

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

New techniques are being worked out for handling and photographing insects in flight. We now know that the deer batfly is capable of flying at the rate of 400 M.P.H.; that the hawk moth, the sunbird, the bee, and the tropical damselfly, to name but a few, can fly backward as well as forward; that the cephenomyia fly, which holds the record for any form of life anywhere in the world, is as fast if not faster than the modern jet-propelled plane.

Small external cancers were often successfully drawn out by means of a specially concocted poultice called "the Cancer Plaster."

This plaster was in use in Prince Edward Island until comparatively recent times. Some years ago I interviewed a woman at Brudenell who claimed many successful cures.

Certainly one of the strangest cults known to man is that practiced by the Leopard men of Africa. Dressed in real leopard skins and wearing claws of iron, they prow through the forests. When they come upon a lone human they pounce upon him and sever the carotid artery with their teeth, exactly as leopards do with their prey.

It is a secret cult which has never been revealed to any white man. Not so many years ago 90 suspects were rounded up and put in jail pending trial, but the law was cheated. The ninety committed suicide by poison they had hid on their persons.

In recent years, as savages become more civilized the Leopard man is fast disappearing, but centuries may yet roll by before a gruesome custom and superstitions of backward peoples will be wiped out.

Most of us have seen Boston or some other city, in a nut shell, or the midget Bible so tiny that its print could only be read with a powerful magnifying glass but in the Bodleian Library at Oxford is an artfully printed translation of Omar Khayyam's book which can rest on a spider's web. It is about 1-8 the size of an ordinary postage stamp and weighs 1-2 grains.

It is a matter of fact that few creatures are more cleanly than snakes. The flesh is white, firm and tender, and is free from bones and gristle. Those who have eaten snakes say it is a very fine dish.

Crapaud is a French name and literally means frogs. The creek passing through this place used to be the hangout of numerous frogs, hence the name.

A favorite food of the Chinese is shark-fin and bird's-nest soup. The fins are put together by means of a sticky gelatinous substance ejected from the mouths of swifs. This substance is clean and wholesome, delicious and nourishing.

Another favorite dish of the Chinese is century-old hen's eggs. These are not, however, as bad as they may sound. Why? Because the contents shrink and dry up to form a hard nutlike food which is quite palatable, at least to the Chinese.

It seems strange that civilians should turn up their noses at the sight of snails on their tables when they eat cysters, scallops and clams.

Europeans are fond of mussels and in France the people go for periwinkles like we go for peanuts. The thought of devouring human flesh is most repugnant to us, yet we must remember that cannibalism was a widely spread custom until quite recently, and in Britain's early history our own ancestors sometimes eked out their larder at the expense of other humans.

Many years ago, a London barber and restaurant keeper actually made meat pies from persons he'd killed in his barber shop. Fortunately, he was caught and hanged, but not before thousands of his human meat pies had gone down the throats of unsuspecting patrons.

The world's most famous elephant was named Jumbo. The big fellow put on a lot of weight after he entered the London Zoo, which he occupied between 1865-1882. Jumbo stood 11 feet in his stocking feet and weighed over two tons.

Incidentally, an entire library has been devoted to the elephant's place in religion and labor.

CRESCENT CARNIVAL

FRANCES PARKISON KEYES

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anything but Aunt Eleanor when I was a boy."

"I don't seem to remember—"

"Because you were just a huge-eyes baby then—a very pleasant baby, but rather on the sober side. Only, when you did smile, there was a darling little dimple right near your lower lip, on your chin—a little to the left. Come over here to the light and let me see if it's still there. You'll have to tilt your head up a little. You don't mind, do you?" He looked down at her, and she returned his gaze steadily. But she did not smile. Somehow it seemed too solemn a moment. Drew must have thought so too, for he did not refer to the dimple again. Instead, he spoke suddenly and sincerely. "I love you, Patty. I love you dearly. It means everything in the world to me to have you look at me like that. Promise me you'll never look at me in any other way."

(To be continued)

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late William Sutherland wish to thank kind friends and neighbors who assisted in so many ways during their recent bereavement and also those who sent letters and cards of sympathy.

