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**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**—Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon MacLean announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Winifred to Sub Lieutenant John Harold Hodgson, Royal Canadian Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harold Hodgson.

**SANATORIUM SERVICES**—The services at the Provincial Sanatorium during the month of November were under the direction of Rev. J. R. Skinner of the Winsloe United Church. Mr. Skinner's devotional addresses were much appreciated, as was also the music which was furnished by the choir of the Winsloe pastoral charge.

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**LITTLE THEATRE**—Three one-act plays—Empire Theatre, 8:15, 8th December. Annual memberships on sale at door, \$2.00.

**BEGINNING** Wednesday, December 5th, Worthy's Drug Store will be open every Wednesday afternoon and evening until after Christmas.

**ON EMBARKATION LEAVE**—Among the visitors to Belfast recently were Pte. John C. McLeod and Pte. Gordon McPherson. They spent a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. McLeod, Mt. Buchanan and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McPherson, Flat River, respectively. They were scheduled to leave Quebec for overseas on November 30.

### Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

A tiger is a tiger yet there's a considerable difference in their skins. The Bengal tiger has a short coat of dark orange-brown fur with black stripes. Tigers of China and Mongolia are bigger than their Bengal cousins and have very long orange-brown fur with white flanks and are generally, though not always, marked with brown stripes.

Earthworms are carried to the roof and caves of buildings by birds which feed on them. After a heavy rain these are washed from their mowings into the rain barrels. Have you not often wondered how they got there?

The head of the old Tex bison bull of the Yellowstone herd measures 36 1/2 inches on its outside spread. The right horn is 22 1-2 inches long; the left 23 inches. The circumference of the right horn at its base is 16 inches; the left 15 1/2 inches, with an inside spread of 30 1/2 inches. The famous old bull was shot in 1926 because of old age and his huge head may be seen mounted on the wall of the Fishing Ridge Museum at Yellowstone Lake. Some bison that!

More people drink goat's milk than you would think. In Switzerland, Germany, Cuba and Mexico, it is popular and in great demand. Some hospitals use it exclusively as a food for infants instead of cow's milk.

There are more than half a million reindeer in Alaska. Through the efforts of Dr. Sheridan Jackson, 16 Siberian reindeer were brought into the Bering Sea region in 1891 and 171 more were imported in 1892. Then the Russian Government forbade further exportation. These hardy animals are now being slaughtered under government restrictions, for food and clothing.

Pacific Ocean seals are protected by the North Pacific Sea Convention of July 7, 1911, among the following nations: Great Britain, Japan, Russia.

Some people hold that monkeys can't swim. Don't believe it! Monkey can swim as well as cats, but water is distasteful to both.

What animals were in Prince Edward Island when it was discovered by Jacques Cartier in 1534? Answer: There were bears, foxes, lynx, beaver, rodents, reindeer, otter. There were also the sea cow, skunk, weasel, marten, muskrat, rabbit.

The proper name for a cat's whiskers are "setae".

The normal temperature of a dog is slightly higher than a human—about 101 degrees. Young dogs and pint sized dogs have higher temperatures than old and large ones.

The infancy of an elephant covers 25 years, from 25 to 35 years it is in its teens; 35 to 45 it is full grown; 45 to 50 is reckoned by the Burmese as its middle aged period; and 50 to 60 years and over is the declining or old age period.

According to the Dominion Bureau of Animal Husbandry one cow will consume as much food in a day as seven sheep.

Hampsters are now replacing guinea pigs in labs because they are more susceptible to many of the diseases of man. They are also easier to handle, breed more prolifically, and can be fed for 1 1/2 cents per week each.

There are authentic records of hogs topping the scales at 1250 pounds. Several Island farmers have raised porkers that weighed from 700 to 800 pounds.

Bats are great destroyers of insects and should never be killed. So are garden snakes and toads.

There are approximately 216 bones in a horse's skeleton, or if we count the teeth, we should add another 40 pieces.

In the New York Zoological Park is a 21 foot long snake which weighs 175 pounds!

Only one Canadian in 70 has a college education.

The Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines at Fairbanks is the farthest northern college in the world.

Canada has a unique school in that it travels about in the sparsely settled districts. This school, an old C.P.R. passenger car, has been converted into a schoolroom and teacher's home. It brings education to the children of railway section men and others who are living outside of organized school districts. The car stops at a given place for a few days, when it receives pupils from the surrounding districts, before leaving for the next place, and the teacher gives the children lessons to work out at home before he returns. Enjoyment; teacher's bedroom, book-cases, blackboard, dining room and kitchen, and of course, maps. Believe it or not, but a date palm will continue to bear fruit for 200 years, and a coconut shell will never rot providing it is kept in a dry place.

