Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Most everyone has read about the "singing sands" but did you know that part of Route 6 in the state of New Jersey soon will become a "singing highway". The idea behind the singing highway is to keep careless drivers from veering too far to the left on the road. A two-foot strip of concrete placed in the center of the road will cause car bodies to purr loudly when the driver is not in his proper place.

If somebody would devise some sort of gadget to take the wheel out of the hands of drunks we should have fewer accidents and happier motoring.

Basketball size hailstones fell in Kemptville, Ontario, recently, doing half a million dollars worth of damage to crops.

Helen Wilson picked up one that just missed hitting her on the head. It weighed over a pound and measured 13 inches across.

The best way to save money these days is to have pockets made so low that you can't reach into them.

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You will read of very few famous men who have not credited their mothers for much of the inspiration and success of their life.

The saintly Augustine had this to say about his mother. "She was a sweet and holy soul, always my guardian angel." And when he stood by her bed and closed her eyes in death a mighty sorrow flowed from his heart.

Susanna Wesley, mother of the great John Wesley, insisted that all of her children when speaking to one another should never forget to prefix the word "brother" or "sister". Wesley never forgot this, and in later years he instructed his followers to observe this custom in their church life.

Had it not been for Susanna Wesley's sacrifices John Wesley never would have gone to college, or became the famous preacher he was.

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If George Washington had turned a deaf ear to his mother's pleading voice, not to become a midshipman aboard a British man-of-war he never would have become the first President of the United States of America. Mary Washington lived to see her son a great world figure. His success was due in no small degree to his mother's guiding influence. When she died on August 25, 1789, Washington had this to say about her:

"There is consolation in knowing that heaven has spared her to an age beyond which few attain, and favored her with the full enjoyment of her mental faculties. I shall ever remember her as one of the greatest mothers of all time."

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The mother of King Edward VII and the Queen of the British Empire for sixty-three years was a mother whose pure tenderness was a benediction to the whole world.

Who dare refute the claim that the great poet Gothe was not inspired and guided in his literary work by his mother, who had a gift for story-telling. Each book he wrote was read to her before it left the pubisiher's hands. Naturally the mother was proud of her gifted son, and the son was justly proud of the wonderful mother who praised and helped him in so many ways when his father showed little or no interest in the imaginative child.

We are told that she was constantly in the poet's thought as her 78 years of life drew to a close, although she would permit nobody to let him know how seriously ill she was.

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President John Quincy Adams left this fine tribute to his mother:

"My mother was an angel upon earth. She was a minister of blessing to all human beings within her sphere of action . . . If there is existence and retribution beyond the grave, my mother is happy. But if virtue alone is happiness below, never was existence upon earth more blind than hers".

It was Margaret Carnegie—the multi-millionaire's mother who taught him his thrifty habits. Although he lived to be an old man Andrew Carnegie never forgot his honest, lovable, self-sacrificing mother.

Later in writing about her to a friend he said. "I feel her to be sacred to myself and not for others to know. None could ever really know—I alone did that."

Produce

MONTREAL, Dec. 16 — (CP) — Produce prices quoted here today were reported by Federal Department of Agriculture as follows:

Eggs: Cases free, extra large 45; large 45; medium 40-41; small 37-38; B 37; C 34. Receipts: 345 cases.

Butter: Current receipts Que. No. 1 pasteurized fresh 62; Que. No. 2 (no quotations); wholesale Que. No. 1 pasteurized fresh 62½; first grade creamery prints job price 63-63½. Receipts: Nil.

Cheese: Current receipts Ontario white 30; Ontario colored 30½ FOB factory; Quebec white 29¾. Quebec colored 30¼ F.O.B. Montreal, wholesale Ontario white 31; Quebec colored 32. Receipts: Nil.

Potatoes: (Small wholesale lots to retailers) Que. No. 1 75s 2.35-2.45; N.B. new, No. 1 75's 2.50-2.65; N.B. No. 1 50's 1.65-1.75; N.B. No. 1, 10s .38-.42; P.E.I. No. 1, 75s 2.60-2.75.

