



CNR general storekeeper P.F. Padberg, right, explains the operation of this ponderous looking machine — a spike-straightener — to J. C. Carroll of Charlottetown, P.E.I., during a visit to the Moncton shops and reclamation yard. Mr. Carroll, representing the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, was in Moncton for the annual meeting of the CNR regional maintenance of way co-operative committee. (CNR Photo)

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Atomic Battery Principle Simple As Furnace Gadget

By JACK DAVIS
BALTIMORE (AP)—The principle behind the new American atomic device that creates electricity is as commonplace as a simple gadget in many home furnaces. While the pilot light of your gas furnace is on it keeps hot a small metal rod. The heat in this rod generates a low-order electric current which keeps the valve on the gas line open. But when the pilot light goes out, the electrical current disappears. So the valve closes. It's based on a discovery worked out more than a century ago by Thomas Johann Seebeck, called the Seebeck Effect. The Martin Company was given the contract last April to build an atomic device for creating electricity. The project engineer for the device, 33-year-old Melvin Barbat, flew to St. Paul, Minn., to confer with officials of the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, a maker of the commonplace safety gadgets for gas furnaces. USE SEEBECK'S IDEA The two companies decided on using Seebeck's principle in this way: In the centre of a cylinder 4 inches in diameter they would allow space for the heat source. Around this inner cylinder they would place 20 pairs of rods (lead telluride) in V-shapes, with the bottom of the Vs touching the inner cylinder and the top of the Vs against the outer skin of the container.

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School For Stewards And Elders Proves To Be Popular

It was back to school for some 150 elders and stewards of the United Church who attended weekend sessions held at Trinity Church, Charlottetown, conducted by Rev. R.C. Chalmers, D.D., professor of systematic theology at Pine Hill Divinity. The school sponsored by the Prince Edward Island Presbytery Men's Council was held with a view to making officers of the church better acquainted with their duties and included group discussions which enabled each member to participate. Chairing the open sessions was Lester Keizer, president, of P.E.I. Presbytery Men's Council. K.A. Parker was in charge of group discussions. About 45 stewards turned up for the Saturday afternoon school and 105 elders for the Sunday afternoon session. Devotions for the Stewards were led by Norman Stewart and Frank Gosbee. Elders' devotions were led by Gordon Avard and Allison MacKinnon. RICH EXPERIENCE Speaking on behalf of the clergy, Rev. C.R. Webber of Summerside described the schools as an enriching experience which he felt would follow the men of the church for many days to come. The thanks of the elders were summed up by Hon. A.W. Matheson who said the men were indebted to Dr. Chalmers for his inspired leadership over the weekend. He felt the discussion groups were an excellent medium through which men could share ideas and predicted that greater activity would be evident as each group returned to its respective church. Dr. Chalmers drawing from a wealth of experience gained as a pastor, teacher and a member of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service, told the stewards their first requirement in being a good steward was to "give themselves" in the service of their Lord. He emphasized the fact that

Marshfield Church Reports 1958 As Successful Year

A very successful year was indicated by reports of the administrative bodies and church organizations of St. Columba Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, at the annual meeting held on Thursday evening. Opening devotions were led by the minister Rev. Charles Townsley. Rev. Townsley was chairman and Mrs. Earl W.G. Foster was secretary for the evening. After the minutes of the last annual meeting were read the following reports were presented: Session; Rev. Charles Townsley; Board of Trustees, Cecil Stetson; Financial, Scott MacArthur; Endowment fund, W.R. Godfrey; Marshfield Youth Club, Rev. Mr. Townsley; Ladies Aid, Mrs. W.R. Godfrey; Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Townsley; Sunday School, Evelyn Ballen; publication secretary, Mrs. Stanley Scott; flower fund, Mrs. Stanley Scott. Cecil Stetson and Heath Foster were the newly elected trustees. Mrs. John Munn and Mrs. Earl W.G. Foster were named as auditors. Gordon Stetson and Allison Scott were appointed as plate collectors, while William Strang and

Alexandra WI Has Meeting

The regular meeting of the Alexandra Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. George MacLennan. The meeting opened in the usual manner. Six members answered roll call. The school and sick committees gave their reports and the Red Cross convener, Mrs. Owen Beaton, distributed sewing and knitting. Mrs. Glendon Brehaut invited the members to her home for the February meeting. Roll call is to be answered by passing in an article for the Welfare Society. Lunch committee is to be, Marie Vanderkaay and Isabel Beaton.

PERSONALS

A speedy recovery is hoped for Rev. J.M. Fraser, minister of Trinity United Church, Montague, who is a patient in the Kings County Memorial Hospital. Friends of Mrs. D. M. Macdonald, Montague, are sorry to hear of her illness in the Kings County Memorial Hospital. Friends, neighbours and business associates of Mr. Gilbert Clements, manager and owner of Montague Electric Co., are sorry to hear that it was necessary for him to enter the Kings County Memorial Hospital and are looking forward to a quick return to his business.

Two Charged In Theft Case

Two Charlottetown men were arraigned on theft charges when they appeared in city police court Saturday. The men, residents of Summer and King Streets, were charged following a break and entry at the New Way Furniture Company Thursday evening. They are specifically charged with breaking and entering and theft of articles valued at more than \$50. The two selected trial by judge and jury and were remanded for

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