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A LEADING expert on brains and muscular action has announced that man's mental and physical prime or peak is in the late 20s, that most of his good work is done before he is 40 and little of it after 40.

The expert admits that there are certain exceptions, but he is taking the general average. He fixes the physical peak around 25 years and the matter of age. The mental peak around 40. He may be entirely correct in sizing up the mental side of the argument. So many golden autumns have slipped by since we were 33 that most of the details are a bit hazy. But the expert uses up too many years in calling the athletic peak. Here are just a few leading examples—

1. Jack Dempsey was just 24 the day he mauled Jess Willard and in this measure Max Baer was Dempsey was at his peak. He was better that hot July afternoon than he ever was later in life. He was a one-round knockout in the Toledo assault, bell or no bell.

2. Ty Cobb was in his 30s when in his greatest season. This was in 1911, when Ty delivered 248 base hits, 147 runs, 38 stolen bases and a batting average of .426. He was almost as good a year later with a .410 average, but not quite up to his 1911 collection. The two seasons of 25 and 26 found the Georgia Peach at the top of a great career.

3. Babe Ruth was 33 years old when he blasted his 60 home runs. This was in 1927. But the Babe first 50 four base home runs in 1920 when he was only 27. But it should be recalled that the Babe was a pitcher until he reached the age of 25. He was around 24 when he came to his pitching prime.

Jones a Champ at 21
4. Robby Jones found his best year in 1920 when he ran into his Grand Slam. He was then 23 years old. A "Boy Wonder" at the age of 14, he was 21 before he won his first championship in 1923. While Jones was only 28 when he retired from active competition, he still had known 15 seasons of hard, turn-of-moment golf.

5. Big Bill Tilden was 25 before he won his first major. His top years ran from 25 to 31, although he remained a star through another decade. But years of hard work peaked at 28 or 29 and not miles the mark by many weeks.

6. Jim Thorpe, greatest all-around athlete, came to his best year in 1912 when he was in the general neighborhood of 25 years of age. The year old Jim won the Olympic all-around championship while also playing his best football and baseball.

Yew! find this cross section gives you man's athletic prime around 25 or 27. I mean the top ones. I could name other examples. Walter Hagen was 31 when he won his first U. S. open crown in 1915 and he was 26 when he won his last one at Atlantic City in 1935. But the British campaign was just as brilliant.

The war cut into any Joe Louis routine but you could name his 22nd year and not be far wrong. And there's the case of Mel Hein, the Giant center who faced his 19th or 20th football season, adding in his college years at Washington State. Hein's peak was in the vicinity of his 27th and 28th year.

Value of Experience
The eminent expert in sizing up the mental and physical side overlooked one important detail—it is the physical side that collapses or takes the first dip.

Many veterans still hang on, veterans with fading legs and fading arms, through greater experience and the smarts that only the years can bring. They can have to offer their brains against younger legs and younger arms.

Jack Quinn was a winning pitcher well beyond 40, after 38 years of pitching. When some one asked Jack how he could hang around so long his answer was quite simple—"A wife and six children."

But the golden age of sport is still youth—those years that run from 23 to 37. At the age of 26 or 27 we have the winning combination of physical youth and experience. Possibly the ages 22 or 23 would be the big years physically, but they lack the experience which later years bring.

Route Rockne never liked sophomores and John McGraw never cared for rookies.

After all, there is no substitute for experience, right or not. In this disorganizing war we must stick with the general average—not with the exceptions. In sport the best physical years would be around 23 to the top mental years around 28. "As a matter of fact," several well known trainers tell me, "the ideal physical age, minus experience, is around 21 or 22. It is experience and the know-how that make 30 or 37 the better years."

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS CIO Strives to Maintain High Pay Level in Postwar Industry; Act to Spur Building Activity

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Facing tough winter in war-torn Austria, Vienna scratch for future provisions. At left, woman is shown picking up stray grain in harvested field, while at right another woman is pictured carrying home wood found in shelled forest.

LABOR: Seek Peace

Armed with Lewis gunpowder, Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach moved into the troubled industrial front, where CIO demands for a stepped-up demobilization program providing for a further decrease of discharge points to 60 on November 1 following the October 1 slash to 70. At the same time, the labor movement for officers was to get to 75.

