

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

When Martin Luther was a boy he and his brother were walking together, when a violent electrical storm overtook them. Martin's brother was killed instantly by a flash of lightning, but the younger Luther was spared although they walked side by side.

By the siege of Leicester, a young soldier was drawn out for sentry duty. One of his comrades wanted to take his place. No objection was made, and this man went. He was shot dead while on guard. The young chap first drawn afterwards wrote Pilgrim's progress.

John D. Rockefeller, Sr. used to occupy a certain chair with his back to the window. One evening he had a hunch that he should not sit in the chair. That very night somebody put a shot through the window. It passed right through the back panel of the chair in which he usually sat.

That "a man's best friend is his dog," turned out to be true in the case of John Baxter, of New Zealand, who recently rowed his dog up stream with the intention of drowning it.

When he threw Fido into the water the animal turned about and started to climb aboard the boat. In attempting to beat the dog off, Baxter fell overboard and would have drowned, had not the loyal Fido seized him by the clothing and towed him to the shore.

All persons living in the country are familiar with the black beetle, or water spider, which spends hours walking on brooks, lakes and ponds. But how many know that this diminutive insect possesses two pairs of eyes, so placed that, when it glides along one pair is above the surface of the water, and the other pair below. All these eyes are designed by

nature for a purpose—one pair to see things under the water; and the second pair, the things above it; one pair looks for food, the other keeps watch out for danger. The two together fit the insect for its life on the dividing line between air and water.

One day, when Napoleon I was reviewing his troops in Paris, the horse he'd been riding, suddenly jerked the reins from his hands and galloped away. A private caught the horse and returned it to its owner.

"Much obliged to you, Captain," said Napoleon. The man immediately piped up: "Of what regiment, sir?" Napoleon, delighted with the private's ready wit, replied, "Of my guard!" and rode away. And so the soldier came to duty as a captain of Napoleon's guard. Strange but true.

This scribe once received a letter from the United States, addressed, F. H. MacArthur, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia.

Abraham Lincoln once got a letter from China directed, "To the illustrious Abe, United States of America," which reached him as safely as if it had been addressed: White House, Washington D.C.; his place of residence.

Some years ago, an Edinburgh Correspondent of the Boston Journal, told the story of a man who was buried in the greyfriars' cemetery, Edinburgh. His faithful dog made a bed on his grave and for five years has kept a lonely vigil over the ashes of his master.

"Every morning the dog would take time out to dine at a certain place. At one o'clock, he goes to a baker's who has given him his dinner all these years. He takes about one hour to refresh himself. He then comes back and keeps watch. What is odd, on Saturdays he will wait for an extra dinner. This he keeps till Sunday, as he does not go to dinner that day. Thousands visit the place to see this amazing dog."

The pint sized river Restonica in

Corsica has wonderful property of putting a white finish on everything thrown into it. Its waters are pure as crystal, and the stones lying on the bottom are chalk white. Any kind of metal when dipped into it, has the appearance of being plated with silver.

In many of the small towns throughout Sweden, May Day is ushered in by a quaint custom or rather festival, which is called the "Battle of Summer and Winter." Troops of young men on horseback draw up in battle order. The side representing Winter is led by a Captain clad in furs, who throws snowballs in order to prolong the cold weather. The leader of the enemy group represents Summer with all her magic dress. The sham fight which follows ends with a feast in which everybody joins.

In parts of Bavaria much the same custom is observed except that a war of words takes the place of actual combat. That is, each side extols the pleasures and benefits of the season they represent. The dialogue is in verse. Two couplets will serve as specimens:

SUMMER

"Green, green are meadows wherever I pass. And the mowers are busy among the grass."

WINTER

"White, white are the meadows wherever I go. And the sledges glide hissing across the snow."

TROPICAL PEAK

Mount Tajumulco, highest mountain in Central America, towers to 13,821 feet.

ABERDOVEY, Wales — (CP) — During recent gales high seas washed away pipes connecting houses here with the gas works. The pipes had just been replaced before the storm after being damaged in previous gales.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. WM. M. SPINDLE

There passed away suddenly in Boston, Mass., on Dec. 22nd, 1951, Mr. Wm. M. Spindle, aged 54. He was a graduate of Prince of Wales College and taught for a number of years in District Schools, afterwards going to Western Canada. From 1930 to 1934 he received his M.A. degree at Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., and his Master of Education at Boston University. He then returned to Prince Edward Island and was on the staff of the Summerside Academy for ten years. After leaving there he was in Montreal for six years. Since that time he had been teaching in private schools for boys in the U. S.

