

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

An intruder who broke into a Summerside home last summer, merely used a washcloth and towel, plus enough soap and water for a shower.

One of the world's oddest salvaging jobs is entering its sixth year—the salvaging of the former German battleship "Tirpitz" from the bottom of the Tromsø Fjord, in Norway.

The ship still holds a small fortune in electric pumps, cables, etc. to say nothing of her huge guns, each weighing one hundred and fifty tons.

Inadequate street lighting accounts for 600,000 major crimes in a single year in Canada and the United States!

In the folk lore of Prince Edward Island the most notable day in October is the last—Hallowe'en, the evening before All Saints Day.

In rural districts, nuts and apples are in great demand by the young fry who venture abroad on such a night to lift the gates and bridges.

It is remarkable indeed how Hallowe'en customs are retained from year to year, and century to century, and much in the same fashion.

This might be a fitting time to speak of October and its superstitions, so with the following couplet our story gets under way:

A good October and a good flask To blow the hog acorn and mast. So runs the old fistic. October derives its name from the Latin octo, eight, and imber, a shower.

The zodiacal sign of the month is scorpion, the scorpion. During the thirty-one days great and sometimes violent changes of weather are observable; but in most years the temperatures of October is mild enough to be enjoyable.

In many rural districts of Scotland many fireside customs are observed. Nuts are not only cracked and eaten, but they are made the means of prophecy by young men and maidens.

In the well-known poems of Robert Burns we learn that the burning of nuts is a favorite charm. They name the lad and lass to each particular nut as they place them in the fire, and accordingly as they burn, the course and issue of courtship will be.

In Ireland, the young girls, when they would know if their lovers are true and faithful, put three nuts on the fire-grate, and as they do so, call the nuts by names of their boy friends.

If the nut cracks or jumps, then the swain's love is in doubt. But if it burns or blazes, then he means well towards the maiden. If the nuts burn together, the young couple will be united in true marriage ties.

In the south of England at this period of the year it is regarded as unlucky for a bride about to go to church to look in the mirror after she is completely dressed.

Hence, very great care is taken to put on a glove or some article of clothing after the last lingering and reluctant look has been taken in the mirror. The idea is that any young lady who is too fond of the looking-glass will be unlucky when married.

"The custom of throwing a peel of an apple over the head," says Mrs. Conway, "marriage or single blessedness being foretold by its

Bloomfield and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Murphy, Campbellton, moored to Summerside on Saturday.

Mr. Ross MacKay of Campbellton is engaged in picking potatoes down East.

Mr. William Smith, Sidney and Roy motored to Orwell Cove recently.

Mr. Melvin Peters of Charlottetown, is at present visiting relatives in Bloomfield.

Mrs. Raymond Gallant, Bloomfield, was a recent business visitor to Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. George Horne and family, also Cecil Saunders motored to Charlottetown recently.

Miss Doris Palmer was a business visitor to Charlottetown on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Foley of O'Leary, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith on Sunday.

Bloomfield School was re-opened on October 13 after having been closed for two weeks fall vacation.

Mr. Eric Palmer, attending Dalhousie University, Halifax, spent Thanksgiving at his home in Bloomfield.

Mr. Robert Ferguson, C. N. R. trainman, Summerside, recently visited at the home of Mrs. Fraser MacDougall.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis James attended a bingo party held in the Canadian Legion Hall in Bloomfield Corner on Tuesday.

Mr. Ernest MacDougall, St. John, spent Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. Fraser MacDougall.

Mr. C. S. MacDougall of St. John, is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Fraser MacDougall.

—Sincere sympathy is extended

remaining entire or breaking, and finding in the peel so cast the initial of the coming sweetheart, as well known in Canada as in England.

In some part of the British Isles, cats are said to bring good luck, and sailors' wives keep them around to ensure, as they believe, the safety of their husbands at sea. A black cat is most in favor.

"Whenever the cat o' the house is black The lasses o' lovers will have no luck."

and again— "Kiss the black cat, And 'twill make ye fat; Kiss the white one, 'Twill make ye lean."

Cutting the nails in October is thought unlucky.

"A man had better ne'er been born Than have his nails in this month shorn."

Many versions of this old saying still exist.

With all its superstitions, October is a delightful month—a time when

"There is beauty inexpressible— A charm that cannot be passed by Without in some sort speaking of the soul."

to Mr. and Mrs. William Smith on the sudden death of their son Raymond, on October 13 at Orwell Cove.

The many friends of Miss Lillian Bernard are pleased to see her home again, much improved in health after being a patient in the hospital.

Mr. Donald MacDougall who is attending St. Junias's University, Charlottetown, spent Thanksgiving at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacDougall.

Miss Elizabeth MacDougall, employed in Summerside, has resigned her position and is spending the winter months with her mother, Mrs. Fraser MacDougall.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Foley and daughter Edna, Miss Molly Foley and Mr. Freddie O'Keefe spent a

few days recently at their respective homes in Bloomfield.

Mr. Melvin Richard recently had some repair work done on his home including the roof shingled and a new flue built. This work was done by Mr. Felix Arsenault of Woodstock.

Mr. Ralph O'Keefe has returned to his duties of teaching in Eilersie School after spending the fall vacation at his home in Bloomfield.

Mr. Frank MacDougall motored to Charlottetown on Monday evening. He was accompanied by his son Donald who was returning to St. Dunstan's University, Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Aeneas Gallant and Junior of Charlottetown.

