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The President's Message

Many of us have an insatiable desire to know all that we can about the future. There are people who will not engage into a new venture of their business or profession without consulting their horoscopes. Years ago, gypsies made a living reading the palms of the gullibles, and even today we have the "palmist and fortune tellers" who are still operating in our larger cities and making a profitable living.

Yet, would life be worth living if we could predict exactly what was going to happen? If we were given a scroll with a resume of everything that was to happen to our future life, would we read it? I think so — because our human curiosity is very strong and we would be unable to resist not to. However, if we did read it, we would destroy that which makes life interesting.

Life is an adventure into the unknown, and it is this fact that makes it interesting and challenging. We as golf course superintendents are constantly in a position where we must take chances. It is impossible to predict what the eventual results may be or what the course of reaction may be. The successful and capable superintendent is one who will take a chance. True, we all have a great deal of experience, knowledge, and resources to work with, but there is constantly a demand for decisions to be made. We are all compelled to choose a certain course of action.

It is the belief by most of us I'm sure, that man is a born adventurer. One of the strongest desires within the normal human personality is the wish for more knowledge and new experiences. Every experience we have should enrich and enhance our life. We are a part of everything that we meet. We should realize this and take full advantage of every experience that comes our way.

Every moment of our vocation has its molding effect upon the future of our profession. Some of the ideas, concepts, and beliefs of our past superintendents not only have helped to determine the present, but they will continue to have an influence on the future to the extent that these concepts are understood and incorporated into present day experience. Remember the pioneers of our profession and some of the things they were able to bequeath to us from



Wm. R. Smith

WM. R. SMITH RETIRES

On February 9, 1928, Bill Smith came to work at George A. Davis, Inc., as a delivery and service representative. At that time he was 120 pounds at fighting weight and too light for heavy work such as lifting 200 pound bags of Mowrah Meal, Sulphate of Ammonia and other chemicals. Would you believe that he mastered that trick at his size?

In the fall of 1928 he became full time sales representative and has served in that capacity continuously for 40 years. Needless to say, Smitty, is a scotsman by birth and habits. He possesses these basic virtues which please any employer: honesty, responsibility, industry and loyalty. In 40 years Smitty never asked for a raise in pay. Throughout his life, Bill has enjoyed good health. Some years ago he became too heavy for light work. This slowed him down physically but not mentally. His employers and associates will miss his friendly personality but wish for him many happy and enjoyable years ahead. He hopes to show his face at Superintendent functions from time to time.