

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur
John Moore of Kansas City, Mo., was sitting by the fireside enjoying a chat with his family. He said that he would read them a chapter in the Bible, as he had not read one for some time. Moore was too late—for in the very act of reaching for the good Book on the shelf he fell down and died.

Music is the only universal language that is appreciated and practiced. The English speaking farmers sing as they till their soil; the Scottish Highlander makes the glens respond with his songs; the people of the Philippines lighten their labor by music; the Spaniard loves his music as well as the music of others; fishermen have their boat songs; and the gondolier of Venice still keeps up his midnight serenade. All good music is sacred to those that love harmony.

An Ontario man went to steal corn from his neighbor's field. He took his little boy along to give warning in case anyone should happen along. Before starting to fill his sack the father looked to the right and left and then satisfied that all was well, raised his arms to pull an ear—"Sh-ee-ee" came from the little fellow. The old man, supposed some one was coming and was about to run when the boy said, "You forgot to look up, father!"

Madagascar is the home of the traveller's till—so called from its always containing a quantity of pure fresh water in its cup-shaped leaves. One has but to pierce the end of the leaf to get a clear, cool, perfectly sweet drink. The doctor is sometimes more to be feared than the disease. It is God that cures. The doctor gets the money and the credit. The bishop without any qualifications... Queen Elizabeth promised a certain sea-captain who had distinguished himself in battle, that he should have the first vacancy that offered, which turned out to be the see of Cork. The Captain went up to London.

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and reminded the Queen of her promise. So in honor of the Queen's word, he became a bishop, believe it or not! The wife of a sauris fisherman asked her husband, "Do you believe we shall know each other in the next world?" "Sure, sure," he replied. "Do you think we will be greater fools there than we are here?"

Young wrens learn to sing in much the same way as young children learn their prayers. The mother-bird instructs her babies in the art of singing peculiar to the species. She fixes herself on one side of the nest and begins by singing over her whole song distinctly. Then one of the babies will attempt to imitate her. If, after going through a few notes, its voice breaks, and it loses the tune, the mother-bird starts in where the young one had left off and finishes the song. The lesson is continued until the infant bird is able to carry the entire song. This done the mother sings the whole song through a second time, with great precision; and another of the young gets his first singing lesson. The process is repeated day after day, and several times during the day, until every member of the family is able to sing as well as their mother. Most speakers have the art of saying much on a little when they should strive to say much in little.

IN MEMORIAM In fond memory of a dear sister, Marion J. Flood, who passed away January 17th, 1951. At night when all is silent, And sleep forsakes my eyes, My thoughts are in a lonely grave, Where our dear Marion lies.

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of a dear sister, Marion J. Flood, who died January 17th, 1951. The months may change from year to year, And friends come day to day, But the memory of dear Marion, Will never fade away.

IN MEMORIAM In memory of a dear sister, Marion J. Flood, died January 17th, 1951. Fond are the memories that linger, Dear is the one that is gone, In memory we hold you dear, As long as the years roll along.

IN MEMORIAM In memory of our darling daughter, Marion J. Flood, who passed away January 17th, 1951. God knows how much we miss her, Never will her memory fade, Loving thoughts will always wander, To the spot where she is laid.

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of Seldon Singleton, age 9 years, who departed this life January 17th, 1951. No one knows how much we miss you, No one knows the bitter pain, We have suffered since we lost you, Life has never been the same.

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APPOINTED TO "QUEEN CHARLOTTE"—A. J. McAdam, well known coach and teacher at St. Dunstan's University, has been appointed acting Lieutenant R.C.N.(R) on the active list at H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte.

ARMY RECRUITS—Three more recruits for Canada's Active Army left here by Maritime Central Airways for Halifax for enlistment. They were J. A. Ferguson, Hampton; J. H. MacLeod, West Royalty; and E. S. Waite, O'Leary.

FUNERAL SERVICES—The funeral of Frank Payne was held yesterday morning from the Frank Hennessy Funeral Home to St. Dunstan's Basilica where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father McTague, who also conducted the service at the grave. Interment was in the Roman Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers were: John Flynn, J. L. Curran, Albert Wilson, Charles Buell, John A. MacNair, and Jules Gaudet.

A CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING NOTICE.—The Annual Business Meeting of the Tryon United Baptist Church will be held in the vestry of the Church Building, on Thursday afternoon, January 17th, 1952, beginning at 2:00 P. M. Supper will be served in the Hall at 5:30 P. M. by the Mission Band. (Rev.) W. G. Killam, Pastor.

