

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Bob Woolridge, of Leeds, England, at the age of 100 is as full of sin as he is of years. Eighty-two of his 100 years have been spent in crime. Police first caught up with Woolridge when he was but 13 for stealing coal. He was last arrested in 1948 for stealing a pair of shoes. Owing to his age, however, the judge dismissed the case.

Bob Woolridge's message to young boys is this: "Crime doesn't pay." Bob ought to know.

Hunting and fishing are getting to be big business on this Island. It is one may judge from the number of licenses sold last year.

Fish, like cattle, seek a sheltered spot in very hot weather.

It is estimated that the human eye is capable of distinguishing 100,000 different colors, and 20 shades of each hue, making a total of 2,000,000 color sensations which may be discriminated if you are not color-blind.

Bloodhounds have a keen sense of smell because the faculty of scent is cultivated by them through special training.

Some deaf, dumb and sightless persons have the smelling faculty developed to a high degree. Take for example this one case: Uis Mowse, the well-known blind philosopher, could distinguish a black dress from a white one by its smell. He could also tell when a person was near death by that large, sensitive nose of his.

The streets of Greenwood Springs, Colorado, are kept free from snow by a liberal sprinkling of hot water taken from the Yama hot springs.

Why couldn't flame throwing tanks accomplish the same results in cities and towns which have to dig themselves out from under snowdrifts almost every winter?

The hand that rocks the cradle doesn't rule the world any more. However, it does draw an hourly wage.

An old-timer is a person who can remember when a painted lady was called a "chuse", when cigarettes went by the name of "confinnants", and when a quart of Scotch contained 32 ounces.

An Islander says he has reached the 100 year mark by keeping clear of the opposite sex all his life. He calls that "living, eh?"

Being a gorilla by day and a bartender by night enables Steve Calvert of California to earn over \$200 every day he works.

Calvert is Hollywood's most realistic gorilla and owns the most realistic gorilla suit. So, the next time you see a fierce looking gorilla in the movies just keep calm. Remember it's only a man in gorilla's clothing.

It is surprising the number of people who hide money in all kinds of odd places rather than put it in the bank for safe keeping.

I once knew an old lady who hid several hundred dollars in her mattress. She thought she was original to think up that one. She lost it. It was the first place the crook looked when he got into her bedroom.

Another Island lady of my acquaintance always sailed a bit of money in a cookie jar. One night she left the jar uncovered and in the morning discovered that mice or rats had made off with her nickels and a roll of bills valued at \$50.00.

Trunks used to be the honored places for hiding away a few shekels, though by no means a safe place. No up-to-date burglar ever overlooks a trunk. My father lost several hundred dollars when he put his money in the trunk, instead of in a bank.

Trunks used to hide their money in paper bags and in a moment of forgetfulness burn the bag and money too.

If you have any money to hide after you pay your income tax, my advice to you is, "deposit it in a bank and get a receipt for it." After all, that is only using common sense. It will be safe in the bank and you won't have to worry if you should happen to see strange footprints around your home, or in the back yard.

I heard of an Islander who used to bury his money in the back yard but when he was 80 years old he got wise and changed his ways.

He is reported to have said, "If it doesn't mold, the dogs dig it up. Some still, every time a worm popped out of the ground I had to run out and frisk him for a five spot. I will bury no more money."

Anderson Walker, an old Negro slave in Virginia, remained in slavery all his life. Why? Because he loved his master.

The belief still persists that most babies are born with the flood-tide and that most persons die with the ebb flow.

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REVISITING PROVINCE—Two former eastern Islanders are visiting here from Holliston, Mass. They are Mr. Chester Turner and his cousin Mrs. Angus MacPherson. Mr. Turner formerly came from Dundas, and Mrs. MacPherson was a former resident of Sturgeon. While in the city they visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hobbs and Mrs. J. MacDonald, mother of Mrs. Hobbs.

Per capita value of Canadian mineral production climbed from \$22.23 in 1886 to \$88 in 1951.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Heald and daughter, Nora have just returned to the city after spending a pleasant two weeks vacation visiting Mrs. Ruth Bryenton and Mr. Roy Campbell of Hamilton, P. E. I.

Dr. Leigh J. Crozier has returned to Texas after visiting his brothers Lyle and Harry, Darnley, and his nephew, Jackie MacPherson, 11 Bishop St., Charlottetown.

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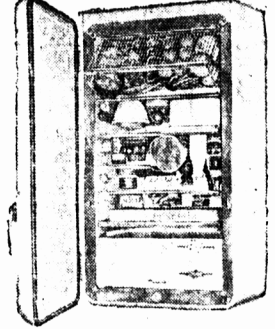
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