

LONDON (CP)—About 600,000 tourists are expected in Britain this Coronation year, according to the British Travel and Holidays Association.

ANY TIME—it's time for KING COLE TEA

WINNER BROWN'S BISCUITS, Moncton, N. B., are pleased to announce that MRS. ROY DICKIESON, New Glasgow, P.E.I., was the winner of the 4 pound carton of fancy assorted Biscuits in our weekly drawing, Feb. 7th. MRS. DICKIESON will also be eligible in our monthly drawing for the choice of Prizes.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur The mortal remains of Jeremy Bentham of England never were buried. Why? Because it was Bentham's wish that his body be kept above ground. The skeleton was kept for years by a Dr. Smith, and is now in one of the London museums. Thus it came about that the whim of a dying, senile old man had a literal fulfillment. A nib is not a pen—not even a steel pen—though we often make use of the word in this sense; it is the point of the pen. Yet the word takes us back to the beginning of writing, the invention of which was ascribed by the ancient Egyptians to the god Thoth. He was a quill pusher of the gods and was typified on earth by the sacred Ibis, the bird which stood on the river flats scribbling mystic signs on the sand with its pointed beak. And this beak may rightly be called a "nib", for the word is the same as "neb", which means a beak. The ostrich is as old if not older than the human race. It is mentioned a couple of times in the book of Job. The wings of the bird are useless for flight but are of great help in running. An adult ostrich can outrun the fastest race horse. The Romans made a daily allowance to their soldiers for salt which they called Salarium, meaning "Salt money", and that's

how we come by our word salary. Highway expenditure exceeded motor vehicle revenues in all provinces except Ontario, where the figures were approximately equal. When the Spaniards first introduced tobacco into Spain from Cuba, they cultivated the plant in their gardens and rolled it up for smoking like they saw the Indians doing. When the growers of Lady Nicotine offered a smoke to a friend, he usually said, "Es de mi cigarra!" (This cigar is from my garden) and so, the word cigar came into universal usage. Many years ago the following ad appeared in several country weeklies in the United States: "Sure way to kill potato bug: Send 22 cents in stamps or coin to X. Y. Z., for a recipe that kills 'em." Inside of a fortnight some 7000 farmers paid their little fee and got this bit of cheering news: "Put your bug on a stone. Then hit it with another stone." A clergyman writing in the London Spectator some years ago wrote: "It is deplorable to think of a parish where there are 30,000 people living without Christian burial." He was soliciting subscriptions for the purchase of a cemetery for his parish then numbering 30,000 inhabitants. How often have you heard somebody say about some supposed secret, "Oh, a little bird told me." This almost universal adage dates from very early times. Solomon, according to the Koran, was first informed by a bird of all the doings of the Queen of Sheba. Again in Eccles. 10-20 we read: "Curse not the king, nor not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bed-chamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wing shall tell the matter." Seven removals was the limit of relationship among the Jews. The wise men of old were infatuated with the number seven; they observed 7 openings to the head—two eyes, two ears, two nostrils, two ears and mouth, corresponding with the 7 planets. We have 7 days of the week, seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, 7 deadly sins, 7 cardinal virtues, 7 churches of Asia, 7 champions of Christendom, 7 wonders of the world, etc. Thus it may be seen from the above few examples the important role that seven plays in world events. The practice of throwing an

old shoe after a bride is supposed to bring her good luck. The custom dates back to an age when the groom struck the bride with the sole of his shoe to signify the supremacy of the husband. The shoe played an important role in the symbolism of the early Jews. An example of this may be read in the Psalmist's phrase—'Over Eden, I will cast my shoe.' The Tally was a notched stick, used in keeping accounts in bygone days. At one time tallies were issued by the English government as certificates of its indebtedness, and were a recognized species of security. The sticks used were of seasoned willow or hazel, and were notched on the edge to represent the amount of debt, small notches signifying pence, larger, shillings and still larger, pounds, etc. The stick was then split in two parts and one piece was held by the creditor, while the other was laid aside as a receipt. The system of tallies was not done away with until nearly the end of the 18th century.

