

Investigation Reveals Hot Soot Started Fire

Fire Inspector Louis Ranahe, last night reported that investigation by himself and Fire Chief H. H. Jewell, disclosed that the fire in the apartment building at 211 Prince Street, located at the corner of Prince and Fitzroy, was caused by hot soot from a stove being placed in a cardboard carton.

The carton burst into flames, and the heat caused a two-gallon oil tank attached to the stove to explode and send burning oil through the kitchen of the third-floor apartment.

The stove had been cleaned of soot before it was placed in the carton by Mrs. Bruce Mann, the tenant, recently arrived from British Columbia, who with her two children were out of the building on a shopping trip when the fire broke out at about 11:15 yesterday morning.

Firemen fought the blaze for an hour and a quarter before it was finally declared extinguished, and were forced to work in bitter-cold weather.

The thermometer at that time hovering around seven degrees.

A neighbor reported hearing the explosion shortly before the alarm was sounded. A pumper and two new aerial ladder trucks were employed at the scene. To get at the blaze the firemen were forced to cut a large section of the roof away to gain access to the attic.

Mr. Ranahe said that the blaze caused extensive damage to the third floor apartment and the attic. The second and first floor apartments suffered heavy water damage. No estimate of the value of the damage was available last night.

Formerly owned by Leigh Peacock, the building was recently purchased by Arnold N. MacRae, who occupies one of the apartments.

An earlier alarm was sent in at about 9:45 yesterday morning, when garbage being burnt in a stove set fire to a fire at 217 Weymouth Street. This fire was extinguished without any damage being caused to the building.



Whirling arms of a windmill are centrepiece of the Christmas Panorama display in Simcoe Park at Simcoe, Ont. Scene was shot on Tri-X at 1/11 with a 3-second time exposure by Peter Brown. (CP Photo).

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS PLAY

Christmas parties take a lot of time to prepare for and the school children at the Rehabilitation Centre at the Provincial Sanatorium were taking no chances yesterday. Long before the play was scheduled to begin costumes were put in crates and make-up applied. When all last minute arrangements were made the annual Christmas party was staged.



Here Nurse Ruth MacPhail, combs the hair of Minerva MacDonald. Looking on and all decked out in costumes are Bonnie Ann Stordy, centre and Ray Heckbert.

Group Stranded At East Royalty School By Storm

Some 25 to 30 children and adults were storm-stranded Thursday night at East Royalty School following the annual Christmas concert.

It wasn't until around 8 a.m. yesterday, when the storm had abated and in daylight, that many returned to their homes.

Some of those attending the concert left early as the storm developed but became bogged down or landed in the ditch. They returned to the school and it was decided to spend the night there.

Mrs. Olive Dover, principal, and Mrs. Fanny Webster, teacher, were among those who remained.

Mrs. Dover reported that the school was warned that and that all in a comfortable night was a spent. There were a number of children of pre-school age in the group.

Real Caouette Selected Top News-Maker

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Real Caouette was Canada's man-in-the-news in 1962.

Telegraph editors of daily newspapers, voting in a Canadian Press poll, picked the fluent and controversial deputy leader of the federal Social Credit party as the country's top news-maker for the year.

In second place was Prime Minister Diefenbaker. Others vying some support were Mayor Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa, Liberal Leader Pearson, T. C. Douglas, Agriculture Minister Hamilton, Quebec's Premier Lesage, and Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton.

President Kennedy of the United States was picked as the world's newest man, ousting Nikita Khrushchev, chosen in the three preceding years.

Bruce Kidd, the young track star, was chosen as the newest Canadian individual outside public affairs, in a fairly close finish with sprinter Harry Jerome and Roy Thomson, Canadian publisher who headed this section of the poll last year.

Donald Gordon, Dr. H. D. Dalgleish of the Saskatchewan College of Physicians and Surgeons, and big Fanny Storzoff, leader of the Freedomite march in British Columbia, were others mentioned.

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Assault Case Is Adjourned After Witnesses Are Heard

The case of Archie Andrew Chappel, Stanhope, charged with assault causing bodily harm, was completed yesterday before Magistrate James B. Johnston, M.C., Charlottetown.