Marshall meeting demobilization plans at late winter, the army congressmen at which he also affirmed receipt of General MacArthur's estimate of an occupation force of only 20,000 for Japan by next summer. Though MacArthur had reduced his estimate, Marshall said, General Eisenhower's figure of 40,000 for Germany remains the same.

Declaring that the present scale of releases has been determined solely by the availability of discharge facilities, Marshall said that all G. I.s without useful army work would be freed within three to four weeks. With the exhaustion of high point men by late winter, the army would further alter its demobilization program by releasing all men with two years of service.

With removal of all building controls, government will speed up construction and at the same time keep the economy from heading off an inflationary boom during the reconstruction period.

An experts looked for the erection of 500,000 private dwelling units a year and a peak of 800,000 in 1948, officials sought to increase the supply of scarce building materials, permitting wage and price controls and priorities to break bottlenecks. It is necessary, however, to have a plan to be strengthened to prevent hoarding and creation of artificial scarcity.

At the same time, OPA announced that it would tighten price control on building materials to counteract the inflationary pressure of credit agencies prepared to discourage loans financing a market boom in home needs and prospects for high postwar employment.

RETAIL PRICING: Absorb Increases
Declaring that up to now retailers have not been squeezed by price control, OPA administrator Chester Bowles reiterated government policy that dealers would have to absorb any increases in manufacturing costs in the reconstruction period.

Rejecting a plea of a retailer group that such absorption would be uneconomic and unfair, Bowles said that dealers' markups were not reduced during the war, and records show that profits soared under increased volume and lower operating costs. Whereas the profit margin of department stores stood at 14 percent in 1939-40, it reached 12 percent in 1944, he said.

Under OPA's pricing policy for manufacturers for the reconstruction period, some increases will be permitted to allow for higher labor and material costs. Private enterprise will be held to half the industry-wide average for larger businesses or profits for smaller firms, however.

Industry Takes Kinder View of Oldsters
Because of their generally fine performance while "pitch-bitch" during the wartime labor shortage, older workers will find employment opportunities much broader in the postwar era.

According to a survey by the National Life Insurance company, a firm in the insurance industry, the average age of the insured is 31.5. It is experience and the know-how that make 30 or 37 the better years.

NAVY: Two-Ocean Dimension

A two-ocean fleet almost five times the size of the pre-war fleet was proposed by naval chiefs at a hearing of the house naval committee.

Under the proposal advanced by Secretary of the Navy Forrestal and Fleet Admiral King, 300 ships would be in active duty and another 100 would be kept in ready reserve. The remaining 600 vessels would be held up but maintained in sea-going condition. A total of 500,000 enlisted men and 50,000 officers would be needed for the 300 active ships and planes and 515,000 to man the entire fleet.

For implementation of U. S. defenses, the navy recommended the establishment or retention of major naval bases for the Pacific, the Atlantic, Hawaii, Canal Zone, Guam, Saipan, Tinian, the Bonin Islands and other islands in the Philippines. Atlantic posts would include Argentina in New Southland, Bermuda and Trinidad.

ATOMIC TEST: On Battleship

Even while plans were being mapped in Washington, D. C., for the postwar fleet, naval officials prepared to carry out a test of the atomic bomb's effect on surface vessels 500 miles off conquered Japanese shores.

Target for the experiment, which might eventually lead to a redesign of surface vessels as followed by Mitchell's test bombardment of the Virginia in 1923, will be the Japanese battleship Nagato, with its 14-inch steel armor plate.

Although the restyling of warships after Mitchell's successful experiment led to their strengthening against air attack, they have remained vulnerable to underwater attack. So far, however, the Japanese have indicated the main force of the explosion is up and out, and the test will be made to determine any underwater effect.

16th Child Her Biggest

The mother of 16 children, Mrs. Francis Strickland, 45, was an 18-year-old girl when she gave birth to her first child, a boy, in 1916. She is now a resident of Linton, Pa.

LONG FLIGHT: Across Great Circle

Approximately 25 hours and 45 minutes after taking off from north Japan, the B-29 bomber glided onto the sprawling Chicago airport, to be greeted by a cheering crowd of two after a 5,900 mile experimental run.

