

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Believe it or not, but in Finland taxes go down as the tax payer grows older.

If present plans go according to a schedule set by the Council of Christian Churches, 5,000 Bibles will drop behind the Iron Curtain from helium balloons released just outside of the city of Berlin.

The non-denominational chapel built on the island of Manus is entirely made of beer bottles emptied by soldiers of Australia and the U.S.A. during the war years.

According to a study conducted over a period of years by psychologists in the University of California, little girls learn to tell lies earlier than little boys do. Girls start fabricating when only four years of age, boys achieve this dubious talent some two years later.

The first race horses were so small and weak that they were not ridden on horse back. They pulled light vehicles around the course with the drivers standing in them. This was in pre-Christian days. By the time racing became a top sport in Europe, thoroughbreds had been developed so that they were strong enough to support the weight of a driver on their backs.

We know that the earth goes around but who can tell us how it got started in the first place? It has recently been discovered that the atmosphere of Mars contains no poisonous gases. Well, that's encouraging for those who hope to make future flights to the land of Mars.

The average Canadian woman 25 to 30 years old weighs about 132 pounds—and wishes she were not so beefy.

It is not true that President Andrew Jackson was the father of an Indian child. But the president adopted an Indian boy whom

he brought up as his own son. Stenographers not only read more than their bosses but many of them know more than their bosses do.

The following essay written by a Prince County school boy gives us the low down on what he thinks of the Micmac Indians of this Province.

"Indians is folk who lived on this Island before the whites came. They have a second name which they call 'Micmacs'. Indians don't make much money because they don't care anything about money. They drink a strange drink called 'firewater' and loves it to the last drop, which sounds to me like a big lie because my Dad says it's not stuff, only fit for pigs. Our government should put the ones that sell firewater in jail because when a Micmac gets drunken he gets ugly and wants to scarp every white boy and girl he meets.

"Micmacs is very religious when they is at church. Other times they is not religious at all. They has many kids, and traces of their descent back to the Great Spirit himself. One Indian, named Knockwood, said his forefathers was in the ark with another redskin named Sark.

"Indian boys and girls is all brought up in wigwams which are healthy homes because they flies in the air and lets out the flies. 'If you wishes to live at peace with an Indian you must not refuse to smoke his pipe of peace. 'I have not seen many Indians myself, which is pretty well because I am scared stiff of seeing them. If you wants to live a happy life, and wants your name to live after you, don't have nothing at all to do with Indians."

That's a pretty good essay for a seven-year-old boy even if he did miss some of the facts. And it reminds me of the time when I was about the same age and returning home from Cornwall school all by my lonesome. When I came to Kellow's bridge I saw a couple of Indians climbing the steep bank, their arms full of material for making baskets and

axe handles. Each of them carried in his belt a long knife and a hatchet. Horror of horrors! I froze in my footsteps. My thoughts ran to scarping and other atrocious stories I'd heard the older pupils reading about in their history books.

By this time the Micmacs had reached the bridge and cut off as I thought, any attempt I might make to reach the safety of my home. The larger of the two men smiled broadly when he observed that I was really scared. Then he said, "Has your mother any buttermilk?" I said, "Yes, sir. Mother always has buttermilk in the cellar. Want me to get - m - e - some?"

"Sure"—he grinned, and the flash of his white teeth made me shiver all over again. "Run home as quick as you can and bring us back some buttermilk. That's a good boy."

He need not have wasted his breath telling me to run home, for no sooner had I got safely past the bridge than I raced to the home port on winged feet.

"What's all that puffing and blowing about?" said mother as I bounced into the kitchen. "It's the Indians mother," I sobbed. "The red men are after me with knives and hatchets and—"

"Nonsense," said mother. "You are having a day dream, child. Those Indians down there by the brook wouldn't harm you. They are only cutting wood for their baskets and axehandles."

"Maybe so," I said. "But you'll never get me to carry them any buttermilk," and she didn't.

GOES ON TRIAL

ISERLOHN, Germany, (CP) — Pte. George Mitchell of Winnipeg pleaded not guilty Monday before a Canadian Army general court martial on a murder charge in the fatal stabbing of a German widow, Mitchell, 22, of the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, was charged with the murder of Elisabeth Stieling, 56, who was slain while returning to her home from a Bible meeting.

Industrial Trend Hits Nfld. Coastal Areas

(By Stewart MacLeod) — (Canadian Press Staff Writer) ST. JOHN'S Nfld. (CP) — The present so-called "industrial revolution" in Newfoundland is resulting in many of the tiny coastal settlements and fishing villages facing desertion.

Hundreds of settlements occupied by the cod fishermen for many years now are lonely and almost empty. Tiny islands where house lights blinked assurance to off-shore coastal vessels are dark and bleak.

In many cases villagers have taken everything with them, even their houses, leaving the coastline almost as John Cabot found it in 1497. Only cellars remain where houses once stood.

Fishermen and their families are beaching their dories in favor of factory employment, along with security benefits, roads, modern schools and washing-machines.

The movement is having a rebounding effect on the province in general. When Newfoundland entered the Canadian Confederation in 1949, there were 1,300 settlements in Newfoundland. Today there are about 900. On the other hand, incorporated towns have

multiplied from 18 to 40. A boat trip around the coast, followed by an inland tour by car and train, gives a picture of Newfoundland's past, present and future.

