

Literature And Life

By BOOKMAN

A FEATHERED OPTIMIST

Some one has called the owl "the voice of the night" and the robin "the voice of the day." While the voice of the robin is not noticeably musical, it is very cheerful. He is suitably called the "feathered optimist." He comes early every morning when the weather is not too promising and hops about in his bright red waistcoat from tree to tree, on the lawn, on the fence, on the garden. He is truly, an optimist—a sort of philosopher who tells us to cheer up, that the winter is good for it causes us to brace up and meet the challenge, for he seems to say that anybody can be brave when the days are long and green, when the air is warm and the worms are plentiful. He puts on his brightest waistcoat, tunes his whistle; then he seems to say that the unconquerable soul is greater than circumstance.

On the other hand, the owl is a sort of pessimist—his "tu-whit-tu-whoop," when the world is heavy with fear, is a mournful threnody. He is truly a cheerless fellow, for many he is an intolerable companion. Doubtless he is happy in his way. Once upon a time during the American war, a general rode up to the commanding officer at the battle of Bull's Run and said, "We are beaten, all is lost." The report was, "That is so, advise you to keep it to yourself." The general was an owl. Mr. Churchill was the robin of his day, and when things were bad and France had fallen out of the war, he cheered the people on and victory was achieved.

John Bunyan put the robin in his great book. In par two where the pilgrims are visiting the "Interpreter's house," we are introduced to the robin with a spider in its mouth. Mercy wondered, but Christiana said that a disparagement is here!—to see such a pretty little bird as the robin rebecca is, he being a bird above many, that loveth to maintain a kind of sociableness with men; I have thought that they had lived upon crumbs of bread, and upon such other harmless matter: I like him worse than I did.

Whereupon the Interpreter had his say: "This robin is like some people—by sight they are pretty of coat, color and carriage; but are like this robin, for they can catch and gobble up spiders, can change their diet and swallow down sin like water."

Who of us has not stood and watched the robin looking for worms? He seemed to listen, then put down his head and pulled, and up came the worm and breakfast was served.

Robins die like other birds. What comes of their dead bodies? How many have we seen? Recently, I read about an undertaker provided by nature—how this little creature saw to the burial of the dead. It was a wonderful story and showed how God conducted his work.

Just as the daffodils and other flowers appear and tell us that Spring is here, so this harbinger of Spring comes and hops about the lawn and bids us be happy too, for the winter is over and gone.

As Shelley addresses the skylark so we address him: "Teach me half the gladness that thy brain must know."

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CANADIAN NATIONAL COW BRAND BAKING SODA

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Acknowledgment is hereby duly and gratefully made to Margaret E. Fleming, of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, for sending the following data. The number of persons 90 years of age and over in each province of Canada, as of June 1, 1950 is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Province, Number of persons 90 years of age and over. Newfoundland: 400, Prince Edward Island: 300, Nova Scotia: 1,800, New Brunswick: 900, Quebec: 3,900, Ontario: 8,000, Manitoba: 1,200, Saskatchewan: 1,200, Alberta: 1,000, British Columbia: 1,600.

Total (10 Provinces) 20,100. Meet ancient sailing vessels had two great eyes painted on the bows. Why? Because sea-going men of those days had the notion that boats must be able to see their way through fogs and storms. Little by little they lost their eyes like appearance and became more decorative, until today few persons would recognize them as the boat's eyes.

That brings up two other strange facts in connection with ships. The words "ram" and "figurehead." All of our fine old square-rigged vessels had the ram's horns and the figurehead at the keel of the bowsprit or carved on either side of the bow and sometimes the figurehead took the form of a mermaid, a bird, a carved Neptune, or some other fanciful figure. Behind all this lies the superstition of a by-gone age. Namely: they were used to drive off evil spirits and sea devils.

Even today many of our superliners bear a small emblem on their steel prows, proof of the survival of a custom that dates back to the days of Viking sailors and their ships that bore figureheads of deities, mythological characters, dragons, and what not.

