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The Atco Professional Gangmaster in action. The Gangmaster has a variable cutting width of 83" or 138" with 3 or 5 cutting heads in fixed or floating versions, the Gangmaster has P.T.O. drive.

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## Steady Progress at York

At a further meeting between the three green-keeping Associations EIGGA, SIGGA & BGGGA held on April 28th under the Chairmanship of Peter Wilson of the English Golf Union, agreement was reached on a number of points. A constitution for the proposed joint Association was hammered out, clause by clause to the satisfaction of all present. It was also agreed that the base for the Administrator of the new Association would be within the offices of the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley. Other matters were only briefly discussed, the meeting having gone into such detail on the constitution. This will now be presented to the three participating Associations for their approval prior to the next meeting at York on June 9th, when it is hoped that the remaining parts of the package will be agreed. It is proposed that the new Association will come into being on January 1st 1987.

## Greenkeeper Training Committee

Dr. Peter Hayes Director of the Sports Turf Research Institute and Chairman of the G.T.C. has announced that a donation of £1,500 has been received from the P.G.A. European Tour. This money is to be used to fund better liaison between the colleges which the G.T.C. have selected as their regional greenkeeper training centres. (see April Greenkeeper) The money from the European Tour (a totally separate organisation from the Belfry based Professional Golfers Association) is part of the promotional fee paid by ICI Professional Products to be utilised for greenkeeper training. Commenting on the Tour's move ICI's Keith Cleverley said that he was delighted that the money would benefit all greenkeepers at every level with the improvement in educational opportunities.

This is another welcome boost for the G.T.C. which in the last year has made considerable strides forward in rationalising the formal greenkeeper training opportunities and syllabus in England.

Under a separate agreement the STRI are to carry out trials at Bingley on the ICI range of fine turf fertilisers.