Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

A robber broke into the home of Frank Scott, in San Diego, Cal., cooked and ate a nice juicy sirloin steak, and then left without stealing a roll of bills that were in the pantry.

"The pigs ate it", was the only explanation police in St. Paul, Minn, got out of a motorist who failed to produce his driver's licence. Joe Regan blamed the porkers for eating $3.75 in addition to the licence when his wallet fell from his pocket while he was feeding them.

It has long been generally accepted that the fat which hibernating animals store up before their winter sleep is absorbed by them during their long fast. Recent observations however, have been made of ground squirrels, and even bears emerging in Spring, after their long Winter sleep, showed these animals to be as fat as when they retired in the fall. The stored up fat served the animals during the temporary shortage of food in the early spring. The reason why they do not lose fat during hibernation is because their bodily functions are practically suspended when the animals are in cold storage.

Ever hear of the bat that combs its hair? This curious creature is known as the brown bat and it pays as much attention to its toilet as a cat. It licks its fur and the inside of its leathery wings, whenever they can be reached with its tongue. It also moistens the tips of the wings and cleans out its ears as one might do with the tip of a finger. To dress the fur on the top of the head and back, which cannot be reached by the tongue, the hind foot is moistened by licking and then, with a few rapid motions, the hair is combed by the claws!

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Among the natives of Alaska, all weasels are looked upon with great respect on account of their powers as hunters. The capture of a weasel means good luck to the hunter, and to trap the rarer least weasel was considered a good omen. The head and skin of the least weasel were highly prized for wearing as an amulet or fetish. Young men purchased them, paying the full value of a marten skin, to wear as a personal adornment so that they might become endowed with the hunting powers of this fierce little animal. Fathers, too, bought them to attach to the belts of their small sons, so that the young hunters might become imbued with the spirit of this "little chief" among mammals.

Wedding bells finally rang out for George Bunker and Gladys Hormer of Watford, Eng., after a courtship of 25 years.

The couple became engaged in 1926, but both agreed they could not leave their parents.

Bunker's widowed mother died recently, and Miss Hormer's father died last January so Bunker, now 45, and Gladys Hormer were married after 25 years of courting, strange but true.

Mrs. H. J. Weller of Grand Rapids, Minn., would like to see a right hand driven automobile in use on rural mail routes. That sounds like a good idea—either a right hand driven car or let's have the mail boxes all on the left hand side of the road.

Boonma, the elephant that couldn't take it in the air, died recently at London airport, in spite of a liberal quantity of brandy. Veterinarians, who were with the hefty patient during his last hours, said that flying brought on colic and death.

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What! You don't believe in haunted houses? Well, neither did the six American airmen who recently spent the night in Abbas Hall, 14th century English manor, long reported to be the haunt of a ghost nun. Shortly after midnight the boys heard the strumming of a harp and the pealing of muted bells two or three times, but if the ghost of the nun was about they didn't see it.

America's oldest pharmacy, which proudly boasts that "George Washington shopped here," observed its 200th anniversary March 26th last in New York. Craswell-Massey Company is the outgrowth of the first drug store established in the New World by Dr. Will Stewart.

An interesting chapter in the history of Canadian muskrats began in 1905 when four of these animals were introduced into Bohemia. Since then they have increased rapidly and spread all over that country. The muskrats persistently tunnel into the ponds and dams where fish culture is being carried on, thus causing heavy losses to the owners. It is reported also that the descendants of these Canadian muskrats have nearly doubled in size, and that their fur is hardly worth lifting. This instance is a good illustration of the danger attending the introduction of an animal from its native habitat into a new region.

Kyle, Texas, hatched up a novel plan to fill the pews of the First Methodist church there. A want ad was inserted in a local paper which read: "Wanted—Men, women, and children to sit in the pews Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Kyle First Methodist Church."

Mobile, Alabama's seaport on the Gulf of Mexico, was colonized by the French in 1690.

Kiddies Show At The Forum

—Barter's Film Lab.

MARGARET DAWN MATHIESON, 1st prize for nicest pet.

—Barter's Film Lab.

MICHAEL HOGAN, 1st prize for most original costume, Tricycles. Dressed as a panda.

—Barter's Film Lab.

RHONDA and **NANCY MYERS,** 1st prize for prettiest carriage.

NORTH WINSLOE W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of the Winsloe North Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Albert and Alton Younker on Wednesday evening, June 11th.

