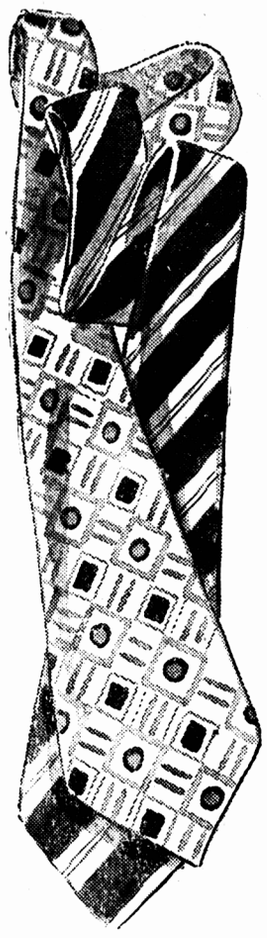
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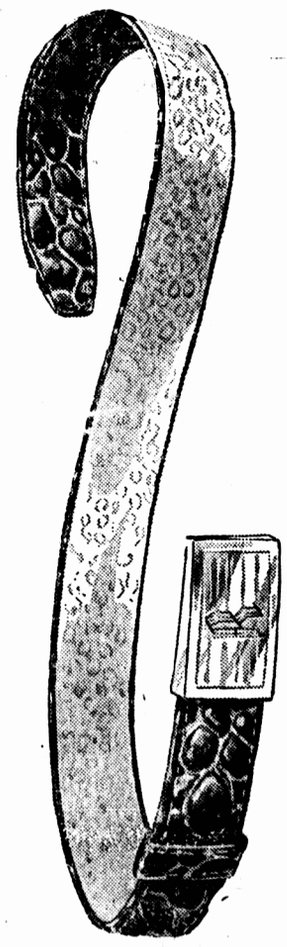


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## $60,000 For Performer Of Rope Trick

By RONALD BEDFORD

LONDON, Dec. 3 — (Reuters) — Can you do the Indian rope trick?

If you can do it well enough to convince the National Association of Magical Societies, there's £15,000 ($60,000) waiting for you.

This was disclosed today in an exclusive interview with Maj. Jaspar Maskelyne, head of the world-famous family of magicians, who said he was prepared to donate £10,000 of that reward.

If you can't do it but are willing to try, perish the thought. Maj. Maskelyne, who said the reward would not be given unless the trick is done "properly," gave this account of what "properly" meant:

"The rope must stand up, the boy must be sent aloft, the man must follow him up the rope, chop the boy to pieces, return to the ground with the bloodstained knife after throwing down the boy's dismembered body, and he must produce the boy alive, well and smiling before I hand over my share of the reward."

"The Indian rope trick is a fable," he said. "Both my father and my grandfather sent men to India, and provided them with plenty of money, to find out how the trick was done. The men spent two years in all in India but no one came forward to demonstrate the trick."

The National Association of Magicians Societies stipulates that the rope must be thrown 13 feet into the air and remain motionless before the boy is sent aloft. Quite a few people have tried in the past to perform the Indian rope trick and claim rewards. Canadians, Americans, South Africans and Indians — all came forward in 1934 to claim a reward offered then by the Magical Society.

Dr. Alexander Cannon, well-known psychologist, claims the trick is mass hypnotism, certain conditions of light and temperature being necessary to render the person right for hypnotizing.

## Credit Rain-making Machine With Success

REGINA, Dec. 3 — (CP) — Some drought-weary farmers in the southwest corner of Saskatchewan believe that the "rain-making" machine operated by 33-year-old Donald Johnston of Regina, was responsible for the record-breaking rains which nurtured the bumper 1942 crop.

Just across the border, east of Medicine Hat, Alta., in a similar, traditionally-dry wheatland section, 10 farmers last July paid the Lancashire-born handyman's expenses to bring the foot-square machine there. But Johnston claims "it was too late in the season to do any good and results were not much."

Today, the slight, unmarried army veteran and former art student is overhauling the machine he first put together in 1937 and has been perfecting since, getting it ready for next spring.

He says that if given facilities to operate it in various parts of the prairies, he can banish drought, bringing rain with the "instrument's greatly multiplied power of gravitational-attraction to the moon's influence."

