

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Supersonic surgery has now become a reality. A new technique using supersonics—ultra high frequency sound waves—destroys "pain pathways" in the brain without actual cutting of brain tissue with scalpels as in frontal lobotomy operations. The method was developed by a group of Pittsburgh surgeons headed by Dr. Peter Lindstrom, Chief Neurosurgeon at Aspinwall, Pa., Veterans Hospital. Dr. Lindstrom said the sound waves, when directed at the affected parts of the brain, relieve the intense pain caused by various diseases.

Near Faben, Alberta, a skunk, aided two R. C. M. P. to catch a youth escaped from a prison farm. The boy had concealed himself in a stolen panel truck but when he discovered that a skunk was his companion he quickly abandoned it and was captured by the police.

Thomas McGuire, England, recently bought a little black dog nobody wanted. McGuire picked up the cur from a home for stray animals. One week later, when Alan, the McGuire baby fell into a water-filled cellar of a demolished dwelling the little dog that nobody would have promptly leaped into the water and rescued the child.

The following middleweight champions died tragic and premature deaths: Jack (Nonpareil) Dempsey fell to Bob Fitzsimmons in the 13th round. Six months later the first Dempsey died of some wasting disease. Age 32.

Stanley Ketchel was shot and killed by a farm hand in Conway, Mo., Age 23.

Billy Papke committed suicide in Newport, Calif. Harry Gren, one of the greatest fighters of all time, died following a minor operation on his nose. Tiger Flowers died in hospital where he'd gone for removal of scar tissue.

Vance Dundee is supposed to have died from T.B. When Marcel Cerdan lost the title to Jake Lamotta he is reported to have said: "If I don't win the championship back I will die." The plane that was to bring him back crashed in the Azores and killed all passengers aboard.

From the above gloomy facts it would seem as though the middleweight championship of the world carries a curse.

Some 60 years ago Mary Daly Hopkins of Newmarket, Ontario, was spending her holidays with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hall, in Toronto, where they lived on Dunn Avenue, Parkdale.

One night Mary dreamed that the farm buildings at her home, 35 miles away were going up in flames. She could see in her dream her Dad and their farm helper leading the blind-folded horses from the stables and one old mare, a favorite among the horses lost her blinkers and turned and went right back into the burning stable where she perished.

May also saw the sheep and flocks scattering in all directions as the flames spread through the buildings. Cows were bellowing loudly and pigs were grunting and strolling about confused. Come daylight the girl dressed quickly packed her bags and told her aunt and uncle she was returning home at once because she felt that disaster had fallen upon her home. Her aunt urged her not to go. "It was nothing but a nightmare," said her uncle.

But the girl was adamant. So kissing her aunt good-bye she left them and took a street car to the union station where she caught the early morning train going north.

Half a mile south of her destination, or, to be more specific, at Holland's Landing, she could see her home and the farm buildings which occupied a site on a hill. They were nothing but smoldering ruins.

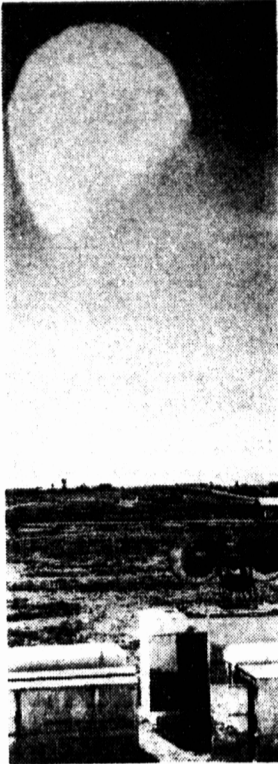
Her mother met her at the door of their home her eyes wet with the tears she'd shed over the disaster.

"Where's father?" said the girl. "In there," said her mother, nodding her head in the direction of an adjoining room.

May found him crouched over a table, his face buried in his hands. Mary went over to him, put her arms around his neck and held him tight.

When he was able to speak he said, "Oh, I am so glad you are home. We have had a bad loss. I cautioned my farm hand repeatedly to hang the lantern on a peg. But he left it on the barn floor

With The Atom In Australia



At the Woomera proving grounds in Australia, the Duke of Edinburgh witnessed tests of some of Britain's secret weapons. This photo, made from three-quarters of a mile away from the experimentation station, shows what is described as a "RTVI" being fired. The rocket may be seen in centre with its exhaust trail forming a black plume to the firing site. Above is a large white patch of an atom explosion fireball. No information was released of the nature of the explosion.

CLERMONT SCHOOL (March Report)

Grade IX—1. Francis Shields; 2. Gavin Curley.

Grade VIII—1. Alvin Curley; 2. Theresa Coen; 3. Lauretta Mill.

Grade VII—1. Sally Rayner; 2. Frances Curley; 3. Ona Mill.

Grade V—1. Paula Curley; 2. Erma Stafford.

Grade III—1. Mary Shields; 2. Jimmy Shields.

Grade II (A)—1. Lynn Murphy; 2. Allison Stafford; 3. Shirley Mill.

Grade II (B)—1. Nancy Mill.

Highest average in senior grades. Francis Shields, 92.8.

Highest average in junior grades. Lynn Murphy, 96.4.

Perfect attendance: Francis Shields, Theresa Coen, Joyce Stafford, Hoppogd Rayner.

Teacher: George H. Riley.

and the dog upset it while chasing a cat. That's all there is to the little story the story of a girl's dream that came true.

Here's another dream worth recording. In May, 1951, Lady, a white and brown collie owned by 4-year-old Jeannine Garlinger of Detroit, Michigan, disappeared. The little girl was heart-broken over the loss of her beloved companion and not even the gift of a kitten could bring sunshine into her heart. Nineteen months went by and little Jeannine still mourned Lady. Then the child woke her mom one night and told her she dreamed that her pet was back home. Next morning the little girl opened the back door of her home in answer to a barking and scratching—and lo and behold—Lady leaped into her arms.

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