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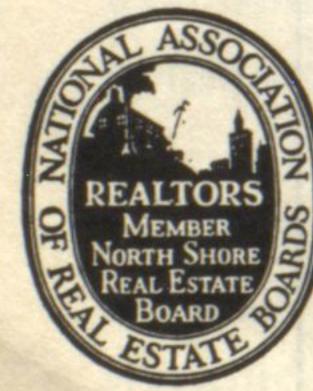
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"Feelin' Fine," Says Charles H. Brethold As He Celebrates His Eightieth Birthday

By RAY C. PEARSON

CHARLES H. Brethold leaped out health and as a result of a physician's of bed on Monday morning at 6 advice he quit the meat business and o'clock. "Feeling fine" he remarked Chicago to get out into the quiet of to Mrs. Brethold, "Let's step out and the open country. Wilmette offered celebrate today." The business of all the quiet and open country desired celebrating, however, already had been which accounts for the fact that a arranged by Mrs. Brethold and the little more than forty years ago he other Bretholds for it was the eightieth settled in this north shore village. birthday of the "young" fellow who Builds More Than 500 Homes leaps out of bed at 6 in the morning.

the hotel.

One of Oldest Residents

Charles Brethold is one of the oldest residents of Wilmette. He likes to talk about the time, something over forty years ago, when he came to the village which then offered a picture of big ditches and wooden sidewalks and habitation that required no expert work by a statistician. Wilmette then was what the Indians had left.

chosen Wilmette for his permanent home is not hard to understand when the circumstances are explained. To go back to the beginning, he was born in Germany. He was brought to America when he was two years old, his parents settling in Cincinnati. He had thirteen brothers and sisters and Charles was the baby of the family. The youngest Brethold remained in the Ohio city until he was 19 years old then moved to Chicago to start the business of earning a livlihood. First he worked on the Board of wholesale meat business.

red to had to do with Mr. Brethold's Chamber of Commerce.

When he came to Wilmette he for-Shortly thereafter the clan Brethold saw the future, a future of construcbegan to gather and soon twenty tiveness which meant the building of a relatives, most of them from Chicago, fine suburb. And with that vision he had arrived. Enough automobiles were launched into the real estate and buildcommandeered and then began a trip ing operations. Today he is able to to Lake Marie, near Antioch, There count more than 500 homes that he the day was spent in a quiet celebra- has built in Wilmette. He can be tion because of the intense heat. A found at his real estate office, at 545 dinner for twenty-one was served at Main street, any day and he still watches closely the building work of his foreman, Charlie Knobel, who incidently, has been with him for thirtyeight years. The Brethold residence is at 1102 Central avenue, but he'll tell you that in forty years he has lived in almost every section of Wilmette.

Mr. Brethold says he feels fine and looking at him one would not suspect he had knocked off four score years of life. His health is fine and he is husky, weighing about 185 pounds. Just why Mr. Brethold should have Regular living has done it, he explains. He works every day and does not overlook play. A game of pinochle now and then with his old friends is his idea of play.

In late years the Bretholds have been going to California or Florida or Texas for a couple of months in the winter.

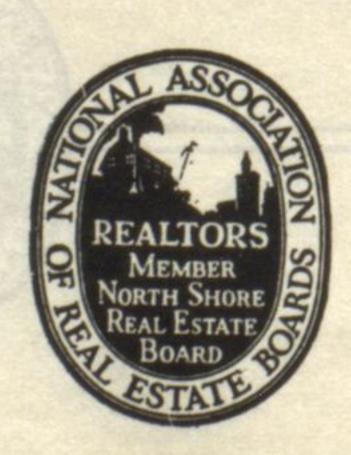
Drives His Own Automobile

Charles drives his own car with all the skill of a young fellow. Once a week he drives all the way to the south side where he inspects the erec-Trade. After that he engaged in the tion of an apartment building in which he is interested. He is a member of The circumstances previously refer- the Old Settlers, the Rotary club and

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