

Canadian Newswoman Dies In Spain At 50

LONDON (CP) — Word has been received here of the death in Spain of Margaret Ecker, 50, who helped cover the invasion of Normandy for The Canadian Press and was the only woman reporter at the German surrender and armistice signing in Reims.

At Reims, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of the allied forces, is reported to have inquired: "What's that child doing here?" Her death Saturday was announced by her husband, Bob Francis, of the London staff of Newsweek magazine. He cabled word from St. Eulalia, Ibiza, Balearic Islands. Reuters news agency said the official record of the Ibiza magistrate's office said immediate cause of death was heart failure produced by cirrhosis of the liver. She was buried Sunday afternoon.

She had gone to Spain to visit her only daughter, Robin, 17, a student.

Miss Ecker was born in Edmonton and graduated from the University of British Columbia. She began her newspaper career on the Vancouver Province in 1936 as a reporter, then was a feature writer for British United Press in Montreal. She joined The Canadian Press in Ottawa in 1942 and worked there, in Vancouver and in Toronto before going to CP's London bureau in November, 1943.

After the war, in 1945 she returned to Canada and worked in Vancouver until 1946. Subsequently she did freelance work in Canada, Europe, South America and the South Pacific with her husband, who she married in Vancouver in 1941. Francis was an RCAF public relations officer overseas during the Second World War.

Miss Ecker became women's news editor of the Vancouver Herald in 1946, then resumed freelance work. She twice was Canadian Women's Press Club awards.

Her close association with the Dutch royal family in Ottawa early in the war led to her accompanying Queen Wilhelmina on her first tour of liberated Holland after the conflict. In 1947, the Dutch queen made her an officer of Order of the House of Orange. She was the first Canadian woman to receive this award.

The Order of the House of Orange is generally granted to persons in close connection with and of service to the Dutch government and royal family.

Scenes Of Rage And Tumult As British Plane Scrapped

LONDON (CP) — Scenes of tumult and rage erupted in the House of Commons after the Labor government announced cancellation of Britain's TSR-2, the aircraft which had been designed to be the pride of the Royal Air Force.

Cries of "traitor," "coward" and "shut up" were heard as Defence Secretary Denis Healey tried to make a statement explaining that Britain could not afford the £750,000,000 (\$2,250,000,000) project.

Christopher Soames, Tory defence spokesman, castigated this "abominable decision" amid uproar that continued at various degrees of fury for an hour after James Callaghan, chancellor of the exchequer, gave the axe to the TSR2 in his first full-scale budget speech.

Soames and Sir Alec Douglas-Home, opposition Tory leader, said a censure motion would be raised against the government, which has been under fire repeatedly on aviation matters since taking power last October.

Healey announced Britain has taken an option on the rival

United States F-111A, a swing-wing aircraft, at a better price. But Tories jeered the Americans would be willing to "give it at any price" to wreck the British aircraft industry.

THREATENS JOBS

The defence minister said that the jobs of "as many as 20,000" workers may be involved, mostly at British Aircraft Corporation and Bristol Siddeley Engines Limited. The government would make every effort to find them alternative work fully utilizing their specialist knowledge and skill.

The TSR-2, a hedge-hopping nuclear bomber, had been designed to fly at 1,400 miles an hour, beneath an enemy's radar screens. The low-level attack plane was to carry electronic equipment described as the most sophisticated yet installed in an aircraft.

British Aircraft Corporation issued a statement earlier Tuesday that one prototype had completed the first series of tests and a second has been carrying out ground engine tests.

"It can be said with certainty that TSR-2 is a sound and satisfactory flying machine with superior qualities of stability and control, to the predicted or better - than - predicted values," said R. P. Beamont, BAC flight operations manager and test pilot.

Sir Samuel Storey, deputy speaker was repeatedly requested by Labor members to send for the speaker during the TSR-2 debate, the worst uproar in the current Parliament.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson, ill with the flu, had remained in the Commons only for 15 minutes before the budget address. But his deputy George Brown, rose at one point white with rage to protest the treatment being received by Healey.

