

SPOTLIGHT ON THE DISTRICT NEWS

Items of interest gleaned from the newspapers of the district

Township Building Tops Three Million

Building for the first six months in Nelson Township reached a high of \$3,046,408 almost one million higher than the same period last year.

The report released by the building inspector's office at Nelson shows permits totalling 746 were issued for new home construction in the area totalling \$2,560,340.

Five new industries applied for permits during the first six months this year with a total of \$219,000 being spent. There were eight commercial permits issued for new buildings totalling \$29,950.

Farm Buildings, institutional buildings and repairs to existing buildings make up the balance as a total of 290 building permits were issued an increase of 50 over last year.

Minor Car Accident Divides Newlyweds

A just married couple in Brampton had the misfortune to be separated from each other for a while, just a few minutes after they had been pronounced man and wife.

It all happened when they were being driven around the town while waiting for the reception to start. The best man, a stranger to Brampton, was driving the car, and went through a stop sign. The car ran into a station wagon.

The car and station wagon suffered a fair amount of damage, the occupants were only slightly bruised. The bride and maid of honor were driven to the reception in another car while the groom and his best man awaited arrival of the police. However, the couple were later reunited at the reception.

Well-Trained men Do Smoke-Jumping

RED DEER, Alta. (CP)—Saskatchewan's smoke-jumpers are of necessity men of good health, says D. W. Kelly, jump-master with the Saskatchewan Forest Service.

Mr. Kelly told a forestry meeting in this sister province that preference in selecting the jumpers is given to men between 18 and 28 years of age, who weigh less than 180 pounds and are in top condition.

Describing the nine-year-old smoke-jumpers' operation of the Saskatchewan service, Mr. Kelly said it has four crews of four men each. The crews are on duty about six months of the year, stationed either at Prince Albert or Lac La Ronge in the northern part of the province. When fire hazard is low, the men do other forestry work.

A four-week course determines the ability of a man to work as a smoke-jumper. He takes physical training, is taught the use of a parachute and hears lectures and sees demonstrations on first aid, fire suppression and how to use a compass and maintain fire equipment.

By the end of the first week of training, Mr. Kelly said, the men must be able to run six miles. After two weeks, they must be able to tumble safely from the back of a truck travelling at 25 miles an hour.

Before being sent to a fire, potential smoke-jumpers must make eight parachute drops, three of them in the bush. They wear heavy, canvas, snag-proof suits, helmets and masks and Mr. Kelly said the only accident in 5,000 jumps has been a broken hip. The jumpers carry an extra length of rope to lower themselves to the ground should they become "hung up" in a tree.

Two parachutes are worn, one in case of emergencies. The men also learn how to pack and drop cargo, which they will need at the scene of the fire.

When smoke is sighted by a fire watcher, the location and other information is radioed to the smoke-jumpers and one or two crews are sent to the scene. Their job is to assess the situation and hold the line until reinforcements arrive. With wireless sets dropped from the plane at the time of the jump, they can tell firefighting headquarters what is needed.

Guessing Books Helps Children

There's a guessing contest in progress at the Oakville Public Library that should produce some widely read young library patrons by the time September comes along.

Nat. Sylvia Hall, assistant librarian whose particular care is the children's department, has cut pictures from the jackets of more than 40 juvenile books, mounted them on two large sheets of cardboard, and placed them on display in the children's room.

The object of the contest is to identify the book which each of the pictures illustrates. In order to do this a boy or girl will need to have read at least a part of the book. On one sheet, for older readers, there are 23 pictures, while the other, for younger readers has 20. Prizes will go to those naming the most books.

"This contest will show the children who have read and have remembered what they have been reading," Mrs. Hall explained. "Its purpose is to encourage the children to read. It is not an easy competition. I don't know how well adult readers would do in a competition of this kind."

The contest ends in September. Between now and then the children will have time to read enough books to enable them to identify most of the titles represented by the pictures.

School Closed After 99 Years

After serving the district truly and well for 99 years, with many distinguished graduates to its credit, the school in Trafalgar's Union School No. 10 was officially closed last week with a reunion and dance.

Pupils will now be taken to the new Snider's School on Rogers Road pending completion of the new school in Drummond next year.

Paul Bauman of Streetsville has been principal of the school for the past four years.

Eskimo Cooking At '56 C.N.E.

Cooking over a seal oil fire would cause the average housewife to raise her hands in horror. But this is the method Canada's Eskimos use in their northern igloo kitchens.

A display of Eskimo cooking, and normal menus will be one of the features in the Food Building at the 1956 Canadian National Exhibition, August 24 to September 8.

But the actual cooking by two attractive Eskimo maidens in summer parkas will not be done by seal oil fire. This has obvious disadvantages in even as well-ventilated and air conditioned a structure as the Food Building. Everything else will be real, including a cut-away igloo, and samples of some Arctic food for adventurous visitors to taste.

The display by the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources will also have sample recipes for preparing Eskimo food. But the problem of finding the ingredients may be difficult.

The normal diet of Canada's northern nomads includes such items as seal and walrus stew, muk-tuk, bannock—a form of bread and Arctic vegetables.

MONUMENTS

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"Pipeline Corridor" Planned in Nelson

Designation of a "Pipeline Corridor" through Nelson Township, the route to be planned by the Township Planning Board and approved by Council, is seen as a likely outcome of a meeting Monday night of last week when some 30 property owners and Nelson Council discussed the proposed route of a crude oil pipeline with a representative of the pipeline company.

Reeve Harold Adkins said it is quite likely such a corridor will be submitted for consideration of Interprovincial Pipelines who are building the line from Sarnia to Port Credit which crosses Nelson.

Reeve Adkins said that further discussions had taken place Tuesday between Township Officials and Right-of-way agent F. G. Dawson of Interprovincial Pipelines. Mr. Dawson has been provided with a map showing the three pipeline routes already crossing the Township and Reeve Adkins expressed a feeling of confidence that the company will take a second look at the route it has planned and may consider following a route alongside one of the existing pipelines.

Streetsville Wards Is Proposed System Application for establishment of a ward system in Streetsville was made to the Ontario Municipal Board in a by-law adopted by Streetsville Council and submitted for approval.

The plan is to have three wards at present with provision for more as the need arises. Each ward will elect one member to the village council and two members to the school board. The reeve and deputy reeve would be elected from the village at large.

The new system, it is hoped, will be in force for the next municipal elections.

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Chemical Output in 1956 Worth Billion

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's chemicals and allied products industries shipped more than \$1,000,000,000 worth of products in 1955, the first time the figure was ever topped.

Value of factory shipments increased 12 per cent. In 1955 to \$1,050,000,000 from \$936,000,000 in the preceding year, the bureau of statistics yearly review shows.

Nearly all industries in the chemicals group contributed to the record total with the primary plastics and heavy chemicals industries leading the way with 28.2 and 23.6 per cent. increases, respectively.

The rising tempo of economic activity in 1955 was accompanied by a substantial increase in imports and exports of chemicals and allied products.

Imports rose to \$260,500,000 from \$220,400,000 in 1954 and exports to \$210,000,000 from \$160,000,000.

HOT DOG

EDMONTON, (CP)—Firemen placed a frankfurter on an electric cable as part of a demonstration of why such cables should not be touched. A switch was thrown, sending 3,700 volts through the cable. The hot dog disappeared in a puff of smoke.

BIG CATCH

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Fishermen Frank Johnson and Ron Moore decided something was wrong when they noticed a trawl-line they had set was pulled tauter than usual. They investigated and found a 10-foot, 400-pound shark. It took 7 men to land the big fish.

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