

Advent of 32-Hour Work Week Will Bring More Leisure Time for Average Family

Editor's note: This is the second of three dispatches on leisure in the United States. Today—Leisure, and more leisure, for all ages.

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New York — Can you use an extra day off a week? Maybe there's no rush for this sort of planning in your life, but automation isn't waiting for an answer. The 32-hour week, many authorities agree, is no longer a wild dream.

The average worker now puts in 40 hours a week on the job.

In grandfather's day, the work week lasted 70 hours. Housewives, too, benefit by our technology. It takes the little woman less than two hours a day, on the average, to prepare meals — thanks to prepared foods and kitchen gadgets. In grandmother's day, preparing meals required an average of 5½ hours.

Time on Hands
So here we are, with time on our hands — and more almost in sight. The four-day week, when it comes, will add at least 400 more hours to the total of 3,000 "free" hours we are now said to have.

But before you start planning long week-end trips with the wife and kids, remember there's no talk of cutting down the school schedule to four days a week. You may find yourself loafing at home on a Friday or Monday while the kids are hard at work in school.

As we get more leisure time, the problem of what to do with it becomes more pressing. Better use of our leisure, we are told, can help reduce the figures on mental patients. One out of 18 Americans is in some kind of mental trouble and one out of 10 needs psychiatric care.

Karl Mannheim has written that the average man is unable to invent new uses for his leisure, but other authorities dispute him and say the American people have a capacity for making good use of their leisure.

Helping along this capacity is private industry. About 25,000 companies now provide recreation activities for their employees and spend a billion dollars a year on this program.

Swing To Golf
Don L. Neer, executive secretary of the National Industrial Recreation Association, says management must

become even more active in recreation as leisure time increases. This leads to the possibility of an employee spending his extra day off at the plant — swimming or playing golf.

More than 100 companies have their own golf courses for employees. Many have picnic areas, swimming pools, bowling alleys and athletic fields, often financed from vending machine profits.

One leader in the field of employee recreation is the Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., of West Allis, Wis., which has about half of its 16,000 employees taking part in a recreation program. Employees and their families can use the company's 18-hole golf course. They can join hobby

groups, social clubs and — something that is becoming more important through the years — a recreation club for retired employees, which meets twice a week for movies and lectures.

Within the next 20 years, our population is expected to reach 225 million, with more than 60 million of this total swelling our metropolitan areas still more. Persons in their 20s will increase by 14 million — nearly two-thirds more than we had in 1955.

Those between 45 and 64 will increase by nearly 10 million and persons 75 and older number 7½ million from a present 4,700,000. We now have about 14 million "senior citizens," and many authorities have called for more organized recreation to meet their needs.

Steiglitz Writes
Edward J. Steiglitz, in his book, "The Second 20 Years," writes:

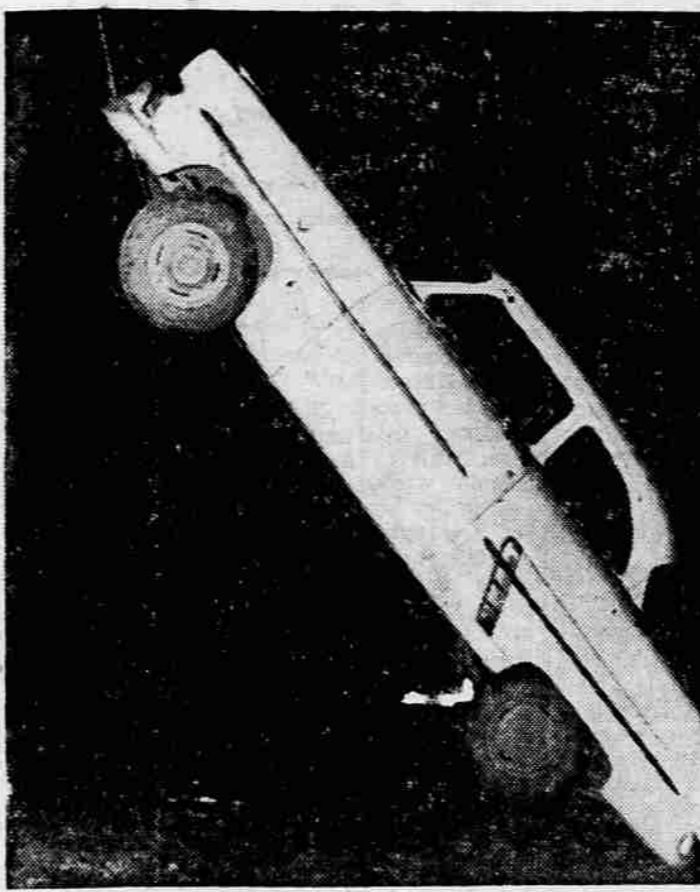
"Success or failure in the second 40 years, measured in terms of happiness, is determined more by how we use or abuse our leisure time than by any other factor."