SIGHT PROMPTS CARE

A Toronto manufacturer has reduced breakages in shipping glass doors by putting them in clear plastic bags instead of cardboard boxes. Loaders take more care of something they

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NOHEK
 ♠ 87542
 ♥ 643
 ♦ 9763
 ♣ 9763

WEST EAST
 ♠ A96 ♠ K83
 ♥ K72 ♥ J1095
 ♦ A354 ♦ K8732
 ♣ J8 ♣ A42

SOUTH
 ♠ KJ10
 ♥ AQB
 ♦ K106
 ♣ K105

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1NT Dble. Pass Pass
 Pass

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

In tournament bridge you run into all kinds of systems of bidding. Players are generally permitted to use any system or special convention they want to, provided it can be readily explained to their opponents. Private understandings are strictly forbidden in tournament play, just as they are in rubber bridge.

It is normal for a pair arriving at a table to announce that they play Gerber, or Texas, or Stayman, or Kaplan-Sheinvoind, or whatever the case may be. One day, when I was playing with a favorite partner in a national tournament, we ran into a pair who announced they

Appeal Upheld On Negligence

HAMPTON, N.B. (CP) — Magistrate Harry N. Jonah has upheld an appeal by Eldon Bryce Wilson 21, of Lorneville on a conviction of criminal negligence in the operation of a motor vehicle.

Wilson, found guilty on the charge by Magistrate G. King Kelley, March 1, had been sentenced to a three-month jail term and fined \$70 but was released on bail pending the appeal.

He was charged following a car-truck crash Aug. 15 which claimed the life of Floyd Arnold Taylor of Lancaster.

Magistrate Jonah said he was acquitting Wilson of the charge because "the direct evidence is limited." Three witnesses testified.

ANNANDALE

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ferguson, Charlottetown, were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blackett, Annandale.

RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT

4 2 12 - 102 3 7 8 - 20
 7 2 9 - 26 2 7 8 - 20
 169 13 - 12 12 11 - 11
 30 15 - 2 28 7 - 14

ALL 4 OF THESE ANSWERS CAN BE OBTAINED BY 2 DIFFERENT MEANS

Answer:
 12 x 13 = 156 3 x 3 = 9
 7 x 9 = 63 3 x 8 = 24
 169 ÷ 13 = 13 12 ÷ 11 = 11
 30 ÷ 15 = 2 28 ÷ 7 = 4



WOMEN of the Lost Tribe of Sander Island, ALWAYS WEAR MASKS INSTEAD OF VEILS BECAUSE THE WIFE OF A TRIBAL CHIEFTAIN WORE A MASK TO COVER A FACIAL BLEMISH 200 YEARS AGO

NATHAN COBB COTTAGE IN OROMOKO, FLA. WAS BUILT BY WILLIAM PAGE IN 1896 FROM THE TIMBERS OF THE SHIPWRECKED SLOOPER "NATHAN COBB"

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Lower part of face
- Dance step
- Likely
- Law and order
- Plant insect
- Loafs
- Bakery, for instance
- Seton
- Tellurium: sym.
- Steal
- Concur
- Knocks
- Dirtnote
- Religion: India
- Fuss
- Jolly
- Anglo-Saxon domestic
- A cream-filled pastry
- Silent
- Depart
- Cotton State: abbr.
- Musical drama
- African river
- Craze
- Daughter of Zeus
- Footnote
- symbol
- Luck: Ir. DOWN
- Yield
- Stop
- Frozen water

DOWN

- Birds' homes
- Dance step
- Likely
- Sea eagle
- River in Scotland
- Society bud: colloq.
- Common suffix
- Meat jelly
- Goddess of dawn
- Sodium nitrate
- Religion: tree
- Grows old
- Magnifying glass
- Land measure
- Narrow inlet: geol.
- Swiss river
- Grows old
- Anger

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

— Here's how to work it: A cryptogram quotation

LYEEZ MX JSLYMJ AXERXX
 MJ JDLAE; JSL ZBJJ AXERXX
 JZXX MLXRW.—FSJLNUJE

Yesterday's Cryptogram: SLOWLY BUT SURELY HUMANITY REALIZES THE DREAMS OF THE WISE.—FRANCE

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE

AMOS! FEEL OFF YOUR SHOES AND HAND THEM OVER SO I CAN MATCH THEM WITH THE FOOTPRINTS ON MY CEILING!

