

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Some Indian tribes of South America acquire wives by conquest or abduction. Another method—not unknown in the Garden of the Gulf—was an arrangement between the parents without reference to the wishes of the young people concerned. In these cases if the prospective husband was a lot older than his future bride, he took an older woman for his wife. Then when the 2nd one was old enough No. 1 played 2nd fiddle, but remained in the household of the inexperienced gal who had taken her place.

There was no wedding ceremony of any kind. The woman was taken into the man's hut—and that was that.

The Nebes, a species of wild duck teach their young to dive. Two—perhaps three—little ones lie flat on mamma's back, with their bills buried in her feathers, while she dives and surfaces time and again until the youngsters catch on.

New small museum, England, boasts an extensive collection of the skulls of the different nations of the South, deformed skeletons, abnormal bone formations, and the like.

Here, too, may be seen the Irish giant Byrne of O'Bryan, 7 ft. 7 inches high and remains of the Sicilian dwarf, Caroline Crachami, who died at the age of 10 years, 20 inches in height.

In another part of this building there is a fine collection of drawings and photographs illustrating rare or curious diseases, together with surgical instruments dating back many centuries.

Westminster Abbey is not, as most persons believe, a burial place reserved wholly for persons of great distinction. The honor of being buried there, has often been conferred on those unworthy of it, and even on children. Here, in truth, you may see kings lying by those who deposed and despised them; great men who threw the world out of gear with their disputes, all of which reminds us that death is no respecter of persons be they great or small, and that "the path of glory leads but to the grave."

And above the silent ashes of those saints and sinners stands the Abbey itself. It has 20 stained-glass windows, including a memorial window to the Duke of Westminster, the largest rose-window in the world. The total length of the 200 ft. breadth of nave and aisles, 75 ft. of transept, 80 ft. height of the church, 102 ft. of towers, 225 ft.

The St. Bernard dog got its name from the dangerous glaciers along the mountain pass in the Alps. These intelligent animals have been doing patrol duty since the Middle Ages. The greatest of the heroic band will never be forgotten. Why? Because Barrie saved 44 lives and was killed by the last person he tried to rescue. Barrie's remains is preserved as a permanent exhibit in the museum of Switzerland's capital city, Bern.

The most costly highway in the world is being cut through the foothills of the Andes Mountains in northern Venezuela. Cost of this 10 1/2 mile road figures out at about \$1,047 a foot.

The entire 10 miles will be landscaped and illuminated and will have level lanes 24 feet wide.

When a gossip digs the family skeleton out of the closet, there's always a tale attached to it.

Eighty Canadians received fractured limbs when they stood on chairs to reach a high shelf in 1952; handles on pots turned toward the edge of the stove were responsible for the death of ten Canadian children, and serious or minor burns and scalds to half a hundred others; 12 persons died because they were not careful about lighting their gas stoves; one man and one woman were electrocuted when they switched on lights while in the bathtub. This should be a warning to everybody that home isn't as safe a place as most of us think.

When Queen Elizabeth is in residence in Buckingham Palace the guard is changed every day at 10:45 A. M.; when the bands of the Grenadier Coldstream Scots, or Irish Guards play 1/4 hour in the forecourt.

Spokane, Wash., has a real nature boy. He is 68, bearded, and nude except for a thin loin cloth. V. R. Willey returned to nature 32 years ago and wouldn't even consider taking up the life he used to live or the clothes he used to wear. Why? Because being close to nature had made him just as tough as a boiled owl. Even when temperatures drop to 30 below, Spokane's nature boy wears only cloth shorts. What's more amazing, he's never been sick and has never had the sniffles since he went semi-nude 32 years ago.

The Eskimos keep no records of their ages and claims for old age pensions are based on whether the whites in the area are willing to say that so and so has been around for a very long time.

Outstanding Cadets Leave For Banff



Representing the Atlantic provinces at the National Army Cadet Camp at Banff, Alta., sixteen happy young Canadians entrained at Kentville, N. S., yesterday for their long trip to the Rockies. They were selected from the more than 5,000 Army Cadets who are enrolled in corps throughout Eastern Command and were chosen for their fine records throughout the year in Cadet training, leadership and academic standing in their schools. For the past week they have been undergoing final advanced training at Camp Aldershot and will remain at Banff for three weeks.

