

THOSE WHO SERVE

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FRANCIS GORDON SMITH
late of the S.T.R.I., Bingley

Frank Smith first became a greenkeeper in 1913 at Cruden Bay Golf Club. But the First World War broke out in 1914, and Mr Smith joined the Hawke Battalion of the 63rd Royal Naval Division, serving on both the Western and the Eastern Fronts. In 1919, he returned to Cruden Bay Golf Club as their head greenkeeper where he remained for 14 years. He later went to the Wilmslow Golf Club, Cheshire, for five years as head greenkeeper. Finally, he spent 26 years at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, as a ground superintendent until he retired in 1964, after completing 46 years' total service in greenkeeping. During his service, he attended a course of instruction after the First World War, at Walton Heath—that lasted three months. He is now aged 74 and if it had not been for his war service, he would have probably completed 51 years greenkeeping service. A fine record of service. Our greenkeepers not only live to a ripe old age but also work to a ripe old age. It must be the

open air life. Whatever it is, congratulations Mr Smith.

THOMAS ARTHUR HULLAH
late of Leeds Golf Club

Thomas first became a greenkeeper in 1921 at the Leeds Golf Club, where he has been up to the date of his retirement in 1966—a total of 46 years' service, all at one club. He became a head greenkeeper in 1955. He attended a Greenkeeping Course of Instruction at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, in 1957. He was a member of the Northern Section of the British Golf Greenkeepers' Association. Later he served on the section's committee for a number of years, became vice-chairman for three years, and finally chairman for a further four years. On his



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retirement, after completing his 46 years' service at the Leeds Golf Club, the club committee organised a special Open Competition for his benefit one Sunday. There was a record entry. On its conclusion, the president of the club presented him with a cheque (he does not tell us how much) and the club vice-president presented him with a clock and watch. The above photograph shows the presentation and his proud wife. Altogether a fine record of steady, loyal service to one golf club throughout his lifetime career of greenkeeping. Congratulations, Mr Hullah. We hope you are enjoying a well-earned retirement. Still young at 68!