

NEWS FROM SENIOR PHYSIOLOGISTS

The following are recent replies to birthday greetings:

Bob Kehoe wrote Bruce Dill of his success in surmounting infirmities:

Thanks very much for your nice note. I have had the misfortune to have developed some of the disabilities of old age, including some ocular cataracts, in association with a degree of bilateral retinal degeneration. In view of the work I want to do, my ocular situation is an infernal nuisance. While I have retired, I did so with a long series of experiments on human subjects as yet unpublished. I've had to turn over the preparation and publication of the raw data (which are of the utmost importance) to a small group, including a statistician, but I hope to comment fairly extensively on the issues. I think the Federal Government will make it difficult, if not impossible, to carry out the type of experiments which I have done which relate to lead absorption in man within safe limits. I think these are of crucial importance in the field of occupational medicine. At any rate, the data will be available to other investigators, whether or not I have a chance to discuss them so what I have done in this field will not be wasted.

I've been so nearly isolated from the affairs of life for the past two years that I feel very much indeed on the outside. I've now begun again to get to my office every day so as to be in contact with some of what goes on. I have a most competent secretary and the staff of Kettering Laboratory including Raymond Suskind, the present Director, give me no cause for discouragement nor lack of confidence. So I shall continue as best I can.

Paul Reznikoff to Hal Davis:

Thank you very much for your cordial greeting on my 80th birthday. I am still as active as possible, seeing patients, attending school and hospital meetings and trying to keep up with hematologic advances, which I find more and more complex with advancing age. We are winterizing our summer home at Woods Hole, Massachusetts, where I spent many happy summers at the Marine Biological Laboratory and I expect to "retire" to this place in the not too distant future.

Tom Magath wrote Hy Mayerson that he does his gardening and travels a good deal. He and Hy Essex celebrated their joint birthdays together at a little party with the few friends of their vintage. They have been doing this for a long time.

Victor Guillemin wrote Bruce Dill:

It was mighty kind of you to remember my 80th birthday. I feel remiss at not remembering your 85th. All I can say is that I shall try and to better on your 90th. I do not have a job with a name on it but I am putting in quite a few hours on my new book every day. It is progressing nicely and I am learning a lot.

Eileen and I are leading a quiet, pleasant life, taking walks in all kinds of weather, reading a lot and seeing our children now and then. We both send our greetings and best wishes to Chloris and to you.

Edward Allen Boyden to Bruce Dill:

The 90th birthday was a memorable occasion: hosts of letters from former colleagues. The Medical Faculty had a big reception in the Health Sciences Lobby, with coffee and a cake 4 meters long. I was presented with an engraved barometer, a cornucopia of flowers 3 ft. high (still blooming), two humorous sketches from colleagues of the Medical Library staff and the Department of Medical Illustration - the latter including my Irish Setter. The Medical Dean spoke, and mail grams were read from the University of Minnesota Medical Faculty of which I was a part for 23 years: one more than the 22 at the University of Washington. The newspapers had a "holiday" with their pronouncements: "Researcher, 90, not planning to retire again."

Edward also reported that the three-year program on the development of the monkey lung is now ready to submit for publication with its 25 figures. This study suggests how the human lung could have been derived from that of an early primate.

Max Kleiber - January 4, 1893 - January 5, 1976

Mrs. Margaret Kleiber sent Dr. Dill word of the memorial planned for her husband (See the February 1976 issue of The Physiologist). Max left a wide circle of admirers, especially his students many of whom have attained eminence in their own right. He kept in touch with them by correspondence, by lectures across the country and by his letters about his activities that have been published in The Physiologist. One of his major achievements was The Fire of Life that appeared in a revised edition in 1975. A memorial service was held for him in Davis, California, in the Unitarian Church he helped establish.

Harold Bradley - November 25, 1878 - January 4, 1976

Mrs. Ruth Bradley sent Dr. Dill word of memorial plans for Harold. Readers of The Physiologist will recall accounts in his letters of his post-retirement service to the Sierra Club. "As a symbol of his vitality, and as a living memorial to the inspiration he transmitted to students, friends, and family, a Harold C. Bradley Memorial Grove is being established through the Save-the-Redwoods League." Location of the grove will be available from the League, 114 Sansome St., San Francisco, California 94104.

John Ferguson, died in Omaha on January 12, 1976, aged 84. Dr. Ferguson earned his Ph.D. degree at Northwestern University in 1940. He was an Assistant Professor at the University of Alberta before joining the Physiology and Pharmacology Department of Creighton University in 1946; Associate Professor in 1956, and Professor Emeritus in 1963. His scientific publications ranged over years 1925 - 1961.