

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

In over half a century a family doctor, Frank F. Wiedemann, 82, of Terre Haute, Indiana, got into the habit of sharing in the joys and troubles of his patients. That's how he came to hand out sympathy and advice along with pills and prescriptions.

So when he observed his latest birthday it was perfectly natural for him to share that occasion too.

He did it by cancelling all unpaid bills owed him by his patients. How did Doc feel about cancelling those unpaid I.O.U.'s? He said he felt good inside of him and thought it was a good way to celebrate "my many happy birthdays as a physician."

In recent years this doctor confined his practice to office and calls and diagnostic work. He expects to continue in practice for at least another 20 years.

In that connection he is planning a trip to Europe as a kind of special celebration of his anniversary and while there he will observe the latest medical and surgical techniques at all the big medical centers.

Happy people are seldom idle, and idle people are seldom happy. Letting the grass grow under one's feet just means mow trouble.

Not many grandmothers are graduated from college, even in these emancipated days. Even fewer finish first in their class.

Mrs. Blanche Stanley, of New York City, waited 30 years for her college education. Finally, when she felt her two children were old enough to be on their own, she enrolled at the school of general studies of Columbia University, in New York. Recently she received her degree and to behold, finished first in the class of 350.

But there's more to the story. Mrs. Stanley was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa, high scholastic honorary, and got a \$100 scholarship.

Well, not many grandmothers can say that.

Remember when we used to hang those wish bones above the doors of our homes for good luck? Remember too, when the dried 'em and a couple pulled the V apart, the one getting the largest part of the bone would be the first to get married? Miss Delphine of New York City has 50,000 wishbones in her collection, every one of them bearing some brief greetings.

These are used for birth announcements, place cards, etc., and some are decorated with flowers for corsages, and pretty favors. Who ever would have thought that a wishbone industry would spring up and develop a tycoon.

If you ever try to write on a wishbone you'll soon find out that it's impossible — that is until you've had years of practice.

Eating cowboy-style chuckwagon dinners is the very latest thing. It all began as a popular pastime in the garden of the gods. This beautiful setting in Colorado appears to happy diners and so many of them go there they have to wait their turns in long "chow-lines". They take their trays to crude long tables. Then they dive into the delicious food: fried chicken on Mondays and Fridays and steak and mushrooms on Wednesdays.

Also on the menu are other foods a la mode. The tourist attraction is arranged by the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce. The idea has caught on to such an extent that the management had to issue tickets to restrict customers. These tickets are good from June to October.

Good music is also featured and believe it or not, all customers are branded by having a small piece of lighted wood inserted under their clothes.

Last year these places served 25,000 persons some of whom came from 26 foreign nations.

That might be a good idea to play up here in Prince Edward Island. At any rate those who operate tourists centers might give chuckwagon dinners a try.

HISTORIC NAME

Dolbeau near Lake St. John in Quebec was named after a missionary who served among the Indians in the French regime.

Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Family and friends joined with Mr. and Mrs. Heath Mayhew in celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at their home at Margate on December 4.

Wearing respectively a corsage of yellow roses and boutonniere, previously presented, the "bride and groom" were seated in the living room and tendered an address and presentation. Introductory remarks in humorous vein were made by Rev. H. S. Haslam. An address expressing esteem, congratulations and good wishes was read by Mr. Arthur Profit, while gifts of silver, including a serving tray and butter dish, were presented on behalf of relatives and friends of the community by Mr. Andrew Johnstone.

A bathrobe, hamper and a bride's cake made by Mrs. Morris Casey, were gifts from the Casey family. Accompanying the gifts were appropriate verses composed by Mrs. Stanley Thompson and read by her daughter Carol. The gifts were presented by Mrs. Ellis Profit and Sheila Casey.

Other gifts received by the celebrants included a chest of silver from the family — Clair and Jean, Freda and Diane, and an electric clock from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayhew.

Heath and Marion each expressed their thanks for the gifts and good wishes, and their pleasure in having their friends join with them at their home on this happy occasion.

A camera recorded the highlights of the evening. The bride's cake, and the Groom's. The bride's cake, and the Groom's. The bride's cake, and the Groom's.

Recorded music was enjoyed during the evening and a dance, led by the bride and groom, was indulged in before "Good-nights" were said at midnight.

