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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Be careful when and where you set poisons. Listen to what happened to the livestock of E. A. Cottrell of Orillia, Canada, when he tried to poison a weasel that had been raiding his hencoop.

The bait killed his dog and her six pups, a cow, a flock of chickens, three porkers, four skunks, three pet rabbits and a couple of raccoons.

Mr. Weasel still is alive.

The inhabitants of Iceland sometimes suffer as a result of years of volcanic eruptions. Hecla has been known to keep belching for a period of 6 years at a time, while throwing off its fumes and solids, the people living near the volcano have faced starvation. The principle food supply comes from their fisheries and from their cattle. The hot lava pouring into the sea kills thousands of fish.

The cattle suffer in a most peculiar manner. The ashes and pumice stones settle across the pastures and get into the animals mouths when they are grazing. This strips the animals of their teeth, finally leaving them in such misery that they can't eat the grass and so die of slow starvation.

Why people continue to live in volcanic regions is a mystery to to this scribe, since we are told that since eruptions were first recorded by man more than 13,000,000 people have lost their lives through them.

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Did you know that Summerside used to be known as Green's Shore? The name Summerside was propagated by Pat Powers, pioneer postmaster, who marked it on the mail bag which traveled back and forth to Charlottetown twice a week by stage coach. The new name was quick to meet the public fancy. The first time the name Summerside appeared in print was in the obituary of Martha Green, the first homemaker at Green-shore.

Much of the plate which is commonly referred to as gold plate is silver-gilt, and the set of sideboards cups, bowls, etc., made for the Viceroy's palace at New Delhi and exhibited in the Royal Academy in 1930 is after this method. The celebrated gold "service" belonging to our present Queen Elizabeth is also of silver-gilt. So you see, "all that glitters is not gold."

At Central Bedeque, P. E. I. may be seen a century-old grist mill which still is in operation grinding wheat and cereals for farmers of the district. Three generations of Leards operated the Old Grist Mill, which is now owned by the widow of the late Wright Leard.

In this water powered plant there are in addition to four stands of 7x8-in Sprout-Waldron rolls; Carter S. Howes and Home S. Babcock cleaners; plus feed mixing equipment.

Time has brought little change to the Bedeque grist mill which still can turn out the kind of flour that made our pioneer parents mouths water.

That in brief is the story of the old grist mill which has supplied flour for people for three generations. Unless Island farmers go into wheat growing again the old mill like the old smithy, will be nothing but a memory.

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From the top of Harz mountain in Germany, one can see his shadow case by the sun, in magnified size on a bank of clouds. It is called the "Bracken specter" and was regarded with superstition and fear in early times.

Samuel Wilson, of Troy, N. Y., was the originator of the popular saying or National name "Uncle Sam." Wilson was a meat inspector during the War of 1812 and stamped all meat ear-marked for the army with "U. S." soon people were jokingly referring to "Uncle Sam's Beef." The words caught on as the saying goes, and so we say "Uncle Sam" quite as often as we say United States.

Sportsmen don't have to go to Africa in order to get "Big Game". No, siree. You can get plenty of 'em in Alberta. Indeed, almost every game animal in North America can be found in Alberta, sometimes eight kinds at once within range of a good binocular.

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Use of small pressed cakes of tea as currency is still practiced in parts of China and Tibet.

Western chipmonks are active all winter while their Eastern cousins are hibernating.

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IN MEMORIAM

In fond and loving memory, of our Father and Grandfather Charle McGaughey who died September, 1940, and our brother and uncle James McGaughey who died July 14th, 1952.

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Of ones we loved, but could not save.
Always so true, unselfish and kind,
Few in the world, their equal you'll find.
Beautiful life that came to an end
They died as they lived, everyone's friend.

Sadly Missed and Lovingly Remembered by Doris and Haviland Rogers, James, Lowell, Charles and Darlene.

Young Couple Honoured At Shower

On Tuesday evening September 9th friends and neighbors of Brackley Point and vicinity gathered at the home of M.. and Mr. Fenton MacClure to congratulate their son Derrell and his bride the former Miss Louise MacLennan, R. N., who were on vacation from Parrsboro N. S.

Mr. Grant McCallum read the following address to the young couple, and Mr. Lowell Younker presented them with a generous gift of money.

