

Life Tables Show Older Americans May Live Longer

MINNEAPOLIS (U.P.)—The next generation may witness sensational advances in medical work dealing with human longevity.

Although life expectancy of the average male child at birth has increased from only 28 years in American Revolutionary times to more than 64 years today, a man of 40 can expect to live only four years longer than he could 170 years ago.

But medical science is swinging away from study of infant and child maladies to more intense work on geriatrics—the study of ailments in older age groups. That is shown in an analysis of mortality tables by Northwestern National Life Insurance Company.

Goes Up Slowly

The Wigglesworth life tables, published in 1789, estimated that the average 40-year-old man of George Washington's time would live another 26 years.

The American experience table, issued in 1868 but covering mortality rates of 1843-1858, increased a 40-year-old man's expectancy by two years and two months.

Dated nearly a century later, the insurance commissioners' standard ordinary mortality table covers 1931-40. The table became legal for insurance use in most states last Jan. 1.

The commissioners' table agrees with the U. S. office of

vital statistics in giving today's average man of 40 an additional 29-30 years of life expectancy.

Future Brighter

That, the Northwestern study points out, represents an improvement of only three to four years for the older age bracket in the last century and a half.

However, recent discoveries and developments in the next 25 years will provide the next major improvement in health and mortality to the middle and older age brackets, the local study predicts.

Current scientific discoveries may take a considerable period before affecting actual mortality statistics, the study said.

As an example, it said that although insulin was discovered nearly 25 years ago, mortality statistics of diabetics only now are beginning to show substantial effects from use of the drug.

Pitcairn Island Youths Offered Education

WELLINGTON, N. Z. (U.P.)—Descendants of the mutineers of the Bounty are to be given their first official school teacher and school on Pitcairn Island.

The teacher is A. W. Moverley of New Zealand. The school is a pre-fab being sent from the United Kingdom.

Moverley will be accompanied by his wife and 19-year-old daughter.

John Adams, one of the original mutineers, was the island's first school teacher. Since then education has been an intermittent affair.

Dinner Costs Men \$652.40 Plus Two Guns

Residents of the Columbus County Home were treated to a venison dinner recently when a whitetailed doe was contributed by four unwilling Columbus County residents: John Barefoot, Clyde Moore, Robert Granger, and Stacy Blackburn, all of Whiteville, were convicted of killing a doe out of season, at night, and with the use of artificial light.

Recorder Judge R. E. Harrelson fined each of the men \$150.00 and \$13.10 court costs, confiscated two shotguns, and gave each a nine months suspended sentence. The deer was confiscated and turned over to the County Home.

All in all, the County Home venison dinner cost the four errant deer hunters \$652.40 and two shotguns.

So Many Descendants He Can't Count Them

HAZELHURST, Ga. (U.P.)—Every body admits that there are complications living to be 90-years old and that holds doubly true for Michael McNeal, member names. He sat down on his 90th birthday and delved into higher mathematics, knows how many six feet under, 96 grandchildren, 176 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.



HEY, MOM, I'M HUNGRY, TOO—As Docca, a Bengal tiger, is hand-fed by a keeper at the Bronx Zoo, New York, her offspring, Duke, two and one-half months, opens his mouth and growls for some meat. The young tiger is just at the stage where he is getting interested in meat, so the keeper had better watch where he places his fingers.

Invincible Ivan Plans To Climb High Mountain

PITTSBURGH (U.P.)—Ivan Jirak, a Marine veteran, gives himself a one-to-four chance to realize a lofty ambition.

Jirak is preparing to go to the Yukon to climb—or try to—Mount Logan, the second highest peak on the continent.

"Ivan the Invincible" has been sharpening his campons (spike-pointed cleats on hiking boots) since he finished his freshman year at Carnegie Tech a few weeks ago.

His plans would be complete if he could persuade a pilot into making a parachute drop of supplies at the base of 19,950-foot peak. But so far, there were no takers.

Maybe the 33-degree below zero weather in mid-summer appeals to Ivan or it may be that he wants to conquer his fifth mountain.

Gets Urge in Hawaii

Ivan got the climbing urge in Hawaii during the war. He started off by scaling the 13,754-foot Mauna Kea in two days.

After the war he whiled away his occupation time in Japan by trudging up Mount Fujiyama, a mere 12,435 feet.

The 14,495-foot Mount Whitney was next on his list. He did it in two days flat with the aid of his GI shoes and a pack of K rations.

Jirak's next venture was south of the border when he poked his head through the Mexican clouds on Mount Orizaba, 18,696 feet.

Journey Complicated

The journey was complicated when he did the last leg without his pack. A party of horsemen stole the precious bar and the young Marine was forced to go on without extra provisions.

The Mount Logan venture will be the toughest of them all. The peak is 1,000 feet higher than any other he has tried. There are five glaciers to complicate matters and the added hazard of avalanches.

But come next fall, Jirak expects to deliver a lecture at the Explorers Club about the Mount Logna jaunt. He plans to collect specimens of rocks and plant life for Carnegie's museum.

Aided by atomic energy, sea soon may feed all the world.

Razor Blade Diet Appeals

CARACAS, Venezuela (U.P.)—Police said Ines del Carmen Garcia was in serious condition after trying to take her life by chewing and swallowing safety razor blades. It was the 11th time, police said, she tried to take her life by the same method. She is known as the razor blade queen.

