

T H I N G S - by Lee

The March meeting is over. The program was extremely interesting and informative. But the attendance was a great disappointment. Only 84 were there. Whoever did not make this meeting did himself a tremendous disservice. I watched the people present. We had just finished a very large buffet luncheon, and with the rain pattering on the roof, and the lights dimmed for the slide presentation, everything was just ideal to fall asleep. Yet, there was not one person who fell asleep, which means that the speakers had done a marvelous job in capturing the attention of the audience. Jim McHenry, the lead-off speaker introduced the audience to the relatively unknown world of aquatic plants which are common as weeds in ponds and waterhazards on many golf courses. He had excellent slides to show and taught us the difference between the many weeds that we all have seen at some time or another, but just never knew the name of. The importance of proper identification became clear as Jim went into control methods. His fine talk was followed by Nate Dechoretz, assistant to the second scheduled speaker, Dr. Richard Yeo, who was unable to attend. Nate has worked with Dr. Yeo for years, and was intimately familiar with Dr. Yeo's work. Their speciality is biological control work of aquatic weeds through the use of bull rushes, imported species of fish, such as the Tilapia and the White Amur or Chinese Grass Carp. The experiments were fascinating, and were received with a great deal of attention. Bill Hamilton came out of retirement long enough to share with us the many experiments he had conducted on various golf courses with chemicals. All in all, a splendid show by a real group of experts.

Dan Burgess, formerly superintendent of Wilcox Oaks in Red Bluff, was hired by Claremont Country Club to become superintendent when Art Graziano retires.

There will be a vacancy at the Franklin Canyon Golf Course in Rodeo. John Gasparini, after extending his stay for 6 months, is hanging up his spurs. Inquire with Pat Markovich Area Code 415 787-2191

Cliff Wagoner wants to make note of the new date for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Turfgrass Conference and Show which will be in Anaheim in 1974. The dates are February 10-15, 1974. Make your plans now to attend this meeting.

I have given notice to the Board of Directors that ending with the June 1973 edition of the Newsletter, I will hand it over to someone else. My work load has increased to the point where I can no longer handle this chore. I will still contribute from time to time, but someone else has to carry the load. Please apply for this position with the Board of Directors if you are interested. If no one steps forward, the paper will just fade away. I will not accept any attempts to railroad me for that job.

We are now living in a very progressive world, and we have seen a

lot of changes. Looking around in magazines and movies, we see a tremendous change in moral values. Sex is a common topic in either one. Being the Newsletter of a progressive organization we can't help but join this current trend, and so SEX HAS COME TO THE NEWSLETTER in the following story which I found in the Oakland Tribune:

A man was playing golf with his wife and hooked a drive into the trees. He went after his ball and found a man in the trees standing by a broken bottle. "I am a genie," the man explained to the golfer, "and I've been trapped in that bottle for years. Your ball hit it and broke it and that is how I got out. I feel I owe you something, so you can have a couple of wishes". The golfer thought this over. "Could you arrange to pay off my bills for one, and put a million dollars in the bank for me for the other?" The genie smiled and clapped his hands. "Both wishes are granted". The golfer was appreciative, so the genie said "Having been bottled up all this time I've missed women. Would it be alright if I spend an hour with your wife?" The husband, suddenly a debt-free millionaire, said he'd ask her. He did, and the wife consented, and she and the genie disappeared off through the trees. After an hour they returned, and the genie asked the wife "Just how old is your husband?" The wife said he was 41. The genie shook his head. "Strange. A man 41 years old and he still believes in genies".

SAYONARA Friends! - Lee Huang

The next meeting is the Annual election meeting. Every Class A & B member should attend. Nominees for office are:

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One nominee elected for each office except two directors will be elected at the annual meeting. REMEMBER nominations may be made from the floor. Kaz Maseba and Lou Pohlson have one more year to serve.

IT TAKES LITTLE EFFORT TO WATCH A MAN CARRY A LOAD.