

FLAMES ENGULF the small tanker Mollie G. at her home pier in East Saint John, N.B. Six men were injured when oil and gasoline explosions ripped the coastal vessel. It was destroyed.

Delicate Creations Fashioned from Shells

OSHAWA, Ont. (CP)—Shellcraft, the fashioning of delicate floral patterns or a replica of a bride in a flowing gown and train from the myriad shells of sea life, has fascinated Mrs. F. R. MacDonald for the last eight years.

Her craftsmanship in her delicate and painstaking hobby was recognized recently when she was awarded first prize for her exhibit at the Canadian International Hobby Fair in Toronto.

Like all keen hobbyists, Mrs. MacDonald surrounds herself with her craft. In her home she has a collection of floral ar-

rangements, geofus birds, and uncanny creatures of her own imagination made from whelk and cockle shells.

A pair of conch shells is one of her principal treasures. In each of them she has installed a light bulb to reveal the delicate translucent quality of the shell which glows with the warm orange-pink of a sunset.

In her prize-winning exhibit, Mrs. MacDonald showed a bride with a flowing gown and train held by two flower girls, and five bridesmaids in crinolines and poke bonnets carrying nosegays. She also displayed a white dresser set ornamented with fish scales and centred with gold leaves encircled by green leaves.

Perhaps her most delicate creation is a little bowl of lilac. The bowl is a sea-urchin; the stalks are fish bones and each floret is made of minute shells, painted in real-life colors.

A flair for using the right shell for a chosen project has enabled Mrs. MacDonald to produce a fragile wild-rose to adorn a blue plastic box, and to devise a realistic water lily with green sand-dollar pads for a centerpiece.

But she has one complaint. There is a distinct shortage of shells in hobbycraft stores. The dealers say shells formerly were gathered by natives and beachcombers and cost dealers little. Now, they say, the shell-gatherers demand an hourly wage and, at the same time, more people are interested in shellcraft.

Shooting Of U.S. Jet Alarms Europe

WIESBADEN, Germany (CP)—A grave new incident in the cold war—shooting down of an American jet fighter by Communist MiG-15s over the United States zone of Germany—alarmed western Europe today.

It was the first time Red aircraft had shot down a U.S. plane over American-held territory.

Swooping out of Red-ruled Czechoslovakia, the Soviet-built F4 Thunder jet in one blazing pass Tuesday. It crashed and burned 15 miles inside American-occupied Bavaria.

The pilot parachuted to safety and escaped with scratches and bruises.

U.S. Ambassador George Wadsworth at Prague was ordered by Washington to draft and deliver the "strongest possible protest" to the Czech Communist regime.

American high commissioner James Bryant Conant in Germany denounced the "wanton shooting" and warned that U.S. forces here will know how to deal with future incursions of this type.

Lieut. Warren G. Brown, pilot of the Thunder jet, said the attack came without warning but he did not fire back. Asked why he did not shoot in self-defence, he replied he'd rather not answer that question.

A second Thunder jet turned and streaked back to base near Munich.

WASHINGTON (CP)—The U.S. Air Force aims to shoot down any more flying Communist bushwhackers who come gunning into U.S.-controlled territory in Western Germany, it was indicated today.

A Defence Department official said American pilots are expected:

1. To return fire, if possible, when attacked.
2. Upon finding Red plane has invaded U.S.-controlled territory, to order Red pilot to land at nearest U.S. airfield.
3. If order is disobeyed, to compel obedience by gunfire.

Girl Teaches Chinese Boys, Girls English

TORONTO (CP)—Janice Lum looked at her class of Chinese boys and girls learning English. "They soak it up like blot-ters," she said.

"Young Philip Lee has been here only a few days. He can name anything in the room. One of our other students arrived from China only two months ago but his English has already earned him a job."

Miss Lum, a Chinese-Canadian, is a volunteer teacher in a class started by the Chinese-Canadian Association in Toronto. Before the Second World War there was almost no language problem for Toronto's long established Chinese residents. But since 1946 the Chinese community has doubled.

Under relaxed immigration laws, Chinese-Canadians now may arrange for young relatives to join them in Canada.

Last May, English classes for Chinese immigrants from eight to 18 years old were started at the Chinese community centre. All the dozen teachers, like Miss Lum, are volunteers from among Chinese-Canadians.

Now 80 students attend classes. "Quite a few have never seen a book," Miss Lum says. "We have to start from scratch, not only with English but with reading, and writing generally." Pronunciation is one of the big difficulties for the children. Chinese has no sound corresponding to the English "th" or "r". "Fank you" instead of "thank you" and "leading" instead of "reading" are common errors.

"But the younger they are, the quicker they learn. Some of the children who joined our first classes have real Canadian accents now."



MAJ. JAMES JOSEPH VALLEY, 47-year-old Roman Catholic chaplain, is returning to Korea where he went first in 1950 with the first group of Canadian troops. Appointed senior RC chaplain of the First Commonwealth Division, Maj. Valley is a native of Ireland, a former missionary to China and speaks Korean dialects.

