

Strange But True

By F.H. MacArthur

The impulse is so strong with wild mothers to nurture infants that they show little discrimination between their offspring and the young of an entirely different species.

When this writer was a small boy he discovered a nest with three young squirrels which he carried home and placed under the care of a foster mother — a cat that had lost her little family when grandfather gave 'em the water treatment.

Cat mothers will sometimes adopt tame rat babies and bring them up as though they were their own offspring.

The number of mama cats that have nursed young foxes in this province is such a widely known fact that no specific instance need be given here.

The reason cat mothers take up such an assortment of creatures as wards, is because they are so often frustrated in their motherhood by persons like grandfathers who drowned their kittens.

A live mouse trap in Grove, Ont., adopted a week old ground hog which her owner, an Indian, found on a hunting trip.

At a lady owned by a South Shore resident had three kittens of her own but cheerfully added a couple of baby skunks to her litter.

Incidentally, the milk of cats suits almost all sorts of mammals.

A few cases have been reported where dogs have also mothered other animals than their own, but these instances are so rare and lacking in authenticity that I have passed them up.

Most baby birds will follow any mother bird that takes care of them, instinctively. It's an amusing sight to see a group of ducklings strutting about after a hen that hatched them.

In lieu of a mother, goslings have been known to regard the one who tended and fed them as "mother."

I once knew a small farm lad who had a troupe of goslings tagging him single file every time he crossed the barnyard. This child had a pet lamb that acted ditto.

This would lead me to believe that it is not a sense of love or devotion that makes the young tag after the mother and stay close to her. Instead, it is a sense of dependence, a strong desire to be protected and guided.

All young creatures will attach themselves to the first animal willing to care for them. When the Indians used to kill the mother buff-

alo, the calf would follow the Indians and lick their hands. Famous hunters tell us that when a moose or rhinoceros is shot, her offspring will trot along after the human slayer of its mother, and follow the men right back into camp.

It's an amazing fact that, when water is scarce and the heat intense, some reptiles and amphibians, such as frogs and crocodiles, go into extinction during the hot weather, parallel of hibernation.

The higher we go on the voluntary scale, according to scientists, "the more necessary sleep becomes." They further state: "Every mammal with a highly developed brain needs a lot of sleep. If you keep a dog awake for five straight days he will die from lack of sleep, yet he can go for a month without food. And if you force a higher mammal such as a dog to stay awake against his will, he will become neurotic and his intelligence will appear to deteriorate."

Bears do not cohabit after mating for nobody has ever yet found an adult male and female in the same den.

It is not the man in the city that determines Prince Edward Island's destiny. It is the tillers of our million acre farms. They represent eighty per cent of our population; they are the backbone of our island.

What is a tigon? It's the offspring of a lion and a tiger, one of the rarest of hybrid animals.

Had it not been for the A. S. P. C. A., we might now be housing bullfights in Canada and the U. S. A. Back in 1880 P. T. Barnum attempted to establish bullfighting when he tried to get the Madison Square Garden in New York for such a conflict, but the A. S. P. C. A. said "no."

According to the Koran, every good Mohammedan will go to Heaven where he will be rewarded by having a supper of 300 courses, perfect health, a palace with 80,000 servants, and 72 beautiful women whose beauty never fades. No wonder there are so many Mohammedans!

The old-fashioned religion is on the out — at least in the U. S. A. where 20,000,000 joined 1,000 religious cults in the past half century. These spurious cults were mostly organized and run by racketeers who promised their dupes, health, prosperity and peace and good will to earth and in heaven. Wealthy families following them showered their money on the promoters, many of whom became quite wealthy.

There are more nuns in Tibet than there are people living in Prince Edward Island. Tibet has an adult population of 2,000,000 and 400,000 of these are nuns.

While 700,000 of the males are priests and monks of Lamaism.

There are 2,000 midgets and 55,000 dwarfs in the world. Midgets are perfectly formed humans whereas dwarfs have abnormally short legs.

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ENGAGEMENT—Mrs. Henry Curran, St. Teresa's, announces the engagement of her daughter Helen Lois, of Dorchester, Mass., to Joseph Vernon Bolger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bolger, Hope River. Marriage to take place the latter part of August.

THE DEATH OCCURRED in the P. E. Island Hospital on July 30, 1951, of John F. Mackie, following a lengthy illness. Mourning his passing are his widow, the former Laura Smallwood of Bunbury, and a host of friends.

