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Strange But True
By F. H. MacArthur

There are seven kinds of caribou in North America and all of them different from the reindeer of Europe. The most singular of the sounds made by these animals is the creaking of the hoof which can be heard at a distance of one hundred feet, in still weather. This creaking sound is made by a peculiar mechanism in the hoof while the animal is on the march. The comparative speed of wild animals, as closely as it can be determined is this:

Best speed for one mile:
Race horse 34 miles; Antelope 32 miles; Greyhound 30 miles; Jack rabbit 28 miles; Fox 26 miles; Foxhound 22 miles; American gray wolf 20 miles.

Wild animals are not so swift as many people suppose. It's their quick get away which in most

cases enables them escape their enemies.

Stone fences in Prince Edward Island are a symbol of the pioneer farmers who cleared the land. It was then a custom to pile the loose stone at the end of the fields so as to form dykes or fences. Only a few remain.

The term "leatherneck" dates back to the days when leather collars were worn for the protection of sailors when storming enemy ships.

A handful of good old common horse sense is worth a bushel of book learning.

A hot answer makes a cool friend. Parents are most fond of boasting about their babies' accomplishments, but the five-month-old whistling baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Rosenberg of London, Eng. is causing quite a stir among the Rosenberg family, and the family doctor. The infant always whistles the same little tune, so is not apt to develop into a musical genius.

Doctors have kept Mrs. Mary Danesevau, of Boston, alive by inserting a plastic ball inside her heart. The ball is secured near a heart valve which had been injured in a childhood attack of rheumatic fever. The ball slips into place during each heart beat to prevent the blood from flowing backward. The injury would have proved fatal to the mother of two children, had she not undergone the strange operation at the Peter Ben Brigham Hospital.

Esquimo dogs are domesticated wolves mixed with a strain of other dog stock. This is not so surprising when we learn that young wolves have been known to become surprisingly tame, to play and gambol with other dogs about camps; but there is always a possibility that savage nature may suddenly break out, as many campfire stories testify.

Do wild animals actually teach their offspring? The answer is yes. Take the mother otter for example; she teaches her youngsters to dive noiselessly, to circle in deep pools, and how to come up quickly behind sleeping fish or to corner them in holes in banks. Too, they are caught to turn over stones for grubs, and nose into mud for eels. Otters raised in captivity know none of these tricks which would seem to prove conclusively that they are taught by their parents.

An otter is so long-winded that it can swim a quarter of a mile without showing its head above water. Both old and young play much the same as children do. They chase each other, roll in the water for sheer fun, and pull lazy sticks to see which is stronger.

The otter slides never fail to amuse observers. When they find a steep bank they make a roundabout path to its top and slide down its side into the water like you and I used to slide downhill on the snow when we were youngsters.

It has my good fortune to observe otters in their merry moments and believe me, they are playful animals very graceful in their movements and exquisitely beautiful creatures.

These gentle, harmless animals, never prolific, once swam the streams and roamed the banks of our Island province.

The lowly peanut buries its pods in the ground and sows its own seed. This nut is a native of Brazil but it has spread to many parts of the globe. Peanuts were the chief food of the negro captives on their voyage across the South Atlantic. This infamous trade was responsible for the introduction of the peanut into West Africa. Incidentally, the peanut contains more oil and yields larger crops than any other groundnut.

The peanut is not unique in its curious habit of sowing its own



Attends Investment Dealers' Convention

Ralph M. Jones of Charlottetown, P. E. I. (center) is one of the nearly 300 delegates attending the 36th annual convention of the Investment Dealers' Association of Canada at the Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews, N. B. He is seen here chatting with W. G. Pepall, of Toronto (left) and S. M. Daniel, Halifax.

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seed. The hog peanut eaten by the Indian tribes of the U.S.A. shares this habit as does also a few other pulses, among them the bombarda ground nut of West Africa.

No living creature is more blood-thirsty than the little weasel. They kill for the mere joy of killing, often leaving their victims uneaten or merely sucking the warm blood and hurrying after other prey.

I well recall the slaughter of 36 chickens killed in one night by a single weasel, on the farm where I was brought up. When we cornered the murderer the next morning, it turned on us like the little savage it was, and fought like a tiger till it was killed.

