MAJOR INDUSTRY DESTROYED

City fire chief suggests fire prevention measures

Fire prevention week message from Chief G. W. Stewart, Charlottetown volunteer fire department.

Many people ask the question "What is meant by Fire Prevention Week?"

The question might be answered as follows: Every year all over our nation fires take many lives and consume many millions of dollars in property losses.

A large part of this loss could be saved if all our citizens were more fire conscious and put forth greater efforts to prevent fires.

The following points should be kept in mind:

1. Keep premises tidy and free from all rubbish. Basements, garages and storerooms are some of the areas in which rubbish is often found.
2. Wiring in business establishments and homes should be checked by competent persons to ensure it is in good condition.
3. Furnaces and stoves should be cleaned and repairs made where necessary.
4. Citizens should be careful when smoking to be sure that burning matches and cigarettes are not dropped on chairs, mattresses and other combustible materials.
5. Children should be warned not to play with matches at any time and matches should be kept out of reach of small children.
6. Persons using public buildings and hotels should be aware of the location of emergency exits.
7. Persons at home should plan an alternate method of escape from upper floors in the event that smoke and fire have cut off the regular exit.
8. Every citizen should be familiar with the method of turning done by dialing "O" for operator and by giving the operator who answers the location of the fire. Alarms may also be phoned directly to the fire station or police station if the phone number is known.

CHIEF STEWART

Fire prevention week is therefore an attempt to impress upon the public at large the necessity of being familar with the above mentioned points in hope of preventing many fires and reducing the losses in lives and dollars in those fires that do occur.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN CHARLOTTETOWN

During fire prevention week it is planned to have a parade of fire equipment from the volunteer department of Charlottetown Parkdale, Sherwood, the Forestry Service and The Department of transport. The parade route will be through the streets of Charlottetown, Parkdale, and Sherwood and will take place at 6:00 p. m. on Tuesday, October 11.

Demonstrations of fire fighting equipment will also be held during the week. These demonstrations are being carried out under the direction of deputy Chief Wm. Connolly, assisted by Captains Crockett, Gillespie and Hennessy.

Inspections of business premises schools and private residences will be greatly accelerated during this week.

Household inspections under the direction of Capt. Brendon Hennessey are planned for each evening of the week.

Property owners are advised to have their premises in good condition to welcome the inspectors, who will be the men of the Charlottetown volunteer fire department.

Norwegian explorer writes on early Vinland voyages

By ED WALTERS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Did the entire Norse colony at Vesterbydg in Greenland make a desperate attempt at self-preservation some time in the 14th century by setting out in their little ships for Labrador or Newfoundland?

Helge Ingstad, in his book Land Under The Pole Star, (Macmillans) says the Greenlanders, forgotten about by the people of Iceland and Norway, may have tried to reach the Vinland explored by Leif Eiriksson 500 years earlier.

The book by the 67 - year-old Norwegian explorer tells of the settlement of Greenland by Eirik The Red and 14 shiploads of Iceland Vikings in the 10th century.

It also relates the adventures of Eirik's son, Leif The Lucky, now acknowledged as having been the first European to set foot on North America.

But the book is mainly concerned with the Greenland colony, which lasted for 500 years and then vanished.

Ingstad says there are many reasons why the Greenlanders would have headed for North America rather than Iceland or Europe.

Baffin Island, which he says the Vikings knew as Helluland, is separated from Greenland by only 200 miles in the narrowest part of Davis Strait. From there it was simple to coast southward past Labrador, or Markland, to Vinland, which Ingstad locates at L'Anse-aux-Meadows near the northern tip of Newfoundland.

Ingstad marshals an array of facts and interpretations in arguing that the Norse Greenlanders were not wiped out by sudden disease or Eskimos.

Whether any of the Vesterbydg folk reached North America is unknown, says Ingstad. "But from the account of the Vinland voyages we remember that it was a perilous thing for a small community to land on Indian shores."

Ingstad could have examined a haunting possibility at this point but did not. English fishing captains reaching Newfoundland soon after its rediscovery by Europeans in the late 15th century reported sighting blue-eyed, fair-haired men among the predominantly dark Beothuk Indians.

The Viking voyages to Newfoundland at the start of the Greenland colony by Leif, Bjarni Herjolfsson, Thorfinn Karlsefni and others are dealt with, but Ingstad promises another book in which he plans to detail his 1961 excavations at L'Anse - aux - Meadows and set forth his belief that this was the site of Vinland.

FIRE DISRUPTS ECONOMY, CAUSES UNEMPLOYMENT

Electric fuse your watchdog

A over-fused electric circuit invites fire in the home. And a national survey shows that hundreds of thousands of Canadian dwellings may have the wrong fuse (costing less than a dime) in a socket.

