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Artillery Survey Completed by Soldier

Pvt. Donald W. Hoskin Jr., whose parents live at 2795 Tewksbury, Birmingham, completed an artillery survey course at the Army Artillery and Missile Center, Fort Sill, Okla.

During the course Hoskin received instruction in the use and care of surveying equipment, map reading and communications procedures.

Hoskin entered the Army last July and completed basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. The 20-year-old soldier was graduated from Bloomfield Hills High School in 1962 and attended Grand Rapids Junior College.



Challenge of Great Books

Learning about books through discussions by the children themselves is the purpose of the Junior Great Books Program. Leading a discussion, by asking questions, at Meadow Lake School is Mrs. Richard Eubank, 5745 Raven Road, chairman of the Birmingham Junior Great Books Council. Among the youngsters participating in the recent session were (from left) Rick Eubank, sixth grade; Dennis Marburger, fifth grade; and Sally Bannister, sixth grade. A pilot project of Junior Great Books started this fall in all Birmingham schools. Two adult leaders conduct each of the extracurricular classes, which are divided into groups of 15 students at the same grade level.

THE GOLDEN YEARS

The fellow had been fighting retirement all the way. Since age 63, when the company had sounded the two-year warning bell, he had become a conceiver.

He tried to keep people from knowing he was 63. He refused to talk about retirement with anybody. He angrily rejected any literature or information on retirement that came his way.

Most men in the neighborhood who had reached 60 would drop by now and then and casually discuss their future as they sat on my front steps. But not this man. From age 63 on he dropped what little friendliness he had once shown, and made it a point never to be seen with me.

THE HOOM fell, as it always does. He was handed his watch and pension. He had apparently failed in some rather frantic efforts to have part-time work with the company.

"The fellow is badly shook up," a friend of his said to me a couple

of months later. "He stays in seclusion, and will hardly talk even to his wife. And then it's to yell that she had better stop spending money."

The friend wondered if he should have a doctor . . . maybe a psychiatrist. I told him that was for the family to decide. But that this wasn't the only man who ever went into shock over retirement. And that I never knew of one who couldn't come out of it on his own.

IN GENERAL, there are two things that shake a man up when he retires.

One is that he has let his job become his emotional crutch. For 40 years he's had a job, and like the baby with its thumb he has come to allow it to mean more than a means of making a living. It has told him what to do, and when, has influenced his loyalties; frightened him; rewarded him. It has been a Great White Father, not just a job.

Take it away and he's in trouble.

The second thing, oddly, is

snobbery, which most men have a little or a lot of. The more the worse. Retirement usually takes away most of the snob items: the title at the company, a chance for better furniture than the neighbors (or at least better taste), the civic, church, and social status built up over the years. Men sack their thumb on these things, too, about in proportion to the level of their snobbery.

THE FRIEND of my neighbor, working with the neighbor's family, helped lay the groundwork for him to sell his home and move to a small Kentucky town where his Grandfather had once been a prominent citizen.

His friend later told me: "The commotion of the move was a tonic for him. And two weeks after he was settled in Kentucky he had snapped out of his blues."

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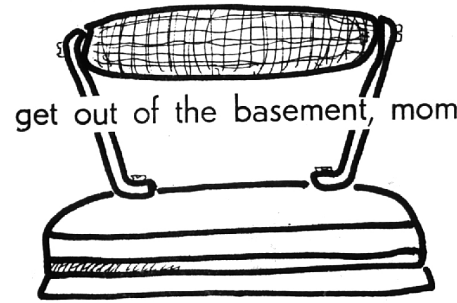
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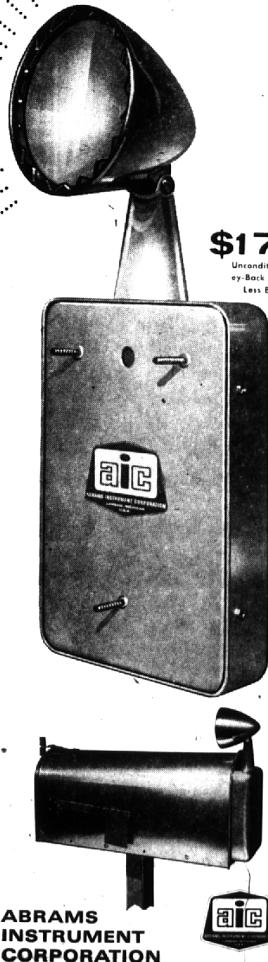
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