

Marine Wins Biggest Prize In History Of Quiz Shows

NEW YORK (AP)—Marine Corps Capt. Richard McCutchen, the epicure and cookery whiz, has hit the jackpot on The \$64,000 Question—biggest prize in the history of radio and television.

The 28-year-old Leatherneck won the CBS television bonanza with an amazing knowledge of foods and wines.

His father, a retired Navy captain, served as aide-de-camp to the overseas veteran answered an extremely complicated question last night.

Experts figure roughly that McCutchen will be able to keep about \$3,000 of the prize after income taxes.

McCutchen, who has a wife and three small daughters, said the money will go "right in the bank."

He told newsmen, "I've got an idea of what I'm going to invest it in."

He said he will remain in the Marines.

McCutchen won by describing seven items of the menu served at a dinner given at Buckingham Palace March 21, 1933, for the French President, and his wife, Master of ceremonies Hal March named the dishes — soup, fish, vegetable, sauce, dessert — and two wines and called on McCutchen to describe them.

The young captain appeared confident in the soundproof booth on the TV studio stage. But he conferred several times in whispers with his father, Capt. John C. McCutchen.

McCutchen could have called it quits and walked off with the \$32,000 he had won step by step in four previous weekly appearances on the program. He had chosen food and cooking as his category at the start because they are his favorite hobby.

When the quizmaster asked what he had decided to do, McCutchen replied: "I've known my decision for a long time."

"I belong to a very proud organization, and the answer is 'go,'" he said.

The studio audience roared approval.

McCutchen thus became the first contestant to try the \$64,000 question. Three others reached \$32,000 and quit. If McCutchen had missed, he would have received an expensive automobile as a consolation prize.

McCutchen chose his father as counsel under the contest rule that anyone making a try for the grand prize may have the help of any expert he selects.

The young captain, who once flunked a Boy Scout second class cooking test, explained why he brought along his father at the crucial moment:

"The Marine Corps is ably supported by the Navy. I am no expert and I brought along no expert—but I do have an able adviser—so I brought my dad."

Another contestant on last night's program—a 70-year-old widowed grandmother—gave the correct answer to the \$16,000 question in her baseball category.

She is Mrs. Myrtle Power of Buford, Ga., who is living temporarily at Roslyn Heights on Long Island, where she is housekeeper.

Mrs. Power, a baseball fan since 1885, got over the \$16,000 hurdle by identifying Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Jimmy Fox, Al Simmons and Joe Cronin as the five sluggers who were struck out in succession by Carl Hubbell during the 1934 All-Star Game.

Mrs. Power can keep the \$16,000 she has won, or try next Tuesday night for the \$32,000 question.

McCutchen's description of the Buckingham dinner menu items was:

Consomme quenelle — "Consomme is a broth of either meat, fish or fowl stock. Quenelle is what is called a force meat, a meat, fish or fowl dumpling."

Filet de truite saumonée (fish) — "Truite saumonée is trout born, hatched in fresh water, which migrated to the sea and returned. Steamed, we call them in this country. Filet is a bonedless cut."

Sauce Maitaise, served with asparagus — "Maitaise is a Hollandaise sauce with orange juice and a little grange peel in it."

Petit pois a la Francaise (vegetable) — "Petit pois Francaise are little garden peas with onion chopped up, with sugar and butter."

Corbeille (dessert) — "Corbeille is a pure French word meaning either a basket of fruit or a basket of flowers, so let's say a basket of fruit."

Wines — Chateau Yquem and Madeira Sercial — "Chateau Yquem is a sweet dessert wine from the Bordeaux district of Sauterne."

Madeira Sercial is a dry wine from the Madeira Islands. I believe the grapes are Sercial and that is how it gets its name."

McCutchen said both he and his father knew the answers, "talked them over and agreed on them."

The young captain started on his hobby because of his father's interest in food and cooking.

The winner, a resident of Worthington, Ohio, is assigned as a Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps instructor at Ohio State University, Columbus. He was a Navy enlisted man in World War II. He has served in Korea, Japan and Europe.



A-B EDWARD G. RAE, son of Mrs. E. C. Flackus, 2210 Ogden Street, is currently taking Air Force basic training at Parks Air Force Base in the Bay Area. He entered the Air Force on August 1, and is a graduate of Henley High School.

Rain Hampers Hunt For Men

SPIRIT LAKE, Wash. (AP)—Fresh tracks were found yesterday by searchers looking for two aged uranium prospectors who disappeared Sunday in rugged country near Mt. St. Helens in the Cascade Mountains.

Finding of the tracks spurred weary crews to new efforts early today, a lull in a bloodhound hunt from Grays Harbor County by Deputy Sheriff Ian Kileup. The tracks were near the spot that C. H. Alliger, 85, Tacoma, and Charles Dickens, 70, San Diego, last were seen.

Their disappearance was reported by J. P. Castle, 91, Tacoma, who said the other two men started toward Blismarck Mountain after setting a strong "blip" on their geiger counter from that direction.

Forty men joined the search yesterday and more were expected.

Alliger and Dickens were reported to be tough, despite their ages, and have been prospectors for many years, including some time in Alaska.

Castle said he thinks the two are probably trapped in an old mine shaft. Steady rain fell all day yesterday, reducing hope the pair would be found alive and complicating search efforts of both man and dog.

