

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Now they have it! An electric brain built for the United States army ballistics-research laboratory at Aberdeen, Maryland.

In 1/1000 of a second it can multiply a pair of numbers each containing 12 figures. It can do 1,000 additions per second. In five hours it can do calculations that would require half a century for a chap using an ordinary adding machine.

That strange yellow substance used by war-whooping Indians back in the days when they wished to scare the daylight out of their enemies is now called Carnotite. When refined this carnotite ore becomes Uranium.

The ore used to be mined for the vanadium and radium it contained, with uranium as a by-product. The radium was the principal prize so far as the white man was concerned.

The Colorado Plateau actually daubed their faces with the gold ore when they set out on their warpath. Why? Well, it gave their faces hideous streaks that would terrify their enemies.

Army officials say that one in every 100 enlisted men bears a phony name. Fingerprints tell the story.

This one will work 24 hours a day!

A robot secretary that is almost human is being offered executives by an office equipment firm in England. Confined in a comparatively small metal cabinet, it can speak, hear, think and remember.

When the boss goes out, he switches on the gadget first. Instead of no answer persons phoning the office get the mechanical man. "Your message will be recorded. Wait. Please speak now."

For out and out eating a walrus can beat anything alive for its size. The daily amount of food consumed runs about like this: 12 herrings, 100 smelts, 8 large eels, 6 salmon and 3 dry sea trout, and an unknown quantity of eel grass.

Should you happen to see your name among those listed for income tax returns, better call up the office and find out just how much is coming to you, before starting out to collect. Why? Well, a resident of Buffalo, N.Y., saw his name in a newspaper and hurried to the income tax office.

He joyfully refunded him one cent after he'd paid a tax fine of fifty cents.

Mah has invented a lot of worthwhile things since the Greeks believed that each day, when the dawn had opened the purple gates of night in the east, the sun-god sent out his golden chariot across the sky. But man cannot begin to match nature in her countless wonders.

The early people made up stories to explain to themselves as best they could, the things they did not understand. That's exactly what our scientists are doing today.

Married couples are the ones that buy and build homes. So it becomes apparent to even a casual observer that by increasing the marriage rate, everyone will benefit, that is, up to a certain point.

An ordinance recently enacted in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., forbids any family in the city to have more than two cats.

Small things have frequently made fortunes for their promoters. Hot dogs have made Frank Gardy, of Georgia, a modest fortune.

Gardy operates the world's largest drive-in restaurant and 3,500 hot-dogs goes over his grill daily. The dogs go over a conveyor belt system, which, incidentally, is his own invention. Gardy has been in business since 1928 and is not apt to peter out so long as there are hungry students to consume his hot dogs.

The whole idea stemmed from Gardy's cry that students had to pay too much for their extra snacks.

According to Pvt. Geoffrey Winterringham of Sydney, Australia, the Reds are poor shots. He weighs 308 pounds so his view appears sound enough.

While he was digging a grave, John Galner, 73, of Pontiac, Mich., fell dead of a heart attack.

One never knows when a startling story will come out of India, Africa or China. This time it's India and it has to do with Prime Minister Nehru and a holy man called Prabhu Dutt Brahmachari.

The latter is a speechless, bearded politician who vies with the Prime Minister for a seat in Parliament. Sounds fantastic but this holy person presides over mass meetings and silently receives the homage and applause of his followers while a robed lieutenant did the talking for him.

The silent figure is opposed to the Hindu Code bill which, if passed, would grant to women of India, rights women in other parts of the world have long enjoyed.

This was a crazy winter, but we are living in a crazy world and can expect almost anything.

SOUTH WINSLOE W. I.

The monthly meeting of South Winsloe W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. H. Desmond with Mrs. J. R. Skinner presiding in the absence of the President.

The meeting opened by singing the Institute "Ode" and repeating the "Creed" in unison and minutes were read and approved. Roll call was responded to by six members and there were two visitors present.

It was moved and seconded to buy two urns for the cemetery and Mrs. E. Hughes offered to attend to same. The school committee gave a report on the costumes for the Rhythm Band and it was moved and seconded that this bill be paid.

Other essentials. Each family in the community is to be invited. Collection amounted to 67 cents. Mrs. H. Diamond reported \$16.60 forwarded to Salvation Army, collected by Shirley and on motion a vote of thanks was extended to Shirley for her efforts.

An exchange of slips and seeds followed and the meeting then adjourned. Lunch was served and a social hour spent.

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa., July 9 — (AP) — Cartoonist W. Kemp Starrett, 62, who drew the feature "Vignettes of Life," which for many years appeared in newspapers in the United States and Canada, died today.

BURGESS BEDTIME

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suddenly ceased. Bowser had reached the place where Reddy had jumped to the stump. Of course there was no trail.

Bowser whined. Feddy could hear him sniff here and sniff there, searching for that lost scent. It was quite a while before Bowser's deep voice rang out again. "He's found it," thought Reddy, and grinned again. "I knew he would. He knows that old trick. He just hunted around in a big circle un-

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ill he found where I landed on stump. This is fun! I wonder what the ground from the top of that trick I better try next."

ELECTION CHIEF

Nelson Casanguay, 35, is Nelson Casanguay's chief electoral officer, following in the footsteps of his distinguished father, Jules Casanguay. Nelson was executive assistant to his father for a number of years prior to the latter's retirement in 1949 at 67 because of ill-health.