The only surviving members of the family are two brothers, Melville H. Newtonville, Mass., and Winfield S. Waterdown, Mass. His wife, the former Flora B. Macdonald of Albion Cross, predeceased him two years ago. The funeral service at Dundas, P. E. I., was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Brown of the United Church, who chose for his text II Timothy, 4:6-7-8. Hymns sung were "Abide With Me" and "Rock Of Ages." A duet, "Just Beyond The Blue," was sung by Walter Burdett and Herbert MacLeod, accompanied by Mrs. Robbin Clay.

The pall-bearers were Sterling MacSwain, Neil Nicholson, Leslie and Wm. Hunter, Morris Burhoe and Grover MacKay.

Mr. Spindle had by his many sterling qualities endeared himself to all who came in contact with him, and will be greatly missed.

Borden and Vicinity

Mrs. Stanley Williams of Bideford is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roland Ramsey and Mr. Ramsey, Borden.

Mrs. Annie Noonan and little daughter, Patsy, have left Borden for Saint John, N.B., and will later go on to U. S. A.

Mrs. Austin Murphy and daughter Catherine, of Chelton, spent a recent weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Everett McKenna.

Mrs. Jack Hennessey of Borden is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Allan MacDonald, Charlottetown.

Mrs. Reginald Rodgers of Borden is visiting in Charlottetown with her son Arthur and Mrs. Rodgers.

Master Everett Campbell of Borden spent a recent weekend in Charlottetown, guest of his friend Master Donnie Constable.

Mrs. Norman MacWilliams, who recently underwent an operation in the P. C. Hospital, returned home on Wednesday, January 23rd.

Friends are pleased to learn that Mrs. Russell Bell, Borden, has returned to her home here after being a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital.

Mr. Harry Lowther recently visited his sister, Mrs. Oscar Campbell and Mr. Campbell. Borden Harry is employed at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Charlottetown.

Congratulations to Mrs. Everett McKenna, Borden, who successfully answered her question on the Purse "Help Your Neighbor" program, thereby winning for herself nineteen dollars.

Mrs. Urville Leard and Mrs. Anos Peters, Borden, have been spending a few days in Charlottetown where Miss Joan Leard underwent a lung operation at the Provincial Sanatorium on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd.

On Tuesday, January 22nd, Mrs. Stanley MacLean, Borden, entertained the members of the Social Club. The worship period was in charge of Mrs. Harvey Bernard. During the evening a presentation was made to Mrs. Raymond Hickey who is leaving shortly to join her husband at Campbellton, N.B. The address, which was in the form of a poem, was composed by Mrs. Bernard and read by Mrs. Jardine, while Mrs. Bernard made the presentation. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Preston Darrach and Mrs. Ralph Leard.

North Tryon Notes

Mr. Chuck Roberts was a business visitor to Charlottetown on Wednesday, Jan 16th.

Mr. Arthur Blanchard is spending a few days with his parents in New Annan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thomson and Mrs. Arthur Thomson were visitors to Charlottetown on Jan. 22nd.

Mr. Heath Chisholm, Clayton Thomas, and Jarvis Costain were visitors to Summerside on Jan. 17th.

Mr. Albert Callbeck and son were visitors to Charlottetown on Sunday, Jan. 20th.

Mr. LeRoy Dart was a visitor to Charlottetown recently. While there he was a visitor at the home of Mrs. Samuel Beaton.

Many attended the hockey match between Tryon Arrow Sisters and Cape Traverse Rover Sisters with Tryon 2, and Cape Traverse 1.

The death of Mr. Lester MacWilliams was a shock to his many friends of Augustine Cove and surrounding districts. Deepest sympathy is being extended to his wife and family.

Misses Grace Howatt, Margaret Dawson, Ruth Thomson, Vern Wood, Joyce Wood, Marion Delaney and Elaine Chisholm spent a recent week-end at the home of their parents in Tryon.

NOTTINGHAM, England — (CP) — Just married, Ronald Smith and Margaret Fletcher were photographed in a local cemetery. Smith said the idea was to symbolize the marriage vow "Till death do us part."

Poplar Grove And Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Banks were recent visitors to Tyne Valley.

Miss Georgie Milligan spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Milligan, returning to Debert on January 18th.

Messrs. Lawson and Roy Ostway left on Monday January 21st for N. B. here they will spend some months.

Friends are glad to hear that Mr. Douglas Milligan has recovered from injuries he received when he fell on the ice at his home.

Mrs. Preston Ostway and Mrs. Roy Ostway were visitors to relatives in Poplar Grove on Wednesday night, January 23rd.

Mr. Bannerman Craig left on January 21st for Woodstock N. B. where he plans to spend a few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ramsay were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams on Sunday, January 20th.

Mrs. Joshua MacArthur is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Keith Dawson and Mr. Dawson, in Tyne Valley.

Messrs Charles Milligan and Cody Banks, who are employed in St. Eleanors, spent the weekend of January 19th at their homes here.