The meeting opened by singing "White Carol Bells" and repeating the "Creed" in unison. The roll call was answered by nine members and one visitor and one new member was welcomed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed and a discussion on the District Convention then followed. It was moved and seconded to give $5.00 to the teacher towards the children's treat and Mrs. Preston Cudmore and Mrs. Nelson Stevenson were appointed to attend the annual convention.

The next meeting was invited to the home of Mrs. James Cudmore with program in charge of Mrs. Leith Carter. Lunch committee for the next meeting is to be Mrs. Grant Leard, Mrs. James Cudmore and Mrs. C. L. Cudmore. Collection for the evening amounted to 90c.

Meeting closed by singing "God Save the Queen" after which lunch was served by the hostess and the committee in charge.

LEICESTER, England, June 29—(Reuters)—Works Minister David Eccles forecast Saturday that within 10 years Britain will be exporting between $150,000,000 and $300,000,000 worth of pre-fabricated buildings a year.

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Big Show At Forum Monday

It was entirely a kids show at the Forum Monday evening when the youngsters paraded their tricycles, doll carriages and pets in the annual show put on in connection with Festive Week which concluded yesterday.

The judges present had a wide variety of items to examine in every class, but the prizes were finally awarded to a large group of the little ones for their initiative and originality.

Following are the prize winners: Best Pet in Show, Pamela MacInnis, whose bottle fed white lamb attracted much attention. Most unusual pet, Irene MacKinley with a young Shropshire lamb with black markings. Second prize, Shiela Johnson for her Pink and Blue Kittens. Nicest pet, Margaret Dawn Matheson for her Scotch Collie, Dream. The second prize went to Beverley Mills for her cocker spaniel pup.

Prettiest carriage award was won by Rhonda and Nancy Meyers; with second prize going to Linda Connors. Prettiest carriage and costume, Eileen Hogan; second, Gail Proude. Most original costume, Marion Ross, second Connie Whitlock. Most original carriage and costume, Patsy MacPhail as a circus lady, second Jane Johnson. Most original tricycle, Michael Hogan. Best decorated tricycle, Robert Coffin.

Judges for the pet show were Mrs. Gordon Rayner and Mr. Earl Taylor, while those for the carriages and tricycles were Mrs. J. Gordon MacDonald, Mrs. Charles Bentley and Mrs. W. H. Soper. The event was sponsored and planned by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Connor-Henry Wedding

A very pretty wedding took place recently in St. John's United Church, Halifax, when Lois Bernice, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Henry, Southport, P.E.I., was united in marriage to Frank Richard Connor, Halifax. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Rev. R.W. Brain performed the double ring ceremony. The front of the church was decorated with baskets of flowers and ferns.

The matron of honour was Mrs. Douglas Howes, Ottawa; bridesmaid, Miss Elizabeth Shupe, Dartmouth; and junior bridesmaid was Miss Eleanor Henry, sister of the bride. The best man was Kennety Gilfoy, and ushers, Raymond Palmer, Roy and George Rhodes, cousins of the groom.

Miss Gaelyne Craig, Halifax and Charlottetown, sang "I'll Walk Beside You" during the signing of the register, and the organist was Miss Ruby Dibbon. The bride wore an embossed white organdy strapless dress with full skirt, matching bolero with Chinese collar, elbow lace mitts, silver slippers and floor length veil held in place with a wreath of lily of the valley. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

The matron of honour wore a taffeta dress in a periwinkle shade, with square neckline and full skirt, trimmed with pearls with which she wore matching dutch hat and gloves and carried a mixed nosegay. The bridesmaid wore a taffeta dress in salmon shade, with bertha collar, lace yoke, full skirt trimmed with piping, lace mitts and dutch hat, and she carried a mixed nosegay. The junior bridesmaid wore a pale blue taffeta dress with bertha collar, shirt was fashioned with side frills, matching brim hat and mitts, and carried a small mixed nosegay.

The bride's mother wore a rose crepe dress with navy accessories and corsage of yellow rose buds.

The groom's mother wore a turquoise crepe dress with navy accessories and corsage of pink rose buds.

Following the ceremony a reception was held for over a hundred guests in St. John's Church Hall The toast to the bride was proposed by Rev. R. W. Braine and was responded to by the groom. Mrs. Arthur Godkin, Charlottetown, presided at the silver tea service. The table was centred with a three-tier wedding cake and tall white tapers.

For travelling the bride wore a teal blue suit with navy and yellow accessories, and her corsage was of yellow rose buds. After a honeymoon in the Maritimes they will reside in Halifax.

