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What Was Life Like In 1918?

Happy New Year! 2018 is looking to be another exciting year and we want to wish you all the best. But, before you start working to make all your dreams come true, let's go back and take a look at what life was like here in 1918.

- It was a lot less crowded back then – we only had 103.2 million residents living in the U.S. Today, there are 325.4 million people living here!
- In 1918, the average life expectancy in the U.S. dropped by 12 years! Men only lived an average of 36.6 years, and women only lived 42.2 years. A lot of this was due to the number of lives lost in WWI, and the number of lives claimed by the 1918 flu pandemic.
- The Flu Pandemic began in January, 1918, and lasted through December, 1920. The disease was first observed in Haskell County, Kansas, and it quickly spread around the world. About 500 million people around the world were infected, and they estimate that it resulted in the deaths of 50-100 million.
- 664,076 Model T Fords were built and they were still selling for only \$500!
- About 6.1 million cars were registered in the U.S.
- On January 1, the first U.S. gasoline pipeline began transporting gasoline through a three-inch pipe over 40 miles, from Salt Creek to Casper, Wyoming.
- Velveeta cheese was created by Emil Frey of the Monroe Cheese Company, in June of 1918. The brand was later sold to Kraft Foods, in 1927.
- Opha May Johnson became the first female U.S. Marine, in August of 1918. More than 300 women joined the Marines during WWI.
- Union wages in New York City were:
 - Bricklayers at \$0.81 per hour
 - Carpenters at \$0.69 per hour
 - Painters at \$0.63 per hour
 - Plumbers at \$0.75 per hour
 - Structural steel workers at \$0.80 per hour
- American farmers had an average pay of \$37.50 per month, with board. Without board, their average pay was \$48.50 per month.
- California's minimum wage rose to \$0.21 per hour.
- In May of 1918, Chevrolet Motor Company merged with General Motors (GM) and became a division of GM.
- The number one hit record was titled "Tiger Rag", by the "Original Dixieland Jazz Band".
- Daylight Savings Time first went into effect on March 31, 1918.
- On April 20, the German fighter pilot, Manfred von Richthofen (aka the "Red Baron") shot down his 79th and 80th victims. The "Red Baron" died the following day when he was shot down by Roy Brown, a Canadian Pilot.

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75 Years Ago . . .

January 11, 1943, Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first U.S. President to fly in a plane while in office. He flew in a Boeing 314 Flying Boat (the Dixie Clipper) to attend a WWII strategy meeting in Casablanca.

Some Humor From George Burns

"Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city."

George Burns, born January 20, 1896

Rave Reviews!

“Skip, I just wanted to write and say thanks for a job well done on our recent fumigation of our townhouse here in Newport Beach. After several spot treatments over the years, we decided to bite the bullet and get the entire place tented and fumigated.

We, and our two neighbors in our three unit building, decided on Termite Terry Pest Control to do the fumigation. You gave us a great estimate and after much go around from the neighbors about all of our available dates, we got it done. You were very patient in dealing with all of us and our schedules. Not an easy task to say the least.

The tenting process was just as described. The workers arrived first thing on Tuesday morning and removed the tents right on schedule. We were able to move in exactly when you predicted after noon on Thursday. The Gas Company had everything back on and working before our return.

You pre-tenting meeting was informative and covered all the bases and questions that we had concerning the fumigation and tenting. The written instructions and the storage bags you provided were perfect.

Thanks again for making what we thought was going to be a real mess and inconvenience into an easy no problem experience.”

Dave & Kim Miller
Newport Beach

“Just wanted to say thank you for taking care of our house this past summer. I did find out that your evaluation was correct, the prior owner never tented the property so fumigation was indeed overdue. In particular we appreciated that in our absence while on vacation our house was in safe hands. Sorry in delaying getting this to you but sometimes things get busy.”

Ira Forkish
Irvine

- On May 13, the first airmail stamps were issued. They were priced at \$0.24 each.
- On May 15, the first regular airmail service between New York and Washington D.C. was inaugurated.
- The average prices for these items were:
 - Round steak sold for 37 cents a pound
 - Eggs were 48 cents per dozen
 - Milk was 56 cents a gallon
 - A loaf of bread cost 10 cents
 - Coffee was 30 cents a pound
 - A ten pound bag of potatoes cost 32 cents
 - Gasoline sold for 43½ cents per gallon
 - A first class postage stamp sold for 3 cents
 - A movie ticket went for 7 cents
- On May 20th, the battleship New Mexico was commissioned. This was the first ship with steam turbo-electric power.
- A parachute was used for the first time during combat, on April 1. The German pilot was able to jump clear of his damaged bi-plane and float safely to the ground. Wow! . . . just think about all of those other pilots who had no choice but to crash their planes into the ground!
- David Jung, founder of the Hong Kong Noodle Company in Los Angeles, claimed that he invented the fortune cookie in 1918. Jung was concerned about the poor people who were on the streets near his shop, so he created these cookies and passed them out for free. Each cookie contained an inspirational verse written by a minister.
- On November 11, 1918, an armistice was signed with Germany, and the hostilities of WWI ended.

As you can see, life in America has really changed over the last 100 years. Can you even imagine living without a bathtub, radio, TV, or smart phone?

Giant Rats Attack Tuberculosis In Tanzania

Giant rats are being used to sniff out the potentially deadly disease tuberculosis (TB) in Tanzania. The detection rates have been so successful that they now plan to double the number of clinics where these rats are used, from 29 to 60.

The rats were introduced in Tanzania in 2007 by APOPO, a Belgian charity. What makes these rats so amazing is how fast they can test samples. The charity claims that trained rats can screen 100 samples in only 20 minutes, versus four days it would take for a lab technician to do the same amount of work.

