

Rain Gives Ontario Forest Fire-Fighters Needed Break

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Ontario forestry men, given a fighting chance by an overnight rain, moved in Wednesday "for the kill" in their battle against the northland's forest fires.

They cut the number to around 130 from the 160 burning Tuesday.

"The rain gave us the edge we need," said Jack Dillon, the Ontario lands and forests department's supervisor of forest protection.

The department took advantage of the break to ease the ban on forest travel in the central region of the province. The public now may travel in the forests in the Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Chapleau, White River and Gogama areas.

FAR NORTH STILL CLOSED

The ban, imposed July 21 and not affecting road travel, remains in effect in the northern region in which the Cochrane, Kapuskasing and Swastika areas are located.

Twenty-one fires were still out of control late Wednesday. Most of these were small fires which started earlier this week.

More than an inch of rain fell over the devastated Blind River area, cutting the size of the many fires raging there.

The department listed the locations of the most serious fires, the size and the number of men fighting them as follows: Kapuskasing, 10 fires, 9,161 acres, 405 men; Cochrane, 19 fires, 196 acres, 46 men; Swastika, seven fires, 4,538 acres, 468 men; Sault Ste. Marie, 30 fires, 130,000 acres, 1,800 men; Sudbury, 31 fires, 10,000 acres, 600 men; Chapleau, 10 fires, 100,000 acres, 250 men; Gogama, eight fires, 5,000 acres, 330 men; White River, six fires, 100 acres, 20 men.

Smaller fires were burning in other areas.

Given an even break in the weather and winds, forestry men said they are confident they can extinguish many of the fires. Some will take several weeks to extinguish because they burned into the ground and will have to be "flooded out."

Freetown

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baldwin of Cabri, Sask., who have spent the past month in Bedouque at the home of Mrs. Baldwin's sister, Mrs. Leonard Schurman, visited on Sunday in Freetown with Mrs. Russell Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Deacon of Halifax and Mrs. Frank Deacon, Charlottetown, were visitors to Freetown recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Reeves and Mrs. Edmund Burns spent Sunday in Wiltshire visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Aretas Burns, Boston, Mass., have returned home after a short visit to P.E.I. This was their first visit to the province and they were pleased to be able to locate many relatives. Mr. Burns is a son of the late Mr. Burns and Mrs. Alexander Burns of Seattle, Wash., who formerly belonged to Lower Freetown. Mr. J. Roy Burns is a cousin.

Miss Winnifred Burns of Halifax arrived on July 23 to spend a two-week vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Burns. Mrs. Austin A. Scales, Freetown, and Mrs. Stanley Donalds of Moncton are vacationing at Stanhope Beach.

Friends in Freetown were saddened to hear of the death in Somerville, Mass., of Mrs. William Harrison, nee-Cora Smith, after an illness of several months. Mrs. Harrison is a sister of Mr. Clayton Smith of Freetown and of Mrs. Daniel Smallman of O'Leary. Her mother, Mrs. James Smith, predeceased her a few weeks ago. Mrs. Smallman left by plane to attend her sister's funeral. The sympathy of the community is expressed to the sorrowing relatives.

Miss Janet Charlton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Charlton of Dartmouth, N.S., is spending her vacation in Freetown, guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis.

Master Gerald Hill spent the past week in Charlottetown at the home of his sister, Mrs. Elmer Buchanan. A. B.

Western Guardian

-LOWTHER PICNIC - Saturday, July 30th, at Gardiner's Shore, Chelton.

-ICE CREAM SOCIAL in Sea View Hall, Friday evening, July 29th. In aid of St. Stephen's Church, Burlington.

-FINAL NOTICE - All tax arrears due Malpeque School not paid by August 15th will be handed over to an attorney for collection expenses added. Order trustees.

WESTERN LOCAL

THE POSTPONED Auction Sale of Mrs. J. B. Millman, Kensington, will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

-REGULAR Thursday night dance at the Kensington Legion Home, dancing from 9:30 to 12:30 standard time. Music by Erwin Deighan and his Sunshine Boys.

