

Uranium Mills Contaminate Waterways

TORONTO (CP)—Radioactive water from uranium mills at Elliot Lake have contaminated waterways in the surrounding area to a point where control measures are essential to prevent future hazards, the Ontario water resources commission reported here.

In some lakes in the district, "a 41 µm concentration are approaching levels that may become serious enough to preclude future use of these lakes for certain purposes if the spread of contamination continues," the report says.

Dissolved radium was found as far as the mouth of the Severn River in a commission survey last summer. The Severn River winds through a series of lakes in the area to emerge 20 miles south of Elliot Lake on the north channel of Lake Huron.

The report says there is "no immediate radioactive hazard" to persons in the Elliot Lake region and adds that anti-pollution control measures are under way.

Canadian Wins Cheese Crown

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — A Canadian cheesemaker has been declared the winner of the world's cheddar cheese championship.

A 40-pound block submitted by Irvin Cull of Lunenburg, Ont. was selected by the judges Wednesday night from 50 entries in the contest conducted every two years by the Wisconsin Cheesemakers Association.

Henry R. Johnson, Kiel, Wis., won second with a score of 96.6 and Harry J. Rankow, Horonville, Wis., third with 96.

The 44-year-old Cull was awarded a trophy, \$100 in cash and a watch.

Pilot Rescue Described As Miracle

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP)—A U.S. Air Force pilot—plucked from choppy waters of the Gulf of Mexico 40 hours after parachuting from his crippled jet—said Friday he was "just a little bit concerned" when sharks circled him.

"But I hung motionless in the water and they didn't even brush against me," said Capt. Paul Shook, 36, of Merriam, Kan., after his rescue here.

A U.S. Coast Guard spokesman said the rescue was "a miracle; unbelievable luck."

Shook was spotted floating in darkness 85 miles southwest of Fort Myers by the coast guard cutter Aritidae. He was suffering from exhaustion and exposure.

Unemployment Jump Reported

OTTAWA (CP) — A seasonal dip in farm jobs, coupled with layoffs in the auto industry, combined to cause an abnormal increase in unemployment between mid-September and mid-October.

The number of jobless shot up 40,000 to 268,000, representing 2.7 per cent of the national labor force. This rate was 3.1 in September, lowest in eight years. In October of last year it stood at 3.9.

Unemployment rates by region, with last month's rates in brackets, were: Atlantic 5.6 per cent (5.4), Quebec 5.1 (4.3), Ontario 2.9 (2.5), Prairie 1.9 (1.6) and British Columbia 4.3 (3.9).

Medicare Plan In Sask. Seen With Public Okay

REGINA (CP) — Visiting members of the Nova Scotia medical insurance advisory committee said here it appears the Saskatchewan medicare plan definitely has gained public acceptance.

Serving on the committee, commissioned by the Nova Scotia legislature in January, are Miss Elicia MacLennan, director of the Dalhousie School of Nursing at Halifax; Dr. J. C. Wickwire, a private practitioner from Liverpool, N.S.; and William Keogh of Sydney, a representative of Nova Scotia labor.

Two other committee members did not make the trip.

The committee is studying plans across Canada to advise the government on costs and services.

"As we see it, the Saskatchewan plan appears to be a very good one," said Miss MacLennan.

"We are looking at all the traditional exclusions. However, we know any comprehensive, universal plan presupposes adequate staff and facilities," she said.

ENVIAGES FREE DRUGS

Dr. Wickwire said he would like to see free drugs under the Nova Scotia plan what he called "catastrophic" illnesses and "at least" certain free drugs for lower income groups.

The committee is also studying the status of services such as dental and nursing coverage.

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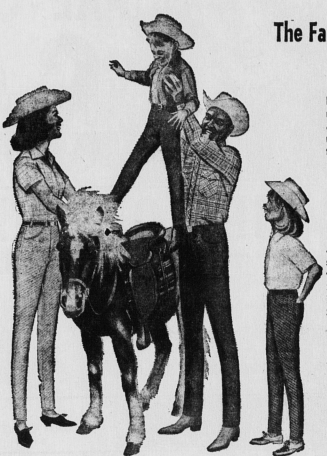
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