The giant pouched rats of sub-Saharan Africa are so named because of their large cheek pouches. They measure 2-3 feet long, and weigh about 3 pounds.

Training for these rats begins when they become four weeks old, and takes about nine months to complete. African giant pouched rats usually live to eight years old, so the charity makes a pretty good return on their investment.

TB is one of the top ten causes of death in the world, but it is curable, and can be prevented.

In 2016, the World Health Organization (WHO) says there were an estimated 10.4 million cases of TB worldwide. A total of 1.7 million people died from this disease in 2016.

For every 100,000 people who live in Tanzania, 287 may be infected with TB. Tanzania is one of 30 nations that the WHO views as a TB hotspot.

If you would like to support APOPO and the good work they do, you can check out their store at www.apopo.org. There you can adopt a rat for \$7 a month (don't worry, it stays in Africa), get a hat, t-shirt, or pick up an adorable plush version of their HeroRAT that you can bring home.

Zika Babies . . . Some Can't See, Walk Or Talk

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently released a study on the first babies born with brain damage from the Zika virus. Now that these children are becoming 2-year olds, we are learning that the most severely affected are falling behind in their development and will require a lifetime of care.

The report shows what they learned after studying 19 children with microcephaly (small head size for age) and evidence of congenital Zika virus. Investigators found that, of the 19 children:

- 11 had indications of possible seizure disorder
- 10 had sleep difficulties
- 9 had feeding difficulties, such as trouble swallowing
- 13 had hearing problems and 11 had vision problems, such as not responding to the sound of a rattle and not being able to follow a moving object with their eyes
- 15 had severe motor impairments, including the inability to sit independently
- 14 had at least three of these challenges
- 8 had to be hospitalized, with bronchitis/pneumonia being the most common reason

In the continental U.S., 98 infants have been born with Zika-associated birth defects, and there have been 9 pregnancy losses with Zika-associated birth defects. The CDC is currently following nearly 7,000 pregnant women with evidence of Zika infection in the U.S. and its territories.

This problem with the Zika virus is not going away and you need to learn how to protect yourself. We strongly recommend that you go onto the

CDC's website for more information – especially if you are planning on having children.

President's Economic Stimulus

It is a brand new year and all of us are hoping that our elected officials will finally get something done in Washington D.C. While everyone in the news business is focusing on the latest sex scandals, President Termite Terry is working behind the scene on getting the economy moving again.

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

- Yvette Kratzberg of Newport Beach referred her neighbor, Gabriella Gilbert of Newport Beach.
- Rod Ray recommended our service to Judy Harris of Mission Viejo.
- David Woodard of Laguna Niguel referred our service to Candice & Trung Nguyen of Newport Beach.
- Corena Dusek of Corona Del Mar referred us to Joanne Banzhat of Corona Del Mar.

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!

Fun Facts About The Rose Parade!

The 129th Annual Tournament of Roses Parade will be held on Monday, January 1, 2018. Let's take a look at some fun facts about this parade:

- The first parade was staged by members of Pasadena's Valley Hunt Club, in 1890. They wanted to showcase California's mild winter weather, and organized horse-drawn carriages covered in flowers. They also had foot races, polo matches, and a game of tug-of-war.
- In 1902, organizers decided to add a football game as a post-parade activity. The game turned out to be a flop, as Michigan trounced Stanford 49-0.
- After the lopsided game, football was replaced with chariot racing (1904-1915). The football games didn't make a return until 1916.
- The Rose Parade is never held on a Sunday. If the 1st of January falls on a Sunday, the parade will be held on Monday, the 2nd.
- The first local telecast occurred in 1947. It was broadcast on W6XYZ, an experimental station, which became KTLA three weeks later.
- To decorate a float, it takes about 20 daisies, 30 roses, or 36 marigolds, to cover just one square foot. To decorate all the floats, you'll need about 18 million flowers!
- The Salvation Army band has marched in every parade since 1920.
- 1901 was the first year they allowed motorized floats in the parade.
- Shirley Temple Black holds the honor of being the only person to host the parade as a child and an adult. She was Grand Marshal in 1939, 1989, and 1999.
- For the first time, the parade was intentionally stopped in 2001. This was done so the US Army Golden Knights Paratroopers could land in front of the VFW float saluting Bob Hope.

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Don't Try This At Home!

A woman, in Cincinnati, Ohio, was trying to kill bed bugs when she accidentally set a five-unit home on fire.

The woman, who lived in a first-floor unit, was using alcohol to kill bed bugs. While performing her treatment, the alcohol was ignited by either a candle or burning incense. The fire quickly spread throughout the building, and flames could be seen shooting up through the roof.

Firefighters had to rescue an elderly woman who could not see through the smoke. Three people were overcome with smoke inhalation and had to be hospitalized. The other 10 residents are now homeless. The building's damage was set at \$250,000.

This was the second major fire in Cincinnati that was started by someone who was trying to kill bed bugs.

Two weeks earlier, a 13 year-old boy was using alcohol to kill bed bugs when the mattress he was treating caught fire. That fire spread through six units before firefighters were able to contain it. One apartment was destroyed, and two others were badly damaged. The damage on this building was set at \$300,000. No injuries were reported, but eight more people became homeless.

Ladies and gentlemen, you've got to remember that alcohol is extremely flammable and it is far too dangerous to use as a pesticide. **Alcohol + Bed Bugs = Fire Danger!**

Fire Chief Randy Freel, of the Cincinnati Fire Department, has a word of advice for anyone wanting to get rid of these persistent pests: "Get a professional."

But wait, there's more: Another home, in Gaston County, North Carolina, burned down on September 29th. They had just treated a room in their house with rubbing alcohol, before it caught on fire. Don't try this at home!



"Termite" Terry Singleton