RETURN HOME.—Mr. and Mrs. George Littleboy who have been holidaying on the island recently, are returning to their home in St. Catharines, Ontario. Mrs. Littleboy is the former Dorothy Vaughan of Charlottetown.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—Communion Services, Cape Trinity, August 5th, 7:30 A. M., 7:30 P. M. Preparatory Services, Thursday and Saturday 8 P. M. Thanksgiving Service Monday 10 A. M. Rev. Donald MacKinnon, Minister of the Free Church of Scotland, Kenneway, Fife, Scotland, will assist as these services. Rev. J. H. Bishop.

PERSONALS

Miss Ann Hughes and Mr. Charles Murphy are visiting brothers and sisters in this city and in Morell.

Misses Ella Costello and Dorothy Costello have returned to the City after spending their holidays at their home in Lot 65.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Boothe of Toronto are visiting at the home of Mrs. Boothe's brother, Keith Bryenton, Union Road.

Mrs. Margaret Arsenault of Howland and Mrs. Sadie Connors from New York, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Martin, Emerald.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Arsenault, Howland, Mr. and Mrs. James Kinch, Alberton, and Mrs. Frank Richard, Duvar, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Martin, Emerald.

Mr. Johnny Arsenault and family of Charlottetown was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Martin, Emerald on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland McDonald and daughter, Amberst, N. S., visited Mr. McDonald's mother in Emerald recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Todd of Rose Valley visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Martin, Emerald, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Huntley and family of Halifax, N. S., were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Huntley's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Dingwell.

Mr. C. W. Spels, Toronto, who long represented Schofield Paper Co. (now Howard Smith) but is now retired, is visiting the Island renewing old friendships.

Mrs. J. A. MacKinnon, Charlottetown, has received word that her brother, Mr. Lemuel Lamont, is in a critical condition in the Halifax Hospital.

Friends of Mrs. Justin McCarthy, R. N., of Morell, are glad to know that she is improving. Mrs. McCarthy is a patient at the Charlottetown Hospital.

Mr. Walter H. Hooper of Portland, Me., has arrived to spend an extended vacation at the home of his brothers, Percy and Robert Hooper, North Milton.

Miss Thankful Gurney, Charlottetown, left recently for Boston, Mass., on an extended visit. Enroute she will visit her sisters, Mrs. Roy Williams, Mrs. Cecil Adams and Miss Eva Gurney of Malden, Mass.



EMBARRASSING, WHAT? Fourteen-month-old, Candy Johnson, of Los Angeles, who apparently thought she'd found an ideal wading spot right in her own bathroom, stands by uncomfortably, her foot caught in the toilet bowl. Fireman Ken Worthy, called in to cope with the emergency, finally had to smash the bowl to free Candy.

number of friends gathered to offer congratulations and best wishes to the bride and groom for many years of continued happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Stetson then left on a trip to the Annapolis Valley. The bride chose for travelling a grey gabardine suit with pink accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald left on a wedding trip to Muskoka, the bride travelling in a coral shade gabardine suit, and wearing navy and white accessories and an orchid corsage. They will live in Chatham, Ont.

MacDonald-Long Wedding

Large baskets of white snapdragons, lilies, gladioli and delphinium, and tall burning white tapers in wrought iron candleholders formed the setting in Epworth United Church, Kingsville, for the wedding of Miss Betty June Long of Windsor, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Long of Kingsville, to Mr. Robert H. MacDonald of Chatham, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. MacDonald of Mermaid, Prince Edward Island. Rev. J. T. P. Nicholls officiated.

Stetson - Heffell Wedding

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Heffell was the scene of a very pretty wedding on June 21st, 1951, when, beneath an arch of white honeysuckle and June flowers, marriage vows were exchanged between their daughter, Hazel Anne, and Vernon Harry Claude Stetson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stetson, both of Freetown. Rev. Mr. Campbell of North Bedeque performed the double ring ceremony. Mr. Robert Reeves played the Wedding March.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in her floor-length gown of white nylon net, low sweetheart neckline, fitted bodice with full skirt. Her fingertip veil was held in place by a wreath of baby pink roses, and she carried a bouquet of Pink Delight roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Agnes Heffell, sister of the bride, was gowned in blue taffeta and carried a bouquet of Talisman roses.

Little Brenda Stetson, niece of the groom, acted as flower girl and wore pink organdy with pink roses nestled in her hair. She carried a basket of lovely June flowers. Master Ian Drummond, cousin of the groom, carried out the duties of ring-bearer. Mr. Melvin Stetson, cousin of the groom, capably acted as groomsman.