With three top U. S. air force commanders in the planes, the original plan called for a non-stop run from Washington, D. C., to test the great circle route and attendant weather in the far north. Because of strong headwinds during the early stages of the flight, the B-29s decided to land in the Windy City for refueling.

Though a 4,800 mile round journey which took them over Kamchatka, Alaska and Canada before reaching the U. S., the B-29s were flown by Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay flying 1,100 miles short of the non-stop record set by two Britons flying from Egypt to Australia in 1938.

WAR CRIMES: Try Nazis

Charged with systematic starvation and neglect of inmates at the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp, 45 Nazi men and women tried to fight back at their war crimes trial conducted at a British military court in Lüneburg, Germany.

In seeking to defend themselves, the accused followed the line of the most of the 40,000 prisoners in the camp were all habitual criminals, felons and home-sense. British taking over the camp upon the Nazi collapse claimed that their experience showed it was not necessary to use force to govern the inmates.

In first seizing the camp, the British found 13,000 men. The conditions were beyond treatment, medical supplies were lacking. Though the camp was beyond treatment, medical supplies were lacking. Though the camp was beyond treatment, medical supplies were lacking.

U. S. INCOME: 1944 Peak
Figures compiled by the department of commerce show that total income payments to individuals in the United States rose to a new high record of \$140,000,000,000. The largest percentage of this total, \$115,000,000,000, went to individuals in New York state while the smallest percentage, or \$10,000,000,000, went to people in Nevada. The amounts differed among the various states because of the size of the population per capita income.

Washington's Largest Nation Can Head Off Postwar Crime Wave

Quick Reconversion Can Prevent Era of Lawlessness, FBI Chief Says; Experts Vets to Demand Order.

By BAUKHAGE
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Will there be a postwar crime wave in the United States? This question was put to the man who will have to deal with it if there is one—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. He threw the answer back on us—a list of other questions in these United States. Here it is:

Whether we have a postwar crime wave in the United States depends on how well we as a nation can recover. If we do have a period of lawlessness, it will be in all probability led by teen-agers. The returning veteran has it in his power to make or break such a crime wave.

That's not beating around the bush. Let's look at the facts, distributed though they may be. The FBI director laid them before me. After the last war, he said, there were a lot of other questions in these United States. Here it is:

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New Crop of Criminals: Teen-Agers

Perhaps the most ominous single factor about the picture with which we start the postwar years is that the most frequent criminals in the United States today are boys and girls 17 years of age.

Director Hoover explained why these teen-agers are so numerous. These teen-agers have been maturing in a period of great political, economic and social upheaval. As they are entering the critically formative years for them in the beginning teens, their mothers frequently have been taking jobs which kept them away from home, leaving boys and girls to their own social and recreational devices.

Frequently, families pulled up roots and moved to new homes in industrial centers in other parts of the country where jobs could be had in war plants. These families have been maturing in a period of great political, economic and social upheaval. As they are entering the critically formative years for them in the beginning teens, their mothers frequently have been taking jobs which kept them away from home, leaving boys and girls to their own social and recreational devices.

There is a general feeling of lawlessness, lack of discipline, lack of parental responsibility, because the accepted idea of a "war hero" attitude developed in many of those young to "join up."

Though teen-age boys and girls found that because of the manpower shortage they could stop school and take a job, their mothers frequently have been taking jobs which kept them away from home, leaving boys and girls to their own social and recreational devices.

BARBS... by Baukhage

Christmas is coming—yes it is. It will be here before your package to your soldier in the front lines is sent. Wrap address—address properly.

In 1940 this country had less than 134 million men in what is considered the productive age group of 15 to 64. It is estimated that in 1970 there will be over 184 million.

The latest is canned sandwiches.

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A General Quiz

The Questions
1. On January 1 the earth is how many miles nearer the sun than on July 1?

2. What kind of new plant airliners have their tires filled with helium?

3. What kind of new heels to increase his height?

4. What is meant by the right of angry?

5. How many colleges were founded in America before the American Revolution?

CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

MISCELLANEOUS
Vets Medicine Treatment for the hair loss...
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Creomulsion...
CREOMULSION

CARBOIL

A Sore Throat...
CARBOIL

FEMALE MISERY

Is the Menstrual Cycle...
FEMALE MISERY

Kidneys Must Work Well

For You To Feel Well...
Kidneys Must Work Well

DOARS PILLS

Kathleen Norris Says:

The Wonder-Women of Long Island

Bob Syndicate-WHU Features.



