

MOVEMENTS & MURMURINGS

AQUISITION OF T PARKER & SONS (TURF MANAGEMENT) LTD AND PARKER MOWER REPAIRS LTD BY THE MOYSES STEVENS GROUP LTD

TWO companies, both very well known in the amenity and sports turf trade, have now combined under one ownership.

The Moyses Stevens Group Ltd, the holding company of Moyses Stevens Ltd, the London florist and Roffey Brothers Ltd of Bournemouth has acquired T Parker & Sons (Turf Management) Ltd and Parker Mower Repairs Ltd of Worcester Park from the Parker family.

Jennifer d'Abo, Chairman of Moyses Stevens has become Chairman of the Parker companies, Mr Jim Parker remains as Managing Director but other members of the Parker family have resigned as directors.

Stephen Billycald, John Wynne-Williams, Charles Lumley-Ellis and Nicholas Wood, Directors of Roffey Brothers, have been appointed Directors of the Parker Companies.

Parker has been a major customer of Roffey Brothers for several years with Roffey supplying most of the Turf Dressings sold by Parker.

The directors of both companies believe that there is great potential for developing

ALEX TAKES A BREAK – AFTER 45 YEARS

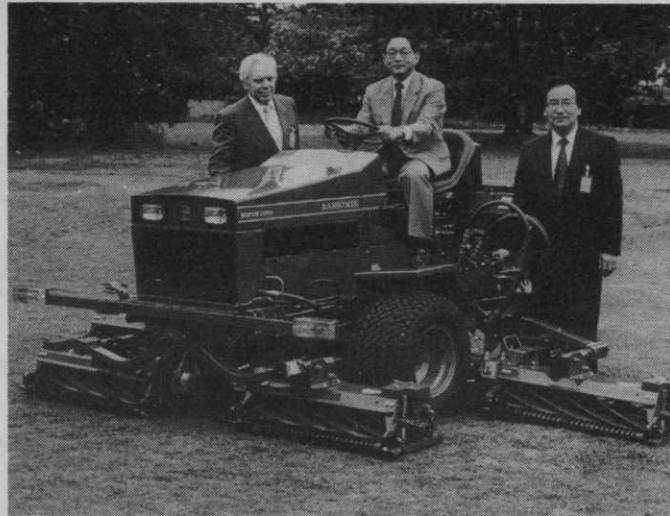
AFTER being involved in the agricultural and grass machinery business since 1945, when he left war-time service with the RAF, Alex Kelly is retiring at the age of 65 from Turner International Ltd. He plans to devote more time to his own garden.

Employed in the Sales and Marketing department at Turner International, Alex was involved with some of the company's key UK customers and dealers, an area where his wide experience of the industry was of great benefit to the company.

"We supply machinery to users throughout the UK and abroad," says Turner's Sales Director Graham Satchwell. "Alex was an important member of the team and he will be sadly missed."

To mark his retirement, Alex was presented with a cheque from Turner International and a car radio cassette by his colleagues.

Alex Kelly, left, says farewell to Turner International's Sales Director Graham Satchwell.



KUBOTA ENGINES MAN VISITS RANSOMES

SEATED at the wheel of a Ransomes Motor 350D is Mr. Yoshiyuki Mizushima, Export Manager, Kubota Engine Division, responsible for worldwide sales.

He flew in specially from Japan for a meeting with top management of Ipswich-based

Ransomes Sims and Jefferies.

Ransomes is one of Kubota's main engine customers in the UK and the purpose of the visit was to discuss future co-operation and working relationships.

Also pictured are Kubota's General Sales Manager Mr. John Cook and Mr. Eizo Kato (right), Kubota's Chief Engineer for UK Applications.

together the supply of fertilizers, chemicals, grass-seed, dressings, equipment and machinery to the expanding sports ground, golf course and amenity market.

Roffey and Parker will continue to operate as separate

companies but will work closely together to offer a range of products through both companies to meet the requirements of the growing amenity and sports turf market throughout the South of England.



TURFLAND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTS NEW TERRITORY MANAGER

ROGER Moore has been appointed Territory Manager by Turfland Professional Equipment Limited to lead the company's sales activities in East Anglia, Greater London and South East England.

The position is a new one which has been created by an upturn in sales and diversification of the company's wide range of products.

Turfland distribute a comprehensive range of turf-care equipment into the rapidly expanding sports, leisure and amenity industries.

Products include Brouwer gang mowers, turf cutters, turf harvesters, Vac cleaning system, verticuts and rollers, together with Brillion seeders, the Rotadairon stone-burying machine and, the latest addition to the range, the MPG 2000 turf laying machine.

Roger is a qualified horticulturist and worked five years as head gardener for a local authority before moving into the sales field.

His most recent experience was as a sales representative for a major manufacturer of audio equipment and ancillary products, dealing with retail outlets and distributor networks nationwide.

JACOBSEN NAMES TOM CARTER – VP INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

JACOBSEN Textron have recently announced the appointment of Tom Carter as Vice President of International Operations.

He will oversee all of the Company's distribution and sales activities outside North America with direct responsibility for Jacobsen's United Kingdom operations.

His duties will include developing current and future products to meet the needs of international customers. In addition, he will oversee Jacobsen product service operations worldwide.

Tom Carter joined Jacobsen in 1977, most recently serving as Vice President of Strategic Planning.

Following closely the recent appointment of Rene Orban as Managing Director of Jacobsen UK, this new appointment not only highlights the company's intention to become the UK's leading supplier of turf machinery, it also underlines Jacobsen's commitment to Europe.