After three years in the Army in Canada and Newfoundland, and a late start last season, Johnston is anxious to begin work with the machine early next Spring when a "greater effort will be made providing sufficient funds and interest are forthcoming."

## To Encourage Teacher Exchange

OTTAWA, Dec. 4. — Mr. B. O. Filteau, President of the Canadian Education Association, announced today that teachers of Canada who take exchange positions in other provinces for the 1947-48 school year will receive bursaries to help defray their travelling expenses. In recognition of the value of teacher exchange as a force for Canadian unity, Imperial Oil Ltd., has donated $2500 to provide 50 such bursaries. Teacher Exchange arrangements are made by an inter-provincial committee of the Canadian Education Association, the members of which are exchange officers in the various provincial departments of education.

For the present school year fifty Canadian teachers are on exchange in other provinces. Arrangements are now being made for exchange during 1947—48, and it is expected that the number will be considerably larger.

This year the Canadian Education Association is also co-operating with the League of Empire to look after teacher exchange arrangements between the provinces of Canada and the United Kingdom. It is anticipated that some twenty to thiry such exchanges will be arranged for the year 1947-48.

## Germany, Japan Not To Be Invited To 1948 Olympics

By BILL MACKLIN

LONDON, Dec. 3 — (AP) — The organizing committee for the 1948 Olympics declared tonight that reports that Germany and Japan had been considered for invitations to the London games were "unauthorized."

"Any statements which have appeared in the press to the effect that Germany and Japan have or will be invited to participate in the 1948 Olympic games are unauthorized," the committee said in a prepared statement.

"The invitations to participate in the games are sent out by the organizing committee on behalf of the international Olympic committee. The list of nations to be invited has not yet been fully decided and the invitations will not be sent until early in the new year."

The committee's statements did not lock the door to the two former enemy countries but it has generally been considered doubtful here that they would get an invitation so soon after the war.

There has been no speculation in the London press that they would, or would not, get a bid, but a spokesman for the Olympic committee said he understood such reports have appeared in the United States, where erstwhile enemy countries have had backers.

Former satellite countries of Nazis—such as Finland, Hungary and Italy — have been virtually restored to their pre-war status in amateur athletic circles in Europe, but the Germans remain persona non grata.

## Yeah! Hockey is Evocative & Mesmeric

By JACK SULLIVAN
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Dec. 3 — (CP)—Some people may snicker at the idea hockey is "the poetry of sport, an art, evocative and mesmeric;" or that the puck, "that merry wanderer of the ice," could have "a restless evening." Mark down their buffoonery to lack of artistic appreciation for Canada's great game.

For proof to show such Doubting Thomases, submit this account of the Britain-Germany game in the first round of the European and World championships at London's Wembley Stadium Feb. 17, 1937. It was written by the special representative of the old London Morning Post.

"Under the arcs we saw the puck flashing from zone to zone, flitting across the icy surface like a shadow skimming the high moors in summer.

"Your ice-hockey player, remember, does not move like any normal man; he pounces, hurtles, dives; he flickers and he spins. Sticks clatter, skates rasp, ice-chips whirl like flying spume. There is a glitter-and-flash-and scurry, a tempo ever-quickening, excitement ever-mounting."

And so he went on:—

"Have you seen a film many times accelerated? Have you watched a swooping gull or the russet-pated choughs' that 'madly sweep the sky?' Have you been stirred by Kipling's 'East Wind':—

" 'The reeling junks behind me and the racing seas before,

" 'I raped your richest roadstead —I plundered Singapore...'

"Instinctively one thought of these things while the puck sped across the Wembley ice and the players swept toward the goal. Here, indeed, is the poetry of sport."

**And Then Dickens**

Getting impatient for Pickwick?

"As the crowd shouted for Mr. Quade and Mr. Davey (probably Canadian players on Britain's team) and their fellow-skaters, English and German, one remembered Mr. Pickwick and his 'excessive satisfaction' at those 'pleasant and astonishing devices' on the pond at Dingley Dell.

"Here were players converting their legs into compasses, exercising themselves 'in a very masterly and brilliant manner,' performing feat after feat that would have left Bob Sawyer standing."

The special representative was a trifle annoyed at people who call "ice-hockey" a game.

