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## What Was America Like In 1917?

Can you believe that we're already in the year of 2017? Wow, how time flies! I know that all of you have big plans for the New Year, but before you all get started, let's take a look at what America was like in 1917.

- Men had an average life expectancy of 48.4 years and women could expect to live 54 years.
- The population in the U.S. rose to 103 million.
- The average height of a man was 5ft 6 inches in the U.S.
- About 4.7 million cars were registered in the U.S.
- 735,020 Model T Fords were built and the Runabout version sold for only \$500!
- On April 6, 1917, the U.S. Congress declared war on Germany and joined the allies in World War I.
- In December of 1917, Father Flanagan founded Boys Town, an orphanage for boys in Nebraska. He started this fine organization with a \$90 loan to rent a boarding house. It is now one of the largest child care agencies in the country and touches the lives of over 2 million people each year.
- Union wages in New York City were:
  - Bricklayers at \$0.75 per hour
  - Carpenters at \$0.69 per hour
  - Painters at \$0.63 per hour
  - Plumbers at \$0.69 per hour
  - Structural steel workers at \$0.69 per hour

- American farmers had an average pay of \$29.00 per month with board. Without board, their average pay was \$40.00 per month.
- California's minimum wage was at \$0.16 per hour.
- On March 17<sup>th</sup>, an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.3 struck the city of Long Beach, California, and killed an estimated 140 people.
- Nora Bayes had the number one selling hit record titled "Over There". This is an interesting song about us joining the war and here are just a few of the lyrics;

*"Over there, over there  
Sent the word, send the word over there  
That the Yanks are coming  
The ear drums rum-tumming  
Everywhere  
So prepare, say a prayer  
Sent the word, send the word to beware  
We'll be over, we're coming over  
And we won't come back till it's over  
Over there"*

This song was pro-war. Can you imagine the "Black Eyed Peas" singing a song like this today? . . . lol.

- Over 60% of children were enrolled in school. Only about 15% of them earned a high school diploma.
  - As World War I got going in full swing, a cotton
- (Turn the page)

### 75 Years Ago . . .

On December 2, 1941, a Pan American Airways' *Pacific Clipper* flying boat took off for the first round-the-world trip by a commercial plane. The thirteen month trip was completed on January 6, 1942, when the plane landed in New York.

### Celebrating A Great Super Bowl Coach

*"Sure, luck means a lot in football. Not having a good quarterback is bad luck"*

Don Shula, born January 4, 1930

## Rave Reviews!

*"The entire team I had contact with was very professional, starting with the office staff. Erik was our inspector. He was very professional, and thorough. The treatment and wood repairs were reasonably priced, and the crew that performed the work were polite, and completed the job quickly. They checked in and out when they arrived and left the property. After completing the work, they cleaned up their mess, and left the property clean. We received our certificate for the lender promptly via email. Over all we had a good experience with this company."*

Randal Huddleston  
Anaheim

*"Ok, so no one really wants to write about termites but this company is top notch. I have used them for termite control and also had them do some wood repair. Not only did they show up on time, but a little early. All the guys that worked on my house were wonderful. If you require termite services, I highly recommend Termite Terry. To be honest, I called them because of their name and got great service as well."*

Karen Jurgens  
Costa Mesa

*"Skip Hafke came out and inspected my home after two other termite companies had been out and told me they found termite damage and gave me a quote to tent my home (Terminex's quote was really high). Skip said he saw evidence of previous damage but didn't see evidence of a current infestation except on one side of the wood frame around my garage and he told me of a way to kill those myself. I was very impressed by his apparent honesty and I was so glad! Skip saved me a TON of money! So glad I called Termite Terry Pest Control!"*

Terry Skinner  
Buena Park

shortage developed. Kimberly-Clark had a new product called "Cellucotton" that was similar to cotton, but was made of wood cellulose. This was used as pads in bandages, filters in gas masks and stuffing for emergency jackets. When the war ended, the company had a huge surplus of Cellucotton and started looking for new uses. An official for the "American Fund for the French Wounded" shared the following information: During the war, French nurses had used this product during their periods. They found it made excellent sanitary pads that could be used and didn't have to be washed but could be disposed of. And, now you know how Kotex sanitary napkins were invented.

