

Electrical Week Gets Support From The PM

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has issued the following statement on Electrical Week which is being observed across Canada:

"I am pleased to commend the Canadian Electrical Contractors Association for focusing public attention during the week of February 8 to 14 on the vital role of electricity in the development of the Canadian economy.

"The electrical industry has become in only three-quarters of a century one of the nation's largest sources of employment and revenue. One system of enterprise provides a fertile field for any industry whose growth is dependent on unhampered development on a free labour force, on risk capital, on competition.

"Nowhere else in the world has this wonderful force been utilized for the benefit of man to the extent that it has on this continent. This record of progress should be a source of pride to every Canadian."

Bankers' Ass'n Defends Hike In Charges To Credit Unions

MONTREAL (CP)—The Canadian Bankers' Association said Monday charged banks increased charges to credit unions, caisses populaires and other non-banking organizations "solely because of higher operating costs and not through any desire to curtail their activities."

In a statement, the association said mutually satisfactory arrangements have been made between chartered banks and non-banking organizations in all parts of the country with the exception "of one segment of the caisses populaires (credit union) community of Quebec."

The association added that the Montreal group of caisses populaires has accepted the increased charges.

The statement was issued following reports from Ottawa last week that a struggle is shaping up between the banks and credit unions in Quebec for a multi-million dollar business in personal savings accounts and small loans.

The reports said there was increasing talk about the possibility that credit unions setting up their own co-operative chartered bank.

"As far as the caisses populaires of Quebec are concerned, the banks proposed a system of centralized clearing similar to that in operation among credit unions in British Columbia, Ontario and Saskatchewan and working to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned.

"The new system will have definite advantages for the caisses and will result in speedier and more accurate handling of the ever-increasing volume of cheques drawn on these organizations."

Cold Weather Ruling For Bands Sought

OTTAWA (CP)—The defence department is attempting to determine the point at which military bands should refuse to play outdoors in sub-zero weather.

Maj. M. M. Scott, chief director of bands for the Canadian Army, says this is being done because some of the best military bands in Canada have been unjustly criticized when cold weather has spoiled performances.

Wind instruments, such as the trombone and cornet, ice up when they are played in cold weather. A point also is reached when a musician's fingers and facial muscles become so stiff he is unable to play.

Selected members of the RCAF's Central band will be used as guinea pigs in cold weather tests with band instruments in a "cold room" at defence research laboratories at Shirley Bay, outside Ottawa. The tests will be held Jan. 27-28.

Youths Set Effort Ceilings Too Low, Teacher Declares

TORONTO (CP)—Dr. Murray G. Ross, vice-president of the University of Toronto, said Monday night Canadian youth has a tendency to set a ceiling on personal effort—and the ceilings are getting lower with each decade.

One result, he said, is that students unconsciously set limits on the number of hours they will study.

He compared this to the Soviet Union and China where the whole pressure of the culture is to be as productive as possible to push forward the great national effort.

While Chinese and Russian youth appear to be clear and committed, he said, Canadian youth appears vague and indifferent.

"The devotion of Soviet and Chinese youth to Communist dogma is as terrifying to witness as that of the young Nazis two decades ago," he told the annual meeting of the Toronto YMCA.

He criticized the YMCA, saying it had fallen into two serious errors in the last 10 years.

The first, he said, is building youth using questionnaires such as "what would you like to do today?" The weakness of this was that youth could only identify interests things they had experienced.

"Youth have not the knowledge, the wisdom nor the experience to build such a curriculum, and in many schools and YMCAs we have acted as if they did," he said.

Another weakness was that the YMCA was seeking to become all things to all people, he said.

Car Explodes, Kills Three, Injures 50

MONROE, La. (AP)—A burning railway tank car exploded Friday night as firemen and volunteers worked at the scene of a train derailment near here. The sheriff's department said three men were killed and 40 or 50 injured.

The blast caught the firefighters by surprise as they battled flames around several cars loaded with flammable and chemicals.

Ambulances raced to and from the scene, shuttling the injured to hospitals.

Observers who flew over the scene said a high death toll could be expected.

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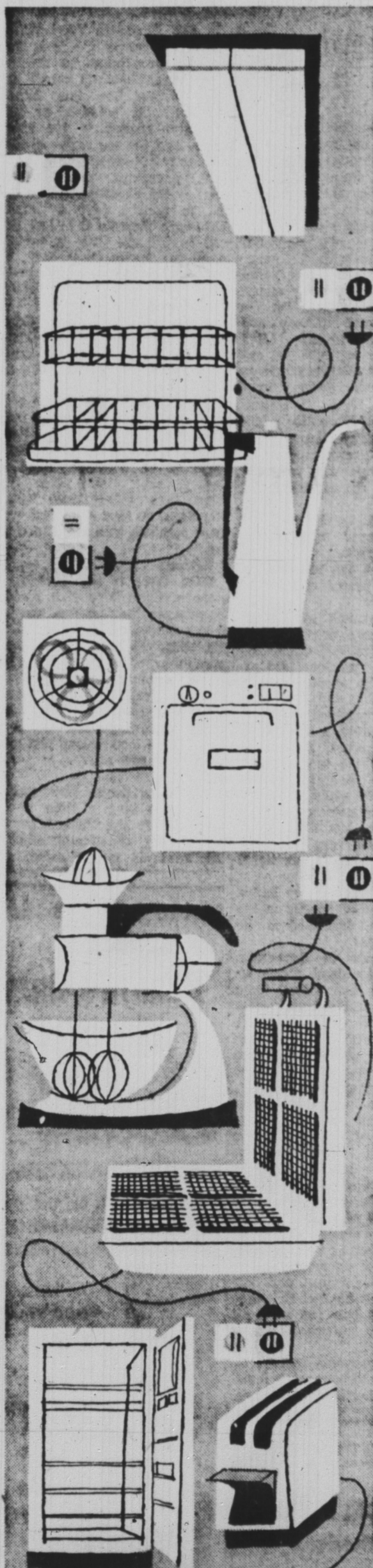
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1. Do your fuses blow — or breakers trip — too often?
2. Do the electric wires in your house get hot or the walls around outlets get warm?
3. Are there any bare electric wires?
4. Have you replaced 15 amp fuses with 20 or 30 amp fuses?
5. Are there any pennies behind blown fuses?
6. Have you had any electrical work done by an unqualified electrician?
7. Is your house connected to the street pole by two wires only?
8. Do appliances — irons, toasters, kettles — operate too slowly?
9. Does your TV picture shimmy or shrink when other electrical equipment comes on?
10. Do you have to disconnect one appliance to plug in another?

If you have answered "Yes" to any of the first six questions, you should call a qualified electrical contractor at once. Faulty wiring is all too often a source of family tragedy.

If you have answered "Yes" to any of the last four, you are suffering from an acute, possibly dangerous, lack of HOUSE-POWER. Your electrical utility consumer service representative will tell you how to remedy this lack of electrical capacity. It will cost less than you think.

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