

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The Yukon River is unique among rivers, in that it rises within 15 miles of tidal waters in the Dyea Inlet on the Pacific Coast, where it flows in a northerly direction nearly 1000 miles, just crossing the Arctic Circle, to turn south-west through Alaska, and then flows another 1200 miles until it empties into the ocean within sight of its birthplace.

Did you know that Lake Labarge where they cremated Sam McGee, was named for Michael Labarge of Montreal. Michael Labarge never saw the lake made famous by poet Robert Service, but hearing of it, he described it to a group of people who seeing it later, called it after him.

That polygamy is not completely wiped out in the U.S.A. may be gleaned from the amazing fact that MacRoy Byers of Salt Lake City and Short Creek, Arizona, has six wives and twenty-eight children.

A baby comes into the world in Uncle Sam's country every 8.5 seconds, on the average. This figure is based on estimates made for 1952 by the Federal office of Vital statistics.

Though men get their faces on money, it doesn't faze women a bit. For they are completely content.

To just get their hands upon it, doing our best and being on the square is what keeps this old world turning round.

Wrinkler rolls will not stick together if you run a piece of waxed paper between them after being used. Better still, leave the paper in the rolls until next wash day. That little tip comes from a lady in Tryon.

The Eskimo can joke and laugh even in the face of death. The fact that they may be laying a side a loved one has little effect on them. The dead person might just as well have been a stranger, instead of a wife, husband, brother or sister. And strange but true these people never think of death until it strikes.

When an Eskimo's wife dies he has his eye peeled for another woman before the corpse is cold. In general the dying are completely ignored. There's at least several cases on record where mothers lost their children in the morning, buried them in the afternoon, and got married the same evening.

Other Eskimos in the village thought it the proper thing to do. After all, they don't live in Prince Edward Island.

Only when the sick one is a valued hunter do these people try to save his life. If he dies in the process they may utter a few cries, as a kind of token remorse, then they go into council to see what's to be done with the body and to settle the dead man's affairs.

If there doesn't happen to be a missionary or a member of the R.C.M.P. around, the corpse will be taken some distance from the wamp and left in the open, to be leovoured by wild beasts.

But with all this outer show of unfeelingness the Eskimo practices hospitality that is world famous, and in his eagerness to be the perfect host makes the rest of us Canadians look like a boorish lot.

Even to his worst enemy, the poor Eskimo offers all that he has — food, shelter, even his wife or daughter.

But that's not the whole story. There's a dark side to the picture.

Canadian Girl Works In Ice Show To See U.K.

By MURIEL NARRAWAY Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON, (CP)—Tourist Nancy MacKenzie, 24-year-old skater from London, Ont., took one look around London, and put her proposed Continental holiday "on ice" for the winter.

Miss MacKenzie and school friend Joyce Vine became aware shortly after their arrival in England on a sight-seeing tour last September that two weeks weren't going to be long enough in London.

Nancy's solution was a job in an ice pantomime. Joyce works as a stenographer. "I'm having a wonderful time," said Nancy in an interview. The dark-haired, slim Canadian girl, who spent four years with big North American ice shows, landed a job in the ballet chorus of "Humpty Dumpty on Ice," starring Gloria Nord and Calgary-born comedian Eric Waite.

Acting As Well When the show started Miss MacKenzie was making nine en-

I have just painted. The dark side, according to Father Frapause, who spent 22 years doing apostolic work among them is that "there is no sort of indecency which is not prevalent among them."

Before the coming of missionaries two-thirds of all Eskimo baby girls were murdered at birth. The mother herself would often smother her new-born infant almost before it got its first look at the mighty northland, while the father dug looking for a seal hole in the ice to send the infant to Davie Jones' Locker. Sometimes he didn't bother looking for a hole in the ice, but just threw the baby to the hungry dogs.