SOUTH MILTON W. I.

The monthly meeting of South Milton W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. N. D. MacLean with fifteen members and two visitors present. The treasurer reported that the proceeds from the cake sale were \$36.64 and the collection for Red Cross amounted to \$28.00 from the district.

The sick committee had made two calls and taken fruit to the sick and the Red Cross convenor had passed in four pairs of pants, 1 pair overalls, 3 pullovers, 2 pairs of boots, 1 pair ankle socks, 1 dress, and 2 blouses during the month.

Plans for the District Convention at Parkdale were finalized and the two delegates, appointed to attend the annual convention were Mrs. Stanley Proutie and Mrs. Neil MacNeill. Two dollars was voted for a treat for the school children at the closing and a committee with Mrs. Piercey as convenor was asked to purchase the W. I. school prizes. An appeal for funds for "Sunset Lodge" was read and canvassers were appointed.

Mrs. Robert Hooper invited the July meeting to her home, the refreshment committee being Miss Addie Moore, Mrs. W. L. Coles and Mrs. White.

At the close of the business period the guests, Miss Pheobe Gray of Saskatchewan and Miss Noreen Sexton of Australia, who have spent the past two years travelling and working in different countries of Europe, told some interesting stories of their experiences.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and committee and the meeting closed with "The Queen."

BODY IDENTIFIED

HULL, Que., July 8 — (CP) — The body of a girl found today in the Ottawa River has been identified as that of Therese Arvaisais, 22, of nearby Aylmer, Que., who jumped to her death last New Year's Day from one of the bridges linking Ottawa and Hull. A sister of the dead girl identified the body, which was found at nearby Gatineau Mills.

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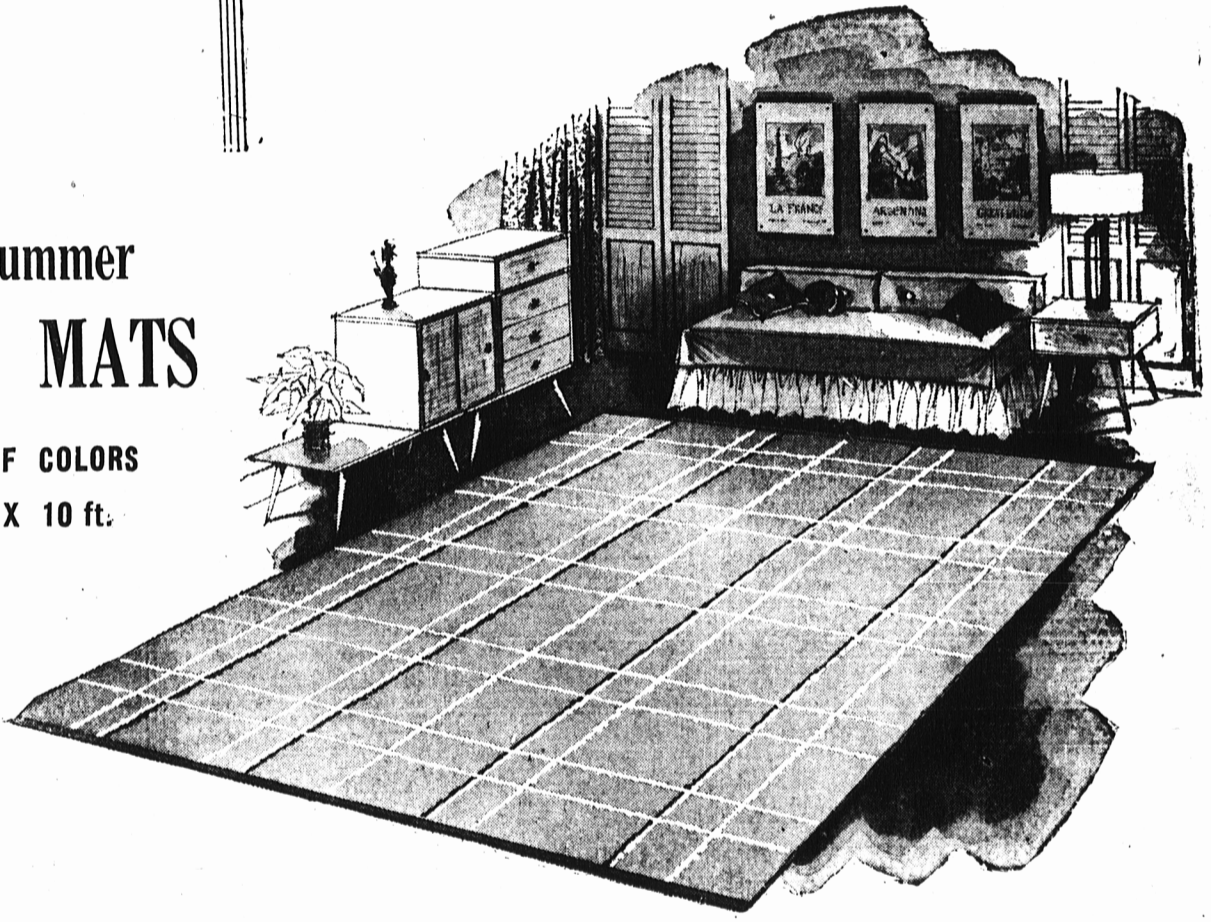
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