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What is over-fusing? It's when you use a 20, 25 or 30 ampere socket fuse in an ordinary branch household circuit. Why can such fuses provide a fire hazard? Because they engender a sense of false security. They do not "blow" when the "load" is dangerously increased. The wiring heats. Heat plus fuel and oxygen means fire. If the wiring is concealed, fire may start in the wall.

In minutes, it may be out of control, perhaps tragically Says the Fire Chief of a prairie community with 25,000 homes: "In most of the older homes where we found over-loaded circuits, practically all were using 30 amp. fuses, and even pennies and tinfoil behind the fuses!"

Check with your fire chief, the utility, an electrician or even a knowledgeable neighbor to make sure you have the proper fuses in your sockets. For under a dime, why gamble with fire?

Child's tragic death casts gloomy shadow

It has been said before, and it will be said again and again, for a compassionate community there is no sadder news than the death by fire of children in the home.

And the shadow deepens when the headlines read: "We left them alone only a few minutes".

For the stricken family, the shadow of its wanton neglect will last a lifetime.

Fire is no accident. Fires are caused by stupid, unthinking carelessness.

Criminal Code of Canada

To parents and guardians of the young let it be known that, besides various provincial laws, the Criminal Code of Canada (section 189) reads:

"Everyone who unlawfully abandons or exposes a child who is under the age of 1 years, so that it's life is or is likely to be endangered or its health is or is likely to be permanently injured is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for two years."

People have a duty to their children, to the community and to themselves to see that the youngstrs are properly looked after.

Buddhists patch up feud with military

By KENNETH L. WHITING

SAIGON (AP) — Moderate Buddhist leaders are patching up the bitter feud with South Viet Nam's military regime caused by the radical Buddhists.

The militant Buddhists spread turmoil in Saigon and cities in the northern part of South Viet Nam six months ago. The government cracked down, and Buddhist leaders now are divided and isolated.

Monks and laymen arrested during the government riots in May and June are trickling out of jail, let go in an apparent conciliatory move by the government. Eleven were freed during the weekend.

More than 1,000 were rounded up during the rioting. Sources say several hundred hard-core militant Buddhists and their followers remain behind bars. They have not been charged.

The Unified Buddhist Church, one faction of Viet Nam's leading religion, spearheaded unrest which led to the overthrow of President Ngo Dinh Diem in 1963. But the radical monks misjudged the situation when they tried to topple Premier Nguyen Cao Ky's government, the sources said.

Their demonstrations attracted world attention without getting the army support in Vie Nam necessary to change the government. Ky's victory and the assembly elections Sept. 11 gave the junta its firmest control in 14 months in office.

Ky rules by careful consensus of his national military committee. The only threat to the air force commander at present may be from rivalry within the junta, sources report.

Thich Tri Quant, who led the militant Buddhists, tacitly admitted the government's secure position when he called off a fast Sept. 17 after 100 days. He had said he would not eat until Ky fell but actually subsisted on dextrose and water with an occasional glass of fruit juice.

The eclipse of the militant Buddhists was due partly to public apathy. Some observers believe the public got tired of their antics.

Buddhism is followed at least nominally by 70 to 80 per cent of South Viet Nam's 15,000,000 population. Only 30 per cent of those are believed to follow the Unified Buddhist Church. The faction is strongest in seven of South Viet Nam's 43 provinces and in Saigon.

It carries little weight in the populous Mekong Delta, where nearly half of South Viet Nam's population lives. Those in the delta follow a different, more peaceful brand of Buddhism and took no part in the May-June disturbances.

"Radical Buddhist political stock is at an all-time low, mostly because they believed their own myth that they could overthrow any government they disapproved of any time they wanted," said one experienced observer.

Subsidies to farmers looms major U.S. topic

WASHINGTON (AP) — Whether to continue government subsidies under farm stabilization programs is expected to be a major topic of debate by organized U.S. agriculture this fall and winter.

These subsidies to farmers are expected to reach a record of $3,500,000,000 this year.

The various national farm organizations will have this issue on the agendas of their national conventions. And they could well make this a major controversy in the 1967 session of Congress.

For the most part, the farm payments are made to supplement income farmers receive from the sale of crops and also to limit plantings of crops that have been surplus.

The American Farm Bureau Federation, an organization which reports the largest membership of any of the national farm groups, may adopt resolutions at its convention in December urging complete withdrawal of most government farm programs.

MAY SEE FIGHT

There is a possibility, however, that this convention may witness a fight over such a proposal because many farm bureau members seemingly have become enchanted with the government payments.

The National Grange, which will hold its annual meeting at Minneapolis in November, is expected to endorse the continuation of payments, particularly for crops which compete in world export markets.

A main argument for the payments is that they permit domestic farm prices to be closer to world markets than had been the case under previous farm control programs which supported prices at levels generally considerably above competitive rates in export markets.

The National Farmers Union, which will not hold its convention until February or March next year, will continue to support use of payments to farmers.