Kinkora Home and School Ass'n Meets

The Kinkora Home and School Association held a meeting in the School on the evening of November 21. There were 22 members present, and the new President, Mrs. Ralph McCarville, occupied the chair. Letters from the Provincial Home and School Association were read. It was decided to send enrollment fees to the Provincial Organization. The following members were appointed to attend the Provincial Meeting in Charlottetown: Rev. Harold Croken, Mrs. Ralph McCarville, Mr. Sebinus Johnston, Mrs. John R. McCabe, and Sister Mary Gregory.

A brief talk was given by Bernard McCabe, a Grade XI student, describing the Junior Red Cross Leadership Training School at Wolfville at which he was a delegate from Kinkora School. He thanked the Home and School Association for assisting him by sponsoring a representative from the School.

An interesting and instructive paper entitled "A Sense of Responsibility" was read by Sister Mary Ambrose after which the following questions related to it were read and discussed: 1. Do children in their pre-school years manifest any natural tendencies to assume responsibility? How can we foster these tendencies? 2. When a child shows a tendency to worry, what can we do to help him or her to avoid the form of indecision which hinders the development of a right sense of responsibility? 3. How should children be rewarded for the faithful performance of chores? Should they be paid.

Among the points brought in the discussion was the conclusion that no matter what education a person has, if he has not a sense of responsibility he is a failure. The probability that the red is spared too much in modern times was a point that gave room for many arguments on both sides.

Money was voted to provide a

Conway

Mr. Ernest Hardy, student at the Vocational School, Charlottetown, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hardy, Freeland.

Mr. Oscar W. MacNeill, C.G.S. Cygnus, spent the week-end with his wife and family at Conway.

Mr. Bill MacNeill, who is employed at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Summerside, visited his mother, Mrs. Oscar MacNeill, and brothers Ronald and Frederick recently.

Mr. William E. MacKinnon was a business visitor to Summerside on Saturday, December 4.

Mrs. Joseph Murphy, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. William E. MacKinnon, left recently for Montreal, Que. Mrs. MacKinnon plans to spend the winter months with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keizer and son, Robert, Foxley River, were business visitors to Summerside on December 4.

The Freeland Women's Institute held a very successful pantry sale at Holman's Youth Centre on Dec. 4. Mrs. Walter MacKenna, Mrs. Cecil Hardy and Mrs. Ruskin Banks were in charge of the sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Palmer and daughter Eleanor, Borden, spent a holiday recently at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Milligan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Coughlin and daughter Judy have returned to their home after a three weeks vacation at Macadam, N.B., and at various places in the United States.

Mr. Charles Palmer, Mrs. John D. Palmer, Mrs. George Morrison and Mr. Wallace Morrison were business visitors to Summerside on December 2.

Mr. John J. Murphy was a recent business visitor to Charlottetown.

The many friends of Mrs. Arthur Adams will be glad to learn she has returned to her home after being a patient in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside.

Mrs. Oscar W. MacNeill was a business visitor to Summerside on December 4.

Mr. John Ramsay and Mr. Harry Ramsay, who are employed with Morrison and McRae, contractors, Summerside, spent the week-end with their wives and families at Conway.

Mr. Roland Ramsay, Borden, was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ramsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Milligan and daughters were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Milligan and Mrs. Preston Oatway.

Mr. Roland Adams and father, Mr. Arthur Adams, were business visitors at Summerside on December 4.

Mr. Bruce Lewis, Summerside, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Palmer on Dec. 5.

Mr. Clinton Morrison was a business visitor to Summerside on December 6.

FAMOUS CHIEF

Chief Crowfoot of the Blackfoot Indians, who helped preserve peace with the whites, died near Gleichen, Alta., in 1890.

The people of Alma, were shocked and saddened on November 19,



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Large Crowd Attend Concert At Kensington

—Only one thing is needed, greatly increased seating capacity, for the annual S. Andrew's Concert once more packed the King George Hall at Kensington to the doors. Sponsored and arranged by the Presbyterian Young Adults and Choir, and chaired by Rev. E. H. Bean, whose timely comments added interest, the Scottish entertainment this year as usual, more than fulfilled the expectations of the large audience.

An innovation providing much merriment was the Malpique Fashion Show, featuring a number of the "very latest" in ladies' wear. Those taking part were: Sidney MacGougan, Earl Clark, Earl Taylor, Wilton Ramsay, Frank Bealor and Keith Donald. The show concluded with a preview of 1955 styles, modelled by Mark MacNutt as Mr. 1955 and Earl Clark as Mrs. 1955. Mr. Donnie Bearisto was the announcer and credits for the manufacture and loan of the garments, to Kensington firms, added to the fun.