Considering that so few of these animals are shot or trapped, one naturally wonders why they have not increased more rapidly. The reason is a simple one: Two weasels cannot live together in peace; one of them must die or flee, and the defeated one is mostly a female the weaker of the sexes.

This ruthless killing of females by their lords puts a damper on further multiplication of their race.

The Latin word putrius means "a stinker" and that is about the only way one can describe this sneaky dirty blood-thirsty little animal.

Outstanding Recital In Epworth Hall

An outstanding recital was presented by the pupils of Mrs. G. M. Muir on Thursday evening in Epworth Hall with Rev. C. D. Matheson as chairman. During the program certificates were awarded, following the examinations of Dr. Alfred Whitehead of Mount Allison University. To the following: High Distinction (90-100), Eileen Stavert, Grade 1; Kendall Godkin, Marion Wright, Helen Johnstone, Grade 2; Ruth Cairns and Helen Horne, Grade 3; Distinction (80-90), Jane Morrison, Judy MacLean, Grade 3; Distinction, Roberta Clark and Carol MacLean, Grade 4; High Distinction for Herbert Crockett, Grade 5.

Dr. Whitehead, who was nearing the end of his tour of the Maritimes stated that he had not given any mark as high as 90 this year, and Herbert Crockett received 93.

The following program was presented: Duet "Jolly Dandies" by Helen Horne and Ruth Cairns; piano solos, "The Busy Bee" by Nancy Clark; "The Camels" by Tom Offer; "Holiday" by Malcolm MacFarlane; duet "Impromptu" by Schubert, Kent and Nancy Clark; piano solos, "Slumber Song" by Schubert by Eileen Stavert; "A Merry Dance", "Soldier's March" and "A Song at Twilight" by Kendall Godkin; Minuet in G, Minor, Bach; "National Song" Greg by Jane Morrison; "The Wolf" and "Melodie" Schumann by Marion Wright; duets "The Sandman" by Tom and Paul Offer; "Contentment" by Tom Offer and Keith Cameron; solos, "Burrah for the Holidays" and "Donkey Riding" by Dorothy MacPhee; "The Marching Pig" and "The Playful Pup" by Kent Clark; "Holidays" and "A Little Dance" by Helen Johnstone; "Waltz in B Flat" Beethoven by John Alan MacFarlane; "On the River", "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and "Rain on the Leaves" by Bonnie Morrison; "Minuet in F" Handel and "Sonatina" Clementi by Ruth Cairns; duet "Tripping Lightly" by Roberta Clark and Keith Cameron; solos, "I'll Tell You a Secret" and "The Bear that Played at Soldiers" by Paul Offer; "Minuet in G", Bach and "Once There Was a Little Princess" by Judy MacLean; duet "Contentment" by Helen Horne and Judy MacLean; solos, "Follow the Leader", "Camp Fire Reverie" and "Away in a Manger" by Keith Cameron; "The Bunny's Cradle Song" Boris Berlin and "Ave" Mozart by Helen Linkletter; duet "Jolly Dandies" Carol and Judy Mac-

Lean; solos, "Polonaise" Bach and "Allergro in B Flat" Mozart by Helen Horne, "Minuet in D" Lully and "Waltz in F" Duncan by Carol MacLean; "Serenade" Schubert and "Au Matin" Godard by Betty Lou Tredenick; "Venese Sonatina" Mozart, "Song of the Lark" Tchaikovsky and "Country Gardens" by Herbert Crockett; duet "Rosemunde" from Ballet Music, by Betty Lou Tredenick and Herbert Crockett. Interspersed throughout the program were vocal solos "Cradle Song" Brahms by Roberta Clark, "The Little Green Elf" and "Dear Little Dolly" by Helen Horne and "Berceuse" Mozart by Ruth Cairns.

Mrs. G. Franklin Cameron on behalf of the parents expressed appreciation to Mrs. Muir for

the splendid results from the pupils trained by her throughout the year while Nancy Clark and Keith Cameron made the presentation of a basket of beautiful flowers. The stage was attractively decorated with flowers for the occasion.—S.

HORDEN, England — (CP) — A live racing pigeon found hundreds of feet underground in Durham Colliery baffled scientists and bird lovers. So far nobody can figure out how it got there.

BEDFORD, England — (CP) — The Bedfordshire Natural History Society reported that for the first time in 40 years an osprey, or fish hawk, one of Britain's rarest birds, was seen fishing in a local pool.

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