

Asked if he didn't want to go to Heaven when he died the cynical gent replied that it didn't matter much to him; he'd probably find plenty of friends in both places. alian Government has apparently been trying to adopt and the Arabs, and was somewhat

When four Italian fighter planes were destroyed by a mysteriou explosion on a Northern Italian airfield a Government agency quick jumped 'a with the explanation that was the work of Communists Later it was discovered that the blasting had been done by a specia branch of the Israeli army Hagan ah, whose duty it is to see that weapons of war do not reach Arab countries. For these four planes, as well as an unspecified number deal by which Rome was to send arms to Egypt in return for Egyptan cotton greatly needed by Italian

Such a deal is, of course, a flagrant violation of Italy's promise t the United Nations that it would abide by that organization's ban on aid to either side in Palestine. I is also a deal calculated to greatly annoy the Israeli Government, with which Rome had strong hopes of building up a highly profitable Besides that, it is not likely to increase friendly feelings toward Italy among the very powerful pro-Jewish section of the United States

Actually, this doing business with Egypt is nothing more than what has been going on for many months that arms and men have been quietly flowing in a steady stream from or through Italy to Palestine for some time. As one observer puts it, "Having earned a reputation for generosity where the Jews were concerned, Rome apparently felt it wise to even the balance a mite by stepping in officially with aid to the Arabs, especially since this was

Still, there must have been red faces in Rome-and not from the

The United States

Of course these Popular Opinion polls and National Surveys can sometimes go astray, just like the rest of us. There was, for instance, the famous Literary Digest foreeast of a Presidential election which proved to be so far off the target that the magazine had to fold

shortly after. But when fifty-one members of the National Press Club at Washington vote almost unanimously as to how the coming election will result, it should really mean something, as these top-ranking news hounds have been called, probably rightly, "the nation's leading poli-

who will win the 1948 Pre election the voting was; Thomas E. Dewey - 50

Harry S. Truman - 1 The prediction thus made was re gardless of personal choice as only of the correspondents felt that Dewey's election would be in the hest interests of the nation, favoring Truman, one Thurmond, Wallace, while 5 were un-

The different factors seen as most likely to influence the outcome were listed as follows; General desire for a change after 16 years of Democratic rule. A feeling that President Truman doesn't measure up to the job. Break-up of the Democratic party which is bound to suffer some losses to Wallace and Thurmond. High prices and inflation.

The critical world situation. Too many communists and fellowtravellers in the Government.

So it looks very much as though the curtains were coming down for Truman, whose personal popularity with the electors is great, but who just doesn't seem to have what it takes to win. As an observer of one of his western rallies remarked, "From the reception he got it appeared as though the folks here were willing to give Harry Truman anything he wanted - except the Presidency of the United States."

Still now I come to think of it, fifty-to-one shots occasionally come off, in elections as well as on the race track. But before any of you start trying to get a little wager up at such juicy odds, there's one thing I neglected to tell you about that opinion poll. The one vote cast for President Truman was that of man who, because of his official position, is a lifetime member of the National Press Club. His name is Harry S. Truman.

The aloe plant, used today for treatment of X-ray burns, was once used for its medical properties by

North American Indians.



and Mrs. Clifford Lane bicycled almost 1200 miles in less than two weeks, carrying their own tourist accommodation, sleeping in blanket bags and doing most of their own cooking. Here "camps" their trusty two-wheeled "steeds" not far away.

places! .

'Still, courage brethren! All might

not yet be lost. Even although foot-

ball in Toronto is a serious business

enough, hockey -- National League Hockey, that is -- is nothing less

than life itself. And wasn't Satur-

day night going to mark the open-

wouldn't General Crerar be there

to hand over the Stanley Cup, won

for the second straight time by the

doughty warriors who battle under

No wonder Maple Leaf Gardens

was jammed to the roof with fans

some Balm in Gilead to smear over

their wounds and bruises. No won-

der that, from the Bay to Hogg's

deed. But we greatly doubt if it

the "Black Saturday" which befell

the sports-minded citizens of the

Queen City in the month of Octo-

So small wonder if a stranger,

chancing to walk through the

streets the morning after, might

stricken by plague or other disas-

ter. Whether fittingly or not, Tor-

by people living elsewhere in the Dominion—the appellation "Hog-

town". Take it from those who

know, friends, that Sunday its citi-

zens weren't eating nearly as high

REG'LAR FELLERS-Washed-up Racket

on the hog as usual.

ber, A.D., 1948.

could come even close to matching

the banner of the Maple Leaf?

