

HENDON'S COLLECTION OF DECLARATIONS AND ADVENTS

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Forward

In this book there is information on famous people, predictions about the future, spoofs, poetry, religion, geography, general information and political insights. These articles can help everyone to cement their own thoughts and feelings about the noted articles.

Making final judgment about any subject can be a mistake and could make one eat some humble pie. However, it should be one's right to their thoughts as a privilege, whether it be right or wrong. Most of us have certain things that we like and some written material may influence each ones persuasion.

Decisions on certain subjects are a right that we have in a free society. We do not have to justify our thoughts, but we should refrain from forcing our opinion on anyone.

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1. Mr. Wizard (10Jul1917-12Jun2007)

He was born Donald Jeffry Herbert in Waconia, Mn. and died in Bell Canyon, Ca. He grew up in La Crosse, Wi. and graduated from LaCrosse State Teachers College in 1940.

In 1942, he volunteered for the Army Air Forces and was trained to be a pilot. He flew a B-24 with the 15th Air Force over Italy, Germany and Yugoslavia where he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

He had a big impact on thousands of school children with his half hour science show on TV. He taught scientific principles and had a guest boy or girl who watched him do the experiments. He started his show on NBC in 1951 with "Watch Mr. Wizard".

His science books and old TV shows on DVDs are still for sale by Tom Nikosey, who is president of Mr. Wizard studios.

In 1955, there were about 5,000 Mr. Wizard Science Clubs in the U.S., with more than 100,000 members. He acquired the Peabody Award and the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation award for best science TV program for youth. Mr. Wizard had a lasting impact on many people.

-Hooray for Donald Jeffry Herbert-

2. Interesting Statistics

Doctors:

Number of doctors in the U.S. is 700,000

Accidental deaths caused by physicians per year are 120,000

Accidental deaths per physician is 17.14%

Guns:

Number of gun owners in the U.S. is 80,000,000

Accidental gun deaths per year is 1,500

Accidental deaths per gun owner is 0.001875 %

Conclusion: doctors are approximately 9,000 times more dangerous than gun owners. Remember, guns don't kill people, doctors do.

Fact: Not everyone has a gun, but almost everyone has at least one doctor.

Note: statistics on lawyers have been withheld for fear that the shock would cause people to panic and seek medical attention.

3. Petula Clark (15Nov1932)

She was born Petula Sally Olwen Clark Ewell in Surrey, England. As a child she sang in the church choir and her first public performance was Bentalls Department Store in Kingston upon Thames. In Oct. 1942, she made her radio debut while attending a BBC broadcast with her father. During an air raid, the producer requested that someone perform to settle the nerves, and she volunteered. This performance led to her singing in some 500 appearances. She frequently toured the UK with Julie Andrews, entertaining the troops.

In 1944, she was discovered by film director Maurice Elvey, who cast her in a movie titled "Medal for the General". She acted in several movies in quick succession, but did parts in movies directed by Peter Ustinov and Alec Guinness.

In 1946, she started her TV career on a BBC variety show, "Cabaret Cartoons". In later years she did star in "This is Petula Clark" and "The Sound of Petula".

In 1958, she appeared at the famed Olympia in Paris and received a warm welcome. Vogue Records signed her and there was more success. From this vantage point she went on a tour of France and Belgium with the French star, Sacha Distel who was also very successful. She managed to record in German, French, Italian and Spanish, which established her as a multi-lingual performer.

In 1961, she married Claude Wolff who was her publicist. They had two daughters, Barbara and Katherine, and then later a son,

Patrick. She still managed to have huge successes with all of her new records.

In 1964, she had a big hit with “Downtown”. Tony Hatch was the composer of the new song. This song was released in four different languages in the UK, France, Netherlands, Germany, Australia, Italy, Rhodesia, Japan and India. Warner Brothers executive, Joe Smith, acquired rights to bring it to the U.S. In 2003, her recording of “Downtown” was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

Petula Clark is an amazing singer and her voice is one of the world’s best.

-Hooray for Petula Clark-

4. ELO Rating System

This is a method for calculating chess and the player’s relative skill. ELO is not an acronym, but a family name of the creator, Arpad Elo (1903-1992). He was born in Hungary and ended up being a physics professor in the U.S.

This system uses statistics to provide for competitive rewards. A statistical model that relates to underlying variables representing the ability of each player is utilized. Competitors may still feel that they are being rewarded or punished for good and bad results, but the claim of a statistical system is that it indirectly measures some hidden truth.

