

Strange But True

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Though made only of sun-dried brick, a 100-foot tower still stands 10 miles from the city of Bagdad. This is all that remains of the ancient city of Babylon which flourished 2500 years ago. In this Biblical city stood the tower of Babel; and the Hanging Gardens, numbered among the Seven Wonders of the ancient world.

Too many people drink the King's health at the expense of their own.

For sacking the city of Panama and taking it from the Spaniards, buccaneer Henry Morgan received a knighthood and was afterward made deputy-Governor of Jamaica.

William Dampier was another buccaneer who found grace with the English. After King William had read the story of Dampier's pirate days he was given command of the Roebuck, a ship belonging to the Royal Navy, for the purpose of exploring the South Seas.

It was Captain Dampier too, who rescued Alexander Selkirk from the island of Juan Fernandez.

The pirates were known as "the brethren of the Coast." They had their own code of laws. For instance, each pirate had a mate, who if he died was heir to all his property. The early buccaneers had their headquarters in the island of Tortuga, near the east coast of Cuba.

If there are people on Mars they could be able to see the great Wall of China, stretching 1900 miles across valleys and up mountains to a point 5000 feet above the sea.

"If you would make a man happy do not add to his possessions but subtract from the sum of his desires." - Seneca.

It is now known that a beef calf inherits from its sire 53 per cent of its birth weight, 65 per cent of its gain in the feedlot, 68 per cent of its area of eye muscle and 33 per cent of its carcass grade. Up to the weaning stage the milking ability of the dam is an important factor. The ultimate quality and conformation of the beef animal would appear from carefully kept records to be less dependent on heredity than the growth factor.

Two kinds of men never amount to much - those who cannot do what they are told and those who can do nothing else.

Two Canadian girls on a cycling tour of the British Isles took time out to ask an Englishman the way to Inglesham. Observing her name on her saddle bags the man asked Miss G. Henshaw if any of her relatives had served with the R. A. F. during the last war. Miss Henshaw produced a photo of her brother who was killed in a flying accident while serving with the R. A. F. Beside her brother in the picture was the man to whom she was talking. It's a small world after all.

Game laws have become so comprehensive and all embracing that it's scarcely legal to look at a gun without a licence.

For the first time in years the Dust Bowl of Kansas is full of water.

The card matches given away with the purchase of tobaccos cost the retail merchants of Canada and the United States \$32,000 every month or \$384,000 a year.

By playing up to the jailer the inmates of Georgetown jail were granted many privileges, some years ago. Among other things they were allowed to drink liquor, entertain their friends and spend the greater part of their time wandering about the town.

The number of animals that may be sired by one male through artificial means is amazing to say the least. Take for example, Rag Apple, owned by the New York Artificial Breeders' Cooperative in Ithaca, N. Y. In three years and four months this bull actually produced more than 15,000 sons and daughters.

When the Northwest Mounted Police established their headquarters in Saskatchewan in 1880, the place was not Regina but Pile of Bones Creek.

Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico are the largest underground passages ever discovered. There are 745,900 and 1320 feet levels below the surface.

The growth and healthy condition of every member of the body, in fact, of every function of existence in the universe, depends on Exercise.

Food and leisure for all are possible. If the labor of mankind were wisely directed; if competition gave way to co-operation, and if each individual truly sought the welfare of his fellow.

While we look upon war as futile and savage, the wars of the past have resulted in much good in that they have taught nations to tackle the real problems which face humanity.

There is no end to the good that can ultimately be accomplished for as a race we are still in the morning of times.

Calgary Drama Group Regional Winner In D.D.F.

EDMONTON, Jan. 24 (CP) - Workshop 14 of Calgary last night for the sixth time in seven years won the award for the best presentation at the Alberta Regional Drama Festival.

Nana Canning of the Calgary Company won the award for the

best actress in the three-play festival for her portrayal of "Eliza" in George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion."

Tim Byrne, of the Edmonton Civil Service Playhouse, won the award for best actor for his "Edward Moulton-Barrett" in last night's festival - concluding performance of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

Adjudicator Pierre Lefevre said his choice of the best play oscillated during the evening between "Pygmalion" and "The Barretts of Wimpole Street." He had chosen "Pygmalion" because it was much closer to a true performance of a play.