From the boat, although many outposts remain, hundreds of deserted settlements may be seen. On islands perhaps only a mile or two offshore, stand schools and churches with roofs sagging and steeples leaning. Grass grows through many floors. Doors are rusty and stuck. Pews once filled with churchgoers, break when touched. A stained-glass window, once the pride of the community, can be seen only through improvised wooden shutters.

Houses, if any remain, are gradually being beaten to the ground, and boat and fish houses, which withstood crashing Atlantic waves for years, have given up the battle. Timbers and shingles drift along the shoreline.

Where hunters and fishermen clobbered through thick forest a few years ago, stand towns. If these men were to kneel by the same spring they drank from three years ago, they would probably hit their head on a fire hydrant.

Sheds Monk's Habit, Returns To RAF

LONDON (AP) — A Battle of Britain ace has shed the monk's habit he wore for four years to return to the Royal Air Force as a jet pilot.

Sqdn. Ldr. Michael Hugh Constable has been given command of a crack Venom night fighter squadron in eastern England, the air ministry said Friday.

The 36-year-old cousin of the Duke of Norfolk entered the Roman Catholic Ampleforth abbey in Yorkshire in 1949 but left just before taking his final vows.

The stream they flared is spanned with concrete bridges, and the hunters' abode, the meadow, is being used as an airport.

In the old camping spot citizens are gathering to cast their votes in the municipal election.

Majority of these new towns are ultra modern. New ranch-styled homes are built close to the town's industry. They are equipped with modern appliances, many with built-in garages.

The people themselves have mixed feelings about the new life. Some love it, but there are many former fishermen, with salt in their blood, who would trade it all for a trusty dory and lots of bait.

Hydrogen Bomb Tests Slated Soon In Pacific

(By Roy Essayan) HONOLULU (AP) — Preparations for the coming hydrogen bomb test series in the Pacific are nearing a climax, according to indications in this strategic mid-ocean staging area.

But there is no indication that any of the planned series of tests has actually started.

A recent rash of Pacific area earthquakes prompted speculation that an H-bomb already has been exploded but seismologists flatly deny the possibility of any such connection. They say the biggest bomb yet devised by man is still a peanut compared with the eruptions of nature.

The tests, which will include the first trial of an actual combat-designed hydrogen bomb, are expected in two or three weeks.

Alvin Graves, director of the 1954 tests at the Marshall Islands atomic proving grounds, passed through Honolulu two weeks ago and is presumably in the test area now.

Commander Leaves Maj.-Gen. Percy W. Clarkson, commanding officer of the atomic

task force, left Honolulu a month ago, presumably for the Marshall Islands, and returned last week. Two days later he left again, in the same direction.

An informant at an engineering and contracting firm which supplies men and material for the atomic tests said the movement of construction personnel to the test area is about over.

The weather bureau provides a hint that the tests are still two or three weeks off at best. Prevailing winds through February blow west to east across the Pacific and could carry dangerous atomic dust clouds to Hawaii and the United States.

SAVE FAMILIES

TORONTO (CP) — Two husbands saved their families Monday when they were overcome by coal gas in North Toronto suburban homes. All recovered fully. J. Dickenson threw open windows and called the fire department when he found his wife and three children unconscious. Norman Glover dragged his wife and son from a washroom and opened all the windows before calling firemen.

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Men are needed to train as surveyors. The Army will teach you how to use theodolites, alidade rules, levels and other equipment vital to Canada's modern Army. You will assist in the production of information to permit artillery guns to fire together, to provide effective bombardment of enemy positions. You will operate field radar sets. You will be trained in theory of modern survey, sound ranging and radar location.



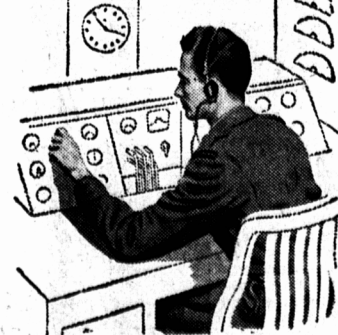
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If you are interested in electricity, here is the chance you have been waiting for. The Army will teach you to be an Electrician or Electrical Mechanic. You will learn how to install and maintain lighting and power circuits — to inspect, test, repair and overhaul all types of electrical equipment — prepare plans and estimates for construction material. You will be trained to inspect, adjust and repair vehicle electrical equipment and ignition systems.



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Many doctor's and dentist's assistants are needed to help provide medical and dental care for Canada's Armed Forces. You can help provide this care by applying for one of these jobs. Doctor's assistants will be trained as X-ray technicians, operating room assistants, lab assistants, and to do many other interesting jobs. Dentist's assistants will be trained as dental technicians, dental equipment repairmen, instrument repairmen, and X-ray technicians, among other valuable jobs.



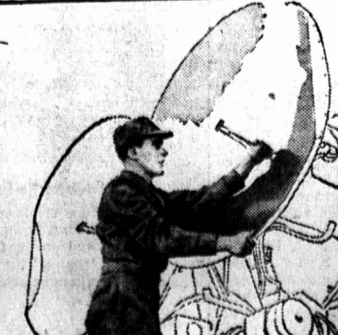
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You can obtain a job in the Army as a Technical Assistant. You will be taught to use slide rules, graphs, range finders and artillery boards. You will work with artillery officers at Observation and Command Posts in preparing and issuing fire orders to artillery. You will interpret Air Photographs. You will be trained in all aspects of technical gunnery. You will learn to operate modern radio and telephone equipment.



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OUR BOARDING HOUSE Major Hoople

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