

Time Said Coming When Average Life Will Be Longer Than Now

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Washington — (U.P.) — People who die these days do so prematurely.

The time is coming when human beings will live much longer on the average than they do now—if they manage to avoid death by accident, natural violence or war.

That seems to sum up the views of a number of scientists who at recent medical meetings have expressed themselves on the subject of life expectancy. **Average Life Now 65**

The average American can now expect to live to around 69, or approximately the biblical span of three score years and 10. American life expectancy is 20 years greater than it was in 1900.

It could be extended another 10 years just by applying "all the medical knowledge we now have," according to a paper read in Baltimore last week by Frederick C. Swartz, Lansing, Mich. At another meeting, in Troy, N. Y., Dr. Maurice L. Tainter, Rensselaer, N. Y., said that a life expectancy of 100 years will become a possibility by the end of this century.

In Kansas City, Mo., Dr. Robert A. Davison, Memphis, Tenn.,

predicted a time when everybody will expect to live to 115 or 120. He proclaimed a potential life expectancy of 140.

By and large such forecasts assume continued advances in treatment of disease, more healthful eating practices, and better care generally of the body and mind.

Some researchers hold that aging itself is a disease for which a cure may be found. Dr. Johan Bjorksten of the Bjorksten Research Foundation, Madison, Wis., believes that aging is a molecular process occurring in the protein structure of body cells.

Resists Process

He also believes the body possesses a mechanism which resists this process for a while. He contends it is possible that agents may some day be found which will counteract molecular aging.

Another investigator of aging, Dr. James W. Papez, Columbus, O., believes that parasitical fungus organisms in the brain

Expelled Children Form Youth Problem

Chicago — (U.P.) — Some expelled school children are allowed to "run wild," a study by the Illinois Commission on Children and Youth reveals.

The commission, an officially appointed group charged with carrying out the recommendations of the 1950 White House conference on children and youth, conducted a preliminary survey in six Illinois counties.

Mrs. Edwin W. Eisendrath, chairman of the commission, said the results were "shocking."

She said that some of the children were called "unmanageable." Some were considered "too disturbed" or too handicapped, physically or mentally, for classroom work.

Mrs. Eisendrath added that the schools, of course, cannot keep many of the "outcast" children. Some are dangerous to other children or they may disrupt entire classes.

"But," she continued, "to make no provision for these children and to permit them to run wild without supervision or treatment is inexcusable."

"Such children are a breeding ground for delinquency."

She said her commission's preliminary study revealed 385 unsupervised children who had been expelled from school in the six Illinois counties.

"You can imagine what the figure must be nationwide," she added.

Mrs. Eisendrath said the findings indicate "the relative frequency of behavior difficulties with which the schools are unprepared to deal."

TV Course Provides College Education

East Lansing, Mich. — (U.P.) — While junior is busy with his homework, Michigan parents can continue their college education simply by tuning in the Michigan State University television station.

"Telecourse," now in its sixth term of operation, offers both credit and non-credit courses through MSU's "University of the Air" series.

A class in "contemporary history of Europe and Asia" is beamed over a 15-county central Michigan area for regular university credit by WKAR-TV, the university's ultra-high frequency channel. The half-hour class "meets" three times a week.

Two more non-credit courses are offered for entertainment and enlightenment. The 30-minute, once-a-week classes are offered in "introductory physics" and "passing notes"—a program on the sense and structure of music.

The MSU station, on the air since January, 1954, has applied to the Federal Communications Commission for a VHF (very high frequency) channel for winter service to the 2,300,000 people in its television area.

The average life expectancy of a dollar bill is only nine months, according to the U. S. Treasury.

Large Statue Links Old Campus with New

Rochester, N. Y. — (U.P.) — A 37-ton bronze and granite statue of the institution's first president form a link between the old and the new at the University of Rochester.

The statue of Martin Brewer Anderson, who served from 1853 to 1888, was moved recently from the original college campus to its new location across the city on the River Campus. Relocation of the figure coincided this fall with the combining of the university's men's and women's colleges, which for 25 years had occupied separate campuses four miles apart. The River Campus construction program cost some \$7,000,000.