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30TH YEAR OF TOY SHOP CHEER

For the 30th consecutive year, Canada's Boy Scouts are repairing used toys for distribution to needy children. In some cities, Scouts work the year round on the project, but in most communities it is a special effort for November and December. Thousands of children have been saved from a toyless Christmas since the Scout Toy Repair Shops were inaugurated in 1922.

QUEEN'S COLOURS FOR CORONATION CONTINGENT

Canada's Boy Scout Contingent to the Coronation in Britain next summer, will carry a silk flag, the Union flag Colours which were used by the Canadian Scout Contingent at the Coronation of King George V in 1911. At that time, the flag was carried by Frank C. Irwin, A Saskatchewan Scout, who is now Executive Scout Commissioner for Ontario.

FOR THE PAN-PACIFIC JAMBOREE

When Boy Scouts from "down-under" meet at "Greystanes," Sydney, Australia, for the Pan-Pacific Jamboree, from Dec. 29th, 1952 to Jan. 9th, 1953, their Jamboree publication will feature a special message of greeting from the Chief Scout for Canada, the Right Honorable Vincent Massey, C. H., Governor-General.

A-ROVING THEY WILL GO

For the Fifth World Rover Moot, a gathering of older Boy Scouts, in Kandersteg, Switzerland, next July 29th, to August 8th, Canada is preparing to send a contingent of 65 Rover Scouts. They are due to sail from Quebec to Le Havre on the S. S. Scythia on July 15th., and to return on the S. S. Ascania from Liverpool to Montreal on August 20th. Extensive sight-seeing trips are being planned for them during their visit to Europe.

WOLF CUBS EARN $100 FOR MEMORIAL

Wolf Cubs of the 1st Trenton, Ont. Pack recently earned $100 by odd jobs and presented it as the initial donation towards a War Memorial, project of the St. George's Group Committee.

Squadron Leader Charles "Chuck" Brighton, Cubmaster of the 1st Trenton Pack, presented the cheque on behalf of the Cubs at an official gathering on the eve of his departure for an important post at Air Division Headquarters, R. C. A. F., at Metz, France.

Kingston And Vicinity

Miss Velda Green spent a recent weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Green.

Her friends are pleased to learn that Mrs.t Annabella Docherty has returned to her home after receiving treatment in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Many of the school children are missing their classes of studies due to the epidemic of chickenpox and mumps in the vicinity.

A very large gathering of relatives and friends were present to pay their final tributes of respect at the funeral of the late Mrs Frederick Larter, a long time friend and neighbor, who died at Hampshire.

Mr. Leo Gallant and Miss Hilda Gallant have returned from an enjoyable trip to Boston, visiting with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Wilbur Younker was a recent visitor to Churchill, calling on her grandmother, Mrs. Duncan MacGillivary. Mrs. MacGillivary who will celebrate her ninety-ninth birthday on December 18th, is still delighted to recall close acquaintance with those who call on her. The vividness of her memory amazes those who know her well. Her faculties appear almost as keen and alert as they were fifty years ago.

The teachers, Mrs. Grant Willis and Mrs. Neil Campbell, are busily engaged in rehearsing for the annual Christmas concert.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Ralph Younker for winning honours at the Royal Winter Fair, also to Mr. Sterling Willis and Mr. Harrison Green. They accompanied the Island's choicest hogs to the Royal Winter Fair.

The many friends of Mrs. Emily Newson are sorry to hear of her recent illness. All join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Younker with a good attendance. The president, Mrs. Zilpha Newson, led the meeting which opened in the usual manner. Regular routine business was discussed. Lunch was served by the hostess assited by the lunch committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Nesby Green have moved into Charlottetown where they will reside for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Warburton Godfrey of Wiltshire were recent visitors to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Newson.

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Mrs. Bertram Willis was hostess to the Women's Institute on Thursday night, December 4. The newly elected president, Mrs. Whitfield Yeo, presided over the business part of the meeting. Gifts were passed in for the Orphanage. The meeting opened by singing "Silent Night", followed by the "Creed" repeated in unison. Mrs. Willis, in keeping with the Christmas traidtion, had her home trimmed for the occasion. A delightful lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by the committee in charge.

