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NEWSLETTER OF THE DOWN

#### **AUGUST**

Annual DUCW Golf Tournament Saturday, August 26, at 1 pm at The Players, 2695 Inkster Blvd

The game will again be "Best Ball", where you are part of a team of four, and you all hit your next shots from the best positioned ball in your group. It is a great format for social golf, as well as those who just play occasionally, because you don't have to hit a great shot yourself. You simply pick up your ball and play from your team's best position. We will be playing 9 holes. The course has a nice open-air area attached to the restaurant and overlooking their man-made lake, and we gather after the game for results, a beverage, and perhaps a burger. It is a casual event and a guaranteed good time. Call Peter Munn at 204 237-1805 to book your spot. We look forward to seeing the regulars and many more. INVITE A FRIEND!

### RSVP for all events:

Call Judy Powell at **204 275 7083** or email social@downunderclub.mb.ca to let us know you're coming, and for more information.

Check out the history of Waltzing Matilda, on page 7.



**STAY COVID-SAFE**. Please test yourself, especially if you have symptoms, and wear a mask at group events if you wish.



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### Pool party at the Davidsons

This annual event was once again hosted by Lynley and family. Saturday July 8 was a warm day under a partly cloudy sky — no sunburn! — and we relaxed in and around the pool. The backyard was peaceful and green, with many shady trees and lovely colourful hanging baskets. Perfect for socialising. The club provided burgers, buns, and hotdogs, and members provided salads and desserts. Thanks again to our hosts, to the cook and the helpers (aka dishwashers and cleaner-uppers).

#### **Brunch at Miss Browns**

I might have one of the nicest "offices" in the world – a dining table looking out a tall window onto a near view comprised of a hanging flower basket with accompanying bird- and humming-bird feeders. Beyond that is a tall, healthy spruce tree, then the grassy corner of a church yard and, in the background across the intersection, a mature stand of trees almost blocking out the sky – but not quite. I see a few vehicles passing, an occasional bus, students walking or skateboarding to class, also people cycling or walking dogs.

Now, down to business.....

It was a tasty start to a spring Sunday morning on May 21 for members and friends of the Club at Miss Browns in the Hargrave Street Market, aka upstairs in the True North Square Plaza, downtown Winnipeg.

As usual, the food was pretty good, the company excellent, and it was great to reconnect with new members and families. The long tables made sure we could enjoy a couple hours of socialising in these still Covidhesitant days as the Market is never busy on



an early Sunday morning. Also, thanks to Fools & Horses, the coffee bar across the aisle from Miss Browns, who provided that excellent beverage.

There may be other Sunday brunch places that are favourites of our members, so please let us know and maybe our next brunch will be arranged at your special "spot"!

#### Land Acknowledgement

The Down Under Club of Winnipeg meets on Treaty 1 territory in the Province of Manitoba and the homeland of the Métis Nation. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we live and gather, and all the lands from whence we came, including Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia and Canada. We pay our respects to the people, the cultures and the elders past, present and emerging.



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Interesting how one thing leads to another, eh? I recently came across a good example of this concerning the other Australian national anthem. In the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, Waltzing Matilda was played by mistake for Marjorie Jackson's gold medal presentation, instead of God Save the Queen. Anyhow, to find out how its tune came to be, see "Did you know" p.7. Also included in this issue are several stories of how the "Lest we forget" sentiment continues to be honored: a commemorative ceremony in Cairns, Queensland, for a WWII Catalina crew, a similar event in Summerville, Nova Scotia, for the loss of 4 airmen in a training accident 80 years ago, and the efforts of many dedicated volunteers and service personnel to honor the war dead through involvement in War Graves proiects. And there's the usual variety of other news, humour and summer-reading pleasure. Thanks again to all to contributed, our advertisers, and our web guy, Brian.

Enjoy!

### Look who we found

A few weeks ago, **Leon** and I were searching for somewhere to watch the WSO concert in the Lyric Theatre at Assiniboine Park when I spied a bench with only one person. When I asked the gentleman if he was saving it for someone else, he said, "No, you're right." I thought to myself, "Hmmm, you look familiar." And then he said, "You're **Jenny Gates**." To which I responded, "Yes, and you are **Phil Munro-Smith**." (see photo on this page)

Many of you will remember Phil as a past and very active member of the DUCW, especially Folklorama and the Taverners Cricket Club. He's mostly based in British Columbia, but he's back in town for the summer, and he told me that **Patrick McGrath** is also coming to Winnipeg for a visit in August. Phil said he said he was going to check out the *Yarn* online.

