

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur
Virginia City, Nevada, awoke on a morning in April, 1879, after a heavy rainfall to find the whole town blanketed with angeworms.

The San Francisco Herald of July 24, 1851, reports that the U. S. Army station at Benicia, California, was the scene of a mysterious shower of meat.

No birds could be seen in the vicinity at the time. A strong wind was blowing but the skies were clear. No satisfactory explanation to date.

Up until 1135 m. in the British Isles paid to get into bottles and out of them. Jugs and bottles were made of leather. Most cups were made of wood.

The blood of our veins is blue, and that in the arteries red. Reason: the artery blood has just been purified by passing through the lungs and enriched with oxygen.

Believe it or not, there are rare instances when fright makes the hair on certain people's heads stand up like that of a cat.

All negroes have woolly kinked hair, Chinese and Japanese have long lank hair, but other races of Asia have glossy wavy hair.

There are 527 distinct muscles in the human body. Of these, 261 are in pairs and 5 single. The head and face contains 83. There are 49 in the neck, 78 in the trunk, 98 in the upper limbs and 108 in the lower limbs.

Alexander Dumas was the most prolific writer of all time. Some 1,200 books bear his name, not counting plays.

Robinson Crusoe, published by Daniel Defoe and authorized in 1719, was the first novel ever written.

When a great northern passenger train was stopped by red railroad block signs near Collegeville, Minn., at 4 a. m. one morning in June, 1953, crewmen walked down the tracks to investigate.

An elderly woman in her bare feet and clad only in a nightgown, standing on the tracks. She was identified later as Mrs. Elizabeth Krutzman, 75, of Avon, a town 5 miles away.

From the 12th to the 18th century the English year was taken as starting on March 25th and it was not until 1752, when the Gregorian Calendar was adopted, that the Old Year beginning on January first was used again.

It used to be the custom among British seamen that if a sailor murdered another aboard ship he was bound first to the dead body and then tossed into the sea. But if he killed a shipmate on land he was bound to the dead body and the two were buried on the spot.

The first king's head to appear on a coin was that of Edward 1st and strange but true the same



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Hampton C. G. I. T. Hold Vesper Service

Hampton C.G.I.T. conducted the National Christmas Vesper Service in the United Church on Dec. 20.

They were assisted by the church choir. Mrs. Best, organist, played a selection of Christmas carols as a prelude.

Marion McLean sang "Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a Manger" with prayer followed by Audrey Cudmore.

The service was concluded with a candle light service when Marjorie Ferguson lit the candles. The closing prayer was given by Barbara Dunsford.

Earl of Hillsborough IODE

The January meeting of Earl of Hillsborough Chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Mrs. Car. Burke, Jan. 11, with the Regent presiding.

The educational secretary reported that the basic library had been sent to the newly appointed school as well as calendars to several schools.

Mrs. Dorothy Stewart reported on the party for new Canadians and a letter was read thanking our chapter for assistance at this party.

Mrs. Barter reported the progress made in checking the books in the library at the Sanatorium and reported a meeting with Dr. Keeping and Miss McLellan.

Lunch was later served by the hostesses Miss Adams and Mrs. Burke.

Roll call was answered by 12 members; one visitor was present. The treasurer reported 47 dime-a-month cards had been passed in.

The vice-president reviewed the year's work. Dime-a-month cards and certificates were sent to the ladies of the congregation.

A Valentine party, a novelty sale and tea were held, also a concert with the other congregations of the charge. A pantry sale, a sale of fudge and fall bazaar, were other ways of raising funds.

The secretary reported 14 active members, one member moved away and eight associate members.

The friendship secretary reported 96 calls, 20 hospital calls, 157 cards, 83 treats.

The following new officers were elected: President, Mrs. Keith Buell; vice-president, Miss Reta Sharam; treasurer, Mrs. Nathan Irving; directors, Mrs. John Machon, Mrs. Lloyd Herring; auditor, Mrs. Carl Richards.

A pantry sale and sale of fancy work will be held in the spring. Mrs. MacPherson invited the members for the next meeting.

The Latin American population is increasing at 2 1/2 per cent a year.

head actually did duty for the next 10 monarchs, including the first of the Tudors.

During the reign of Edward 1st superstition was widespread and witchcraft flourished. Practically everyone wore charms to ward off demons.

If you lived in New Zealand the north side of your home would be the sunny side. Why? Because this Dominion is south of the equator.

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VERNON RIVER United Church Annual Meeting postponed to Friday, January 15th, 2 p. m. CURING-SMOKING, Ship or bring. Hansen's Market, Summer-side.

COMMUNITY CONCERT MEMBERS ATTENTION.-Samuel Sorin, pianist, tonight, P. W. C. 8.30 p. m. ISLAND GRILL, Queen Street. Dial 5223. Serving full course dinners. Specializing Chinese dish.