Mesars. Robert Williams and Ray McGrath of Elmsdale, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gallant.

Mesars. Robert Shaw, Keith Pratt and Miss Martha Meyers of Bloomfield recently motored to Charlottetown, their business being at the Public Utilities Board of Maritime Electric Company, regarding the extension of the line to Bloomfield St. n.

Mr. Keith Pratt had as his guests on Thanksgiving the following: Pilot Officer Derek Collins of Dover, England; Pilot Officer Marshall Chamberlain of Sherwood, Nottingham, Eng., Pilot Officer Anthony Connolly of Leeds, Yorkshire, Eng; and Pilot Officer Peter Cullen of Southampton, Eng. While there they had the occasion to visit Elmsdale, Alber-

NEW HAVEN W. I.

The monthly meeting of the New Haven Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Lloyd MacKinnon on Oct. 7, with an attendance of 18 members and three visitors.

The president occupied the chair. Roll call was answered with an article for the orphanages.

Letters from the following were read: Scottish Rural Women's Institute; one from the Red Cross concerning first aid education; one regarding the Jubilee Endowment Fund; also one from the

ton, Tignish and Miminegash. As some of these men are enthusiastic amateur photographers, quite a number of photographs were taken to remind them of their trip over here.

—BB Artie MacPhee.

Drama Festival. A "thank you" note for a fruit gift was also read.

It was decided that \$1 be sent to the Jubilee Endowment Fund. It was decided to meet at the home of Mrs. Neil MacKinnon to make quilts. It was also decided to hold a pantry sale in late October. Mrs. Brewer Boyle was appointed to reserve a place for this sale.

New committees were appointed as follows: School: Mrs. Patrick Cavanagh, Mrs. Bud MacKinnon; program: Mrs. Duncan Gass, Mrs. Richard MacPhee.

Each member received a copy of the Institute News.

Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Michael Murphy, roll call to be answered with an article for the orphanages.

Collection for the evening amounted to \$1.30. A guessing contest put on by Mrs. Earl Moore was won by Mrs. —BB Artie MacPhee.

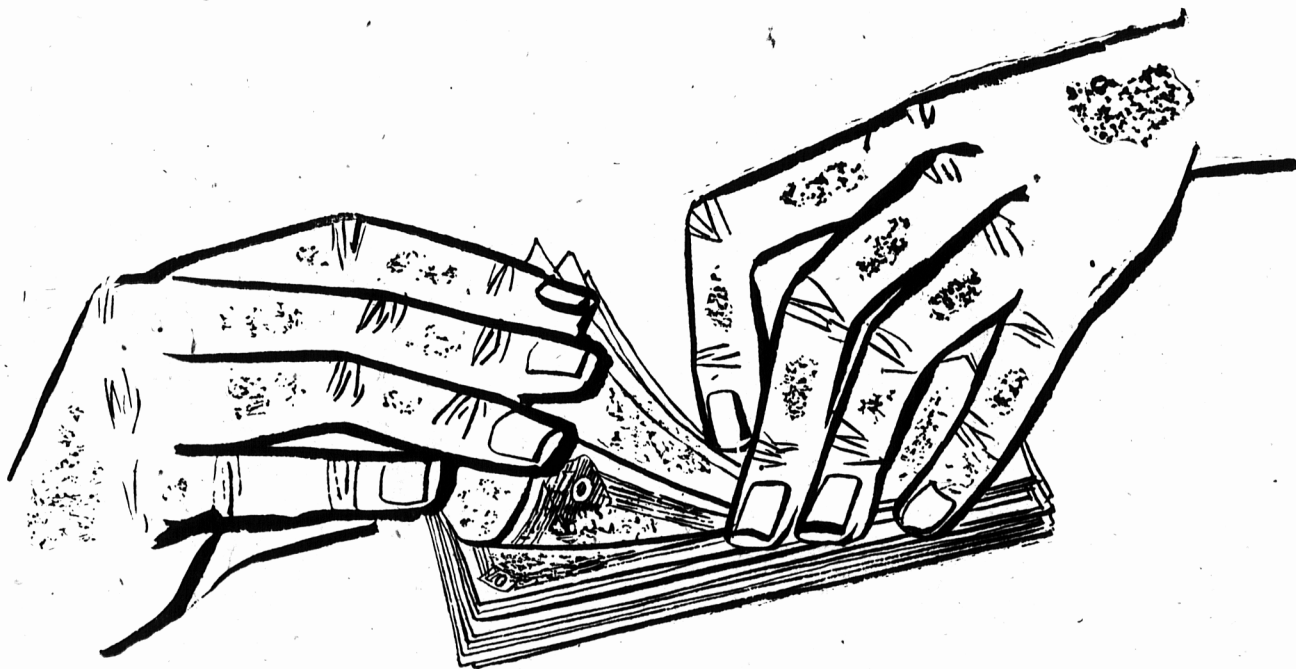
British Horse Wilwyn May Return To U. S.

NEWMARKET, England, (AP)—Wilwyn, hard-running British racehorse, may return to the United States soon.

G. S. Colling, trainer of the big stallion, said Monday the owner, Bob Boucher, is considering an invitation for Wilwyn to run in the International race at Laurel Park, Md., Nov. 7. Wilwyn won the 1952 International.

Last week in the champion stakes at Newmarket—a race billed as his swan song—Wilwyn ran third.

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