

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

It may surprise many Canadians and Americans to know that on every Fourth of July when right across the U. S. A. flags are flying and fire-crackers sputtering and speeches are the order of the day, the same thing is going on in Newfoundland which, since 1911, has been dedicated to this special purpose.

Rebuild National Park is the only place outside America where America's Independence Day is regularly celebrated. This is the only park on earth established specifically for Fourth of July celebrations. Indeed, it is unique among international monuments to peace.

All this was made possible by Jean Kirkgaard, who was once the editor of a Danish language magazine published in Racine, Wisconsin. The idea behind the plan was to form closer cultural relations between the Danish immigrants in America and their kinsmen across the seas. An annual reunion in Denmark was to be part of the set up.

In 1906 the Danish-American Association had its birth, and five years later over one thousand Danish-born Americans and other thousands of Danes gathered on Danish soil to celebrate the first Fourth of July ever held outside of the U. S. A. A Lincoln log cabin—every part of which came from Uncle Sam's country—serves as an immigrant museum, with a covered wagon, Indian costumes, etc., objects associated with the early Danish-American pioneers.

Such friendly alliance between two widely separated nations merits respect and might be copied by other nations to their mutual advantage.

Thousands who are familiar with the sons of Stephen Foster know very little about the sad life of the author; know that he died in Ward II, at the Bellevue Hospital, a charity patient.

Here's the brief entry of his death: Ward II, Stephen Foster, died January 13. Coat, pants, vest, hat, shoes, overcoat, January 10, 1864.

Received of Mr. Foster (a brother) ten shillings charge for Stephen Foster's will in hospital, Jan. 16, 1864.

Wm. E. White, Warden, Bellevue Hospital.

That brief inventory listed all the personal possessions of America's Robert Burns—did I say all? No, there were two things that escaped the eyes of the hospital attendants, namely: a little purse containing thirty-eight cents, and a piece of wrapping paper with five pencilled words—"Dear friends and gentle hearts"; maybe those five words were intended to be the title of a new song. We shall not know, but whatever its intent, the phrase describes perfectly the dear friends and gentle hearts who penned "Old Folks at Home" and gave more than a dozen other immortal songs to the world's treasure-house of lyrics.

'Einstein Shift' May Be Proved In Feb. 25 Eclipse

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—(AP)—The question of the "Einstein shift"—which may prove to be as important to science as the Notre Dame shift to football—could be settled one way or another this month.

Scientists backed by the National Geographic Society expect to get their first real crack at checking up on the shift during the total eclipse of the sun in Africa Feb. 25.

They say they expect "lush" conditions for their observations—in contrast to what a society representative described as "very lousy" ones during an eclipse in Brazil in 1947.

What they'll be looking for is an apparent shift of stars close to the sun during the eclipse.

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Good Chance Scientists through the world generally accept Einstein's theory of relativity, but they are constantly searching for proofs of it by direct observation.

An eclipse of the sun offers a possibility for checking on the star shift business because the sun is blacked out and nearby stars are visible.

So far eclipse expeditions haven't had much luck in spotting it, however.

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G. A. RAMSAY AND G. F. HEIDMAN, (Toronto), are continuing the special Evangelistic Meetings in the Gospel Hall (Upper Prince Street) week nights 8 P. M. excepting Saturday, Sunday 7.30 P.M.

VALENTINE PARTY.—Miss Marie Bonness, teacher of the senior Sunday School class of Trinity Church, entertained her pupils and their friends at an enjoyable Valentine party Thursday evening.

Police Court—Five men charged with being drunk and incapable, were arraigned before the Stipendiary Magistrate at the City Police Court Saturday. Two were sentenced to 10 days and costs or 10 days in County Jail, another was put out on previous commitment for 20 days, and the last was sentenced to 10 days and costs plus \$5 for damages, or an additional 10 days in County Jail.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. ARCHIBALD McLELLAN In Villa St. Laurent, Quebec, the death occurred on Feb. 23 of Mrs. Archibald McLellan, formerly of Indian River, P. E. I. in her 90th year.

Mrs. McLellan, the former Elizabeth McLellan, was born in Lot 7 parish where her parents kept a store. After the death of her parents she moved to Indian River where she married Archibald McLellan.

Of this union there were six children, four daughters and two sons. One son, Walter, was severely wounded in World War I and died as a result of his wounds several years after returning home. The surviving son, Rev. Lawrence McLellan is doing missionary work with the Josephite Fathers in Alabama.

The daughters are: (Josephine) Mrs. William McDonald, of Villa St. Laurent with whom Mrs. McLellan spent her declining years; (Victoria) Mrs. Leonard McDonald, Rumford, Me.; (Loretta) Mrs. Merfield, and (Angela) Mrs. Dugan of Los Angeles.

Rev. Lawrence McLellan of Alabama and her grandson Rev. Rupert McDonald of the Josephite College, were present in Villa St. Laurent for the funeral, also her daughter Mrs. Leonard McDonald of Rumford, Me. Her two daughters in Los Angeles visited their mother last summer but were unable to attend the funeral.

Being an avid reader, with a retentive memory Mrs. McLellan was a most interesting conversationalist, and she retained her alert faculties to the last. She was greatly missed by her neighbors in Indian River when she moved to Quebec about ten years ago.

The sympathy of their former neighbors and friends goes out to the family who will always cherish the memory of a devoted mother. Burial was in Villa St. Laurent, Quebec.

Lovingly Remembered by Her Three Sisters.

Funeral Procession Ended At Windsor



In the shadows of Windsor Castle, Elizabeth is proclaimed Queen at Windsor, royal seat since the 11th century. It is here that King George VI was laid to rest alongside of his father in St. George's Chapel, following burial on Feb. 15.



