

Leisure Worlder

OF THE MONTH

DR. OLIVE GILLIAM

Dr. Olive Gilliam . . . historian, a scholar of Greek and Roman history and the author of seven books, several of which were written since her retirement here at Leisure World, is a prime example of the self-renewal of an already distinguished and rewarding life. In the peaceful atmosphere of Leisure World she continues to write, to study, to observe and to contribute to the human economy.

Entranced by a statue of Pomona, Greek goddess of Fruits and Flowers, her interest as a young girl was stimulated to learn more of Greek culture. Her education was oriented toward study of the ancient Greeks and Romans and this fascination was passed along to her students as a Professor of History over a period of 34 years.

Olive Gilliam, Ph.D., focused her attention as a historian on the first century, B.C. An expert in the history of the Middle East, Greece and Rome, she continues to produce a legacy of ancient culture in her writings.

Her newest volume entitled, "*The State of the Union — 1776-1976*" will be published this summer as her tribute to the Bicentennial Year. Of our Nation she says, "The greatest thing about our country is that those who disagree have sense enough to go on side by side in spite of it."

Olive Gilliam proves that aging does not mean growing older . . . but growing wiser. It means keeping the mind alert and always reaching for a goal just beyond one's grasp. She proves daily that leisure can be turned into a time of self-renewal . . . into moments of great challenge and creative activity.

We are proud of you Dr. Olive Gilliam!