

WEST CHESTER MAN BUSY AT AGE OF 102 Dr. Jesse Cope Green Says He Hasn't Had Time to Accomplish Many Things



DR. JESSE COPE GREEN "West Chester's Grand Old Man," who at 102 years of age tells how to achieve a century

NO SECRET IN LONG LIFE How to Live to 102 Told by Centenarian Eat little. Shut dissipation. Keep busy. Think less of self. Don't worry.

In a quaint old house on Gay street, West Chester, there lives the busiest man in Pennsylvania. One hundred and two years haven't been enough for Dr. Jesse Cope Green to accomplish all the things he wants to do and there aren't hours enough in the day for him to do all the things he sees to be done about his well-ordered household.

Doctor Green will be 102 years old December 13. Happy, healthy, and busy, he looks back over more than a century of achievements as confidently as most men of fifty or sixty.

"There is no secret of long life," he tells his friends. "They must just keep busy and not think too much of self. Of course, I have been careful of my health. I never eat much. I have never tasted intoxicants in used tobacco. Few men of middle age have led such useful lives as Doctor Green. His experiences as one of Pennsylvania's first school teachers after a state educational system was established are many memories. His more than sixty years of practice as a leading dentist of West Chester and vicinity are past. His interest and industry in his profession have won him his wife and three of his four children are dead. But the house he created nearly sixty years ago is still home for him and his son, William H. Green. New interests have come as old ones passed, for his slogan has always been "keep the mind and body active."

Has Two Workshops Two long workshops that open from his study are the scene of most of his activity these days. Stacked to the ceiling as they are with worn drawers and shelves bearing tools of every description, he knows every nook and cranny. He climbs up and down the ladders, manipulates the lathe and the saws as he turns out book shelves for his beloved books, or fashions watch chains and trinkets from gold and other metals. There are evidences of his handicraft throughout the house, and he is especially proud of two splendid microscopes made in his laboratories.

For nearly eight years he has been a weather observer for the United States Government, and twice a day he still makes his neat entries in the "weather books." A keen student all his life, he is intensely interested in books and has many rare volumes. His best loved are his almanacs. He has a set of six from the Libraries of Charles II and George II, beginning with the year 1640. One of these almanacs is dedicated to the Friends, and Doctor Green, himself a Friend, is particularly fond of this. A portion of the pages of the 1640 is a "A year and an almanac for the people called by the world Quakers, containing many useful and necessary observations from the first day of the month till the last day of the twelfth month. Being the third after the Bixentile or the Leaping Year."

There are also eighteen almanacs of Ephemerides for the years 1540 to 1557, printed in Venice in Latin. He has many of the later American almanacs, as well as English ones.

Likes His Almanacs "I like my almanacs," he said as he fingered the faded pages of one. "I remember Lincoln proved an important question once by referring to his almanac. I have gained much knowledge from them. "Perhaps there would be interested in some of the 'collections,'" he added, and he pointed to hundreds of cases, some in cases, some stacked in corners of the library. "They come from all parts of the world," he explained. "They were brought by my friends, most of them, for I have never traveled much. I haven't had time. I have never been west of Chicago or further from home than the mountains. Then he showed a collection of autographs, including the autographs of every President of the United States. There were letters from many of them and some of the writing of William Penn and Benjamin Franklin.

Met Many Old Scholars "I met many of the statesmen and scholars of what they call the olden days. But there must not say much about me. Only what would be helpful to others. Yes, I liked politics, and I voted for years. My first vote was in 1838 and in 1840 I voted for President Harrison. I walked many miles to attend big gatherings, where Henry Clay, Daniel Webster and great generals or statesmen were speakers. I shook hands with Lincoln at an entertainment given for him in Washington in 1864. I met Mrs. Lincoln then, too. President Lincoln was a good, solid, common sense man—a big man. Doctor Green walks about the city each day to "keep his knees active." From early morning till evening he busies himself about his house. There isn't a corner of it he doesn't love and know by heart. There are pictures, furniture, grandfather clocks and trinkets handed down through long generations that interest him greatly. Each day is filled with its simple duties and pleasures, and each tomorrow is happily looked forward to.

EXPENSE UP 401 PER CENT

Expert Says City Population Has Grown 86 Per Cent in 32 Years The total expense of this city has increased 401.23 per cent during the last thirty-two years, while the population has increased less than 86 per cent. This statement was made by Thomas L. Hicks, municipal expert and statistician. In his opinion, the figures give a warning that unless "dwindling" is eliminated from the public payrolls and maintenance put on a business basis of a fair day's work for every cent, the city will soon be seriously embarrassed financially.