Elo’s basic assumption was that the performance of each player in each game is a normally distributed random variable. Even if a player might be better or worse from one game to the next, he assumed that the average value of the performance of any given player’s performance changes slowly in a period of time. Elo thought that the player’s true skill would be the average of that player’s performance.

If a player wins, then that player is at a higher performance level than the opponent and vice versa. If they play to a draw then they are of equal performance strength.

Elo's system was begun in 1960 by the U.S. Chess Federation. Elo wrote a book, "The Rating of Chessplayers". This book will help to understand this system

Chess facts/2006:

19743 players have a rating above 2200
1868 players have a rating between 2400 and 2499
563 players have a rating between 2500 and 2599
123 players have a rating between 2600 and 2699
18 players have a rating between 2700 and 2799

Four players: Garry Kasparov/Russia, Vladimir Kramnik/Russia and Veselin Topalov/Bulgaria and Viswanathan Anand/India have never had a rating of 2800 or above.

5. Gloomy Outlook / 2007

At this time in the U.S., June 2007, the people in this country seemed to be totally divided. We may be at a point of no return because both sides are extremely polarized, meaning that neither will give in or compromise. Not only the people, but our entire government is in a serious deadlock.

It appears that democracy is struggling on several fronts. Many of us are now of the opinion that multiculturalism is indeed a total failure. We cannot subscribe to so many tribal issues. Our efforts would be better served with only one culture and one language (English in this country).

There are just too many non-compatible ideologies and cultural attitudes. Currently, America is the strongest nation in the world, but this may not be for much longer. The influx of so many immigrants who do not give a damn about this country or anything that it stands for is in the way of loyalty.

Democracies, over the many eons, seem to commit suicide and some of the others who profess Marxism or Islam specialize in murder in a totalitarian government who rule with an iron fist.

Democracy requires a lot from the people/voters who are tasked with selecting the most capable people to run the government. If the voters fail, so will the elected officials who will respond with poor judgment. This seems to be the position of our National Congress and President at this time. They are either at an impasse or enacting very poor laws. You have to wonder whose side they are on in the first place. But, you can bet that the Congress of the U.S. has taken care of the congressman first and the rest of us get social security.

The Islamic/Marxist ideology of hatred and conquest grows stronger each day and they have sharpened their focus on the U.S. and the West, while we waste our time bickering on whether it is a problem or not.

The U.S. and the West are more ideologically divided than ever before. It is very serious because we are being surrounded and outnumbered. Remember the adage taught by General Nathan Bedford Forrest, "the winner will be the fustest with the mostest". Our enemy is acquiring far more people and resources than we will have very soon. When they find that they are superior in numbers and have us cornered will be the day that they strike.

Our enemies have rejoiced at the current makeup of our government. We seem to be looking at defeat in Iraq and then later in Afghanistan. Then it will be possible for the domino-effect to take over and others will be toppled very easily.

It seems that we will fail since are mired in an ideological war with every other nation and half of the people in the U.S. are also cheering for us to fail. This is hard to believe that half of the current population wants us to fail.

We need some good leaders now. If we are to survive, we must elect some good ones soon or the current ones will give away

everything that we have. It is hard to believe that so many senators and congressman are willing to sacrifice victory just to get a victory over the president. Hate has been the catalyst that has spurred this defeatist action. What happened to “We are Americans first” and love for our country and citizenship?

Future readers, this is not a happy time for the U.S.A. I cannot help but predict some gloom at this vantage point. Yes, there is hope, but we need some upswing soon.

The current immigration from the south is people who did not abide by those countries laws and are breaking our laws just as fast. They just don’t care about us or any moral or social obligation and only about causing a lot of havoc in this country.

This may be one sided, but it is my view along with people of both political parties. It does appear that we are watching our own funeral.

6. Military Organization / Army

The armed forces of the U.S. are used to defend this country and to further the policies of our government. The U.S. armed forces are directly linked to our federal government (executive, legislative and judicial). These armed forces get their orders from the civilian federal government.

The army is just one branch of the U.S. armed forces. The U.S. has a Department of Defense that is in charge of all of the branches of the armed forces.

In the military a command is a collection of units and formations under control of a single officer. A command is usually a very high level formation which is responsible to government or a national military headquarters.