A.Y.P.A. Council, The Local Council Executive of P.E.I. Anglican Young Peoples met at Mark's Church Hall, Kensington, recently. The meeting led by the president, Lloyd Proffitt, opened with prayers by Rev. A. E. Piercey, followed by the minutes read by the secretary, Horace Coles. Plans were made for the tenth annual A.Y.P.A. Conference to be held at Crapaud, Youth Center in September. Theme for the Conference is to be "Youth and Worship." Lunch was served by Kensington Young People.

PNTRY SALE at Cotton's store, New London, Friday, July 27th, from 10 to 12 o'clock.

-DR. R. W. AULD will be absent from office from July 26th to August 3rd inclusive.

ACADEMY QUEEN ILL - Her many friends will regret to learn that Miss Lorraine Cameron is a patient in the Prince County Hospital where she is suffering from rheumatic fever. Lorraine, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Cameron of Convent Street, Summerside, is a grade XI student at Summerside High School, where she was chosen Queen of the Academy during the past school term. During the summer months and until the time of her illness she had been employed at the Island Motor Transport Depot at Summerside.

Family Reunion

Presently visiting at Fernwood are Mr. and Mrs. John Coates and son Tim of Leask, Saskatchewan. Mrs. Coates, the former Hazel Sherry, is renewing acquaintances with relatives and friends after an absence of 28 years. She is a sister of George and Arthur Sherry of Fernwood.

In honour of the guests a family reunion was held on the spacious lawn of Mr. and Mrs. George Skerry on Sunday afternoon, July 24. A picnic supper was served to fifty people. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Skerry of Moncton, N.B., the former being a brother-in-law of Mrs. Coates and not seen for over forty years. Absent from the gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sherry and family of Halifax, whom the Coates family intend to visit enroute to Saskatchewan.

Death Parts Twin Sisters

—Death parted twin sisters in their 86th year when Mrs. Minnie Campbell, widow of the late Mr. Hugh Campbell, of Sea View, died at the home of her twin sister, Mrs. Barbara MacGougan, at Kensington, on July 25th after a short illness.

On December 9, 1954, the twin sisters observed their 86th birthday, and, at that time and until recently, were both well and active.

The late Mrs. Campbell was born at Irishtown, the daughter of the late Kennedy MacLeod and Margaret MacGougan. She was one of a family of five girls and three boys, of which Mrs. MacGougan is the only survivor. Also surviving are one son, John E. Campbell, Sea View, and two grandsons, Leland and Lorne Campbell.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. E. H. Bean at Kensington Presbyterian Church, and in the evening in the Geddie Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kenneth MacLeod, Jams MacLeod, Heath MacLeod, George MacLeod, Nelson Sheen, and Kenneth Champion.

Bride-To-Be Honored

A crowd of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Monaghan, Kelly's Cross on Friday night, July 22 to honor their daughter Leney, who will be married to Francis Carragher on August 3.

To the bride, Miss Eileen Kelly, the bride-to-be was escorted by a decorated chair by her sister Frances. Heavily laden baskets of presents were carried in by Mrs. Charlie Flood and Miss Vivien Trainor. The verses were read by Miss Agnes Trainor, Miss Colette Matters and Mrs. Richard Kelly opened the presents, while Miss Frances Monaghan arranged them on the table.

After a shower of confetti Leney thanked everyone for their presents and expressed the wish that they all have an enjoyable time. After the "Jolly Good Fellow" the bride-to-be was bounced. Lunch was served to about one hundred persons by Mrs. Emmett Monaghan, Mrs. Freddie Matters, Miss Frances Monaghan, Miss Colette Matters, Miss Vivien and Agnes Trainor and Mrs. Charles Flood. Dancing then continued to music played by Mrs. Maurice McDonald and Wendell.

Locke Road

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richard and Shirley, of Dufferin were visitors on Tuesday evening, July 19 at the home of Mrs. Margaret Arsenault of Forest View.

