

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

A curved screen 16 feet, eight inches wide and seven feet high plus new sound equipment has been installed in the white house so that President and Mrs. Eisenhower can view cinemaScope and hear stereophonic sound without going to the theatre.

Major crimes in the U. S. were the lowest last year since records were kept in 1930. Of the 44 states and Federal districts that have the death penalty for murder, only 22 executions were carried out.

All the castor oil floating about does not go into the nation's stomachs. The most of it is used as lubrication for jet engines, guns and tanks.

The Russian government made a nice profit on the 100,000,000 oranges it purchased from Israel in 1953 at a cost of 2½ cents each. The oranges cost Russian housewives 47 cents each.

The average woman still is jittery about giving her age. The Connecticut Motor Vehicle Bureau returned as "incomplete" more than 5,000 driver's licence applications in less than three months because the applicants — all women — failed to fill in the space which asks their ages.

Sweden, Iceland, Canada and New Zealand all pay more per capita to the budget of the United Nations than does Uncle Sam.

The monastery of Sera, in the valley of Lhasa is the second largest in the world.

The stone hatchet remained for countless centuries man's most powerful weapon and most useful tool. This was followed by the spear, merely a long, straight pointed stick. But with this crude weapon he became the hunter instead of the hunted.

In modern times frozen specimens of mammoths perfectly preserved, have been found in Siberian glaciers and ice fields with these crude spears sticking out of their bodies.

Extinct now are many of these early mammoths. Gone too are the little Neanderthals who hunted them. What became of them? Why did they vanish from the earth never to be seen again? That's a \$64 question that no man can answer.

In their place a new race entered the European theatre, a race considered by most authorities to have been the direct ancestors of modern Europeans.

Their skeletons were first uncovered in Cromagnon caves in France. A veil of darkness covers their coming into the world picture, because no traces of their original homeland has ever been found. Of course scholars have advanced theories that makes fascinating reading but their sudden appearance as well as the place of their original homeland remains a real mystery.

BIGGER WEIGHT

The British ton, or long ton, weight 2,240 pounds, against the 1,000 pounds of the "short" ton.

Yanks, Not British Did The Job

In 1755, the Acadians were brutally expelled from Nova Scotia. Generations of writers have said that British "Red-coats" were responsible. What was the truth? The truth is that the expulsion was carried out by blue-coated American troops. In The Standard this week, Thomas Raddall, of Liverpool, N.S., one of Canada's most exciting historical writers, reveals the true facts of this saga of Nova Scotia's absorbing history. Read it in The Standard this week. The Standard is on sale now, complete with Picture Magazine, 12-page novel and 20 pages of comics. Only ten cents!

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REPORTS INTERESTING MEETING OF THE HORTICULTURAL COUNCIL

Mr. W. R. Shaw, President of the Canadian Horticultural Council and Chairman of its National Potato Committee, returned over the week-end from a meeting of the latter Committee held at Ottawa. Mr. Shaw reports one of the best meetings of the Council, with discussion ranging over production, marketing and trade matters. Representatives from practically all the Provinces were in attendance along with a number of officials from Federal Divisions.

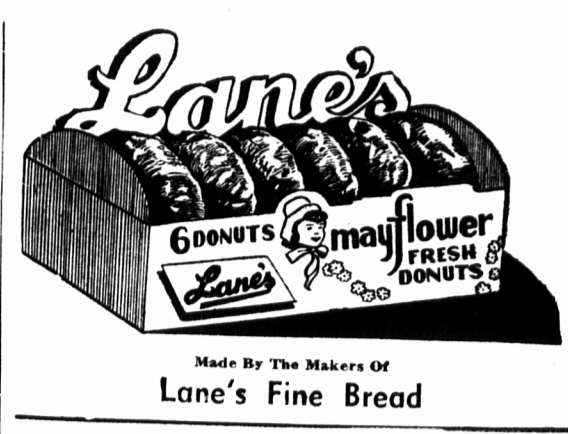
A close scrutiny was given to production figures in each of the Provinces, and the general opinion indicated a substantial reduction

under last year's levels and of the figures already published concerning the 1954 yields. Unfavorable weather in many sections of Canada, and difficulties in harvesting and other factors are responsible, and even with all potatoes harvested from 65 to 70% of last year's production seemed to be indicated. Practically the only exception, Mr. Shaw stated, was Prince Edward Island, where yields will not be as far from those of 1953, as occurs in some other provinces. Mr. Shaw felt that recorded acreages in this Province are considerably below actual acreages and with the crop reasonably free from

disease, and yields generally favorable, the total production in the Province will possibly be somewhat higher than the levels already reported. The overall position, however shows a total marketable crop very much below the average of the past few years. United States production according to latest figures is also down at a level of approximately 345 million bushels. Under production conditions of this kind market conditions should prevail at reasonably strong levels.

Considerable discussion took place on matters of trade, and suggestions were presented, which will be carried on to the Trade Committee of the Council to be held about the middle of November.

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