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Charlottetown

Canada's First Reactor Becomes Historical Site

CHALK RIVER, Ont. (CP)—Canada's newest historical site probably also is the country's youngest.

In fact, when officials from Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. and the Ontario Historical Society erect a plaque next Saturday to commemorate Canada's first nuclear reactor, the reactor still will be more than two months shy of its 21st birthday.

The Zero Energy Experimental Pile first achieved a nuclear chain reaction Sept. 5, 1945, and laid the groundwork for Canada's nuclear industry that stretches from the Ottawa River to Pinawa, Man., 60 miles east of Winnipeg.

Five and one-half tons of natural uranium packed inside several thin aluminum tubes immersed in a tank of heavy water produced only one watt when it went into operation. This is about the same power generated by a flashlight.

STILL OPERATES

It was a far cry from the giant NRX and NRU experimental reactors that followed, but ZEEP still is in operation giving scientists valuable information on development of new uranium fuel systems.

Unveiling the plaque will take place during the annual meeting of the historical society at nearby Pembroke.



CENTENNIAL COMMISSION GRANTS TO CANADIAN AUTHORS

Prizes awarded to authors of essays, short stories, poems and children's books

The Centennial Commission announces a programme of grants to Canadian authors designed to encourage the publication of Canadian works to coincide with the Centennial of Confederation. THREE PRIZES are offered in each category. Three English works and three French works will be selected.

- 1st prize: \$1250
- 2nd prize: \$750
- 3rd prize: \$500

In the case of children's books, there will be two series of three prizes (\$1250, \$750 and \$500). The first for children's books written for ages eight years and under, and the second for works applicable to ages eight to twelve years. The first prize in each of the two categories will be supplemented by an additional grant of \$2500 to allow for publication and illustration. In addition, the Centennial Commission will award honourable mentions for outstanding works.

- Candidates must be Canadian or have resided in Canada since 1962.
- The subject chosen should be one of particular interest to Canadian readers.
- The manuscript must be an original and should not have been published before.
- Works selected for prizes will become the property of the Centennial Commission. Other works will remain the property of the author. The Commission does not undertake to return manuscripts.
- All entries must be submitted by December 1, 1966.

Information and application forms in connection with this programme are available at the following address:

Centennial Commission Grants to Canadian Authors P.O. Box 1967 Ottawa, Ontario

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SECOND SECTION



AFTER AN ALL-NIGHT BARGAINING SESSION

Government cabinet ministers appear grim-faced after all-night meeting between government, labor and management in the bitter longshoremen's strike of three Quebec ports. The meetings held in the West Block of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa, broke up shortly after 5 a.m.

Sunday. LEFT TO RIGHT are Labor Minister Nicholson, Privy Council President Favreau and Transport Minister Pickersgill. (CP Wirephoto)

him a couple of days in advance at 2-2382 to let him know a group wants to come. In my book an annual visit should be a necessary part of the school curriculum. One afternoon at a wildlife park can do more to stimulate interest in science and biology than the best written textbook.

And besides, who wants to spend a sunny June afternoon laboring over a schoolbook when fleecy clouds drift across a bright blue sky and the birds are singing a sweet beckoning song in the tree just by the window. See you next week....

Birth Control Pill Danger Seen Possible

VANCOUVER (CP)—A Quebec researcher says the commonest birth control pills contain an ingredient that stimulates development of cancer in rats.

Dr. Alexander Meisels, associate professor of pathology at Laval University, said here he does not necessarily mean the pill is dangerous or will cause cancer in women.

But women should know of a potential danger, said Dr. Meisels, here for a conference of the Canadian Federation of Biological Societies.

"The danger I see is that women might take the pills for a very long time, perhaps 20 years, and we don't know what the effects will be," he said at a press conference following presentation of a paper at the conference.

CBC Plans TV Stations For Arctic

TORONTO (CP)—The CBC is developing small, automatic television transmitters for Canada's northern communities, says James P. Gilmore, the CBC's vice-president for planning.

He told a meeting of the Canadian Broadcasting Executive Society that the CBC is working on "what might be called a frontier coverage package."

"This will be a small television transmitter with cartridge-type tape recording service in units of four hours. It will be practically foolproof, with simple on and off switching and changing of tape cartridges. These will be transported by air to outlying communities.