The impressive statue of Anderson had stood since 1904 in front of Anderson hall, erected in 1861 as the University of Rochester's first permanent building. This structure and others on the old campus eventually will be disposed of by the university.

Brighter Buildings Predicted for Future

Chicago — (U.P.) — Building exteriors may come in polka dots, plaids, herringbones and stripes before you know it.

An Institutions Magazine article described the colors that will be used in some structures to go up soon. Jesse Salton, manufacturer of architectural porcelain enamel said the Notre Dame High school at Niles, Ill., will use yellow, orchid, green, grey and lavender.

A two-and-a-half-million dollar school at Ketchikan, Alaska, calls for yellow and light coral trim, deep blue fin-like entrances and red insulated panels to girdle the structure. A hospital going up at Pottstown, Pa., will have insulated porcelain panels of sandwich construction in an orange shade.

The product is fully capable of being fashioned in plaids and polka dots effects, and Salton feels he may get a call for such the way things are going.

Four Family Members Engaged in Teaching

Sandy Springs, Md. — (U.P.) — The national teacher shortage could be eliminated if more families were like the Claggetts. The schools of Montgomery county (Md.) have four Claggetts teaching in their classrooms.

The teaching Claggetts include Fallin; his wife, Pauline; his sister, Edith, and his niece, Ethel Maxine. They estimate the family total of teaching experience is about 30 years.

Fallin received his bachelor's degree in education from the Maryland State Teachers college in 1940. He was a basic education instructor in the Army for four years before entering the public school system. Other members of his family followed his lead.

As We Live

Her Casual Attitude Lost His Affection

A girl cannot treat a boy differently, and then expect him to like her.

(Q) "I dated a boy for about a year and then, in May, started to go steady with him. He dated another girl he used to go steady with, but I thought he liked me better anyway. He went into the service shortly afterwards and asked me to write him every day. While he was away, I heard he was in love with the other girl so I stopped writing. He wrote asking why I hadn't answered his letters. When he was home on leave, he called up and asked the same thing."

"I told him I would explain when I saw him but I didn't want to talk about it over the phone. I thought he'd come up to see me, but he's proud and never came. He sounded hurt and even had his boyfriend ask why I didn't write. While he was home, he used to drive past my house with the other girl sitting close to him and honk his horn so I would see him. Now everyone says she has his ring and is going steady with him. Should I write to him and explain, or forget him?" P.R.

(A) I think it would be kinder to explain to this boy why you stopped writing. After all, he was your friend and deserved better treatment from you.

Why didn't you tell him, in a letter, that you heard he was in love with another girl, and ask if your friendship with him was a thing of the past? He probably would have laid his cards on the table and told you the truth had you been more honest and straightforward with him. If he wondered and tried to find out why you did not write, you must have meant more to him than you thought.

When he telephoned, you should have asked him to come see you so you could tell him in person. The way you handled the matter would give him the impression you were no longer interested in him. It is too late now to win him back, but you can at least set him straight on why you acted as you did.

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Nail Polish Reveals 'Warrior' As Maiden

Durango, Mexico — (U.P.) — An Indian girl masquerading as a spear-wielding brave had her war feathers plucked and was sent home after a week of violent battles against the "U. S. cavalry."

Elvira Oropeza, 23, a handsome Tarahumara lass from Chihuahua, was discovered by a slip of her feminine vanity after fooling the whole cast of a U. S. movie company filming "Comanche" near here.

She forgot and wore nail polish to work. The discovery caused a near riot among the 2,500 male warriors.

On her eighth day of hand-to-hand warfare, Elvira appeared before a movie camera with her spear, bow and arrow and wearing full war paint — complete with nail polish.

Despite her protests, the female warrior was given the boot amid wild whooping, wolf whistles and strictly masculine observations.

The crestfallen girl told producer Carl Krueger she had always wanted to be in pictures. Volunteering for the "war" seemed like the best way.

A widespread search was on for the two convicts still at large, William Paul Lee, 42, and William James, 37.