Now it is well known to one and all that the fair city of Toronto en-Kingstonites hadn't won a game on joys a world-wide reputation as a that sacred sward since away back in 1939, and the early tidings had grand place to be on a Sunday — that is, if you happen to like your it that the Varsity boys were push-Sundays serene, peaceful and al-most undisturbed by sight or sound it that the Varsity boys were push-ing the visitors around at will, com-pleting forward passes with gay abandon and scoring four first downs to every one their rivals were of human activity. One of the oldest topical jokes in vaudeville-surefire to raise roars of laughter in places such as Hamilton and Mon treal-was the one where the stooge would ask the comic if he knew the Ontario capital.

"Sure thing, I know Toronto very well," was the mirth-provoking reply. "Why, I spent a whole month there one Sunday."

But even those of you who may think you are well acquainted with the deep Sabbatical calm of the metropolis that is washed, theoretically, by the waters of the limpid Humber and the crystalline Don, might have got quite a shock had you strolled through its streets last Sunday morning.

A pall of extra-funereal gloom hung over the thoroughfares. The few citizens who had ventured out could be seen passing one another with lowered glances and averted faces. Even the pigeons that parade up the middle of Yonge Street—fondly yearning, we take it, for the return of the cavalry—seemed to be decidely on the limp and wear an air of extra dejection. A stranger might have thought that World war Three had broken out or even miscount at Ottawa giving John Diefenbaker the Conservative lead-

Hollow and from High Park to the ership over our own George Drew. Why all this grief and unhappiness? you ask. What tragedy had tell of the final victory of right, justice and clean living over the forces of iniquity. Final score: Boston Bruins-4; Toronto Maple struck, what catastrophe had fallen on the once-proud denizens of Canada's second-first, if you don't drugstores closed by then, so that count the French-city? Not one of them, but three-three in a row! a man might have to walk miles before he could secure a lethal dose You've already heard of them, no doubt, but who are we that we of cyanide! should try and spare your feelings at a time like this? "If you have Away back in the 70's or 80's, tears to shed," as the ham in Julius New York City had its "Black Fri-day", described by historians as being a very gloomy occasion in-Caesar put it, "prepare to shed

them now." In the first place Toronto's famed Argonaut football team-remember them?-had taken a trip to Ottawa to joust with the Rough Riders. It is true that the Argos hadn't been so hot up to then. Their earlier games had been nothing to write home about and even on Thanksgiving Day a draw was the best they could extract out of the lowly Hamilton Wildcats. But, shucks, everybody knew what those Argonauts are. Great kidders, those boys! Slow to get going but-when the chips are down-still the team that could show them all where to

head in! From Lansdown Park came the word, falling on the citizenry with all the shock and impact of that atomic bomb dropping on Hirowhatever-itwas. Final Score: Rough Riders-41; Argonauts-6. Ah, woe

Bad as it was, however, there were still occasional rays of sun-shine piercing the clouds. Up at Varsity Stadium the Blue and White

is us!



Innocent Dupes Of Red Conspiracy

If a man or woman wishes to believe in Communism, he or she has a right to do so and to advocate it openly, and if the people stop there, they are within their rights; that, we understand, is tolerance. But a great many of our people wanted us to believe that merely disagreeing with Commun-ism somehow was an indication of lowly footballers from Queens. The a deficient character; that everyone ought to be friendly with Communists and that to proceed against them for any cause whatever-even for the commission of sabotage or murder was somehow an exhibition of

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10c Ernest Ave able to gain. Final score: Queens -8; Varsity-6. As they tottered to the nearest First Aid Stations distraught burghers could be heard quoting Omar Khayyam-"Another gan to associate with Communists and in some cases to make quite a and another cup to drown the memory of THAT impertinence." If it had been Western, now, or even fuss over them. McGill! But Queen's, of all created

Those people who thought that Communists were just advanced liberals who were terribly misunderstood because they were so far ahead of their time and who thought that Premier Stalin was a great humanitarian were not, in the vast were just stupid, and such of them as were in positions of responsibility probably did much more harm with ing of the new season? Wouldn't their stupidity than the few who there be the presentation of the Prince of Wales Trophy and were actually traitors.



"Why can't you be like other men, Dave, and not catch any

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bles \$25,000 to Sow 1,800 Idle Acres, Hopes for \$100,000 Return-For years 1800 acres of land, part of the Defense Indus area at Ajax, Ont., have been growing nothing but grass and weeds. Now Norman C. Taylor of Oshawa, Ont., proposes wheat, barley and oats, using western mass-production methods, and is investing a small fortune in the hopes of is money in one season. Taylor, a believer in the one-way disc as opposed to the mold-board plow, already has two tractor crews working day and night readying his rented property for spring planting.

