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## New Perth Barn Burns

MONTAGUE — An electrical storm in the southern Kings area began last evening about 9 p.m. and continued until past midnight. It was accompanied by rain in some areas but Montague remained dry until about 11:30.

As a result of the storm a barn on the farm of Klitcher Smith, New Perth, was struck and destroyed by fire. There were two calves in the building. The barn was to the rear of the farm home and other buildings. However as the rainfall became quite heavy the other buildings did not appear to be in any danger. Members of the Montague Fire Department were on hand to give any assistance necessary.

There was no immediate estimate of the loss. Nor was it learned whether there was insurance.

## Pension Details Revealed

OTTAWA (CP) — The proposed new federal pension plan will provide widows with \$64.06 a month plus \$25 monthly for each of any four of her children who are under 18 or who stay in school until they are 25.

The details were announced in the Commons Wednesday by Prime Minister Pearson, who said the constitutional amendment needed before Ottawa can pay these survivors' benefits now has been agreed to by all provinces except Quebec.

The proposed amendment is before the Quebec legislature. Mr. Pearson indicated that it Quebec deals speedily with the proposal, the federal government may give it priority in the Commons over the flag debate.

Meanwhile, he tabled in the House a June 4 letter to all premiers. The letter includes details of the third revision of the pension plan that he announced in April.

The survivors' benefits proposed by Mr. Pearson are related directly to what the contributor would have received in pension had he lived until he could claim it at age 65.

**\$104.17 MAXIMUM**

The pension, under the latest proposal, will be 45 per cent of the first \$416.67 in monthly earnings, starting at age 65. This works out to a maximum pension of \$104.16 a month.

To get this, an employed person must pay to a maximum annual earnings between \$600 and \$5,000. The employer would have got had he been 65 when he died.

If the contributor died before age 65, this is what his survivors would get:

A \$500 death benefit.

For a widow without dependent children, a flat \$25 a month plus 37½ per cent of whatever her husband would have got had he been 65 when he died.

However, there is this hitch. On the theory that young children on the husband having contributed for at least two years to the plan, or at least one-third of the total number of years it was possible for him to contribute.

All payments are contingent on the husband having contributed for at least two years to the plan, or at least one-third of the total number of years it was possible for him to contribute.

The widow remarries, she loses her pension.

But the orphan's got on drawing their benefits—that is, as long as they don't marry, and as long as he isn't 18, 18 and 25 and still in school.

## Co-Ops Meeting Scheduled Here

OTTAWA (CP) — A conference of financing of co-operatives will be held in Charlottetown, P.E.I., on Wednesday, June 17. The Co-operative Union of Canada said today the unit will be holding its 55th annual congress at the same time.

## Dragger Damaged In Galley Blaze

SOURIS — The Souris River Department was summoned shortly after it broke out on the waterfront at about 8:30 last night.

The galley of MV Polar Fish, a steel dragger fishing out of Souris, suffered extensive damage estimated at between \$2,000 and \$3,000. An oil stove was damaged and the Polar Fish is explained by Jones Bjornsson.

## New Company Incorporated At Summerside

OTTAWA — Letters patent have been issued by the Secretary of State for the incorporation of a new company at Summerside, P.E.I.

Holman's Acceptance Company, Limited, has been incorporated by Alan Hathaway Holman, Richard Thomas Heathorn, Norman Lewis Hogg, Harry Tinson Holman and Donald Ormsby Stewart.

Authorized capital is 400 five per cent non-cumulative, redeemable preferred shares of the par value of \$100 each and 1,000 common shares without nominal or par value.

## Man Receives Death Penalty

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — Joseph Angus MacDonald, 44, of Saint John, was sentenced Wednesday to death by hanging shortly after he was convicted of capital murder in the killing of a Saint John businessman Feb. 15 in an armed holdup.

An accomplice, George William Yeates, 29, of Halifax was sentenced to life imprisonment.

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## WRECKAGE IN WAKE OF ALBERTA FLOOD

Floods followed torrential weekend rains. Many other homes and buildings were heavily damaged. Loss has been estimated in excess of \$1,000,000. Conditions were improving as the water level dropped Wednesday.

(CP Wirephoto)

# One-Leaf Flag Proposal Get Pearson's Comments



## Debate Delayed To Monday

By KEN KELLY  
OTTAWA (CP) — The flag debate in the Commons will open Monday, government House Leader Favreau announced Wednesday.

He did not elaborate on the simple statement as the House rose for its usual Wednesday night off.

It had been expected the debate would open today, but Mr. Favreau, justice minister in the cabinet, said the Commons will spend today and Friday on other priority measures.

Prime Minister Pearson earlier told MPs that two other matters and possibly a third might have to take precedence over the flag issue.

The priority measures include new lending powers for the Farm Credit Corporation now under debate in the Commons; interim spending authority to give the government's current bill a constitutional amendment to permit survivor benefits to be included in the public works bill; and a constitutional amendment to permit survivor benefits to be included in the public works bill.

Delay in the Commons flag debate was additional time for a new flag campaign which came to a head Wednesday. New Democratic Party caucus announced today they will try to replace the three-leaf design of the government's proposed design with a maple leaf representing unity.

The government's design — also Mr. Pearson's personal choice — is a three-leaf maple leaves on a white ground with deep blue vertical bars at the borders.

