

THINGS - by Lee - - - - The October meeting at Marin Golf & Country Club is now history. As usual, our Host Superintendent, Orville Suttles had the course in fine shape, and apparently had a little influence upstairs as well. It had rained very hard the day before, and again the skies looked very threatening. However, the rain held off as long as we were there, and it gave the people an opportunity to test their skills on the course.

Bill Bengeyfield of the USGA Green Section was the guest speaker. We certainly were glad to have Bill there, especially myself. I have never had the pleasure of meeting Bill in person. However, Bill had been kind enough to send me a very nice letter regarding the Newsletter in which he was very complimentary. Well, such a fellow can't be all bad, don't you agree? However, I do feel slightly disappointed. Bill showed us a fine film about Lee Trevino at the Open, which was enjoyed by those of us who are golfers. Somehow I feel that this was a program more suited to a golf club, rather than a superintendents' meeting. I am not slighting the golfers. But with Bill's very wide experience in all phases of golf in all parts of the U.S., it seems that he could have given a highly interesting and informative talk about the many things he has been associated with. But this is just one man's opinion. There are - I am sure - many who disagree with me.

Our next host is genial Larry Feliciano at the Woodbridge course in Lodi. Larry, who has been a member of the Association for many years and is one of the Directors at present, needs very little introduction to our members. He usually has a fine course waiting for the members, and sets an extremely fine table. I know that you will enjoy being at this meeting. The program is a very special one. It will consist of a panel made up of green chairmen and their equivalents on municipal courses. The topic will be "What do they expect of their golf course superintendents?" It will be a no holds barred type of panel, and it certainly could be an eye-opener for some of us. Try to attend.

The Golf Tournament has been called off, or rather postponed until Spring. There will be more information forthcoming.

Ken Vorderbruggen finally showed us the plaque we have been talking about for some time. The plaque is very handsome, and extremely reasonable. So, we expect a large sign up for orders. The full price which includes shipping to you comes to \$7.75.

FOR SALE - Worthington 5-gang mower. Best offer. Call Bob Leas, Monterey Peninsula CC Phone (408) 372-1479

WANTED - Topdresser. Call Jim Silva, Healdsburg Golf Course Phone (707) 433-4275

SEE LARRY FELICIANO'S ARTICLE ABOUT DECEMBER 1, 1972 meeting.

NEW POSITIONS - TOM UNRUH is now the superintendent of the Davis Golf Course, Davis. TOM SANTOS, former foreman of the San Ramon National Golf Course, San Ramon, is now the superintendent. Congrats to both of you fellows, and good luck in your new positions.

The camping-outing mentioned in the last newsletter will be postponed until next Spring. When the angels above heard that the superintendents were planning to gather socially, they were so mortified that they let loose with the tears, which has caused flooding, record rains in California, and untold misery for some grape growers, who haven't harvested all the crop. But being hardy souls, the superintendents will still try to hold this outing in the Spring. Mr. Charles F. Ankrom, Director of Golf Course Operations for the Boise Cascade Group, has cordially invited us to make use of the camping facilities of Lake Wildwood. My thanks to this fine gentleman. Let's make some noise, gang, and let me know how many of you are interested in this outing.

That is all for this time. I need articles from the members. Surely you all have something to contribute. So, let's have it. It is raining outside, and though I know that you are all dedicated superintendents, I don't believe that you are out on the course all day with rain dripping off the end of your nose. Consequently, you surely have some time while drying out to try your one-fingered typing technique on your trusty old typewriter. You may win a Pulitzer prize.

See you at Woodbridge. Lee Huang

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#### WHY AUTUMN LEAVES ARE COLORFUL

Ever wonder why autumn leaves display such bright colors? Deciduous trees and shrubs often show bright colors just before leaf drop in the fall. A leaf is a small plant factory using sunlight to make food needed for plant growth. As the days become shorter and temperatures cool, this leaf factory gradually "closes down."

Formation of an abscission layer which separates the leaf from the twig is one of the first things to happen. The cells in this layer act as one-way doors allowing food to enter the branch for storage. As the leaf runs out of food and as temperatures drop, the leaf stops making chlorophyll.

Chlorophyll Hides Other Colors Chlorophyll, the green coloring in the leaf, hides other colors during the growing season. When the leaf