

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

In a game of cards, a good deal depends on good play, and good play on a good deal.

The Federal Tax Agents will get you if you don't watch out. You are now being drafted in Washington to send thousands of tax pounds on a door-to-door canvass of American homes. If the scheme goes smoothly in Uncle Sam's country the Canadian government may adopt its plan and catch the two per cent who are tax cheaters in this country.

The tax sleuth hounds expect to collect \$40 in unpaid taxes for every dollar they spend on the heck up.

Of course, agents must use tact and care. No one has authority to force his way into a private home or business place, especially here in Canada where "every man's home is his castle"—good old British law.

In any case, don't slam the door on the agent's nose or you may be called upon to explain why you injured his nose and why you haven't paid your income tax if you haven't paid it.

There are two reasons why we don't trust Russia. One is because we don't know her, and the other because we do.

For 14 months a sad-eyed hound dog has made its home beside the grave of Dr. F. T. Floyd in Ft. Payne, Alabama, baffling residents of the town. The dog is one of four puppies which were given away after the death of the doctor by his widow, Dr. Floyd a dog lover, died six years ago.

Those hoping to leave the earth soon in space ships must be tired of living dangerously.

One can take a journey around the world by reading travel books. I have taken the long trek myself more than one occasion and found it a most profitable and pleasant trip.

If you ever happen to visit Jonesville, Wisconsin, you can take an imaginary walk around the earth in about 15 minutes, via the "path of nations." The path itself is made of native stones and flags from 85 free nations. It took two years to complete this amazing 172-foot path.

Each two-foot slab of stone was selected from the country it represents. Many have amusing and tragic stories concerning their selection. Take the Egyptian stone, for example, which came from the famous Giza quarry where pyramids were obtained to build the pyramids.

Each stone is identified by raised bronze letters. Behind the lettering waves the flag representing that nation when certain national holidays are observed.

You can't serenade your gal in El Salvador unless you first pay a license fee of \$2. It's an old tra-

dition or Spanish law that dates back to the long, long ago.

The whale is the politician of the sea. Why? Because he frequently comes to the surface to spout.

How much is 725,958,238,096,074, 907,868,531,656,993,838,851,106 multiplied by itself? Such a problem would send the cleverest of mathematicians haste for pencil and paper but Jeddith Buxton, the prodigy who was born at Elmston, Derbyshire, England, squared the 39-digit figure in his head and arrived at the 78-digit answer without pencil or any other mechanical aid.

What strange power enabled this 7-year-old child to handle numbers quicker than could a calculating machine?

This amazing child could do complicated problems in math, in his head and at the same time, carry on a conversation.

Steve Stalarski, clerk in a Philadelphia, Pa., Western Union office, dreamed in May 1950 that he was the victim of a holdup. A robbery of the office followed. In December, 1952, having dreamed again of being robbed, Stalarski took the precaution of depositing \$1,000 in receipts. Two hours later armed robbers appeared—but all they got was \$800 in late receipts.

In Sydney, Australia, a 10-year-old schoolboy, Archie Paulos, dreamed that a horse named Delta would win the Melbourne cup race. He told the dream to his Dad who placed two shillings each way on the horse for his son. Delta won. Mr. Paulos then got a hunch and bought a ticket in the state lottery in his son's name. It won the first prize of 6,000 pounds! Coincidence?

Believe in luck? Well, would you call the following true item luck or coincidence?

In December of 1949 a Russian trade delegate was in London. The Russian said to his British host that he had never seen a greyhound race. So together they visited the racetrack at White City Stadium.

After watching the dogs for a while the Russian, V. A. Klentsou, said, "I'm going to place 10 shillings on No. 1. He did and collected five pounds." Following another hunch, he picked a dog in the 3rd race. He won again. And strange but true, his selection in the 4th, 5th, and 7th races all finished as winners.

But in the 8th race he met his Waterloo when the dog he picked to win came in third.

An epitaph on an angler—Here's bait for worms.

BELGRADE (AP)—Building engineers and technicians from Communist Romania are reported being sent to Red China for three-year assignments on construction projects. The semi-official Yugoslav news agency Yugoexpress said Wednesday night that 80 men left for China in March and that 100 more are to leave soon.

Picture-of-the-Month



The above portrait was taken by Mr. George Lewis and the model is Miss Marleen Warren of Charlottetown. The photograph was judged to be the best portrait entered in the Charlottetown Camera Club's monthly competition which was judged on Friday evening by Mr. Vic Pepler of the Montague Camera Club. The Charlottetown and Montague Camera Clubs held a joint meeting in Charlottetown at the invitation of the Charlottetown Club. A social evening followed with dancing, games and refreshments.

Former Star Baseball Pitcher Dies Saturday

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—One of baseball's great all-time pitchers and a member of the Hall of Fame, Charles Albert (Chief) Bender, died Saturday at the age of 71.

Bender, who had been ill for some time, died in Graduate Hospital. He had been under treatment for cancer and had recently suffered a heart attack.

