

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Frank E. Spencer of Bethel, Me., obtained a New Brunswick driver license E. F. 1606, the very same number as his automobile licence. Mathematical chances of such an occurrence are said to be one in 500,000.

In Dumfriesshire, Scotland, Reggie Sanders bit into something hard in the goose for which his wife had spent half her house-keeping allowance. He spat it out — and a valuable diamond fell to the dinner plate.

Near Cape Rino in Crete, may be seen a ruined castle erected in the Middle Ages by the old Doges of Venice. Inland from the beach is a barren plain, buttressed by a rugged range of mountains. Across this "no man's land," marching in military precision after sunset is a phantom army — the phantom marchers of Crete.

The tall and spectral figures are mostly seen around the first week in June. Always they march from east to west, down to the lonely beach where they vanish into the sea.

Eye witnesses tell us the soldiers appear to be an army of the dead past. Why? Because they wear antique helmets and carry long spears of the days of Homer.

When the old Turks of Constantinople ruled Crete the soldiers of the garrison at Frapokastelli saw them and were scared out of their wits by these giant, silent marchers. Attention was first drawn to them outside Crete, by a well-known British M.P., Sir Ernest Bennett, at one time postmaster general in the British government, who was a war correspondent for the London Times during the uprising of the Greeks of the Island against the Turks in 1897.

Sir Bennett tells us how, in 1927 an Englishman named Baker, who had lived for many years in the Levant and had an intimate knowledge of the mentality of the Cretan peasants, whose language he spoke, was travelling in the Ida Mountains with others, when they came to a lonely village called Sphakia Korá.

Said one of the group, "This is the month when the Silent Marchers appear."

"What! Men of the shadows?" questioned the surprised Englishman, "Why I never heard of them."

"Men of the shadows indeed," said the fellow who put the question. "They march in unceasing procession never making the slightest sound, towards the old ruined castle. But I'm surprised that you never heard of them."

"Very interesting, but rather fantastic," said the Englishman. "What else do you know about them?"

"Why, my dear fellow, thousands of persons have seen the silent marchers. This is no tall

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Rare Glimpse Of Tibet Ruler



The Dalai Lama, ruler of Communist-occupied Tibet, is shown in his throne in Lhasa wearing his state crown. This new and rare photo was received in New York recently by Robert Ernest Dickoff, a Buddhist, from a Nepalese Buddhist merchant in the tiny, isolated Himalayan kingdom.

I have seen them more than once myself. They were giants of men. They marched across the barren plain and then suddenly vanished."

Reports of this strange army finally reached Athens. A newspaper reporter was dispatched to the old castle and this is what he wrote for the leading newspaper of the old city.

"I know that a former Greek governor of Crete has seen the phantom marchers. His secretary, M. Psyllakis, also saw them."

never are they seen when the sun shines, or in daylight.

Sir Ernest Bennett read these newspaper reports. He knew Crete very well, so decided to visit the island in 1928 and find out for himself whether the reports were false or true.

On the morning of May 17, 1928, he set up his camp on the beach, not far from the old castle and waited for the phantom marchers to pass by. Several days passed, and then to Sir Bennett's amazement he saw them march across the desolate plain towards the ruined castle. Sometimes they were massed in formation; at other times the columns were thin and dispersed. Sir Bennett, in speaking about the strange sight afterwards, said he did not believe it is a natural phenomenon but something supernatural and mystic.

One explanation of the mystery is that the marchers are just mirages, but how could that be when mirages only occur after sunrise, and in clear daylight? The phantoms are only visible in pre-dawn light. If it were just an image refracted from some distant place, it is extremely unlikely that so many living men would be carrying ancient weapons of war.

Who and what are these phantom marchers of Crete? Where do they come from? Where do they go? What object are they serving? Your guess is as good as mine. Nobody has yet come up with a satisfactory answer and so anyone can take it from here.

A crane operator in the Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard leaned out of his crane to shout to a worker below. The operator's safety hat fell off, struck the guy below and broke his nose, strange but true.

A Charlottetown man returned empty-handed from a hunting trip, but he had roast hen that night, anyway. A nice plump barnyard fowl crashed against his windshield and he took it home to his own wife Jane and told her to roast it.

A three-family gravesite in Westminster Cemetery, in Philadelphia, reads: Bacon-Kitchen-Cook.

At a Montreal slaughter house, a dead porker got even with his executioner. Sam French, stuck the animal, released it from the carriage, and stooped down to give it the okay. Just at that moment a muscular spasm caused one of the dead pig's hind legs to shoot out and knock French flat on the back.