The annual mite-box opening of the Mission Band of the Kingston United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Annabella Docherty. A program and games were carried out by the leaders, Miss Erma Newson and Miss Olive Barrett. At the close of the evening's entertainment, a delightful lunch was served.

The members and friends of Kingston United Church were glad to welcome the Rev. Mr. Weir back to the pulpit after his absence for a short while. During Mr. Weir's absence, due to illness in his family, the people were more than pleased to become acquainted with the Rev. Mr. Tilley who filled the vacancy.

Better Recreational Facilities Forecast For Troops Overseas

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 —(CP)—Improvement of recreational facilities for Canadian troops in Europe may result from the visits of Defence Minister Claxton, informed quarters said Thursday.

Before leaving for Europe to attend the North Atlantic Treaty meetings, Mr. Claxton said he planned to go into the whole question of welfare of the army's 27th Brigade and the Canadian airmen at North Luffenham, Eng., and Grostenquin, France.

Previously Col. John Wallis, director of administration for the army and head of its welfare services, has visited the brigade twice, the last time in February and March. He plans to establish some Canadian counterpart to the U. K.'s Naafi organization.

Col. Wallis will visit the Brigade again in January or February.

It was recalled that the Maple Leaf Club for Canadians in Tokyo was established on Mr. Claxton's recommendation following his visit to the 25th Brigade in Korea, along with other amenities.

German Gives Good Name To Canadian Troops

BONN, Dec. 16 —(AP)— Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has told Canadian Defence Minister Brooke Claxton that Canadian soldiers in West Germany "have a fine reputation."

Claxton, who conferred with Adenauer Wednesday, said Thursday the Chancellor told him:

"We are glad to have the Canadian brigade in Germany and will welcome units of the RCAF when they arrive. Canadians soldiers in Germany have a fine reputation. German families who have had them in their homes are enthusiastic."

Canada May Be World's Third Trading Power

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 —(CP)—Expanding exports may make Canada this year the world's third largest trading power, government trade experts said Thursday.

Biggest power is the United States, with Britain second. Canada held third place for most of the postwar period until France recovered from wartime devastation and recaptured it in 1951.

This year, however, the French grain crop was slim while Canada's soared to the biggest in history. Canada also has boosted sales of newsprint, metals and flour and other goods.

The possibility that Canada may overtake France was raised in the Bureau of Statistics 67-page review of foreign trade for the first half of 1952.

Predicts U. S. Cattle Prices Due For Slump

WINNIPEG, Dec. 16 —(CP)—United States cattle prices are due for a 20-per-cent slump in the next four years as beef-on-the-hoof nears 100,000,000 highest production in the country's history, Wayne Darrow, president of the U. S. Farm Reports Incorporated of Washington, said Thursday.

In Winnipeg to address the Winnipeg Stock Exchange, Mr. Darrow said in an interview the U. S. herds are reproducing so fast the American population gain can't keep up.

"There's a lot of discouraged cattlemen in the U. S. right now," he said.

Toppling down from "a cock-eyed peak" last year, he predicted prices over a five-year stretch will have dropped a total of 35 per cent.

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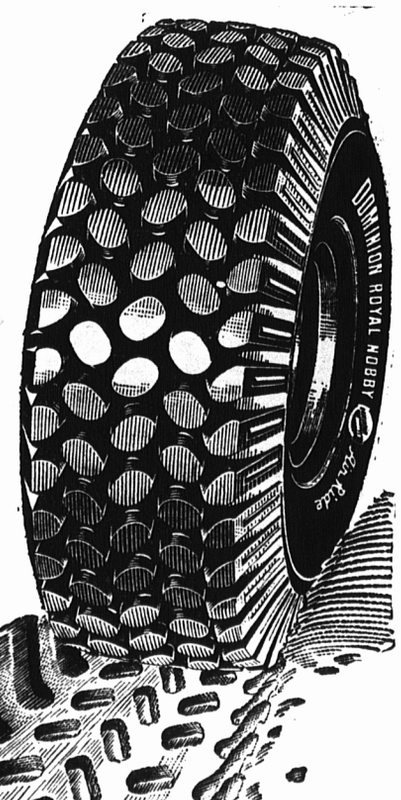

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