Little Florence Dupuy, Kensington, is spending some time visiting in Forest View, the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant.

Mr. and Mrs. Gotell arrived in Forest View to spend their vacation. They are visiting Mrs. Margaret Caine and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers.

Gothard Griffin has arrived on the Locke Road to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Griffin.

Freetown Temperance Union

The members of Freetown Women's Christian Temperance Union met at the home of Mrs. Albert Nelson on July 19 with the president, Mrs. Eldon Drummond, presiding. The meeting opened with the Hymn "All Around the World," and prayer by Mrs. John Lewis.

Extracts from a magazine article were read by Mrs. E. S. Dammarell followed by a lengthy discussion on the contents. Another article entitled "The WCTU Comeback" taken from the Guardian was read by Mrs. Drummond, who also read a temperance story "Tragedy" taken from the Temperance magazine "Lister".

Minutes of the last meeting by the Secretary, Mrs. Elmer Smith, and a financial report — by the Treasurer, Mrs. John Heffell, followed. Plans were made for attending the Annual Convention in

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Intermediates: Elizabeth Horne, Judy Archer, Diane Bennett, Rosemary Life, Diane Society.

Bronze Medallion: Gail Williams, Catherine Campbell, Winnifred A. MacMillan.

Annual Celebration

The annual celebration in honour of St. Anne will be held on Sunday next on the beautiful church grounds at Lennox Island. Transportation will be by boats from the P. E. I. mainland. A very large crowd from all parts of the Prince Edward Island and elsewhere attend this celebration every year.

The new school and convent, built in 1948, is shown along with the church building in the above picture. Many new homes for the forty Indian families have been built since then by the department of Indian Affairs. The grounds around the church and parochial dwelling are adorned with flowers and are very beautiful. A new outdoor shrine has been erected (1953) in honour of St. Anne. A Solemn Mass will be said at this shrine by the resident pastor, Rev. E. W. Jennings.

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Gaelic College in St. Ann, C. B.



Rev. A. W. R. Mackenzie, founder-director of Gaelic College, instructs a class of girls in the history and folklore of the clans in front of a cairn erected to the memory of the Rev. Norman McLeod, who first led a band of Scottish settlers to St. Ann in 1809.



The art of tartan weaving is being restored and beautiful tartan scarves, ties and blankets are being made at the school. The Nova Scotia government has built a craftscentre on the school site which enables Gaelic College to carry on a year-round business in authentic tartans.



When founder Angus Mackenzie came to Cape St. Ann, he found the islanders proud of their Highland ancestry but almost ignorant of their Scottish heritages. Half the island folk could speak Gaelic, but few could read it. Now adults and children are learning the tongue of their forefathers.



With the traditional Scottish greeting, "One Hundred Thousand Welcomes", Gaelic College throws open its gates to students and visitors alike. Its highland setting, the skirling of the pipes and the colourful plaids and tartans of its students make it a truly Scottish institution.

Mass Move by RCAF Strike Force Tests Mobility

More than 60 operational sorties have been completed by R.C.A.F. components of Canada's mobile strike force during the first seven days of attacks against large forces of Canadian Air Force units at Camp Gagetown, N.B., it was announced yesterday by Air Force officials at Summerside.

Moved by air over distances of more than 3,000 miles to R.C.A.F. Station Summerside, P.E.I., the mass move by the R.C.A.F. strike force was its largest test of mobility to date.

Composed of two squadrons of Mitchell light bombers, a flight of Mustang fighters and a photo reconnaissance Lancaster and Dakota, the strike force is commanded by Group Captain A. D. R. Lowe, D.F.C., A.F.C., of Edmonton, Alberta. This marks the first time that a reserve Air Force officer has had command of such a large scale operation.

The Mitchells, belonging to two of the most active auxiliary squadrons, 406 "City of Saskatoon," and 418 "City of Edmonton," are flown by aircrew made up of approximately 75 per cent "citizen" flyers, many of whom have foregone their civilian holidays to participate in this important training with the Canadian Army.

