

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur
On Feb. 16 1945, the remains of 100-year-old George Via were laid to rest in Brethren Cemetery, Floyd, Virginia.

They observed that old Via's headstone was intact, though somewhat sunken. The explosion did not injure the walls of the grave, nor the coffin. Relatives had the grave filled in again and re-sodded but no one will ever know the answer to that riddle.

Near Pleasantville, Tenn., on the farm of Jack Murray, may be seen the only weather prophet rock in the whole world. Just before rain sets in, the surface of this limestone rock breaks out in sweat-like beads or drops.

Farmer Murray visits the rock everyday to get a check up on what kind of weather is in the offing. Murray relays the rock's reading to local farmers who vow that they'd rather go by the weather rock prophet than the official weather bureau forecasts.

There's some contrast between the above statement and the following, which are the dying words of the great evangelist Dwight L. Moody. "I see earth receding, heaven is opening! God is calling me!"

the Ringling Bros. Circus suddenly set upon a visitor and tossed him high into the air. An investigation brought out the amazing fact that some years prior to this incident, the man had put a lighted cigar in the elephant's trunk. Native elephant trainers say that no matter how trivial, from the cradle to the grave, an elephant will remember and avenge every wrong done him.

Some visions of World War I may be worth recalling for the entertainment of readers of this column. Thomas Kelley, Wales, was a member of the 8th Division, 33 Brigade and 33 battery of the Royal Field Artillery, B. E. F. Not long after they'd crossed the channel they were engaging the Prussian guards at Neuve Chapelle. During that battle Kelley and hundreds of his comrades at arms were amazed to notice that the whole horizon took on a deep crimson hue—the most remarkable sunset the soldiers had ever seen.

One guy pointed to the sky and asked Kelly, "What in the world does that mean?" No sooner were the words out of his mouth than amid the blood-red firmament—and hundreds of soldiers saw it—a perfect resemblance to the face of King Edward VII hung for several minutes in space and then slowly faded away.

Was this image a symbol of encouragement to the hard pressed English troops? Was it a sign that victory would be on the side of the allies? The late Lord Halifax vouched for the following strange story which was at that time, "common knowledge among the senior submarine officers."

With the commanders of the sub-boats operating from the southeast coast of England was one whom we will call Pethick. These P-boats had a special "beat." They'd do a patrol off the Dutch shoals and the entrance to Jade Bay, working mostly at night due to the vigilance of the German air force.

Pethick left on one of these patrols. His ship never returned and in time it was officially listed as lost. Two months later another sub was covering the same course. She'd just broken the surface with her periscope to have a "look around." The officer who in scanning the sea through periscope said, "By Jove, there's Pethick waving to us like mad from the water."

The tanks were at once emptied to bring the sub to the surface. Men hurried to the conning tower and some went out on deck with life lines. But if Pethick was actually there no one could see him

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BROTHER PASSES ON — Miss Winnifred Allan and Mr. A. C. Sinclair received the sad news of the death of their brother, Mr. W. Edgar Allan of Annapolis Royal, on Sunday, Aug. 30. He leaves to mourn his wife and one daughter, Mrs. John Cox of Shelburne, N. S., also a sister, Mrs. L. H. Coffin of Montague.

FIRST ELDON BLOOD DONOR CLINIC — On Wednesday afternoon all those in good health and between the ages of 18-65 years residing in or near Eldon will have an opportunity of adding their contributions to the Blood Bank by being donors at the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic being held in the Eldon Hall under the sponsorship of the Eldon Women's Institute. The quota for this Clinic which begins at 1:30 and goes on for a two-hour period is 100 donors and all connected with making the plans are most anxious to have this objective exceeded.

now. But something else came to view—two mines floating right in the sub's wake which would undoubtedly have blown them all to Kingdom-come had Pethick's ghost not appeared to warn them of their danger. Did the ghost of the dead submarine commander come back to rescue his friends from the kind of death he himself had experienced? The former British War minister, Hore Belisha, thought such was the case. What do you, my readers think?

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DON'T FORGET turkey supper Sept. 2, in aid of St. Vincent Orphanage. Supper served at St. Dunstan's College, time 4 p.m. Adults tickets \$1.00; children 50c. Entertainment on Orphanage grounds. Free transportation from I. M. T. 2 and 3 o'clock.

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The church was decorated with baskets of gladioli. Mr. Paul Cudmore presided at the organ. The bride wore a street-length dress of ice blue nylon over taffeta with matching accessories and wore a corsage of Tallismania roses.

The groom was attended by Mr. Louis Bagnall, brother of the bride. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents immediately following the ceremony at Belvedere. Receiving with the bride party was the bride's mother, who wore a grey-blue dress with navy and white accessories and a corsage of American Beauty roses.

The bride's table was covered with a lace table cloth and centered with a two-tier wedding cake. A bouquet of Tallismania roses added to the attractive setting. The toast to the bride was proposed by Rev. E. C. Evans, responded to by the groom. Assisting in serving were: Mrs. Parker Wood, Mrs. Gordon Houston, Miss Velma Wood, Mrs. Frank Crabbe, sister of the bride.

Following the reception the bride and groom left on their honeymoon through the Maritimes and Eastern States. En route the bride chose a suit of light blue wool flock, with white accessories and a corsage of white carnations. On returning from their honeymoon, the young couple will reside in New Glasgow, N. S., where the groom is employed with the Maritime Steel Foundries.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. James H. Cameron, David and Sandra, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cameron, Miss Betsy Hogan, Mr. George MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Cameron, Doreen and Jimmie, all of New Glasgow, N. S., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tremblay, Manchester, N. H.

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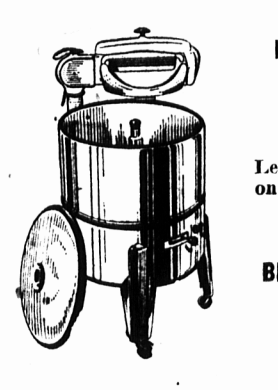
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