

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by John Engen, CGCS, Butte Creek C.C., Chico

Hopefully the wording of Section 3121 of the pest control adviser license qualifications will be changed. I'm sure you all are aware that the way it is worded now as of 1-1-1976 we must have 30 semester units of college level curriculum in the agricultural sciences and in some instances 60 unites depending on our technical experience and background. In 1980 the minimum qualifications go to a B.A. or B.S. degree and so on.

A copy of section 3121 as it is now written is in this newsletter, also the proposed new wording.

In a nut shell the new wording would mean we would have to have a 3 unit course in organic chemistry, a 3 unit course in soil science and a 3 unit course in one of the following: botany, zoology, entomology, or biology. Our experience as golf course superintendents would qualify us for the technical experience, which could be substituted for the rest of the college units at 1 unit per 1 months experience.

I urge everyone to support the new suggested wording for Section 3121 by writing a letter to L. T. Wallace, Dept of Food & Agriculture, 1220 N St., Sacramento, CA 95814. I would suggest not writing a derogatory letter. Just support the new wording for Section 3121 and mention how it will help you in your own particular situation. It is sure hard to go to night school until 10:00 P.M. and then get up at 4:00 A.M. to be at the golf course at 5:00 A.M. for any length of time. We could live through 3 courses but to try and get 30, 90 or 120 units for some of us is impossible. If there are any questions concerning this please give me a call.

### Current Wording of Section 3121

3121. Minimum Qualifications. No person shall be issued an agricultural pest control adviser license unless such person meets the following minimum qualifications.

a) After August 1, 1974, the minimum qualifications shall consist of either: graduation from high school plus 30 semester units of college level curriculum in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, or Pest Management; or graduation from high school plus two years technical experience as an assistant to a licensed pest control adviser or equivalent or possession of a valid agricultural pest control adviser license in one or more categories within the past 12 months.

b) After January 1, 1976, the minimum qualifications shall consist of either: sixty semester units of college level curriculum in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, or Pest Management; or thirty semester units of college level curriculum in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences or Pest Management, plus two years technical experi-

experience as an assistant to a licensed pest control adviser or the equivalent; or possession of a valid agricultural pest control adviser license in one or more categories within the past 12 months.

c) After January 1, 1980, the minimum qualifications shall consist of either: A Bachelor's Degree ( B.A. or B.S.) in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, or Pest Management; or sixty semester units of college level curriculum in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, or Pest Management, plus two years of technical experience as an assistant to a licensed pest control adviser or equivalent; or possession of a valid agricultural pest control adviser license in one or more categories within the last 12 months.

There is an inconsistency between the current wording of (b) and (c) in that (b) allows two years experience to replace 30 units of college and (c) allows two years experience to replace at least 60 units of college (assuming that a degree requires 120 or more units).

Suggested Wording for Section 3121

3121 Minimum Qualifications. No person who has not possessed a valid Agricultural Pest Control Adviser License within the past 12 months shall be issued a license unless such person successfully passes the examinations and meets the minimum qualifications consisting of at least 3 semester (4½ quarter) units of college level curriculum in each of the following groups: (1) Organic Chemistry; (2) Soil Science; (3) Botany, Zoology, Entomology, or Biology, and in addition has:

(a) Sufficient additional courses to total 60 semester units (90 quarter units) of college level curriculum applicable toward a degree in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences or Pest Management

Qualifying technical experience may be substituted for these additional units in the ratio of one month's experience for one semester (1½ quarter) units of college curriculum.

(b) After January 1, 1980, possession of a Bachelor's Degree (B.A. or B.S.) in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, or Pest Management or sufficient additional courses to total 120 units of college level curriculum applicable toward such degree.

Qualifying technical experience may be substituted for these additional units at the ratio of one month's experience for one semester (1½ quarter) units of college curriculum.