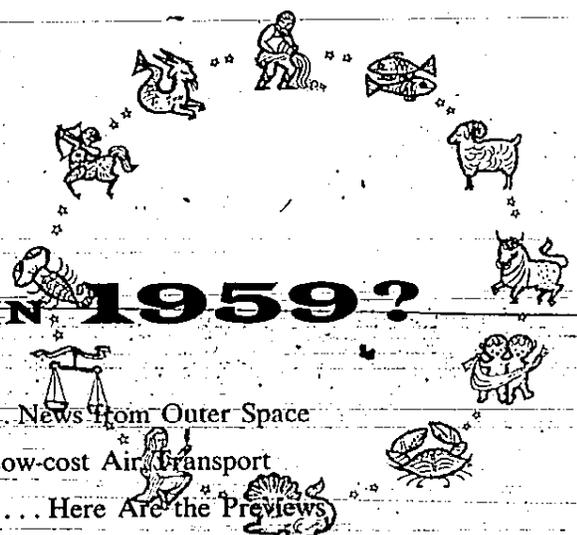




WHAT'S AHEAD IN 1959?

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WHAT'S ahead in 1959? We have asked the statisticians and the pollsters, who are sometimes wrong; also the astrologers and clairvoyants, whose prophecies are sometimes borne out by events. We have asked engineers and naturalists, astronomers and showmen. They gave us twenty answers—a first rough sketch for the Shape of Things to Come.

Four million babies *plus* are expected by the Bureau of the Census in 1959. There will be more boys than girls, too. "The excess of boy babies," says the census taker, "is a persistent pattern."

The seventeen-year locusts are due to turn up in Arkansas, Iowa and Nebraska next summer. There are seventeen broods of them in the United States, and nowhere else but the U.S. The entomologists have them numbered and mapped and each year one brood turns up on schedule in the area expected, then goes underground for another seventeen years. Arkansas, et al., will be free after this until 1976.



Winter will be milder than usual, according to the Old Farmer's Almanac. ("We do pretty well predicting," says Editor Robb Sagendorph.) There will be rough storms, however, in the first weeks of January and February. Easter as usual will fall on the first-Sunday-after-the-first-full-moon-after-the-vernal-equinox, and this year that will be March 29th. Spring will be close to normal. Summer of '59 will be far more enjoyable than last year. "Don't count on anything very good," the Old Farmer warns, "except the first few weeks of October in the fall of '59." But that is some time off.



Preview of entertainment for the long winter evenings: The concerts of the New York Philharmonic with Barbirolli, Bernstein and Mitropoulos, will continue to be heard, coast to coast, every Saturday night. TV will blaze with spectaculars—Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians," "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," an encore of Hallmark's famous "Green Pastures," a series of Young People's Concerts conducted by Leonard Bernstein. Along with playing Cowboys and Indians again this year, the studios will also be using their great resources for documentaries, new programs of science and education, and more music than ever. Two Metropolitan premières will be broadcast—Alban Berg's "Wozzeck," and "Macbeth." Also "Boris Godunov" in English and the usual great classical repertoire.



Six hard-fought, stirring lives will be explored in new books coming out between now and spring—Samuel Eliot Morison's "John Paul Jones;" Matthew Josephson's "Thomas Edison;" The Grand Duchess Anastasia's "Anastasia;" James Thurber's "The Years With Ross," about the man who was the first editor of *The New Yorker*; "From Jennie with Love," the reminiscences of Jennie Grossinger who built one of America's famous resorts; Grossinger's in the Catskills; and Helen Traubel's autobiography, "St. Louis Woman." For the inquisitive (and you wouldn't be reading this page unless you were)

