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Arichat Sea Captains

(In the days of wooden ships Isle Madame could boast of many sea captains and when sailing ships passed on to give way to steam, some of our men became masters of ships sailing in both coastal and foreign waters and the information we have at hand is about a well-known Arichat man, the late Capt. Alfred Gagnon, whose son, Fred G. Gagnon, now retired resides with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stone of Arichat.—Editor.)

CAPT. ALFRED GAGNON'S SEA CAREER

Capt Gagnon, a native of Arichat was a son of a seagoing family who were very prominent both as master mariners and citizens of the once famous port of Arichat.

Capt. Alfred Gagnon studied navigation in London, England. He returned to Halifax and wrote examinations for navigation and was awared a Masters Certificate of Competency at the age of 26.

The late Capt. Gagnon was considered an authority on marine law and during his long and successful sea career, he was often called upon to make decisions for his owners and brokers.

He came to Arichat shortly after been awarded a Masters Certificate and joined the Schooner Diamond, as mate and sailed on this vessel for over two years. Capt. John Tupper Jean was master

Later he went to Boston and sailed on American three-masters, for over four years. He then joined the "Valley Forge" plying between Boston and Florida.

After three years he joined the new liner "LaGrande Duchesse" 5,000 tons as second officer. This ship plied between Boston, Mass., to Halifax, Port Hawkesbury and Prince Edward Island. He was desirous of owning his own vessel and after three years on the 'Duchesse', he purchased the schr. "Miantonomah" at Boston, Mass., from Capt. Sol. Jacobs, a noted mackerel fisherman out of Boston. His first trip was to Halifax and Arichat with a cargo of flour. He engaged in the coastal trade for a few years making a trip from Dalhousie, N. B., to St. Pierre, Miquelon each summer. In 1903 he sold the vessel to Capt. Doucett, of Summersde, P. E. I. He had at the time a charter to take a cargo of shingles and lumber consigned to Capt. C. P. Terrio, of Arichat and arrangtd with Capt. Doucet, who made the trip to Arichat.

He then sailed the Schooner, Mary Eleanor to Boston and returned to Arichat. where his brother, Capt. Thomas Gagnon was ill with typhoid at his home here.

Then he joined the S. S. City of Ghent, as first officer. This ship was in command of his son-in-law, Capt. Amedee Fougere, of Poulamon In passing, many of the older people on Isle Madame and the Strait of Canso, will remember the sound of the City of Ghent's siren, more especially in the middle of the night when she entered Arichat Harbour. We understand that many took to the woods when they first heard the blast. After a few years Pickford & Black sold the Ghent to a party in Pictou, N. S. The steamer Swansea Trader was placed on the route and Capt. Gagnon sailed on her as first officer. After two years the firm gave up the service and Capt. Gagnon sailed the steamer back to her home port in Swansea, Wales. He returned to New York on the Liner Etruria, and came back to his home in Arichat.

Shortly after he took command of the Schooner M. S. Dowling, the Captain wishing to spend the winter at his home in Guysborough. Capt. Gagnon sailed the Dowling to Barbadoes, B.W.I, with a cargo of lumber and reported a good trip. He then loaded general cargo for Halifax and after a few days at sea ran into heavy gales tearing up all the vessels sails and she drifted on the ocean. They took to the lifeboat and set the vessel on fire as she was a menace to navigation. They were picked up by the steamer, 'Hollywood" Capt. Brown and were landed at Queenstown, Ireland. Cape. Gagnon and his crew then returned to Halifax.

On his return home he joined the tug S.S. Saint Pierre as mate. The Saint Pierre towed the C. N. R. trains placed on scows across from Point Tupper and Mulgrave and return. Capt. Gagnon stayed on this ship for two years.

He then got a call to take command of the new 700-ton three-master, 'Canada', built at Capt. Bernard Melanson's Shipyard at Digby for a firm in Halifax. Capt. Gagnon sailed from Digby with lumber for London, Eng. He sailed the 'Canada' between London and Bordeaux, France for over four years. He returned to Halifax and loaded for St. John, N. B., and on arrival at that port another Capt. took over the command of the vessel.

Capt. Gagnon, returned to Arichat and spent a few months at his home. At about this time the World War I, was declared. Capt. Gagnon took command of the S. S. 'Midland Queen' and sailed in the coastal trade for a short time. Loaded the 'Midland' at Halifax for Sydney, Cape Breton and at that port took on a part cargo for Bordeaux, France. When approaching Ireland a German submarine showed up and ordered the Captain and crew to abandon ship. They left in two lifeboats and when a short distance from the ship, the submarine torpedoed the 'Midland' and sent her to the bottom. Capt. Gagnon and crew drifted about for four days and were finally picked up by a Norweigan steamer which sailed near the Irish coast, where a British ship took them to Liverpool, England.

