

Larry Keck writes from Minneapolis, Minnesota where he is constructing a 9 hole par 3 course for Newgolf Inc. Robert Trent Jones, Sr. is the architect. He expects to have it seeded by September 15, 1973 and will return to Northern California as soon as the weather stops work there. He plans to complete the course at Bodega Bay when construction starts again. Since Larry is a great fisherman, he will be right at home. He sends greetings to all members and hopes to attend the October meeting.

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Definition - Node - The "joint" of a grass stem from which leaves and buds
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arise.

PROGRESS - Ben Rollefstad, Western Lawn Equipment Co., Bennies Inc.

While trying to think of something to write for the Newsletter, the word Progress came to my mind. In just the last few years, we have seen new types of Power Garden Equipment arrive on the market. Manufacturers are constantly trying to develop new and better Power Garden Equipment. The Automatic watering systems today are a great help for those who have them. The development of smaller engines with less weight and more horse power has had a tremendous impact in the Power Garden Equipment field. Today we have new and improved methods of weed and lawn controls along with fertilizers and chemicals.

I am certain man has gained in knowledge and this is good for the results are showing progress. Some will say remember the good old days, yes, for many they will be hard to forget.

-Thought For the Month-

No man can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger. It is the heart that makes a man rich. He is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has.

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EDITORIAL - There is a word that has been used quite a lot the last few years and I think that it applies to a large number of our members. The word is Apathy. Webster defines apathy as, 1. lack of emotion 2. indifference. I think the #2 definition fits. In the three years I have been in the Association I have heard a lot of people complain about the Association but do nothing to make it better.

One complaint is "what is the Association doing for me?" Let me ask you this, "for 20 dollars per year what do you expect?" I think that we are getting more than our monies worth. Another complaint is the dress code. I defy anyone to show me a case of someone dying simply from wearing a sports coat and tie. Superintendents want to be classed as professionals in their field, so let's continue to dress like professionals.

If you have an idea or gripe, then bring it to the board of directors. Don't just sit back and complain about it. Do something. There cannot be changes without ideas.

The last thing I would like to talk about is the support of, or lack of support of, our Newsletter. For the last three months I have asked for newsworthy items and the response has been very light. (I would like to thank those of you who have contributed.) I think every superintendent has the capability of writing a news item. Let's all get in and support our Association and Newsletter.

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G O L F N O T E S - Howard Fisher, Mt. St. Helena

This is for you golfers who are too lazy to get out. Bob Dauterman and Carmel Valley were excellent hosts. The weather was outstanding. In Carmel you don't know whether to dress for winter or summer.

The golf course was a pleasure. The front nine was not too long, but played long and difficult. Monterey area is supposed to be noted for its wild boar hunting, I didn't see a one on the golf course and I was all over. As you cross the road to the tenth tee, you can see a very tight golf hole. The back nine has those sneaky water holes and dog legs. The golfer who varied, didn't score. I for one, didn't score. The greens putted smoothly and bumping the ball in the fairway wasn't necessary. Bob, that's my way of saying you are doing a fine job.

A couple of friends and I played Pebble the night before. Comparing golf courses in the same area is informative. Even though these are within fifteen miles of one another the weather, terrain, and soil must be quite different. I like to play as many courses as I can to pick up and use their ideas.

See you at Calistoga September 12th. If you can't bring clubs, I have lots of mismatched antique sticks around that will suit your game!

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Definition - topdressing--A prepared mixture of soil, which is spread over turf areas for the purpose of improving the surface or adding to the nutrient supplying ability of the soil