

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The Pharaohs together with their advisers planned and carried out extensive flood control and irrigation projects as far back as 491 B. C.

They also adopted the solar calendar that provided for a year of 365 days, divided into twelve months of thirty days each, and five special feast days. During that period the strange religion of the ancient Egyptians came into being which, in a sense, corresponds with the belief of Christians today. They believed that life on this planet was but a transitory and preparatory step to a better life beyond the grave, if they had behaved well in this one.

They believed that the abode of the dead lay at the point where the sun sank below the horizon, hence when anyone died, he was said to have "gone west."

Time was reckoned through the hours of the day and the "watches" of the night by a perforated bronze bowl that filled with water and submerged in a pool in the space of sixty minutes. A slave emptied and reset the watch Bowl and struck the hour on a bronze gong.

Tibet makes its own paper money and coined. The same is the number of units. It is divided and subdivided decimally into the shu and the karma. Paper money is vividly colored and water-marked. The numbers being skillfully painted by hand. The difficulty of imitating the numbers makes forgery almost impossible in this case. The gold, silver and copper coins are stamped with the emblems of the country — mountain lions. These animals also appear on Tibet's postage stamps alongside of the rising sun.

A curious custom of this strange country is the making of a doll into which the monks and medicine men charm a patient's sickness. The doll is then burned with great ado on the bank of a stream.

When one of their number dies the body is removed to consecrated ground outside the town or village where it is dismembered and tossed to the birds to eat. Butter lamps are kept burning in the home of the deceased for forty-nine nights, after which there is a service of prayer. Thus ends the period of mourning and the widow or widower is free to choose another partner and carry on in the game of life.

If you were a visitor to this land on the top of the earth you would have to guard against many of the things you did in your own country. You would not, for instance, thoughtlessly harm or kill an insect, even though it crawled up your nostrils. The attitude of these people in these matters is really touching. If an insect lights on one's clothes custom demands that you pick it up and set it on the ground carefully. If one falls into your soup or cup of tea it must at all costs be rescued from drowning. Why? Well it may be

Prominent Maine Educator Dies

PORTLAND, Me. (AP)—Kenneth C. M. Sills, president emeritus of Bowdoin college, died unexpectedly Monday night at his home.

The 75-year-old educator retired two years ago after more than three decades as the head of the college, where he was a faculty member for 49 years.

For most of the 35 years he was president of the college in Brunswick, Me., Sills continued as a Latin and literature professor, teaching at least one class regularly.

He was noted, both in and out of educational circles, as an independent liberal who never feared to espouse unpopular causes.

Born in Halifax, Sills moved as an infant to Portland, where his father, Rev. Charles Morton Sills, became dean of the Episcopal cathedral.

The son graduated from Bowdoin in 1901 and became a Bowdoin instructor in 1903. He spent the rest of his professional life on the Brunswick campus.

the reincarnation of somebody's grandmother. When Jack Frost spreads his mantle of ice over the streams and ponds the Tibetans break the ice and save the finny tribe before they freeze to death, and in summer they rescue them before the pools dry up, and put them in wooden vats or pails until they can be restored to their native haunts. The more life a Tibetan can save the happier he is in this world and the world beyond.

When building operations are being carried out orders are issued to the workers by the Dalai Lama to the effect that "the utmost care must be taken lest insects be killed."

Perhaps that is why there is no capital punishment in Tibet. Murder is looked upon as the crime of crimes, and the few who take the life of another human are flogged, or shut up in the state prison at Sho.

Thefts and other minor offenses are punished by the lash. Then a broad frame is placed around the neck of the offender on which his offence is written, and he is made to stand for a few days in a pillory as a warning to all doers of evil.

But for highwaymen there is another law: When caught they must forfeit a foot or hand. The stump or limb is then plunged into boiling butter and held there as a means of sterilization.

The penalties for political offenses are rather strict despite the fact that there is no organized system of law courts. All offenses are entrusted to persons of noble birth and who are supposed to have a high reputation for sagacity and integrity.

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DAUGHTERS OF ENGLAND Regular Meeting and Birthday Party, Thursday, 8 p. m. Come and bring a friend. Members of Lodge Eton are also invited.