"Certainly there are baby boys about, but the place is neat and clean, and I myself am always dressed in a clean, cheerful costume."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

SOME months ago I wrote an article filled with sympathy for today's young mothers. I dwelt upon the difficulties they encounter in marketing, washing, cleaning, cooking, baby-tending, with so little help. I recalled the fact that we, who are mothers, in our young days could always secure the assistance of some competent woman, who managed kitchen and nursery, stood by us in all domestic crises, and left us plenty of time for occasional evening amusements, for theater, dancing, dinner parties.

The drudgery of today's mothers, their struggles in the markets, the steady care of restless, exacting children, the monotonous round of preparing meals and darning them away, washing and ironing clothes, only to have them become into the tubs to repeat the process, — well, altogether it summed up what seemed to me a pretty strenuous living.

But a certain young wife of Seaford, L. I., vigorously disagrees with me. She writes me a washing letter about it.

"I am 28," she says, "before my marriage I was a show girl, and I am more supple and better looking now than I was then. I have two babies, 22 and 7 months old. I do all the housework, cooking, washing, cleaning, mending, ironing, bathing, cutting the lawn and shopping, with stores five miles away. I help in the garden, do all my own preserving and canning, and make all mine and the children's clothes, from hula to winter coats and bathing suits. I keep up my aerobics, reading and organ playing."

"Time to Go Out With Husband."

"Certainly there are baby boys about, but the place is neat and clean, and I myself am always dressed in a clean, cheerful costume, with costume jewelry and hair bows and so on. I am always willing to dance, at home, with my husband in the evenings, go for long walks with him and the children on his days off, and dance the night away when we can get someone to mind the babies."

"I also," the letter continues, "make all our rag rugs, curtains, afghans, quilts, blankets and pillows, and still have plenty of time left over. I am not bragging, for my neighbor on the left does all this with eight children, from 6 months to 18 years, and all my neighbors have from four to six children, and are still beautiful women, wearing sizes 12 and 16."

"The women you quote," the letter ends, "must be slatterns and idiots."

One can only respectfully agree with this fiery little housewife, and earnestly congratulate her husband and the husbands of her clan, capable, cheerful — yet understated — neighbors. They must have some secret that many other women have not yet mastered. Preserves, dancing, long walks and the making of pillows take time, and eight children mean 30 meals a day, and 30

IDEAL HOME-MAKERS

Many young mothers have been complaining bitterly about the difficulties of caring for one or two children during the last four years. Scarcely of almost every necessity, save laundry service, and a hundred other vexations made the always trying tasks doubly hard. Besides that, it has been almost impossible to hire any household help. To add to all this, many service-men's wives have had to work when they could, to add to their small income from the government.

Even with peace again over the land, these war-born problems are still here for the most part, and will be for many months. Some mothers, however, have such courage, energy and pride that they refuse to be daunted by hardship. Today's article contains a letter from a group of New York mothers who take everything in stride, and seem to have a good time doing it.

These young women have from two to eight children. They do practically all their own work, including a lot of sewing and gardening. Yet they somehow have time for dances and parties occasionally. Except for such mechanical help as vacuum cleaners and washing machines they have no assistance in their daily chores. Miss Norris calls them "Wonder-Women."

meals mean at least 60 cups, 180 plates, 60 spoons to wash every day, 10 little garments to wash and iron every week — to say nothing of the babies' pin-ups and the bath towels, the boys' jeans and some 70 pairs of socks. No, the imagination staggers at it, and one can only bow respectfully to such efficiency.

Mother Devices Help.

Our own nursery was well filled, half a century ago, and the mothers did help, and were expected to help. We peeled potatoes, set tables, tended the younger children, ran errands, made ourselves useful in dozens of ways. "But the woman who wrote this letter has no such help. Her children are babies; her daily baby wash runs to 50 articles. Her children spatter mud on their high chairs, demand daily baths, wake her at unseemly hours, need complete changes of crib bedding and their play aprons every day or twice a day, and still she has 'plenty of time left over.'"