The argument over farm payments will come at a time when U.S. farm prices are stronger than they have been since the Korean War and also when expanded production will be needed for major crops, with the exception of cotton and tobacco.

Decision reserved

VANCOUVER (CP) — Football player Rudy Reschke of the British Columbia Lions applied in country court to have a civil court action against him thrown out. Decision was reserved.

Waitress Paulette Russell claims she was bitten on the behind last Labor Day while working in a Vancouver hotel. A writ filed by her lawyer claimed damages for deliberate and malicious actions which resulted in injury to her right lower dorsal region.

Allan McEachern, counsel for Reschke, said the writ is defective and the case should not be permitted to proceed. He said the waitress could issue a new writ.

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Blow back can kill

Blow back isn't a new term in the vocabulary of fire but recently it got national headlines in a Canadian fire which killed a fire fighter in a high-rise office building fire. Opening a door (it wasn't his fault), the fire fighter was blasted.

When air is heated, it expands and increases in pressure. The vital oxygen is turned into deadly gases.

Now you know one of the reasons why the fire fighter chops a hole in the roof. It is to vent the blaze gases and smoke.

Good job, or no job?

Fires in places where things are made and sold account for nearly half the annual waste. At least $600,000,000 is the cost of industrial fires in the last 10 years in Canada.

Fire disrupts production and employment. In a small community, the loss of jobs is especially serious. If the plant is the only one in town, every citizen, directly or indirectly, suffers if it permanently folds.

Minor fires become big ones largely because of construction weaknesses, lack of protective sprinklers and alarm systems, and inherent fire hazards. Common examples of tructural faults are missing division walls and unenclosed stairways and elevator shafts.

In 1965 there were 56 major fires in Canada each costing upwards of a quarter of a million dollars. The destruction in these 56 fires was $31,172,800. This was a sharp increase over the previous year when the total loss from major fires was $14,290,100.

Loss seen possible

DRUMMOND VILLE, Que. (CP)—Opposition Leader Jean Lesage said he does not think the Liberal party can win the next election 'without the and full paritcipation of youth."

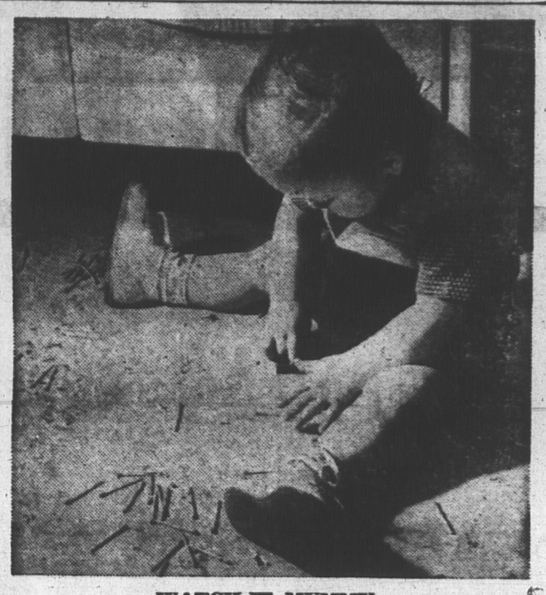
In a message to delegates to the annual meeting of the Quebec Young Liberal Federation, Mr. Lesage said:

"Young people, the Liberal party needs you. You are even more important than we, the elders."

The help of youth was needed in studying the "weaknesses and errors which allowed the Union Nationale to take over power."

In the June 5 election which turned out the Liberals, the Union Nationale received a smaller portion of the popular vote than the Liberals but still managed to gain a majority of the seats in the 108-seat legislature.

The Union Nationale holds 56 seats, the Liberals 50 and independents two.



WATCH IT, MUMMY

SOME CAUSES

A Canadian fire scientist laconically lists the four causes of fire: 1. men; 2. women; 3. children; 4. lightning.

FIRE

PREVENTION

is up to YOU

Fire Prevention Should Begin At Home . . .

- Never leave matches near children
- Don't have that last smoke in bed
- Examine and replace faulty electrical wiring
- Don't store combustibles in your cellar and attic.
- Co-operate with your local fire authorities.

National Fire Prevention Week is being held throughout Canada from October 9 to 15 inclusive.

We urge the citizens of Summerside to be strongly reminded of the dangers and the consequences of fire. It is felt that most fires are caused by carelessness and can be avoided if preventive measures are taken. During Fire Prevention Week we urge you to have your home checked for all fire hazards which may lead to a serious fire.

You co-operation is continually needed to help firemen in your community to protect you from disastrous fires. Not only during Fire Prevention Week . . . BUT . . . 52 weeks of the year we must prevent fires. Don't give fire a place to start. Not only is our property at stake during a fire but also our lives and the lives of our loved ones.

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