The magistrate took the case under consideration and adjourned it until Dec. 31. Allison Gillis was defence counsel while Alan K. Seales conducted the case for the Crown.

Defence witnesses heard included the accused, and George Shaw, Stanhope.

Magistrate Johnston instructed police to issue a warrant for Mrs. Sheila James Brander, New London, when she failed to appear on an assault charge. Const. William A. Williams, C.M.P., Charlottetown, testified he had served a summons on Mrs. Brander to appear in court yesterday.

The case of Wilbur Lemuel Jay, Mt. Stewart, was adjourned until Jan. 25. He is charged with driving a motor vehicle while his license was suspended.

Joseph Gordon MacDonald, Crapaud, charged with wilful damage to windows, had his case set for trial on Jan. 22.

A plea of not guilty was entered by defence counsel, Kenneth MacDonald, in the case of Paul Reginald Morrison, Charlottetown, charged with obtaining goods by fraud. The

Penguins Team Has Young Guests

Several youngsters from the Rehabilitation Centre were guests of the Sports Area and Old Spain Penguins at Thursday night's hockey game.

The young guests were given treats by the Penguins' management during the game.

DISTANT LIGHT

The remotest heavenly body visible to the naked eye is the spiral nebula in Andromeda, 2,300,000 light years away.

NIGHT LIGHT

In Simcoe Park at Simcoe, Ont. Scene was shot on Tri-X at 1/11 with a 3-second time exposure by Peter Brown.

PASSENGERS ESCAPE

PARIS (AP) — Sixty-three passengers in a jet airliner escaped injury Thursday after an engine caught fire as the plane hurtled down an Orly Field runway for takeoff.

The pilot brought the Et Al Israel Boeing 707 to a halt after a spectacular ground loop a few yards from the end of the runway. The fire was put out before flames could spread to fuel tanks. The plane was bound for New York.

CONVULSIONS

St. Dunstan's Basilica will have a Pontifical High Mass at midnight Christmas Eve, the male choir, under the direction of Frank MacIntyre, will sing Leonard's Mass in E flat. Carols sung by the mixed choir will begin at 11:30 p.m.

Festivities on Christmas Day will be at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Central United Church will hold a Christmas service Sunday evening featuring the cantata "O Holy Night" transcribed with a scriptural narration.

Trinity United Church will hold a communion service on Sunday also. At 11 a.m. the senior choir will be singing in an anthem. At 7 p.m. the senior choir will be heard in a carol service with such numbers as "O Holy Night."

St. Peter's Cathedral will hold Christmas Eve at midnight Christmas Eve. The midnight eucharist procession and blessing of the crib will take place at 11:30 p.m.

Services during Christmas Day will include holy eucharist at 8 a.m., Mattins (said) at 9 a.m., a family service with procession and choral eucharist at 11 a.m. and evensong (said) at 5 p.m. All communion services by George O'Dwyer.

GUEST SPEAKER
St. Paul's Anglican Church will hold a communion service at 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve with Rev. A. E. Piercey as guest speaker. The anthem will be "Carols Ring. There will be another communion service at 8:30 Christmas morning and a broadcast service at 10:30 a.m. At the latter service the anthem will be "Hark, What Morn'g Those Holy Voices!"

The Kirk of St. James will hold Christmas services on Sunday, beginning with a church school Christmas service at 9:45 a.m. The Sermon "Bethlehem, the grace and glory of God" will highlight the 11 o'clock service.

LOCAL BREFS

ENTERS HOSPITAL
Mrs. L.G. Anderson, Charlottetown, has entered the Prince Edward Island Hospital for treatment.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS
Col. James L. Morgan, RCAF Chibougamau, Que., is spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morgan, Valley Street, Charlottetown.

MACLEOD FUNERAL — The funeral for John A. MacLeod was held Friday, Dec. 21, from the MacLeod Funeral Home where service was conducted by Rev. T.H.B. Somers. Pallbearers were Edward Lefort, George Larier, Robert Dalziel and selected members of the Canadian Legion. Interment took place in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

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