POLICE AID RADIUM SEARCH

No Ordinary Thief Stole \$6000 Tube, Says Hospital Expert Authorities of the University Hospital have appealed to the police in their search for the \$6000 tube of radium which disappeared from the hospital yesterday. This was learned by Dr. Henry K. Hancock, a radium expert at the hospital, declared his positive belief that the radium was stolen, and by no ordinary thief.

BLASTS DAMAGE BUILDINGS

Explosions Start Fires in Northeast Home and Garage Two explosions, one from an unknown cause, wrecked two buildings in the northeastern section of the city yesterday. The first was in the home of Dr. J. Alfred Lotz, 3517 Longshore street. It damaged the upper floors. Later a fire believed to have been caused by a defective fuse virtually destroyed the house.

PRECIOUS PAINTING HERE

Millet's "Shepherd and Sheep" Sent Heir of Miss Spooner "Shepherd and Sheep," probably the only painting by Jean Francois Millet in this city in custody of J. E. McElroy, 1507 Walnut street. The picture, 18 by 24 inches, belongs to Mrs. Emily G. Potter, a niece of the late Miss Sarah M. Spooner, formerly of this city, who died in San Francisco.

PRISON CHARGES MAY FALL

Charities Board Finds Virtually All Testimony Supports Warden Investigators of the Eastern Penitentiary are marking time today. It is reported that the inquiry into the methods and management of Warden McHenry may be dropped.

To Unveil Church Cross

An electric cross above the baptismal font of the Wayland Memorial Baptist Church, at Baltimore avenue and Fifty-second street, will be unveiled and dedicated tomorrow night.

Great Bargain!

French-Brand Hart's, splendid tone, perfect condition, available while stocks last. Reason for selling owner leaving the country. A. 602, 4222 Locust, home, 4227

Do You Want a Young Man Possessing Initiative and Ability?

Well educated and having several years' business experience, desires connection with progressive firm, offering opportunity to get ahead.

Sunday Night Forum

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES 21st and Christian Streets November 9, 8 P. M.

Dr. Lucy L. W. Wilson

Principal South Phila. High School Girls "Democracy and Education" Open Reception After Address

WOMEN AND KANE TO FIGHT PRICES

Federated Clubs Will Make Fair-Price List—U. S. Attorney Will Aid

LANDLORD DEFIES BOARD

Thousands of Philadelphia women, banded in one organization, will wage systematic war on the high cost of living.

ONLY AIDED GIRL, SAYS MAN IN JAIL

Brakeman Declares He Took After Fighting Blaze for Five Hours Forced to Leave in Lifeboats

TRIED TO VERIFY HER STORY

With the mystery of the disappearance of Beatrice Oxman, twelve years old, cleared by the arrest of George F. Garnett, forty years old, of Washington, the police are devoting their attention today to a study of Garnett's story of how he came to take custody of the child after she ran away from her home at 407 Gashill street, last Saturday.

GIVE SALARY INCREASES

Western Union Telegraph Co. Employees Get Surprise at Dance Employees of the Western Union Telegraph Co., who attended their first dance at La Tu Temple last night, were given a pleasant surprise by the management standing up an announcement of salary increases.

VIOLATED ETHICS; ARRESTED

Ex-Navy Man Suspected of Smashing Window Because He Ran Joseph P. Daley, nineteen years old, 1094 Daanona street, who was recently discharged from the navy, was taken before Magistrate Wrigley in the Germantown avenue and Locomotion street station today on suspicion of having smashed a store window at Germantown avenue and Stanb street.

BOY'S ACTION SAVES CLUB

Sees Canoe Organization's Headquarters Afire and Gives Alarm Quick action by an eight-year-old boy who discovered the headquarters of the Idle Hour Canoe Club, 4424 Ridge avenue, in flames, probably saved the building from destruction.

Hurt in Collision With Trolley

Arthur Shirley, 2440 West Fifth street, is in a serious condition at the University of Pennsylvania, to be built with money left to Penn by the will of William and Mary Irvine, may be selected at the November meeting of the trustees next week.

To Decide on Auditorium Site

Site for the proposed auditorium at the University of Pennsylvania, to be built with money left to Penn by the will of William and Mary Irvine, may be selected at the November meeting of the trustees next week.

