

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

I don't suppose there are any of us who have not experienced a variety of dreams — but few persons have dreamed a dream that paid off.

In Cheschire, England, an 18-year-old girl dreamed about the British Derby in which she saw a black horse that was a 100-1 snort in the race. This was two days before the race was scheduled.

The girl's father took the cue, placed 10 shillings and won a lot of money.

For a tragic dream I now take you back to Jan. 18, 1951: Mrs. Will Russell of Yonkers, N.Y., had a dream in which she saw the smoke of battle and the body of her wounded son lying on the field of battle.

The dream was so realistic that Mrs. Russell woke her husband and told him about it. Then she got out of bed and made a notation on the calendar in their bedroom.

On December 26, the Dept. of Defense sent a telegram to the Russells, notifying them that their son had been killed in action on Nov. 29th in Korea and had been buried there.

Roommates at U.S. Naval Academy had the unusual names of Popp and Momm.

A traffic accident at Collingwood, Ont., caused damage to the automobiles involved but brought together for the first time in 39 years John Marlow and Claud Marlow, brothers.

The opera titled Charles IV, is almost taboo amongst European singers. Why? Because everytime anybody sings it something awful happens.

The French tenor Eugene Massal, sang the title role three nights in a row and at each performance a person in the theatre died.

In 1858 Napoleon II expressed a desire to hear the piece and Massal reluctantly agreed to sing it. Result: a bomb exploded in the auditorium killing five persons.

In a cemetery in Essex, England may be seen the following amazing prophecy on the tombstone of a man who died in 1440:

"When pictures look alive with movements free, When ships, like fishes swim beneath the sea, When man outstripping birds shall scan the sky, Then half the world deep drenched in blood shall lie."

The above prophecy was spoken 500 years ago. Here is one of recent date:

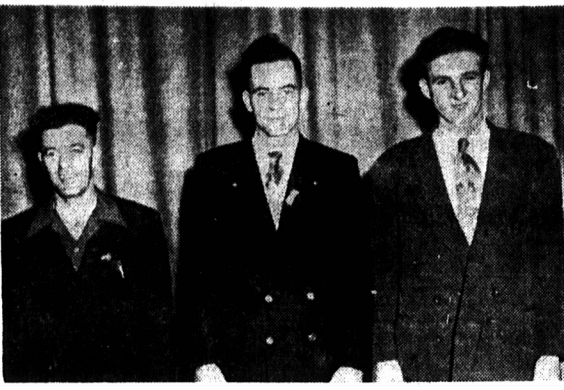
Mrs. Esthela Hanson, 32, of Redwood, California was released from hospital in July. She said: "It's hardly worth while leaving the institution for I shall die at exactly 11:45 on August 21st."

"Purely imagination," said her friends. Some of them went to her home early on August 21st and found her looking hale and hearty.

Later that day Mrs. Hanson went into a coma. A doctor was summoned. He pronounced the

woman dead. Time: 11:45 a.m.

Best Male Step-Dancers



Champion Step-Dancing Contest Winners (Men's Division) left to right, are: Mr. Anthony Perry, Tignish, P. E. I., Island Champion; 2nd prize, Mr. Gerald Clarkin, Peakes Station and third prize, Mr. Gabriel Finnan, O'Leary, P. E. I.—(Barter's Film Lab.)

When a Singlasee is very sick, and the doctors can do nothing, relatives of the sick man call in a devil-dancer, who by making offerings to the devils appease these demons until he is able to pull the devils out of the sick man's body into his own. This done, the devil-dancer lies down on a cot, and shamming death is carried beyond the village limits. Here, being left to himself, he soon comes to life again, and hurries back to claim his reward.

In 1890 a Scotch witch named Angus Sampson was convicted of curing Robert Kerr of some disease supposed to have laid upon him by a Warlock. All night she lay in great pain because she could not transfer the disease from herself to a dog. The story says that the disease missed the dog and entered the body of Alexander Douglas who died of it. So the unfortunate witch had to forfeit her life for her act.

The practice of shifting the burden of disease, misfortune, and sin from one's self to another person, or to an animal, have been common among the civilized nations of Europe, both in ancient and modern time. But the ceremony must be carried out on a lucky day and at a lucky hour.

In parts of England and Wales even to this day a cure for an ordinary cold is to put a hair of the patient's head between slices of buttered bread and give the sandwich to a dog. The animal will eat the bread, catch the cold and the patient will lose it.