CHARLOTTETOWN CREDIT UNION — Annual Meeting, 7:15 p. m. Thursday, November 18th, in Board Room, 117 Queen Street. Visitors welcome. Three Door Prizes, each of \$5.00 worth of groceries at Co-op Super Market.

SPECIALS at the Elm Beauty Parlor. The proprietress has just returned from a brush up course at the Acadia Beauty Centre, Fredericton, N. B., and is now offering greatly reduced prices on cold waves and machineless. Open on Wednesdays and evenings by appointment. Phone 8084.

SHOWER HELD — An enjoyable shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack MacAleer, Elm Avenue, on Tuesday night, Nov. 16, in honor of Miss Helen Hamilton, a November bride-elect. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and singing. Best wishes were extended to the future bride from all present.

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REGULAR MEETING Nurses' Alumnae, Prince Edward Island Hospital, Friday, November 19th.
KING'S DAUGHTERS Trinity Church turkey dinner, 4.30 to 6.30, bazaar opens 3 p. m. today.

PANTRY SALE at Island Radio Saturday, Nov. 27 in aid of St. Charles Auxiliary.
FEAST DAY OBSERVED — On Thursday, Nov. 4, the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, Right Rev. Monsignor McMahon, Chaplain of the St. Charles' Auxiliary of the Charlottetown Hospital, celebrated Holy Mass, which was attended by the Auxiliary members, in the hospital chapel. In the evening, the group again congregated in the chapel for a holy hour conducted by Rev. Reginald Phalen. Following holy hour, the ladies were the guests of the pre-clinical student nurses in the hospital solarium. Lunch was served by the students and a sing-song and dancing were greatly enjoyed.

PERSONALS
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Miss Erma Harper, Tignish, now employed in Charlottetown, was a recent visitor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Harper, Summerside. She was accompanied by

South Rustico

Miss Olive Durant, South Rustico, spent Tuesday in Charlottetown.
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Durant, South Rustico, were visitors to Charlottetown, Friday.
Miss Frances Doucette who is attending P. W. College in Charlottetown, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doucette, South Rustico on Nov. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McDonald, and Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Perry of Charlottetown, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Durant and family, South Rustico.
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pineau, and Mrs. Johnnie Gauthier of South Rustico, left Tuesday morning by car on a trip to the New England States to visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Murphy of Toronto, are visiting with the

her niece, Miss Rosetta Millar, City.
Mr. and Mrs. D. Wallace Macgregor of Stanley Bridge, have moved to the City for the winter months and have taken residence at The Lindens, Kent Street.
Mrs. Ada M. Sturdy has returned to Boston after spending the past summer with her nephew Robert Ince of Charlottetown. Mrs. Sturdy plans to take up permanent residence in Charlottetown next summer.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. Vincent McAulay and daughter Vivian, age 6 who lost their life in a disastrous fire in Picton, November 18th, 1952.
God gave us strength to take it
And courage to bear the blow
But what it meant to lose them
No one can ever know.
Remembered by Sister,
Mrs. William Lea.

latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benoit Doucette and family, South Rustico. They were accompanied by Miss Pauline Doucette another daughter also of Toronto.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gallant, Rustico, in their recent sad bereavement.
Mr. and Mrs. Alyre Pineau arrived home Tuesday after spending a three week honeymoon in Ontario. The young couple were married in Saint Augustine's Church on Oct. 20. Mrs. Pineau was a Nurse's Aid in the Char-


lottetown Hospital before her marriage and was educated at Saint Augustine's Convent. The young couple will reside in South Rustico.

HISTORIC MEMENTOES
HATFIELD, England (CP)—Rev. S. E. Woods, rector of this Hertfordshire town, pleads for preservation of milestones. He says the Great North Road running through here is one of Britain's most famous highways and the old milestones "should be restored to the beauty and usefulness which they deserve."

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BRAWNY SECTION
LONDON (CP) — A tall, strong surly says men of East Anglia—average height five feet, 8½ inches chest 38½ inches—are bigger and brawnier than anywhere else in the British Isles.
BENEFITS OF FASTING
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