

Leading Causes of Death in America Cited From Data

NEW YORK—Death, moving in accord with carefully calculated statistical tables, was reported to-day likely to strike 1,420,000 Americans this year, 32,000 more than in 1939.

This estimate was made by Dr. Donald B. Craig, president of the Association of Life Insurance Medical directors and medical director of Aetna Life Insurance Co.

"Even if the 1939 mortality rate had been maintained this year," said Dr. Craig, "the population increase would have resulted in 2,000 more deaths than in 1939. Consequently, we must charge the increased mortality rate this year with the responsibility for the loss of about 23,000 lives for the country as a whole."

The medical director based his estimate on the records of leading insurance companies which he said indicated 758 deaths per 100,000 insured lives in the current 12 months.

Leading Causes Listed

The four causes of death which showed the greatest rise were listed as organic diseases of the heart, cancer, cerebral hemorrhage and Bright's disease. These causes claimed, respectively, 178, 106,2, 61.1 and 48.8 out of each 100,000 insured lives.

Automobile accident deaths also, he said, were on the increase by 2,100 for the nation over last year, indicating a total of 35,000 crash deaths in 1940.

In discussing the mortality rate, Dr. Craig reported: "According to 21 specific causes into which our tables are divided, we find that 1940, as compared with 1939, showed favorable trends with respect to 11 of them, namely: Tuberculosis, influenza, pneumonia, postural state (childbirth), measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, diphtheria, meningitis, diarrhoea and enteritis and homioides, representing a total saving of 12 lives out of each 100,000 policy holders this year."

CLEVELAND, Ohio—(AP)—X-ray experts reported here that cancers of the breast have been found in slightly more than one male to every 100 females affected but that men suffer 92 per cent of the cancers of the mouth.

Dr. Maurice Sachs of the University of Oregon reported to the Radiological society of North America here that only in recent years has systematic study of male breast cancers been attempted.

They were once thought predominant in the white race, he said, but have been found prevalent in all races. The average age of men thus affected is 57 and women 45, he reported.

"Breast cancer in most cases was due to injury or occupational diseases," Dr. Sachs concluded. "Gunshot wounds were accountable for most of the cases studied."

"A breast cancer once developed in a 12-year-old boy a short time after he was struck by a golf ball. Shoemakers, carpenters and mailmen were found particularly susceptible to this form of carcinoma."

Happy Birthdays--and Many of Them!



"Happy birthday to you" is the likeliest theme song for the family of Arthur Morel, 46-year-old contractor of Berlin, N. H. His recently-born 25th child not only brought him some sort of parenthood revival but completed a birthday cycle, giving the Morels a birthday for every day in the week, every 6-10th in the year and every year for the past 25. Above, surrounded by some of his children, Morel sits beside his wife who holds the latest arrival Paul Emile Ernest. The present Mrs. Morel is the mother of 13 of the children, the rest having been born to his first wife.

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Row Looms Over Social Security's Huge Reserve Fund

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—Pressure of a snow-balling reserve fund is likely to force a change in the unemployment compensation sections of the social security set-up this winter.

Under the present law money is coming in just about twice as fast as it is going out. The unemployment insurance reserve fund today stands at about \$1,700,000,000, and is figured to reach \$2,200,000,000 by next July.

This reserve fund is invested by the secretary of the treasury in government bonds, each state's own contribution being held to its account.

Instead of contributing to an increase in the national debt, this piling-up of the insurance fund provides a market for some of the bonds which the increase in the national debt puts on the market.

Labor favors liberalization. From labor and important new dealers comes a demand that benefit payments be liberalized. From business interests comes a demand that the employers' burden be lightened—either by a lowering of the 3 per cent payroll tax, or by extension of the experience-rating system, or perhaps both.

Whole future of the unemployment compensation system may depend largely on how this scrap comes out.

The social security board is inclined to liberalize benefits, both on the theory that in many states the sums now paid are inadequate and in the belief that anything which would increase the buying power would be all to the good. Under the general heading of liberalizing benefits would come shortening of the waiting period, extension of the time over which benefits can be paid and hiking of the amounts paid out.

Real center of the argument, however, will be the business about experience ratings.

This is a system, now in effect in a number of states, whereby which an employer pays depends on his record in regard to stabilizing his own force. An employer who can show that over a three-year period he has kept his force from fluctuating very much and has discharged few persons pays a lower tax than the employer who lays off a large number every so often.

Five years the National Association of Manufacturers has urged extension of this system. Argument is that it offers a powerful incentive toward the stabilization of employment, forces the employer who is most responsible for unemployment to bear the heaviest part of the load, and tends to make the whole system a means for helping to reduce unemployment.

Labor organizations and the social security board don't like experience ratings much. They consider this a means of stabilizing unemployment, assist it works out in favor of corporations (like utilities) whose labor requirements are fairly steady, and say that it promotes the replacement of men by machines.

Evangelist of Tennessee Opens Meetings Here

The Rev. R. D. Brown of Pall Mall, Tennessee, is slated to conduct a Christmas revival in Roseburg for the Pilgrim Holiness Church, 477 South Jackson street. The pastor, Rev. Orval C. Keller.

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announces that the meetings began last night and will continue every night until Dec. 22nd.

The Rev. Mr. Brown has spent many years in missionary and evangelistic work among the mountain people and city dwellers of the south. He served as a training officer in the first world's war and has worked for years with Sergeant York, the pacifist hero of war days, in York's work among the people of Tennessee mountains. Mr. Brown has recently been appointed to Oregon as the district superintendent for this area of the Pilgrim Holiness denomination and the revival in Roseburg will be his initial work in the Roseburg section.

Services will begin every night

at 7:30 and everyone is invited to attend. Special music is planned for every service.

Reported ill—Mrs. B. H. Laird is reported to be ill at her home on Winchester street.



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New Members Are Added To Grange at Riddle

RIDDLE, Ore., Dec. 10—A recent meeting Riddle grange, No. 715, initiated three new members, Mrs. Lloyd Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hobling into the first and second degrees of the order. Ernest Penner acted as master for the ceremony and was assisted by a corps of able officers. The seven day committee was elected for the coming year as follows: Ralph Pad dock, Philip Finnell and Francis Kummer on Thursday evening, Dec. 12th the grange will confer the third and fourth degrees and will close the evening with the harvest supper.

Honor Roll Students Are Named at Yoncalla High

YONCALLA, Ore., Dec. 10—Honor students in Y. H. S. for the last six weeks were: Miss Marie Shedd, Nevada, Marjorie Foy, Helen, Jean, and Josephine, Nevada, Hildebeck, Volney Kelly, Joyce Kinsey, Mary Whitmore, Beatrice King, Pearl, to Julia Vera Thompson and Wayne Phillips.

Deputy attendance, which includes: George Anderson, Betty Joe, Paul Leigh, Donald, the boys, Don Kingsley, Bettye King, Ingrid Kalm, Billie Mae, Frances, Mrs. B. Zora Foster, Clifford, Ferguson, Willard, Williams, James, shop.

Scottish Rite Masons of Roseburg Greet Leaders

The Scottish Rite Masons of Roseburg were hosts at a luncheon Tuesday noon to John C. Cowles, thirty-third degree grand commander of the southern jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Mr. Cowles was accompanied by H. L. Toney and Frank J. H. Howell, both thirty-third degree Masons and past grand masters of Masons in Oregon, and also by Louis G. Clark, of Portland, vice-grand inspector general in Oregon.

Following the luncheon, Grand Commander Cowles gave a cog in speaking talk on the condition of Masonry in all of the various countries of Europe.

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