<u>Hierarchy of the Army:</u>				
<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>No.personnel</u>	<u>No.subordinateunits</u>	<u>C.O.</u>
XXXXXX	Theater	200,000+	2+	General
XXXXX	Group	100,000	2+	General

XXXX	Army	50000+	2+corps	General
XXX	Corps	30000+	2+divisions	Lt. Gen.
XX	Div.	10000+	2-4 brigades	Maj. Gen.
X	Brigade	3000+	2+ regiments	Brig.Gen.
III	Regim.	2000+	2+ battalions	Colonel
II	Batt.	300+	2-6 companies	Lt. Col.
I	Company	70+	2-8 platoons	Major
***	Platoon	25-60	2+ squads	First Lt.
**	Patrol	8-12	2+fireteams	Staff Sgt.
*	Squad	8-12	2+fireteams	Sgt.
0	Fireteam	4-5		Cpl.
0	Fireteam	2		any.

7. Eugene Field (02Sep1850-04Nov1895)

He was born in St. Louis, Mo. His mother died early in his life and he was sent to Amherst, Ma. to be raised by a cousin. His education was at Williams College, and Knox College in Il. Later he went to the University of Missouri.

Field tried acting and studying law, but gave all of this up and traveled to Europe. He came home flat broke, but got a job at the Gazette in St. Joseph, Mo. in 1875. This same year he married Julia Comstock and they eventually had 8 children.

He did become the editor of the Gazette and was known for his humorous articles that were reprinted in other papers. From 1876 – 1880 he was a writer for the Morning Journal in St. Louis. Subsequent writing jobs were in Kansas City and Denver, Co.

In 1883, he moved to Chicago, Il., where he wrote a humorous newspaper column named “*Sharps & Flats*” for the Chicago Daily News. Field began publishing his poetry in 1879 in a book called “*Christian Treasures*”. More writing continued and he published several more volumes with one of the best called “*Wynken, Blynken and Nod*”.

His home in St. Louis is a museum and there is a memorial for him at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago. Field also has a star on the St. Louis Walk of Fame.

Readers are encouraged to read some of his poems. Field did have a command of the English language and everyone can learn from his efforts.

-Hooray for Eugene Field-

8. Right To Bear Arms

The right to bear arms refers to the concept that citizens of this country have a right to possess weapons. Most have the idea that this right extends to their place of living as a place for storage and that the citizen many carry these weapons at their discretion.

There are those that say this right refers only to the military service and self defense. Stop and think about that, the military doesn't need any such statement in any legal or illegal document. Our military, by the very nature of the organization must have weapons to carry out the will of the people's government.

In the 20th century, gun advocates argue that the term 'bear arms' means and has meant keeping and bearing private arms for self defense, hunting or sport activities. One writer says that the second amendment clearly refers to personal weapons since 'bear arms' means to carry arms.

A Common Law Right to have arms for self defense was codified in the English Bill of Rights of 1689, at least for protestants. England, Ireland, the Colonies in North America, Canada and Australia all received this Common Law inheritance and long maintained a responsibility to keep and bear arms tradition, originating from the common basis.

The courts in the U.S. have widely allowed local jurisdictions in some states (NY, IL, CA, NJ) to license and regulate historical Common Law Rights to have arms for self defense.

In England, Wales and Northern Ireland are covered by the following:

Pistols, revolvers, rifles and ammunition were first controlled by the Firearms Act of 1920, which made it illegal to possess these weapons without first obtaining a certificate from the police. Similar provisions were introduced for shotguns in 1967. The Firearms Act of 1968 placed an absolute ban on certain types of weapons, including automatic or self loading weapons. There have been other Firearm Acts written since then.

In the U.S., the right to keep and bear arms did not originate fully-formed in the Bill of Rights in 1791; rather the Second Amendment was the codification to keep and bear arms for the king and country that was inherited from the English Colonies that settled in North America. Though being codified in the U.S. Constitution, the common law right was continued and guaranteed for the people, and statutory law enacted subsequently by Congress cannot extinguish the pre-existing common law right to keep and bear arms.

The ninth amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides for unenumerated rights, including implicitly, a right to keep and bear arms and a right to have arms for self defense.

There are some who want all arms to be restricted to the military and to the police. This is a stupid idea, but some still protest loudly. Thank goodness that we still have some freedom-loving people like me who insist that the citizens have the right to bear arms.

9. Wild West Women

Myra Maybelle Shirley Starr	(05Feb1848) Carthage, Mo. (03Feb1889) Briartown, Ok.
Martha Jane Canary	(01May1852) Princeton, Mo. (1903) Deadwood, SD.
Phoebe Ann Oakley Moses	(1860) Darke County, Oh. (03Nov1926) Brock, Oh.

