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The end of March many golf course superintendents were pleased to see an old friend come back on the scene. Jim Burdett whose family has had ties with the Chicago area golf course distributing business for over 50 years appeared at the Butterfield clinic. Jim is now representing Builders Plumbing Supply of Addison, Illinois, the irrigation products division. Jim, up to the end of 1976, had Burdett's, Inc. which he had purchased from his parents, Paul and Ruth Burdett in 1972. Jim's brother, Paul W. was an active salesperson until his passing in 1965. Paul's son, Paul H. works for Bob Breen of Arrowhead Golf, past president of the MAGCS.

Jim has joined an energetic team at Builders including many people known to the local superintendents: Virginia Gutierrez, formerly of SISCO, Bill Richards, Rick Jones and Roy Anderson.

THE MOLE

How can a car be hit at 35 mph -- not get a scratch and yet the occupant claim injuries? You shouldn't test this out, but Mike Doron did. His new car was hit at an intersection and Mike is wearing a neck brace. Hope you can get out on the course soon, Mike.

Debbie Burdett, Jim's oldest, will be in Iceland this summer. Deb was picked by the Glenbard West High School Chapter of AFS (foreign student exchange) as one of their three finalists to exchange with other countries throughout the world. She should have quite an adventure if she learns Icelandic.

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