Delightful new talent appeared in the one-act play, "Swept Clean off Her Feet," to assist the veteran entertainers in producing a laugh-packed comedy. Members of the cast were: Janet Crozier, Myrna Semple, Ruth Semple, Boyd Seayisto, Ronald Kennedy and Fred Semple.

Members of the ever popular Lads and Lassies' Band contributed several numbers. One of exceptional beauty was a tap dance by Tommy and Heather Burke. Others appearing were Lorraine Smith, Frank Donald and Shirley Burke, Rita and Marjorie Smith.

Others appearing on the program were Mrs. Alfred MacKay, as vocalist, and also in the less known role of violinist, Margaret Murray, Margaret Walker and Fern Woodside in a trio, Little Andrea Johnston and Billy Semple in a duet, Maureen Forbes, Irene Mountain and Myrna Hancock of Summerside in a trio, and Thomas Hall of Summerside in a comic opera impersonation. Annie Lee Fyfe of Stanley Bridge gave an excellent reading. Farmer John, and Rev. L. M. Murray, Roscoe Walker, Fred Parker and Harold Law were heard in a quartette. The entertainment concluded with a selection of Scottish airs. Accompanists were Mrs. Ervin Jay, Mrs. Edward MacMurray, Pipe Major Burke, Rev. L. M. Murray, Mrs. William Forbes and Miss Alice Dalzell.

—Mr. David Gordon has returned to his home after spending several months in Lutes Mountain, N. B.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Barbour and daughter, Linda, of Montrose, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Cross Matthews, Alberton South, recently visited relatives in Trenton, N. S.

Master Blaire Barbour, Montrose, spent a few days at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barbour.

Mrs. Mary Dunbar is spending a few weeks visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Keir Dunbar, Summerside.

Among those attending the funeral of the late Peter A. Burke of Tignish, from Alma were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinch, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wallace, Mr. Howard Dunbar and Mr. Brenton Ramsay.

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Christmas Pageant At Bedeque Church

The Bedeque United Church was filled to capacity on Sunday evening, December 6, when the young people of the congregation presented a pageant entitled "A gift for the Christ Child." Mr. Irving Toombs, who presided, conducted a brief devotional service which was opened by the singing of a Christmas hymn, followed by Bible readings by Douglas Bradshaw and Kenneth Webster, and prayer by Rev. E. S. Weeks. A duet by little John and Jeanie Wright brought the worship service to a close. The cast of the Pageant was as follows. Mr. A. Richwon, Billy Callbeck; Mrs. Richwon, Mrs. Sidney Green; their daughter Eva Richwon, Beth MacFarlane; Mrs. Kneedy, Joan Craig; Anna, her daughter, Carol Bradshaw; Spirit of Christmas, Catherine Callbeck; Wise men, Ages, Gottle Toombs; Wise men, Garth Toombs, Garth Bradshaw, Bobby Bell; Lydia, Edith Macduwen; Early Christians, George Murray, Ruth Jack, Arthur Craig, David Reid; Mary, Hazel Robinson; Joseph, Harold Leard; Damien (a preacher), Alexander Green; John, his friend, Edward Pearson; a missionary, Eldon Wright; a native girl, Ann Leard; Angels, Marna MacCallum, Carol Jewell, Mary Craig, Eileen Murray, Shepherds, Billy Craig, Clare Muttart, Lorne Platts.

During the pageant the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Craig as organist, rendered several Christmas carols.

Much credit is due those taking part in the pageant for the admirable manner in which they carried out their respective parts, and to those who in any way assisted in making the presentation of this Christmas pageant such a splendid success.

—B.Q.

LOUIS BROMFIELD ILL

MANFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Author-farmer Louis Bromfield, 57, was in Mansfield General Hospital Wednesday with an ailment described by his physicians as "an acute infection." He had been ill for several days at his nearby farm. His condition was described as "fair."

BIG BUT FAST

The 36,800-ton British aircraft carrier Eagle, completed in 1951, had a speed of 31.5 knots.

When word was passed around that Peter A. Burke of Tignish, had died suddenly from a heart attack. The late Mr. Burke was born in Alma and lived here nearly all his life prior to his moving to Tignish. Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife and family in the loss of a devoted husband and father.

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STRATEGIC ROUTE

JOHANNESBURG (CP) — If an atomic war should come the sea route around the Cape of Good Hope would again be of first importance, said Vice-Admiral I. M.

MARITIME COLLEGE

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