Capt. Gagnon and his crew returned to Halifax. Before returning to the sea Capt. Gagnon spent a few weeks at his home in Arichat. He then joined the Canadian Navy and took command of ships named Canadian Drifters which were engaged along the Atlantic seaboard.

After the war Capt. Gagnon took fishing vessels from Lunenburg to the Labrador Coast where parties in the fishing industry purchased these vessels. We can recall one of these beautiful schooners, the last name was the 'Colp', and Capt. Gagnon came to Arichat before proceeding to Labrador. How well we remember this pretty schooner tacking out of the harbor under full sail with Capt Gagnon at the big wheel taller than himself. This vessel was the same type as the famous "Bluenose". It was early

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A Brilliant Son of Inverness

I. D. MacDougall Laid to Rest

Isaac Duncan (Ike) MacDougall, of Halifax, a former member of parliament for his native Inverness County, died in hospital at Halifax on Friday, April 2nd. He was 72.

Mr. MacDougall started his political career in 1925 when he was elected at the age of 28, as a federal member for Inverness County. He remained in parliament as a Conservative member for 10 years when he was defeated in 1935. I. D. MacDougall was considered one of the ablest platform orators in Nova Scotia and in fact the whole of Canada.

In 1954 he entered the provincial field and was defeated in a by-election in his home riding of Inverness.

His mother was the former Caroline LeVesconte, daughter of the Hon. Isaac LeVesconte, a former cabinet minister, who served in the government of Sir John A. MacDonald, and was a native of Arichat.

The late Mr. MacDougall was always grateful for the training he received from his late cultured mother and often when addressing a gathering spoke in glowing terms of his mother.

After graduating from St. F. X. University, Antigonish, he taught Economics at that University for a year and then retired to run his first election at the age of 21 on the Farmer- Labour ticket and was defeated. He was a champion in the cause of Labour and in his support for the working man did much to bring about many helpful measures.

He received his B. A. and Masters Degrees at a very early age.

The memory of Ike MacDougall will live on for many years to come in his native Inverness and throughout the Province of Nova Scotia. He was the instigator of many social services we now enjoy in this country.

He is survived by his wife Winnifred; one son, Kelvin who is practising law in Montreal; also one daughter in the Southern United States; also one brother, John C. MacDougall, Halifax.

The funeral which was largely attended by old friends and aquaintances from all over Inverness County and bordering counties of Cape Breton took place from Stella Maris Church, Inverness with interment in the church cemetery.

Among the relatives attending the funeral was a cousin, Peter I. LeVesconte of Dartmouth.

TO BUILD TWO TRAWLERS AT FERGUSON INDUSTRIES

The Nova Scotia Fishermen's Loan Board, with Executive Council approval, has authorized a loan of $670,600 towards the construction and equipping of two new steel trawler-seiners for Martin Seafoods Limited of Halifax.

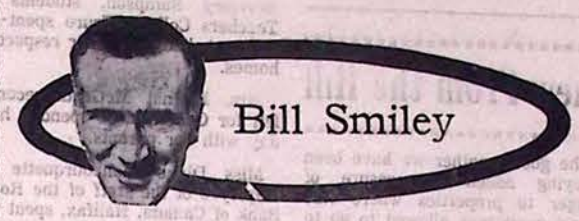
Announcement of the loan approval was made by Fisheries Minister James M. Harding.

The two vessels will be built by Ferguson Industries Limited of Pictou at a contract price of $1,341,200 for the company which is associated with Martin Fisheries Limited of Vancouver.

Commenting on the announcement, Agricultural Minister Harvey A. Veniot, MLA for Pictou West, said the conract would be a major economic boost for the Pictou area and expressed satisfaction the successful bid tendered by Ferguson Industries Limited.

The two vessels, designed by Jackson, Talbot, Walkingshaw and Associates of Vancouver, will be 140 feet in length with a 34 foot beam and a 12-foot moulded depth. Each will be equipped with the latest navigational, fish detection and hydraulic seining equipment.

Catches made by the vessel, to be manned by 10 men each, will be sold to National Sea Products Limited. Both are scheduled for completion late this summer.



Students are after me

If you hear that my house has been burned, or that student rioters have occupied my study and taken axes to my typewriter, don't be surprised. The student militants are after me.

