

THINGS by Lee

Last month your editor did not have a chance to get all the necessary information on the host superintendent of Rancho Canada, Larry Lloyd. But in order not to overlook him, we made a promise to catch him later. Well, we are glad we did, since Larry, for those who don't know him, is a very interesting person with quite a story to tell.

Larry is a native of the Napa Valley. He was born and raised there, and took his first golf course job on the famous Silverado Golf Course, under no other than the equally famous or infamous Walter Collins. Somehow, he managed to stick it out for 4 years, and even Walt's jokes could not drive him off sooner. When he did leave, it was to take on the job as Superintendent of Pajaro Valley Golf Course in Watsonville. Larry at that time was only 21 years old, which must have been an indication of things to come. All this happened in 1962. In 1965 he went to work for Nick Lombardo at the Del Monte Country Club as their superintendent. After having worked as a superintendent for 3 years at Del Monte, Nick Lombardo added the Fig Garden Golf Course in Fresno to his courses and put Larry in charge of both courses. This arrangement must have gone well, because shortly afterwards Pajaro Valley Golf Course was added to the chain as a lease property, again under Larry. By this time Larry became a junior partner in the enterprise. The firm now decided to build a new course in Carmel Valley; the course which is presently known as Rancho Canada. Larry became the contractor on this project, and oversaw the entire operation personally. Building was started in February 1969, and the course opened for play in April 1970.

Larry is not the only Lloyd in the golf game. His Dad, Paul Sr. is his assistant in charge of Pajaro Golf Course, while his younger brother Paul Jr. used to be his assistant at Del Monte. Presently Paul Jr. is a superintendent in his own right at Aptos.

The rest of the Larry Lloyd family is made up of his good-looking wife Barbara, and their 3 children Rickie - 15, Julie - 13, and Lauri 11. They presently live in Pacific Grove.

RANCHO CANADA - This course is a 36 hole lay-out, designed by golf course architect Robert Dean Putnam of Fresno. The 'West' course is rated the third toughest course on the Peninsula. Rated 72.3 The length is 6835 yards.

Larry Lloyd was the contractor on this project, and he gave me these statistics--All equipment was rented by the hours. Three-quarter million cubic yards of dirt were moved. The sprinkler system is completely automatic. For the system Larry chose a Toro Moist-O-Matic system, consisting of hydraulic controllers, and all valve-in head gear-driven heads. The system includes 72 satellite controllers and 8 master controllers. Fifty-two miles of pipe were laid underground to