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• Diabetes • Insulin

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Q. If people with diabetes take insulin will they live just as long as normal persons?
A. Insulin was discovered about 30 years ago so it will take another 30 or 40 years before this question can be answered with certainty. Not all people with diabetes need insulin. It is possible for diabetes to live normally, robust lives if they take the amount of insulin prescribed by their doctor. Two Boston physicians recently examined 51 diabetics who had suffered from the disease for 35 to 40 years. The long and useful lives of these people show what early diagnosis and good medical care can accomplish.

Q. Will doctors ever develop insulin that can be taken by mouth?
A. During the past several years doctors have been testing chemicals that have been tagged "oral insulin," but the new drugs have not been approved for general use. Experiments with one "oral insulin" were recently stopped because the drug caused some serious reactions. Material in MEDICAL MIRROR is based on various scientific publications and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of all doctors. The diagnosis and treatment of disease requires the skill and knowledge which only a physician can apply personally attending the patient from the disease for 35 to 40 years.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

October New Business Permits Total \$59,000

Four permits for new business buildings, totaling \$59,000, were issued in October by the city of Birmingham.

In addition, four permits to alter existing business buildings at a total cost of \$11,000 were issued. One permit to wreck a business building was granted.

The largest permit granted was for construction of a new building at 1109 E. Lincoln at an estimated cost of \$25,000. The building, being constructed by Dr. M. B. Zeff, is expected to house an insurance and doctor's office when it is completed.

SECOND LARGEST was for construction of a new Texaco gas station at 985 E. Maple at an estimated cost of \$23,000. The station will replace one which was torn down.

A new building which will cost an estimated \$10,000 is to go up at 838 S. Hunter and will house a laundry pickup station. A temporary building, costing \$1,000, is going up at 675 S. Elton as a lumber business office.

THE LARGEST business alteration permits granted were two of \$5,000 each.

These alterations were done at 1610 S. Woodward and 665 Maple. Two other alteration permits for \$500 each were granted businesses at 1466 S. Woodward and 615 E. Maple.



Honor Sales Dean

Howard C. Silverthorn, 15747 Kirkshire, Birmingham, "dean of Greater Detroit's electrical supply salesmen," was honored recently on his 65th birthday which also encompassed 35 years in the electrical supply business when Cadillac Electric Supply Co. taking cognizance of his long and faithful service with the company presented him with five shares of Chrysler Corp. stock. Silverthorn's first account for Cadillac Electric was the old Maxwell Auto Co. which later became Chrysler Corp. and he still calls on them today.

Area Real Estate Firm Honored

Hall & Young, Maple road at Telegraph, was cited last week for outstanding service to the real estate profession by the national institute of real estate brokers, meeting in Chicago.

The institute's award came to Hall & Young for presenting a display of business building ideas during the 50th convention of the national association of real estate boards, of which the institute is an affiliate.

Selection was from presentations by leading real estate brokers throughout the United States during the Chicago session attended by over 5,000 realtors.



Joins Staff

Angus McLay has joined the real estate staff of Benjamin & Stephens, Inc., 259 S. Woodward, Birmingham. McLay formerly had his own real estate office at 920 S. Woodward. He has been in the real estate business since 1950 and also has been active in the building trade.

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