Out of town guests included the bride's mother and father, sister of the bride, Mrs. Boyce MacKie, grandmother of the bride, Harold MacKie and daughters, Joy and Bonnie, Southport, P.E.I., Leith and Ferne Stetson, Brookfield, P. E. I., Mrs. Arthur Godkin, Charlottetown, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Mossman, Bridgewater, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hart, Wolfville, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Howes, Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Irvine MacKie and Irvel, New Glasgow, Mrs. Charles Rhodes, Deepbrook, Mr. and Mrs. George Rhodes, Annapolis Royal.

KINGSTON BRANCH CANADIAN LEGION

The monthly meeting of the Kingston Branch No. 30 Canadian Legion B.E.S.L., was held in Charlottetown on June 12th at 8.30 p. m. 20 members attended the meeting which was presided over by the vice president Comrade Whitfield Yeo. At the meeting was the President of the Charlottetown Branch and also the vice-president, Comrades Charles Sinclair and Comrade Bryant. They gave a talk on the Dominion Convention held at Montreal from May 18-23 after which a hearty vote of thanks was extended to Comrade Sinclair by the Vice President, Comrade Whitfield Yeo.

The business part of the meeting continued and different discussions took place. It was proposed to have a dance in Elmwood School With no further business the meeting came to a close with the usual Legion procedure.

Some Of The Festive Week Bands

—Photos by Craswell Photo Studio.

Shown above are three of the many bands which provided music and entertainment for this City during the Festive Week programs. At the top is the famed Recce Band of the P. E. I. Regiment as they parade along Kent Street. Also in the same parade are the pipers of the 36th H.A.A. Regiment, Halifax, as they lead the way for the 28th L.A.A. Regiment of this city. Bottom photo shows the smart Navy band from H.M.C.S. Stadacona, Halifax, as they swing up Queen Street towards the saluting base in Monday evening's Services Parade.

New Glasgow WMS Annual Meeting

Mrs. Harland Hill was hostess to the members of the W.M.S. at her home on Tuesday evening, June 10th. The meeting opened with hymn 389. "Saviour Teach Me Day by Day", and the missionary worship service from World Call was followed, using the theme "Ready Like Peter and Paul". Scripture reading Acts 26:12-19 was read by Mrs. Roy Dickieson.

Mrs. Harland Hill was the devotional leader and read the meditation, with the beautiful poem, "Follow Thou Me", closing with offertory thoughts and prayer and hymn 361, "I Would Be True". Mrs. Elmer MacDonald was prayer leader and two interesting readings were given from World Call, one entitled "The Power of God in Paraguay" by Miss M. E. Campbell, and "Our Family Loves the Church" by Mrs. Revell Dickieson. Mrs. Harland Hill conducted the discussion on the Study Book and "Hulda" was the Bible woman.

The vice-president, Mrs. Roy Dickieson, presided for the business period, and minutes of the last regular and annual meeetings were read and approved. Roll call was responded to by twelve members and two visitors.

The sick committee reported visiting sick and the friendship secretary read letters of acknowledgement for sympathy cards sent, also a letter from Mrs. Wright asking for information for report for year book.

The following committees were then appointed:—

Sick committee: Mrs. Jennie Stevenson, Mrs. Earle Houston and Miss M. E. Campbell.

Devotional leader: Mrs. Nelson MacDonald.

Prayer leader: Mrs. Roy Dickieson, and Mrs. M. Watterworth to have charge of Study Book. Mrs. Howard Ling and Mrs. Herbert Stevenson to summarize readings in World Call.

This was the annual meeting and the new slate of officers were appointed as follows:—

Honorary President: Mrs. M. Watterworth.

President: Mrs. Howard Ling.

Vice-President: Mrs. Roy Dickieson.

Secretary: Mrs. Herbert Stevenson.

Treasurer: Mrs. Revell Dickieson.

Friendship Secretary: Mrs. Howard Ling.

Press Secretary: Mrs. Richard Dickieson.

World Call and Canadian Disciple Secretary: Miss M.E. Campbell.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Leigh Warren with roll call to be answered with the letter "J". Lunch committee will be Mrs. Revell Dickieson, Mrs. Earle Houston and Mrs. Howard Ling.

The officers for the Ladies Aid were appointed as follows:—

President, Mrs. J. B. Dickieson; vice president, Mrs. Lowell Wyand; secretary treasurer, Mrs. Harland Hill.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. J. B. Dickieson, Mrs. H. B. Stevenson and Mrs. Richard Dickieson, assisted by hostess. Meeting closed with benediction.

SOUTH WINSLOE W. M. S.

The June meeting of the South Winsloe Women's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Erith Hughes on Thursday evening, June 12th.

