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Don't Let Fire Control You

IT IS regrettable that Fire Prevention Week, October 3 to October 9, was launched in Prince Rupert by an expensive blaze at the Prince Rupert hotel. At the same time it points up the fact that fire can happen to anyone of us at the most unexpected times.

Fire is at once man's number one helper and his most deadly enemy. A cheery fire blazing on the hearth, the breakfast bacon browning on the range, a curl of smoke spouting from a chimney—these are indeed cheery sights. But a spark may fly from the hearth, the curtains, upholstery and similar items may catch ablaze. The burning grease from a slice of bacon may ignite. Faulty heating units may send sparks flying all about your house.

Fire Prevention Week is a time when we should pause and think whether we know how to handle the three types of fires recognized by fire experts.

For fires in oil, grease, paint, varnish and similar flammable liquids do not throw on water or it will spread the fire. Use either a chemical fire extinguisher or handfuls of baking soda. Baking soda (another name for sodium bicarbonate) is the main ingredient of many chemical fire extinguishers and smotches fires both physically and chemically. It blankets the flames and generates carbon dioxide which cuts off the oxygen necessary for combustion. It is a good idea to keep several boxes of baking soda near the stove, in the garage, glove compartment of your car and in the basement, where any grease fire is liable to flare up.

For fires in wood, cloth, paper and similar materials water is the most effective way to snuff out a blaze. Be particularly careful when dealing with upholstery fires since they burn below the surface out of sight. Here use a bucket of water and carry the burning object out of doors. Then call the fire department.

For fires in or from electrical equipment do not use water, it may cause shock. First turn off the current at the main switch and then use an approved fire extinguisher—or if the fire is on an open surface you may use baking soda.

For any fire, if it is a large one or looks as if it may get out of hand, call the fire department.

Better still, follow the advice of Fire Chief Earl Becker and look for the causes of small home fires. Check faulty heating and electrical equipment, refrain from careless smoking habits, do away with improper storage of flammables such as paint, matches, gasoline, coal oil, remove collections of grease, oil or oily rags from places where fires may start. Make sure of one thing. Don't become an entry in the firehall record book. Observe Fire Prevention Week this week and for the other 51 weeks in the year.

LETTERBOX

PRAISE FOR "MARTY"

The Editor,
The Daily News:

May I through the courtesy of your newspaper, and on behalf of Prince Rupert Rod and Gun Club publicly thank Mr. Eric Martin and his family for the good job they are doing in boosting up the attractions of Prince Rupert and District, recording scenery and wild life to prospective tourists.

During their last holiday to the States Mr. Martin gave several lectures describing the beauties of B.C. and daughter Betty sold a membership ticket to Dr. Fox of Los Angeles. Their action was the direct cause of bringing five families of eleven persons in five cars for a three weeks holiday to Prince Rupert and district, this party was so enthused with the scenery, the fishing and the hospitality they received that they have already stated their intentions of coming back again next year with a larger party.

Marty is a conversationist but needs of your readers also out weekly useful hints on hunting and fishing and he is always ready to share his knowledge of good hunting and fishing areas with anyone who will contact him. He has spent a great number of years as a guide and a prospector so his knowledge of the country may make your prospective hunting or fishing trip a pleasure instead of a disappointment, take a tip Contact Hies.

Marty is a conversationist but if long as a hunter lives up to the law and not kill for killing sake he will always help one to get their limit in Game or Fish.

We also want to thank Marty for what he is doing, drawing the public's attention to the senseless killing of Game animals. It's a pity he did not publish their names especially in the case of the man who shot the moose as the hunter would have had to face public censure. The one who shot the bear was within his rights as there is no close season on black bear and as long as he has a license, but the senseless killing is inexcusable as at this time of the year the hides are no good. It might be that the brave hunter wanted to boast to his grandchildren (if he has any) how he shot and killed a big black bear with a .22 rifle, how much better it would have been had he shot it with a camera, he would then have had something to show and something to be proud of. Remember Mr. Man it takes a lot more intestinal fortitude to shoot with a camera than a gun. Returning from a fishing trip with some companions we saw the bear across the road about 50 yards in front of our car and this is my picture of the act. A mother bear and her cub, (there was a cub there) were out feeding on berries, the cub got tired and hungry, the mother bear fed the cub and it went to sleep. The mother was still hungry and leaving the cub crossed the road to the river and caught herself a feed of fish, walking slowly across the road back to her cub was when we saw her, we lost sight of her when she crossed the railway tracks. Hearing some noise she might have raised up to look around, which was the hunter's chance I hope that the thoughts of a starving bear cub doomed by the wanton act of a misguided man did not disturb his dreams that night.