As the custom of retirement continues to increase, a larger share of our new leisure class will be people in the upper age brackets and most of them, it seems, do not have hobbies to occupy their interest.

Harold D. Meyer, sociology professor at the University of North Carolina, said, "It is a responsibility of public and private recreation agencies to teach these individuals hobby activities. . . they are means of relaxation, an enemy of boredom and a vigorous release for motions."

Meyer reports that "golden age" or "senior citizens clubs" are sprouting up throughout the nation to help the older grow old more gracefully. He advocates community planning to handle the need for organized recreation for adults of all ages in this pressure-packed age of automation.

Thursday: Leisure, land and people.



PRECARIOUS PERCH—Harold Snyder escaped injury and his car was undamaged when he failed to negotiate a curve at Charleston, Ill., and drove up a utility pole guy wire. Snyder received a ticket for speeding.

Meeting Held on Youth Session

A joint meeting of Hi-Y and Tri Hi-Y clubs was held this week at the Young Men's Christian association to announce plans for the coming youth and government sessions in Salem.

Herb Partridge, youth work secretary, said the youth and government program is designed to acquaint young people with the methods by which public policy is determined and help them make practical application to the problems of state legislation.

Bill Warren, general secretary of the Ashland YMCA, discussed activities of a pre-legislative session to be held Saturday at Southern Oregon college. The pre-legislative session will include Hi-Y and Tri Hi-Y clubs from Klamath Falls, Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass.

Nominees for government positions in the youth legislation are governor, Dale Foresee; senate reading clerk, Joyce Gilinsky; legislative committee chairmen, Deward Winchell, Larry Anderson; reporters, Karen Stoniger, Joan Lauria, Frank Peterson, and alternates, Mar-

ian Elkins and Caron Leffler, the Klamath Falls, Grants Pass and Ashland representatives for the positions with lives.



Lincoln House

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Home of ABRAHAM LINCOLN—Feb. 12, 1809-April 15, 1865

Abraham Lincoln has come down to us with a manner devoid of ostentation, a personality characterized by humility. His home reflected this lack of interest in material goods. Such amenities as it did offer were effected by Mrs. Lincoln, but even so were simple in nature. A story is told of Lincoln while he was still practicing before the Illinois bar. An important case necessitated his presence in Chicago for some weeks and during his absence Mrs. Lincoln added a second story to their very simple Springfield home.

On his return, Lincoln said to a neighbor he met on the street, "Stranger, can you tell me where Lincoln lived? He used to live there."

"Yes, that is his house," said the neighbor, falling into the humor of the situation. "No," Lincoln answered, "when I left here, my house was a story and one-half, but that is a fine two story house."

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SHOOTING SPREE—Jerry Haynes, 18, of Renton, Wash., an AWOL airman, is shown in the San Francisco Hall of Justice, where he was booked on 3 counts of attempted murder. Haynes, captured after shooting down three persons in an hour-long hold up spree, was quoted by police as saying: "I only wish I had had a machine gun, so I really could have cut loose."

Parade Scheduled By American Legion

A parade will start activities for an American Legion Day Jamboree and mass initiation March 1. Legion officials announced Tuesday.

Gov. Robert Holmes and other dignitaries of the state will attend, a Legion spokesman said.

March 1 events include the parade at 4 p.m., a 5 p.m. social get-together in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel, a buffet dinner from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and initiation of new members from Districts 4, 13, and 14 at the new Medford Armory starting at 8 p.m.

Following the ceremonies at the Armory, Legionnaires and guests may attend a dance in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel. A champion drum corps from Klamath Falls will be featured.

Surviving Penguins In Good Condition

Portland — 16 penguins were reported in good health today and officials said they were all gaining weight. None appeared to be suffering from a lung disease which killed many of the Antarctic birds.

College Offers Family Tuition Rate

Pittsburgh — Duquesne University has instituted a "cut rate" tuition plan for families having two or more members enrolled in the school simultaneously. A 20 per cent discount for each student will be granted only in cases where all financial support for schooling is provided by the parents, according to registrar Maurice J. Murphy.

Most Vet Benefits Exempt From Taxes

Salem — Most veterans' benefits are exempt from state and federal taxation, the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs reminded Tuesday.

Items excluded from federal and state tax returns include: State bonuses; all veterans administration benefits including educational subsistence, compensation and pensions; GI insurance dividends; insurance proceeds paid on death of the insured; mustering-out pay and jobless benefits paid under the Korean GI bill; and social security benefits, workmen's compensation and sickness benefits.

Retirement pay, however, is taxed both by the federal and state governments.

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