

Cigarette Banned For Fire In Empire State Building

NEW YORK (AP)—A smouldering fire erupted up a towering pipe shaft and into offices high above the street Wednesday in the 102-story Empire State Building, the world's tallest skyscraper. A discarded burning cigarette tentatively was blamed for the blaze, which caused no injuries but vast confusion.

Smoke forced workers to flee offices as high as the 85th floor. The entire building twice was evacuated, as nine floors from the 24th to the 88th were damaged by the flames.

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Offer Considered By Japanese Girl

A young Japanese girl, Setuko Sato of Tokyo, has thanked the Parkdale Lions Club for the "most encouraging response" to her December 4 letter in this paper asking if someone would sponsor or help her in a one-year visit to Prince Edward Island, it was learned yesterday from Ian B. Webster, club president.

Miss Sato said she has taken a secretarial course at the Tokyo YMCA which included English, that she has enough money to pay her way to Canada, but would need some assistance in finding and possibly paying for accommodation here.

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AT LIONS CLUB FATHER AND SON BANQUET

Proud winners of hockey sticks autographed by Toronto Maple Leaf players are left Diamond and Jim Duffy (second from left). Drawing for the hockey sticks took place at the Charlottetown Lions Club annual father and son banquet held last night at the Charlottetown Hotel. Shown with the two boys are Weston 'Bucko' Trotter, guest speaker for the evening, and Wally Coles (right).

Minister To Discuss Crops Insurance Plan

The possibility of setting up a federal-provincial scheme of crop insurance on crops grown for frozen food processing plants will be discussed in Ottawa on Jan. 16 when Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae meets with the federal agriculture minister, Hon. Alvin Hamilton.

Mr. MacRae said yesterday that he will also see the federal government will participate in compensation payments to Island farmers to offset grain losses because of bad weather.

Approximately 6,300 acres of grain were unharvested in the past crop year. Mr. MacRae suggested that \$15 an acre would likely be the maximum compensation. If so, compensation would amount to approximately \$95,000.

Another matter to be discussed is the provincial Marketing Act, particularly the sections which deal with the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board's powers to collect money on potatoes shipped from the province.

There is a possibility that Premier Walter B. Shaw will attend the meeting as he will be in Ottawa on business at that time.

Village Limits Are Extended At Cardigan

The village of Cardigan is growing. By an order-in-council passed Dec. 20 and published in The Royal Gazette yesterday, the village now includes the lands of the property holders lying on the north, west and south sides of the village limits.

The total acreage of the property involved could not be determined.

According to The Gazette announcement, any village may extend its borders by getting a majority approval of the property owners involved and passing a resolution requesting extension at an annual or general meeting.

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Performance Of New Steel Trawlers Is 'Being Watched'

Fisheries Minister Leo Rostker said last night that his department is "watching with interest" the performance of the new steel stern-trawlers, several of which were recently launched in New Brunswick shipyards.

Mr. Rostker attended a meeting yesterday of the P.E.I. Fishermen's Loan Board at which steel vessels were discussed.

"The government, particularly my department," he said "is interested in the new-type trawler but it is too early to say what our plans are in regard to them."

On his way to Ottawa this weekend, I plan to talk to New Brunswick fishermen about the performance of the trawlers. This will likely be accompanied by a visit to the fisheries department," he said.

Cattle With Island Breeding Prominent In 'Sale Of Stars'

Cattle with Prince Edward Island breeding figure prominently in the Royal Winter Fair "Sale of Stars" publicity in the current issue of the Canadian Ayrshire Review.

Breeders A. B. and F. T. MacRae, Union Road, are co-owners of a five-year-old cow, Raedale Norma Jean and a senior yearling heifer, Raedale Nancy Jean. Norma, first prize cow at Charlottetown this year, traces her breeding back to Glenary Bili O'Foshion on her sire's side.

A junior yearling consigned by W. H. Savage's Glenadown Farm, Ladner, B.C., is a great granddaughter of Lealand's Royal Victoria, one of the great show cows in the past for Keith Boswell and Son, Victoria, B.C. Norma, first prize cow at Charlottetown this year, traces her breeding back to Glenary Bili O'Foshion on her sire's side.

Sea Products Firm Head Sees Good Year For N.S.

HALIFAX (CP)—A sea products company executive here predicts that the Nova Scotia fishing industry should do well in 1963 even though there are some disturbing problems facing it.

