

'PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - by Michael R. Clark, CGCS, Oakmont C.C., Santa Rosa

My hat is off to John Williams and the staff at Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course. We were treated with exceptional courtesey at our meeting there. I didn't hear any complaints and assume everyone enjoyed the sun soaked golf course as much as our 4-some did.

We skipped a program as there are so many things to fill your day with at Tahoe. No one seemed put out by the lack of a program so we will most likely offer the same type of meeting next year.

Meeting sites have almost been filled through next January. If you would like to host a meeting get your request in soon. Also if you have a suggestion for an educational program make it known to Dave Griffiths our Chairman.

See you at Fort Ord.

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KNOW YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - by Bob Ford

Merle Russill, superintendent at Fort Ord Golf Course, has turf experience dating back to 1946 when he started at Montebello Muni. In 1950 he moved to Ashland, Oregon and built Oak Knoll Golf Course with the help of Al Williams.

In 1955 Merle took the position of Assistant Pro at Fort Ord Golf Course and later that year became the superintendent. In his 20 years at Fort Ord, with his wife and three daughters, Merle has designed and constructed all the changes he has made. He is particularly proud of his design and construction of 9 holes on the Black Horse Course. The only recent construction has been to the 18th green on the Bayonet Course to enlarge the putting surface and promote better drainage.

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR - Not only am I a new Board Member, I've inherited the Newsletter. This newsletter is my first so bear with me if I miss many important articles that should have been included. So that this doesn't happen regularly, I urge everyone to give some input for the betterment of the Newsletter. We still need a name for our publication, maybe a contest is in order. Let's all Contribute suggestions.

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The above pictures were taken by Jack Hertwig, Germains Inc., Los Angeles at the California Federation GCSA meeting at the Holiday Inn, South San Francisco, Thanks Jack!

Left - President Howard Fisher and speaker William Knoop, Director of Education, GCSA of America.

Right - Golfers Aart de Vos, Los Altos C.C. and Ron Taborski, Half Moon Bay Golf Course

GOOD - We have Frank J. De Carli back with "RIDING WITH '97"

Henry Singh at Rancho Murieta Golf Course is building six new tennis courts and a coffee shop with a new 18 hole course in the planning.

A belated get well to Joe Andrade who had minor surgery and was off for a week.

Blue Rock Spring, Vallejo; Mr. Ball was greeted at 6:00 A.M. with a new water hazard--a broken water line washed a hole 20' long and 18' wide and 6' deep.

El Macero Golf Course (Jack Jagur) has a new look about the greens and the tees with new accessories.

Streaking at Riverside Golf Course! Yes, it happened after a golf tournament.

Oh, the life of a salesman. Within a 24 hour span, old "97" went from .

110 degrees at Ironwood in Palm Desert to 72 degrees at Tahoe.

Frank J. De Carli, Pen-Gro Sales
South San Francisco

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WHAT ARE OTHERS DOING? - by Bob Ford

Since our organization is for the betterment of turf and other related fields, maybe this newsletter would be a better way to spread the knowledge and experiences of others at their courses.

Many people in the turf industry concentrate so much on turf that other problems snowball into larger, more costly problems. Trees are a good example. Everyone takes them for granted until they die.

At Almaden, we now have a gigantic problem with Monterey Pines, Monterey Cypress, and Giant Sequoias. They have developed fungus diseases, pitch cankers, and insect infestations.

We are now working with Dr. Thomas of Forest Ag. and the J. J. Mauget Chemical Company, using 60 trees as a test plot. Injections of Stemix nutrient solution, Plant Vax Fungisol, E₃BC Fungisol, and MSR Insecticide are being fed into the trees. From the progress of our first indicator tree, it appears that many trees can and will be saved.

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STEVE KILMER is now located at Davis Municipal Golf Course, Davis

ROGER LARSON is at Lake Tahoe Country Club, South Lake Tahoe.

LARRY FELICIANO has just taken over the City of Antioch Golf Course.

WALTER COLLINS is in the Memorial Hospital, Salinas. He has had a heart attack.

