

NOTES FROM THE NORTH VALLEY - John Engen, CGCS, Butte Creek C.C., Chico

The North Valley Chapter of the Northern California Turfgrass Council has been formed and looks like it is going to be a big success. After two years of organizational meetings and a lot of hard work two general meetings have been held with an excellent response. Both meetings were held at Country Smorgys in Oroville. One on October 22, 1975 at which time Les Goings, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner gave a presentation on pesticide rules and regulations. The second meeting was held February 24, 1976. Mr. Lloyd Coffman owner of Foothills Landscape Contractors spoke on pruning techniques. Thirty people attended this meeting and yours truly resigned as chairman of the organizational committee and board member because of other pressing matters. Griff Taylor, Kelly Ridge Golf Links was voted to fill this vacancy.

The board members of this new Turfgrass Council are capable and dedicated to the betterment of the landscape industry. They are as follows

President - Jim Carpenter, Park Superintendent, City of Oroville

Secretary - Dan Neff, Park Superintendent, City of Chico

Treasurer - Don Barrick, Head Groundsman, Butte College

Board Members - Pete Holman, Instructor, Butte College

Quentin Nakagawaro, Instructor Butte College

Griff Taylor, Golf Course Superintendent, Kelly Ridge Golf Links Oroville

Carl Wick, Farm Advisor on sabbatical leave

Advisors - Joe Sheffield, Agronomist Occidental Chemical

Frank Hutchinson, Chief of Agriculture, Butte College.

For information contact any one of these people.

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JOB PLACEMENT CENTER - Butte College has been designated as the site for the first state wide centralized clearing house for job placement of students trained in college landscape and environmental horticulture programs.

Principal purpose of the one year state funded pilot project is to place qualified students and graduates in industry jobs best suited to meet their job skills, interests and location preference.

The landscape and environmental horticulture industry initiated the placement project in cooperation with the California community colleges because of the landscape industries need to find the best qualified employees. The project is being continuously monitored by the community college chancellors office in cooperation with the project consortium and staff. Consortium members include Frank Peccorini and Efraim Donitz California Landscape Contractors Association, John Engen, Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California, Charles Armstrong California Association of Nurserymen, J. C. Meserve, Floral Industry,