Canoe Cove Y.P.S. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Canoe Cove Y.P.S. was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mack MacFadyen on Jan. 2nd with a good attendance.

The meeting opened by singing the Doxology followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. The President, Mrs. Milton MacNevin presided and roll call was answered by reciting a verse of scripture. After the singing of the hymn "Standing at the Portal", the Scripture les-

son was read responsively followed by prayer by Rev. Donald Nicholson.

An inspiring lesson was read by Miss Elsie Hickox, a real challenge to the Y.P.S. at the beginning of the new year. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the secretary, Miss Caroline MacKenzie, and approved. The business part of the program was then conducted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Rev. Donald Nicholson; president, Miss Caroline MacKenzie; vice-president, Miss Sadie MacFadyen; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Joe MacKenzie; condolence committee, Mr. Glen MacFadyen; sick

committee, Miss Caroline MacKenzie and Miss Sadie MacFadyen; Freshyterial, Elsie Hickox and Kathleen MacFadyen; press committee, Mrs. Albert MacDougall.

Meeting closed by singing a hymn and with a prayer by Rev. Donald Nicholson. Lunch was served by the hostess and the committee in charge.

Next meeting is to be held at the Manse, the home of Rev. and Mrs. D. Nicholson, Clyde River.

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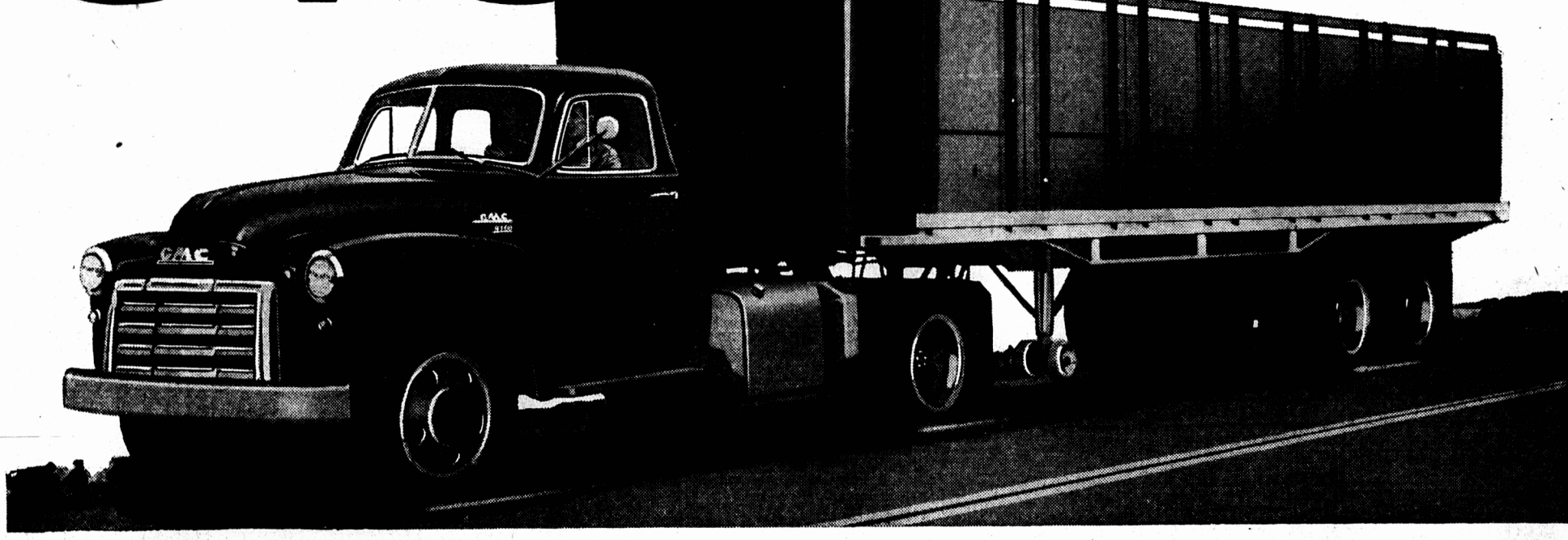
OLD DISASTER

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ANCIENT MAN

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