

as assistant superintendent of maintenance for the model area, and then moved to the East Bay Regional Park District as the superintendent of the Tilden Golf Course. This was his initiation into golf course management. After 3½ years with them, he obtained the position of Superintendent of the Walnut Creek Golf Course, which is his present Status.

As mentioned before, his wife's name is Helen, and they now have two more daughters beside their son Glenn. Glenn is 16, Hillary is 14, and the youngest, Cheryl is 12. They reside in Walnut Creek.

W A L N U T C R E E K G O L F C O U R S E - The Walnut Creek Course is new. Most of you had the opportunity to play it last March. It is a regulation 18 hole, playing 6,500 yds. from the regulation tees. It can be stretched to 7,200 yds. The course was constructed in 1968. Bob Graves was the architect, and it is still in the process of being groomed to completion. As in all new courses, there are often a lot of things which can be improved upon, and our target date for completion of all construction is the end of 1973.

In spite of the lack of finish which marks a complete course, the course has proven to be very popular. Last fiscal year it played 65,000 rounds of golf. The projection is for an increase as our plans call for a continuous car path throughout the course.

The course is unique in the Diablo Valley on account of its soil type, which makes this course the only one not built on adobe. It is quick drying, which makes it suitable for winter play. We mow even in winter when most other units on other courses are put away or overhauled. We often have to water as early as mid-February, since the soil is such a drying type. Much of the popularity of the course is also due to the beautiful location, overlooking the Valley, and the magnificent clubhouse which is rather unusual for a municipal course. It contains the Boundary Oaks Restaurant, a first-class restaurant, catering to the golfer and non-golfer alike. All in all, the course has a great future, and will prove to be one of the most popular courses in the area. Your host hopes you will enjoy the program and the course. Be sure to reserve your starting time with the Pro Shop.

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It was with great sadness that we learned of Larry Keck's wife's passing. Apparently she had been seriously ill for some time, and the end was not unexpected. However, it is always sad to lose someone who has been close to you for that long. We all wish to express our sympathy to Larry in his loss. The Board of Directors of the Association has voted to set a small token gift of \$15.00, which Larry asked to be donated to the Diabetes Foundation in his wife's memory.

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Dr. John Madison of U.C. Davis announced that he has some fine young students who are interested in working on a golf course for the

summer to gain practical experience. If any superintendent is interested in hiring these students, please contact Dr. Madison at Davis.

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There will be an opening at the Ancil Hoffman course in Carmichael, Sacramento County, to replace Lee Meservy, who recently retired. Information will be available through the Civil Service in Sacramento or Chuck Weaherton, who will be receiving information from Sacramento County.

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Larry Keck, superintendent of Lake Wildwood Golf Course, announced that the Northern California PGA Open Golf Tournament will be held on this course on September 21, 22, 23. He invites all cardholding members to be his guest and watch the play. There will be no charge.

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The Board of Directors appointed a nominating committee to make up a slate of candidates for office for the coming year. The April meeting will be the business meeting at which time new officers will be elected. The offices open will be for the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and 2 Directors. The committee will consist of Howard Fisher - North Bay area, Chuck Weaherton - Bay Area, Larry Feliciano - Valley area, Merle Russill - Monterey Peninsula area, Ken Vorderbruggen - Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and all points not covered. If you have candidates, see one of the above committee members.

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Those of you who have been in the golf course business for a long time in the Bay Area especially, probably remember Paul Jones formerly of California Toro. I have been informed that Mr. Jones passed away just recently. For those who do not know him, Mr. Jones was the founder of the California Toro Company in San Francisco, back in 1940. It stayed California Toro, until in 1963 Western Toro took over the Toro dealership, and California Toro changed names and became California Turf Equipment Distributing Company, under which name they continued to operate until 1966. Then Western Toro bought them out, and the company ceased to exist. Russ Jones, who a lot of you know, is the son of Paul Jones, and he presently is working with the Western-Turf Equipment Co. Our condolences go to him for the loss of his father.

Lee Huang, Superintendent
Walnut Creek Golf Course

CLIFF WAGONER IS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT--Clifford A. Wagoner, golf course superintendent at the Del Rio Country Club in Modesto, has been elected vice president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Wagoner's election came during the GCSAA's 43rd International Turfgrass Conference and Show, held February 13-18 in Cincinnati, Ohio. More than 4,000 golf course superintendents from across the nation