"This type of service is in the developing stage by the CBC and considerable priority."

Mr. Gilmore said he foresaw the time within the next five or six years when northern communities could be further serviced by small community receiving centres getting television signals through satellites.

OUTDOORS



Wildlife Park Provides Thrills For Sightseers

By JACK McANDREW

Loaded the old badger and my own two wild animals (the two legged variety) into the car a couple of weeks ago and set off for the Wildlife Park at North Rustico for what has become an annual pilgrimage for the McAndrew breed.

We found General Manager Charlie Bartlett and his good wife Rowena were into the process of getting things underway for another season, with Charlie maneuvering a tractor over the parking area and laying down great clouds of lime in an effort to encourage a little grass growth.

But there were a goodly number of visitors at the park despite the earliness of the season and we joined them for a walk around the nature trail.

All the caged residents of past years seem to have come through the winter in good shape and as usual it was a thrill all over again for the kids to see birds and animals that normally they find only in picture books nowadays.

One of the best features about the park layout in my book is the effort made by Charlie Bartlett to present his displays in as natural setting as possible. (I always feel a twinge of conscience at the sight of a wild thing behind wire mesh, but I guess it's a compromise we have to make if we're to get a reminder at all of the sort of wildlife that used to flourish before civilization

drastically cut down or in some cases eliminated certain kinds altogether.)

OLD FRIENDS

We've watched the moose Bucko, the Wapiti, the Black Bear and several of the others grow to maturity over the past few years and its almost like looking up old friends you haven't seen for awhile to walk through the park and pause for a few moments to pay your respects.

The regulars have been joined by some new guests this year. There are grey squirrels from New Brunswick, another moose named "arnold" from the same province, and a silver fox that's as tame and playful as any domesticated puppy.

Another new arrival expected any day now is a cougar coming all the way from San Antonio, Texas. Cougars are best known now as residents of Western Canada and the United States, but there was a time when they used to roam the forests of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia as well.

There are a couple of new developments in the physical layout of the park as well. The hawks and owls have been moved out into the open and several of the hawks aren't caged at all but leashed on falconer's perches.

ON INCREASE

Some of the inhabitants, namely the waterfowl, have also been increasing the population on their own. Wood Ducks and Canada Geese have been making

use of nesting boxes placed out in the pond with good effect, and there should be several broods of youngsters swimming about before too long.

But if there is a favorite of everyone, it would have to be the showoffs of the park, the Harp and Hood Seals.

They zoom about their enclosure with all the grace and ease of underwater acrobats, pausing to poke a shiny black nose above the surface, and then with an effortless flick of flipper resume their patrol.

The hood seals are new this year as well, big fellows with heads shaped almost like that of a horse, and obviously capable of tremendous speeds underwater. There is a tremendous fascination in watching them approach the underwater mesh at terrific speed and then at the last moment altering course on a dime to glide away again.

The kids always go wild, especially when Mr. Seal does an expert back flip and commences to swim underwater on his back. It had just never occurred to me that seals would swim underwater on their backs, but when you come right down to it I suppose there isn't any good reason why they shouldn't.

It all adds up to complete mastery of their element, and a superb example of nature's way of adapting its creatures to the way of life they have chosen. This perhaps is the lesson that comes home when you are able to see just a small sampling of animal life first hand.

PART OF CHAIN

Each critter, whether wolf, wildcat, goshawk or porcupine, is a part of nature's unbroken chain, each variety a link to another in the order of things each partially or wholly dependent on the other in some way or other to maintain the balance of the order and a place for all.

For most people, a wildlife park is the only place where at least a portion of the chain can still be seen, and as our wildlife is slowly eradicated in the wild state, parks become increasingly important as a place for our children to get some sense of the way things once were before man began to pry the links apart.

Charlie Bartlett holds open house for Island children anytime during the month of June and organized parties of school-children are admitted to the park free of charge.

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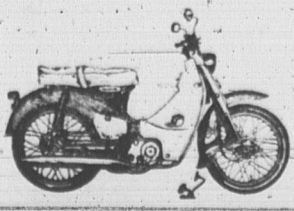
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