Scout News and Notices

Canadian Boy Scouts and Girl Guides will join with Scouts and Guides throughout the world in observing Scout-Guide Sunday on February 24th to honour the memory of the late Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scout and Guide movements.

A Canadian contingent of 50 Boy Scouts and eight leaders will fly to Kingston, Jamaica, to attend the First Caribbean Jamboree from March 5 to 17. In addition some 13 other Scout leaders and Rover Scouts will work on the Jamboree staff as "volunteers". Both Scouts and leaders are making the trip at their own expense.

Civil Defence and Traffic Control authorities will make full use of a large scale model of the City of Halifax, N.S., now being constructed by Boy Scouts and leaders under the direction of District Scout Commissioner Paul D. Silver, Halifax. The model will include scale reproductions of buildings, streets, highways, dock, rail and transportation facilities.

As Deputy Director of the International Bureau of the Boy Scouts Association, Major-General D. C. Spry, of Ottawa, will leave Canada on February 21 to begin a 25,000 mile flying tour of Latin American countries.

During the next two months General Spry is scheduled to visit Scouts and leaders in Mexico, Cuba, Jamaica, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Trinidad, Venezuela and Haiti.

Montreal Scouts of La Federation des Scouts Catholiques did such a good job on their census of Montreal Catholic children in 1950 that the School Commission is considering having it taken regularly. The Scouts' census reported 191,905 Catholic children in Montreal from two to eighteen years of age.

"He is a brother Scout and we will care for him" said Scouts of the 37th Winnipeg Troop, when they heard that Michael Szadiak, 13, from north of The Pas, Manitoba, had come to Winnipeg Children's Hospital as a "polio" patient last Fall. Scouts of St. Martin's in the Fields Troop have visited him regularly and recently made him a member of their Troop in a special investiture ceremony at the hospital.

The family of the late Lester MacWilliams wish to take this opportunity of thanking the friends and neighbours for their acts of kindness, also all those who sent flowers, cards, and letters of sympathy, during their recent sad bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of CATHERINE M. MacDONALD who passed away February 17th, 1951. Sadly Missed by Brothers and Sisters.

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Turnip Seed Situation This coming spring will probably see Registered Laurentian Turnip Seed scarcer than it has ever been previously. With our rapidly growing business we are finding it very difficult to secure enough to fill the needs of our regular customers and the large number of new ones we take on each year. Therefore in all fairness we feel this season we will have to refuse orders that reach us for turnip seed alone and would ask those who wish to purchase other garden seeds as well, to send for our Catalogue and if a general order is placed with us at a reasonably early date, we shall see each new customer receives his quota of this scarce item also. Our Catalogue is now ready and will be mailed free upon request. ARTHUR VESEY YORK, P. E. I.

IN MEMORIAM

LESTER MacWILLIAMS The communities of Augustine Cove and vicinity were shocked and saddened when they learned of the sudden passing of one of their most esteemed and most widely known citizens, Mr. Lester George MacWilliams, on Saturday, January 19th, 1952, in his sixty-third year.

The late Mr. MacWilliams, son of the late George and Eva Guizlian MacWilliams, who was born in Cape Traverse, P. E. I., spent his whole life in the Cape Traverse-Augustine Cove vicinity, where he was a successful and prosperous farmer. He was widely known for his honesty, integrity, extreme generosity and hospitality, and above all for his steadfastness to his church, whose teachings he loved and respected.

The late Mr. MacWilliams will be sadly and greatly missed in his home, in his church, of which he was a trustee, and in his community.

Besides a sorrowing widow, the former Emma B. Dixon of Mermaid, he leaves to mourn two daughters, Lillian, Mrs. Roy Cutcliffe of Augustine Cove, and Olga, Mrs. James Rodd of Harrington, and four grandchildren; also two sisters, Harriet, Mrs. Willard Leard of Borden, Mildred, Mrs. Elmer Francis of Carleton, and three brothers, Gordon of Carleton, John and Leeman of Augustine Cove.

The funeral, which was largely attended, was held on Monday, Jan. 21st. A short service at the late home was followed by a service in the Cape Traverse Church of Scotland. His pastor, Rev. J. H. Bishop conducted the services. The pallbearers were Muncy Gardner, Wilbert Dickie, Edwin MacWilliams, William Pye, Charles Crossman, and Harry MacFarlane. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Card Of Thanks

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LLANELLY, Wales—(CP)—Bertram Lees gave his 17-year-old daughter consent to marry and she lost no time. Changing his mind, he called a taxicab to go to the church but was delayed by an accident. When he got there, the wedding was over.

One sad and lonely year has passed. Since our great sorrow fell, The shock that we received that day, We still remember well.

God gave us strength to take it, And courage to bear the blow, But what it meant to leave him, No one will ever know.

Sadly Missed by His Wife and Family.

FALMOUTH, England—(CP)—Books, Christmas puddings and gifts among the cargo of Captain Kurt Carlsen's sunken freighter, the "Flying Enterprise," were washed up at Jersey, Channel Islands. One relic of the ship that sank Jan. 10, a delicate china cup packed in straw, was undamaged.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOSPITAL ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the Act of Incorporation a public meeting of all contributors to the Prince Edward Island Hospital will be held in the classroom, new nurses' residence, Charlottetown, on Thursday, February 21st, 1952, at 8 P.M. for the purpose of electing trustees for the government of the institution in accordance with the by-laws and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

J. ANDREW LIKELY, Secretary, Board of Trustees.

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