Their hackles were raised when I suggested in a recent column that they get away with everything but murder.

I said it and I mean it. There shouldn't be one law for the rich and another for the poor. And there shouldn't be one law for some poor devil of a kid who gets six months for stealing something worth $55 and another law for students who commit arson, destroy property, and are hailed as martyrs.

From Halifax, one Barrie Sandham launches an attack, after condescendingly telling me that he is not a regular reader of my column, but "glances over it" once in a while.

While admitting that he is not one of them, he defends student activists. Without them, says he, nothing would be accomplished in getting rid of the dead hand of administration in the universities.

In that case, why are you not one of them, young Barrie? Are you one of the hundreds of thousands who sit back and let a few do the dirty work, and then get on the gravy train when the smoke has cleared? There's a mixed metaphor I defy even an Irishman to better.

His letter is too long to quote, but he adopts a familiar type of "logic" in it. When you can't refute the argument, attack the speaker. So he accuses me of: Writing something serious; being a subscriber to Time magazine; hiding behind someone else's opinions; writing for right-wing fanatics; mud-slinging; and worst of all, probably being double-chinned. That gives you an idea of the coherency of the letter.

Dear boy, you are 120 percent wrong. I often write seriously; never read Time except in the dentist's office; never hide behind others' opinions; write for Canadians from plumber to politician, doctor to ditch-digger, teacher to teenager; don't sling mud though sometimes rocks; and have a chin like a shovel. That's 100 percent. The other 20 percent is for spelling and grammar errors, though perhaps this is unfair, as you are obviously a college student.

As though this weren't enough, comes a searing letter, dripping with sarcasm, from a young lady in Red Deer, Alta. It encloses a paragraph from my column, out of context, and is on behalf of all militant students.

Somehow, I emerge as the villain. "We have destroyed parks, universities and computers, but you and your gleeful following have broken the mental barriers and destroyed the values and inhibitions that held us back. Someone had to unleash the hounds and I don't think they should go unnoticed." Who? The hounds?

Then she compares me with her dad, who apparently wasn't strict enough. Then: "We kids let ourselves go sometimes but what an orgy of unrestrained jealousy your generation has had."

Dear girl, say it isn't so. I haven't broken a mental barrier or destroyed any values or inhibitions (including my own) for years. And I have never yet unleashed a single hound. I, too, let myself go sometimes. But unrestrained jealousy? Pity is the emotion I feel most often toward young people.

Then she attacks newspapermen. "You sure know how to use the old axe. If we stole their (politicians) car they'd have it back tomorrow. You can take their name and reputation and get paid for it." Nonsense, love. If you stole a car, you'd be arrested. If I stole a name or reputation, I'd be sued for libel.

Final excerpt: "The smart ones work behind the scenes and let others go to jail. Besides, you've solved the problem of eternal youth." I'm afraid I don't get the connection. But I'd be happy to serve a jail term if the latter statement were true. You should have my bursitis, kid, along with my falling hair, teeth and arches.

All I can say is: Student activism — yes; student terrorism — no.

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THE LAST WORD

By Henry Fletcher

(The following feature was taken from a recent edition of "Oxfam Canada News" and written by Henry Fletcher and contains some very timely facts on how charity operates today in the relief of poverty. We feel Oxfam is doing a very fine service and any help to this organization will be gratefully acknowledged.—Editor)

"I wonder how the majority of readers of this column would answer the question: "What does charity mean today?"

A hundred years ago perhaps it was easier. To help the poor, you distributed a basket of groceries, or old clothes in a very personal way. Charitable societies were set up for the relief of poverty on similar lines.

Human compassion is a noble emotion and can be a strong spur to action. It was compassion which moved a small group of people to found Oxfam, 27 years ago, to send relief to famine stricken Greece and then to go on helping the hungry, the refugees, the dispossessed in 120 other countries. In these years, Oxfam has given a great deal of relief to many thousands of people. Sometimes day to day relief is still necessary and may be the only thing to do. Only last week I recommended an Oxfam grant for distributing milk to children in remote villages of Mexico.

But relief handouts do not make any permanent change in the situation. They may do good and even save lives; but looking at the world as a whole it is obvious that you cannot solve the problems this way. So, during the past ten years, Oxfam and many other organizations have been turning their attention more to development which really means helping people to help themselves. Instead of just feeding people, you help farmers to grow more food. Instead of handing out food and medicines you set up schools and clinics and train the local people to tackle the problems themselves. Oxfam now spends wel! over half of its money on this sort of development, and I think that most people would agree that this is right.

