

MR. JAMES STEVENSON,, President of Terminator Products, Inc., Oakland speaker at the January meeting gave a report on current and coming regulations in regard to handling pesticides. He said that the E.P.A.'s goal is not only regulate the use of pesticides but to eventually eliminate them.

Since most accidents in handling pesticides occur during the pouring and mixing stage closed loading systems are required for all sprayers over 50 gallons. He advised superintendents to purchase chemicals in 5 gal. containers since he believes the industry will eventually standardize on fives for use with the loading systems. He said the agriculture commissioners are beginning to inspect spraying equipment to see if they meet the regulations. He distributed a sheet describing these regulations. He advised all who handle pesticides to become certified because down the road applications will not be allowed without someone on the premises having necessary credentials.

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WES AND RUBY NICHOLS announce the sale of A. L. CASTLE OF STOCKTON, INC. to JOE AND BARBARA SHEFFIELD. Joe says that he expects to continue the excellent service that Wes has been giving to the members of G.C.S.A.N.C. A. L. Castle is a seed, fertilizer and chemical wholesale outlet serving the industry throughout northern California and Nevada. Castle Seed as they are known by their many friends, service small accounts as well as large accounts and are proud of their quick service record.

Castle Seed is one of the first to introduce new varieties to the northern California area including Scenic Bluegrass Seed, Game Ryegrass, Emerald Bentgrass, Manhattan Ryegrass, Baron and Couger Bluegrass and many others. The newest of these is Scenic Bluegrass which will be available this year for the very first time. Scenic is a selection out of Merion with many superior qualities such as color, leaf blade width, disease resistance and also appears to do well at lower or higher elevations. Remember, you heard of Scenic first from A. L. Castle of Stockton, Inc.

Joe was formerly a member of the highly regarded Institutional Staff of Occidental Chemical Company working throughout the bay area and northern and central counties of California. Joe left Occidental Chemical Company on December 31, 1976 to become president of A. L. Castle of Stockton, Inc.

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KEITH BRAMAN & ASSOCIATES will be conducting specialized courses in LARGE TURF ROTORS and REMOTE CONTROL VALVES in Santa Clara. The Rotor Course LTR-1 covers cam, ball, arm impact and turbo-gear drives; their strong points and limitations; how to disassemble, repair and adjust them. The Remote Control Valve Course, RCV-1, covers hydraulic "normally open" and "normally closed" electric and "TH" valve. Both piston and diaphragm types are discussed. Students are furnished workbooks with cut-away drawings and complete trouble-shooting charts

Each course is two full days (Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with an hour off for lunch. One class each of LTR-1 and RCV-1 is scheduled at different weeks but during the same month. Classes will be held in March. One course is \$65.00 or both for \$115.00. Contact KEITH BRAMAN & ASSOCIATES, 2366A walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050, (Faye Brennan)408 246-2366

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ANNUAL AWARDS - A year ago a large segment of the membership wanted to know why they couldn't be involved in the selection of the annual awards. The information has gone out to everyone. Recipients in the past have been Superintendent of Year Award - Clifford A. Wagoner, John Engen Excellence in Golf Turf Management - Gurmit Sandhu, Bill Nigh, Class F Merit Award - Joe Sheffield, Chuck Mangold. As of this writing there have been two superintendents who have submitted names. Don't wait 'til the last day. Don't get the idea that "George" will send in the names of the people you feel should be considered for the awards. DO IT YOURSELF DEADLINE DATE EXTENDED to March 1 Send names of your nominee's to Bob Livesey, 415 N. Akers Rd. Sp. #19, Visalia, CA 93277

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ASILOMAR -by Robert H. Ford, Almaden Golf & C.C., San Jose

For those of you that missed the fifth and final Asilomar Conference, Course Design for Quality Maintenance, you have missed some valuable information that explains the whole intent of golf course design. Mr. Geoffrey Cornish and Mr. Robert Graves, two well known architects, gave us the historical background of golf and golf course design, and carried us through the present contemporary designs. Their entire theme was based on course design with quality maintenance in mind. Every aspect of a golf course was covered, greens, tees, fairways, roughs, lakes, cart paths, driving ranges, clubhouse area, maintenance facilities, irrigation system, golf course master plans, etc., etc. With each of these aspects, the intent of the architect was explained and how his original idea gets changed through the years by weather, golfers, maintenance personnel, different superintendents, etc. When these changes occur, the green, a trap, a complete hole, or the golf course, loses its originality and intent.

Probably, the most beneficial learning experience is gained in the small group discussions and the one to one encounters with different superintendents from different areas. Every person gets to express himself and learn from others if he has the desire to do so.

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