

## OMC puts Cushman on block

Cushman and Lawn-Boy are for sale.

The Outboard Marine Corp. of Waukegan, Ill., has announced that its Lawn-Boy lawn mower and Cushman industrial vehicle and turf care businesses are for sale.

Corporation Chairman C.D. Strang said the sale of the two divisions would let the company concentrate on its expanding worldwide marine business. They are the owners of Donzi Marine and Chris Craft boat makers.

OMC earnings for the third quarter ending June 30 were more than 50 percent off last year's earnings. They are a 1.7 billion dollar manufacturer of marine products, consumer and professional turf care equipment and light industrial vehicles.

OMC feels the decline in sales was caused by slower lawn mower sales due to last year's drought as well as a slowdown in demand for marine products.

## Dye: New courses demanding better irrigation systems

Architect Pete Dye emphasized the important role irrigation systems play on golf courses in recent remarks as keynote speaker at Rain Bird's annual Golf Distributor Meeting in Anaheim, Calif.

"Today's golf architects are designing bigger, better and more demanding golf courses that employ a greater-than-ever variety of turfgrasses mixed with native plant

materials," Dye said. "They utilize frequent elevation changes, multiple tee areas and an abundance of bunkers. These factors combine to make the management of the course a nightmare for the course superintendent."



Pete Dye

Dye indicated that the superintendent's salvation is the watering precision provided him by today's advanced irrigation control systems.

He pointed out that he did not even use irrigation on the first three courses he designed. "The requirements of new golf course designs, such as those imposed at the TPC Stadium Golf Course at PGA West in La Quinta, Calif., dictate that precise irrigation control be used," Dye said.

## American Golf empire grows

American Golf Corp. of Santa Monica, Calif., announced that it has added two more golf courses to the more than 110 private and public golf courses it owns or leases nationwide.

The new acquisitions are Oakhurst Country Club, a private, par-72 course in Grove City, Ohio, and Mountain Meadows Golf Course, a par-72 public course in Pomona, Calif.

Oakhurst Country Club was designed by Jack Kidwell. It includes a clubhouse, pro shop, driving range and food, beverage and banquet facilities.

Ted Robinson designed Mountain Meadows Golf Course and it also includes a clubhouse, golf shop, driving range and full food, beverage and banquet facilities.

## New Zealand disclaims noxious weed claim

### Official says serrated tussock under control since 1973

New Zealand's Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has reported that its testing station has not found the noxious serrated tussock weed in samples of seed submitted for testing for at least 15 years.

A.A. Johnson, manager of the Ministry's Official Seed Testing Station in Palmerston North, added, "Our records prior to 1973 do not indicate when this impurity was last found, but it was probably in the early 1960s."

Johnson's statement came in the wake of a scare in the United States when the weed, which can kill cattle

and sheep, was found in shipments of tall fescue grass seed from Argentina.

At least one seed-testing laboratory in the United States expressed concern that the weed might continue to get past U.S. Department of Agriculture testers when it is shipped through Customs.

Indeed, more than 600,000 pounds did get into the country through a governmental error, but USDA officials say they have taken steps to prevent that from happening again.

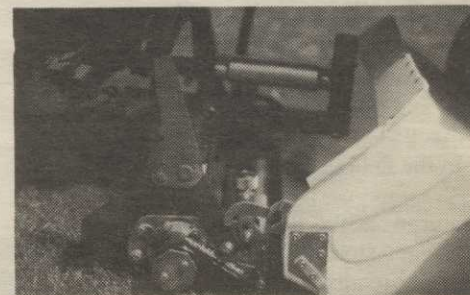
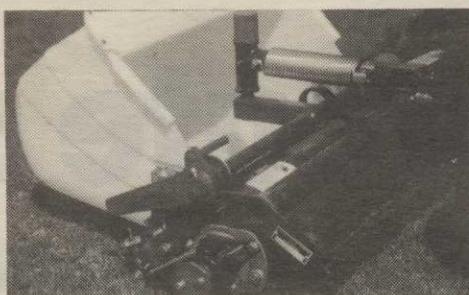
Dale Kern of Seed Technology, Inc. in Marysville, Ohio, warned people to

be on the lookout for the weed in shipments of tall fescue seed from Argentina, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, all of which have at one time or another had trouble with the weed.

But Johnson said New Zealand has "special provisions within the Noxious Plants Act to control Nassella tussock (its formal name) infestations in New Zealand and there is an active and ongoing program for eradication of this weed in New Zealand."

He said the weed is now confined to "relatively isolated areas outside the seed-producing areas of New Zealand."

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