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A sycamore tree grown from a seed carried to the moon has been planted at Washington Square as part of the nation's bicentennial observance. The tree was grown from one of the collection of tree seeds carried to the moon in 1971 by Astronaut Stuart Roosa aboard Apollo 14. The tree seeds were carried on the Apollo flight so the effects of prolonged weightlessness on seed germination and seedling growth might be determined. When the seeds were returned to earth, the Forest Service germinated them in its research installation in Gulfport, Miss., and Placerville, Calif.

This year Jacobsen Manufacturing Company celebrates 25 years of continuous product service training. Jacobsen began in 1950 formulating a nationwide training program which involved three sets of training teams — one set each for the East Coast, Middle West and West Coast. In 1962, they opened a factory service school in Racine, Wisconsin. Two years later, the school was expanded to 4,000 square feet in one area and remodeled to include the latest in audio and visual training aids.

There are 185 new "imagined" products for parks and school playgrounds in the 1975 catalog of Game Time, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Toro Company. "Imagineering" is Game Time's formula for mixing the excitement of imaginative play with these advantages of excellent engineering: safety, durability and low maintenance. The new entries, a record number for Game Time, include a line of therapeutic play equipment designed to meet the needs of special children, a greatly expanded line for pre-school children, a new modular concept in wood playground products, and a playground spectacular — Circurama. The therapeutic play equipment was designed to help the disadvantaged child in five general categories: balance, motor coordination, skill learning, creative play and physical challenge with security. The 102-page catalog, with four-color photographs on every page, divides Game Time equipment into 20 separate sections. All of the playground

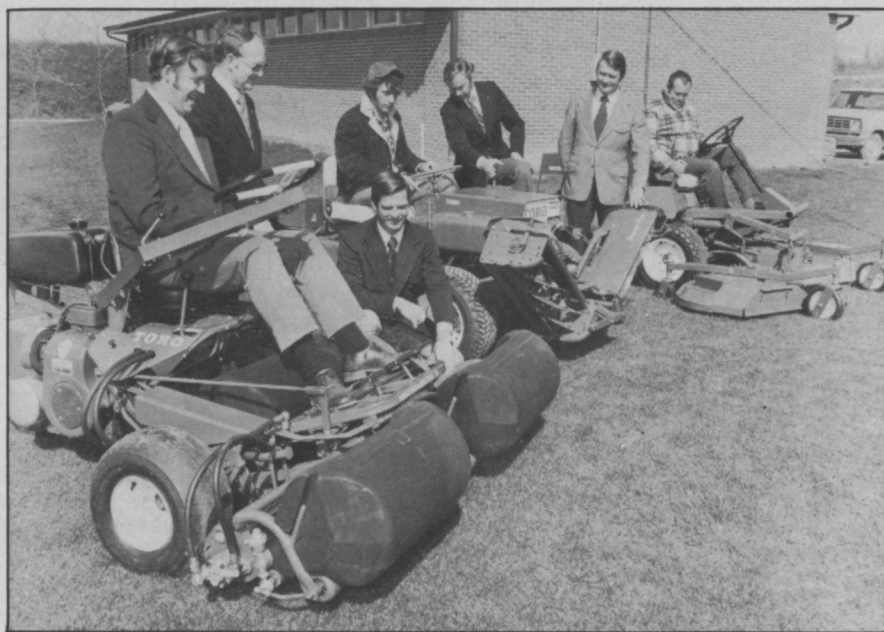
equipment is certified by the Nationwide Consumer Testing Institute, Inc., to comply with the proposed safety standards developed for recreational equipment in use in public parks and playgrounds. Copies of the catalog may be obtained from any Game Time representative or by writing Game Time, 6874 Washington Ave., S., Eden Prairie, Minn. 55343.

The American Society of Golf Course Architects, has published its 1975 membership list, which includes a map with the location of the various designers. President Geoffrey S. Cornish reported that the Society's membership includes leading architects from Canada, Mexico, and the United States. There are 57 regular members, 18 associate members, and two foreign corresponding members. Those planning to build a new course or remodel an older one may obtain a copy of the current membership list by writing the American Society of Golf Course Architects, 221 N. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill. 60601.

Occidental Chemical Company has officially combined both its Eastern and Western operations for a marketing-training-distributing effort to make Monsanto's new

"Round-Up" available where needed most in all non-crop areas. Oxychem is an industrial chemicals marketer as well as an agricultural fertilizer and chemical mining and manufacturing company, and has an active distribution network set up to handle "Round-Up" on a nationwide basis. The new herbicide from Monsanto research is well suited for industrial usage, especially wherever tough weeds or grasses are a problem.

A new study, published in a recent Council of California Growers Newsletter, reported no illness among field workers harvesting vegetable crops in Imperial County during January and February. Some 300 workers were examined by a team from the University of California Medical School. Their level of enzyme cholinesterase was compared with that of urban dwellers. All of the field workers had been harvesting crops treated with organo-phosphate compounds. Exposure to organo-phosphates reportedly lowers the cholinesterase level. However, the examinations revealed no decrease in the enzyme level among the field workers. And levels were the same for field workers and the urban dwellers who had no contact with the treated crop.



Richmond Power Equipment Co., Richmond, Virginia, recently made available to the Virginia Tech Turfgrass Research Center at Blacksburg, power equipment valued at over \$12,000. Shown with the new equipment are from left: Dave Hancock, Richmond Power Equipment Co.; R. E. Schmidt, associate professor of agronomy at Tech; A. J. Powell, Tech Extension turfgrass specialist; F. M. Shepherd, turfgrass technician; P. H. Massey Jr., associate dean of agriculture; T. B. Hutcheson, head of the department of agronomy; and Tommy Davis, supervisor, Tech turfgrass research center.