Certainly she has a thousand helpful errands of women didn't have. She can get coffee cakes and biscuits all ready to cook, ready-made bread and cakes; she doesn't have to fill lamps or clean old stoves; hot water runs in her bathroom; vacuum cleaners work miraculously; she doesn't have to walk five miles to the store as her grandmother would have done. But just the same — these must be wonder-women down in that L. I. Long Island town.

Ready-Made Dresses

Shop with an eye on possible alterations when buying ready-made garments. Some ready-made dresses are difficult to alter, and clothing is still too scarce to warrant tampering on a misfit.

Whether a garment is to be altered at the store or at home, you advised against buying one that requires complicated changes. If a dress that fits throughout cannot be found, buy one that fits the upper part of the body, as the skirt is less difficult to alter.

THROWING THE BULL

Among the stories which have crossed the ocean about those fabulous British Commandos is this story of one who had spent a long evening with friends at the village inn. They showed him a quick way home across the fields, forgetting that the local bull was loose.

The bull attacked, not recognizing the Commando's red beret. The unfortunate animal was gripped by the horns and lunged about the field until it managed to break free and bolt.

"I had those last two drinks," said the soldier-matador, "it ought to have got that chap off his bike."

Good Neighbor Policy

Jones looked over his garden fence and beckoned to his neighbor. "I say, Smith," he said confidentially, "I understand you have Brown's lawn mower."

"Well, if you'll let me borrow it occasionally, I'll let you use his rake and shovel."

Sports Item

Mother — You were supposed to come home from the ball game in an hour, and you stayed nearly two hours.

Boy — It really wasn't my fault, mother. I tried to steal home in the fifth inning, and they wouldn't let me.

HE GOT PLENTY!



Mr. — While I was out with the boys last night, a burglar broke into our house.

Neighbor — Did he get anything?

Mr. — I'll say he did. My wife thought I was me!

Something Missing

Mother — Jimmie, you appear to have been at the jam again.

Jimmie — Don't go by appearances, mother.

Mother — No, I go by disappearances.

Rational Behavior

Mrs. — Is it true that the butcher got so fed up with the meat shortage that he closed his shop and went on a vacation?

Mr. — Yes, he's gone on a meat fast.

Long and Short of It

Wife — Does the newspaper give any description of the missing cashier?

Hubbie — Yes, he was about 5 feet, 8 inches tall and about \$70,000 short.

Starting Even

Mr. — I see by the paper that a boy who speaks six languages has just married a girl who speaks three.

Mr. — I'd say that is about the right handicap.

Winter Winds

Myron — This is certainly terrible weather!

Byron — Yes, all it's fit for is conversation.

History Lesson

Teacher — What did Caesar say when Brutus stabbed him?

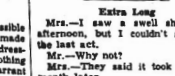
Boy — Ouch!

Gold Yarn

Brother — I made a hole in one. Sis — One stroke?

Brother — No, one sock.

THANKSGIVING



Mr. — May I have the afternoon off to go shopping with my wife?

Boos — No, certainly not!

Mr. — Thank you very much.

Extra Long

Mrs. — I saw a swell show this afternoon, but I couldn't stay for the last act.

Mr. — Why not?

Mrs. — They said it took place a month later.

Double Trouble

Bess — I hear Jack's dad has two wives to support.

Tess — You don't mean he's a bigamist?

Bess — No, but Jack just got married.

Gags

BEST LAUGHS OF THE WEEK

MOPSY by GLADYS PARKER

I WONDER WHY MEN DON'T WHISTLE AT US ON THE STREET?



WE PROBABLY LEAVE THEM BREATHLESS!

TIN HATS By Stanton



"Aw it's only a little cow-an' Simple Samson says those marches chaunt him unless he can have his fresh milk!"

DIFFICULT DECISIONS By GLADYS WILLIAMS



HOME TOWN HERO

Smith — I walked under the painter's ladder yesterday to prove I wasn't afraid of being Jimed.

Brother — And what happened?

Smith — A pall of paint fell on me.

Brother — Ah, you were decorated for bravery!

Well Balanced

Ned — There's a girl who keeps my interest.

Ted — How come? She looks kind of plain to me.

Ned — She's the cashier in the bank.

Relativity

Boy — Did you know that we're related?

Girl — You're crazy. How can that be?

Boy — Well, your mother and my mother are mothers, aren't they?

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