The slaughter of so many females at birth is the chief reason why the Eskimo race, has not increased in population. No, I am not telling about China or the Chinese. These things happened right here in Canada in the days before the white man came and the custom of killing off the aged, the infirm and the baby girls, still goes on in areas that are not, frequently visited by the R.C.M.P. and missionaries.

In the Orange Free State lightning struck a woman while she was seated at the table drinking coffee on the sunporch of her home. She was unharmed, yet strange but true, every stitch of her clothing was ripped off.

In some of our Prairie provinces where the air is very clear of humidity wonderful mirages come to view of places known to be miles away. I once saw a beautiful lake in Govan Sask, and thought it was just a short distance from my cousin's house where I was staying at the time when they told me it was a mirage I couldn't believe it. We were still arguing the subject when to my utter amazement it vanished.

Anyone who has visited Alaska or Northern Canada, will tell you that, on very clear cold nights, the swishing and cracking of the northern lights is a sight and sound to inspire awe. The voices of wild creatures, miles away sound as though they were close at hand. On such nights dogs set up a great crying to the moon, giving the settlers in the wilds a very jittery feeling to say the least.

Sloppy Sportsmen Dismay Biological Bureau In Quebec

MONTREAL, (CP)—The Quebec biological bureau had a busy year cleaning up, so to speak, after careless fishermen. A review just issued by the provincial bureau points out much of its work resulted from abuses by individuals, groups or major corporations.

The bureau reiterated its dismay at sloppy sportsmen who let loose minnows "and other species incompatible with the delicate game fish" into the province's lakes and streams. "Millions of dollars" damage has been done in this manner.

Pollution, particularly in the St. Lawrence and the Ottawa river, came under a two-way attack as a start was made to "zone" provincial waters according to extent of contamination. At the same time a laboratory apparatus called a "lake labyrinth" was devised to gauge even the smallest effects on fish.

Extensive Research Fish culture, lake and stream improvement and fish plantings were among corrective measures taken to maintain and multiply an important item in the province's natural resources.

A major part of the work was carried out at the 1000-square-mile outdoor laboratory at the Mont Tremblant station, north of Montreal; at the hatchery in suburban Lachine, and at the bureau's headquarters in the University of Montreal.

Lake and stream improvement included poisoning of public lakes to rid them of undesirable fishes and re-stocking others," the bureau's statement said. "Various public lakes were re-opened to fishing after renovation."

"Fish survey work brought notable results," the statement reported. "It re-discovered the white bass, which had been lost to sight in eastern Quebec for 75 years; found that wall-eyes transplanted from Lake Champlain to the Richelieu river dispersed quickly over

Norway In April

Nancy studied skating in Ottawa and Kitchener, Ont., under Otto Gold—at the same time as Barbara Ann Scott—but did not graduate from the chorus. Although she got to know Barbara Ann personally, Nancy never had any dreams of sole spotlights and Olympic championships. She did not start skating until she was 12 and says she would never have been good enough for solo entertainment spots.

"I had to work hard for less perfection than Barbara had naturally," she said wistfully. Miss Vine, a radiographer from Sunnybrook hospital, Toronto, tried her own work in two London hospitals—but decided an office job was less strenuous. She said old-fashioned hospitals made work here much heavier.

The girls leave Britain in April to tour Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands, returning to London for the Trooping the Color ceremony in June. They will then make for Italy and the south of France and return to Canada in the late summer.

FIRST PRESS The first printing press on the American continent was established by the Spaniards in Mexico in 1539.