Mrs. J. R. Skinner led the devotional period which opened by all joining in singing "Come Let Us Sing Of A Wonderful Love". Mrs. Earl Rodd read the scripture from Psalm 8, and a short story, "Launching Out", followed by prayer was given by the leader.

All joined in singing "Go Labour On", and Mrs. Erith Hughes led the study, taking as her theme "Berwick Camp".

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and roll call was answered by each member repeating a verse of scripture.

The friendship secretary reported flowers sent to the late Mr. Rattray and one get-well card sent. A thank-you note was received. The friendship collection amounted to $2.50 and the offering was taken up, amounting to $1.35.

The July meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ivan Turner with Mrs. Lloyd Gillespie as devotional leader and Mrs. Archie Auld to have special missionary prayer. The roll call is to be answered with a verse of scripture containing the word "Earth."

Mrs. Orville Turner then read a short address and Mrs. Archie Auld presented Mrs. J. R. Skinner a gift as a token of the many deeds she has done for the Society. Meeting closed with Mizpah Benediction.

A dainty lunch was served by the hostess and a social hour followed.

Celebrate 25th Wedding Anniversary

A large number of the relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Heber E. Myers, from different parts of the Province, as well as from Moncton, N.B., gathered at their home, Carleton, on Saturday evening, June 21, to join with them in celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

As the bride and groom of a quarter of a century ago were escorted to a nicely decorated arch in the living room, by their bridesmaid, Mrs. Ralph MacCaull (of twenty-five years ago), and Mr. Allison Harper, the organist, Mrs. Blanche Harper, played a wedding march, and sang "The Love Song". Little Edith Ann MacCaull, niece of the bride presented her with a lovely bouquet of flowers, a gift from a friend and neighbour, Mrs. Stuart MacMicken. After which, Rev. E. S. Weeks, uncle of the groom, made a few brief remarks and read an appropriate address, during which Mr. Roy Campbell, brother of the bride, presented the couple with a lovely cabinet of silver, on behalf of those present. The evening was pleasantly spent in social intercourse. Luncheon was served at the close of which a three-tier wedding cake, made by Mrs. John Myers, was presented by her to the bride and groom. As the mid-night hour drew near, all joined in singing, "Auld Lang Syne" and "Blest Be the Tie that Binds". All departed to their several homes, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Myers many happy returns of the day.

The following is the address:

Mr. and Mrs. Heber E. Myers:—

A few days ago it was brought to our notice that you have lived together and toiled together for twenty-five years. It seems a long time to look ahead, but a short time to look back! During those twenty-five years you have identified yourselves with this community in many helpful ways. You have shown what can be done when foresight, thrift and good judgment are combined, as is seen in this fine homestead which you have acquired. And besides all this you have reared a family of which any parents might well be proud! But best of all, you have recognized the importance of the Christian Church as the bulwark of the home, the community and the Nation!

We have, therefore, gathered here this evening to join with you in celebrating this silver anniversary of your wedding, and on behalf of those here assembled, we ask you to accept this gift as a taken of our love and friendship, and may it be a reminder of this memorable occasion. We all join in wishing you many more years of happiness together.

And when you reach your fifty years,
Some of us will be quite old,
But should our days stretch that far,
We will bring you gifts of gold

June 21, 1952.

SUMMER IN ARCTIC

OSLO —(CP)— The Norwegian Polar Institute is sponsoring seven expeditions in and around Spitsbergen this summer. Geologists and topographists, ornithologists and other experts will work in the island while hydrographers take depth soundings along the Spitzbergen coasts.

PUSAN, Korea, June 17—(Reuters)—An official South Korean spokesman said today that police have begun to confiscate all Japanese magazines in Pusan. He said they had been sent into the country illegally and were considered immoral.

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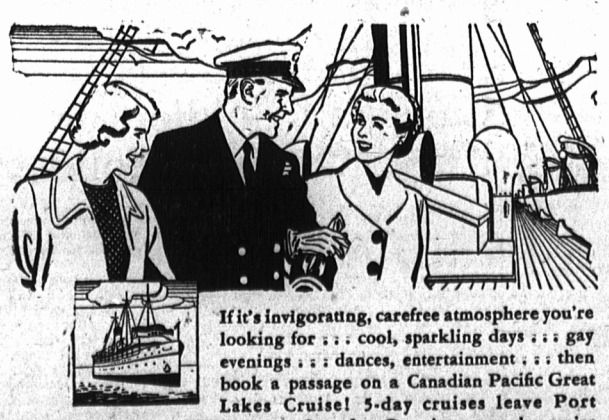

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