

commodities including gold or silver and yes, even diamonds. Preservation of what we have available and conservation methods are challenging the best of our scientific experts and we are trusting that out of the mystery of it all a shining light will provide an answer - but nothing appears on the horizon thus far.

If we have learned some lessons and adopted some of the more practical water-conservation practices in our homes and on our jobs - then we may be better able to cope with the situation. Sharing what we have in greater abundance with those less fortunate is vitally important and confirms the so called old fashioned American Spirit that has been lying somewhat dormant these past several years of plenty.

With all our modern technology and advances in scientific discoveries - no one has yet been able to completely harness and/or control the weather so what is the solution? Might I offer a suggestion? How about universal prayer for showers of blessings to once again fill our dams and reservoirs to heal a dry and thirsty land of grass, trees and flowers - it's an idea who's with me?

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M. DOUG CARLSON, Elanco Area Representative, has accepted a new assignment as Marketing Associate, Marketing Planning-New Products, Agricultural Chemicals in the home office in Indianapolis. He and his family will be making their home in Zionsville, Indiana.

He is introducing Mike Edminister, 1975 Cal Ploy graduate who has been working for a Santa Barbara Elanco distributor for the last 2 years. A California licensed pest control advisor, Mike will be Area Representative for the Pacific Northwest handling Spike Industrial along with all other "green label" specialty and tech products. Mike will be living in Lafayette, California

Ray Ford has been named Evansville District Manager, Agricultural Chemicals. Ray was Western District Manager, Specialty and Tech Sales and is moving to Indianapolis.

Good luck Doug and Ray on your new assignments.

AUBREY "DOC" BABSON of La Rinconada Country Club is retiring July 1, 1977, after 35 years of serving the golfers' needs.

Doc has been associated with the GCSA of Northern California since 1934; he served as president in 1963. In his earlier years with the Association he was Secretary-treasurer for seven years in a row. He was Superintendent at the old Hillview Course in San Jose from 1933 to 1942. During the war years, Doc served in the Navy. After service he went to the San Jose Country Club 1946 - 1950. In 1958 Doc moved to the Marin Country club where he stayed until 1968. Then on to greener fairways - Carmel Valley 1968, then to La Rinconada in 1969.

Doc has been a strong member of our Association and a great supporter of National. He and Martha will be moving to their home in Pacific Grove (181 Ocean View Blvd, CA 93050) Being a member at Spyglass, he will be able to do things up right.

May you never have a bad lie in the fairways and the greens putt true. Best of everthing, Doc.

Bob Tipton is now Superintendent at La Rinconada Country Club. Bob has worked under Doc Babson the past 4 years. Good luck, Bob.