won're NOT interested in I ties in the trees should be plugged don't bother to read further. | and larger ones screened to cut down the number of such hide-outs. Loose and rough bark should be removed from trunks and branches

ing regions by full bloom is a safe

In spring a band of chemically

treated corrugated paper, 2 to 4 inches wide, should be wrapped

around the smooth trunk of each

tree. (Bands treated with naptha-

lene may be purchased from deal-

larvae which leave their wintering

places in fallen fruit and head for

a place on the tree where they can spin a cocoon and start a family. The bands should be in place by

the time the first larvae are leaving

the fallen apples, usually some time

in June. They should be removed

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ou ARE interested in appleing, perhaps you know all this dy, so don't say you haven't arned. Anyway, Mr. Stew Chandler is a well-known logist who has just made by handscraping or by knocking off the bark with a spray gun (No. 8 chard records of 13 Illinois sure. Clean bark and other debris out of the tree crotches. This barkowers over a three - year ing-off may be done in fall or spring or even during the winter, but should be completed before the e says that spraying plus sanitamoths emerge. In most apple grow-

is the secret of producing clean, equality fruit and most of the tises he recommends are aimed educing the number of codlingh larvae. One thing that is of highest importance is to store baskets in a closed building r the apple harvest is in. They harbor codling-moth larvae; when they emerge in the spring that building many of them can back to the orchard, by a light mg over a pan of coal-oil or th an electric grill, placed in the

ks, large-stemmed weeds and r debris, which might furnish nes for the larvae, should be lected and burned.

During the fall, winter or spring on up the trees and reduce their hight, thus allowing for more trov any insects that might ating, pruned-out wood

runing make the cuts left by rough pruning, and that result from rooted make grand hide-outs for dling-moth larvae. Small cavi-



y themselves with pearl setting is in open ing on the light.

Sweet clover and other cover rops should be clipped before the stems get so big that they provide hiding places for larvae to spin cocoons. All apples showing signs of disease, rot or insect damage many of you. of disease, rot or insect damage hould be thinned out and destroyed. * * *

believe that sanitation is necessary though such insecticides have given | even worse.

they tend to increase the number of leaf-rollers and mites by destroying their natural enemies. Which should be enough about apples for the time being, except to say that

And just in case you're thinking of doing any repair work to roofs or anything else of the kind, it's that many apple-growers think that when DDT and other modern insectused now and then can be really for such orchard sanitation. Others | dangerous, as the rungs or sidebars may have rotted. Careful only in years of heavy codling moth infestation. This is a mistake. Alyou from an accident or something

With the Movie and Radio Folks

every time some famous figure-such as a big-name ath ete-takes find myself secretly hoping that he will forget what's supposed to be said. When the announcer asks him what brand of soap, shaving cream or breakfast food he uses, I can't help wondering just what would happen if a rival brand was

As a atter of fact I have an idea that somebody - maybe it was "Babe" Ruth, it would have been just 'ike him as he couldn't even remember the names of mer who had played on the same team with him for years—once did that very thing on some radio program. But I didn't happen to be listening and catch the "boner." worse luck.

Something-well, not of the same kind but along the same linesseems to have come up in television. Sponsor of the televising of the re-cent World Series baseball games was the Gillette Safety Razor Com-pany; and at Braves Field in Boston, every time a balt was hit toward left field there would come into view, on countless television sets, the advertising billboard of one of the sponsor's chief competitors, the Gem razor people. During the first game alone this happened no less than twenty times, which must have pleased Mr. Gem very much, although just what Mr. Gillette thought about it I haven't heard.

For those who liked "The Jolson Story"-and there were plenty of them, in fact I know one woman who saw it eight times-there's good news out of Hollywood. Larry Parks, who was having trouble over his contract, has settled matters and started rehearsals for the sequel, "Jolson Sings Again." Just as was

that of Jolson, not Parks. The rehearsals, which are conducted in Al's style and mannerisms of sing

Last week I said something about the Laurence Olivier screen version of "Hamlet" and wondered whether or not the public would "go" for such a gloomy and comparatively actionless opus. So far as New York is concerned, at least, I don't need to wonder any longer. While the Park Avenue Theatre, where it is showing, isn't playing to capacity at every performance, it's very close to it; and mail orders for reserved seats are being sold as far ahead as February. And they're saying it's planned to keep the show there for at least two years—which, in my humble opinion, will be a good trick, if they do it.

It appears that over in the States columnists such as Walter Winchell have been having themselves a fine time by printing the correct answers to the big-money questions on various quiz shows, the effect being that the jackpot is often won several weeks earlier than it normal-

This annoys those behind such programs no end, and Ralph Edwards of "Truth or Consequences" finally sent a wire to the columnists asking them to "lay off." He based his plea on the fact that their "Mr. and Mrs. Hush" con-test which started on October 2nd is for a charity-the mental health frive or some such. "We would like to have the contest last long enough to give the Drive enough funds to do a real job. Could we count on your not divulging the identity of Mr. and Mrs Hush to your readers when you have solved it yourself,"



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