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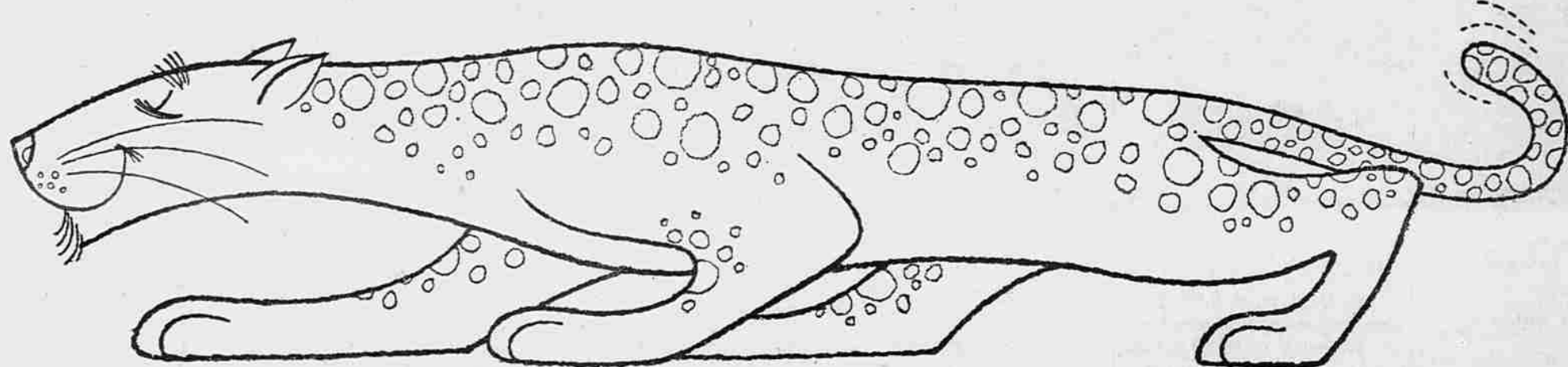
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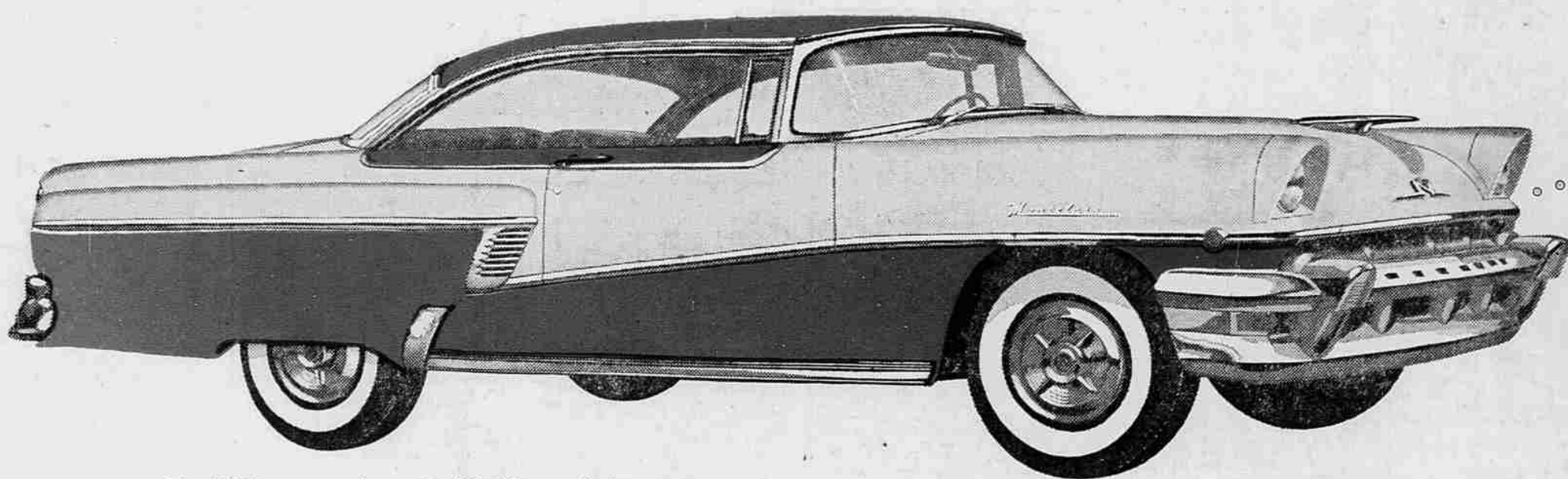
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