

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

and many foreign countries attended the annual event.

Wagoner has previously served as GCSAA secretary-treasurer.

Golf Course Superintendents are the men responsible for the everyday maintenance of thousands of golf courses in the United States and other countries. Their job has been called "the most sophisticated form of agriculture."

The following letter has been sent to Mr. C. W. Weatherton in regards to the UNITED STATES OPEN 1972 - June 12-18, Pebble Beach, California

"During the week of the 1972 U.S. Open Championship, we will be happy to extend the courtesy of the grounds and clubhouse facilities to the members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California.

Would you please be kind enough to notify your members that, on presentation of their current cards, at the "WILL CALL" booth, located just inside the Carmel Hill Gate (off Route#1), they will be given daily clubhouse tickets?

We regret that, in view of the huge crowds which we are anticipating, we will be unable to extend this privilege to their wives.

Nancy Jupp, Tournament Manager

It's time again to start correlating programs for the turf maintenance season. Budget, fertilization, weed control programs must all be brought into focus, because it won't be long before we see the Sun again and the work will start in earnest. I am sure that all of the turf managers in the Central Valley are anxious for the chilling fogs to leave so that we may begin to prepare our courses for the long hot Summer. "OH", to see green grass again. With the heavy Spring schedule just ahead, Superintendents face the problem of getting their work done satisfying Club members, keeping happy employees, and holding their budgets in line. Your labor force is probably your most valuable asset or deficit depending on the situation. It seems to be getting more difficult to find good people from the work force. I found last year by working with a smaller crew, but compensating these people when ever I could, I ended with my most successful season. When the work showed signs of falling behind, I worked these people overtime. They were averaging many overtime hours each week which meant fatter pay checks and smiling faces. Of course you must have a nucleus of good employees who are versatile. Having ended 1971 well under budget with a happy membership, I am hoping that I can follow the same guidelines for a successful 1972.

- - - Larry Fellciano, Director GCSANC - -