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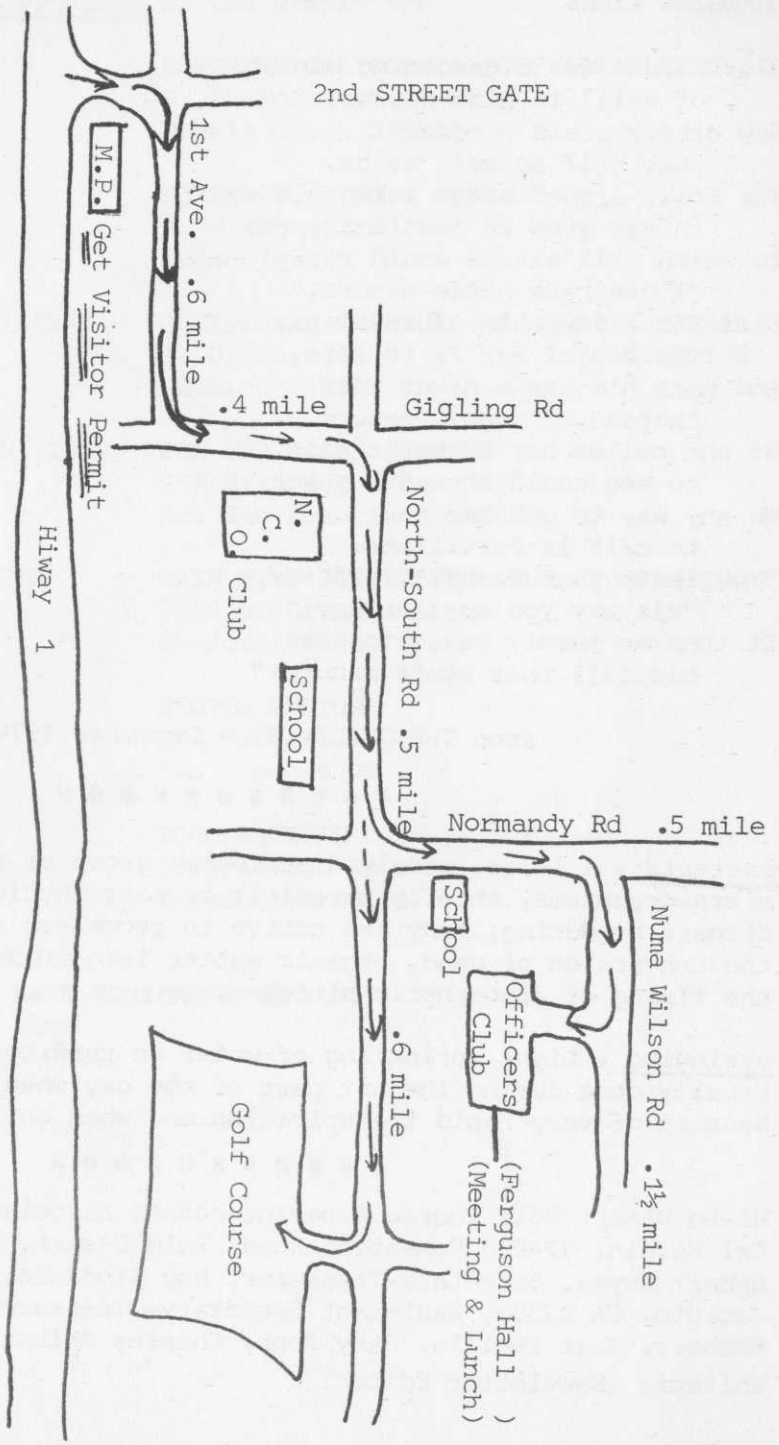
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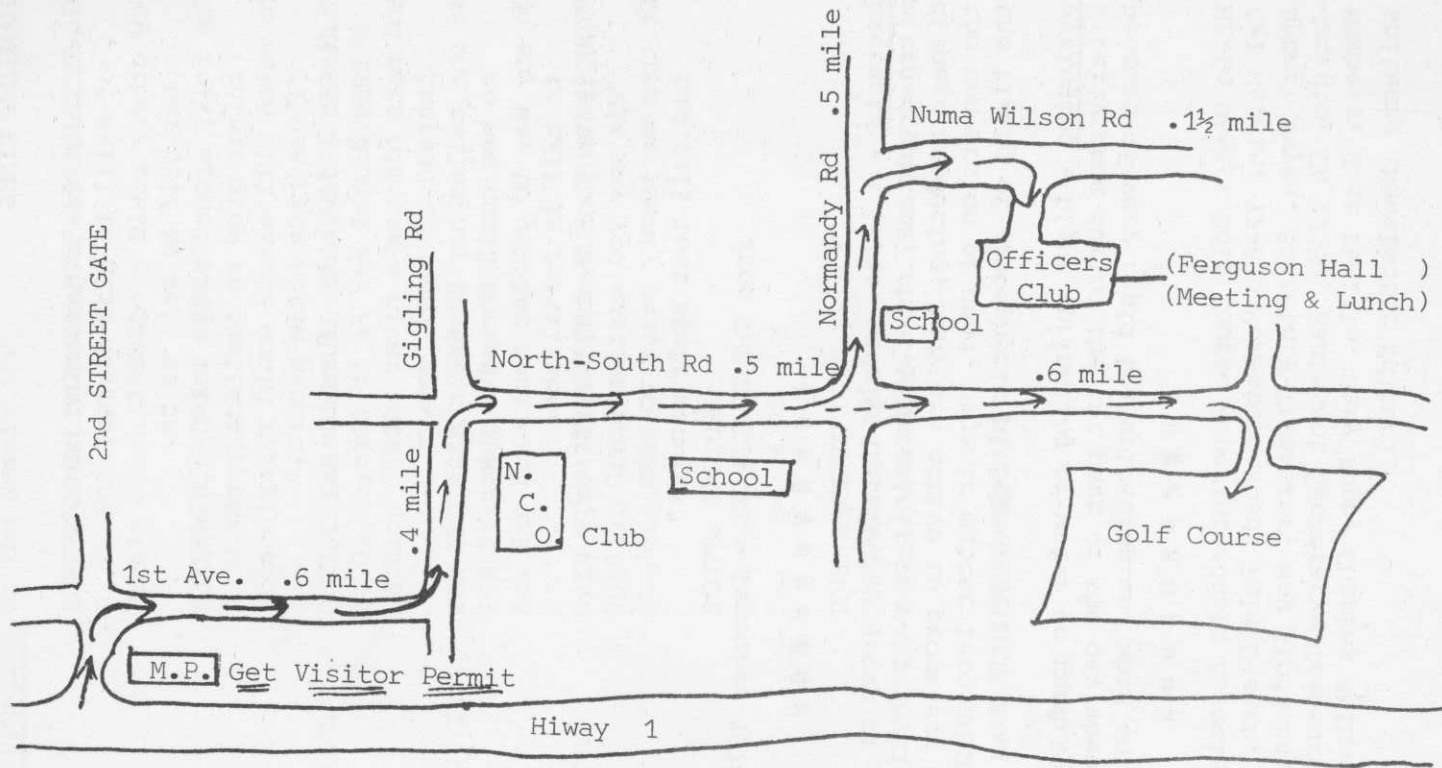
A SMILE . . . costs nothing . . . but it gives so much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it. And none is so poor that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business . . . and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and is Nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen. For it is something of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours . . . as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

