



Unique feature of the curriculum at Catawba Valley Technical Institute at Hickory is summer employment in a commercial recreational facility. At Rock Barn Club of Golf, Conover, N.C., are, left to right: Ray W. Avery, Lincolnton; Guy E. Hollar, Jr., and Rock Barn Superintendent Guy Hollar, Sr., of Conover; and Kenneth L. Evans, Claremont.

Commercial Turfgrass School Opens at Hickory, North Carolina

A new 2-year course for commercial turfgrass care is being developed at the Catawba Valley Technical Institute, Hickory, N. C.

Aimed primarily at training men for golf course technicians leading to golf superintendent, the course also prepares young men for positions such as park and cemetery supervisors, highway beautification planners and supervisors, landscaping contractors, public grounds and athletic field supervisors, and sod producers. Formal name of the curriculum is Recreational Grounds Management.

Courses lead to an associate in applied science degree and includes subjects such as soil science, plant science, drafting and surveying, landscaping design, and agricultural chemistry. A summer work program at some type recreational grounds facility — most likely a golf course — is also a part of the program.

The first students for the course began classwork in late September when the Catawba Valley school opened. This institute is one of North Carolina's community college sys-

tem schools which offer career training based on practical experience and classroom instruction.

The first summer, students were employed by Rock Barn Club of Golf, Conover, N. C., and at Grandfather Mountain Golf Club, Boone, N. C.

California Weed Book Increased In Size

A looseleaf handbook, the University of California Growers Weed Identification Handbook, has been increased in size by 12 pages. It is now a 79-page full-color publication which shows weeds as both seedlings and when mature, and it also contains detailed descriptions of each weed.

It is available at a cost of \$15 from the Public Service Office, U of C, 2200 University Ave., Berkeley 94720.

For those already holding copies, the 12 new pages may be ordered alone for \$2.

Tennessee Short Course Planned For Turfgrass

A one-week winter short course in turfgrass management has been announced by the University of Tennessee, Nashville. Dates are Jan. 24-28, 1972.

Purpose is to provide intensive instruction in the fundamentals and applied aspects under the direction of seven University professors who will serve as instructors.

Subject matter areas include soil relationships for growing turf, soil fertility and acidity, selecting grass species and varieties, seedbed preparation and planting, fertilization, irrigation, mowing, identification for weeds, insects and diseases plus controls, special maintenance practices for golf courses and other commercial turfgrass areas and tree and shrub planting and care.

Details on the course are available from Dr. Lloyd M. Callahan, Department of Agronomy, Plant Sciences Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn. 37916. (Tel. 615/974-7161. Cost is \$25 for primary registrants and \$15 for each assistant accompanying the primary registrant.