Greenshirts Team Has New Coach

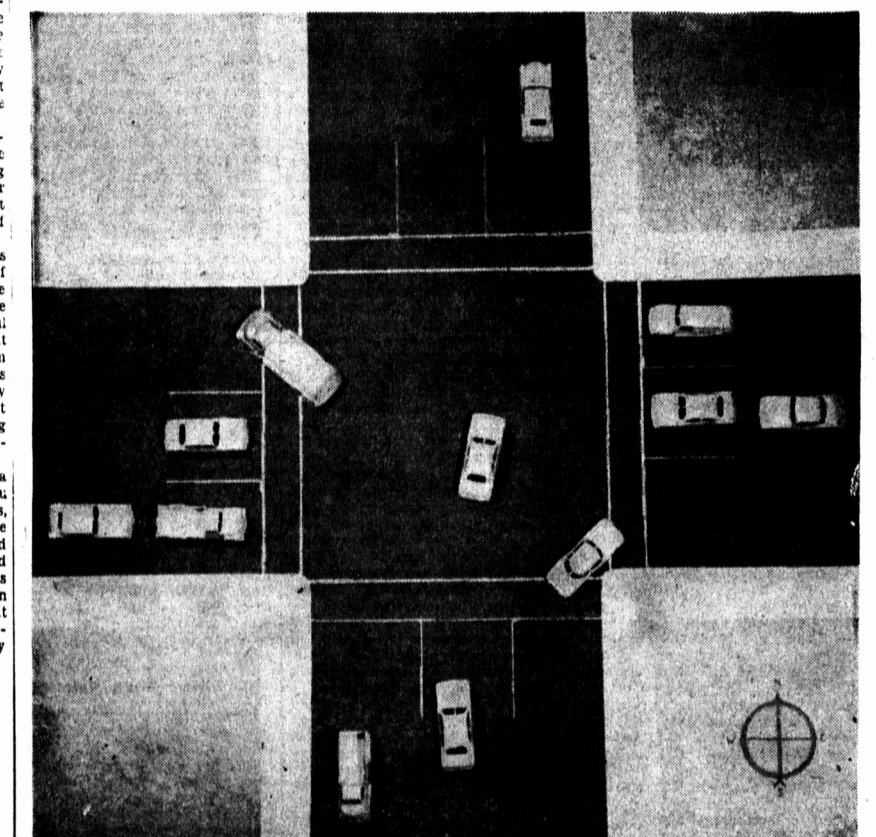
KITCHENER, (CP)—Stanley Gordon Long, former defenceman with Montreal Canadiens, Buffalo Bisons and Victoria Cougars in professional hockey ranks, is the new coach of the Kitchener-Waterloo Greenshirts of the Ontario Hockey Association Junior A series.

The 26-year-old native of Owen Sound assumed his new post Monday. Long turned pro five years ago, and played one season with Canadiens. Last year he was seriously injured when a broken stick penetrated his abdomen. He was advised not to play hockey for the rest of the season when an infected foot sidelined him with the Buffalo Bisons.

Long replaces Curly Davis, appointed business manager Friday. Davis was also named chief scout in the Toronto and Western Ontario region for Montreal Hockey League.

The Greenshirts' club was recently bought by Canadians.

Traffic Lanes At Intersections & How To Use Them.



Use the RIGHT lane for turning to the RIGHT only. The CENTRE lane is to be used for turning to the left or going straight ahead. The third, or left lane remains open for oncoming traffic. In this picture, the North-South traffic has the green or "GO" signal. The East-West traffic at the moment, on the red or "STOP" signal. The car at the top of the picture has come out of the centre lane (south) and has continued north along the same street. It is being followed by the car in the middle of the intersection. There is another car turning out of the RIGHT lane (south) into the progressing lane to the east. The car still in the centre lane (south) is preparing to follow the tank truck in a left turn to proceed west. Remember: RIGHT lane for turning RIGHT only. CENTRE lane for turning left or going STRAIGHT ahead, (with a slight right incline toward the progressing lane across the intersection). PEDESTRIANS, like cars, go on the green light ONLY.

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AXYDLEAAXE
KLONGFELLOW

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A Cryptogram Quotation

...CS BVA KAWFYA KHWV JSPTAT
JAAQ CX HWW NVA QWBAJASABE
CX BWAQAQ—GCVASFJIA

Yesterday's Cryptogram: WHEN TOO MUCH ZEAL DOTED FIRE DEVOTION, LOVE IS NOT LOVE, BUT SUPERSTITION—COREEL.



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