Mr. Herman Not Musical

WAUKESHA, Wis. (U.P.)—Mr. Herman doesn't like organ music, and he doesn't like "Clair de Lune," no matter how it's played. If he hears organ music, he climbs under the bed and lets the world know about his misery. Mr. Herman is a Pekinese, belonging to Mrs. Flora Weber, Waukesha.

Experts prove stinging bees cannot retrieve weapons.

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WITH THE NEW FLAVOR DISCOVERY

Nebraska Has Man-Made Lake; Seek Tourists

OGALLALA, Neb. (U.P.)—No one has been trying to keep it a secret, but there is a lake a few miles from this town that many people, including Nebraskans, don't know about.

The situation may be changed one of these days. There are people who think the lake can become the "playground of the Midwest," thereby enabling the Cornhusker state to cash in on some of the tourist crop.

Lake McConaughy, which measures 55 square miles, was built for work, its purpose is to irrigate farm land. Now some people think there is no reason why gay-shirted vacationers should not frolic on its sandy beaches.

Woman Sees Prospects

Prominent among those who think so is Mrs. Marcella Allen of Lincoln. As secretary of the Nebraska Reclamation Association, her first love is irrigation, but she also plugs for anything else she thinks might develop the state.

She, therefore, does not hesitate to spread the word about Lake McConaughy. She doesn't care how many people get in on the ground floor of what may be a new Nebraska industry.

Construction on the dam that holds back waters of McConaughy was started in 1936. It was completed in 1941. The lake grew up during the war when people had other things to think about. As a result, Mrs. Allen says, not enough people are aware of Big McConaughy's recreational potential.

Word Gets Around

The word has got around to some, however. One Sunday not long ago 10,000 cars were counted around the lake. The state fish and game commission reports that four tons of crappies were fished out of the clear, blue water in a single day.

"All this happened without advertising," Mrs. Allen points out. "And with practically no accommodations for tourists."

One eating place is located on the lake, Mrs. Allen says. It seats 11. The day the 10,000 cars were counted, a man who sells bait had 2,000 customers. Mrs. Allen says things like that cause her to feel there is room for business expansion.

Model Prison Inmates Distill Their Own

CARACAS, Venezuela (U.P.)—Jailers in the Caracas model prison discovered that prisoners were operating a home-made liquor still in their cell.

A search was started for the still when officials noted many of the prisoners were frequently drunk. The main still was made out of tin cans, and the men used pineapple syrup plus chewing tobacco as the base for the liquor. Dr. Guillermo Rasquin, prison analyst, said many of the steady customers had stomach ulcers.

32 Exiles Escape Spain In Home-Made Vessel

CARACAS, Venezuela (U.P.)—A party of 32 Spanish exiles, including one woman, arrived at La Quaira aboard a sailing vessel which they had built themselves to escape from Franco and Spain.

The little schooner left Santa Cruz in Tenerife and made the crossing to Venezuela in 37 days. Leaders of the party said there was no sickness, and the supplies of rice, corn, meat, sardines and water held out on the 3,500-mile voyage. They eked out their diet by fishing.

The exiles arrived here without papers and were admitted by immigration authorities as voluntary immigrants.

In December, 1947, the average payment for general assistance in North Carolina was national average of \$42.78.

Plan Shrine To Magician

PHOENIX, Ariz. (U.P.)—A shrine is planned here to mark the grave of Paul Valadon, "father of modern magic" and one of the greatest vaudeville performers of his day.

Valadon's exit from the show world at the peak of his career 35 years ago was a mystery as puzzling as his theatrical stunts. A few days ago, his unmarked grave was discovered here by the Magicians Guild of the United States in a storybook climax.

According to Julian J. Proskauer, New York, past president of the guild, "Valadon was the Houdini of his day—a great sleight-of-hand man."

His grave was located by a study of yellowed vital statistics. The story of his tragic end then was supplied by his son, Paul Valadon, now a Phoenix city employe.

Young Valadon said his father was a headliner on the Orpheum circuit for many years after he came to this country from England. Thurston and Keller, also great magicians of their day, were his partners at one time. But his greatest fame came from the spectacular illusions he invented and staged with the help of eight assistants.

The famed illusionist's wife died in 1908. Not long afterward he slipped away from the glare of the footlights.

Miserably ill with tuberculosis, he came to Phoenix with his son but was unable to shake off the disease. He died in 1913 at the age of 46 without fanfare in a young, bustling town already accustomed to victims of the n. a. l. a. d. y.

Spare Those Spankings, Psychiatrist Advises

CHICAGO (U.P.)—A parent who spanks his child has a spanking coming himself, in the opinion of Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs, a Chicago psychiatrist.

Childhood whippings, the doctor said, are undesirable because they leave a life-time mark upon the victim's character.

If a "servile, timorous" adult is at the same time "cringing and crafty," chances are he got a paddling now and then as a child, the doctor explained.

Grain export quotas for June 1948 recently announced by the USDA total 833,600 long tons (31,499,000 bushels) including 30,262,000 bushels of wheat and flour (in wheat equivalent), and 1,237,000 bushels of oats and barley. The May quotas totaled 1,203,000 long tons (44,967,000 bushels).

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