Ike Reportedly Plans Tax Study In 1956 Before Cuts

DENVER (AP)—President Eisenhower's vacation headquarters says he plans to survey the fiscal situation early next year before deciding whether to call for a tax cut.

The President's decision won't be made, Asst. Press Secretary Murray Snyder said last night, "until he sees what the state of federal revenue is at the normal time for proposing a tax program to Congress."

The normal time for that is early January.

Snyder made his statement after newsmen told him some members of Congress were predicting flatly that Eisenhower would call for a tax reduction, Rep. Mason (R-Ill.) was mentioned specifically as having made such a forecast.

"No one has been authorized to say what the President's tax recommendations will be next year," Snyder replied.

And that, he added, "applies not only to the question of tax reductions but to any tax program."

Snyder's statement did not change the developing possibility that Eisenhower will be in a position to call in January for a tax cut. It simply underscored the "let's wait and see" position which the President has taken all along.

The prospect of a reduction in taxes was held out last month by Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey when he said it looked then as though the federal budget deficit for the fiscal year ending next June 30 probably would be \$1,700,000,000 instead of \$2,400,000,000 the earlier forecast.

Eisenhower has said repeatedly that he would like to see the budget balanced before thinking about any further tax cut.

Humphrey, in making his report last month, said that if federal agencies could make additional savings amounting to about 3 per cent — and that if the revenue trend continued upward — "we think that we should . . . balance the budget."

And Humphrey added that if balance is achieved he will recommend a reduction of personal and corporation taxes.

On the international front, the President withheld comment on the agreement between West Germany and Russia to establish diplomatic relations.

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Hilda Moves Over Cuba

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Hurricane Hilda spun toward the south coast of Cuba today, no longer a threat to Florida and the Eastern Seaboard.

The mountains of eastern Cuba, whose peaks rise to 8,000 feet or more, had taken their toll and Hilda had winds of bare hurricane force (75 miles an hour) as it swept over the island.

The winds probably will drop still more, but Hilda may regain some of its punch when it reaches open water on the south side of Cuba, the Miami Weather Bureau said.

Santiago, Cuba's second largest city near the southeast end of the island, reported heavy rains and strong winds but no casualties.

The storm flooded streets and knocked out some telephones here. The big U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay reported winds up to 45 miles an hour in gusts knocked out electrical services for 10 minutes last night. The storm apparently passed to the north of that installation.

Navy hurricane hunting planes storm.

The storm was accompanied by winds occasionally reaching gale force in squalls extending 75 miles to the north and 40 miles to the south of the center, forecasters reported.

The hurricane was about 400 miles south-southeast of Miami and its present path was expected to keep that distance as it moves into the Caribbean Sea.

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W. A. Brown Jr., president of Liquid Carbonic, called the new structure on the Oakland Embarcadero "the ultimate in automation."

Brown estimated the new plant can produce five times the amount of carbon dioxide than was produced in the old San Francisco plant, built 20 years ago.

Brown said the new plant can produce from 50 to 60 tons of carbon dioxide daily at top capacity but that it would begin production on about a 50 per cent of capacity basis.

Brown said the future for Liquid Carbonic looks bright and promising. "In the past 10 or 15 years, more than 100 different applications have been discovered for carbon dioxide gas in industry," Brown said.

Judge To Hear Abbott Motion

OAKLAND (UP)—Superior Judge Charles Wade Snook hears arguments today on a motion to free Burton W. Abbott by quashing his indictment for the murder of 14-year-old Stephanie Bryant.

The 27-year-old University of California student's attorneys have moved to dismiss the Alameda County Grand Jury indictment on several grounds. Technically there is a possibility that Abbott could be released, as no other county has a charge against him.

The defense maintains that the Grand Jury transcript contains insufficient evidence that Abbott kidnapped and murdered the Berkeley girl, that Alameda County and the Superior Court have no jurisdiction in the case, and that since Alameda County has no jurisdiction, the Grand Jury has no right to return an indictment.

The defense raises the jurisdictional issue chiefly because Stephanie's body was found near the Abbott cabin at Wildwood, Trinity County.

Dist. Atty. J. Frank Cookley's office will oppose the defense motions.

TWO-LEGGED DISTRESS

TRIOQUAY, England (AP)—First Mate Tally Purchase whipped off his pants, soaked them in gasoline and set them afire as a distress signal when the pleasure boat Silver Star II broke down at sea. An Coastguardsmen towed the vessel to safety Tuesday, 25 passengers took up a collection to buy Purchase a new suit.

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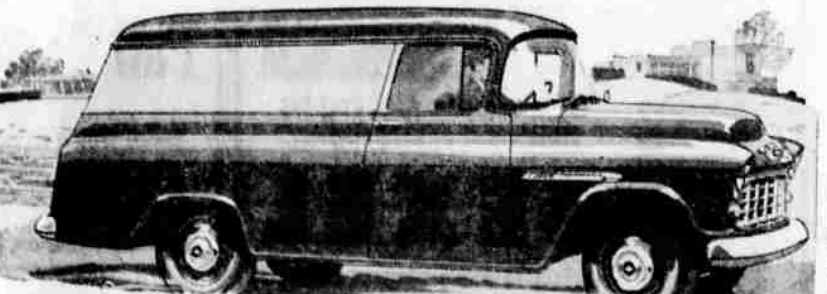
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