I'VE GOT A HUNCH YOU'RE THE CONDORELLA I'M HUNTING—SO DON'T LEAVE!

WAMP-SPLITT-TIS MARTHA, HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY THINK THAT A MAN OF MY INTELLECT WOULD STOOP TO SUCH A NAME PRANK?

BY RIGHTS WE OUGHTA BE JAILED, BUT WE IS GITTIN' MARRIED INSTEAD!!

SO'S MAH CHILE KIN HAVE A MAMMY—IRREGARDLESS O'HER LOW QUALITY!!

I'LL NEED WITNESSES!!

COULD YOU FOLKS STEP IN AND WITNESS THE JOINING OF TWO SOULS IN EVER-BLASTING MATRIMONIAL BLISS? I PAY A BUCK A HEAD!!

dale. They were accompanied by Mrs. Blackett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Robertson, Montague.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Banks and family were recent business visitors to Montague.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Cantelo, Montague, now of Barre, Mass., were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Blackett, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Miller, Bayfield, were Sunday visitors at Mrs. Miller's parents Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Campbell, Annandale.

Bruce Blackett was weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Blackett, Roseneath.

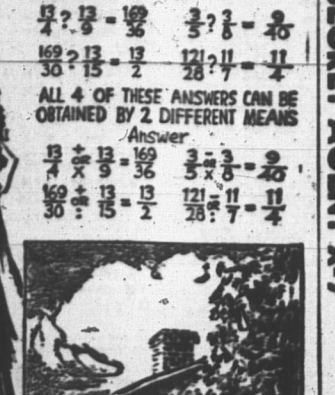
Many people of this area have been confined to their homes due to a flu epidemic.

Mrs. Leslie Underhay and family, Howe Bay, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Norton, Annandale. Mrs. Emily Norton, Annandale, had her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. MacMillan, Charlottetown, as week-end guests.

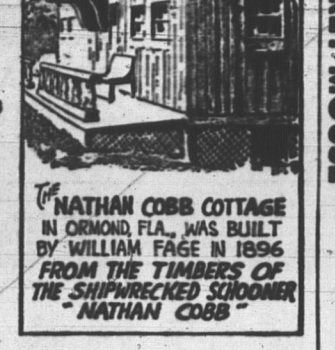
Anne Munde, Montague, was overnight guest of Glenda Blackett, Annandale.

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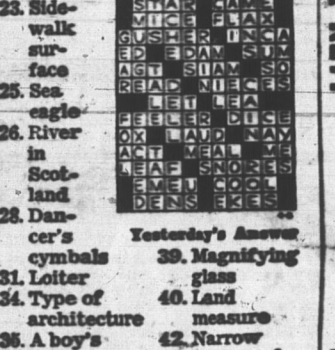
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MICKY MOUSE



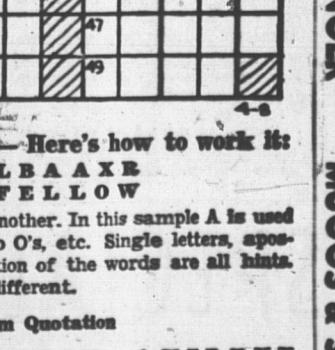
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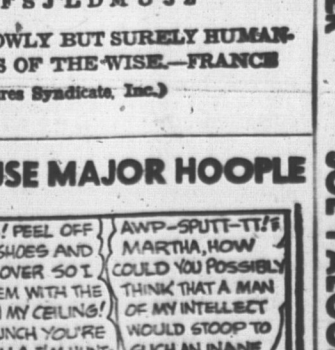
HENRY



THE LONE RANGER



MUGGS & SKETER



JOE PAPOKA



L.L. ARNER