These women led different lives than the women who lived in the eastern part of the U.S. These women were not restricted by their upbringing and class, but broke out of the mold to show that women could rewrite history.

Belle Shirley was the only one who went outside of the law. Belle was the only daughter of this family and her father sent her to the Carthage Female Academy for education. In 1864, the family did move to Scyene, Tx. In 1866, Jessie James and James Quantrill appeared at their home. Other outlaws like Cole Younger began to come to the Shirley home. It was rumored that Cole was the father of her child Rosie Lee, but Belle had married Jim Reed in 1866 and she had Rosie in 1868.

Belle ran legitimate businesses like a livery barn in Dallas where it is possible that she sold stolen horses. In 1874, she was named a member of the gang that robbed the Austin-San Antonio stage. Jim Reed was shot and killed in Paris, Tx. by the sheriff.

In 1878, Belle married Bruce Younger and then left him two years later and married Sam Starr in 1880. The two began a career of stealing horses, which got her two six month sentences in Detroit. By this time she was known as the Bandit Queen.

In 1886, she was brought to trial for stealing horses. She acted as her own attorney and was acquitted of the crime. Her husband had been killed by an Indian Policeman and then she was a widow. She had several more lovers who were men on the fringes of the law.

Belle was shot to death in 1889 by an unknown man while living in the Choctaw Nation. She was buried at Younger's Bend on the Canadian River. Her daughter erected a headstone for her mother.

Her headstone reads:
Shed not for her the bitter tear,
Nor give the hear to vain regret,
Tis but the casket that lies here,
The gem that fills it sparkles yet.

Calamity Jane took a different turn than Belle's. She was born Martha Jane Canary in Princeton, Mo. Her mother died in 1866

and her father died a year later. This put this lady out on the street at the age of 15. In 1870, she signed on to work as a scout for the U.S. Army. She did work with George Armstrong Custer and Buffalo Bill Cody and participated in several campaigns against the Indians in the 1870s.

She got the nickname Calamity in 1872 when she rode through a dangerous situation at Goose Creek Camp in SD. Angry Indians were attacking Captain Egan, her superior at the time, and his men. The Captain was wounded and lay by his horse awaiting death when she rode in and got him in the saddle, and they left amid some very wild fighting.

While the Captain was recovering his wounds, he called her Calamity Jane as he recounted her brave exploits. The name stuck with her for the rest of her life.

In 1876, she left the military and settled down near the town of Deadwood, SD. She did some work as a nurse, trying to help the people through a smallpox epidemic. At this time she made friends with Wild Bill Hickok. It was rumored that he fathered her child, but this was never proven.

In 1884, she moved to El Paso, Tx. where she met and married Clinton Burke, bearing him a daughter. This marriage did not last and they separated in 1895.

A year later she began to tour with Wild West Shows. The often distorted exhibitions did give some of the Easterners a wrong picture of the West.

She died at the age of 51 from pneumonia. She had demanded that she be buried next to Wild Bill Hickok, and so she was buried in SD.

Annie Oakley was born in Darke County, Oh. to a Quaker family. A fire destroyed the family tavern that devastated the family. Her father died after there were six children and her mother remarried and had another child. However, this husband also died.

Due to financial problems, Annie was placed with a local family where she was abused, but then reconciled with her mother who had married a third time.

Young Annie started hunting at the age of nine in order to put food on the table. Hunting led to her being an expert shot and she competed in local shows. At the age of 16, she went to Cincinnati and defeated Frank Butler. However, Butler talked Annie into marrying him and they began to travel with the sideshow business.

The Buffalo Bill Wild West show was the show to see and in 1885, they joined the show. Sitting Bull named her "Little Miss Sure Shot" which was advertised to help attract more customers.

Annie Oakley's skills were known around the world, giving her fame and fortune. She died on 03Nov1926.

These three women showed that the ladies could and did do a lot in this period of time that was dominated by men. These women did reach out to carve a life of their own and made history.

-Hooray for Belle, Jane and Annie-

10. Brain Dead

-Spoof-

An elderly man suffered a massive heart attack. The family drove wildly to get him to the emergency room.

After what seemed like a very long wait, the E.R. doctor appeared, wearing his scrubs and a long face. Sadly, he said, "I'm afraid he is brain-dead, but his heart is still beating!"

"Oh, Dear God," cried his wife, her hands clasped against her cheeks with shock. "We've never had a DEMOCRAT in the family before."