As the Symphony serenaded us, we caught up with Phil, and later Cheryl, updated Phil on goings on at the DUCW, and heard all about their Canada Day plans. Great to see you, mate!

– Jenny Gates



Peter Munn

We had a very warm spring, and to help me through the heat

I usually rely on our air-conditioner. We had a problem with it last year when a capacitor started leaking oil. A friend with background in A/C fixed the problem, and all seemed relatively well. Then it quit again when a connection burned out. Margaret and I have discussed putting in a new unit, but with the cost of replacement, and the fact the original unit was still running, though obviously not as efficient as it once was, we thought we might get through the summer. But you

know how this story ends. Badly. It went kaput again, and even though the repairs we went through were basically parts only and a game of golf, it is definitely time for a

change. Available literature tells you to expect about 10 years out of an air-conditioner. We are not disappointed in ours and remembered when we had bought it based on a life date. This was confirmed when we pulled the cover off during the repair to reveal date of manufacture 1986. So goodbye, faithful friend, you owe us nothing. And if anyone has an A/C connection, give me a call or text.

Happy summer, Peter





### **Haka Camp returns to Winnipeg**

Haka Rugby is returning to Winnipeg to host its Elite 2-Day Camp. Here's your opportunity to participate in the largest international rugby camp provider in the world.

Thursday July 27 and Friday July 28 from 10 am to 3 pm at Assassins Rugby Football Club, Maple Grove Rugby Park, 190 Frobisher Rd in Winnipeg.

We combine our Māori culture and rugby as a very strong tool to help develop future world leaders. All our coaches are from New Zealand and have played or coached at the highest levels of rugby around the world. We run 80 camps in more than 50 countries worldwide, and work with more than 1,500 players. Camps are for U8-U16 for both boys and girls, although we do consider older age groups (but with a minimum of 30 players).

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Register at https://hakarugbyglobal.wildapricot.org/event-5257925/Registration where you'll also find links to social media. You can also contact Caleb Stick here in Winnipeg at cpstick@gmail.com or call 204-990-7053.

- Jenny Gates



### 210 to 50 years ago (Australia)

- 1813 Greg Blaxland, W. Chas Wentworth and Bill Lawson crossed the Blue Mountains from east to west – and then, just to prove it, they turned around and crossed it again the other
- **1823** John Oxley and three convicts "discovered" the Brisbane River.
- **1876** Truganini, the last full-blood Tasmanian Aborigine, died.
- **1913** First Commonwealth postage stamp was issued.
- **1923** Construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge started.
- **1973** 18-year-olds allowed to vote in federal elections.



# news*fromOz*



### 90 years and still going

[SOURCE: ABC Central Victoria, by Emma D'Agostino and Sarah Lawrence, May 2023] The Australian Women's Weekly celebrates 90 years this year and the Bendigo Art Gallery is marking the milestone with an exhibition from May 27 through August 27. Former editor Deborah Thomas said the Weekly made a name for itself in its early days with coverage of all things news, royals, food and fashion and its coloured photographs.

"People turned to it to really find out what was happening at home, in the country, and also particularly in the UK," she said.

Behind the magazine, women have been



Australian Women's Weekly war correspondents Dorothy Drain and Adele Shelton-Smith, photo- belongings, including graphed in 1940

blazing a trail, including two of Australia's first female war correspondents, Dorothy Drain and Adele 'Tilly' Shelton-Smith.

Included in the exhibition are some of their Drain's press pass and a

letter from the Weekly's founder, Sir Frank Packer.

Drain's reporting took her to theatres of war, including Malaya, Korea and Vietnam.

Her nephew, former High Court justice Kenneth Hayne, said Drain saw firsthand the horrors of Hiroshima within a year of the bomb dropping.

"She was part of a group of women who were doing extraordinary things for their time, but who were doing extraordinary things for any time," Mr Hayne said.

Drain went on to become the editor of the Weekly, before she retired in

1975.

