

Traveler recalls visits to Guyana

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According to Fenton Matthews, it's no wonder California cult leader Jim Jones brought his followers to the exotic and unusual land of Guyana. Matthews, 89, a resident of the Troy-Birmingham area since 1932, has made three journeys to Guyana. The first visit, 22 years ago, lasted one week. He went "to escape" to get lost in what he termed "a strange and beautiful country."

The second visit was to experience the "grim reality" of the once-British country with its warm and humid climate, dense and treacherous rain for-

ests and unique buildings that sit on stilts above ground away from the severe dampness.

Matthews, well-known for his worldwide travels, was so impressed with Guyana that he returned a third time, 10 years ago.

"It's an interesting country," Matthews said. "Half the people are East Indian and the other half are colored. It is largely Communist and its natives live off the land harvesting sugar, sorghum and aluminum."

Sharp-witted and candid, Matthews said he was not surprised by the recent devastating events in Guyana.

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"JONES WANTED a perfect place to escape and that's what Guyana is," Matthews said. "It's an ideal place to get lost. Nobody knows where it is. The country is located in the northeast portion of South America."

He blamed the mass suicides by members of People's Temple cult on the cultivation of man-made religions. "Man created religion because he saw there was money in it," Matthews said. "Man should stick with God instead of following religions instituted by man."

"Those poor devils in Georgetown. You would think even if they had less than an eighth grade education they could see through someone like Jones."

Matthews, who calls himself a lifetime student who never stops learning, started his career as a violinist with the first Detroit Symphony. But when he started dabbling in real estate ventures, "picking up things off and on," he said he made so much money, he quit being a paid musician.

AT ONE TIME, Matthews bought land in Ecorse and sold it to a Detroit police lieutenant. Today Ford Motor Company is planted on those same lots.

A few years later, he invested in some acreage in Orlando, Fla. and



Fenton Matthews as he looked in 1966 photograph.

then sold it. Today that land is part of the successful enterprise better known as Disney World.

"I would buy property in different states and I didn't see it. I gambled," Matthews chuckled.

Today, the spunky man is still active in land investments.

Firm wins bid at OU to repair fire damage

Restoration on the 63-year-old clubhouse at Oakland University that suffered damage to an upper level in an Oct. 17 fire is already under way.

Burton Brothers of Southfield won the bid to restore the Tudor-style, wood-and-stucco building for approximately \$140,000. While repairs are in progress, the university also hopes to begin remodeling.

The building eventually will become a clubhouse for the new Katke-Cousins 18 hole golf course on the OU campus.

Formerly a lodge and retreat for John F. Dodge, the late auto pioneer who built the structure in 1915, the remodeled clubhouse was slated to open in the spring. An OU spokesman said the timetable has been revised and no new opening date has been set.

The building has been sealed off to protect it from the elements. Within days after the fire, insurance adjusters were on the scene and workers began removing expensive wall paneling and moldings to prevent warping, and to remove the smoke smell.

The first major job facing Burton Brothers is installation of a new roof, said the OU spokesman. Besides the oak paneling and hand-carved moldings, solid oak beams, marble inlays and polished hardwood floors must be reconditioned. There was little con-

tents damage because most furniture had been removed.

OU PLANNED to build a new clubhouse and retain the Dodge retreat as a meeting center for student groups and organizations. There were no takers, however, on the bid limit of \$150,000.

The costs of restoration do not include the remodeling figure, which still carries the \$150,000 limit. The building carried an insured value of \$72,000.

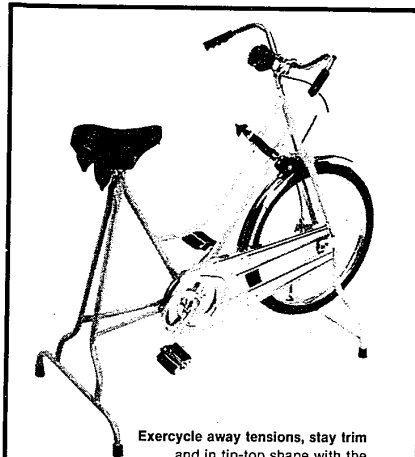
Heavy damage in the fire, which was attributed to faulty wiring, was contained in the clubhouse attic and roof. The lower level will benefit from the major portion of the remodeling.

An Olympic-sized swimming pool will be closed off, and locker rooms and showers will be installed during remodeling. There also will be a pro shop and office for the golf course pro built.

The upper level will remain intact and be used as a meeting room and lounge.

OU opened the Katke-Cousins golf course in 1977. Marvin Katke and Harold Cousins, both Bloomfield Hills residents, donated a combined \$500,000 to construct the course. The also contributed about \$50,000 to the remodeling project.

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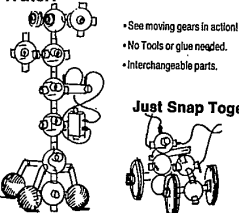
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