Left to right: Front row, kneeling, Cadet John Hatfield from Colchester County Academy, Truro, N. S.; Cadet George Withrow, Saint John, N. B. Vocational School; Cadet Frank Burlock, Moncton, N. B. High School; Second row, Capt. W. L. Barteaux of Kentville, who is in command of the contingent; Cadet G. Stirling, Corner Brook, Nfld. Public School; Cadet Brian Garagan, St. Patrick's High School, Halifax; Cadet Leandre Bourque, St. Coeur de Marie, Shediac, N. B.; Cadet Eugene Gup-till Grand Manan, N. B. High School; Cadet Omer Duguay, Notre

Dame, Dalhousie, N. B.; Cadet John MacKenzie, Liverpool, N. B. High School; Major E. G. Bewley, Chief Cadet Officer, Eastern Command; Third Row, Cadet George Guy, Queen Elizabeth High School, Halifax; Cadet P. Coxworthy, St. Kevin's Boys' School Conception Bay, Belle Island, Nfld.; James Devanney, Bridgetown, N. B. High School; Cadet Robert Morse, Kings County Academy, Kentville, N. S.; Cadet Walter Milo, Annapolis Royal Academy, N. B.; Cadet James MacQuarrie, Queen's Square School, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Cadet W. M. Shallow, Notre Dame Academy, Grand Falls, Nfld.

York and Vicinity

Mrs. Edisson Hardy and daughter, Carol, were recent visitors to the City.

Master Billy Lewis is spending a holiday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Waugh, Bedeque.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Horne, spent a recent week-end with their daughter, Mrs. Lewis Vessey and Mr. Vessey, York.

Mrs. Robert Crockett, York, is spending a few days in the city, guest of her daughter, Mrs. Neil McInnis and Mr. McInnis.

Mrs. Peter Proud was a visitor to the city on July 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crockett and son Wynn of Charlottetown attended the shower in York hall for Mr. and Mrs. Willard Murray.

Mr. George Proud was a recent visitor to Covehead.

A shower was recently held in York hall in honor of newly-wed Mr. and Mrs. Willard Murray. They received many gifts.

The many friends of Mrs. Milton are sorry to hear she has enter the P.E.I. Hospital for treatment and wish her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Albert Proud, York, is spending a few days at Oyster Bed, guest of her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Carr and Mr. Carr.

Mr. Benny Watts has returned to York after being lobster fishing for the summer at Kensington. Mrs. Osbert Enman, Vernon River, was guest of her brother, Mr. E. Vessey at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elmer Brown.

town, spent a week-end in York, the guest of Mrs. Hubert Vessey.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Chandler and family Milton were visitors to York on July 5.

Mrs. Gordon Cook of Charlottetown, spent a week-end in York, the guest of Mrs. Hubert Vessey.

Mr. Bernard Sproule spent a week-end at his home in York.

Miss Evelyn Smith, and Miss K. O'Connor of Pugwash were dinner

guests at the manse on Wednesday. Accompanied by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Sproule, they took a trip to Cavendish to see Green Gables.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Littlejohns paid a short visit to York on July 4.

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York United Church Re-Opened On It's 129th Anniversary

The re-opening of York United Church took place July 12 with the observance of its 129th anniversary.

The original church was built in 1824 under the leadership of William Burt, who came to the Maritimes from Turnchapel, Cornwall, Eng. in 1816. It was in 1823 that he made the crossing of the Strait in a flat-bottomed boat and landed at Bedeque.

At Little York were a number of Yorkshire settlers, and after a revival, a church was built within a few months.

The special re-opening on Sunday, July 12 was the third such occasion over the years. Three services were conducted by the present minister Rev. J. M. Sproule. The organist was Arthur Vessey.

The choir was splendidly assisted in the morning by Miss Helen Wilson of Central Royalty who sang "Bless This Church" and "The King of Love My Shepherd Is". A male choir in the evening sang "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" to a stirring Welsh tune. The Alpha Hi-Y quartet also contributed greatly to the service.

The dedication of gifts to the church was as follows: Collection plate donated by Mr. Horace MacEwen, who did the work of the church, and inland holocaust for the centre aisle donated by the Young People's Union. A rededication ceremony was conducted by Rev. J.M. Sproule. A letter of greeting was read from Rev. F. H. Littlejohn, minister here 35 years ago. The speaker morning and evening was Dr. L. E. Toombs, formerly of St. Stephen's College staff in Edmonton, Alta., who has been visiting at the home of his parents in Charlottetown with his wife and daughter, Dr. Toombs will be teaching in Drew Seminary, Madison, N.J., this coming fall.

