

The privileges of seniority

One of the pleasant things about retirement, in these days of social security and other benefits for older Americans, is that as long as you're healthy you can devote your time and effort to whatever interests you, rather than the mundane toil that is the lot of younger folk.

In recent years, our community has benefited greatly from the efforts of various groups of retired persons. They have helped out at nursing homes and at such institutions as Willowbrook State School and Sea View Hospital and Home, as well as working for community improvements and even helping tend youngsters of working mothers.

A new group is now planned at Messiah Lutheran Church in Annadale, both to provide activities at their own level for senior citizens and to give them an opportunity to serve their neighbors.

One of the nice things about such endeavors, we note, is that the participant takes part at his own gait, aiding in those fields which comprise his or her own interests.

For generations, senior citizens continued to live right in the same domicile as their children and grandchildren, when this was a more rural economy. Today most of them live apart, but through such endeavors as we've mentioned, they can enjoy both participation and a chance for privacy when they want it, too.