to the end of 1989 and re-deployment to the grass machinery activity where business is increasing.

In recent years Ransomes has established itself as a world leader in manufacture and sale of commercial grass cutting machinery used by public authorities, golf courses and other professional users. Recent acquisitions have also placed Ransomes at the forefront of the domestic market for quality mowers. The sale proceeds will be reinvested in developing a wider range of products within

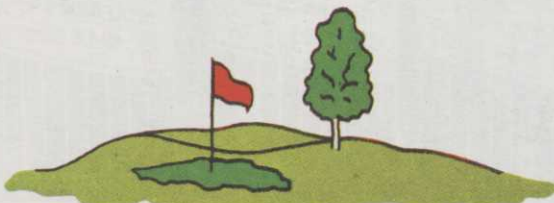
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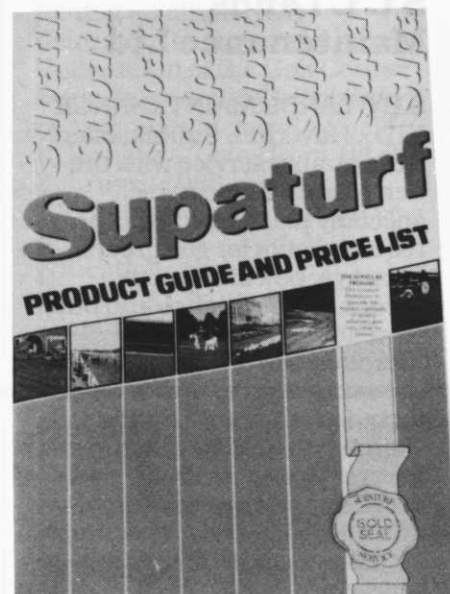
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