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Nostalgia Department. We were reminiscing recently about some of the many contract applicators who corresponded with us during the months of intensive poll-taking and research which preceded the establishment of Weeds and Turf, and were pleased to come across a memo from Archie Wheaton, who is supervisor of the Lucas Tree Expert Co., in Norridgewock, Maine. Archie wrote us that his firm felt it had achieved real success in contract brush control, and wondered if the aquatic field might not offer additional bright opportunities for diligent applicators. This was timely wool-gathering for us, because this issue marks the beginning of our three-part article on water weed control. Hope Archie enjoys what our technical staff has to say... and if anyone wonders why we waited until now to publish the article, suffice it to say that this was a most ambitious endeavor, and was a long time in preparation!

Business will be booming. Perhaps it's not something to approach with levity, but we've learned that a group of atomic experts predict that should a nuclear war come about, it is probable that a hardy survivor will be our old nemesis, crabgrass.

The Page boy's job. Speaking of applicators with broad fields of interest, while we were musing over some of the letters from CAs which came during the early days of the magazine, we found a communique from Jack Page, who runs Jack Page's Nursery in Walla Walla, Washington. Jack tells us his company has a spray service, does landscape work, and operates a nursery as well, and said he looks forward to the technical information W&T offers him each month. Jack's a landscape architect himself, and we hope this Page finds what he's looking for on our pages!

Kilmer Oak to fall. Looks like Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J., is going to lose its famed Kilmer Oak. The majestic tree, several years in decline and now dead, is popularly thought to have inspired Joyce Kilmer's famous poem, "Trees." There's a lot of sentiment connected with the fine old oak, which once stood 68 feet tall and had a limb spread of 108 feet. Job of removal went to Eugene Pendolino of Garden State Tree Specialists in North Plainfield, N.J. Gene's only compensation, our news correspondent says, was a crosssection of the trunk which he wants for an office decoration. (Requests for crosssections have been widespread.) The tree was slated for demolition last month.

Turfgrass honors. Our turf management friends in Florida like to give awards, it seems, and the latest bevy of prizes was handed out at the recent turfgrass conference (p. W-35). Honored for outstanding service to the industry were Ed Miller and Dewain Railey, researchers at the University of Florida, and Cliff Rasmussen, who's experimenting on turf at the experiment station in Ft. Lauderdale. Also cited were industry figures Howard Bardsley of Homestead and Dave Turner of Ft. Lauderdale. Often-honored Col. Frank Ward, a former FT-GA leader, received commendations, too. Congratulations to all!

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