Does it go far enough? However successful these projects may be, (and I have seen many which have made an enormous difference) are they doing more than apply a band-aid? Does the whole Canadian aid programme in fact do any good, if, at the same time we and other rich nations are exploiting the development countries by paying unfairly low prices for their products. Would Oxfam do more good by agitating for an increase in the price of coffee than by spending its money on projects?

In reality, these alternatives aren't as clear cut as this. Nor can there be a simple answer. But, many people are asking whether Oxfam should not be more actively pressing the Government to give more and better aid to modify the injustice of Canada's trading policies. I would be interested to hear readers' reactions.

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View From the Hill

The good weather we have been enjoying added a measure of danger to properties where last year's grass was allowed to go to hay that was never harvested. Burning last year's hay crop off to make way for the new crop is a good thing for the new grass but such burning must be controlled and closely watched as fire can very easily get out of control and then property is endangered.

The recent grass fire in the eastern end of Arichat was a good example of what can happen when such fires get out of control.

In communities that depend on a few volunteers to take care of fires it is most deplorable that there were not enough hands available to cope with such a conflagration. Our community responsibility is not completely fulfilled when we pay the few cents area rates to support our volunteer fire departments.

Whenever there is a fire of any kind in the community there is a danger to the properties of everyone. It is very important that every man in the area come forward and lend a hand to extinguish the flames.. Leo Martell and his men are NOT repeat NOT paid to fight fires. That they assume this responsibility we are indeed fortunate—but others must come forward whenever there is a fire to lend a hand.

Grass and bush fires are difficult to control and many hands with rakes and shovels are necessary to lend a hand to the other volunteers.

April 15th marks the start of the Cape Breton Island Spruce Up Campaign. So you wives can start nagging that horizontal body in front of the T.V. to get up, get out and rake up the yard. Tell him to bury that old washer he was going to fix up three years, that's still out in the back yard. Those old tires can be laid out on the front lawn and filled with ground for your favorite pansy or nasturtium plants.

After you get your own property in shape don't forget the widow down the road who has no man to do the chores. Lend her a hand to get her property spruced up too. Just make sure the widow you help is older and not as attractive as the Mrs. or you'll really have a job on your hands. Then, the young, good looking widows always seem to have lots of volunteers. It's been said there's safety in numbers so maybe you had better get together with a couple of neighbors and then tackle the widow's place.

Fishing season opens the 15th April too, so the place must be spruced up before you get the fishing tackle out.

April is indeed a busy month, did you get the Income Tax away yet? It must be mailed before the end of the month. Of course the smart ones with refunds coming were only too anxious to get theirs done and away. Most people find it a chore to struggle with their return and are only too happy to get help from any source. Witness the millions of dollars being made by the two business firms that are concentrating on doing the job for those who are willing to pay their fees.

The mildest winter in years has left very little ice around our that we will have an early Spring coast and it looks from the Hill and a long hot summer.

Why, last week, I saw a pride of "Lions" at work at Pondville Beach. The climate of Isle Madame must be changing. The "Lions" are doing their best anyway.

JOHN A.

IN BRIEF FROM THE BBC BACK TO NATURE

"Why do so many people equate a lack of clothes with a lack of morals? After all, people were pretty well covered around the time of Charles the Second, but I understand moral standards were none too high."

A listener's letter broadcast in the BBC's Woman's Hour.

FEELING THE PINCH

"Have you noticed the avalanche of advice in the press lately about how to cosset our money and invest it wisely? What puzzles me is that all the articles assume that we actually have some money left over at the end of the month to invest."

Elizabeth Bristow, in a BBC broadcast.

L'ARDOISE NEWS

Friends of Mrs. Don Martell, L'Ardoise West, is a patient at St. Rita Hospital, Sydney, where she underwent surgey. All hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Sampson of Halifax, spent the week-end at their summer home here.

Mayor Dan A. MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald, Glace Bay, were Sunday motor visitors with their son, Rev. Father Stanley MacDonald, P. P.

Miss Theresa Briand and Miss Beverley Sampson, students at Teachers College, Truro spent the Easter holidays at their respective homes.

Mrs. Emmet McGrath recently left for California to spend a holiday with her parents.

Miss Diane Monbourquette an employee of the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada, Halifax, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Monbourquette.

Friends of Oneseme Martell, will regret to hear that he is on the sick list.

Mr. Terry Clements of Corner Brook, Newfoundland, a student at St. F. X. University, Antigonish, was a week-end visitor at the home of Mr. Peter Clannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pastarius and two children, Halifax, were holiday week-end visitors at the home of Mrs. Pastarius father, Mr. Emmanuel Monbourquette.