Mustangs operating with the light bombers are from the R.C.A.F.'s Tactical Fighter Flight based at the Canadian joint Air Force Training Centre at Rivers, Man. They are flown by regular Air Force pilots, led by Flying Officer Barrett Lumley of Owen Sound, Ont. Both the Mitchells and Mustangs are in R.C.A.F. Tactical Air Command under the command of Air Commodore S. W. Coleman, C. D. of Hamilton, Ont.

Supplying necessary photo reconnaissance for such an operation has been the task of the Lancaster of 408 photo squadron, Rockcliffe, near Ottawa and the Dakota belongs to the RCAF based at Rivers, Man. Both of these reconnaissance aircraft will operate with the Army during the huge exercise "Rising Star" to be held at Gagetown, N.B. in August.

Role of the RCAF in their two weeks of operations with army troops numbering more than 10,000 is to supply tactical air support in both defensive and offensive roles by simulating bombing and gunnery attacks on troops, installations, vehicles and tanks. In their operations over the "battle zone" attacks are controlled by directions from an air control team on the ground.

Results of inflicted damage on ground forces in the Gagetown area are reminiscent of second world war records of the two auxiliary squadrons operating as night intruder units in the United Kingdom and Europe. They had a combined record of 241 enemy aircraft destroyed; 150 damaged and 784 flying bombs shot down. Claims of "kills" and possible damage on the operations on this exercise are assessed from Cine

Bloomfield

Mr. and Mrs. Hartigan and family of Littleton, N.H., are visiting Mrs. Hartigan's mother, Mrs. R.G. Horne, also other relatives.

A picnic was put on by the Legionnaires on July 21. Music for the dance was provided by Messrs. Pius Doiron, Howland, and Jerry Peters, Fortune Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gallant and family of Piusville were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Pineau.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gallant of Chelsea, Mass., with Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Martin, Miscouche, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Peters, St. Elizabeth's R. C. A. F. Station, St. Elizabeth's, and Mrs. Arthur Martin on July 21.

Mr. and Mrs. David LaCouture and family of Brockton, Mass., are guests of Mrs. LaCouture's mother, Mrs. Bennet Peters.

Mrs. Tilman Boudreau of Chelsea, Mass., motored to the Island with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gallant, also of Chelsea. They are spending their vacation with St. Elizabeth's and relatives in the western part of the Island, also in Charlottetown and Rustico.

His many friends and neighbors are glad to see Mr. Edward McKenna home again after being in Western Hospital for some time.

Mr. Clarence O'Meara, who has been employed in Charlottetown, is at his home preparing to leave for Toronto in the near future.

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Alberton

—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gordon, with their daughters, Misses Helen and Linda Gordon, leave Alberton this morning for their home in Arvida, Quebec, after spending some time with relatives in Alberton.

Rev. Russell T. Hall, B.A.; B.D.; Mrs. Hall and their three sons, Ian, Craig and Roddy, arrived in Alberton yesterday. Rev. Mr. Hall is kindly remembered as a student minister who served Alberton Presbyterian congregation some few years ago. It is pleasing to know that on Sunday he will conduct evening worship here and morning worship at West Point. Rev. Mr. Hall is now minister of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Grimsby, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Phillips and family, Alberton, left on Monday for a two weeks motor trip to Ottawa and other places of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ahearn and Mrs. Ahearn's mother, Mrs. Mrs. Henry Gallant, recently has as their guests three of Mrs. Gallant's sisters, Mrs. Ome Kenna of Rumford, Maine; Mrs.

Arthur Gaudet of Strickland, Maine; and Mrs. William Fields, with her son, Henry and daughter, Frances, of Lewiston, Maine; also Mrs. Bernice Denver of Caldwell, N. J. This was Mrs. Gaudet's first visit in Prince Edward Island in thirty-nine years and she noted many changes. The guests enjoyed an evening of old time music furnished by Mrs. Ahearn and Mr. Henry Myers. Brian, Diane and Bobby Ahearn also entertained with stepdancing.

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