CITY POLICE COURT—A man was convicted of theft under \$25 and sentenced to 30 days in jail by the Stipendiary Magistrate yesterday morning. Three men appeared on charges of being drunk and incapable. One was sentenced to 15 days in jail, the second to 10 days and the third was fined \$5 and costs or 5 days.

COUNTY MAGISTRATE'S COURT—Fines of five dollars, or in default 10 days, were imposed by Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet on two residents of Millview, one of Alexandra and one of Vernon River, when they appeared in the Queen's County Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with parking motor vehicles on the highway at night without lights or flags, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act. A charge of failing to report an accident where damage was caused in excess of \$50 was dismissed against a resident of Emerald.

POSTED TO HALIFAX—Administration and Training Officer with the P.E.I. Regiment for the past year and a half, Capt. J. H. MacDonald has been posted to the Instructional and Administration cadre in Halifax. He will leave today for his new post. He joined the service as a trooper with the Royal Canadian Dragoons in 1937 in his native Toronto and served there as well as in St. Johns, Que., and Petawawa prior to going overseas in the past war. He was commissioned overseas and served in Sicily, Italy and North West Europe. On his return to Canada he stayed with the Dragoons until posted to this city. Mrs. MacDonald and their two children will remain in Charlottetown temporarily.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer Schools

However individuals may differ in appraisal of the present day school system, there will be general agreement that our schools could do with a bit more efficiency especially, though not exclusively, in small town and rural areas. I am thinking now not of so-called streamlining (perhaps there has been too much of that already) but of practical adaptation to the needs of the community, bearing in mind that one function of the school, from the nursery to the university, is to help prepare young people for the privileges and duties of citizenship. This is not its sole function but, certainly, it is an important one.

This is especially true at the present time when, unfortunately, the influence of the family, as a unit, on the individual members thereof is not as great nor as salutary as it once was. It is regrettable but true that in many, many instances the school is expected to do the home's rightful share as well as its own in the cultural development of children. What beneficial effect this departure from the family's traditional role is having on our social mores it would be difficult to gauge, but it must be considerable. Since the average child during his most plastic years spends anywhere from twenty-five to thirty hours a week in or around the school, it must be good social strategy to encourage anything that might add to the school's efficiency and use that might hinder its proper and legitimate functions.

Discipline This word, not a popular one today, comes from a Latin root meaning "to learn." Discipline, a learner, comes from the same source. The strange thing is that, while most people admire learning, very few like discipline of any sort. The fact is that learning, whether from books or from experience, can come only by the hard way of discipline. As the poet puts it: "While the companions slept, were sitting upwards through the night." No one can "toll upwards" in any branch of human endeavour, including the accumulation of knowledge and the laying hold of the good life, without much discipline, imposed from within or from without.

The tendency today is to dispense with restraint, ordered control, disciplinary curbs, in the silly notion that only in this way can the individual find and exercise his freedom. It is true that freedom is the inalienable right of all men, never to be bartered at any price. But, to be of any value whatsoever, it must be a freedom based on order and rooted in discipline, or it will degenerate into cynical and moral anarchy. The truth of this is so evident in our time that it needs no elaboration and no defence.

A Reflection The lack of discipline we find in our schools, and surely no one will deny it is widespread, is in a sense a reflection of the undisciplined age in which we live. The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge.

It is an innate propensity of the very young to do what they like without interference from anybody. Philosophy calls it egotism and, substantially, it is what theology means by "original sin." Like all natural desires it has to be brought under discipline or it will lead to lawlessness. It is, of course, right to say that self imposed discipline does more good than the other kind, but while children are in the process of learning how to discipline themselves (one of the aims of education) restraint must be imposed from without.

A school where confusion reigns and where there is little or no respect for constituted authority (in this case, the teacher) is a school that is flouting the basic principle of citizenship and should be closed before it does irreparable harm.

Two Reasons Apart from the influence of an undisciplined social environment, what are the reasons for the lamentable lack of order in many schools? There are probably quite a few but I would say there are two outstanding ones: 1. Indifference on the part of many teachers who, in other respects, have excellent qualifications for their work. They doubt that good order is worth all the time and energy it demands, especially in view of the disorder that exists in the homes of many of their pupils. This reasoning is not without excuse. Discipline does not come easily. It is often more convenient to let things drift along. Where this sort of indifference exists, and there is plenty of reason for assuming that it is quite common, teachers have urgent

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FIRST TWINS OF 1952—Twins, believed to be the first born in this Province this year, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacRae, Belle River, on January 5. The twin girls are named Mary Adeline and Marion Adelia.