"Never was understatement more gross," he wrote. "This is an art, evocative and mesmeric."

Perhaps your doubting friend now is impatient about the score?

Well, the special representative didn't say, exactly. He noted, though, that "six times...the puck found a haven in the German net" and "at 10 o'clock Wembley cheered a British win..."

Sorry, we can't say how victory was achieved. The special representative was an honest fellow. He admitted that "experts—men who can control the lightning—must say how Britain won; a novice is dazed."


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## Join Clamor Against F.D.R. Memorial Design

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 3 — Marjorie Lawrence, Metropolitan Opera star who like the late President Roosevelt conquered infantile paralysis, and Augustus John, famous British portrait painter, joined today the swelling chorus of disapproval of plans for Britain's memorial to the late President—showing him standing.

"I feel he (Roosevelt) would be greatly distressed at the proposed standing statue," said Miss Lawrence in a letter to The Times of London.

Mr. John, in another letter to The Times, said he wished to "register my strong disapproval" of the project to show Roosevelt standing.

He endorsed a suggestion that the money subscribed for the monument — about £50,000 ($200,000)—be devoted to research in infantile paralysis, adding that "as an artist this alternative would have my hearty support."

**WOMEN FROM KRAALS DO FINE BEAD WORK**

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 4 —(CP) —Because of their natural artistic temperament, native women from the kraals and native reserves of South Africa are being employed in several Johannesburg dress factories to do the bead-work on dresses. If they can get them, the factories take women of the Zulu, Fingoe and Xosa tribes, whose bead-work has a fine reputation throughout the country.

The manager of a large Johannesburg factory said that in one of his workshops alone 45 native women are kept busy all the time on beadwork. The patterns are devised by Europeans but it is left to the native women entirely to put them on the dresses.

"Dress buyers from abroad have told me that the beadwork on South African garments is far superior to that of any other country," the manager said. "I ascribe South African superiority in this respect to the unskilled native woman worker who is artistic by instinct."

There is a keen demand from Britain and the Continent for dresses "made in South Africa" but the demand in South Africa itself is so great that export has been forbidden.

The manager of one large clothing factory said he had an open order from a Scandinavian dealer which would in itself take at least three years to complete, if he were allowed to export. He felt the export ban was fully justified, but that it might be relaxed just a little to allow South Africa to gain a footing in the world market.

This manufacturer says that although a fair number of womens' clothes are being imported from Britain and America, South African women are beginning to show a preference for South African made clothes. "South African clothes designers no longer find it necessary to copy Paris or London styles. We have developed our own fashions to harmonize with our particular climate and other general conditions prevailing in our country."

The manufacturer said South African women preferred "solid" garments to "showy" ones, and that local designers were therefore concentrating on simple durable garments "which nevertheless include the elements of smartness and sophistication."

**CHILD CENTRE SEEKS HOMES FOR CHILDREN**

MONTREAL, Dec. 4 —(CP) — Faced with eviction from their premises on east-end Ontario street, directors of the Children's Receiving Centre have issued a plea requesting foster parents to accept one or more of the 24 children remaining in the home.

Board will be paid for each child accepted until it can return to its parents or be taken into a new building directors hope to find shortly.

The 10-year-old centre, an affiliate of Welfare Federation, acts as a clearing house for youngsters to be adopted or placed in foster homes.

Designed to hold the centre's work together until new premises are found, a system whereby foster homes will be subsidized is being worked out.

This will include payment of a $50 monthly retainer fee to private families on the understanding they will accept the care of one or more children when their home is needed. An additional $24 monthly board will be paid for each child as long as it remains.

GREENWICH, England — (CP) Sir Geoffrey Callender, director of the National Maritime Museum here, died, aged 71.

WADHURST, Sussex, England — (CP)— Rear Admiral Cosmo Moray Graham, 59, one of the Royal Navy's flying pioneers, has died.

**PUBLIC HEALTH ENEMIES**

There are more ways of being a public enemy than pointing a gun or running amok with an automobile, according to health authorities. The Department of National Health and Welfare brands as a menace to society the person who fails to ensure his or her own isolation when suffering from a contagious ailment, or who is careless about seeking treatment and advice leading to a cure for the ailment.

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