The Welsh peasants believe that T.B. can be cured by transferring the bugs to a fowl. The patient first washes in a sacred well in which money has been put. This done, he must walk around the well three times and repeat the Lord's prayer. Then the fowl is put into a basket and carried round the well and the local church. Next the T.B. patient enters the church and stands or sleeps un-

der the communion table till daylight. After that he went home, leaving the fowl in the church. If the bird died, the patient was supposed to be rid of the disorder. As late as 1855 the old clerk of the parish of the Virgin Martyr St. Tecla remembered well seeing the birds staggering about from the effects of disease which had been transferred to them.

The transfer of certain maladies to a tree was practiced in Prince Edward Island until comparatively recent times. A lock of the sufferers hair was pegged into the fir or beech, then by a sudden wrench the victim left his hair and his disease behind him in the tree.

Another method of curing certain ailments in the Garden of the Gulf was to stand the patient against a tree and then put a notch in the tree directly above his head. As the tree grew the disease gradually disappeared. This used to be a common method of curing asthmatics. The tree grew all right, but the asthma remained with its victim.

York and Vicinity

Mrs. Wood, teacher at Bedeque school, spent the week-end in York, the guest of Mrs. Peter Proud.

Miss Christine Proud, Willmot teacher, spent the week-end at her home in York.

Mr. Sheldon Jay, Borden, was the guest of his sister Mrs. Allen Swan over the week-end.

Mrs. Carl Ling, teacher at Pinette, school, spent the week-end at her home in York.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewar Swan and family, were visitors to the City on Tuesday.

Mrs. Howard Watts and daughter, spent the week-end at her home in York.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Slackford, City, were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Eddison Hardy, York.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watts, York left for Boston on Wednesday morning, to visit with friends and relatives.

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Miss Marilyn Dixon, City paid a York school, spent Sunday at her home.

Mrs. Vernon Rodd, City paid a short visit to York on Sunday.

Mr. Eddison Hardy, Halifax, spent the week-end at his home in York.

Mr. Billy Rodd, City, was a visitor to York on Nov. 22.

Mrs. Dan Ready, Covehead Road, spent a holiday with friends at 48 Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rodd paid a short visit to York on Sunday.

Mr. Nelson Watts, Dartmouth, N. S., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts, York.

Miss Doris Brown City, spent the week-end in York, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Leith Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Vessey were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLeod recently.

Mr. Lenard Andrews, New Glasgow, spent the week-end at his home in York.

Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, Covehead, and Mr. and Mrs. Lorne MacMillan, Covehead, are spending a holiday in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Matthew, Covehead, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Keith, are spending a holiday in Boston.

Miss Margaret Watts, York, is spending a holiday in Tracadie, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watts.

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To Present Disability Allowance Scheme

OTTAWA, (CP) — The federal government's proposals for a national disability allowance scheme probably will be presented to the provinces and Parliament in January, Health Minister Martin said Tuesday.

Addressing the National Federation of Liberal Women, Mr. Martin gave no details of the scheme.

forecast in the speech from the throne read at the opening of Parliament.

Mr. Martin also told the delegates that Canada's cancer control program was continuing with good results.

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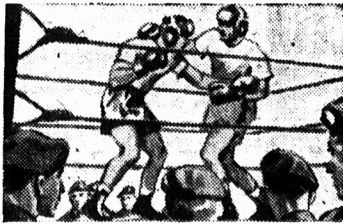
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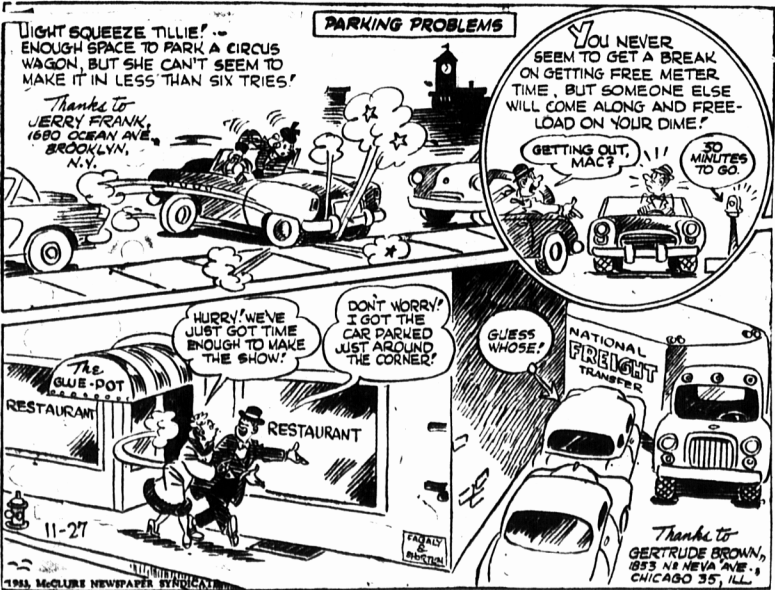
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