

President's Message

After having the pleasure of addressing you on seven occasions thru the President's Message, I find it difficult to put into words my feelings as I realize this will be my last opportunity to deliver a sermon.

First and foremost, I want to thank everyone for permitting me to serve for the past two years as President of your organization, the Florida Golf Course Superintendent's Association. I have done it proudly and with deep humility. Nothing can be more self-rewarding than to be recognized as the leader of an organization which has accomplished so much and which has created such a favorable impact on that segment of our society in which it is so deeply involved. I take great pride in our success because I know the future will be even better.

Undoubtedly, I have not influenced our industry nearly as much as the close relationship with many of my peers has influenced me. I can honestly say that I have benefited greatly from my experiences and feel that I am a better person because of them. It has been a truly rewarding time.

As I review the past and momentarily revel in the attainment of goals, I quickly realize that we must not look back, but rather be constantly alerted to the uncertainties of tomorrow. This is made a great deal easier when one recognizes the tremendous wealth of qualified professionals who are dedicating their lives to our existence. The list of extremely competent individuals, both in our state and throughout the nation, is endless. We have come a long way and yet we have only scratched the surface. Modern innovative ideas wed to the spectacular achievements of electronic wizardry and cost in the molds of well-educated and devoted superintendents who delight in daily combats with Mother Nature will lead us down the path to unthought-of excellence. Be part of this migration! Participate! You don't get interest back until you make a deposit! I guarantee you can never put in as much as you will receive!

To my fellow officers and members of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association Executive Committee, I extend a sincere thank you for your cooperation and loyalty. It has truly been a pleasure working with you. May your futures be as bright as you have made my present.

To all the members of the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association, I again say thank you for the privilege of serving you. It has been two of the busiest years of my life and yet I recognize the inability to accomplish all of my personal goals. But I step down knowing your organization is in even better hands.

No lecture this time — just a challenge — let's all strive to do a better job in all aspects of our daily lives — there is always room for improvement.

Best regards to all. ■

