

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Charles Braley, retired bank manager, has put bracelets on twelve hundred young eagles just for a hobby.

Celebrating their wedding anniversary was a happy and unique occasion for Cyrus and Nancy Jane Rose, of Springfield, Ohio.

Although it is not noted for its intelligence, the squirrel has a brain which, in proportion to the size of its body, is larger than the brain of a human.

About fifteen hundred species of mosquitoes are known. Just try and imagine what would happen to a fisherman if they all came after him at the same time.

Some sharks grow to a length of forty feet. The filament spun by a silk worm is about one twelve-hundredth of an inch in thickness.

The things most frequently lost at horse races are house keys, eye glasses, false teeth and wrist watches.

In King's County, Johnny Allen, 12, has as a pet a wild duck that's different. She doesn't lay golden eggs, but she lays all her eggs in a hard hat—some folks call them "derbies."

Murray Franklin and Franklin Murray are both infielders on the San Diego team in the Pacific Coast Baseball League.

On January 31 of last year, provincial police at Port Credit, Ontario, had a strange case on their hands. They found a fifteen-year-old girl behind the wheel of an automobile that had polished off a lamp post along the Queen Elizabeth Way.

When she awoke, she saw lights coming towards her and discovered to her amazement that she was driving a car belonging to the couple whose children she was minding. It was the police's turn to be amazed when the girl told them she didn't know how to operate a car, although she'd driven a distance of eight miles while asleep, strange but true!

It is now a well-established fact that ancient man had modern diseases. Arthritis is the disease most often discovered in old bones. Its disfigurements have been found in the fossil remains of Neanderthal Man and in ancient Egyptians.

Can animals steer an unerring course for thousands of miles without a compass? I can tell you of one animal at least, which performed such an amazing feat. It was a black cat named Tommy.

When its owners, the Woods family moved back to Gage, Oklahoma, in 1951, after a year in California, they left Tommy with a neighbor. Eighteen months passed and the Woods children saw a lean but strangely familiar cat come limping into their backyard. The kids were certain it was their old pet Tommy but their parents said it couldn't be, as the animal would have to cover a distance of fifteen hundred miles to get home. Then Mr. Woods remembered that Tommy as a kitten had suffered a broken right hip. He examined the newcomer and sure enough the animal had a bad right hip. Still not satisfied, he put a long distance call through to the neighbor in California with whom they had left the cat. He learned that Tommy had disappeared a few days after the Woods family went away. That should be evidence enough to prove that the cat with-

The Stars Says

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limit attention to plans and discussion and postpone conclusive action or the actual signing of documents until later in the week.

For the Birthday

If tomorrow is your birthday, you are now entering a period during which your horoscope promises an abundance of the good things of life—satisfaction in your chosen career, with a possible promotion in the office, an improvement in your financial status and, above all, unusual harmony in both your personal and business relationships.

You may have to work harder than usual to achieve all that you have outlined for yourself during 1954, but the rewards will be well worth the effort and, since you are assured of the cooperation and encouragement of superiors and other influential persons, the going should not be too difficult. Better put thoughts of romance and travel out of your mind for the next few months, however.

A child born on this day will be self-confident, intuitive and extremely independent.

The Day After Tomorrow

KEEP a watchful eye on the exchequer this day. Analyze your budget calmly and carefully; count your change and don't risk cash on questionable ventures. If you are asked to aid someone in adversity, give help within your limitations, but do not incur needless responsibilities.

The evening hours are less restrictive and you should find much pleasure in the companionship of friends and loved ones. Social functions are in high favor, but indulgence in a hobby or quiet relaxation in some cultural pursuit could be equally enjoyable.

For the Birthday

If Monday is your birthday, the immediate future should see an improvement in your working and financial setup, but be careful lest "moods," hasty decisions or uncontrolled impulses put you in a bad light with business associates or superiors. When you find yourself on the verge of irritability or in a state of tension, try to get away, if only for a day. This will give you necessary mental balance and prevent "explosions" which might give you a reputation for being emotionally unstable.

Your horoscope promises some exceptionally fine opportunities during the new year and there is a strong likelihood that these may involve travel or some other environmental change. Conclude all pending matters now, therefore, so that you will be able to take advantage of the possibilities in the offing.

A child born on this day will be diplomatic and logical, but inclined toward restlessness.

out a compass, somehow, over eighteen months and a distance of fifteen hundred miles had found his way back to the children he loved.