KING COLE COFFEE

Always Fresh

Some Budget Highlights

OTTAWA, April 10 — (CP) — Highlights of the fiscal portion of Finance Minister Abbott's budget speech:

Estimated budgetary surplus of \$203,456,000 for the 1950-51 fiscal year ended March 31 last, compared with \$131,525,000 for 1949-50.

Revenue for 1950-51 estimated at \$3,105,300,000, an increase of \$25,159,000.

Expenditures estimated at \$2,901,844,000, an increase of \$453,228,000.

Estimated national net debt at end of fiscal year \$11,441,100,000, a decrease of \$203,456,000.

In the months ahead Canadians will face a test of nerves, of readiness to sacrifice immediate interests for future security.

The rearmament program may revive the dollar problem to some extent, but it no longer dominates the economic scene.

Indications are that plans for capital expansion are greater than the capacity to fulfil them.

Almost every significant economic indicator in Canada established records in 1950.

A shortage of certain types of skilled labor is developing.

The government is not prepared to embark on a premature program of direct controls to combat inflation.

There is urgent need for a higher volume of new saving to cover anticipated capital investment.

ALBERTON W. I.

—Mrs. Herbert Champion was hostess to the April meeting of the Alberton Women's Institute meeting on Friday evening. Mrs. C. H. Weeks presided and Mrs. Joseph Callaghan acted as secretary. 15 members answered the roll call with the name of a book read recently. The school committee reported that display boards had been made ready for use in the school and the hall committee reported seven rentals. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$13.80.

The hall committee was re-appointed. Mrs. T. J. Keefe and Mrs. Clayton Travers were appointed to the visiting committee and Mrs. Gordon Coffin and Mrs. A. C. Green were appointed to the school committee. It was reported that the janitor of the hall had resigned and it was decided to call for applications for the position.

Mrs. Arthur Wilkie concluded the biography of Mrs. Hoodless, founder of the Women's Institute. Mr. Burke invited the members to meet at her home in May. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Hostesses were Mrs. Champion, Mrs. Wilkie and Mrs. Michael Ahearn.

WHIM ROAD W. I.

The April meeting of the Whim Road W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Webb Nicholson on Thursday night. Eleven members were present and one visitor. Roll call was answered by exchanging seeds and plant slips.

Mrs. Wesley Campbell, president, conducted the meeting which began with the Institute Ode, and continued on in the usual manner. Correspondence received during the month was read by the secretary, Mrs. Lawrence Stuart. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Several pieces of finished Red Cross work were handed in.

A very interesting report of the leadership course held in Charlottetown was given by Mrs. M. J. Munro, who attended as district president for the coming local convention. This year Whim Road is to be the entertaining district of the surrounding districts. Ways and means for improving the hall for this occasion, which will be held in June, were discussed to some length by the members.

The sick committee for the month reported one call made. The new committees appointed were as follows: Sick committee, Mrs. Bob Campbell and Mrs. M. J. Munro; entertainment commit-

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VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH —Dr. O. S. Nordland, who recently returned from Ottawa, where he acted as a member of the Veterinary Academic Standard's Board for Canada, has been notified by the Executive of the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, that he has been appointed a member of that Association's newly formed committee on Veterinary Public Health.

POSTPONED — The Auction Sale of farm machinery of Frank B. Clarke which was to have taken place in Charlottetown yesterday, but due to the weather and road conditions making it impossible to get all the machinery from the Keppoch farm to Charlottetown for yesterday's sale, we are postponing it until one week from today, Tuesday, April 17th.

DIES IN TORONTO — Many Island friends will regret to learn of the death of Leo H. Power after a short illness at his home, 78 Blackthorn Ave. in Toronto Monday, April 9th. Mr. Power was stationed in Charlottetown for a number of years as Maintenance Superintendent of Canadian Airways where he and Mrs. Power endeared themselves to many. Since his departure from here he has been employed in various positions of responsibility by Canada Airways, British Overseas Airways, and until the time of his death by the DeHavilland Aircraft Co. in Toronto. The sympathy of their host of friends on the Island is extended to his bereaved wife and members of his family.