## POSTAL EMPLOYEES MAKE PRESENTATION

Hubert Coffin, left, of Charlottetown presents retiring postmaster J.J. Conolly with a gift on behalf of the Letter Carriers branch of the postal service during a ceremony held yesterday at the Charlottetown Post office. Mr. Conolly had 46 years of service.

## Non-Op Rail Employees Okay 19-Cent Wage Boost

MONTREAL (CP) — Delegates representing 100,000 non-operating railway union workers voted unanimously Wednesday in favor of a conciliation board majority report which recommended a 19.1-cent an-hour wage increase over a two-year contract.

The railways, whose nominees on the conciliation board presented a minority report calling for a 12-cent-an-hour wage increase over a two-year contract, have yet to make known their stand on the majority report made public May 27.

The final wage increase agreed by the railways and non-ops have not been over that suggested by the majority conciliation board reports in the past.

Frank Hall, chairman of the unions' joint negotiating committee, told reporters following the meeting there was "considerable discussion" about the failure to obtain parity with the durable goods standard.

## Vanier Research Institute Is Set Up By Conference

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Conference on the Family gave birth Wednesday to a new research organization — the Vanier Institute on the Family.

The new institute will bear the name of the governor-general and his wife in recognition of their contribution to the family conference.

The 300 delegates to the four-day meeting were scarcely on their way to their homes across the country before the first organizational steps to set up the institute were completed.

President A. D. P. Heene of Ottawa announced after a meeting of the national conference that he would give the Rt. Rev. Ernest S. Reed, Anglican bishop of Ottawa, would be the institute's first president. Bishop Reed is to select a provisional board to organize the institute as soon as possible. Mr. Heene said.

## Rotary May Open Club In Soviet Union Soon

TORONTO (CP) — It was a letter day for Rotary International delegates attending their 104th convention here Wednesday when they were informed they may be able to expand their service organization to Soviet Russia shortly.

Lord Thomson, Canadian-born publisher and British peer, principal speaker at the third plenary session, announced that he had presented earlier Wednesday, Dr. C. A. R. Romulo, former president of the United Nations General Assembly.

Dr. Romulo, president of the University of the Philippines, said the work of Rotary is next only to that of the UN "in its undeviating commitment to advance in international brotherhood."

He said the international growth of Rotary "must be sustained and valid today" as ever in the past. Rotary, he said, is the only organization that has sustained itself steadily with a program of mutual understanding, goodwill and peace.

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## NEW TRAFFIC SIGN TO BE TESTED

Sharon Hoffman, a Metropolitan Winnipeg transit employee, talking to the new symbolic pedestrian sign which will be erected in Winnipeg next week. They will be an experiment to test public reaction. The new sign will replace the standard "Walk-Don't Walk" signs.

## Dief Says Flag Choice Is Modified Red Ensign

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition Leader Diefenbaker advocated Wednesday a modified Red Ensign as Canada's distinctive flag, but rejected the idea of a general election on the flag issue.

He said in a radio and television interview, recorded by the CBC at his Ottawa residence, that the government's proposed maple leaf design bears no relationship with Canada's past.

"What is being done today is simply trying to throttle Parliament into favoring that which is the prime minister's own personal choice," he said.

"We have the Red Ensign. Changes could be made, in order to bring about the assurance that on the face of the Red Ensign, there should also be the great relationship, the French contribution.

"Let's place something like that on it but let us not produce a flag that bears no relationship to our past."

**CALL FOR CONFERENCE**

The opposition leader reiterated his 1963 call for a federal-provincial conference to decide on the question of the constitution and suggestions for national symbols.

"But I have an election on the basis of a matter like this will divide this country as it has not been divided in the past. It would divide Canada, split it up. We would not be able in the second hundred years to look forward with any anticipation to the kind of Canada you and I believe in — one Canada — from the Atlantic to the Pacific, one nation, not two nations, each the English and the French, with their specific rights under the constitution.

"But put this matter of the flag before the Canadian people and I fear the results."

A committee of both Houses of Parliament in 1945 and 1946 proposed the national flag of Canada should be the Canadian Red Ensign with a maple leaf in autumn golden colors and the bordered background replacing the coat of arms, he said.

"This would identify it as a symbol distinctive of Canada as a nation."

## U.S. Senator Ends Filibuster On Civil Rights

WASHINGTON (CP) — With four votes to spare, the Senate called a halt Wednesday to the 75-day civil rights filibuster by limiting each senator to one hour more of debate on the measure and any amendments offered.

All 100 senators were present for the 710-29 vote invoking closure on civil rights debate for the first time in Senate history. Senate Minority Leader Hubert H. Humphrey said the vote was a "little comforting" to his body.

He told Andrews Brown (NDP — Toronto Greenwood) that a three-hour fast lying today on Friday, June 12, would be suitable for the three-leaf design. "It might be a little comforting" to his body.

**SPLIT RESOLUTION**

The Senate's resolution would give notice of their proposed design change. New Democrats urged in a statement that the government split the flag resolution to permit separate votes on the Canadian flag and the "Tricolor Jack."

The government's resolution would designate the maple leaf flag as Canada's official flag and says that the Union Jack may continue to be flown as a mark of Canada's Commonwealth connection.

After unveiling the proposed design there would be an early debate but would be preserved in time for the business session.

There was no reply to the government's business first other pressing business first.

Senators even toward Wednesday that the NDP announced that government stalling of the Commons will be held on Thursday.

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