

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

One aspect of the future we don't have to worry about is the amount of it. There's just as much of it ahead as there ever was—unless the H-bomb brings civilization to its knees.

"A strange new weapon" in the form of an "intense killing cold" is apparently Russia's latest new device. Jet planes can fly at 2000 feet and spray the earth with an "artificially produced killing cold" so as to freeze all vegetation and animals. Intelligence Digest (Feb.) says this new weapon was first tested last year. "It could be used against troops in the field." It is believed that German scientists had developed the "killing cold" before the end of World War II. Is it not a sad commentary on civilization that at a time when mankind were hoping for freedom from fear there should be a new source and cause of fear on top of fear.

Did you know that the brier rabbit carries a rear light? The tail light in this case is a patch of white on its buttocks called a "seut" when the rabbit is being pursued by an enemy it turns at right angles, so that the tell-tale signal is lost to view. This smart act on the part of the brier rabbit baffles both dog and hunter enabling the rabbit to make good its escape.

Some kinds of deer also show white buttocks and like the brier rabbit they turn at right angles to throw their enemies off the trail. The arctic fox turns white in winter, but not our island fox, and in England there are only three creatures—a bird and two mammals—which change their suits to white in winter.

A frog goes into his hibernating quarters backwards and there, with its nose to the entrance, goes quickly to sleep, not waking until the spring unless of course, there is misleading warmth quite early in the year.

No farmer should despise the humble little mole. Why? Because it eats more insects for its size than any other animal.

There is a widespread belief that a cat washing behind its ears is a sign of rain. As to tabby's ablutions I will say no word, as cats are very wise creatures.

It seems to be the instinct of the nightingale to sing more loudly when there is any sound it does not understand. This is to attract the attention of enemies away from its nest. The truth of the above statement was brought home to the people of England during the height of the German blitz. A correspondent described how, above the terrible din of the enemy planes and the guns below, the nightingales answered each roll of the guns with a glorious burst of song.

Thus history repeats itself, for I have heard soldiers of the First World War say that when they fought in Flanders' Field the song of the nightingale could be distinctly heard amid the guns below. In the retreat from Dunkirk, when the very earth seemed to be convulsed by the belching guns and

whining bomb-hurving planes, was heard pressed soldiers could hear the nightingales singing above that terrible din, "carrying them back in thought to the perfect loveliness of English woods in May."

During hibernation snakes "cuddle" together, often in large numbers, for warmth. But the hedgehog sleeps alone, perhaps because he snores!

Did you know that the Fall leave-taking of our swallows covers several weeks. The line up of birds we see on the telephone wires are the first migrants or contingent, consisting mainly of young fry reared earlier in the season. Their fathers and mothers are busy with second broods, and in warm, open Fall will produce a third. This is why we still see swallows in October.

It is a most interesting sight to watch swallows sitting on telephone and other wires before migration. Why? Because if you listen and keep your eyes open you'll be rewarded in many ways. Older swallows and the parents take time out from their regular duties to pop morsels of food into the mouths of these deck chair youngsters who keep up an incessant chatter. One morning they will be on their perch, the next gone, and then we know that "summer departs on swallow wings."

You never ask a person to repeat a question if you know the answer when you first hear it.

The real old-timers, the pioneers of Prince Edward Island—I mean those hardy men who carved for themselves and future generations homes from the wilderness and known as pioneers—are fast becoming extinct. The world is not breeding that kind of mortals anymore, and, as no replacements are forthcoming, nobody comes to the island to live and build a home here by uprooting stumps in the Million Acre Farm for himself and his offspring.

It's a wise wife who doesn't spend all of her husband's dough but saves some for the little darlings.

The high price of coffee is not bothering blind Charles Oxar, 78, of Miami, Florida. Why? Because he grows his own in his back yard.

Oxar began his coffee growing venture at the end of the Second war when his son, who was in the navy, brought home a few coffee plants from Brazil.

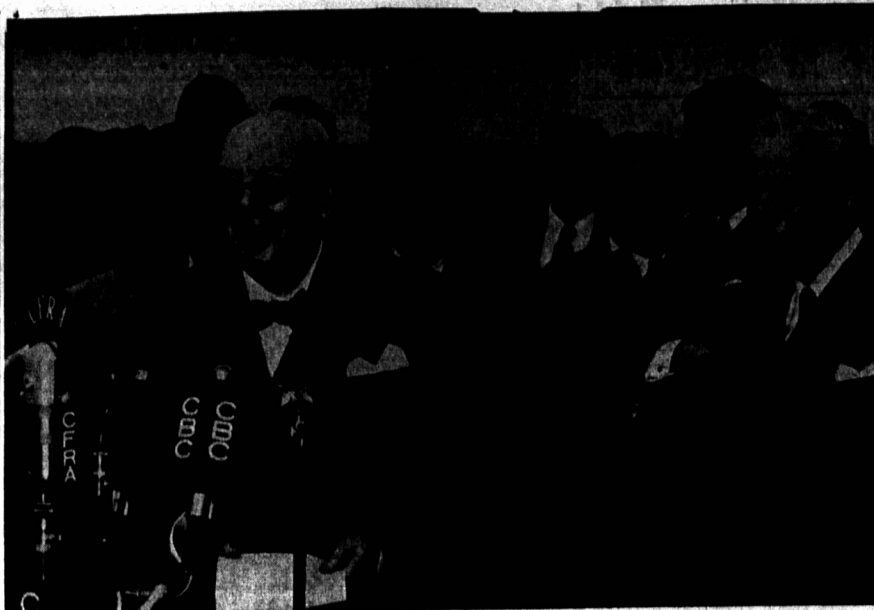
The case of the crazy moose is causing quite a dither among biologists of the conservation department in Nova Scotia. It seems that mad moose are infested with ticks that simply drive the animal off their beam.