If rhubarb is cooked in its skin, the sauce will have an attractive pinkish color. The skin is edible.

Paper money has been in circulation for such a long time that nobody actually knows how long. The Chinese used paper money as early as 119 B.C., and perhaps much earlier.

The world's newest monetary unit was set up by the Union of South Africa to replace the English pound, shillings and pence. It is called the "rand", a gold coin having a value equivalent to 50 cents in Canadian money. A South African cent is worth half a cent in the U.S.A. and Canada.

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Perfect Attendance — 1. Erma Morrison, 2. Leonard Murphy, 3. Charles Stewart, 4. Joseph Murphy, 5. Gabriel Stewart, 6. Harold Stewart, 7. Doneta Morrison, 8. Reby Adams.

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LONDON, Dec. 2 — (Reuters)—London may have a new museum—one which will contain old and new toys from all parts of the world. Members of the toy trade, discussing the idea, said exhibits will include toys once used by famous persons, as well as toys from overseas countries.



ON THE DOTTED LINE—Marine Corps Col. James C. Murray (left) and North Korean Col. Chang Chun San initial the map on which they had jointly drawn the truce line at Panmunjom. The two men initiated the map at strategic points along the line, which corresponds to the present line of military contact.

### Royal Christmas Shopping

(By a Special Correspondent)

There is no special Christmas shopping season at Buckingham Palace. It goes on all the year. Ever since it became customary to exchange gifts at Christmas time in the last century, Queen Victoria laid down special regulations so far as her family was concerned. The chief of these was that no parcel should be accepted from any stranger, no matter how good the intention.

Today the rule is no gifts from subjects, other than public bodies, either at Christmas or any other time of the year. The regulations were in part lifted on the occasion of the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and individual wedding gifts were accepted. But there has never been any lifting of the ban in regard to Christmas.

The rule is very sensible, for otherwise the King and Queen would be overwhelmed with presents which would put them in a very embarrassing position. On the other hand they receive hundreds of gifts each Christmas from friends both at home and abroad and they themselves send out hundreds every year.

In the private secretary's office at Buckingham Palace there is kept a list of those to whom it is customary to send a personal gift and those for whom a Christmas card will suffice. The list of the two categories is very long and supplies work enough for a full-time clerk most of the year. The list is always changing by

### reason of death and the addition of new names. An additional list is kept for Princess Margaret's friends.

Personal gifts of the King to the Queen, the Queen Mother and the Princesses usually consist of jewellery. Until she was twenty-one His Majesty used to give Princess Elizabeth a pearl on her birthday and at Christmas to form a special rope which she now often wears on informal occasions. The King has a fondness for cigarette cases, using a different one every day and nearly all have been Christmas presents from his family.

Queen Mary, practical in so many things, realized early in her reign that successful Christmas shopping could not be confined to a day or two in December. It was a formidable task which required great patience and care.

One of her happy hunting grounds was the British Industries Fair in the summer months. Here was a golden opportunity to buy practical and useful things which had the advantage of being of home manufacture. For years she made purchases on a big scale at the White City and Earl's Court, and each article was marked down as a gift for some friend at Christmastime. The present King and Queen have followed Queen Mary's example and each year they do a lot of Christmas shopping at the B. I. F.

The Queen has copied Queen Mary in buying antiques and "objects de vertu" of various kinds as potential presents. In old days during the Cowes yachting week, Queen Mary used to tour the Isle

of Wight looking for Christmas gifts. She was a poor sailor and sailing made no appeal. So each morning she would land on the steps of the Royal Yacht Squadron and pass most of the day on the island, going from one second-hand shop to the other. There is no Royal Cowes week today but Queen Elizabeth has her own particular shopping area within the region around Sandringham, taking in such places as Hunstanton and King's Lynn.

Whenever the King and Queen go to a charity fete, you will always find they make many purchases, with instructions that the articles be sent to the Palace. (Payments are always most prompt). It would be impossible to keep all the things so bought. But they have their uses. They will come in for Christmas presents one day.

Finally when any particular gift is required for a special person a call is made on the royal Warrant holder of the merchandise required. It is usual for him (or her)

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to attend at the Palace accompanied by a selection of the articles in question, so that the King and Queen can choose in their private apartments.

Royal Christmas cards are traditionally of a pictorial character with some historical incident in colour. They have been printed by the same firm for many years.

It is a case of posting early at the private post office in Buckingham Palace. All the Christmas mail is cleared a week before Christmas Day.

Vasco De Balboa, the Portuguese discoverer of the Pacific at Darien, was put to death for his disloyalty in 1517.

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