

### Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Movable traffic lights are being used with success at street intersections in Topeka, Kansas. The signals, set in rollers, can be quickly shifted to any location and then shifted to another when needed. They are equipped with automatic storage batteries.

Because they're getting more and more and better food, athletes of today are bigger than those of a generation ago, especially around their feet. Back in the early 20's order for athletes' shoes in size 15 and 16 were very rare. Today they are common-place, sports goods makers report.

Mrs. D. A. Bush, of Lyons, Kansas, owns a different type of quilt. Its loaded with hundreds of memories. The unique patchwork quilt once belonged to her grandfather, the late Dr. G. E. Bush of Geneseo, Kansas. It is covered with 400 names of babies he delivered. A huge stork is embroidered in the middle of the old quilt.

Some farm folk in Japan specialize in long-tailed roosters, the longer the tail, the more valuable the bird. Some of the longest tails are over seven feet.

Treating giraffes for sore throats is the job of Dr. J. Y. Henderson, a native of Kerrville, Texas. The veterinarian has been at this kind of work for the past 11 years. He travels extensively but most of his patients are in various circuses scattered across the country. He says a giraffe gets a real sore throat when he gets one, "because you see, there's so much neck."

Some day our Island farmers may be raising the new breed of beef cattle known as Cherry-red Santa Gertrudis now supplying juicy steaks to dinner tables across the nation.

These beautiful, gentle cattle are

custom-built for hot climates. They turn grass into meat equally well whether the weather is hot or balmy, 60,000 head of these cattle now roam the King Ranch in Southern Texas and are the first officially recognized new breed of beef cattle developed in the U. S. in more than a century.

The air chime horn now being used on many railroads was invented by R. E. Swanson, a Canadian railroad man. Actually, three main types of air-chime horns have been developed. One has a single tone, one has 3 notes, and one has 5 notes.

The air-chime horns operate on compressed air forced through a diaphragm. They require less air than would be needed to sound an old-fashioned steam whistle converted to compressed air.

Some of the railroads changing to the new horns use the one notes for switch engines, three notes for freights, and 5-notes for passenger trains.

The diesel's horn never was popular because of its earsplitting noise.

Don't waste all your time loving your enemies. Try treating your friends a little better too.

Perhaps the greatest threat to our freedom is that we have too much goods and foods piling up all around us.

Two elderly persons were knocked down twice in succession when their parked car left the curb and moved down the street at Swansea.

Mrs. Anne Mackeown 78, and her friend Mary Clark, 73, were taken to hospital. The car then recrossed the road and struck a couple of other ladies.

Mrs. Zenobia Birden, 29, of Saginaw, Michigan holds the record of being the youngest grandmother in the United States.

We have had some pretty young grandmothers in B. E. I., but we doubt whether they can beat this Michigan Mother's record. Did you know that the longest

railway tunnel in the world is on the north island of New Zealand.

The shafts started from each end of the 5 1/2 miles stretch met with an error of less than one inch. The tunnels on the route from Wellington to Wairarapa cuts off a long slow climb.

Billy Robinson, an English boy found a couple of baby rabbits which he carried home. Now the family cat is acting as foster mother.

Secretary of the U. S. Air Force, Dalbot, logged the greatest number of air miles in 1953, 115,000 miles. The president only chalked up 32,143 flying miles.

Clarence (Biggie) Munn, Michigan state athlete got a car licence plate NL 28-20 because the 28-20 represents the score of the Michigan state - U.C.L.A. game. The N.L. stands for never liked. Strange but true.

A fellow in Capetown, South Africa, charged with stealing lipsticks said he took them only for his girl friend. Why didn't the judge believe the story? He stole 4,200 of them.

Among pedigreed dogs the beagle takes first place followed by the cocker spaniel which has led the parade since 1936. Boxers are third and Labrador retrievers fourth.

Did you know that the black widow spider saves taxpayers thousands every year? Well, it's a fact. The little spider spins a single uniform strand of web which is made into cross hairs for transits, levels and other sighting instruments.

Do people drink more coffee in some parts of the U. S. A. than in other places. Yes. The upper mid-west residents are the country's heaviest coffee drinkers; per capita consumption in this area is 2.99 cups per day compared with the national average of 2.48.

Russia's Molotov is the big trouble maker at all the East-West conferences. He insists that all traffic be cleared ahead of his car - and his chauffeur drove so fast the motorcycle escort had to fall behind.

### Seven Changes In British Gov't

LONDON, (Reuters) — The government Wednesday night announced the resignation of Oliver Lyttelton, colonial secretary, in a switch of offices involving seven changes.

The official announcement, issued from Prime Minister Churchill's office, gave these other changes:

Alan Lennox-Boyd, now minister of transportation and civil aviation, to succeed Lyttelton as colonial secretary; Derick Heathcoat-Amory, now deputy trade minister to become minister of agriculture and fisheries in succession to Sir Thomas Dugdale, who resigned last week.

SUCCEEDS LENNOX-BOYD

John Archibald Boyd-Carpenter, now financial secretary to the treasury, to become minister of transportation and civil aviation in succession to Lennox-Boyd.

Austin Richard William Low, now parliamentary secretary, minister of supply, to become deputy trade minister, minister of state, board of trade.

Henry Brook, not previously in the government, to become financial secretary to the treasury; Sir Edward C. G. Boyle to become parliamentary secretary to the ministry of supply.

LOW LORD COMMISSIONER

In the list the appointment is also announced of Richard H. Thomson to become a lord commissioner of the treasury a government whip or party manager.

The announcement said:

"The Rt. Hon. Oliver Lyttelton DSO, MC, MP, secretary of state for the colonies, having tendered his resignation, the Queen has been graciously pleased to accept it."

The announcement added that the Queen had been pleased to approve the list of appointments and also that Low be made a member of her Privy Council.

### Third Paper Mill In Newfoundland

LEWISPORTE, Nfld. (CP)—Resources Minister Rowe said Wednesday that a third paper mill may be in operation in Newfoundland within a short time.

He made the statement while addressing the annual convention of the Newfoundland Federation of Municipalities, but gave no further details on a possible third mill. At the same time he said he expected additional mines to be opened, but he didn't elaborate on this statement either.

"Great things are in the future for Newfoundland," he said, "with natural resources of sea and land yielding greater wealth and employment for our people."

Immigration Minister Pickersgill, Newfoundland's member in the federal cabinet, will address the convention Thursday.

### Russians Explore Arctic Regions

LONDON, (AP)—Russian explorers and oceanographers are in the Arctic regions in force, the Moscow radio said Wednesday. An English broadcast reported radio contact had been made with "one of the Soviet expedition on an ice floe in the central Arctic."

"They are now floating through a part of the central Arctic seldom visited by Arctic explorers," the broadcast said. "One of their jobs is to establish the relief of the ocean bottom and study the water. The range of their explorations has been increased by the use of a helicopter."

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