THURSDAY'S QUICK LUNCH. - Thursday Special, Chilled Tomato Juice, Roast Leg of Lamb with Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Tea, Coffee or Milk. 55 cents.

NOTICE: -The auction sale at Fairview on the Hector MacLeod estate will take place tomorrow, Friday, at 1 p.m.

Kelly's Cross and Vicinity

Mr. David Roberts was a recent visitor to Crapadding. Mr. Joe McMahon was a recent visitor to Charlottetown.

Mr. Francis Smith was a recent visitor to Kelly's Cross. Mr. George Monaghan spent a few days visiting his sister, Mrs. Charles Flood, Maplewood.

Mr. Joseph Kelly was a recent visitor to Lot 30, guest of his brother Mr. Francis Kelly. Miss Doreen Kusack was a recent visitor to Kelly's Cross, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Curley.

Mr. Austin McQuaid left recently for Nova Scotia in company with Mr. Leo Osborne. Mr. James Matters who has joined the Air Force, has left for training in Quebec.

Mr. Cyril Molyneux, P. W. C. student, spent Christmas at his home in Kelly's Cross. A dance was held in Kelly's Cross school on Dec. 30. Music was supplied by Mrs. Maurice MacDonald and son Wendell.

Mr. Cyril Molyneux was a welcome visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Monaghan on Christmas evening. Miss Margaret Roberts is spending a few days visiting her uncle, Mr. J. Russell Driscoll, Mt. Herbert.

Mr. St. Clair Trainor, after spending his vacation at Kelly's Cross, has returned to St. Dunstan's. Many hockey fans attended the recent hockey match between Bredalbane and New Haven, which ended with Bredalbane as the winner.

A large crowd attended the school concert that was held recently in Kelly's Cross school, staged by the pupils and teacher, Miss Colette Matters, and was greatly enjoyed by all. Misses Mary Roberts, Cecelia McQuaid and Adri Monaghan have returned to continue their studies at P. W. C. and Notre Dame after spending an enjoyable vacation at their homes in Kelly's Cross. G.U.

EARLY BIRDS REGINA (CP) -Fifteen-year-old Sandra West has been first in line for bicycle licences here for the last three years. This year her sister, Sue, obtained the second licence issued. And her grandmother was the first applicant for a dog licence.

YOUTH PROGRAM REGINA (CP) -Participation in youth centre and community centre programs increased by more than 50 per cent in 1953, compared with the previous year. Figures just issued show more than 72,000 attended the centres last year.

Card Of Thanks I wish to thank the box holders who so kindly remembered me at Christmas. Wishing one and all a Happy New Year. Thomas McQuaid, R. R. 2, North Wilshire.

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of my dear "Brother" Ira J. McAteer, who passed away January 14th, 1948. Dear God forgive a silent tear, A constant wish that he were here, You've taken others, yes, and I, But he was my "brother", and I miss him so. Always Remembered by his "Sister" Mrs. Milfred Batchelder.

Picture-Of-The-Month



Best Christmas photograph submitted to the Camera Club monthly contest was "Christmas Bells" (above) by Mr. G. H. Lewis. Judging the entries was Mr. Vic Runtz.

Traffic Offences Main Worry Of Urban Police

OTTAWA (CP) -Canada's municipal police forces were smaller in number in 1952 but had more work, most of it caused by delinquent motorists.

The bureau of statistics said today that police forces in urban centres of 4,000 population or more dropped to 10,729, from 11,115 in 1951, a record known offences rose to 1,341,538 from 1,232,320. There were arrests in more than half the offences.

Policemen made 185,674 arrests compared with 171,646 the previous year, reported 1,242,506 summonses and surrenders against 924,713 and launched 1,689,261 prosecutions compared with 1,506,785. All were record highs.

The report on the police statistics noted that the national ratio of policemen per thousand population dropped to 1.5 from 1.7 in 1951. Provincially, Quebec, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan showed the increase, Nova Scotia remained the same at 1.1 policemen per thousand, while all others declined.

Traffic offences accounted for 88 per cent of all types of cases, with parking violations reaching an all-time high of 1,064,188, compared with 788,920, the preceding year. Parking ratios per thousand population included: St. John's, 93; Ottawa and Hull, Que., 88 each; Saint John, 86; and Halifax, 80; Charlottetown had a clean slate.

Of total prosecutions, about six per cent were for crimes under the Criminal Code. There were 67 murders, three more than in 1951.

WESTMORELAND W. I. The regular meeting of Westmoreland W.I. was held on January 5 at the home of Mrs. Vernon Moore, with six members present.

New committees appointed were as follows: school, Mrs. Vernon Moore (re-appointed); sick, Mrs. Eldon Leard and Miss Ella Crossman; educational, Mrs. Roy Crossman; social, Mrs. Heber Canfield and Miss Noreen Oakes; lunch, Mrs. Hal Rogerson, Mrs. Roy Crossman and Mrs. Heber Canfield.