The male hardhead catfish carries eggs in its mouth until the baby fish are hatched and then carries the baby fish until they are about three inches long.

Did you know that some bears have extra eyelids which are transparent and can be used like sunglasses for protection against glare.

The area we know as India is about half the size of the U. S. but its population is three times greater than theirs.

PRICKLY ANIMAL
The porcupine, armed with sharp quills, is mainly a tree-dwelling animal feeding on twigs and inner bark of trees.



Prime Minister Churchill, smiling behind a battery of microphones following his arrival in Ottawa, made a brief address in which he described Canada as a master-link of Anglo-American unity. At right foreground is Prime Minister St. Laurent and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. —(CP Photo)

July 12th Celebrations At Crapaud

What are your plans for Monday July 12th? Mine? I am going to Crapaud. I and the members of my family always attend the Orange celebration. Two years ago we went to Milton, last year to Winsloe, this year we go to Crapaud. We are always assured of a good time.

Meals will be served in the Community Rink by the sponsoring body — Crapaud District L.O.A. and L.O.B.A.

The parade will be held in a field adjoining the Rink. It will feature a pipe and drum band. Bro. Ralph Burdett of Cavendish, The Grand Marshall, mounted on a white horse will lead the parade. After the march, a few short appropriate addresses will be given. The guest speaker will be the Grand Chaplain Rev. Bro. W. H. Forsyth of the United Church West Cape Pastoral Charge.

The sports program will feature dashes for all ages, 3 legged races for girls, wheelbarrow races for boys, ball throw for boys and a shoe race for the ladies.

Plan to be in Crapaud for the Orange celebration.

Announce 20 Scouting Awards

OTTAWA (CP) — Governor-General Massey, in his capacity as Chief scout for Canada, Thursday announced 20 scouting awards for acts of courage as well as for good service.

The bronze cross went to wolf cub Roger Beynon of the 60th Edmonton pack. It was awarded for his bravery and presence of mind in effecting the rescue of his

brother Richard from the North Saskatchewan river, despite grave danger to his own life.

Scout John McDermott of the 12th Kingston troop was awarded the silver cross for his "bravery and quick action" in plunging into Lake Ontario to assist in the rescue of Michael Egan even though he was wearing winter clothing and the water was very deep.

The medal for meritorious conduct was given wolf cub Gerald Robert Howard Owens of the 11th Brandon pack. He rescued his brother Kenny from drowning in the Assiniboine river.

Other awards included:

EAST PRINCE PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE MEETING

Annual district meetings for East Prince will be held as follows:—

5th District in Town Hall S'side, Friday, July 2
4th District in Bedeque Hall, Monday, July 5th
3rd District in Wellington Hall, Thursday, July 8th

Summerside meeting 7:30 p.m. Standard Time; Bedeque and Wellington meetings 8 p.m. Standard Time. All voters interested in Progressive Conservative party work welcome. There will be a guest speaker at all meetings.

F. J. McNEILL,
Pres. 5th District
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PETER GALLANT
Pres. 3rd District
Signed,
P. L. MORRIS,
President East Prince Progressive Conservative Association.

Denies Welfare State Reduces Self-Respect

TORONTO (CP) — Rev. Lewis Cameron of Edinburgh, director of social service for the Church of Scotland, denies that the British welfare state has taken away the self-respect and the self-help motives of the individual.

He told the international conference of the international conference—J. Barry Cale Shawinigan Falls, Que.

Certificate for meritorious conduct—1st Farnham troop, Farnham, Que.; because of the prompt action of scouts James Iwanaka, George Iwanaka, Steven Takahashi, James Green, Reginald Hyams, together with former scouts George Hyams and Albert Takahashi, in attempting to save the life of Celestine Malo who died in the Yamaska river.

Certificate of merit for good services to scouting—John Worsnop, district commissioner St. Lambert, Montreal; for his good services to scouting with the south shore district council in the province of Quebec.

Medal of merit—John Tolhurst, assistant district commissioner for scouts, Shawville, Que.

one of social work Thursday that delegates might have been given a wrong impression by an earlier speech by Dr. Alan Moncrieff, leader of the British delegation. Dr. Moncrieff, a director of the institute of child health at the University of London, in an address June 28 said full-scale application of welfare state principles may undermine the foundations of Western society. "Individual effort in Britain is not dead but is sleeping," Dr. Moncrieff said.

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"That is not so," said Dr. Cameron. "There were those of us who feared when the welfare state came into being that voluntary social work would be endangered but I can say it is stronger in Great Britain today than it has ever been. The most important needs are those which money cannot buy and this most vital and important area is left for group work."

"Those of us who were most apprehensive about the future of the individual and his self-help in a welfare state have, as days have gone by, become more and more satisfied. We can criticize the welfare state, we can amend and modify it. It is a great experiment; it has not been forced upon us. It may yet have a very large contribution to make to the social service of the world."

Dr. Cameron said it has been discovered that the breakdown of

SUB MEN MAY STRIKE
BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — AFT bus drivers and mechanics voted Wednesday night to strike the Niagara frontier transit system at midnight July 9 if a contract is not agreed upon by then. A strike would halt public transit for almost 1,000,000 persons in Buffalo, Niagara Falls and several suburbs.

British marriages is partly due to the fact that some wives hardly know one end of a sausage from another. Therefore, experimental homes where neglectful mothers with children can be taught elementary things about housekeeping and child care had been established. In former days, these mothers would have been committed to prison.

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