ZION Y. P. S.—The regular weekly meeting of Zion Y. P. S. was held on Tuesday evening, January 15. The devotional period was led by David MacBachern. Scripture lesson was read by Kay Garnum and Millicent Munn led in prayer. Hymns sung were "Follow Me the Master Said" and "The Great Physician Now is Near." The business part of the meeting was presided over by the president, Marion MacDonald led the study period. The meeting then adjourned to the lower hall for games and refreshments.

PERSONALS Mrs. A.M. Stewart and Mrs. Clark Innis, both of Charlottetown are patients in the P.E.I. hospital.

Mrs. Leo Frank has left for N.Y. to complete a year's graduate work in the Field of Guidance at Columbia University. In the Spring of 1949, her studies included Child Development, Vocational Testing, Mental Hygiene and Counseling. This semester Mrs. Frank plans to devote most of her time to field work in Guidance.

Address and Presentation A very pleasant evening was spent on Thursday, Dec. 27, 1951 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyle when a large number of friends and neighbors from Cornwall and vicinity gathered to express their appreciation for the splendid services rendered by them in the church.

After the guests arrived Mr. D.J. MacArthur called the meeting to order. A warm hearted address was read and they were presented with a beautiful electric trilight lamp and a fibre hamper. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle, thanked their friends for their kindness in remembering them in that way. This was followed by singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows". A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and a social evening spent.

Following is the address. Dear Blanche and Walter: We, your friends and neighbors of Cornwall and vicinity, have gathered here this evening for a very special occasion. It is not to congratulate you on your wedding anniversary but rather to show in some small way our appreciation for the wonderful service given when janitor of our church. We realize that you did many little things which were not required in your contract. Under your care our church was always something to be proud of, both in cleanliness and warmth. As a token of our sincere appreciation for such services, we would now ask you both to accept these gifts. We trust that you will be spared many, many years to enjoy the use of them. Signed on behalf of your friends.

Card Of Thanks We wish to thank our kind neighbors and friends in this and surrounding districts for the help they have given in every way in building a new barn, and we also thank the Kensington Fire Brigade for coming and saving our other buildings the night of the fire. Wilfred Campbell and Family, Irishtown

Card Of Thanks We wish to thank the doctors, and staff Prince County Hospital, Mr. George Clark, Mr. Billy Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ramsay, Lot 16, our neighbours and friends for their kindness shown to us in the recent illness of our baby which will never be forgotten. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur MacArthur Kensington, R.R. 1, P.E.I.

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need of orientation (or re-orientation) with respect to their aims and methods. There are many teachers who have fine academic qualifications but who lack that sense of leadership which would command good order and decorum among their students. Children are more observant than we sometimes realize and they are quick to note when a teacher "means business." They also know how to take advantage of the teacher who is inclined to take the part of least resistance. Capable leadership is as essential to the teaching profession as to any other but for some incomprehensible reason it does not appear to be given the place it deserves in the curricula of teacher training.

Utter inability, because of extreme youth and inexperience. This is a common cause for unruly conduct, particularly in small rural schools and it is a difficulty hard to overcome, since, considering the teacher shortage, there are many school districts which are lucky to find any teacher at all, let alone an experienced one. Until some better method of paying teachers has been devised, and more inducement offered good teachers to stay where they are, this condition will grow worse and worse.

It is really pathetic to come across small country schools in sole charge of young girls in their teens. Now, it cannot be denied that some girls of eighteen or nineteen are really "grown up." They have lots of good common sense, they can command the respect of their pupils and, all in all, are prepared and equipped for sole charge responsibility. Where these are to be found, however, they are rare exceptions to a general rule. Most teen aged boys as well as girls, whatever their academic attainments may be, are utterly unfit for such responsibility, and quite naturally so.

There should be some way by which they could serve a sort of apprenticeship under the guidance hand of experienced and well qualified members of the profession. Either that, or keep them in training until they are at least in their early twenties. This would take a great deal more money than is now allocated to education but it would be worth it in the end. I am firmly of the opinion that much of the disarray we find in our whole educational set-up has its beginning in poorly equipped, poorly staffed, poorly regarded country schools. For the most part, the teachers receive only a pittance. Some of them are worth that pittance and some are not. In any case, little prestige is attached to their work by the community. It is no wonder that often even the most promising ones with a good academic background get caught in careless routine, with little fervent interest in what they are expected to do.

VERSATILE BEAUTY SOUTHWICK, Sussex, England (CP)—Aileen Chase 21, finalist in more than 30 beauty contests has two other sidelines. She works as a bacteriologist in a local hospital and is perfecting a new language which she describes mysteriously as "a kind of spoken shorthand."

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