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He Got His College Degree at 64

AL FRED W. Karik, a former Estonian army major, driven out of his country by the Soviet, got his degree as an associate in mechanical engineering from Worcester Junior College 46 years after he completed high school.

When there are so many who complain that they lacked opportunities to get an education, how is it that this foreigner managed to win through? For four and a half years, despite having to put in 20-hour days most of the time, this courageous man with a purpose got his degree at 64.

To earn a living for himself and wife he washed dishes in a Worcester restaurant for a year and for five years worked at the Hotel Bancroft. In spite of the language barrier he turned in almost straight "A" work at college. He had a perfect attendance record. In a mechanical engineering laboratory series of 12 tests, Karik posted 12 "A's", almost unheard of for the course. One of his

classmates said he cried almost like a baby when he got the only "C" of his career a couple of years ago.

Karik's school day began at 6:30 a.m. It included eight hours of waxing hotel floors and cleaning carpets, three hours of classes at night, and three or more hours of study each night.

The record of this man is such that Harrington & Richardson did the unusual thing and gave a job to this man who is crowding 65. As a technician working with small arms, there is no question but that he will prove to be a worker who requires the minimum of supervision and who may be trusted always to give his best.



He Wanted a Different Answer

Questions often suffer from wrong interpretations. The answers we give have little to do with the question actually asked.

This is illustrated by the story of the small boy, home from his first day at school, who rushed up to his mother who was standing in the yard waiting for him and breathlessly asked, "Mommy, where did I come from?" At first she was stunned, then a little pleased, knowing that the book she had read on the subject only a few days before, had equipped her to act intelligently at this moment.

Patiently she took the small boy by the hand and led him into the living room, sat down, and taking him on her lap, related the entire story of the birds and the bees, in simple language.

When she had finished, the boy looked at her a little surprised, and said again, "But Mommy, I want to know where I came from! The boy who sits in front of me in school said he came from Peoria!"



We Need More 18-Year-Olds Like Him

Down on a farm near Ripley, West Virginia, you will find 18-year-old Ben Greene. He received a Future Farmers of America Achievement Award for draining swamps, developing about 100 acres of contour strips and planting 6,000 young trees. He also improved the soil through the use of fertilizer.

Today he has 56 Hereford cattle on a farm that 12 years ago would not feed 12 cows.

All over the country there are youngsters like Ben who, starting their work at eight or ten, have achieved prosperity in their late teens.

Another boy, Joe Moore of Granville, Tennessee, started with a Jersey cow given him by his father when he was eight years old. Now at 21 he operates a 505-acre farm representing an investment of \$46,000.

Help Keep the Roadsides Clean

You can play your part in keeping America more beautiful if you will refrain from throwing cigarette packs and other litter on the streets and roadsides.

Leaders in American industry are active in an association called Keep America Beautiful, Inc., 100 Park Avenue, New York City. Its able director, John C. Rose, has enlisted such men as Clifford F. Hood, president of U. S. Steel; Cecil F. Dawson, president Dixie Cup Co.; Roy A. Fruehauf, president, Fruehauf Trailer Co.; George H. Coppers, president, National Biscuit Company, and many others in their class.

Litter is the responsibility of the individual. Litter increases taxes. Litter must be cleaned up by somebody. Clean-up gangs do not work free. Your own home town will be cleaner and more beautiful if you dispose of your litter in proper receptacles.



Election News

Members of all political parties, even the Communists, should be interested in the election mentioned by the old Negro preacher:

“There’s an election going on all the time. The Lord votes for you, the Devil against you, and you cast the deciding vote.”

A High School Junior's Idea

There is much sense in the note written to Leonard Read of the Foundation for Economic Education, Irvington-on-Hudson. This is his idea:

"Much of the apparent need for government aid today is a product of too much government. When government forcibly deprives productive men of a fourth or a third of their earnings, as it now does in this country, it has seriously reduced their opportunity to care for either the aged or the youthful unproductive members of their own families. The cure for this situation lies in less government — not more; in greater individual responsibility — not less."



Oldest Cotton Mill in the South

The oldest cotton mill in the South operating under its original charter is The Graniteville Company, a group of modern mills at Graniteville, South Carolina.

This company can boast of having in its employ the man with a longer continuous work record than any other man in the world. He is James Wesley Rearden who started to work when he was 10 years old. He is now 93—and still active.

Ever since 1949, when a retirement system was adopted, Mr. Rearden has been free to quit. He simply refuses because he must have something to do to keep his mind alert. For 35 years he has

taught a Sunday school class, and he also has sung in the choir almost as long.

Five years ago an English firm boasted that they had a man with a continuous work record that could not be beaten. Mr. Rearden beat him by three years.

Age is a matter of mind, not wholly of body.



He Wants His Tree To Be Hospitable

The world-famous architect, Dr. Walter Gropius, former head of Harvard's Department of Architecture, now professor-emeritus, was told that a tree bearing his name had been planted in Chicago on the campus of Michael Reese Hospital.

On receiving this news he commented: "I want this to be a tree in which birds of many colors and shapes can sit and feel sustained. I do not wish to restrict it to species with square tail-ends or streamlined contours or international features or Bauhaus garb. In short, I wish it to be a hospitable tree from which many songs should be heard, except the fake songs of the bird imitators."

This was once the idea that dominated pioneer America—when people of all nationalities were accepted for the quality of their contribution to the enrichment of the nation. Only bird imitators classed as 100% Americans now create the spirit of inhospitality.

Shop Talk

Five Or Six Years Ago

Recently Harold Suggs was introduced to twenty-five Cards that had been purchased from a Northern mill some five or six years ago. The Superintendent said he found all Cards were equipped with Tuffer Card Clothing, all in excellent shape, and put them into production without having to reclothe any of them.

A few weeks ago he had to pull off a cylinder fillet that was worn out and found that it was put on thirty-two years ago. The rest of the Cards continue to give excellent service.

Incidentally, Harold adds, "The Superintendent has been acquainted with our product but a short time, so his report is made without prejudice."



"Tuffer Doing Fine Work For Him"

Hugh Miller passed this report along just as it was said to him, adding, "They put on the last of our Breaker Cylinders with some nep worker clothing just the other day, all of which went on 'smooth as glass.'" We should add that the Breaker Cylinders are especially designed for rugged stock.



Run Eight Months Before Grinding

That a First Breaker Cylinder can run and deliver production eight months without grinding the first time is a mighty good record.

Further, the Boss Carder reports some of his usual Breaker Cylinders have never lasted much over a year, whereas this one, with a combination of Piano Wire and Special Foundation, will do very much better.



CARD CLOTHING

Trimmed to Give Full Carding Efficiency

The trimming operation in the manufacture of card clothing is a very important one. It must be **RIGHT** if top quality production is to be attained.

TUFFER Precision Trimming is one of the major reasons why TUFFER Card Clothing fits the cylinders so smoothly and does such a fine job.

The perfectly-trimmed sides of each TUFFER fillet fit snugly and properly against each other, forming a single unit of clothing that has every point in position . . . and with all the wires having a complete uniformity of height, pitch and angle.

For years hundreds of mills have reordered TUFFER Card Clothing time after time. It fully meets the requirements of those who want the best.

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