Some persons will still tell you that Friday the thirteenth is an unlucky day. But Jasper Files and his wife of Colorado, won't. March 13, of this year, a Friday, the couple celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary. What's more, they were married on Friday, the 13th in 1898, and have observed wedding anniversaries on Friday the 13th eight times.

The city of Mandalay, made famous by Kipling is laid in human foundations. Fifty-three of the city's inhabitants were buried alive when the city was rebuilt in 1860. Three victims were placed under each of the city's twelve gates. The gates of the king's palace were supported by three each, and the monarch's throne was erected over the other victims, believe it or not.

PARIS, (Reuters)—Francis Picabia, noted French abstract painter died Wednesday. He was 75. Picabia first became known in 1905 when his abstract paintings on surrealistic themes shocked art critics around the world.

Still Hale And Hearty Despite His 79 Years



Still hale and hearty despite having recently celebrated his 79th birthday, Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill enjoys an outing in London with his four-year-old grandson, Nicholas Soames, prior to his departure for Bermuda for Big Three conference. More than 2,000 messages poured in on Churchill on occasion of his birthday. They came from the humble and the great around the world, from Queen Elizabeth in Panama and President Eisenhower and his host of admirers everywhere. Gifts and flowers were also in abundance. With many great services behind him, the famous old man believes his biggest job is still ahead of him—that of building a real peace with Russia.

Tyne Valley Notes

—Mr. Donald MacLean spent the week-end in Halifax visiting his brother, Mr. Ralph MacLean.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Darrach and family spent Nov. 28 visiting in Stanley Bridge.

—Mr. Allison Ramsay suffered a severe loss on Nov. 30 when he lost his barn together with his entire hay and grain crop, by fire. He managed to get his cows out with great danger to himself but two of them were severely burned. His many friends are sincerely sorry as this time of year it's a great loss with winter coming on.

—Mr. Edison Williams spent the week-end in Halifax with his wife, who is a patient in the Victoria General Hospital.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Dan MacLean on Nov. 28, when some interesting films were shown by Mr. Donald MacLean.

Swings have been erected on the Tyne Valley school grounds to help provide amusement for the children inside the school grounds.

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The Tyne Valley cheese factory has closed for this season and the milk is being taken to the Amalgamated Dairies in Summerside where it is manufactured into cheese by Mr. Lawrence MacDonald and his assistants.

—Mr. Hudson Pridham, Montrose, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hansen.

—Mrs. Scotty Kumpula, Mrs. Eldon Murphy and Mr. Allan Marchbanks are spending some time visiting in Ontario.

VESSEL GROUNDED

SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH. (AP)—The American Great Lakes freighter Sullivan, downbound and loaded with oats, went aground Wednesday night in the Vidal shoals of the St. Mary's river. She was in no immediate danger, however, and was not endangering navigation in the international river.

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Gives Figures On Liquor Stores In Montreal

MONTREAL, (CP) — J. Leon Patenaude, president of the Temperance Service of the Roman Catholic diocese of Montreal, says this city has twice as many liquor establishments as churches, schools and libraries.

Addressing the opening session of a three-day meeting of the Canadian Temperance Federation, Mr. Patenaude said Montreal has more than 2,000 licensed liquor establishments. Between 100,000 and 120,000 persons visited these weekly. More than two-thirds of the customers were under the age of 30.

Mr. Patenaude said Montrealeans spent a minimum of \$76,000,000 annually for liquor. The average family spent \$2.24 for alcoholic beverages weekly, but only \$1.45 for milk.

Burgess Bedtime

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an old stone wall and ran along beside it. Reddy leaped on the old wall, but Mrs. Reddy kept right on. Reddy jumped down on the other side and disappeared in some brush. Along came Bowser, his great voice ringing out joyously as his wonderful nose followed the scent. When he reached the place where Reddy had leaped up on the wall, he kept right on after Mrs. Reddy. You see, he didn't know that for a little while he had been following two Foxes.

A few minutes later Reddy joined the young Fox. "Now you know," said he, "what change-off is."

Contract Bridge

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hearts or four spades.

The reaction of West and East to the four-diamond bid was entirely typical. Both probably thought they would defeat the bid, but neither was bold enough to risk a double which, if it went wrong, would give North-South a game. They both left (correctly) that they had reached their own limit at three spades, but they did not mind resigning to the "unimportant" contract of four diamonds.

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