

Manila's Oldtime Lottery

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The state maintains in the Philippines a national lottery. These lotteries are held monthly. In the ordinary ones 10,000 tickets divided into 10ths are sold, at the government's wholesale tobacco warehouse in Manila and the offices of the tobacco monopoly of the government throughout the islands. A full ticket costs ₱5 and 430 prizes are given, as follows: 1 of ₱15,000, 1 of ₱3,000, 3 of ₱1,000 each, 5 of ₱500 each, 20 of ₱100 each, 400 of ₱30 each, or a total of ₱37,500 given at each lottery.

The drawings are public and take place at the offices of the central administration of the government monopolies (that is, at what has been during the American period the offices of the internal revenue bureau) at No. 29, calle Anloague (now calle Juan Luna, for the painter of that name, the old name meaning *carpenter* and deriving from the residence along it, in the old days, of many carpenters, perhaps most of them Chinese). The drawings take place at 8 o'clock in the morning in the presence of the lottery board comprising the director of finance, the insular auditor, the insular treasurer, the administrator of the government monopolies, a member of the municipal board, a member of the supreme court, and, as secretary, the head accountant of the finance department. The prizes are distributed as soon as the results of the drawing are officially announced and funds to meet the demands of the prizes have reached

the administrator charged with the payment of them to the winners, when the funds collected from sale of tickets fall short of being enough. The claim of the lucky ticket holders is preferred, taking precedence over everything else; the tickets are property of the possessors, no other owner is recognized than the ones who present them in claim of the prizes. Claims on winning tickets expire in 1 year counting from the day on which the lottery is held. Drawings still to be held this year (1875) are announced for August 4, September 3, October 6, November 4, and December 20.

Two drawings during the year are extraordinary, that of June and that of December. In the first the number of tickets is 10,000 but the price of each is ₱10 (making the unit, which was 1/10 ticket, ₱1). In this drawing 474 prizes are awarded, as follows: 1 of ₱25,000, 1 of ₱10,000, 1 of ₱3,000 each, 5 of ₱1,000 each, 12 of ₱500 each, 50 of ₱100 each, 400 of ₱50 each, 2 approximation prizes of ₱300 each for the number just above and the number just below the grand-prize number, and 2 of ₱200 each for the number just above and the number just below the second-prize number—a total of ₱75,000.

In December the drawing comprises 15,000 tickets costing ₱20 each, and 627 prizes are awarded: 1 of ₱50,000, 1 of ₱25,000, 2 of ₱10,000 each, 5 of ₱5,000 each, 16 of ₱1,000 each, 30 of ₱500 each, 550 of ₱100 each, 2 grand approximation prizes of ₱3,000 each, 2 secondary approximation prizes of ₱2,000 each, 9 prizes of ₱700 each for the 9 remaining numbers in the 10 within which the grand-prize number falls, and 9 prizes of ₱300 each for the 9 remaining numbers in the 10 in which the second-prize number falls. This is a total of ₱225,000.

Mean temperature monthly, Fahrenheit: 76.5, 77.5, 79.9, 82.6, 83.1, 82.0, 80.6, 80.4, 80.2, 79.7, 78.4, 77.0; mean annual, 79.9.

Mean humidity monthly, percentage: 77.8, 73.8, 71.3, 69.7, 75.8, 81.4, 84.9, 85.1, 85.6, 84.0, 82.9, 81.2; mean annual, 79.5.

Mean rainfall monthly, inches: 0.96, 0.43, 0.69, 1.20, 4.73, 10.00, 16.70, 16.55, 14.25, 7.42, 5.42, 2.37; mean annual 80.73. February averages only 3 rainy days, lowest of the months; July and August each average 22 rainy days. January averages 5 rainy days. January and February this year had many rainy days, will probably tilt the average. The heaviest rainfall in 1 day last year was on September 15, 4.59 inches, 1.17 inches between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. The highest rainfall in 5 minutes last year was in October, 0.36 inches.

April last year had the highest number of hours of sunshine, 292 even; April's average sunshine hours is 259 hr. 32 m. October last year had the least number of sunshine hours, 126 even, 5 minutes under September.

Greatest hour's velocity of the wind: January 15, 15.5 miles; February 25, 13.7 miles; March 6, 14.3 miles; April 26, 17.4 miles; May 31, 18.8 miles; June 1, 16.8 miles; July 19.5 miles; August 2, 23.3 miles; September 30, 30 miles; October 20, 14.9 miles; November 20, 21.1 miles; December 7, 11.8 miles.

January 31, 1931, registered the highest temperature for January, 93 F. February 25, 1906, registered 96.1 F.; March 25, 1933, 98.1 F.; April 30, 1915, 100.4 F.; May 17, 1915, 101.5 F.; June 4, 1912, 99.7 F.; July 7, 1915, 97.3 F.; August 6, 1900, 95.4 F.; September 18, 1903, 95.5 F.; October 10, 1903, 95.2 F.; November 5, 1923, 93.2 F.; December 25, 1911, 93.2 F. The highest reading was that of May 17, 1915, 101.5 F. Last year's hottest day was May 12, at 2:35 p.m. 99 F. January 6 was the coolest day, at 5:10 a.m., 61 F. Mean daily maximum temperatures monthly, all Fahrenheit: 86.4, 87.8, 90.7, 93.4, 92.8, 90.3, 87.8, 87.3, 87.4, 88.0, 86.9, 86.2.

These data demonstrate an equitable climate. They pertain to Manila, low, fronting the bay, and surrounded by broad low valleys except toward the east. Many places in the islands enjoy more moderate temperatures.

Our Climate

Data are from a weather bureau report furnished by the director, Father Miguel Selga, S. J. Months are understood in their calendar order, and the period averaged monthly is from 1885 to 1933 inclusive.

Mean atmospheric pressure monthly, inches: 29.97, 29.97, 29.94, 29.90, 29.85, 29.83, 29.81, 29.81, 29.82, 29.87, 29.90, 29.93; annual mean, 29.88.

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