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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The longest covered bridge in the world — and still in use — may be crossed at Hartland, Nova Scotia. It spans the St. John River at this point and is a great tourist attraction. The famous old bridge is 1,282 feet long, and has a sign at the entrance which reads, "Welcome to Hartland, you are now entering the longest covered bridge in the world."

At the end of 1952 two million crimes were chalked up in Uncle Sam's country. Think of it! Two million crimes in just twelve months. The Federal Bureau of Investigation breaks down the figure thusly: In an average day one larceny is committed every 26 seconds, an automobile is stolen every 2.45 minutes, and aggravated assault is done every 6.23 minutes, and a crime of murder or manslaughter every 4.6 minutes. These are major crimes. What a dirty picture we should have if all the

minor offences were added in? Bill Merrington of London, England, has been literally rebuilt by skilled doctors. Merrington has undergone 21 major operations and over 80 minor ones to build up his remade face and to save the stumps of his arms. Plastic surgery, mechanical devices, and what not, all brought into use by clever doctors has enabled this wonder patient who suffered a terrible accident a couple of years ago to get along under his own power.

Here's a tip for farmers who find themselves in need of a substitute mother pig. The tip comes from John Percy, of Kent, England. Percy was left with five orphan pigs on his hands, so he designed an ingenious 14-tap milk bar fitted with nipples etc. It worked too, and as a result of Percy's idea Britains will have at least five porkers to go on the market in the next few months.

Silent Night, Holy Night, owes its fame to a group of mice that got into the old church organ in the village of Oberndorf. The church organist went to do a rehearsal on Christmas Eve. He was

dismayed to find that the bellows had been shredded by mice. Later an organ maker came to make repairs and found the famous hymn. He liked it, carried it home, and thus took the first step in giving Silent Night to the world.

Little boys and girls of Mexico hang up pottery jars — not stockings — and break them Christmas morning to see the gifts tumble out.

It is interesting to note that Canada's prison population is going down. This is due to a new penal policy stressing rehabilitation. Many ex-convicts are keeping the straight and narrow path.

In spite of the immense development of the United States since Colonial days the State of Massachusetts has maintained her position in the intellectual sphere and to some extent in the industrial and commercial spheres as well.

In Labrador we find conditions today much the same as when the Norsemen settled in Greenland. This far-flung outpost of Canada under proper development, may one day become a land of promise instead of a hard country where people eke out a scanty livelihood by fishing, hunting and serving as guides for hunters who come from the larger cities of Canada and the U. S. A. to get a try at the big game, or fish the streams whose waters literally swarm with all kinds of fish.

Believe it or not, but there are colonies of corals which are so connected that the living substance of one is continuous with all of the rest.

Three thousand years of human engineering has not been effective in controlling the ravaging floods of China's great Yellow and Yangtze rivers. As recently as 1852 the channel of the Lower Hwang Ho was entirely changed and its outflow into the sea shifted to the northern side of the Shantung peninsula, a distance of over one hundred miles!

Today scientists warn us of the grave danger to inhabited cities by the use of modern bombs. Yet it is doubtful whether their use in warfare could cause greater disaster than that which the Assyrian military powers met in 614-610. It involved not only the destruction of the Assyrian war machine but also the extinction of the Assyrian state together with her people!

There's nothing so cold as a woman who has been refused a fur coat.

Most of us have quit trying to make both ends meet. We are satisfied if the gap between does not get wider.

Thomarat-Cameron Wedding

St. Paul's Church, Summerside, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Monday, April 16th, at 7 o'clock when Mildred Agatha, daughter of Mr. William A. Cameron and the late Mrs. Cameron became the bride of F/O George A. L. Thomarat, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Thomarat of Ducklake, Sask.

The ceremony and nuptial mass were performed by Rt. Rev. Msgr. G. J. McLeellan. The wedding music was under the direction of Mrs. Irene Peters.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore white nylon net over satin with lace bodice, high neckline with seed pearl trim. Her three-quarter length veil of tulle illusion was held in place with a small cap of seed-pearl trim. She carried an arm bouquet of American Beauty roses.

Her only attendant, Miss Frances Gaudet, wore mauve net over tulle with lace top in bolero effect. Her shoulder-length veil was held with small matching flowers. She carried yellow roses.

The groom was supported by P/O R. Brown of the R.C.A.F. at Summerside.

Following the ceremony breakfast was served at the home of Mrs. V. Savidant to the immediate family and a few close friends of the bride and groom. The bride's table was attractive with spring flowers and lighted tapers, centered with a three-tier wedding cake and topped with miniature bride and groom beneath an arch of lilacs of the valley.

The happy couple left by plane immediately after for North Bay, Ont., where the groom is stationed.

Miss Beth Brehaut, Murray River, was a recent visitor to Charlottetown, visiting with friends and relatives.

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The scripture was read by Mrs. Frank Linkletter, and the meditation by the leader with Mrs. Harry Linkletter reading the meditation poem.

Minutes were then read, offering received and roll call responded to.

with a Bible verse containing the word "hope". Mrs. Bishop gave the offertory prayer. After the report of the sick committee a period of prayer was observed on behalf of one of the members who is critically ill. Mrs. Weale gave the closing prayer.

Following the hymn "He Leadeth Me", Mrs. James Essery gave a very interesting review of the chapter "Education in Africa" from "African Heritage" by Dr. Emory Ross.

The meeting closed with the missionary benediction.

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