LIBERAL WOMEN'S MEETING —The monthly meeting of the Women's Liberal Club was held yesterday afternoon in the ladies room of the Canadian Legion Hall. The President, Mrs. Russell Roper presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the recording secretary, Mrs. G. A. J. Rodd. The treasurer, Mrs. G. A. MacDonald read the financial report. Mrs. Arthur Peake then introduced Mr. Simon Paoli, president of the Fifth Queen's Liberal Association, who gave an instructive talk on organization. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Paoli by Mrs. Ben. Rogers Jr. A tea committee comprising Mrs. Lemuel E. Prowse, Mrs. Gilbert Gaudet and Mrs. Arthur Guindan served tea at the close of the meeting.

LEAVE ON EXERCISES —HALIFAX, April 10 — (CP) — The Royal Navy submarine Thule and the Canadian destroyer Crescent left Halifax today for exercises off Grand Manan, N. B. The two vessels are slated to return to Halifax April 20.

tee, Mrs. Wesley Campbell and Miss Mary K. Munro. A penny sale was given by Mrs. Lawrence Stuart, which was won by Mrs. Wesley Campbell, who in next month will conduct the sale for next month. Mrs. Bob Campbell kindly invited the members to her home for the May meeting. Roll call will be "Sing, Say, Play, or Pay." At the close of the evening a social hour was enjoyed by everyone, during which time, the hostess, Mrs. Nicholson, assisted by several of the ladies, served delightful refreshments. The meeting closed with the King.

Card Of Thanks —Mr. Charles MacLennan, Montague, wishes to thank sincerely, Rev. F. N. Young, Dr. A. D. MacKenzie, and the doctors and nurses of the King's County Hospital, and all who in any way helped during his recent sad bereavement; also those who sent messages and cards of sympathy.

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INTEREST at the rate of one half per cent per month will be charged on all unpaid first installments after April 15th.

RAOUL REYMOND, Bass, will present vocal recital over Radio Station CBA, on Wednesday, April eleventh, from 7:00 to 7:15 P. M.

ATTENTION DRAMA GROUPS! Entries for Festival close April 20th (instead of April 30th). Send to Mrs. Ray MacLeod, Graham's Road.

Personals

Messrs. F. D. Bennett and Roy Burke of Morell were business visitors in Charlottetown yesterday.

Mrs. J. A. MacAnnally, of Saskatoon, Sask., the former Phyllis Dawson, who is visiting her parents Col. and Mrs. U. G. Dawson in Yarmouth, N.S., this week-end will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hansen, Longworth Ave.

Fredericton and Vicinity

—Mr. C. B. Jelly, School supervisor, Summerside, was a visitor to Fredericton school on Wednesday.

Professor W. W. Jones, Tryon, has resumed his music class in Fredericton school following the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Jackson are being welcomed to their home in Fredericton after spending the winter months in New Brunswick.

Miss Tillie Frowse, Charlottetown, was a recent visitor to Fredericton the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Annie MacBachern. She left on Thursday morning for a visit to Amherst, N. S.

The many friends of Miss Ellen Buchanan are sorry to hear she had to enter the Prince County Hospital on Thursday for an emergency operation. All look forward to an early return to health for Ellen.

A number of our hockey fans attended the games in Charlottetown last week played between the Charlottetown Islanders and the Sydney Millionaires.

Mrs. Leslie Weeks entertained the Pleasant Valley Women's Institute on Wednesday evening. This meeting took the form of a social one and was enjoyed by all. A bazaar table added to the attractions of the evening. At the close a delicious lunch was served by the ladies.

Mrs. Milton Weeks was hostess to the members of the Mission Circle at her home on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Miller Weeks presided during the meeting. "In Christ There is no East or West" was sung. Scripture lesson Mark 10: 17-22 was read by Mrs. George Smith. A poem written by a mother, "To My Son" was read by Mrs. Clinton Glydon followed by prayer by Mrs. George Smith. The advisory president, Mrs. Frank Cutcliffe led in the closing chapter of our study on Japan. In the study "Our Living Faith" Miss Evelyn Smith read the part, "Man's Confusion" and Mrs. Clinton Glydon read, "False Beliefs". Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Roll call was responded by a memorized scripture verse containing "Behold". Offering was taken and Easter envelopes were opened. Mrs. Melville Weeks invited the members for next meeting. Mrs. George Smith was appointed leader, Mrs. Clinton Glydon to have prayer for missionary. Lunch committee for next meeting: Mrs. Glen Ling, Mrs. Aubrey Cutcliffe and Mrs. George Smith. Meeting closed by singing, "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" followed by benediction in unison. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by the committee in charge.

