

AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL YEAR - by Jack Baker, H. V. Carter Co., Inc.

Here in our great land where traditions are an accepted way of life, we single out 1976 for a special tribute. In 200 years through History, now almost a forgotten or misplaced subject in our educational institutions, we know that we have steadily progressed in so many fields, music art, sciences, manufacturing and production methods, electronics, computerization, etc.

One could say we are living in an exciting and wonderful age - yet we are constantly made aware of the poverty, hunger and numerous other problems of those less fortunate - some within our own borders as well as in so many other parts of our World.

America is still the land of the Free - offering unlimited opportunities for those who apply their talents and training to the tasks at hand and with educational extension programs that are readily available to improve ourselves and our status in the business world. There is however, an element we must strive to overcome and defeat - that is the tendency to run down the Flag, snip-away at our ideals and traditions and try to convince us that the United States of America is not worth our best efforts at all times. Let's warm-up our Patriotism - stamp out the moaners the gripers and snipers - and do our part to keep America at the top where she will shine as a beacon to and throughout the globe.

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LARRY FELICIANO has moved his family to Antioch. New address 316 West 8th St., Antioch, CA 94509 415 757-4690

SCOTT LAWRENCE is now located at Green Tree Golf Course, Vacaville

GRIFF TAYLOR, Kelly Ridge Golf Links, Oroville is GCSA of America's #8219A member.

MEMBERSHIP

Stanley W. Strew, Executive Director, Council of Agricultural Pest Control, Petaluma, Class F, subject to waiting period

Hiroshi Tsutau, City of Oakland, Lake Chabot, Class B, subject to exam

Nobi Okada, Galbraith Golf Course, City of Oakland, Class B subject to exam

James Pryor, Class D, 30-day waiting period, Sequoyah Woods, Arnold Charles E. Malone, Mira Vista G & CC, Class D, 30-day waiting period

Bert Sinclair, H. V. Carter Co., Oakland, Reinstate.

John Doug D'Angelo, Lake Almanor C.C., Lake Almanor passed Class B

Donald Johnson, Butte Creek C.C., Chico passed Class B

MEMBERSHIP (continued)

Allan C. Mooser's address is changed to 1864 Walnut, Mountain View 94040

Add to directory

Theodore Wood 586 Packard Dr 916 273-5958

Grass Valley 95945

Lake Wildwood, Penn Valley 916 273-8356

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Dean R. Donaldson, Farm Advisor, Napa County had this in Growing Points
Central Coast Counties, Cooperative Extension, University of Calif.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU BUY FOR A PENNY A POUND?

The following information is from W. C. Fairbank, Extension Agricultural
Engineer.

An operator on a big yellow machine gathers it into a pile; a driver on
a \$10,000 loader elevates it into a 5-ton truckload for a 5-mile haul to
a central location; it is added to a 100,000 cubic yard stockpile and
aged for six months (composted, if you would). A \$15,000 (used) ele-
vating scraper moves the material to a conveyor and \$25,000 set of class-
ifier screens. After screening, the material will either fall into a
bottom-dump transport truck for bulk delivery up to a hundred or more
miles away, or will continue into a bagging operation. At this point,
the material has a wholesale value of a-penny-a-pound--no customers
refused.

In the plant, a crew of three men fill, seal, and load the 50-lb., 2-cu
ft. bags onto a 400 bag truckload. Within hours it will likely be on
sidewalk-sale in a metropolitan shopping center for 98¢ a bag. Although
much of it came from Bossy-Cow-Cow, it's called "steer manure," because
that's what home gardeners want it to be called. Double-strength plastic
manure bags now cost 25¢ and the labor and equipment charges are no less
than 25¢. (Compare this to a roll of kitchen aluminum foil which costs
70¢ for 9¢ worth of aluminum.)

So, how does a manure firm make money? It doesn't! The livestock
producer subsidizes the input end and the product being hauled to market
maintains a trucking operation--a delicate profit balance, at best.
Our intensive livestock industry needs these contracted services and the
consuming public needs to be more understanding if it wants to continue
enjoying animal protein at such reasonable prices.

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