

Happy Boys At Kinsmen Picnic



Pictured above is a bus-load of boys arriving at Stanhope Beach Wednesday for a mammoth picnic sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Charlottetown. Three chartered buses carried 225 boys to the North Shore site for a big day. They enjoyed a sports program, a swim, a fine lunch and a delightful entertainment.

Sask. Woman, Five Children Burned To Death

MELFORT, Sask., Aug. 7—(CP)—A 31-year-old district farm woman and her five children were burned to death Wednesday when a fire of unknown origin destroyed their farm home seven miles south of here. The victims were Mrs. Walter Spry; David, six months; Ernest,

Gerald, 6; John, 2; and Irene, 4. The father, Walter Spry, 54, was in Melfort on business at the time. Melfort is 100 miles north-east of Saskatoon. The tragedy was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. James Grant, neighbors, who came to investigate after they noticed a plume of black smoke rising from the Spry farm. They arrived just as the roof collapsed and were unable to attempt to rescue the trapped family. Bundles of clothing and bedding at the windows of the house at that time indicated that the mother had apparently tried to save some of the family's belongings. The charred remains were recovered by R.C.M.P. officers. The body of the baby was not located until almost noon today, about 19 hours after the fire. The other bodies were recovered late last night. Details of the tragedy are meagre because there were no survivors. But it is believed the fire might have started in the kitchen of the farm home. All six bodies were found in what had been the living room.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5—(AP)—The badly-beaten body of dancer Jewel Dragonese, 23, was found Monday night in a ditch in suburban River Grove. Police said the motive for the slaying was "definitely sex."

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

About 40 years ago a strange and startling event occurred in a farm home not far from the City of Charlottetown.

It was the month of December, with a new mantle of snow covering the ground. Within the home a young child lay dangerously ill. Her doctors said she might die any minute.

On the particular night with which this story has to do, three neighbor women were keeping vigils over the sick child. The three were mature married women with families of their own. None of the watchers were superstitious or hysterical.

By ten o'clock all members of the home were asleep. The sick child and the mother slept downstairs. All was peaceful that December night, until—the watchers' duty was to keep on the fires and administer the medicines at regular intervals. Just as the clock was striking the midnight hour a sound like the rushing of angry waters broke the silence of the night.

This was followed minutes later by a series of ear-splitting noises which appeared to come from the building itself. The house rocked gently on its foundations, and the walls of the kitchen where the three women sat about the fire, expanded and contracted like a living thing.

Not a word was spoken by the watchers. They were too terrified for words. They just stood close to each other and prayed. Suddenly the noise ceased and all was as calm as before.

Without the moon shone brightly, and the three having banished the first great shock of fear, opened the door leading to the outside and looked around. Not a creature was to be seen.

Entering the sick room, they found mother and child awake. The medicine was administered without further ado and the women returned to the kitchen.

One hour the same terrible noise came again. It shook the watchers to their very bones. Then the outside door creaked on its hinges and partly opened, though the night was perfectly calm.

The three fell to their knees in prayer. What else could they do? By this time the sleeping family got to its feet. All of them had heard that awful commotion and were in great fear.

A thorough search of the premises revealed not a trace of anything out of order. Whatever caused the strange noises still remains one of the unsolved mysteries of our time.

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Britain led the world in the development of the steam engine and launched the world on the machine age and mass production. She also led the world in developing ocean transport.

In this country Britain fought two wars, using up much of her wealth. Against the growing might of the U. S. A., she lost prestige as "Queen of the Seas" and conqueror of far-flung lands.

Shrunken greatly is the vast empire since the days of Queen Victoria, and economic conditions have worsened during these past several years. There is a tradition that Britain prospers under the reign of Queens. The rank and file of her people now living under severe austerity, hope the tradition holds true.

Today, Mr. John Citizen places too much hope in the importance of government. This fallacious belief in "The Government can do it" has led to many of the younger generation looking to Ottawa for cures to all their ills, and that the Government owes them a living.

It is a far cry from those good old days when Canadians sought and proudly boasted of a minimum of Government interference in their daily lives.

Our self indulgence at Government expense has resulted in high taxation, and a decline in our moral standards. Gone is the independent spirit of our forefathers who met and conquered their own individual problems. In its place has risen an attitude of dependency under which entirely too many look longingly to the Governments for handouts.

The free enterprise which is throwing in the towel is the same free enterprise that helped make Canada the great nation she is today. Let us remember this fact when we may cease to overemphasize the importance of Government—and in so doing stop calling upon it for aid at every turn.

TORQUAY, England—(CP)—Hotel owner William Skinner wondered who was taking apples from his orchard. He arranged an ambush. Now he is considering what to do with the culprit—a green parrot.

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Winnipeg Civic Employees To Strike

WINNIPEG, Aug. 7—(CP)—Winnipeg civic employees will strike today at midnight to back up

One Guest Missing In Hotel Blaze

HONEY HARBOR, Ont., Aug. 7—(CP)—One guest was unaccounted for late today after a \$250,000 fire destroyed the 75-room Delawana Inn.

About 100 guests, most of them from the United States, were driven from the 54-year-old frame hotel by the flames. Others were on fishing trips in the district and officials of the resort expressed hope the missing man, whose name was not revealed, might be among the anglers.

The three-storey wooden hotel was one of the largest buildings in the Georgian Bay tourist district about 115 miles north of Toronto.

demands for pay boosts and shorter working hours.

Zero hour for the walkout was announced today by officials of the Federation of Civic Employees which claims a membership of about 2,000.

Strike action was decided when City Council in a 8 to 7 vote refused to grant minimum federation demands for a pay increase of 7 1-2 per cent and a 40-hour week.

The strike could seriously curtail activities of most civic departments, but probably the only noticeable effect on the public would be the absence of full garbage collection.

Local labor unions and the Canadian Congress of Labor have indicated they will back strikers.

Canada's Parliamentary Library whose books were damaged by water during a fire Monday.

Alvin W. Kremer, Keeper of the Collection of the Library of Congress at Washington, is due here tonight.

His services were requested by Acting Prime Minister C.D. Howe after a cabinet meeting at which the problem created by the library fire was discussed.

Mr. Kremer, who achieved success in restoration of books after a library fire at Lansing, Mich., may be here only a few days. A library official said, "to advise us whether what we are doing is the best thing."

COMMEMORATE GANDHI

NEW DELHI—(CP)—Four Gandhi memorial museums will be established in various parts of India by the Gandhi National Memorial Fund. The museums will include Gandhian literature, personal articles and copies of the Mahatma's letters and writings. About 100 memorial pillars decorated with suitable inscriptions will be erected in various parts of India.

Expert Called To Parliamentary Library

OTTAWA, Aug. 7—(CP)—An expert has been called to Ottawa to help in the rehabilitation of

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