"Dear Derrell and Louise:

It is with great pleasure that we your friends of Brackley Point and vicinity have gathered here this evening to extend our best wishes on your recent marriage. Derrell we have watched with interest the rapid advancement you have made in your chosen career since your school days here and although you, Louise, are almost a stranger to us we feel that Derrell's greatest achievement has been his acquring for himself such a charming and accomplished bride for a partner through life.

Now we ask you to accept this purse with which to purchase for yourselves a gift that will serve to remind you of us, your friends and our hearty good wishes for a happy and prosperous wedded life."

The young couple thanked their friends for their kindness and invited all to visit them in their home in Parrsboro. Lunch was served, and a pleasant social evening followed, music being furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hughes.

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This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

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WILLIAM MURCHISON has resumed teaching Piano. Phone 1544-J. Teacher of ten year old boy composer-pianist Colin MacAusland, a Star of the May Music Festival.

J. W. DERBY, Minister of the Church of Christ, River John, N. S., will (D. V.) conduct Divine Worship in the Church of Christ, Murray Harbour, Sunday, September 21st, 7.00 P. M.

ENGAGEMENT. — Mr. and Mrs. Milton Green, Cavendish, wish to announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Helen Elizabeth, to Vernon Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harland Hill, New Glasgow. Marriage to take place in October.

CORRECTION — In yesterday's report of progress in the Cancer Fund Campaign, the name of Mrs. Maurice Griffin was inadvertently omitted in the list of members of the winning team in the women's division.

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Cormier, Halifax, N. S., returned home yesterday, after a week's visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Platts of Worcester, Mass., accompanied by Mr. Platts' father, Mr. Henry D. Platts, were recent visitors to Brackley Point and vicinity, renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. Jean Crockett, president Rebekah Assembly, I. O. O. F. is at present in Dallas, Texas, attending the Association of Rebekah Assemblies as representatives from the jurisdiction of the Maritime Provinces. She is accompanied by her sister, Miss Helen Finlayson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Canning, photographers of Parrsboro, N. S., were visitors to the MacClure home, Brackley Point, on Sunday. They were much impressed by their first visit to the Island, and during the day took moving pictures in technicolor of the beaches and scenery in the National Park area.

LONDON —(CP)— The humane education society protested to the board of trade against shops selling a toy blackjack, a hollow piece of rubber shaped like a caveman's club. The society said is was a "stepping-stone to juvenile delinquency".

Memorial L.O.B.A Observes Anniversary

The thirty-fourth anniversary of the founding of Memorial Lodge L. O. B. A. was commemorated at the regular meeting on Friday evening last.

The Worthy Mistress Mrs. Hazel Large presided, assisted by the officers and a good attendance of members. Visitors were also present from the Clyde, Queen Mary, and Rena MacLean Lodges. Grand honors were extended to all Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers.

Mrs. Jessie Larter spoke on the beginning of the L. O. B. A. branch of the Orange Order, and gave an outline of the first meeting held in Charlottetown in 1918 which was most interesting, and greatly appreciated.

The first Worthy Mistress, Mrs. Mary MacLean, now living in Toronto, is still keenly interested in Lodge activities although past her eightieth year. Two of the charter members are active members of Memorial, Mrs. Julia Hall and Mrs. Mary MacDougall, sisters.

A brief commentary on all Past Worthy Mistress was given by Mrs. Anne Darrach. Those present were Mrs. Lilla French, P. G. M.; Mrs. Addie Affleck, P. G. M.; Mrs. Jessie Larter, P. G. M.; Mrs. Mary Dickie, Hon. Mem. Mrs. Margaret Shaw Juv. Director, Mrs. Gladys Downe, P. G. M.; Mrs. Annie Darrach, Mrs. Jean MacLean, Mrs. Helen Turner, Mrs. May King, Mrs. Janet Beaton and Mrs. Alice Jewell.

An attractive feature of the evening was the floor work and exemplifying of the Emblems by the officers and members, and the musical director Mrs. Mable MacLean. Complimentary remarks were given by C. D. MacPhail, J. A. MacKinnon and Davis Ward.

At the close a delicious lunch was served, followed by ice cream and a beautiful birthday cake made by the W. M. Hazel Large was carried in by candle light and cut by a charter member, Mary MacDougall.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. D. F. MacDONALD

On Sunday morning, July 27th, the angel of death visited Pisquid and called to her eternal reward the gentle soul of Mrs. D. F. MacDonald in her seventy-seventh year.