Her many friends are glad to know that Mrs. Russel Murphy has returned from the Prince County Hospital and is recovering from her recent operation.

Mr. Louis Ramsay who is employed in Summerside, spent the week-end of Jan. 19 with his wife and family here.

Mrs. Roy Inglis returned recently from Saint John, N.B., where she spent two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Cecil MacLean and Mr. MacLean.

His many friends are glad to hear that Mr. Erland Ramsay, Conway is recovering from an attack of pneumonia and hope to see him out again soon. His young son Ross has also been on the sick list with pneumonia.

His many friends are glad to know that Mr. Donald Smith has returned from Halifax where he underwent a successful operation. He is at present convalescing at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith, with his wife and son, Donald.

Mr. Hardy Broome had the misfortune to fall while skating on the ice, dislocating his shoulder. He was taken to Prince County Hospital for medical treatment but was able to return home next day where he spent a week before returning to his duties on board ship at Pictou, N.S.

LONDON — (CP) — Since the Duke of Edinburgh criticized the lighting system of some commercial vehicles, authorities have been investigating. It has been decided that 40,000 road service vehicles will be equipped with two red lights, reflectors and a back stop light.

GAMED THEATRE

KENSINGTON Friday-Saturday 7:15-9:15; Matinee Saturday 3:30. Thrill to the action, conflict and romance of "DAVY CROCKETT, INDIAN SCOUT" Starring George Montgomery, Ellen Drew with Philip Reed. Also Serial and News.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Kinkora Dairying Association will be held in KINKORA HALL on TUESDAY, FEB. 5th AT 2 P.M. J. W. FARMER, Secretary.

POULTRY

On account of approaching Hatchery Duties, next week will be our last Poultry Buying Week, and still accepting good fowl, at a liberal price in exchange for Baby Chicks.

S. R. PENDLETON KENSINGTON

Munroe-MacKay Wedding

The marriage took place at the Baptist Church Parsonage, Moncton, N. B., on Wednesday, December 26th at 7 p.m., of Miss Elizabeth Louise MacKay of Summerside, daughter of Mr. Louis MacKay of Dartmouth, N.S., and the late Mrs. MacKay, to Calvin Howard Munroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Munroe of Halifax. The witnesses were Miss Norma Mather of Moncton, college chum of the bride, and Mr. Gordon MacKay of Summerside, brother of the bride. Rev. Mr. Noble performed the ceremony.

The groom is a flight cadet at the Summerside R. C. A. F. Station taking a navigation course and the bride is an employee of Emman's Drug Store. All their friends join in wishing this popular young couple many years of happiness and prosperity.

Mount Pleasant

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Essery have left to spend two weeks with their family in Toronto.

Mrs. Minnie Ellis spent a few days in Travellers Rest recently at the home of Mr. J. T. Waite.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, and family, Waterdale, N. B. will now reside in Inverness.

Sincere sympathy is being extended to the family of the late Wesley Penwarden, Ellerslie, whose death took place on January 19. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon to Bideford United Church and cemetery.

Many old friends here were very sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. John S. MacKinnon, Grand River. Mrs. MacKinnon was a former resident of Mount Pleasant.

KENSINGTON RINK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th Skating 1:30 to 3:30 Skating 8 to 10.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28th North Shore League KELVIN vs. KENSINGTON Game 8:20 Sharp

REGENT

Today 2:30-7-9-10

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CAPITOL Summerside

TODAY 2:30-7:10-9:20 2 - BIG ATTRACTIONS - 2

Rex Allen The ARIZONA COWBOY A REPUBLIC PICTURE

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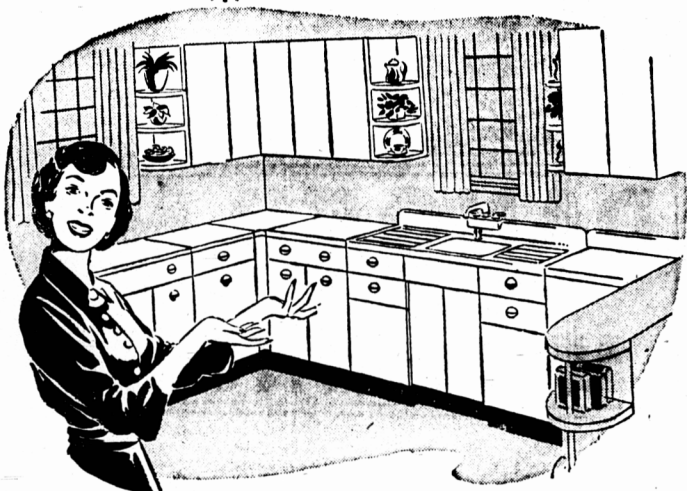
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