- The average prices for these items were:
  - Round steak sold for 29 cents a pound
  - Eggs were 48 cents a dozen
  - Milk was 45 cents a gallon
  - A loaf of bread cost 8 cents
  - Coffee was 30 cents a pound
  - A ten pound bag of potatoes cost 43 cents
  - Gasoline was 43 cents a gallon
  - A first class postage stamp was 2 cents
  - A movie ticket cost 7 cents
- Jeannette Rankin, of Montana, became the first woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.
- On June 7<sup>th</sup>, Melvin Jones and a number of other Chicago businessmen founded the Lions Club International.
- Only 24.3 percent of homes in the U.S. had electricity.
- If you needed to make a phone call, you had to wait in a long line. The U.S. Census Bureau tells us that there was only one telephone for every 113,000 people!
- The National Hockey League was formed on November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Feeling cold and want to zip up your jacket? You can thank Gideon Soundback, who lived in

New Jersey, for inventing the modern zipper in 1917. He also invented the manufacturing machine for the new zippers.

American life has really changed over the last 100 years, hasn't it? But, I still wonder how anyone could have ever existed without a radio, TV or smart phone. ☺

## Doctor Pulls A Live Roach Out Of A Woman's Ear

A woman recently woke up in the middle of the night with a pain on the inside of her ear. While still half asleep, she starts holding onto her ear and begins to wonder what would cause this much pain. About this time, she started to hear a buzzing sound in her ear and could feel something moving around inside. That is when she realized that she had a bug in her ear.

The woman then hurried to her bathroom and reached into a drawer to get a cotton ear swab. After trying to poke at the bug with the swab, she realized that she had only made things worse by pushing it further into her ear. That is when she decided it was time to go to a hospital.

When she arrived at the hospital, she told them that she had a bug crawling and scratching around inside her ear. The medical staff looked at her ear and then started spraying a chemical inside to try and calm the bug down. She was given an anesthetic to numb the area around her ear.

The doctor's staff all cringed when they saw the doctor put a long pair of tweezers into her ear and pull out a live cockroach. Grotesque as it may be, the cockroach was still wriggling around and covered with ear wax, when he set it on the table.

They believe that food left by the woman's bed may have contributed to the cockroach being attracted to the woman's ear.

This woman said in a statement, *"People should never attempt to carry out their own ear pest control and should avoid keeping snacks on their bedside table."*

That sounds like good advice. We'd also like to suggest that if you do have cockroaches in your home, you should call us at (949) 631-7348 and have them eliminated before you "get an earful".

## Property Manager Reaches \$1.65 Million Settlement

Five UC Santa Barbara students, who were injured when a balcony collapsed in April 2013, will receive \$1.6 million from the property management company of their fraternity house. Two other students settled in a separate case for \$50,000.

The collapse occurred when about 20 students were partying on the balcony during the middle of the day. The plaintiffs believe the property management company was negligent in dealing with problems that the deck had with dryrot and termite damage.

"Every case is different," said the plaintiff's attorney. "As the case went on, they knew they had problems."

A termite inspection report, from February 2012, stated that there were signs of termites throughout the deck. Areas of dryrot and fungus were also noted. The report recommended that the deck be repaired and the entire building be fumigated.

Another witness also contacted the property management company about repairing the deck, four years earlier. He had told them that he could put his finger right through the wood.

It is a wonder that no one died in this case. In a similar incident, five students at UC Berkeley died after their balcony collapsed in June 2015. They believe that collapse was due to

dry rot and construction defects.

Have you had your balcony inspected lately? **Call us at (949) 631-7348** and we'll schedule an appointment at your convenience.