Red Cross sewing and knitting was distributed to members present. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Roy Crossman.

UNFOLD RESTRICTION VANCOUVER (CP) -City council endorsed action of its personnel committee which rejected a request from the Vancouver Council of Women, who urged a revision of the city policy which excludes married women from holding permanent civic jobs.

KENSINGTON W. M. S. The annual meeting of the Kensington United Church Women's Missionary Society was held in the Y. P. Room on Jan. 5, with Mrs. J. Y. MacFadyen presiding.

Treasurer Mrs. W. C. MacLeod reported \$439 raised during the year, including amounts raised by the Mission Band, C.G.I.T. and Baby Band, and which considerably exceeded the allocation. Supply secretary Mrs. W. F. Taylor reported 390 lbs. of goods sent to Korea, also a shipment to the Halifax port worker.

Mrs. Alexander MacKay, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Glover gave a vivid portrayal of the church in Europe, after which a solemn and impressive installation service was conducted by Rev. L.M. Murray, setting apart by prayer and exhortation. The following are the officers for 1954: President, Mrs. J. Y. MacFadyen; Vice-president, Mrs. D. MacKenzie; Treasurer, Mrs. W. C. MacLeod; Sec. secretary, Mrs. P. J. Kennedy; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Horace Glover; Literature secretary, Mrs. Alexander MacKay; Christian Stewardship, Mrs. W. G. Simpson; Community friendship, Mrs. J. E. Inglis; Supply secretary, Mrs. W.F. Taylor; Temperance secretary, Mrs. P. Walker; Associate Helpers' secretary, Mrs. Russell MacKay; Missionary Monthly secretary, Mrs. D. MacKenzie; Envelope secretary, Miss E. MacMurdo; Mission Band Leaders, Mrs. L.M. Murray, Mrs. James Murphy, Baby Band leaders, Mrs. E. MacEwen, Mrs. Keir Clark; C.G.I.T. leaders, Mrs. R. Caruthers, Miss D. MacKenzie; Pianist, Mrs. F. L. Orr; Press secretary, Mrs. R. Caruthers.

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York and Vicinity

Miss Aletha Brown spent the week-end at her home in York. Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Murray moved into their new house recently.

The many friends of Mrs. Earle Ling are glad to hear she is improving in the P. E. Island Hospital.

Miss Norma Lewis, R. N., Boston, spent a short holiday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis, York.

The W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. George Watts on January 6, with fair attendance. The funeral of the late Mrs. Fred Mobbs was held in York United Church on January 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McDonald and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay Auld recently. Mrs. J.M. Sproule was hostess to York W. I. on January 5, with good attendance.

Many friends of Mrs. Robert Chappell are glad to hear she is better after her accident, in a car. The many friends of Mrs. Frank Boyer are glad to hear she has entered the P. E. Island Hospital for treatment. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

During the mild weather in December, when Mr. Will Watts, York, was looking at his flower bed, he noticed the crocuses were growing. He dug some up and took them in the house and they were in full bloom January 2.

The annual meeting of York United Church was held December 10. The meeting opened with two sacred sessions. Following are the officers for the year 1954: Cemetery, Lloyd Vessey; Organist, Arthur Vessey and Harry Vessey; Ushers, Leith Brown and Harold Watts; Plate bearers, Norman Brown and Lakin Lewis, Cecil Watts and Myron Ling; Stewards, Parker Jewell, Clifford Chappell, Dewar Swan, Stewart Vessey, Raymond Vessey; Edison Watts; Auditor, Leith Brown; Bible Society, Frances Vessey; Elders, Will Crockett, Leo Vessey; George Watts. -B. O.

Speculate U.S. To Test Huge Hydrogen Bomb

WASHINGTON, (AP) -The United States disclosed Friday night it is getting ready for a series of super-secret atomic weapon tests in the Pacific.

There was immediate speculation that a hydrogen device will be set off in the greatest man-made blast in history.

The announcement was made by the Atomic Energy Commission. It made no specific mention of an H-bomb experiment but did say that tests of "all categories" would be conducted.

Moving and materials will begin to be sent to the proving grounds in the Marshall Islands this month, the AEC said.

There will be no observers of the tests other than the American officials concerned, the AEC announced, another indication that perhaps important new developments in the field of atomic warfare will be tried out.

Large Scale Production It was reported as long ago as last July that the AEC had entered into large scale production of material for hydrogen bombs. One of the shots in last fall's series of tests in the Pacific was of a hydrogen device.

If a new one is set off, experts outside the government figured it might exceed the total power of all bombs dropped by the American air force during the Second World War.

EXPORTS RESUMED For the first time in 12 years, India is permitting the export of wheat flour.

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