Read more online:





Eastern Barn Owl

### Looking for the "Church mouse"

[SOURCE: ABC News, Ria Andriani, May, 2023] In November 2022, WIRES Northern Rivers Raptor coordinator Melanie Barsony received a call from a concerned parishioner of St Carthage's Cathedral in Lismore. A young barn owl had been trapped inside the building.

"During the next 10 days," Barsony recalls, "whenever there was a mass at the cathedral, the owl would fly as the organ played, much to the delight of any children in the mass who were just amazed at this beautiful little white owl gliding silently back and forth."

Eastern barn owls are moderately common, but generally hard to see, as they are mostly active at night. Their common call is a 12-second rough hissing screech, and they hiss and clack when feeling stressed. Otherwise they are generally quiet.

The cathedral was built in the early 20thcentury, and had many nooks and crannies in its rafters. "We put waters out for him, and we think maybe there were a few geckos up there that he might have been able to catch, but he didn't touch the food we put out near the doors," Barsony says. A church member noticed when they played the organ, there was a bit of kerfuffle and his little face peeked through the pipe's mouth, but it wasn't big enough for him to get out.

Although Barsony was away at the time, WIRES volunteers got permission from cathedral staff to extract the owl through the opening of the organ pipe's mouth. "When Simon put his hand inside the pipe, the owl surrendered and Simon pulled him gently out."

The barn owl was hydrated and put into Barsony's care for 10 days until he regained his weight before being released in an area

next to the Wilson River, close to the cathedral.

Read more online





Crown of Thorns starfish

### Hope for the Reef

[SOURCE: UQ News, Apr. 2023] University of Queensland scientists have identified natural predators that could help fight outbreaks of the coral-eating crown-of-thorns starfish (COTS) on the Great Barrier Reef.

PhD candidate Amelia Desbiens from UQ's School of Biological Sciences tested more than 100 species of crabs, shrimps, worms, snails, and small fishes, and found one species was a standout at eating juvenile COTS.



"The red decorator crab - or Schizophrys aspera - was by far the most consistent pred-

ator consuming COTS in 89 per cent of the feeding trials," Ms Desbiens said.

Read more online:



### Our Facebook close to 250

The DUCW's FB page currently has 245 official followers, and many other casual visitors every day from across Canada and beyond, including Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand, United States, Mexico, United Kingdom, Kuwait, Pakistan, Qatar and Sweden. To stay

up on the lighter side of the news from our home countries, join us by pointing your mobile's camera at the little



square to the right, searching us out on Facebook, or typing in the following web address: https://www.facebook.com/aussieskiwis canucks

# 80*years*Ago...

Historical gems worthy of sharing



### **Memorial for WWII tragedy**

[SOURCE: CBC News, June, 2023] A memorial was unveiled in Summerville, N.S., to mark the deaths of four Allied airmen who died 80 years ago when their plane crashed in the West Hants area during a training mission.

The airmen – two New Zealanders, a Canadian and an Australian – were stationed at Pennfield Ridge in New Brunswick as part of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. The program provided training for airmen from Commonwealth countries during World War II.

"We should acknowledge what these young people did," said Gary Nelson, vice-president of the West Hants Historical Society.

"Three of the four came from halfway around the world, and the other fellow came from half a continent away to train to preserve our freedom and our way of life in 1943. And then, really through no fault of their own, they were involved in this crash and their story should be preserved."

The airmen who died were:

P/O **John C. Loucks**, air gunner, Bracebridge, Ont.;

P/O **George W. Cowie**, pilot, Wellington, New Zealand;

P/O **Clifford A. Griffiths**, navigator, Auckland, New Zealand;

Sgt. **Arthur Cornelius Mulcahy**, wireless air gunner, Sydney, Australia.

Read more online:



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arious sources, see web links in online edition



### Tipsy pigeons

[SOURCE NZHerald, Laura Mills & Kurt Bayer, Feb, 2013] Wood pigeons are gorging themselves on a bumper crop of summer fruit to the point they're getting drunk and falling from trees.

Locals in South Westland are being asked to keep an eye out for the intoxicated kereru, New Zealand's native wood pigeon, and help them sober up. Forest & Bird experts say when kereru gorge themselves, they sit in the sun for long periods to digest their food. And if the fruit is ripe and the weather is warm, it can ferment in their crop

- an internal pouch that's part of their digestive system - and turn into alcohol.