The calf of a common hippopotamus urinates, when in captivity, seven gallons of milk per day. The skin exudes a curious pink "sweat" which literally covers parts of the animal's face and body like soap suds. When this dries it forms a fine powder which can be rubbed off.

Some years ago, the Zoo at London, England, had a curious mammal which the keeper named "Daydream." A native of New Guinea, Daydream lived at the Zoo for thirty years where it was scheduled and regarded as a male until, after 20 years of residence, "he" surprised the Zoo authorities by laying an egg, believe it or not!

The King Penguin incubate their single egg while standing erect, the egg being held in the fold of skin between the tummy and instep. When tired of its task, it calls its mate, and the precious egg is transferred from one to the other by a clever twist of the ankles.

A parrot is not in it when it comes to real mimicking with the lyrebird of Australia. This bird is an accomplished mimic, imitating with great ability the cries of animals, the sound made by running water, the voice of wind in trees, and the songs of scores of other birds.

The approximate number of eggs laid by frogs and toads follows: Common toad, 6,000; common frog, 3,000; European Tree frog, 800; edible frog, 10,000 and the Green toad, 11,000. Fish is properly the plural for a number of fish all of the same species, whereas fishes means an assortment of divers individuals representing various species of genera.

Of all fish migrations that of the eel is longest. It's an amazing fact that eels travel from their nursery in the West Indies to the opposite side of the Atlantic. And strange as it seems, the eel reverses the salmon's programme by breeding in the sea and then returning to fresh water for food and growth.

What's the difference between a plover and a sandpiper? There's actually no difference except that young plovers all go into tins labeled "Sardines" in which form they constitute a very important sea product of France and Norway.

The Sea Cone, or the magnificent Sea Horse, is the most valued shell in all the world. A perfect one has a market value of \$300. It is quite true that a vermillion fox will gather sheep's wool from fences and underbrush, wade into a stream with it in his mouth, submerge until the fleas get into the wool, and then swim to shore leaving its enemies to a watery grave.

THE CENTRAL GUARDIAN

THREE FLIGHTS WEEKLY to Sydney, Nova Scotia, Phone Maritime Central Airways Limited, 2091. JIMMY'S TAXI—Phone 323. HOWARD MACINNIS FOOTWEAR at 175 Queen Street. CRASWELL for Better Photographs. ENTRIES FOR DRAMA FESTIVAL close this week! Forward same immediately to Mrs. Ray MacLeod, Graham's Road. NEW SHIPMENT Shortie Coats and Suits arrived at The Fashion Shoppe. RECEIVES WORD OF SISTER'S DEATH—Mrs. G. F. Hart, Brighton Road, has received word of the death of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Gorrill, O'Leary.

JOHNSTON & JOHNSTON Drug Store, will be open this afternoon and evening. SUCCESSFUL STAGE PRODUCTION.—Austie's Players presented their very fine play at Hunter River Hall Wednesday evening to a very large and appreciative audience. The Specialties between acts also made a big hit. A delicious buffet lunch was served after the play by the C. W. L. who sponsored the show.

FINE RECORD OF MAPLE LEAF W. 1.—Some of the activities that have taken place in the Maple Leaf W. of Travellers' Rest during the past two months are: Several Red Cross articles finalized, also one quilt made and given to the Red Cross, one made and sold, \$10.00 donated to the Red Cross, one Good Will Box sent to Britain. The delegates to the W. I. Leadership Course reported to the District President, Mrs. Clarence Marchbank, who will discuss proposed changes in the by-laws with the officers, so that they in turn will bring these to the attention of their respective districts for approval. The decisions to be given at the district convention.