As a tourist attraction nothing can take the place of our wild life. Our Game laws are more liberal than in any other province, help us then to keep these laws, so that we and our children may enjoy the pleasures of hunting and fishing perpetually.

If you believe in conservation of our wild life, help us in our efforts to have the shooting of all wild life, between Galloway Rapids and Remo strictly prohibited.

JIM BACON.
Prince Rupert.

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As I See It

by Elmore Philpott

We Won BWI Friend

THE papers all over eastern Canada and far beyond, gave great space to the case of the insulted bride of the Shawnigan Lake school teacher.

Here surely is another example of how bad news travels faster than good news. For while the news wires of the country were almost burning up with the pros and cons of the row over the West Indian bride, newspapers down in the West Indies were giving generous space to statements by a young man who lived for several years in Vancouver and who went back to his own country saying nothing but good of Canada and Canadians.

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MR. ERNEST PAYNE came from the Barbados Islands some six years ago. He studied agriculture for four years and town planning for another two years at UBC.

More important, he married a Vancouver girl, Miss Muriel Hinds, who became the mother of their fine son.

Here was a case of a mixed marriage, just like that which figured at Shawnigan. It worked out admirably. Now back in his own country Mr. Payne tells his fellow countrymen of "the friendly spirit in which the Canadian welcomes the West Indian."

"The Canadians," says Mr. Payne, "are never tired discussing the economic and political union of the West Indies with Canada, which they say should come about after the West Indies have completed their federation into a composite unit."

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OUR family must be among the Canadians to whom Mr. Payne refers for the fine young Payne couple came to our house several times to parties. Ernie and I often did talk about the progress of the West Indies toward federation and also of the larger and longer-range question of federation between Canada and those British Caribbean islands.

That is a very big question, with a good many angles to it. It is not yet "practical politics" but it may well become so in the not too distant future.

But one problem which is sometimes mentioned in that connection seems to me to be no real problem at all.

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IT SEEMS to me that this race and color question is the most important of our times. Even on the lowest of all levels—and that is in how it affect the world struggle with Communism—it is more important than H-bombs guns, economic theories or competing ideologies.

Premier Malan is a far deadlier threat to western democracy than Premier Malenkov of Russia can ever be for Malan in effect hands to the Communists the one weapon with which they could surely overcome the west.

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IT SEEMS to me that when people make fools of themselves on the race question, as they do sometimes, even in B.C., it is because they have never thought enough, in advance, of how they should act when confronted with some new race relationship.

The answer is simple—act as if there were no such thing as different racial strains or skin colors.

Or in brief act as President Eisenhower is acting.

Index Declines By One-Fifth

OTTAWA (CP)—The consumer price index declined by one-fifth of a point in August to 116.8 from 117, cracking a steady three-month advance in the cost of living yardstick.

The drop in the index, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, was caused mainly by a decline in some food prices, outweighing the continuing upward drive in rents and home-ownership costs, the bureau of statistics reported today.