Woman Opens CA Office In Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—Gwendolyn C. Conmee is the first woman chartered accountant in Ontario to have her own business and thinks she may also be the first in Canada.

But Miss Conmee, a brisk, decisive blonde, says she will have to work hard to get recognition in a field traditionally dominated by men.

"I am just starting from scratch and expect to have to work very hard. Women are still comparatively new in chartered accountancy—there are 50 or 60 among 5,000 in Canada—and still have to establish their efficiency and competence on a level with men."

Miss Conmee became interested in accountancy in 1945 while working in a bank. She took a certificate course in business at the University of Toronto and her professors suggested a chartered accountant's course.

"To do that I had to article to a firm for five years and carry a course at the same time. That was in 1945 and firms weren't very willing to take in women."

However, she took the Institute of Chartered Accountants course through Queen's University and was graduated in 1950 at the head of a class of 400.

After graduation she remained with the firm to which she had been article until February when she struck out on her own.

Aircraft Firm Buys 119 Acres

VANCOUVER (CP)—The de Havilland Aircraft Company of Canada has purchased 119 acres on Sea Island near Vancouver's International Airport but has no immediate plans for a plant here.

Some weeks ago it was reported de Havilland planned a \$70,000,000 plant on Sea Island, but G. J. Mickelborough of Toronto, a director, said:

"The land was purchased merely as an investment in the future. We do not contemplate any immediate development of the Sea Island property."

Mine Union Against Layoffs

CALGARY (CP)—A policy of dividing available work among all employees in the mining and smelting industries rather than the acceptance of "layoffs" was approved here at the 5th Canadian annual convention of the International mine, mill and smelter workers' union.

The decision was taken in accordance with the recommendation contained in the union's annual report, which stated that security of employment was one of the most urgent problems facing the union, and that "it is the responsibility of the government to insure jobs for all who are willing and able to work."

Harvey Murphy, international board member from Trail, declared that in all bargaining it should be made a hard and fast rule that layoffs be opposed.

"A layoff to a worker in a one-industry town means that he must pack up and leave," he said. "It is surely better that he has some work rather than none."

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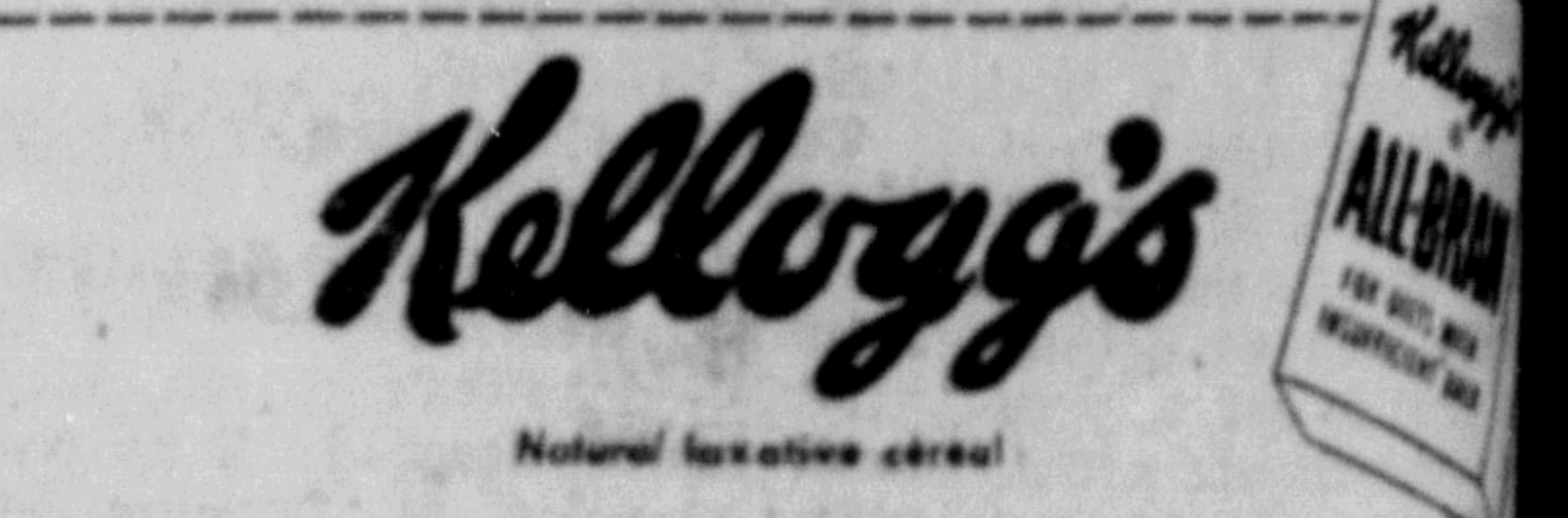
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