Y'S MENNETTES BANQUET.—The annual banquet of the Y's Menettes Bowling League was held April 16, in the banquet room of the Y. M. C. A. A delicious turkey dinner was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., after which the prizes were distributed. Mrs. Ernest V. Bell was chairman of the Bowling League and spoke briefly at the dinner, and was assisted by Mrs. Fred B. Gamble in presenting the prizes. Special thanks were given to the Abegweit Gift Court for the lovely wrappings. Mrs. Lorain McLellan won the prize for high single for the year with a score of 305, and the prize for high three with a score of 691, and the prize for high average for the year with a score of 1764. Mrs. McLellan's team also won the high score in the playoffs. Her team was composed of Mrs. W. E. Agnew, Mrs. E. E. Clawson, Mrs. H. S. MacPherson, Mrs. W. M. Forsythe, Mrs. A. J. Haslam and Mrs. A. F. Owen. During the evening the guests were entertained with a humorous original song by Mrs. Fred Osborne. The prizes for the bridge were won by Mrs. W. P. McLeod, Mrs. W. E. Agnew, and Mrs. J. Cameron. The prizes for the bowling were won by Mrs. S. Jeffries, Mrs. A. F. Owen, and Mrs. W. M. Forsythe.

PERSONALS. Mr. William Ross of Albany, was in the City on Thursday, and was a welcome guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Morrison. Mrs. Ivan Howatt of Victoria, was a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Morrison, Charlottetown. Mr. Wilfred Dolron of Fredericton, left Thursday morning for Toronto, Ont., where a position awaited him. His wife and two daughters will join him later.

YORK HIGHLIGHTS. Mrs. Herbert Vessey spent Saturday in the city. Mr. Angus Cluneey spent Saturday in the city. Messrs. Leonard Newson and Irving MacDonald were visitors to the city on Tuesday. Misses Marjorie Lewis and Freda Thompson were visitors to the city on Saturday. Misses Nelda Richards and Evelyn Underhays spent Saturday in the city. Mrs. Wal Duck, Suffolk, spent Sunday in York the guest of her sister, Mrs. Robert Crockett. Mr. Harry Swan, and little granddaughter Pauline Swan were visitors to the city on Saturday. Mrs. Dewar Swan and little son Allison have returned home after spending a few days in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Craswell. Mr. and Mrs. Neil McInnis and daughter Diane, City, were visitors to York on Thursday evening, the guests of Mrs. McInnis' mother, Mrs. Robert Crockett.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF YORK have started practicing for a play which they plan on entering in the Drama Festival. Mr. Arthur Johnson is having a new house built in York, the work being done by Seymour Birt, Covehead. Mrs. Robert Crockett has returned to her home in York after spending a few days in the city the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Neil McInnis. Messrs. Donald MacDonald and Gordon Crockett were visitors to Pleasant Grove on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford White, City, spent the weekend in York the guest of Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Melvin Jay. Misses Aletha Brown, Helen Lewis, Areta Lewis, Bernice Lewis, City, spent the weekend at their respective homes in York. Miss Norma Lewis, student-nurse at the P. E. Island Hospital spent Sunday at her home in York the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 16—(AP)—North Korea, boasting that the Communists are sure to win, demanded yesterday that the United Nations get out of Korea. In identical cables to Nasrollah Entezam of Iran, president of the General Assembly, and to Holland's Daniel Von Balleusek, president of the Security Council, it also demanded that the U.N. punish what it called "monstrous American atrocities."

It made no mention of the presence of Chinese Communist troops in Korea. This was the 18th such communication received from the North Korean foreign minister, Pak Hen En. Previous cables have been shrugged off by unimpressed U.N. delegations and officials. The same fate probably awaits this one. ILLIGAN, Cornwall, England—(CP)—A local woman spent two weeks on cleaning 7,000 square feet of the parish church. She did it as a token of thanksgiving for getting a new house.

NAPOLEON AND UNCLE ELBY. YOU STAY AND WATCH TH' CAMP TILL I GET BACK, AND KEEP TH' FLIES OFF TH' LUNCH. Napoleon and Uncle Elby. By Clifford McBride.