Read more online:



### NZ Conscription

Recruiting men for the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (NZEF) was among the New Zealand government's most pressing priorities during the four difficult years of World War I. Tens of thousands were needed every year to keep the NZEF up to strength, and finding them presented major logistical, bureaucratic and tactical challenges to those responsible.

The War's earliest days saw a great surge of patriotic enthusiasm, and every space in the NZEF was keenly sought after by willing volunteers.



As the War dragged on it grew harder and harder to find enough men to keep the NZEF in business. By late 1915, the demand for reinforcements outpaced the number of available volunteers, so the government followed the lead of most combatant countries by introducing a conscription system in 1916.

Though controversial both at the time and since, the system allowed the government to keep the NZEF at full strength up to the close of hostilities. Ultimately some 98,950 people – including 550 nurses – served in New Zealand units during the war years.

New Zealand was well-positioned to contribute to a British expeditionary force when war broke out in August 1914. Three years earlier it had created a Territorial Force that could provide the nucleus of an expeditionary force in the increasingly likely scenario of war breaking out in Europe. The declaration of war brought 14,000 volunteers, many serving territorials, swarming into Defence Department offices across the country to secure their place in the NZEF.

In May 1916, Prime Minister W.F. Massey introduced a conscription bill based broadly on the English system. Passed on 1 August 1916, the Military Service Act empowered the government to call up any man aged between 20 and 45 for military service at

home or abroad, subject to a medical examination and a limited appeals process.



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### Bush Yarn

### 'Smithy' flies in ...

I remember when the great airman Charles Kingsford Smith visited Goondiwindi in the 1920s. It was his usual practice to circle the town to draw attention to his arrival. He used to charge ten shillings for a quick ride - a joy flight. Ten shilling was quite a lot of money in those days. Anyway, 'Smithy' decided to take one of the local Aboriginal stockmen up for the first flight as a publicity stunt. When they were up there, he started to do acrobatics and funny stuff like flying upsidedown. When they finally landed, there was a big crowd assembled and out steps Old Jimmy with his eyes popping out like organ-stops, and he was followed by Kingsford Smith. They were both standing on the stage when Smithy turned to Jimmy and said: "Well, Jimmy, I'm sure that was quite an experience for you. I bet that half the people down here thought that we were going to crash." Jimmy quickly turned to the crowd and announced: "And, by cripes, Mr Kingsford Smith, half the people up there thought so too!"

[SOURCE: Classic Bush Yarns, Warren Fahey]



## Nine Catalina aviators remembered

[SOURCE: Australian Government Defence, by Flight Lieutenant Karyn Markwell, June, 2023] Chief of Air Force Air Marshal Robert Chipman was the guest of honour at a commemorative ceremony at the Catalina Memorial in Cairns on June 11 for the nine crewmembers of 43 Squadron Catalina A24-64 that went missing in 1944.

Air Marshal Chipman unveiled a commemorative plaque dedicated to the aviators, then joined the Ambassador to the Philippines, other dignitaries, and family representatives of the crewmembers, to lay memorial wreaths.

"The families of the crew may now find some peace in knowing the final resting place of their loved one," Air Marshal Chipman said.

"Australia remains committed to investigating, identifying and, where possible, recovering our missing servicemen and women, no matter how much time has passed. It is our obligation to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for Australia.

"It is in this spirit of gratitude and respect that we commemorate the crew of Catalina A24-64 today. These nine brave young men. The plaque we unveil today will stand as a reminder of their sacrifice, both today and for future generations."

Wing Commander Adam Saber was then invited to share his perspectives as Commanding Officer of 11 Squadron, Air Force's current maritime patrol squadron.

"The Catalina crews who came before us are a fundamental part of who we are," he said. "To us, they remain on patrol. To us, they remain young and free.

"It is an honour to be here today to remember the sacrifice of these brave men, in the company of their families."

To represent the young ages of the crew of Catalina A24-64 – between 19 and 34 years – Air Force Cadets from 104 Squadron (City of Cairns) formed an honour guard and their bugler played The Last Post.

During a morning tea reception following the ceremony, Air Marshal Chipman presented the crewmembers' medal entitlements and Certificates of Service to their next of kin. The medals included the 1939-45 Star, Pacific Star, War Medal 1939-45 and Australia Service Medal 1939-45.