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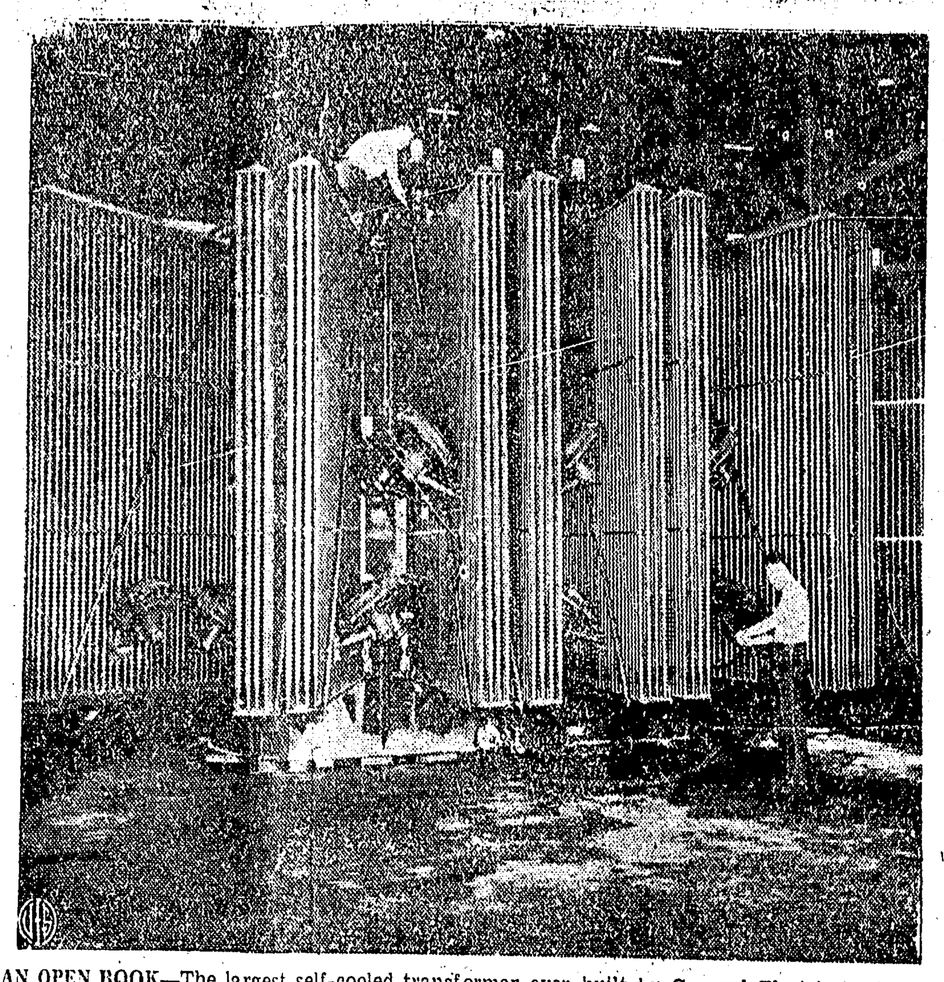

AN OPEN BOOK—The largest self-cooled transformer ever built by General Electric is shown during final assembly at the Pittsfield, Mass., plant. This transformer has the electricity output to supply a city of 200,000 people. It will be used to step up power from 18,000 to 115,000 volts for transmission purposes. Liquid insulation is cooled in the unit's 23 radiators (12 visible in photo), each of which consists of 120 tubes. When fully assembled the unit weighs 392,000 pounds.

OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

Parliament Hill activities of the current week are all serving to emphasize Canada's growing role as an international power. The Ministerial Conference of the Colombo Plan nations is in full and elaborate swing. At the same time the settlement of the Western European defence problem by the Nine Powers' Conference in London is receiving close study from the Capital's foreign affairs experts.

All this concentration on major global problems creates a highly portentous atmosphere in the Capital that even rank-and-file residents cannot escape. It is definitely impressive. Its effect even seems to be subtly stimulating.

Under these circumstances, nothing would be more appropriate than to be able to report that in the midst of all these great activities, Canadian foreign policy was confident, knew exactly where it was heading and had the complicated situation well under control. But unhappily that report just cannot be given. The facts won't fit themselves into so complacent a framework. Instead, they remain stubbornly uncertain in a number of matters, with overtones that, if they fall short of being actually alarming, at least are unsatisfactory.

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Take the Colombo Plan itself. On the surface everything about it is satisfactory. The results so far from the multi-billion dollar expenditure program are described as substantial. In fact, so useful is the project that Canada may accede to pressure to increase its annual grant of $25,000,000.

But even before the conference opened Canada's Colombo Plan director, R. G. (Nik) Cavell published an article warning that the whole scheme was of doubtful value if it were not underwritten by a South-east Asia security pact on the plan of NATO. So far India has held aloof from any power pact proposal. And now Indian Prime Minister Nehru is on his way to a rendezvous with Communist President Mao and Premier Chou of China. The preview that Ottawa circles have been given of Nehru's approach to Peking is disappointing in its lack of forcefulness. It adds to the anxiety with which the whole Asiatic picture is being viewed.