H. J. Connor, vice-president of National Sea Products Ltd., told the board of trade here recently that apart from the salt fishery, a relatively small part of the industry, Nova Scotia's fisheries production in 1962 was valued at some \$300,000,000.

"As far as markets are concerned, the picture is good," Mr. Connor said. "Approximately 30 per cent of our fish is sold in Canada and 70 per cent in the United States. Practically none is sold elsewhere."

"The price structure in Canada and the U.S. is at reasonable levels and all indications are that it should remain so next year. Inventories in both countries are at below-average levels."

"It appears likely that our currency will remain at its present level for the whole of 1963 as compared with only part of 1962, so that the total average discount should cover more dollar sales than last year."

DOLLAR DISCOUNT HELPS

Mr. Connor said that the advantage of a devalued dollar

TRADE STAMPS AID PILGRIMAGE

NEW YORK (AP)—Three Roman Catholic priests have left by plane for Europe on a 15-day religious pilgrimage financed through trading stamps collected by their parishioners.

Rev. Robert Syrianev said all three priests in an off-hand remark he made three months ago while thumbing through a trading stamp catalogue in the rectory of his church in Lakewood, Colo.

He said he noted plane trips listed among the premiums and, within earshot of several parishioners, he jokingly remarked "that's a good way to get to Rome."

It didn't seem to them and they picked it up from there," he recalled.

That it didn't end in his parish.

The idea spread to the parish of his brother, Rev. Francis J. Syrianev and that of a priest friend, Rev. Leonard A. Redelberger. All three parishes are in the Denver area.

As a result, the members of the three parishes collected 1,311 books of trading stamps in return for an estimated \$16,000 worth of supermarket purchases.

In return for the stamps, the three priests were given their plane fares, hotel lodgings, meals and other travel expenses.

They are scheduled to have an audience in Rome with Pope John. They will remain in Rome for a week and then tour Portugal and France.

ROMAN NEW YEAR

Ancient Rome celebrated Saturnalia, a custom of one year's turning, from Dec. 17 to 23 when gifts were exchanged and all work stopped.

Record Sale Of Bonds Eases Gov't Problem

OTTAWA (CP)—The government's money-raising job has been eased by apparent record sales of last fall's Canada Savings Bonds issue.

Sales of the bonds, sparked by record high interest rates, exceeded government expectations. It appears likely that the government now can coast through to the end of the fiscal year March 31 without new borrowings.

No final report has yet been made of savings bond sales but latest figures indicate total sales topped the 1959 record of \$1,336,000,000.

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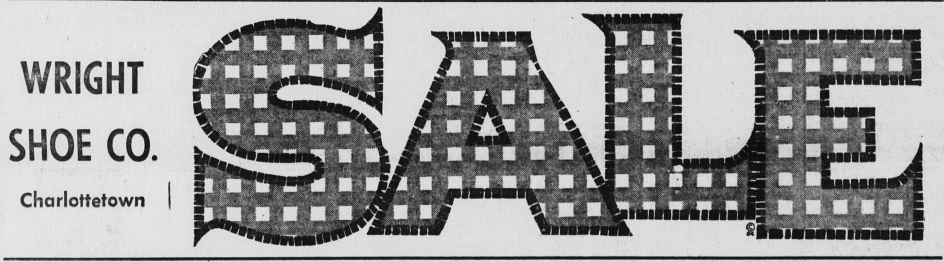
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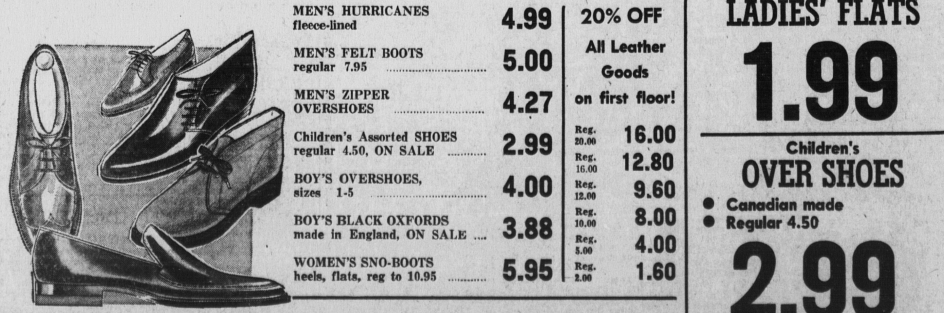
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