Family members then shared their personal recollections and stories of their lost loved ones.

43 Squadron Catalina A24-64 was reported missing on December 14, 1944, following a mission to mine Manila Harbour in the Philippines. Subsequent searches of the area failed to find any evidence of the aircraft or determine the fate of the crew.

In 2015, the wreckage of an aircraft was reported in mountainous terrain on the northwest of Mindoro Island to the south of Manila.

In 2019, the Directorate of Historical Unrecovered War Casualties – Air Force conducted a reconnaissance mission to the site in a joint ADF operation with the Government of the Philippines. Additional wreckage was recovered, but no human remains were identified at the site.

Following investigations and further research in Australia, the crashed aircraft was identified as 43 Squadron Catalina A24-64.

Read more online:



# And more in the spirit of "Lest we forget"

Ralph McLean, from The Pas, Manitoba, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his work indentifying thousands of unmarked graves of Commonwealth soldiers. His voluntary work is in support of The Maple Leaf Legacy Project.

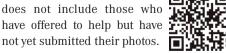
For more on the Project in Canada, New Zealand, and Australia, see page 7.

### Welcome to the Maple Leaf Legacy Project

**Introduction:** It is with the greatest respect and appreciation for the memory and sacrifices of Canada's War Dead that this project is undertaken. We are committed to creating a web site, in both official languages, that is dignified and professional and honours those men and women who have given their lives in the service of Canada and the cause of peace and freedom around the world. The Maple Leaf Legacy Project is an enormous volunteer endeavour to procure a photograph of each and every Canadian War Grave from the South African War (1899-1902), World War I (1914-18), World War II (1939-45), Korean War (1950-52) and all United Nations Peacekeeping Missions to the present-day conflict in Afghanistan. These photographs will be made freely available to anyone via this site on the world wide web. It is also hoped to have touch-screen interactive computer kiosks at prominent historical locations across the country so that any visitor to these locations, such as the House of Commons, the Canadian War Museum and provincial and territorial Legislatures, may be able to look up a photograph of a war grave and be able to print out a copy of the photograph on the spot. In this way we hope to create a virtual National War Cemetery so that the thousands of relatives and descendants of Canada's war dead, who may not be able to visit the grave in person because of the great distances involved, will at least be able to see a picture of the headstone and the inscription. The Maple Leaf Legacy Project is being produced by Canadians, for Canadians, with the help of people from many nations. It is truly an international cooperation.

Tally of Canadian War Graves & Commemorations Photographed – as of 2016, the number of Canadian war graves or commemorations photographed on hand was 106,048.

To date, the project has been honoured with the assistance of at least 750 wonderful and generous volunteers. This does not include those who



## There is also The New Zealand War Graves Project

How it began, by Dennis Kerins

The idea for this project came about by chance. For every Anzac Day as long as I can remember my family had always remembered the World War II loss of my mother's first husband, Ian Gough, in Egypt, and the loss of her brother, Bill Bain, in Crete.

A few years ago, when my mother fell ill and was admitted to hospital, I visited Joyce, an old friend of hers, to let her know what was happening to Mum. Although they were too old to visit each other on a regular basis they kept in touch by phone. Joyce was my Uncle Bill's fiancée and, although she had happily married later, she told me she thought of him every day and all she really wanted was a picture of his grave.

Time passed and Joyce moved out of Auckland, but it nagged me that I hadn't managed to get a picture of Bill's grave for her. It wasn't until a friend visited Crete that I managed, with her help, to fulfil my promise. She was able to see a picture of Bill's grave in the Suda Bay cemetery.

In thinking about how to obtain the photograph, I wondered if other people ended up in a similar position, and from there I developed the idea of virtual war cemeteries and a digital roll of honour.

Although the Commonwealth War Graves Commission has a good website (www.cwgc.org/), it is not what we had in mind as a lasting on-line memorial to New Zealand's war dead.

The Auckland War Memorial Museum has developed a comprehensive on-line database, Cenotaph, and they have

agreed that material gathered in this project will complement their site.



#### Office of Australian War Graves

The Office of Australian War Graves takes care of war cemeteries and war graves. They work in Australia, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. They also build and look after official Australian memorials overseas. Read more online:



### Matilda's origin

Waltzing Matilda's tune was inspired by 'Thou Bonnie Wood of Craigielea'.