His sermon subjects were "The Ark of the Covenant" and "Treasure Trove".

CLERMONT W. I.

June meeting of Clermont Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. William Mill. Nine members answered roll call.

Mrs. Cecil Mill and Mrs. William Mill were appointed to attend the Charlottetown convention.

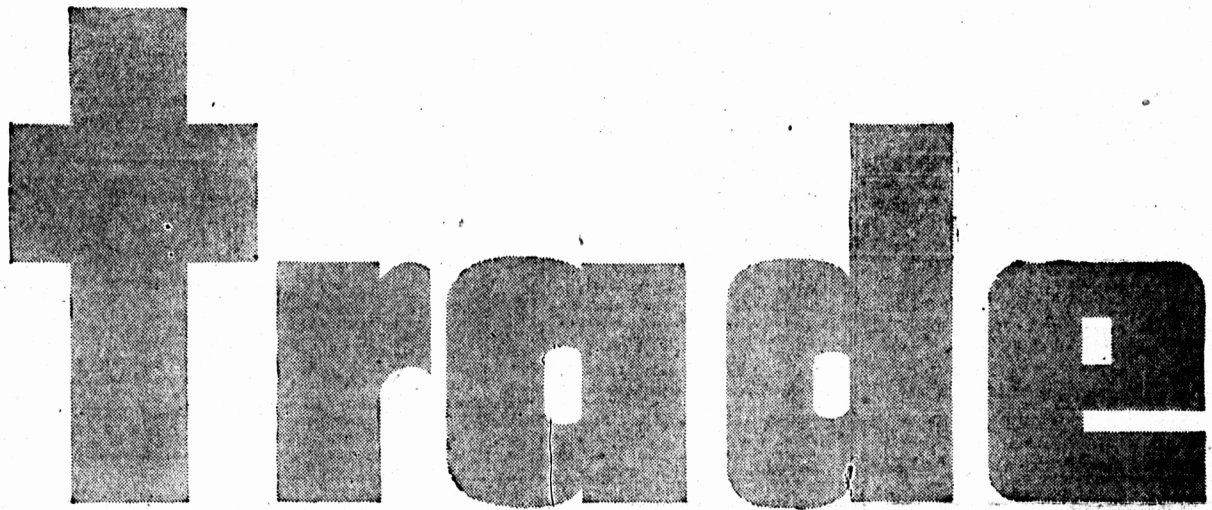
Next meeting will be at Mrs. Edson Rayner's, with Mrs. Albert Stafford and Mrs. Ernest Mill on the lunch committee. Roll call will be answered with a household hint. Sick committee are Mrs. Edson Rayner, Mrs. Gerald Mill, and program committee is composed of Mrs. Frank Shields, Mrs. Cecil Mill.

ESTATE OF \$80,000

OTTAWA, (CP)—Garry Baldwin, former CBC treasurer and secretary to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, left an estate of \$80,391. His will was probated Tuesday. It provided a lifetime income of \$15 a month to a sister, Susannah Mary Baldwin.

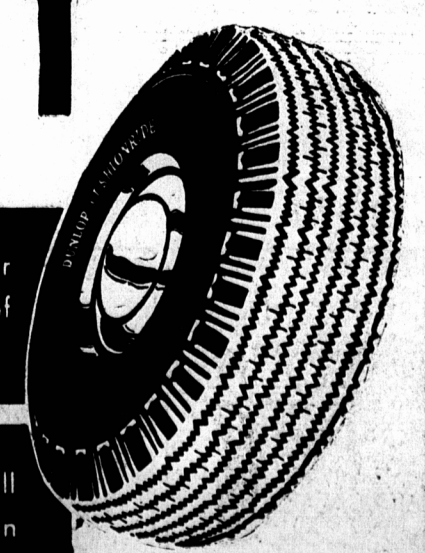
Colombo, the capitol of Ceylon, is one of the finest and largest seaports in Asia.

STOCKHOLM, (Reuters) — Mrs. Lucy Booth-Hellberg, 85, daughter of the founder of the Salvation Army, William Booth, died at her home here Saturday.



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