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Swiss Debate Whether To Buy 500 Tanks

GENEVA, April 16—(AP)—It has been 135 years since a foreign soldier set foot on Swiss soil, but you couldn't tell it by listening to the Swiss. For weeks military experts have argued whether the Swiss army should buy 500 tanks or put the money into anti-tank guns or study the whole situation over again. Tank experts have dissected the mountainous country into plots of favorable and unfavorable tank terrain. Parliament spent several days debating the question and still has not decided definitely. It all started when it became known that the army was shopping for about 100,000,000 worth of tanks recommended by a military study commission. Col. Nicolas Jaeger, a member of Parliament, published a booklet asserting the tank has passed its prime as a weapon. He recommended that the army spend considerably less money for 10,000 lightly-armored anti-tank weapons and prepare to meet any onslaught from stable defences in depth, well anchored to Switzerland's numerous topographical obstacles. The Swiss Officers' Society said the tank was the only weapon which could stop an enemy tank thrust. Although the argument continues, everyone is agreed that what everyone wants is something that will do the greatest amount of damage to anyone trying to disturb Switzerland's strict neutrality.

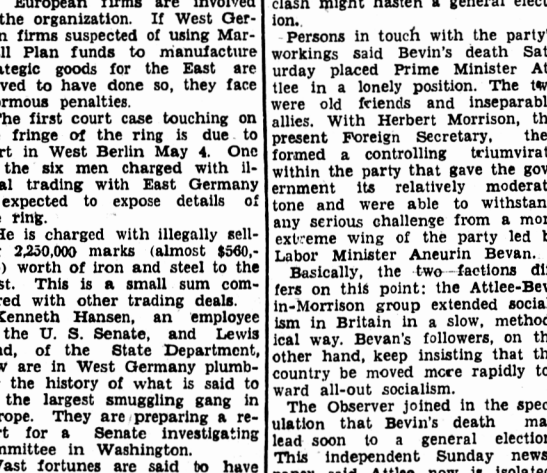
Leaders and children are notified that Guide Headquarters at 76 School St. will be closed for a short period from April 28th onwards and Mrs. F. S. Jenkins will not be available. Please do not telephone or call after that date. If you need badges or pins, etc., will you be good enough to order before the above date. Watch this column for re-opening. Your Commissioners will be able to advise you on any Guide matters. BROWNIE CIRCU. How is the circuit coming Brownsies? Not so long now until the judging takes place and I know that we are going to have some attractive results. May 8th is the date by which they should be completed. You will be notified later the exact day and time, also the place for the final judging. Watch this column carefully.

READY TO SMASH RING SMUGGLING GOODS TO RUSSIANS. 'BERLIN, April 17—(Reuters)—British and American officials are ready to smash a giant international ring selling strategic goods to Russia through East Germany. Allied officials said Saturday. The ring has been dominating illegal trade—mainly in steel—to the Soviet Union through East Germany for more than three years, these officials say. It is reported to have \$60,000,000 capital. Allied officials claim that more than 100 West German and Western European firms are involved in the organization. If West German firms suspected of using Marshall Plan funds to manufacture strategic goods for the East are proved to have done so, they face enormous penalties. The first court case touching on the fringe of the ring is due to start in West Berlin May 4. One of the six men charged with illegal trading with East Germany is expected to expose details of the ring. He is charged with illegally selling 2,250,000 marks (almost \$560,000) worth of iron and steel to the East. This is a small sum compared with other trading deals. Kenneth Hansen, an employee of the U. S. Senate, and Lewis Lind, of the State Department, now are in West Germany plumbing the history of what is said to be the largest smuggling gang in Europe. They are preparing a report for a Senate investigating committee in Washington. Vast fortunes are said to have been made by the ring's members. One of the small fry is said to have pocketed \$150,000 in nine months. Documents in Allied hands show that well-known firms in West Berlin, West Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, Austria and the Soviet zone are implicated.

