

Scenes At Murray River Fire Yesterday



Above are scenes at the Murray River fire yesterday. A total of nine buildings were destroyed in less than two hours although it was late in the afternoon before the last embers were out. Heavy showers in the afternoon helped quench the last sparks.

Premier Matheson Visits Scene Of Yesterday's Fire

Premier A. W. Matheson, who represents the Fourth District of King's, in which Murray River is located, was early on the scene of yesterday's fire and was deeply moved at the devastation caused by the fire and the loss sustained by his constituents.

"I am very sorry indeed," he said, "to see such havoc wrought in this thriving village, but am confident that this set-back will be accepted and overcome by the residents as they go forward in expanding and improving as they have in the past."

Mrs. Percy Sharam received a severe gash in the arm from broken glass as she attempted to remove some particles from a show case in the store. Five stitches were made in the injury by Dr. Lorne Bonnell, who fortunately was on the scene and rushed the lady to his office for examination and treatment.

Fourteen persons were rendered temporarily homeless as a result of the conflagration. Friends and relatives promptly relieved the situation by throwing their homes open to those who suffered in this respect.

An emergency gang from the Maritime Electric Company were replacing burnt-off poles in the path of the fire while it was still burning in an all out and successful effort to restore electric power in record time.

Constables of the R.C.M.P. took over quietly and efficiently when hundreds of cars from outlying districts and as far away as Charlottetown and Summerside cluttered the main highway and the streets of the village.

Sparks from the burning buildings were carried across the river and fires were started in a sawdust pile and on the roof of a large store. Fortunately both were discovered and brought under subjection before headway had been gained.

Coffee and sandwiches for the fire-fighters were forthcoming from several sources and were much appreciated as the men snatched a few moments from time to time to take a breather in their difficult task.

"The Bison" restaurant at Montague was thronged with visitors to or from the fire, many of whom had driven to the scene, following attendance at church, without their noon meal. Upwards of a hundred military men with full equipment, who were on manoeuvres were also served dinner at this popular resort and added to the scene of animation on the streets of the town.

LOADING PULPWOOD—The S.S. Guy Bartholomew arrived at Georgetown at 5 a.m. Saturday, May 15, from Quebec City, and within a few hours began taking on a cargo of 1,700 cords of pulpwood. The cargo is being loaded by Boates, Ltd. of Charlottetown from their assembly yard at Georgetown. The freighter's port of registry is Quebec City. Loading operations are expected to be completed not later than Wednesday, and the cargo is consigned for delivery in Quebec City.

96th Birthday



One of the most beloved medical men on the Island celebrated his 96th birthday yesterday. He is Dr. Roderick J. MacDonald who has been actively practising his profession for 66 years. Dr. MacDonald, known to thousands as Dr. Roddie, has never spared himself in ministering to his patients. In recognition of the special event there was a delegation from the Charlottetown Knights of Columbus headed by Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, calling on him. The group spent several hours yesterday afternoon at Dr. Roddie's home in St. Peter's Bay. He also had calls from several grandchildren of this city. Among them were Bernadette, Louise, Francis and Roddie Rossiter. Mrs. Rossiter (Alycia) also was present to greet her father. A son, Somerled, telephoned from his Boston home to wish his father all the best. Last year Dr. MacDonald was honored by Pope Pius 12th with the order of Knight of St. Gregory. So far as could be learned last night he and Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan are the only two men in the Province with the Knighthood from the Pope. Dr. MacMillan is a Knight Commander of the order.

IN MEMORIAM

FRANCIS KELLY

The people of Morell village and surrounding communities were profoundly shocked on Easter Sunday morning, April 18 when it was learned that Francis Kelly, local meat dealer, had suddenly passed away while doing his morning chores. Mr. Kelly, apparently in the best of health, was at his place of business until late Saturday night, retiring as usual about 10.30. Sunday morning he went about his duties, before preparing to attend Holy Mass, when he was suddenly stricken and passed away before medical aid arrived. Rev. A. L. Sinnott administered to him the Sacrament of Extreme Unction. Mr. Kelly was an outstanding man in the community, always ready and willing to give a helping hand to any worthy project for the betterment of church, school or village. His pleasant smile and ready wit made it a pleasure for anyone to approach him. In early life he married Levina Feehan of St. Andrews parish. By hard work and strict economy they built for themselves a beautiful home and raised a large family of boys and girls. All with the exception of one little boy who was drowned 15 years ago were in attendance at his funeral. Mr. Kelly was a lover of little children and many a child he made happier by giving them generous treats. The children of the village showed their respect for him by following in his body to their last resting place. The community of Morell has suffered a great loss by his passing but it is in the home where his absence will be most severely felt, as he was considered an ideal father and husband. The numerous Mass cards, spiritual bouquets, messages of sympathy, telegrams, from friends far and wide, showed the high esteem in which he was held. His funeral, one of the largest ever seen in the village, took place April 21 to the Little Flower Church, Morell, where a High Mass of Requiem was sung by Rev. A. L. Sinnott assisted by Rev. Frank Alward, deacon, Rev. Owen Sharkey, sub-deacon, and Rev. W. V. MacDonald, master of ceremonies. His remains were laid to rest in the Little Flower Cemetery. He leaves to mourn a sorrowing wife and the following sons and daughters: Somerled of Canada Packers; Frank, manager of A2-New-Superior Shoe Store, Antigonish; Owen with Traders, Pictou; Sydney, N.S.; Joe at home; (Elsie) Mrs. Wm. Aylward, Morell; (Patricia) Mrs. Wm. Clark, Florida, Bernie, Toronto; (Polly) Mrs. Mercier Mullin, Charlottetown, and

