

THE GOLDEN YEARS

If all goes well in your retirement, and you crack the life insurance tables by living into your late 80s—as just about everybody expects to do—what will it be like?

A Cleveland, O., man who retired to Stuart, Fla., has come up with a pretty good answer. He is William Knapp, known affectionately to his large family around Cleveland as "Gramp." He is 88. His description of life at that age comes from a letter written back to his family and passed along by a granddaughter, Mrs. R. G. Reynolds (a mother of two).

"My days are usually spent around the house—in Stuart and on the veranda watching the beauty and grandeur of the St. Lucie River," Mr. Knapp says. "Nature has excelled itself in this spot, and as I sit in my rocker watching I can realize the handiwork of the Creator..."

MR. KNAPP spent most of his life in Cleveland, was in the business, and did not retire until he was 75. He remarried at 78, has

been in Stuart nine years. "People often wonder what a person my age does to pass away the time," he continues. "Well, I find each day a challenge. There are many good books to read, and magazines with endless, tiresome articles to try to read. Then there is the newspaper which I read until 11:30 a.m. "At that time I wash up for dinner, eat at 12, then watch TV for an hour. After that I call a taxi to take me to the shuffleboard courts, to play three or four games. A friend drives me home, and I clean up and sit down to supper at 4:45.

"AFTER THAT it is time for the beginning of the sunset, and I sit in my rocker and watch it for an hour. Then I go in to hear the Huntley-Brinkley report on TV and watch other TV programs until 9. Then I read the Saturday Evening Post or National Geographic for a while and go to bed..."

Mr. Knapp finds his nights long

and restless, and at the same time a fascinating part of his life. "I often cannot go to sleep until 2 a.m.," he says, "and so have three or more trying hours in bed."

"I HAVE written enough speeches, sermons, letters and trawlings in my mind during these periods to fill ten good-sized volumes.

"The mind is a wonderful medium with which to entertain yourself. If you do not fight it or try too hard to control thought, you will be amazed at the wonderful things it will do to you and for you. You can think of constructive things to do, make speeches to yourself as an unseen audience, solve difficult problems, conjugate verbs in Latin or English, write essays, paint pictures in your mind, perform impossible tasks... and gradually drift off into a world of dreams.

"And even the dreams can bring you unexpected experiences in which you may have joy, sorrow, happiness depending on what you ate for supper."

U of M Alumni Elect Officers

The University of Michigan Alumnae Club elected its new officers at the May subscription luncheon held at the Birmingham Athletic Club.

The newly elected officers are: Mrs. Thomas Restrict, president; Mrs. Carl Fischer, vice president; Mrs. John F. Cole, Jr., secretary; Mrs. Merton G. Bell, treasurer; Mrs. Robert D. Seiler, scholarship; Mrs. Fred Henry, programs; Mrs. John Kohl, ways and means; Mrs. William H. Burgum, publicity; Mrs. Henry Schmidt, social; Mrs. Blise Bowman, merchandise; Mrs. John Madzor, Jr., membership; and Mrs. E. James Gamble, operation friendship.

A luncheon for the retiring board and new board was held at the home of Mrs. Henry Schmidt June 2. Scholarship chairman Mrs. Fred Henry reported on the recipients of the club's tuition scholarships for the next year.

Selected from Seaholm High School are Sharon Judd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Judd, 2625 Town Hill Drive, Birmingham, and Barbara Benton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Benton, 1770 Banbury, Birmingham.

From Groves High School is Sherrell Lugers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lugers, 1787 Beechwood, Beverly Hills, and Carol Bloomfield High School is Carol Gouzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Gouzie, 6577 Timber Ridge Drive, Bloomfield Hills.

Funds for the four freshman scholarships were raised through a benefit bridge party last January, supported by Michigan alumnae throughout the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

Often the greatest effort involved in driving a late model car is staying awake. Yes, says the Institute for Safer Living, fingertip controls, effortless steering and a carpet-smooth ride may add up to driving monotony and drowsiness on longer trips. Don't let luxury auto engineering lull you to sleep at the wheel.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN Since When?

To the Editor: We thought that maintaining our subscription to The Eccentric would keep us in touch with all the important developments, after our

You have failed us. It was not until we read the quoted item in a local Abington (Pa.) weekly that we learned that Birmingham had become a suburb of Utica.

Another popular couple moving from Abington in the late 1940s are Mr. and Mrs. David Kelton, who with their daughters have been residing at 1464 Jericho Rd., for three years. Mr. Kelton left last month for Utica, Mich. where he is vice-president in charge of sales for the National Products Company. Mrs. Kelton has just returned from a brief round of house hunting in Birmingham, a suburb of Utica where the Keltons hope to purchase a home.

