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MODERNIZE HOSPITAL
SAINT JOHN, N.B., April 18—(CP)—Allocation of \$650,000 in federal funds for the third and final phase of a \$3,000,000 modernization program at Lancaster Hospital, operated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, was announced today. Since the expansion started in 1949 the hospital has been enlarged to a 400-bed institution with a staff of 300.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Every now and then some crackpot comes up with an idea that is nothing short of a bugaboo. Last summer, for example, a certain guy wanted to start a fund to be used to melt the ice around the South Pole, so that the balance of the earth would be upset, shifting the centers of civilization into the Arctic regions. The custom of firing three volleys at military funerals dates back to a time when wars were not fought at the same tempo as in our time. In a long-drawn out battle for instance, a truce was declared while each side buried its dead. This task finished, three volleys were fired as a signal to resume the battle again.

The natives of the West Indies actually use fire bugs to light them about, much the same as our country folk used to use lanterns. The bug lanterns used by the people of the West Indies are made as follows: Holes are cut in a board and into these holes are forced fireflies which make about as much light as an oil lantern. Incidentally, vitamins produce the energy necessary to make the beetles glow.

A nail measuring 1 1/4 inches was recently removed from the small intestine of a four-year-old Georgia boy. It took just about six hours for the doctor to draw out the nail using a special magnet, as the object had to be pulled back into the stomach and up via the esophagus. The delicate operation made history in that it was the first time in which an object, lodged in this part of the body, was removed without a surgical operation.

Poster Hewitt has been ailing National Hockey League games before the microphones for 31 consecutive years. This is an all-time record that is likely to stay tops in the sports world.

A rare case of multiple personalities came to the notice of the medicos of Boston back in 1898 when Christie Beauchamp, 23, was placed under observation. The woman was acting strangely and the doctors discovered that she had developed three distinct personalities which had virtually supplanted her real self. Each personality had its own temperament, abilities, habits and so on, and stranger still a switch over from one to another, would suddenly

take control of Christie for periods ranging from an hour to a week or more. After receiving medical cure for several years the young woman was completely cured.

It's no trick at all to catch a trout with your hand, providing it has its head stuck under a stone or log, and the water is shallow. Here's how it's done. Quickly plunge your hand into the stream, beside the fish. Okay? Now stroke its side gently, moving your hand slowly backward and forward until you can hold it by the gills.

The law firm of Johnson and Underdunk of Utah, used to issue divorces from their vending machine, which sold for \$2.50 a set. That was back in the early '70's and all the couple had to do to obtain a divorce was to sign duplicate legal papers and the machine did the rest.

Doing a job right is easier than trying to explain why you didn't.

Of course, you've noticed how people will belittle their property when the time for paying the taxes comes round, and on the other hand, how they praise it when the opportunity to sell knocks at their door.

Strange but true, Christians have no standard Bible, and still use ten different versions, namely: The Armenian, Coptic, Latin, Greek, Slavonic, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Samaritan, and the Syrian.

Motion pictures were produced in the sign language for deaf Americans as early as 1910 and, therefore, these persons enjoyed the "talking pictures" 16 years before the introduction of films with sound effects.

It is a common thing to find ice at the bottom of streams in the Far North and below the Arctic Circle, because in these regions the ground never thaws, except for a few inches near the top and the water is chilled before the air above reaches the freezing point. This causes ice to form on the bottom of the stream first.

Almost but not quite a free ride for a trainload of canny Scotsmen on their way from Glasgow to London. There was not any ticket collector on the Royal Scot and the Scotsmen would have got off scott free only the officials remembered just in time and stopped the train at Crewe to put on a collector.

Recently Bert Fridham of Montrose, Prince Edward Island, observed a huge horned owl swoop down and seize a cat off the porch of his house and fly away with the animal clamped in its talons.

The cat proved such a burden to the owl that it was forced to make landing in a nearby field where it was shot by Fridham. Pussy's head was completely gone when rescued by its owner. Jinx worked on \$2 bills. Defying an ancient jinx Mrs. William Bennett of Hartford, Conn., collected 107 two-dollar bills. Then the jinx got busy. A robber stole the collection.

The negroes of the southern states won't keep a two-dollar bill in their pocket because of the jinx. No siree, pay 'em off in \$2 bills and they'll exchange them at the local bank, or spend them just to be rid of 'em.

Tradition has it that Joe Jinx, a colored man, broke his legs just after receiving his day's pay in two dollar bills, hence the negroes' superstition about the two spot.

BURGESS BEDTIME

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kill all of them if I could," replied Neighbor Snow. He sounded as if he really meant it.

"Will you give it to me?" asked Farmer Brown's boy.

"I don't know what you want the pest for, but I'll give it to you on one condition," replied Neighbor Snow.

"What is that?" asked Farmer Brown's Boy.

"That you will promise not to let it go again," replied the other.

"If I ever let it go it will be far from here where it won't bother anybody's chickens. I promise you that," said Farmer Brown's Boy.

He gently pulled the bag over Sister Hooty, all but the leg held in the trap, to protect his hands from her claws and bill. As gently as possible he removed that dreadful trap. "Wicked!" he muttered.

"What is wicked?" asked Neighbor Snow sharply.

"Steel traps are wicked. I guess, Mr. Snow, that you never have really thought what it must be like to be caught in one of these things," said Farmer Brown's Boy. He spoke respectfully. "I wish," he continued, then stopped.

"What do you wish?" asked Neighbor Snow.

"I wish I could drop all the steel traps in the world right down to the bottom of the ocean where it is deepest!" declared Farmer Brown's Boy.

Neighbor Snow grinned a bit ruefully. "I really believe you meant it," said he.

Farmer Brown's Boy did.

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BUNBURY W. M. S.

The April meeting of the Bunbury W. M. S. was held at the home of Mrs. Willard Kelly. There was a good attendance at this meeting.

Mrs. Wendell Mutch was leader of the worship period, the theme being, "Easter Gave us the Bible." This very fine Easter service brought to mind the importance of the Bible, which has been translated into over 1,000 languages and has been the principal channel through which the world has come to know its Saviour. Assisting in this program were: Mrs. Harry Wood, Mrs. Leslie MacDonald, Mrs. John A. MacDonald, Mrs. C. S. Scranton and Mrs. Alison Tait.

Mrs. Tait in a brief talk spoke of the greatness of the Bible and how it has outlived other books. Mrs. Wendell Mutch, Temperance Secretary read from an article entitled "The Witch's Brevary." The business period was presided over by the president and it was decided that a 10 cent increase or an allocation of \$200 be accepted for 1952. It was also decided that Miss Morson and Miss Enman be adopted as special missionaries for prayer.

The campaign for funds for the new United Church Training School was brought to the attention of the members. Several books were brought back and reported read. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Leslie MacDonald.

PORTSMOUTH, England, April 19—(Reuters)—

The submarine Alliance left port at dawn Thursday to drop 95 wreaths on the English Channel spot where her sister ship, the Affray, sank with 75 men aboard one year ago Thursday. The wreaths were from families of the crew and from the government.

GRONINGEN, The Netherlands, April 19—(Reuters)—Two blind Dutchmen, out to prove that blind people can get around as easily as those with normal sight, left here Thursday with their guide dogs to walk across Holland in 13 days. They plan to average 20 miles a day. Their destination is Maastricht, 266 miles away.

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