The original lyrics were composed in 1895 by Australian poet Banjo Paterson, to a tune played by Christina Macpherson. In 1903, Marie Cowan changed some of the lyrics, wrote a new variation of the tune, and published it in sheet music as an advertising jingle for Billy tea. The song quickly grew in popularity and Cowan's arrangement remains the best known version of "Waltzing Matilda".

Extensive folklore surrounds the song and the process of its creation, to the extent that it has its own museum, the Waltzing Matilda Centre in Winton, in the Queensland outback, where Paterson wrote the lyrics.

On 24 April 1894, Christina had attended the annual Warrnambool steeplechase meeting in south-western Victoria. The music at the meeting was provided by the Warrnambool Garrison Artillery Band. The first item played by the band was the quick march, 'Craigielea', arranged by English-born Australian, Thomas Bulch, in 1893. 'Craigielea' was typical contest brass band arrangement with three strains. The first strain was "Bonnie Wood of Craigielea" composed by Glasgow musician James Barr, published in 1818 for Robert Tannahill's 1806 poem, "Thou Bonnie Wood o Craigielea". Christina had a good memory for songs and, when she had the opportunity, tried to play the first strain by ear on piano. Christina's memory was not perfect. The first strain of "Craigielea" had the musical form AABC. Christina remembered the AAB section but not the C section. To complete her tune, she repeated the second A section, resulting in the musical form, AABA. And this is the musical form of "Waltzing Matilda" as sung today. [Wikipedia]

You can listen to it online here:



### Hey. what's up with those funny pattern boxes?

Leading readers to website addresses from a printed or even online document can be problematic, partly because the addresses, known as URLs, are notoriously long. They take up a lot of room, and transcribing them is both tedious and prone to errors.

To the rescue comes the venerable Quick Reponse, more simply  $\mathbf{QR}$ , code. They've been around for more than 20 years, but after slow initial uptake, they're again gaining public acceptance. The unique patterns are able to input the required data via the camera of your smart phone and lead you to the website, no typing required. Give it a try! Point your phone's camera at one of the patterns and click on the link that pops up. Let us know what you think!

### birds i view

by Charlie Powe

Due to the inexplicable scarcity of birds so far this summer, I respectfully submit the following, in lieu of the regular bird article ...

### Why The Jackass Laughs

By Banjo Paterson (Andrew Barton)

The Boastful Crow and the Laughing Jack Were telling tales of the outer back: "I've just been travelling far and wide, At the back of Bourke and the Queensland side; There isn't a bird in the bush can go As far as me," said the old black crow.

"There isn't a bird in the bush can fly A course as straight or a course as high. Higher than human eyesight goes There's sometimes clouds, but there's always crows,

Drifting along for a scent of blood
Or a smell of smoke or a sign of flood.
For never a bird or a beast has been
With a sight as strong or a scent as keen.
At fires and floods I'm the first about,
For then the lizards and mice run out:
And I make my swoop, and that's all they know,
I'm a whale on mice," said the Boastful Crow.

The Bee-birds over the homestead flew And told each other the long day through "The cold has come, we must take the track." "Now, I'll make you a bet," said the Laughing Jack,

"Of a hundred mice, that you dare not go With the little Bee-birds, by Boastful Crow."

Said the Boastful Crow, "I could take my ease And fly with little green birds like these. If they went flat out and they did their best I could have a smoke and could take a rest." And he asked of the Bee-birds circling round: "Now, where do you spike-tails think you're bound?"

"We leave tonight, and our present plan is to go straight on till we reach Japan.

"Every year, on the self-same day, We call our children and start away, Twittering, travelling day and night, Over the ocean we take our flight; And we rest a day on some lonely isles Or we beg a ride for a hundred miles On a steamer's deck,\* and away we go: We hope you'll come with us, Mister Crow."



But the old black crow was extremely sad. Said he: "I reckon you're raving mad To talk of travelling night and day, And how in the world do you find your way?" And the Bee-birds answered him, "If you please, That's one of our own great mysteries".

Now these things chanced in the long ago And explain the fact, which no doubt you know, That every jackass high and low Will always laugh when he sees a crow.



Magnificent metal owl on lookout atop backyard shed. Photo, Jenny Gates.



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