Drama Festival Executive Meeting

A meeting of the Drama Festival executive was held on February 7, at the Charlottetown Hotel with the president, Mrs. Fred Gates, presiding. There was a good attendance of executive members. Reports of the various committees were given. Miss Campbell, reporting for the Reading Committee, gave an outline of the plays that are available and asked that anyone wanting plays should write to the Public Library, Charlottetown, stating the type of play required and she would do all possible to assist them. Miss Estelle Bowness, convener of Junior Drama, stated she had sent a letter to over 400 teachers asking them to put on plays in their respective districts. The plays this year shall be one-act plays and shall be adjudicated before April the 30th. Each district may have presentation of its play when ready. Mrs. F. M. Rodd, convener of the Adjudicational Committee, stated that Mr. Barry Bugden would adjudicate the senior plays and that Mr. Donald Wetmore, Nova Scotia, would adjudicate the final plays. It was decided to hold the finals in Charlottetown during the latter part of May and the hall committee were asked to ascertain whether the Empire Theatre would be available at that time. Pennants will be presented, this year, to all schools participating in Junior Drama. Mrs. William Chandler, Parkdale, was appointed the convener of the Adjudicational Committee for the remainder of the year. She was appointed in the place of Mrs. M. F. Rodd who has resigned. In addition to the trophies presented in past years, the Catholic Women's League donated a trophy which is to be presented to the winner of Class 3b (three-act royalty or non-royalty play). The following resolution was passed by the executive: "Whereas the Drama Festival Association wishes to interest directors of plays in taking short courses in drama; "Be it therefore resolved: that the director of any play participating in the Senior Drama Festival shall be eligible to apply for a scholarship of \$50 that shall entitle him or her to attend a Drama Short Course held during the year that he or she wins this scholarship. The award to be made by the Drama Festival Association on the recommendation of the adjudicators. The course taken must be approved by the Drama Festival Association."

- BEAR RIVER SOUTH SCHOOL. "The following is the honour roll for January for Bear River South School. Grade IX.—1. Joan Hughes. Grade VII.—1. Mary MacKinnon; 2. Catherine Chaisson; 3. Francis Sheehan. Grade VI.—1. George MacKinnon. Grade V.—1. Elva Hennessey; 2. Everett MacDonald; 3. Peter Chaisson. Grade IV.—1. Gerard Sheehan; 2. John Hughes. Grade III.—1. Mary Chaisson; 2. Mary White; 3. Clifford MacDonald. Grade II.—1. Jackie O'Keefe; 2. Helen Sheehan; 3. Danny Sheehan. Grade I.—No exam. Highest average—Jackie O'Keefe. Teacher—Martina Hughes.

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BURGESS BEDTIME

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fish. Reddy pounced on it. "Thief! Robber!" snarled Billy Mink, and his eyes were redder than ever. He had stopped only a few feet from Reddy. Without that fish he knew he could keep out of Reddy's reach without much trouble. What he wanted to do now was to lead Reddy away so that he would not find where he had hidden those other fish. So he did his best to try to make Reddy chase him. He was impudent, as impudent as only a Mink can be. He snarled right in Reddy's face. He dared Reddy to try to catch him. Reddy paid no attention to him. He ate that fish. He ate it while all the time Billy Mink was looking on, and calling him thief, robber and every bad name he could think of. When the little fish had disappeared, Reddy licked his lips. Then he grinned at Billy Mink. "Why not go catch me another?" he asked and grinned again. It was most provoking. Then Reddy turned and walked over to a small hole in the snow. He paid no attention to Billy Mink. There was a hard crust over the snow. It was difficult to break through. At first Reddy's claws just slipped over the ice when he tried to dig that hole larger. He kept at it however, and presently a bit of the crust broke away. Another piece broke off. Digging in the soft snow underneath was easy. Reddy made the snow fly much as Johnny Cuck makes the sand fly when he digs. Billy Mink, snarling with rage, but not daring to interfere, looked on. It didn't take long for Reddy to dig down to the ground. There, under the snow, was a hollow log. Reddy's nose told him that inside that log were fish. The opening was at the end of the old log, but it wasn't big enough for Reddy to get his head inside. However, he could get a paw in, and he did. He felt a fish. He managed to pull it out. He reached in and found another. Altogether, Reddy pulled four fish out of that hollow log. He ate two of them right there. How good they tasted! He could have eaten all four with no trouble at all. You see, they were not very big fish. When he had finished his second fish, he picked up the other two. Turning his back on Billy Mink, he headed for the Old Pasture. He was taking those fish home to Mrs. Reddy. "She'll love them," thought Reddy. "I hope she'll be at home when I get there." She was, and she did love those fish. She gulped them down almost whole while Reddy looked on grinning. Manners don't count at a time like that.

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PUBLIC NOTICE The Select Standing Committee of the Legislature on ELECTORAL REFORM will hold an initial PUBLIC HEARING In the Court House, Charlottetown on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 2:30 P. M. The Committee will welcome suggestions and recommendations from interested citizens or groups, both orally and by way of written briefs. J. O. C. CAMPBELL, Committee Secretary.

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