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Tossing his mane of snow in wildest  
eddies and tangles,  
Lion-like March cometh in, hoarse,  
with tempestuous breath.

William Dean Howells  
"Earliest Spring" Stanza I

THE HAPPIEST SEASON

At a festal party of old and young, the question was asked, "Which season of life is the most happy?" After being freely discussed by the guests, it was referred for answer to the host, upon whom was the burden of four-score years. He asked if they had noticed a grove of trees before the dwelling, and said, "When the spring comes, and in the soft air the buds are breaking on the trees, and they are covered with blossoms, I think 'How beautiful is spring!'. And when summer comes, and covers the trees with its heavy foliage, and singing birds are among the branches, 'How beautiful is summer!'. When autumn loads them with golden fruit, and their leaves bear the gorgeous tint of frost, I think 'How beautiful is autumn!'. And when it is a sere winter, and there is neither foliage nor fruit, then I look up through the leafless branches, as I never could until now, and see the stars shine."

From Jewels for the Household -  
by Tryon Edwards, 1851

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Builders' Home, Furniture and Flower Show, March 16-24.  
Senior Citizens - 75¢ --- Children - 50¢  
Get your tickets at the show entrance in Cobo Hall.

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PROGRAMS FOR MARCH & APRIL, 1974 - James Flack, General Program Chairman

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker and Subject</u>
March 1	Film - Germany & Switzerland (Earl Triplett)
March 8	Film - Indianapolis 500 Mile Race
March 15	Film - Masters Golf Tournament (General Motors Corp.)
March 22	Evolution of Computers, William R. Anderson (Burroughs Corp.)
March 29	Power & Fuel Economy (Charles Kass)

WILLIAM S. WILSON - Program Chairman for March

April 5	The Camera Club -Phil Satterthwaite
April 9 (Tuesday)	The Energy Crisis - Richard Thompson, General Motors Corp.
April 19	Gold Coins & Gold Shares - John Nagel, V.P. Coin Investments (Expert re British sovereigns). Dealer in gold and silver and coins - one of the largest dealers in U.S.
April 26	Kingswood School Chorale Group - Nina Studebaker, Director

WILLIAM MENEWISCH - Program Chairman for April



CAMERA CLUB - Philip C. Satterthwaite, Chairman

HELP - - HELP - - HELP

The Camera Club needs help. We are in the process of setting up a library of slides, photos and movie films of Senior Men's Club activities and personnel. If any member has any of this type of material they are willing to donate, or loan, so that we may duplicate, please contact any member of the Camera Club. We especially need pictures of activities such as Ladies' Day, The Gay Nineties Night, Baseball Games, etc. We need these to augment the history written by T. A. Henshaw, our Historian.

The next meeting of the Camera Club will be held Tuesday, March 12, at the home of Owen Goodrich - 6971 Limerick Lane, in Troy, at 2:00 P.M. At this meeting, we will cover a miscellaneous group of short subjects such as "Depth of Field" - "Selective Focusing" - "Hyperfocul Distance" and more. Everybody please come and add your bit to the confusion. It is sure to be a meeting which will bring forth many opinions.

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BRIDGE - Carl Schorn

Top Ten Scores For January:

1. Walter Meyers	4940	6. Clark Halloch	4180
2. Carl Schorn	4870	7. Joe Henninger	4180
3. Walter Meyers	4510	8. Henry Wholihan	4100
4. Waino Ansama	4230	9. Lloyd Sturgeon	4080
5. John Engel	4180	10. Otto Thomsen	4080

Top Five Average Scores For Four Fridays in February:

1. Henry Wholihan	2965
2. Charles Richards	2838
3. Vern Bryant	2775
4. Otto Thomsen	2773
5. Joe Henninger	2733

There were 324 Friday Bridge games played in February - an average of 81 games each week.

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HOW IT FEELS TO BE 80

Good news. The first 80 years are the hardest. The second is a succession of birthday parties. Everybody wants to carry your baggage and help you up the steps. If you forget anybody's name, or forget to keep an appointment, or promise to be in two or three places at the same time, or spell words wrong, you can explain that you are eighty.

If you spill something, or take someone's purse by mistake, you are 80. You can relax with no misgivings because you have a perfect alibi for everything.

How It Feels To Be 80 (Cont'd)

Nobody expects much of you. If you act silly, it is your second childhood. Everybody is looking for symptoms of softening of the brain. It is a great deal better than being 65 or 70.

At that time they expect you to retire to a little house in Florida and become a discontented, grumbling, limping has-been.

But if you survive until 80, everybody is surprised if you can talk above a whisper, or if you reveal signs of lucid intervals. At 70, people are mad at you for everything. At 80, they forgive everything. So if you ask me, LIFE BEGINS AT EIGHTY!

-Submitted by JESSIE FAESSLER

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From Patience Strong's "Echoes From the Quiet Corner", I find inspiration to share with you because we need to follow her suggestion - "ESCAPE.... Escape from work, and all it means, escape from grim routine - Escape to golden beaches and to meadows quiet and green - Escape and cast your fetters off, be happy and be free - Be thankful for God's lovely earth - the woods, the hills, the sea...But do not take your troubles with you when you go away - Leave them all behind you - Do not spoil your time of play, by worries and resentments and the things that will destroy your happy hours of peace and rest, your dreamings and your joy.....Escape from out the prison of yourself - break every chain that binds you to your grievances, your grudges and your pain - Be free and know the freedom of a mind that is at peace - So live in perfect harmony and dare to claim release from all the bondage of the past - its angers and regret - Escape into the sunshine of forgiveness - and forget."

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"TAKE TIME

To Live: It is the secret of success  
To Think: It is the source of power  
To Read: It is the foundation of knowledge  
To laugh: It helps to lift life's load  
For Friendship: It is the source of happiness  
To Dream: It hitches the soul to the stars  
To Love: For the greatest of these is love  
For God: It is the only lasting investment."

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Don't walk in front of me - I may not follow.  
Don't walk behind me - I may not lead.  
Walk beside me - And just be my friend.

Contributed by -  
Fred Floeter

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