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Diplomats Expect

The nine parties attending today's meeting are Britain, the United States, France, Russia, Communist China, Viet Nam, Laos, Cambodia and the Communist-backed Vietminh regime, whose forces now threaten the all-important Red river delta in north Viet-Nam.

The seriousness of the French military position in Viet Nam, following the loss of the Diet Bien Phu fortress, now has an even more direct bearing on the Geneva negotiations. Western delegates fear that a massive Vietminh assault may be launched against the delta this month.

Capture of the area or strategic points in it would enormously strengthen the Communists' negotiating position. Western delegations have spent much of the week-end analyzing and discussing the possible implications of the speech made at the last plenary session of the Indo-China talks on Friday by Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov.

Molotov's key phrase, it is thought, may be the one reading: "Everybody must realize that it is impossible to separate the termination of the protracted war in Indo-China from the solution of at least some of the political problems..."

The words "at least some" may, it is hoped, indicate a willingness not to insist on complete political and military settlement.

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's community chests raised \$14,000,000 for 1954, the Canadian welfare council announced Saturday. The money, about \$1,000,000 or 7 1/2 per cent more than last year, was raised by 62 community chests which serve a population area of 6,000,000 people.

Katherine of Charlottetown. Pall bearers were Messrs. Vernon Anderson, Russell Webster, Wendall Coffin, J. B. Jay, Ed Rossiter, Ben Keele.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

CHURCHILL: A Man and an Era



Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill — soldier, journalist, statesman — has been many things to many men. But in the erupting world of his lifetime he made a mark that none will overlook. His path, crossing and recrossing history's road through the jungles that threaten civilization, will not soon be overgrown. The Churchill story, begins today.

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dangerous in any way. Lapaz said the fact the high radiation has lasted five days, compared with 24 to 36 hours for most atomic tests, may indicate a new type of long-lived element is present, possibly strontium 90. Strontium 90 is the element which some Japanese scientists have blamed for the plight of fishermen caught near a recent H-bomb test at Eniwetok. Lapaz said it has a half life of 25 years compared with as little as minutes or hours for some of the common "fallout" elements.

SWANS DO IT AGAIN
HASTINGS, England (Reuters)—A pair of royal swans kept their reputation for perfect timing here Saturday by hatching a brood of cygnets as the Queen returned to Britain. They pulled the same stunt last year when their first brood arrived punctually on Coronation day.

Germans Honor Sea Battle Victims
HAMBURG, Germany, (AP)—Almost 2,000 survivors of Germany's wartime submarine fleet honored German and Allied victims of the "battle of the Atlantic" in a ceremony here Sunday. Former admiral Eberhard Godt, last U-boat chief of operations, spoke at the Hamburg monument and said that of 39,000 German U-boat officers and men, 32,000 were killed in action in the Second World War.

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Assisted At Church Service

Assisting Rev. A. Frank MacLean at the evening service of Trinity Church last night were two recent graduates of the United Church Training School Toronto. They were Miss Louise Cox, Lie. Mus. and Miss Jane Johnstone, B. A. of this city.

These two young women will be assigned to different phases of the work of the Church. Miss Cox will have the position of Director of Religious Education in Metropolitan United Church, Edmonton, Alberta, which is in close proximity to pulpits now occupied by former pastors at Trinity. Rev. J. T. Irwin is at Garneau United and Rev. Dr. Ashford is minister at MacDougall United.

Miss Johnstone who last year received her Bachelor of Arts at Dalhousie University has completed a one year course at the Toronto training school will be engaged in Church extension work in the built up areas on the outskirts of the queen City. During the past year Miss Johnstone has had much practical experience included in her course. In the first half of her term she had the task of organizing a Sunday school in one particular church of which only the basement had been constructed. In the second term she was working in "The Church of All Nations" and had some interesting experience with a class of Japanese children.

Both these church women will spend some time with their families before taking up their duties in Edmonton and Toronto.

STUDENT SHOT DEAD

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. (AP)—A blaze of gunfire following an all-night beer party in a University of North Carolina fraternity house Saturday left one student dead and two wounded. Sheriff Sam T. Latta reported that one student, Putnam Davis, Jr., of Larchmont, N. Y., apparently shot William H. Joyner, about 20, and Allan B. Long, 21, and then turned a .22-calibre pistol on himself.