During the signing of the register, Mr. Robert and Miss Rose Reeves, cousins of the bride, sweetly sang "O Perfect Love". The bride's mother chose for her daughter's wedding a mauve crepe dress with corsage of yellow roses. The groom's mother was attired in a white floral jersey dress with a corsage of pink roses.

A reception for sixty-five guests was held on the lawn, where the bride's table was centered with a three-tier wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom. Those assisting in serving were Misses Edythe Stetson, Margaret Stetson, Phyllis Drummond and Mrs. Orville Reeves. Later in the evening a large

MacNevin - Stewart Wedding

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the Manse, Charlottetown, on Wednesday, June 27th when Florence Ellen, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Stewart, New Argyle, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Watson Malcolm, son of Mrs. Catherine McNevin and the late Duncan McNevin of New Haven by the Rev. J. H. Bishop.

The bride looked very winsome in a dress of light blue over lace. Her shoulder veil fell from a coronet of roses and she wore a corsage of red ice box roses. Mrs. Alex Gillis as bridesmaid, sister of the bride was attired in a gown of yellow sheer with matching headress. She wore a corsage of deep yellow roses. The groom was attended by Mr. Alex Gillis. Following the ceremony a reception for 40 guests was held at the bride's home. The bride's table was beautifully arranged with a three-tier wedding cake. The usual band of serenaders arrived to tender their best wishes. The number of beautiful and valuable gifts received testified to the esteem in which the young couple are held.

Mr. and Mrs. McNevin left on a honeymoon trip to the United States, the bride travelling in a blue gabardine suit with white accessories. On return they will reside in New Haven where the groom is a prosperous farmer and his many friends join in wishing him and his bride many years of wedded bliss. Previous to the wedding the bride was tendered a shower at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart where she received many lovely and useful gifts. After a few well-chosen words of thanks by the bride-to-be all joined in singing "For She's A Jolly Good Fellow." A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and friends. The remainder of the evening was spent in music, singing and social chat. All then dispersed to their homes wishing the bride-to-be much happiness.

LETTERS POURING IN SAY:

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Returns After 43 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Smith, New Orleans, La., spent a week visiting on Prince Edward Island. This is the first visit Mrs. Smith (the former Anna Farrell, Tignish, a sister of Dr. Phillip Farrell, Boston) has made to her native Province for forty-three years.

While on the Island Mr. and Mrs. Smith visited with Mr. and Mrs. Swithin McKenna, Chelton, Sister St. John, Bishop's Residence, Charlottetown, a cousin of Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Sandy Shea, Tignish, and several of Mrs. Smith's cousins in the western part of the Island.

Mr. Smith, a marine engineer and a native of Louisiana, was very much impressed with the beauty of the Island, this being his first visit. He hopes to make a more extended visit next time.

Scotch Pastor To Preach in P.E.I.

Rev. Donald MacKinnon, M.A., Free Church of Scotland, Minister, formerly of Portree, Skye, now of Kenneway, Fife, Scotland, expects to arrive in P. E. Island this week on a visit to the congregation of the Church of Scotland in this Province. During his stay, Rev. MacKinnon will be the guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Bishop, Laphorne Avenue, Charlottetown.

Rev. MacKinnon is to be accompanied by his daughter Mairi, a graduate of Edinburgh University who, on leave of absence from the teaching staff of Glasgow University, has been on the staff for the past year at McGill University, Montreal.

ing admired, the gifts were arranged on the table by Miss Betty Robertson.

Jessie fittingly replied and thanked all present for their kindness, after which all joined in singing "For She's A Jolly Good Fellow."

A delicious lunch was then served by the ladies, and the remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in a lively sing-song and in instrumental music.

At a late hour, all departed to their homes, wishing the bride-to-be every happiness in her journey through life.

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Bride-To-Be Honored

On July 11th, 1951, approximately one hundred friends and neighbors from Kingsboro and vicinity gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stewart to tender a miscellaneous shower for Miss Jessie Robertson, Kingsboro, in honor of her approaching marriage.

Miss Robertson was escorted to the gaily decorated seat of honor by Mrs. Clinton Stewart and was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by Miss Marguerite Mossey.

Mr. Fred Rose was chairman for the occasion, and after some well chosen remarks, he called on Miss Edith MacGregor to read an address.

A decorated basket, laden with gifts, testifying to the popularity of the young bride-to-be, was carried into the living-room by Miss Bertie Yates and Master Timmy Mossey who were dressed as a little bride and groom.

Among the many useful and expensive gifts was a large sum of money.

The gifts were opened by Miss Glenna Robertson and Miss Helen MacLean, and the accompanying best wishes were read by Miss Arlene Robertson. After be-

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