See Struggle For Power In U.K. Labor Party. LONDON, April 16—(AP)—The undercover struggle for power within the ranks of Britain's Labor Party was sharpened with the death of Ernest Bevin. Some informants expressed belief the clash might hasten a general election. Persons in touch with the party's workings said Bevin's death Saturday placed Prime Minister Attlee in a lonely position. The two were old friends and inseparable allies. With Herbert Morrison, the present Foreign Secretary, they formed a controlling triumvirate within the party that gave the government its relatively moderate tone and were able to withstand any serious challenge from a more extreme wing of the party led by Labor Minister Aneurin Bevan. Basically, the two-factions differs on this point: the Attlee-Bevin-Morrison group extended socialism in Britain in a slow, methodical way. Bevan's followers, on the other hand, keep insisting that the country be moved more rapidly toward all-out socialism. The Observer joined in the speculation that Bevin's death may lead soon to a general election. This independent Sunday newspaper said the news is isolated, since he "has never felt any of the warm affection for Mr. Morrison that he had for Mr. Bevin." The newspaper added: "The effect of Mr. Bevin's death may be that the Premier will no longer have the same firm interest in patching up the party—that he will be more ready to go to the country." The bulk of the Labor Party apparently opposes the calling of a general election soon. Many Labor members feel the meat and coal shortages might cost them their seats in Parliament.

Alexander Arrives Back In Ottawa. OTTAWA, April 17—(CP)—Viscount Alexander arrived back in Ottawa today after a flying week-end visit to Canada's 25th brigade at Fort Lewis, Wash., scheduled to sail for Korea this week. The Governor-General told reporters he was impressed by the brigade's physical condition and appearance of efficiency. Card Of Thanks. I wish to sincerely thank the Nurses and Staff of the Prince Edward Island Hospital, the Doctors and all the kind friends and the Brackley Farm Forum who sent cards, fruit, chocolates, inquiries, etc., during my operation in the hospital. Mrs. Emmons Newson. IN MEMORIAM. In loving memory of EDWARD GRAHAM who passed away April 18th, 1950. Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away. Inserted by His Wife and Family. FRUIT-A-TIVES MAKE YOU WELL KEEP YOU WELL. Get relief from constipation—Indigestion. Positive results from FRUIT-A-TIVES proven by tens of thousands. FRUIT-A-TIVES contains extracts of fruits and herbs.

Kingston and Vicinity. Master Milton Docherty spent the Easter holidays in Charlottetown. Mrs. Earl Willis, Mrs. Wilbur Younker and Mrs. Edgar Newson were visitors to Charlottetown. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Willis and son, Vernon have taken up residence in Milton. Mr. Myron Holmes, employee at Douglas Bros., Charlottetown, spent the weekend visiting with his wife and family. Miss Naomi Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Willis, visited recently her cousin, Miss Gloria Willis. Mrs. Reta Campbell, teacher of Kingston School, was among the many teachers who attended the teachers' convention in Charlottetown. The Kingston Institute met at the home of Mrs. Myron Holmes on April the 5th. Meeting opened with president in charge. Correspondence was read by the secretary, Mrs. Samuel Willis. Roll call for next meeting to be answered with a flower slip. It was decided to invite a play. A dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Holmes, assisted by committee in charge. Mrs. Edgar Newson was hostess to the W. M. Society on Tuesday evening, April the 3rd. The president presided over business matters. Minutes were read and approved. Readings were given by some of the members. Collection and Friendship Fund was taken. It was discussed whether or not to invite a play in the future. The meeting ended in a social hour. Refreshments were served by hostess assisted by the committee in charge. Miss Mildred Paul was hostess to the March meeting of Y. P. U. A short devotional period was conducted by Elva Gamester. The minutes were read by Ruth Younker in absence of the secretary.



Miss Beryl Hatcher, North Sydney, loves to bake and always uses Fleischmann's Yeast.

NORTH SYDNEY GIRL WINS BAKING AWARD. Maybe Miss Beryl Hatcher is a born cook. Maybe it's what her mother taught her. Anyway, Beryl rated a first prize for baking in the home arts section of the 1950 Cape Breton County Exhibition at North Sydney—a proud distinction for any girl. "My mother was always strict about the quality of her ingredients," says Miss Hatcher. "She taught me to use Fleischmann's Yeast—and Fleischmann's has been my choice ever since. It's fast and lively and dependable—gives me satisfactory results every time." Young and old winners agree! You simply can't beat Fleischmann's Yeast for tiptop results in your baking.

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