Bender, who for 15 years was one of the best pitchers in baseball, never made more than \$2,400 a season as an active player. The full-blooded Chippewa Indian had been serving as a coach for Philadelphia Athletics at more than double the pay he got as a pitcher.

Connie Mack regarded Bender as his greatest one-game pitcher. "If everything depended on one game," Mack once said, "I just used Albert."

WON 6 SERIES GAMES

The Chief was the first pitcher to win six world series games. He took two each in the 1911 and 1913 classics, and one each in 1905 and 1910. He headed the pitching staff

of one of Connie Mack's greatest teams, the 1910 through 1914 American League champions.

Altogether, Bender pitched 85 innings in world series competition. He gave up 64 hits, struck out 59 and walked only 21. He fanned 20 in the 1911 series alone. Bender's greatest year was 1910 when he won 23 and lost 5. That was the year the 27-year-old righthander pitched a no-hit, no-run game against Cleveland Indians. He won 14 straight games during the 1914 season.

Bender, a good after dinner speaker, often joked about the fact that he made such a small amount of money while an active player.

The man who won 206 games and pitched 41 shutouts, took less money out of his baseball career than some modern day bonus kids get for signing.

Bender served for many years both as minor league manager and a major league coach. Except for one year as a minor league boss for a New York Yankees farm ball team with Philadelphia Athletics. As a minor league skipper he won four pennants, and wound up second, third and fourth once each.

In September, 1953, the old timers' committee elected the Chief to baseball's Hall of Fame.

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DRAMA FESTIVAL FINALS TONIGHT at Empire Theatre. The Tighish Players present "The Light Eternal". Curtain 8 p.m. Admission 50 cents.

A SPECIAL SERVICE will be held at the Church of the Nazarene, Midgell on Wednesday evening May 26 at 8 p.m. Special speaker for the service will be the Reverend Alfred H. Armstrong of Chery Tree, Pennsylvania. The public is cordially invited.

NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA. Prince Edward Island Division. — The Annual Inspection of the R. C. S. C. C. "Kent" will take place Thursday evening at 7.15 p.m. Rear Admiral R. E. S. Bedwell, C. B. E., C. D., R. C. N. will make his inspection. Accompanying him will be his Flag Officer, Secretary, Photographer, Aerial Officer. On Wednesday, May 26th he will inspect R. C. S. C. C. "Summeride."

Wide Variety Of Opinions On McCarthy

By James Devlin

NEW YORK, (AP) Joe McCarthy "makes my blood boil." "Joe must go—to the White House."

Such are the conflicting views of thousands of Americans in letters to newspapers.

Most of their comment on the televised Army-McCarthy hearings centres personally on Senator Joseph McCarthy.

Opinions are strongly pro or con, with little middle ground.

To one letter writer in Des Moines, Iowa, McCarthy "reminds a person of a Roman dictator and his henchmen sitting beside him."

Another, in Minneapolis, says "what we need is 100 more McCarthy's in Washington."

NEWS PAPER SURVEY

The Associated Press asked a cross-section of newspapers from coast-to-coast whether the preponderance of letters they received during the first weeks of the hearings was for or against McCarthy.

Sixty-one papers were checked. Of these 25 reported receiving a majority favorable to McCarthy; 19 said the majority was anti-McCarthy and 17 said the letters ran about 50-50.

Here is the box-score on a sectional breakdown:

	Pro	Anti	Even
East	8	6	5
South	0	3	3
Midwest	8	7	6
West and Southwest	8	3	3

One newspaper which declined to participate said it believed there was an inspired letter writing campaign on behalf of McCarthy.

In the senator's home state of Wisconsin, the anti-McCarthy Milwaukee Journal said the majority of its letters from within the state were pro-McCarthy, but that letters received from outside Wisconsin make the count about 50-50.

It added, however, that "it is impossible to make any kind of accurate estimate since some of McCarthy's vociferous supporters write often, keeping up an individual barrage."

In most instances, the preponderance of letter writing sentiment was in line with the newspaper's editorial policy on the topic.

PHENOMENAL INTEREST

The New York Daily News friendly to McCarthy, reported that it received about 800 letters a week on the controversy and that they favored McCarthy 20 to 1.

The New York Post, outspokenly anti-McCarthy, said it received about 250 letters on the topic with only 12 favoring McCarthy. A ratio of more than 20 to 1 against him.

A number of letters, regardless of whether they take a stand for or against McCarthy, criticize the hearings generally and some sug-

gest they be called off.

But television stations report they are swamped with affirmative replies when they ask their viewers whether they want the hearing telecast continued.

TV stations report a phenomenal interest in the hearings. The ABC network, which has been carrying them "live," said a survey May 7 estimated the viewing audience at 9,200,000.

TO DECIDE ON EDC

PARIS (AP)—The National Assembly's foreign affairs committee has decided to make up its mind next Wednesday on the proposed European defence community treaty, which would permit rearming of West Germans. The committee's stand will come in advance of assembly consideration of EDC. No date has yet been set for debate on ratification.

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