

# City Manager

## New City Manager



Pete Tedesco

## City Council Expected To Act Tonight

Pete Tedesco is expected to be named city manager by the city council at its regular meeting tonight.

Tedesco, who currently is acting city manager, will formally replace his former boss, Robert Klein, who recently went to Fresno as city manager there.

The 29-year-old veteran and graduate of the University of California will continue at the \$10,200 a year salary he has been getting while in the "acting" capacity.

City hall observers credit Tedesco with being an organizer and administrator first and promoter second. However, city hall observers point out Tedesco has proven his ability to work with federal, state and county officials in the months following the resignation of his former boss.

As city manager, Tedesco is the chief administrative and executive officer of the city and handles nearly all of the day to day problems of government. From his desk at city hall he carries out the policies set by the mayor and city council in their twice monthly meetings.

Tedesco was born in San Francisco and graduated from El Cerrito high school where he was all-county end for two years, ran the 100-yard dash in 10.1 seconds and earned an athletic scholarship to Santa Rosa Junior college.

After one year, he enlisted in the army. Following a two-year hitch, Tedesco had 60 days to adjust to civilian clothes before being recalled during the first hectic days of Korea when he was stationed.

Following his second (and hoped final) discharge, Tedesco went back to school, this time City College of San Francisco.

He was graduated from the University of California with a bachelor's degree in political science and then took a year's graduate work toward a master's degree in public administration.

His first job after leaving school came with the League of California Cities as an administrative assistant. He came to Santa Cruz in August, 1955, as personnel director and administrative assistant (popularly called assistant city manager) under Klein.

Tedesco recalls his years spent working with Klein "as some of the most enjoyable and educational I've had. I certainly learned more here than in all my time in college.

"My job now is also made easier by the support of department heads and city employees.

Tedesco and his wife, Sylvia, live at 116 Minnie street with their children: John Scovil, 4, and Gregory Allen, 3.

## Louis Poletti, Long Active In Artichoke Industry, Dies

Louis Poletti, 74, long-time operator of artichoke ranches in the Davenport area and co-partner in Associated Produce Distributors of Castroville, died suddenly yesterday afternoon in a local hospital.

For 40 years he had been prominently identified with artichoke agriculture in central California. He was president of Artichoke Industry, Inc., of Castroville.

He served as secretary and as a member of the board of directors of the original Santa Cruz hospital corporation which built what is now the Dominican Santa Cruz hospital and also served as a member of the board of directors of the County Bank of Santa Cruz for many years.

A native of Switzerland, he came to the United States in 1902 and to Davenport in 1918. He was the owner of the Davenport Pro-

ducers association and was postmaster at the coastal community for 20 years.

For many years he has been an advisor in both agriculture and personal affairs for many residents of the area. He was considered one of the foremost authorities on artichokes in the central California area.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa, of the family home at 1421 Escalona drive; a son, Lewis J. Poletti of Santa Cruz; a daughter, Sophie M. (Mrs. Reno) Costella of Santa Cruz and a sister in Switzerland.

He was a member of Santa Cruz Lodge 824, BPOE.

Catholic Blessing services will be held in the Wessendorf chapel, Thursday at 10 a.m. followed by the services of Santa Cruz Lodge 824, BPOE. Recitation of the rosary will be in the mortuary chapel Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Entombment will be in the IOOF mausoleum.

## Takes Oath



## Truck Driver Killed

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