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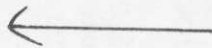
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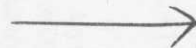




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CHANGING TIMES

Old Bill he was a gardening man
of skill in high degree;
Few others could produce
near half as well as he.
The folks around often asked him why
things grew so fast and sure;
To which Bill always would reply:
"I use race horse manure."
Bill had a daughter, fussy lass,
who sought her Pa to cure,
And make him use a nicer word
instead of (ugh) "manure."
So she called her Mother's aid
to see could she advise her
On any way to get her Pa
to call it fertilizer.
"You leave your Pa be," said she,
"His way you must endure;
It took me twenty years to make
him call that stuff manure!"

from THE BULLSHEET - December 1974

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bacteria - "A large, widely distributed group of typically one-celled micro-organisms, chiefly parasitic or saprophytic. Many bacteria are disease producing; many are active in processes such as fermentation, the conversion of dead, organic matter into soluble food for plants, and the fixing of atmospheric nitrogen.

syringing - Light sprinkling of water on turf to prevent wilting. Usually done during the hot part of the day when plants are wilting because of very rapid transpiration and when soil is wet.

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Hi-Lo Desert Golf Course Superintendents Association elected President Cal Hardin, 72-850 Homestead Road, Palm Desert, CA 92260; Vice President Robert Reyes, Secretary-Treasurer, Roy Stoddard, P. O. Box 382, San Jacinto, CA 92383, Assistant Secretary- Treasurer Cal Caster and Board Members, Jess Padilla, Gary Popp, Charles Shibata, Gary Silor, Chuck Whitacre (Newsletter Editor)

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