The deceased, nee Margaret MacDonald, was born in Pisquid, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander MacDonald. In 1906 she married Donald Francis MacDonald, to whom she was a constant companion and help mate. By her cheerful disposition and kind hospitality in her home, she endeared herself to all who had the privilege of her acquaintance.

Mr. MacDonald predeceased her two years ago, since that time she was cared for by her grand-nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. MacDonald.

Mrs. MacDonald had not enjoyed good health for a number of years due to a heart condition, but was able to be around as usual till about a week previous to her death, when she was stricken with a heart attack. Her doctor was immediately summoned and all that medical skill and kind nursing could do was done but God willed otherwise and on the above mentioned date, she calmly and prayerfully breathed forth her spirit into the hands of its maker.

During her illness she was consoled by the frequent visits of her pastor, Rev. T. Campbell, P. P., St. Andrew's and Rev. T. P. Butler, P. P., Fort Augustus from whom she received the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mrs. MacDonald is survived by one brother Roderick, in Western Canada, also a number of nieces and nephews, her grand nephew, his wife and children, Joan, Reginald and Donald to whom she was especially devoted and loved as her own.

Her largely attended funeral under the direction of the A. A. Hennessey Funeral Home, was held from her late residence to St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday morning July 29th, where Requiem High Mass was sung by her pastor, Rev. T. Campbell. Her remains were laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery beside those of her late husband. Rev. T. Campbell gave the blessing at the graveside.

The pallbearers were, Kenneth Jay, John David MacDonald, Fred Jay, Reginald MacDonald, Wallace Birt, and Clarence MacDonald.

May her soul rest in Peace.

Card Of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. John D. MacDonald extend sincere thanks to Fathers Campbell and Butler, Dr. Sheppard, those who sent Mass Cards, flowers and messages of sympathy; also all who assisted during their bereavement.

Montreal Player Off To Broadway With London Hit

Peter Dyneley
(CP Photo)

LONDON, Sept. 17—(CP)—Not only has Montreal's Peter Dyneley landed the most coveted role in London's summer theatre season—it now brings him a trip to New York's Broadway.

Dyneley, known to Montrealers as Peter Hessey-White, has played the part of Katharine Hepburn's husband in Bernard Shaw's "The Millionaires", since the show opened on tour in May.

Now, after packed houses in London's west end since late June, the play is headed for a Broadway opening early in October. It was Miss Hepburn's first London stage appearance and the entire British cast that includes such well-known stars as one-time ballet dancer, Robert Helpmann, has thrilled to her success.

During the Sadler's Wells Canadian tour of 1949, Helpmann coached the Toronto ballet.

In Canadian Navy

Peter came to London in 1946 to attend the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Two years' study in both subjects was made possible by a Canadian war grant earned through five years' service on Canadian destroyers.

His pre-war acting debut was made in Montreal's Repertory Company. Peter, his sister Gillian, his mother and late father, all shared acting honors in the Repertory Company. They got the nickname of "The Hessey - White Circus".

Born in Hastings, Sussex, 31 years ago, Dyneley went with his family to Canada at the age of five and in 1939 took an arts course at McGill University before joining the navy.

Prior to "The Millionaires", Peter played in such London productions as "Brigadoon", in which he had four parts including the jealous suitor, and "The Happy Time", a story of a French family in Canada. The latter play lasted only five weeks, closing on the death of King George VI.

It has been an uphill struggle for Dyneley since "Brigadoon" closed in November, 1950. Parts were few and far between and Peter took night work in an ice-cream factory during the lean months of 1951.

"In the end this paid a dividend," he said. Later he landed his own program on Radio Luxembourg, which he said, "gave him sufficient to live on". Then, just after accepting his present role he was offered a part in the film production of Nicholas Monsarrat's "The Cruel Sea". He was obliged to turn it down because of his present contract.

Dyneley hopes his trip to New York will give him time to visit his folks in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

"I only wish I could take my wife with me," he said. Peter married a Devonshire girl, and has a 4½-year-old son and a daughter of two.

Protection

Two mountain men had come into town for a Saturday night. As they strolled down the street, looking in the various shop windows, one of them saw something and called his friend's attention to it. Then they both stood staring in the window of a drug store which featured a display of rubber gloves.

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