Busy Year Is Planned For Women's Institutes

The April meeting of the Women's Institute Executive was a busy one. Discussions centred around plans for the annual convention, the biennial sessions of the F. W. I. C. film services utilization, resolutions, musical festival and price controls.

With the President in the chair, the minutes were read by the secretary and approved as read.

Correspondence relating to recent resolutions and visiting speakers for convention was read and discussed.

Reports were heard from Miss Boswell concerning her recent attendance at the Conference on Boys and Girls' Clubs held in Winnipeg and the committees dealing with resolutions. Miss Anna Templeton of the Jubilee Guilds of Newfoundland and Labrador has accepted the invitation to speak to Annual Convention which will be held July 10th and 11th. Arrangements have also been completed for Mrs. Davies to address one of the sessions.

Mrs. Davies is now on a trans-continental tour, representing the National Federation of Women's Institutes of England and Wales. Mrs. Davies lives in a small English village and is actively interested in Institute work. She is the mother of two young children.

Several nominations were received for Life Membership awards. The suggestion of forming "special interest groups" to be taken on tour during one afternoon of the Convention was approved. It was decided that members of the Executive would act as guides but final plans were left for submission at next meeting.

The Policy Committee submitted the budget which was ratified by the meeting. This will be sent to the Minister of Agriculture for approval.

A committee was appointed to compose the brief for presentation at the Biennial meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes to be held in June.

It was decided to award the Institute Trophy to Class 83 in the Musical Festival Competition. A request from the Musical Festival Executive to hold a meeting with them in the near future was accepted.

Discussion took place concerning the necessity of a short-course for tourist-catering and the policy committee were requested to confer with the Minister of Education about providing such a course.

It was agreed that an independent committee be chosen to interview applicants for the Home Economics Scholarship. Members of the committee will be representatives from the Department of Education, the Home Economics Association and the Women's Institutes. Mrs. MacGowan, Convenor of Home Economics, is the nominee from the Women's Institutes.

Meeting adjourned, to reconvene on May 10.

DARNLEY AND SEA VIEW W.M.S.

The Darnley and Sea View W.M.S. auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Harry W. Crozier for its monthly meeting on March 12th.

Budget Figures Reveal Huge Surplus For The Past Year

OTTAWA, April 10 — (CP) — A 1950-51 budgetary surplus of \$203,456,000 — the fifth consecutive surplus since the end of the war — was reported tonight by Finance Minister Abbott in his Budget speech to the Commons. Last September, he forecast a surplus of \$15,000,000.

The surplus of \$203,456,000 for the year ended March 31 last compared with a surplus of \$131,525,000 in 1949-50; \$595,000,000 in 1948-49; \$670,000,000 in 1947-48 and \$373,000,000 in 1946-47 when a lengthy string of deficits was broken.

Mr. Abbott estimated 1950-51 revenues at \$3,105,300,000 and expenditures at \$2,901,844,000. In the previous year, revenues were \$2,580,141,000 and expenditures \$2,448,616,000.

The 1950-51 surplus was applied against the country's net national debt and reduced it to \$11,441,100,000.

Mr. Abbott's figures were contained in the 7,000-word fiscal portion of his speech, which preceded the section containing proposed tax changes for 1951-52.

The speech contained these points: 1. The rearmament program may revive the dollar problem to some extent, but it no longer dominates the economic scene as it did two or three years ago.

2. Gross national production, net national income, personal expenditures on consumer goods and services, gross capital investment and wages and other labor income were about seven or eight per cent higher than in 1949-50.

3. A manpower problem is likely to develop during the year but it is not likely to take the form of a serious over-all labor shortage.

4. Indications are that plans for capital expansion are greater than the capacity to fulfil them.

5. The government is not prepared to embark on a premature program of direct controls, which under present conditions, would create more confusion than stability.

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