

# SHORT CUTS

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the acquisition in August.

BMB manufactures rotary mowers, rear blades for tractors and cultivators. BMB also manufactures rotary mowers for Ford Tractor under Ford's brand name.

BMB will continue its operations in Holton. The facility there will be expanded to allow increased production, including the manufacturing of the Rhino product line.

Thomas A. Herrmann of Easton, Conn. has purchased Locke Manufacturing, Inc., of Bridgeport, Conn. Locke is the manufacturer of professional lawn care equipment. Herrmann is Locke's seventh owner in the company's 62-year history. He will also become chief operating officer of the firm.

GardenAmerica Corporation has signed an agreement to purchase Irri-Trol Manufacturing of Valencia, Calif. for about \$7 million. Irri-Trol manufactures specialty irrigation controllers for landscape architects and installers. GardenAmerica manufactures lawn and garden products for residential and light commercial applications.

RSI Corporation, of Greenville, S.C. has acquired DeBra Enterprises, Inc., (Hollywood, Fla.) and Turf and Industrial Equipment, Inc. (Orlando, Fla.).

DeBra sells turf care products to golf courses, commercial customers and government units. Turf and Industrial Equipment sells and services turf equipment.

Sax Industries, Inc. of Nash, Texas, has purchased the assets and complete inventory of F.E. Myers power spray division in Ashland, Ohio. The company will produce and market general purpose and air sprayers for golf courses, parks, schools, cemeteries, lawns and municipalities.

The Agricultural Services Division of Land O'Lakes, Inc. has acquired 24 midwestern retail fertilizer plants from the International Minerals & Chemicals Corp. Land O'Lakes is a major supplier of fertilizer and agricultural chemicals in the upper Midwest.

## PESTICIDES

### Preemergence material works on 90 weeds

Elanco Products Co. hopes to have EPA label approval for EL-107, a pre-emergence herbicide, by early 1988.

The new herbicide for turf and ornamentals has broadleaf activity. It is the only experimental pesticide that

**NO MORE COMPETITION...** Competition has become cooperation for members of the ALCA Interior Landscape Division and the Interior Plantscape Association. The ILD, now the IPD, has assimilated IPA members, thereby almost doubling its membership, according to WEEDS TREES & TURF sources. The new, larger group, though remaining under the umbrella of the Associated Landscape Contractors of America, promises to be a more effective organization than either of its predecessors.

**BOUT WITH THE DROUGHT...** Golf courses on Hilton Head Island stayed green through the summer's severe drought despite restrictions on water usage. The reason: the courses are watered with sewage effluent rather than fresh water. This actually helps the level of the island's underground water aquifer. The earth's soil filters out the remaining impurities in the effluent before it reaches the aquifer to replenish the water source.

**COUNT DOWN...** Northrup King Seed Company has hit the market this fall with the first salt-tolerant sod, ideal for roadsides and rights-of-way. The company, a leader in researching native grass varieties, previously marketed only salt-tolerant seed mixes, primarily its Boulevard mix. But according to turf specialist Mark Grundman, the mix must be composed by seed count, rather than seed weight. Grundman says if its not done that way, certain aggressive native varieties will take over.

**JUST DOWN THE RIVER A BIT...** The Skokie River— well, actually it's more like a brook— flows through nine golf courses outside of Chicago, Ill. It starts at Lake Bluff Golf Course in Lake Bluff and flows from there to Deer Path Park Golf Course (Lake Forest) to Onwentsia Club (Lake Forest) to Old Elm Club (Lake Forest) to Highland Park Country Club (Highland Park) to Sunset Valley Golf Club (Highland Park) to Bob O'Link Golf Club (Highland Park) to Northmoor Country Club (Highland Park) to, finally, Glencoe Golf Club (Glencoe). That's about 10 miles "as a crow flies," says Onwentsia's superintendent Paul Boizelle.

**THEY'LL GET YOUR GOAT...** Way down in the lowlands east of Dallas, Texas, goats are everybody's friends. It gets a little messy at the city water plant in the summer when a combination of heat and oozing sludge produces lagoon grass that swarms up and swallows tractors. Enter seven Spanish goats who now keep the 67 acres groomed. The area previously needed twice-monthly mowings by seven men and a host of mowers. The animal maintenance unit is a neighborly arrangement between Samuell Farm and the nearby water plant. The plant saves gas and labor costs, while the goats eat for free.