

Life Expectancy of Americans Figured To Be About 68 Years

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New York—(U.P.)—If your health is reasonably good you should live to be about 68 years old.

That's the life expectancy of Americans today.

But how many of us will reach that 68-year-old milestone? The answer may be found in the statistics of the Metropolitan Insurance Company.

The statistics show that a man's chances of reaching the age of 52 are about 83 out of a 100. In 1900, his chances were only 55 out of a 100.

Chance to Reach 75 Better

A man's chances to reach the age of 65 are now 63 in 100. More significantly, those men who reach the age of 65 now have better than a 50-50 chance of going on for at least 10 years longer.

For women, the odds of living 10 years beyond 65 are even greater. Their overall life expectancy is 71.5 years. The men's 65.9, with the average of both sexes about 67.6 years.

But there is a grim side. It is this: what will cause your death if you don't reach that 68 year old milestone?

The Metropolitan statistics—recognized as accurate as can be—show:

Cancer Odds 1 to 7

The odds are 3 to 2 that your death will be caused by a disease of the heart, arteries or kidneys. For cancer, the odds are 1 to 7. The odds that you will be killed in an accident are 1 to 50; in a fire, drowning or fall, 1 to 33.

The chances that you will die of tuberculosis are 1 to 40. For influenza or pneumonia, 1 to 33.

The above odds are, for males in the 40-age group, and the

older you get the shorter the odds become.

About 90,000 Americans are killed each year in accidents, of which 40 per cent are motor vehicle. A statistical bulletin of Metropolitan says:

"It is a sad commentary on present-day conditions that the chances of eventual death from accidents exceeds the combined chances of death from pneumonia, influenza, and tuberculosis."

For the women who don't

Evangelist Says Korea Not Armageddon

Evangelist Harold E. Metcalf, who has been conducting services here in the newly-constructed Bible auditorium on South Central avenue, was heard by a 750-person, full-house audience last night.

Disclaiming the Korean struggle as the last conflict, the evangelist said it is "one of God's great signboards to men in this generation that Armageddon is just ahead."

"No victor in the last war of earth is named," he said, "but the Bible points out the defeated as 'those which destroy the earth.' Syria, Iran, Iraq, Arabia and Turkey are in the storm center of the great military drive involving all nations which will center around Jerusalem, according to five great prophecies," he added.

Armageddon will be both a spiritual and physical conflict, Metcalf said. "The only way to be on God's side, and to find our day to be a time when 'to be living is sublime' is to know the Bible for ourselves, especially the book of Revelation," he concluded.

make the life expectancy, the odds are similar to those for men. For cancer, 1 to 6; influenza and pneumonia, 1 to 33. Tuberculosis 1 to 100. The women have a much better chance of escaping death by accident.

The death rate for cancer and heart disease in men has been increasing. For the women, the rates have been coming down. The statistics show that many of the old foes—typhoid fever, childhood diseases, diarrhea, tuberculosis and deaths resulting from childbirth complications, are being rapidly conquered.

The statistics disclose that deaths from typhoid fever have been eliminated by 99 per cent since 1911; childhood diseases 98 per cent; tuberculosis by 85 per cent; and 95 per cent for diphtheria.

It has been such progress in health that has increased the life expectancy to 68 years and medical scientists are predicting that the life expectancy may increase to 100 before the turn of the 21st century. By that time, the answer to heart disease and cancer will have been found, the scientists hope.

Alcatraz Too Costly; May Transfer Inmates

Washington—(U.P.)—Alcatraz, the big, federal prison on a rock in San Francisco bay, may be abandoned because of its cost.

Attorney General J. Howard McGrath said the cost of keeping bank robbers, murderers, kidnapers and other hardened criminals at Alcatraz has been "tremendous." He said it is necessary to transport to the island all the food, water, and other supplies to keep it running.

"That is an expensive ferrying operation," McGrath said in a recent closed session of a House appropriations subcommittee. The testimony was released Monday night.

McGrath said the cost figures for 1949 showed that it required \$8 a day to house a prisoner on Alcatraz, compared with less

Washington GOP Committee Moves To Oust Williams

Spokane—(U.P.)—A move to oust Chairman Walter Williams of the national citizens' committee for Eisenhower from the chairmanship of the state Republican central committee was reported under way Tuesday.

A majority of the state group's executive committee was preparing to call a special meeting of the central committee to consider a proposal to replace him. Mrs. Marion Schulte, state party vice chairman, said.

Follows Job Acceptance

Demands for Williams resignation followed his acceptance of the Eisenhower job Friday. William Howe of Spokane, one of the first party leaders to move against Williams, resigned as chairman of the party's state finance committee. Howe is leader of the eastern Washington Taft-for-President movement.

He said he telephoned Williams Sunday and told him he should call a meeting of the central committee to name a successor, but that Williams took no action after saying he would think it over.

Alaska Resembles Western Pioneer Days, Solons Told

Washington—(U.P.)—Prostitution, gun violence and liquor are big problems to law enforcement authorities in Alaska, which the Justice Department says is now pretty much like the old Wild West.

Resembles Pioneer Days

S. A. Andretta, administrative assistant to Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, told a House appropriations subcommittee recently that Alaska resembles "the old pioneer days in this country where the only law west of the Pecos was the United States Marshal."

Both Andretta and McGrath asked the subcommittee to approve a bill for \$55,350 to recruit and equip 50 more deputy U. S. marshalls for Alaska. Their testimony was released Monday night.

McGrath said, "I always live in fear of what is going to happen up there—we might have an outbreak of lawlessness."

Andretta was more specific. He said Anchorage and Fairbanks are the main trouble spots.

Prostitutes are doing business on the outskirts of both towns, he said, just outside the jurisdiction of local police. That puts police action up to U. S. marshalls, and there aren't enough to do a good job, he said.

Declared Out of Bounds

U. S. military authorities have declared the fringe area "red light" sections out-of-bounds and arrest servicemen caught in the area, but Andretta said the military "cannot go in and close up a house of prostitution."

The deputy marshalls are paid \$5,250 a year. Andretta said the cost of living in Alaska is so high that it might be hard to recruit 50 new ones.

He said a haircut costs \$2 and a piece of pie sells for \$1.50.

Aluminum Company Planning Expansion

Vancouver, Wash.—(U.P.)—Aluminum Company of America plans to spend \$1,217,500 in expanding its Pacific Northwest facilities. C. S. Thayer, northwest operations manager, said here Tuesday.

Thayer said ingot casting facilities at the Vancouver Alcoa plant will be modernized and revamped to up production of aluminum for sale to customers as well as the company's own operations.

Initial phase of the expansion program will create 50 new job opportunities, ALCOA officials said.

Yoncalla Accident Fatal to Infant Boy

Yoncalla, Ore.—(U.P.)—A nine-month-old boy was killed and his mother seriously injured in a head-on crash between a southbound auto and a logging truck on highway 99 near here Monday.

Dead is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Walcott of Butte, Mont. State police did not identify the youngster by name.

Mrs. Walcott was reported in serious condition in a Cottage Grove, Ore., hospital.

State police said the accident occurred when a sedan in which the Walcotts were riding started to pass another southbound car and hit a truck driven by Ernest L. Stewart of Springfield, Ore.

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