Please do a better job of keeping on top of the big news. GRANT WATT, Glasdale, Pa.

Happenings

(Continued from 1-B)

bids on machine hire to help complete the construction of the Adams road and Wider Woodward sewers, which were begun last winter under the GWA. The bids will be opened in City Manager James W. Parry's office Friday, he told the Commission Monday night.

A Detroit man was held up by two armed thugs the entrance to a Detroit bank at the corner of Joy and Grand River roads, and then driven in his own car to Birmingham. The handouts total \$1,200 in cash. L. P. Maloney, 14891 St. Mary's, Detroit, came to the police station at 2:50 p.m. Monday and reported that he had been held up about two hours before in front of a branch office of the Detroit Savings Bank.

A two months' period of supervised summer recreation began in Birmingham this week, with the opening Monday of the Banbury School swimming pool, and the inauguration Tuesday of activities on playgrounds at each of the five public school buildings. A staff of 18 persons, their salaries being paid by the government out of FECA funds, is in charge of the program. The staff is headed by Miss Miriam Brown of Adams School.

15 YEARS AGO

June 30, 1919 An \$825,505 off-street parking program for the City of Birmingham was outlined in a 14-page report made public today by James J. Hogan, chairman of the city commission's off-street parking committee. The result of an intensive 10-month study by the committee, the proposed program calls for three downtown lots which would provide 850 parking places. All lots would be within a 750-foot walking distance of the city's central business district.

Annabelle Schever, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Schever, 256 Ravine, is in St. Joseph Mercy hospital after being struck by a car driven by John A. Gillespie, Detroit. The accident happened at the triple intersection of Willett, Woodward and Oakland. Hospital authorities report her condition as "fair." The Schever girl was crossing Woodward from west to east and apparently did not notice the approach of the Gillespie car.

St. James Episcopal church signaled its expansion program last Thursday evening in laying the cornerstone of the extensions and addition to the present building with the Right Reverend Richard S. Emrich, S.T.D., Bishop of Michigan, officiating. The occasion was memorialized in a service of prayer. The new addition will cost approximately \$150,000.



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Can't Change Weather U-M Meteorologist Says

It is said that nobody does anything about the weather, but few people realize the possible danger of weather control.

According to University of Michigan meteorologist, E. Wendell Hewson, "There is a real danger in tampering with the weather without knowing what we're doing."

IN FACT, the incomplete knowledge of the atmosphere is one reason why scientists have restrained themselves in trying to control the weather. Professor Hewson indicates in an interview in the Michigan Journalist, a laboratory newspaper of the U of M journalism department.

The U.S. Weather Bureau has been apprehensive about weather control because of the legal aspects involved, Hewson notes. If weather scientists tried to modify a tropical hurricane by seeding clouds and a hurricane still hit land, he explains, law suits could occur.

REVIEWING weather control

efforts to date, Hewson says that the main experiment has been cloud seeding. This has increased precipitation in the mountainous regions along the West Coast 14 to 17 percent, he says, but there is no evidence that efforts to induce precipitation by artificial means over flat lands have increased rainfall.

The article points out that another proposed experiment is to put carbon black, which absorbs the sun's rays, in large areas of the Arctic and Antarctic to change their heat economy. Hewson warns that this experiment could result in so much ice melting that cities close to sea level might be submerged.

INTERNATIONAL cooperation in weather observation has been extensive, but there has been little cooperation as far as experiments in controlling the weather are concerned, Hewson says.

The Soviet Union and the U.S. have been sending up meteorological satellites to take cloud pictures, he continues, and the U.S. is concerned that weather modification

Dates Limit Petition Filing

Secretary of State James M. Hare, Michigan's chief elections official, said there were limitations only for the offices of congressman, the state legislature and the new state court of appeals when filing petitions for office.

"Candidates for all other offices may file petitions signed any time following the certification of the 1962 general election," Hare asserted. "These offices include governor, U.S. senator, circuit judges, probate judges and a full county and township offices."

which might affect other countries be undertaken only with proper international control.

Weather control on a large scale requires an advanced technology. Red China, for example, is not yet in the position to begin this type of work, Hewson adds.

FOR CONGRESS and court of appeals, all signatures obtained after June 11, 1964 are valid for counting, Hare said.

The previously assigned date of May 28 for state legislative offices will have to be changed because the plan adopted by the state supreme court was ruled invalid by the recent U.S. supreme court decision.

"HOWEVER," HARE said, "candidates for the state legislature can pay a filing fee of \$100 in lieu of the nominating petitions."

All candidates may use either signature petitions headed August 4, the original date of the primary, or September 1, the newly-assigned date, Hare said. The alternative is provided in the new election law which set up the primary date for the year.

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