WANTED, NEW USE FOR BARS; WHO HAS A BRIGHT IDEA?

Passing of Thirst Parlors Presents Problem Upon Which Architects Might Work With Profit to Themselves and the Public in General

It's about as hard to figure out what to do with the barrooms as what to do without them. Many of them are fine places, roomy, attractively and easily accessible, and undoubtedly the best unfurnished apartments in the city. But they don't seem to fill a long-felt want any more. Not that the want isn't long felt and then some, but they can't fill it.

CREW FLEES FIRE ON BOARD TUGBOAT

Fighting a fire on board the tug Michael T. Barrett, more than five hours, during which time there was no response to repeated calls for help, and in weather that made aid from the shore impossible, Captain Earl Carlisle and the crew were finally forced to take to lifeboats and watch their craft burn to the water's edge of New Castle, Del.

WOMEN AT BRYN MAWR

Delegates to International Congress Will Spend Today at College Delegates to the international congress of working women are to spend today at Bryn Mawr College as the opening day of the annual meeting.

MAGISTRATE "PLAYS SAFE"

Wrigley, "Passes Up" Contradictory Case of Domestic Dispute Mrs. Amelia Lantz, of 1625 Ruffner street, appeared today before Magistrate Wrigley in the Germantown avenue and Locomotion street station on a charge of assault and battery.

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IDENTIFY WOMAN JUST AS SHE DIES

Had Been Unconscious in Hospital Since Tuesday, When She Was Hit by Trolley Car

MANY OTHERS ARE INJURED

Because she never regained consciousness after she was injured in a street accident, Mrs. Sophia Gadowski, of 2744 East Albert street, narrowly missed burial as an unidentified person. She was not recognized until a few hours before her death last night at the Women's Homeopathic Hospital.

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STUDENT MAY SAVE ORPHAN

Gives His Blood to Tiny Sufferer From Anemia A friendless little orphan, Stanley Imzinski, nine years old, has a friend on life "easy" at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital.

CONTINUE COMMUNITY WORK

Service of War Camp Organization to Be Maintained by New Body Community Service of Philadelphia, which is the organization carrying on the peace time work of the war camp community service, recently disbanded, will continue much of the work of the present institution.

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ROBBERS USE TRUCK IN CLOTHING THEFT

Goods Valued at \$20,000 Taken by Thieves, Who Make Escape

LOOTED GIRARD AVE. STORE

The regular week-end robbers who have been paying Friday to Monday visits to this city called at the store of Goldstein, Grossman & Herberich, 703 Girard avenue, early yesterday morning and stole clothing valued at \$20,000. The theft was reported to the police today.

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Deaths of a Day JOHN S. SCOTT General Manager of Atlas Powder Company Died Yesterday John S. Scott, forty-eight years old, director and general manager of the Atlas Powder Co., died yesterday afternoon at his residence, 1830 South Hestonhouse square, after an illness of one year from an internal growth.

BUCHANAN ELECTRIC WASHER! The Laundry-dry-ette dries your clothes, too—all ready for the line. J. F. Buchanan & Co. 1719 Chestnut St.

SAVILL'S SWAN NECK FAUCETS Pat. June 16, 1918. No splash or drip. No sink complete without them. Positive shut-off valve. Ask your plumber for Savill's Swan-neck faucets. THOS. SAVILL'S SONS 110 WALLACE STREET

Great Bargain! French-Brand Hart's, splendid tone, perfect condition, available while stocks last. Reason for selling owner leaving the country. A. 602, 4222 Locust, home, 4227

Do You Want a Young Man Possessing Initiative and Ability? Well educated and having several years' business experience, desires connection with progressive firm, offering opportunity to get ahead. P. 330, LEDGER OFFICE

KLEIN'S ALMOND SWEET MILK CHOCOLATE "The Milkyest Kind of Milk Chocolate" THIS is not merely a meaningless slogan as applied to Klein's Cream Almond Bars, it is a statement of fact. Add to this the richest of chocolate liquor, together with heaping measure of Almond Nuts, and you at once know why Klein's Cream Nut Almond Bars are not only purchased for the children of the family, but are the favorite of grown-ups as well.

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BAILEY BANKS & BIDDLE CO. Jewelers Silversmiths Stationers DIAMONDS When that particular Diamond is selected which will become the joy of the recipient and at once the cynosure of all eyes—it is well to remember that this collection of gems is so carefully chosen that a satisfactory selection is assured.

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