

presentation. Fertilizers as they pertain to the Red Soils of the Area. It was very informative. It reinforced the need for soil tests, to insure that you put down what you need. A great interest was shown by club officials in the upcoming superintendents institute. I had an opportunity to talk to several of them on this subject.

Ralph Gillingham, Baywood, Lou Pohlson, Riverview, Jim Bambino, Lake Almanor, and Bob Tipton, Butte Creek send their regards.

Also saw Lee Meservy in Grants Pass, Oregon--he says "Hello" to his friends in the Association.

Robert E. Livesey, CGCS

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A WORD TO THE WISE - Jack D. Baker, H. V. Carter Co., Inc.

As a Golf Course Superintendent is well aware, the "down-time" on equipment awaiting repairs and parts, is mighty expensive when it happens during the mowing season and here in California, that's just about year-round.

Therefore "a word to the wise" is BE PREPARED. We appreciate you will not always have everything you need, but by putting in a replacement parts inventory such as extra belts, bedknives, pulleys, chains, points, condensers, plus hardware such as screws, bolts and nuts, you might just happen to prevent a greensmower or fairway mower being out of service. Our records indicate that there are some clubs who regularly keep an inventory of these items and even as far as to include extra reels, rotary blades and now and then a complete replacement cutting units for both greens and fairway mowers.

As a supplier we always attempt to keep a heavy inventory of parts that are most in demand and this job is being assisted by computer records which indicate helpful information and guidelines. Remember, as a Superintendent, you can also help by "being PREPARED."

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James G. Prusa, Pasatiempo, Inc. Santa Cruz reports - I've been nominated to serve on the GCSA of America Government Relations Committee and, specifically, to gather information from our area on the current needs for the use of 2,4,5-T & Silvex. The GCSAA wants to know what your needs are for these chemicals in order for them to take legal action with the E.P.A. As you know, the E.P.A. ignored their own regulations regarding REPAR and banned the chemicals without proper hearings and based upon very inconclusive data. Please let us know what you need and contact me at Pasatiempo, Box 535, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

We would also be very interested in helping you with any other difficulty you may have with any governmental entity. The GCSAA needs your help and support.