

SUICIDES BLAMED ON STRENUOUS AGE

Dr. Joseph Leidy Says Men 21 to 30 Kill Themselves Due to Struggles

WOMEN BUSIER; FEWER DIE

Why did more Philadelphians, men and women, take their lives between the ages of twenty-one and forty last year than at any other age period?

That they did die it is shown from the statistics of the coroner's office, just published. In 1919 only three suicides were reported of persons under twenty-one. But between the ages of twenty-one and thirty fifty-one persons took their lives, while forty-five committed suicide in the age period from thirty to forty. And from forty on the number of suicides fell off, though there were fifteen between the ages of seventy and eighty, and one who had passed the century.

A possible explanation of the great number of persons guilty of self-murder in what usually are called the best years of a man's life is furnished by Dr. Joseph Leidy, noted physician and student of psychology.

"This is the period of struggle," said Doctor Leidy, "the time in a man's life, usually, when he finds problems pressing hardest. And in a consideration of the absolute number of suicides, it must be borne in mind that the last year has been a pretty strenuous one, with a heavy strain on every one."

Statistics Not Reliable

"Statistics of course are never entirely satisfactory," generally speaking, they are less than reliable. Medical statistics generally are a good illustration of this. For instance it is commonly said that cancer is on the increase. The greater cancer death rate is a frequent topic of conversation. The danger of cancer must not be lost sight of. But more important is to remember that cancer can almost always be cured, if the physician has a chance to combat it at the start.

"We talk of the increase of such diseases as cancer, basing our opinion on the mortality statistics, overlooking the fact that other infectious diseases in the last twenty-five years have been reduced to a minimum. Typhoid, diphtheria, smallpox, scarlet fever, and measles have ceased to be reported as causes of death. Medicine largely has exterminated them. There remain the chronic diseases for which no specific remedy has been found. We must remember that men must die of some disease."

"In considering the death rate from disease, or the number of deaths in a city like Philadelphia, however, another factor to be considered is the tremendous increase in population. Roughly, the population of a city doubles in every generation of twenty years or so. Philadelphia has grown in this ratio."

Sex Variance Feature

The suicide statistics in regard to sex offer another interesting subject of speculation. Sixty-four women took their lives in 1919, in comparison to 137 men. Doctor Leidy believes this difference is due to the more constant occupation of women.

"A housewife has little time to spend in brooding," said Doctor Leidy. "The mind of a man who is out of work offers a fertile field for the suggestion that he take his own life. This is especially true here in the United States, where we have no hobbies. A hobby is a good balancing pole. It adds a maintaining mental equilibrium."

"The difference in the number of negroes and whites who committed suicide also is interesting. The report shows that only four negroes took their lives, while there were 197 white suicides. This is a perfect reflection of the negro temperament, which can be content with the minimum of those things which we consider necessary to make life even bearable."

"The statistics of agents used for self-destruction, in which certain sorts of poison are mentioned many times, demonstrate the need for more careful regulation of the sale of such drugs."

"In America, unfortunately, we live in a tremendous hurry. Indeed, we have learned how to live. It is a matter of simple existence with us. I think it is rather a reflection on our system of education that we teach children everything but how to live. With all our boasted progress, we have learned nothing about the true philosophy of life, which makes it possible for a man to get the best and truest kind of happiness out of the everyday resources at his hand."

"This hurried and badly balanced way of existence is a malady of the time. It is blamed by some observers on our 'stunts,' which is believed to fire us that restless desire for change which seems to be a national characteristic. I do not believe this. Our forefathers knew how to live rationally."

SCOUTS TO FEATURE FETE AT ST. DAVIDS

Celebration to Be Staged on Walton Estate as Muller Memorial Mission Benefit

GIRLS IN SWIMMING MEET

Girl and Boy Scouts will furnish some of the big features at the lawn fete to be held today and tomorrow on the Charles Walton estate at St. David's in aid of the Muller Memorial Mission. The mission is located on Highland avenue, Wayne, and performs Americanization work in the Italian settlement there.

The events of the fete start at 2 o'clock each afternoon, and continue until 11 o'clock at night. The Girl Scouts of the Main Line will hold their annual field day this afternoon. In addition to the swimming meet, the Girl Scouts will have charge of a booth, and swimmers will compete for a silver cup. The entire fete is under direction of Miss Mariou Full of St. David's. In addition to the swimming meet, the Girl Scouts will have charge of a booth, and swimmers will compete for a silver cup. The entire fete is under direction of Miss Mariou Full of St. David's. In addition to the swimming meet, the Girl Scouts will have charge of a booth, and swimmers will compete for a silver cup. The entire fete is under direction of Miss Mariou Full of St. David's.

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There are nearly 5000 veterans in this vicinity eligible for membership. Any one who served more than sixty days with the regiment may become a member. The 315th took part in many important engagements, particularly in the taking of Montfaucon, which the French declared impregnable. In its rank and file were many well-known Philadelphians. Major Ward Pierson was killed in action with the regiment.

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