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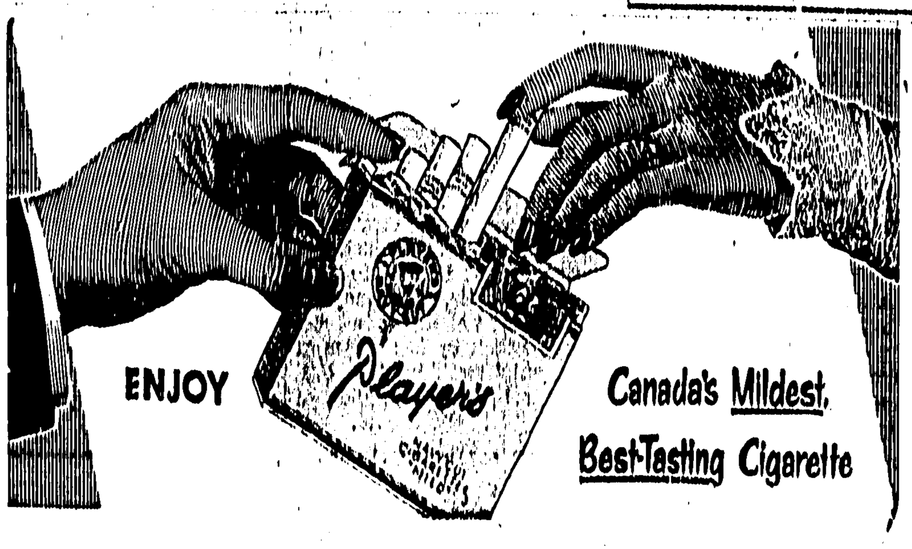
So far as Europe is concerned, there is a strong feeling that last week's Nine-Power Conference elvated the Brussels Treaty ahead of NATO as the cornerstone of diplomatic policy on the continent. For Canada that is a significant development, since this country is a member of NATO but not of the Brussels Pact. With the future of NATO newly uncertain, an element of basic indecision in Canadian long-term policy necessarily results. It is far from a satisfactory situation for the foreign policy makers in the Department of External Affairs, especially with a session of Parliament imminent.

HOME IS THE HERO—General Christian de Castries smiles happily at his wife, Jaqueline, as they relax in their Paris apartment. After a short stay there, the hero of Dienbienphu is scheduled to return to Indo-China to straighten out the affairs of his command there.



B.C. Wide-Plan For Salaries "No Solution"

VANCOUVER (CP) — The executive of the B.C. Teachers Federation expressed opposition Monday to a suggestion that a provincial salary schedule for teachers be established.

At a convention in Penticton, B.C. last week, the B. C. School Trustees Association passed a resolution favoring such a schedule.

The trustees said that only through a teacher salary schedule can the education finance question in the province be adequately settled.

"There is no necessary connection between these two matter," John Sutherland, chairman of the BCTF Education Finance Committee said in a prepared statement.

He said uniformity of salaries is "presumably" of the aim of the trustees and said this already exists to a large degree.

"The present machinery for establishing teacher's salaries through joint negotiation at the local or zonal level maintains the desirable employee-employer relationships."

Mr Sutherland said, "A provincial salary schedule offers no solution to the education finance problem which could not be solved through an improved formula of education finance."

Miss Mollie E. Cottingham, chairman of the BCTF Provincial Salary Committee, said a provincial salary schedule might limit salaries and added this would be unhealthy when "we need to attract more and better qualified recruits to teaching."

She said the plan would also tend to destroy local school board autonomy in the employment of its teaching personnel.

Triplet Dies In Victoria

VICTORIA (CP)— One of the triplets born last week to Mrs. John W. Griffiths of Victoria died Sunday, apparently of a brain haemorrhage. The other babies are reported doing well. The Griffiths triplets were the first born here in 40 years.

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COMING WITH HERRING

A 100,000 reduction plant, the first co-operative fish reduction plant in Canada, is being rushed to completion at Prince Rupert by the Fisherman's Co-Op Association. It is expected to begin operations by the time the herring season opens in November. Michael Krueger, graduate in chemistry from the University of Alberta, will take over.

Britons, say the physicians, are suffering from sun starvation. The effect on the national health, of the wettest summer ever known is likly to be serious. Family doctors report that their surgeries, normally not busy in summer, are crammed with people complaining of rheumatic pains, lumbago and similar ailments, probably due to dampness. Doctors have another worry. According to form, influenza cycles run in four year cycles and an epidemic is expected this winter.

It's called income tax, but its really "outgo"

Should you by any chance, feel a bit worried, its better work and forget than forget to work.

BOOM BREAKS

Until less than a year ago, Uranium City was Saskatchewans flush town. Today, there may be a population of seven hundred. But its getting fewer all the time. Building has dropped near nothing. Laborers who a year ago earned $30 a day are now lucky to seek a job. Now 1.50 an hour. Every dollar is touch. A w lists five houses for the reason for this decline? Natural transit ing booms is how the explais things.

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