All three children of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mackenzie, of Memphis,

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Hampton and Vicinity

District friends of S. D. U. joined the large number present at convocation exercises of this University, on May 24, when 34 students received well-merited degrees.

P. W. College students from this and merging districts anticipate, being present at the dinner at the Hotel Charlottetown on May 26, also at the convocation at P. W. C. on May 28, where Mr. W. R. Shaw will give the address.

Since the return of good travelling conditions, both on and off paved highways, it has been observed that the R.C.M.P. are effectively carrying out their duties in the checking of non-licensed car and truck drivers and remedying a situation which should not exist.

An enjoyable anniversary service culminated in a social hour's entertainment, and a luncheon, which exemplified the culinary arts of domestic science, among the lady members of Lorne Lodge, DeSable, was successfully carried out in the Lodge rooms at DeSable, on May 20.

Information has been received to the effect that a suitable monument is to be erected to the memory of the late Francis Lane, facing in an easterly direction at a point where the roads leading to Argyle Shore, and Charlottetown (via the Trans-Canada Highway) intersect, at DeSable, on a base to be erected almost directly in front of Shady Lawn Tourist Home, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cameron.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new fully-modern dwelling house being constructed for Mr. Floyd Waddell, in an ideal location, facing the Trans-Canada Highway, overlooking the village of Crapaud, under the supervision of Mr. Bruce Gamble, and his staff of workers, who have the contract for this home.

It is indeed pleasing to learn from an authentic source that Mesdames Catherine and Florence Ince have become recent purchasers of the residential property of Mrs. Winnifred Cameron, ideally situated facing the Trans-Canada Highway, and within convenient distance to churches, school, and village stores. Their many friends desire to convey best wishes for many years of peaceful and happy enjoyment of their future home.

University students attending Dalhousie, Mount Allison, U. N. B., and Horton Academy, are the present guests of their parents residing in this district, following the conclusion of another successful term. They include Mr. Richard Ferguson, Miss Dorothy Baxter, Mr. Ian MacQuarrie, and Miss Sarah MacQuarrie, and home for the week-end from P. W. College and the U. C. College, include the Misses MacPhail, Argyle Shore, Ruth Dunsford, South Melville, Ramona Sherren, Hampton, and the Misses Beulah Ferguson and Audrey Thomson of this district.

A message to relatives and friends from Mr. and Mrs. Clark Capwell, Kissimmee, Florida, U. S. A., where they have been

Tenn. — Timothy, Belinda, and Jacquelin — were born on January 11, exactly two years apart.

When a Charlottetown policeman arrested a youth for stealing and took him to his home before locking him up, the youth stole the officer's flashlight from the bathroom.

Sea-going trailers

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North River And Vicinity

Mrs. Hattie Ward of Hampshire, is a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital.

Misses Rena and Donna Yeo and Miss Ruth Hansen of Kingston were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Younker of the Jewell Road recently.

Mrs. Grant Willis, teacher at Kingston School, is home for the last few weeks through illness.

Mr. Crawford La Voie of the Jewell Road, was a recent visitor in the City.

On May 15, Mr. Whitfield Yeo had the misfortune of falling off a load of hay and getting very badly hurt. He was taken quickly to the P. E. I. Hospital by ambulance.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ward of Hampshire, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jewell.

Master Ronnie Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Ford of Harrington, are sorry to hear he is confined to his bed with virus pneumonia and all hope for his speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald and family were recent visitors at North River.

Mr. Edmund Vickerson who has been spending a few days with his nephew, Mr. Fred Jewell has returned to his home in Cornwall.

Miss Mae Yeo of Charlottetown, was a week-end visitor at the

Native Islander Dies In Everett, Mass.

Funeral services took place in Everett Mass., May 5, for Thomas McCarville, 81, Mr. McCarville, a retired carpenter and Everett resident for 40 years, died Saturday after a brief illness.

Mr. McCarville, a native of Prince Edward Island, was born in March, 1873. He was a member of the Holy Name Society and Franklin Lodge, New England Order of Protection, both in Everett.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Margaret E. (Kelley); four sons, two daughters, ten grandchildren and a brother. Three of his children Robert and Charles' and Mrs. William O'Keefe, reside in Everett.

The others are James of West Newbury, Peter of Dorchester and Mrs. George Murphy of Reading His brother, Dr. Raymond McCarville, makes his home in Waterloo Ontario.

THIEVES CAROUSE

SALISBURY, England, (CP) — Detectives found that thieves at Clarendon Park House drank whisky on the lawn before escaping with antiques worth £600.

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