## President's Economic Stimulus

President Termite Terry knows we need to grow our nation's economy. That is why he is now proposing to **double the number of people who benefit** from his Economic Stimulus Plan. Some pundits are saying this can't be done, but with your help he knows his dream can become a reality.

Here are just a few of your fellow citizens who have benefited from his Economic Stimulus Plan:

- Eliza Guirgis of Huntington Beach recommended our service to Paula Toutounji of Newport Beach.
- Richard Aragon of Downey referred us to Connie Jessee of Long Beach.
- Harry Ortiz of Huntington Beach recommended us to Eddie Munoz of Anaheim.
- Terry Temple of Laguna Hills referred us to Paul Gentosi of Huntington Beach.
- Helen Nguyen of Fountain Valley referred us to Helen Do of Fountain Valley.

The President's plan is easy and with your help, we can **double the number of people who get FREE GAS each month**. All you have to do is simply refer us to someone who needs a termite treatment, wood repairs or a monthly pest control service. And, if they hire us, we'll send you a **\$50.00 Gas Card**. That is real economic stimulation you can bank on!

## Human Trafficking Awareness Day

Human Trafficking Awareness Day is on January 11<sup>th</sup> and it is dedicated to raising awareness of sexual slavery and human trafficking worldwide.

There are between 21-30 million people enslaved in the world today. That's more than at anytime in history! Everyday, modern slavery can be recognized: children become soldiers, young women are forced into prostitution and migrant workers are exploited in the workforce.

Some facts you should know are:

- Sexual exploitation is the most common form of human trafficking and accounts for 79% of human trafficking victims. Victims of sexual exploitation are mostly women and girls.
- 20% of traffic victims are children and they estimate about 2 million children become victims of sex trade each year.
- The average age of a girl being forced into the U.S. domestic slave market is 13.
- The average cost of a slave around the world is \$90.

Here's what you can do:

1. Talk to children about strangers and make sure they memorize important addresses and phone numbers.
2. Save (888) 373-7888 to your phone. This is the number for the National Human Trafficking Resources Hotline.
3. Make donations to organizations such as Unisex and the Polaris Project.
4. Learn the signs and indicators of human trafficking so you can learn to recognize it and report it. The Department of Homeland Security offers a free online course.
5. Watch movies about trafficking, such as Taken (2008), Trade (2007), Human Trafficking (2005), The Pink Room (2011), Lilya 4-ever (2002) and Nefarious (2011). These movies can be very educational.

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## Rat Burgers . . . The Next Big Food Craze?

Eating a rat for dinner is something most Americans would never consider, but that's not the case in Russia, where Muscovites are devouring them in chic restaurants.

Nutria, commonly referred to as "river rats", are giant orange-toothed rodents that originated in South America. They've been a staple in southern Russia for years and are said to be both nutritious and easy to cook.

Are you looking for some exotic cuisine? Then you should go to Moscow's Krasnodar Bistro where they serve nutria burgers, nutria sausage and nutria dumplings wrapped in cabbage leaves. The diners say that they can't get enough of these furry creatures!

Chef and restaurateur, Takhir Kholikberdiev, developed this concept. He doesn't think people should be squeamish about eating rat. Burgers made from Nutria look like most burgers. Takhir says that these burgers are simple, tasty and full of nutrients. He's currently selling them for only \$8.50 each.

Takhir's restaurant has received glowing reviews from its customers. One reviewer said, "Just to reiterate this: it's 2016 and you can eat a rat burger just a few hundred meters from the Kremlin!"

The rat burger craze has spread throughout the country and now, you can even purchase this rat meat at the local markets.

Are you ready to try eating one of these rat burgers? Don't know about you, but after having to deal with rat problems in people's homes all day, I think I'll pass. In case you were wondering, I don't eat raccoon pie, possum stew or fried squirrel, either . . . lol.



"Termite" Terry Singleton