Miss Mary C. Monbourquette of L'Ardoise West, was a recent visitor to Halifax.

Rev. Father John MacDougall who recently arrived from Honduras, Central America, spent a few days here the past week visiting Rev. Father MacDonald, P.P.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gillen and family of Halifax were recent motor visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Madden, Point Michaud and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sampson.

L'ARDOISE C. W. L.

At the March meeting the spiritual convener of L'Ardoise C.W.L. Council reported on religious study clubs held in each district of the parish during the lenten season and as they were very instructive the director, Rev. Father Stanley MacDonald asked that the groups continue after Easter.

Social Action convener, Mrs. Charles Carroll reported collecting for the Red Cross and Heart Fund, visiting homes for the aged, giving out three boxes of used clothing for needy families. She also urged members to attend a blood donor clinic at Port Hawkesbury.

Citizenship and Community Council convener stressed the urgent need of housing for our teachers and the need of a full time instructor for physical education during the summer months.

Donations were given toward renovation of the interior of the church; to Father MacKinnon for his mission in Central America; to Father Abbas for Sunday Mass for shut-ins and to the Community Council. A personal donation was raised for the monthly Mass for living and deceased members of the parish.

A letter of appreciation was sent to C.J.F.X. Radio for presenting, "The Hour of the Crucified" and a letter to the Passionate Fathers, commending them on this program. A 'Thank You Note' was to be sent to Miss Mary Monbourquette for a lovely afghan donated to the members to raise funds.

In his talk to the members, Rev. Father Stanley MacDonad reminded members that during the season of lent especially, we should try to know Christ better in our daily life.

A social period followed the adjournment.

METAL STUDS IN TIRES PROHIBITED AFTER APRIL 15

Use of metal studs in tires on cars and trucks operating on Nova Scotia highways after April 14 is a violation of the Motor Vehicle Act regulations Highways Minister Hon. I. W. Akerley reminded motorists in an announcement made on the 9th day of April.

Metal studs are permitted on provincial highways between October 15 to April 15 according to driving conditions and subject to certain restrictions.

Since the advent of Spring weather many motorists have already had snow tires removed from their cars. However, with approximately 65 percent of all new snow tires sold in the province now being equipped with studs, the Department of Highways is concerned that some vehicle operators may not be aware of the regulations regarding their use.

Use of studs in snow tires after April 14 can result in a maximum $25 fine for a first offence, and up to $100 and six months in jail for a third offence. A conviction for the offence also gives the violator a point under the penalty system.

DR. J. N. MacNEIL St. F. X. APPOINTED CONSULTANT TO GOVERNMENT OF N. S.

HALIFAX—Dr. J. N. MacNeil of St. Francis Xavier University, and vice-chairman of the Nova Scotia Voluntary Planning Board has been appointed a consultant to the the Government of Nova Scotia, wth particular reference to economic planning.

The appointment effective April 8, is a temporary one, and Dr. MacNeil will retain his present positions at St. Francis Xavier as director of the Extension Department and vice-president for Adult Education.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Hon. W.S.K. Jones, minister of finance and economics.

Mr. Jones said that Dr. MacNeil, during his term of office, will be director of the Program Development Agency and of Voluntary Economic Planning.

Mr. Jones said the appointment aims at engaging all planning bodies in the production of one economic plan for the province, both for provincial purposes and for dealings with the federal government.

Co-ordination of staffs, he added, is intended to provide efficient planning at the professional planning level.

At the same time, the Voluntary Planning Board will continue to draw upon its main resources, the advice and direction of people in all walks of life. This, Mr. Jones continued, should ensure public participation in economic plans as they are developed and, presumably, will bring them public support.

The Voluntary Planning Board, formed in 1963 by Act of the Legislature, is made up of representatives of virtually all sections of community. Nearly 700 people serve on the Board and its various committees, on a voluntary basis, without remuneration.

Dr. MacNeil, as part of his responsibilities, will be concerned with relationship between provincial and federal deveolpment programs and is expected to make recommendations aimed at avoiding both duplication of effort and conflict of purpose in this area.

"This appointment is a fine tribute to St. Francis Xavier and to Father MacNeil. Realizing the importance of a co-ordinator and comprehensive development plan for the province, and aware of Father MacNeil's deep involvement in this field, we are pleased to have him devote the major portion of his time to this task during the coming months."

A. R. Harrington, chairman of the Voluntary Planning Board, said:

"The appointment of Dr. MacNeil will enable the Voluntary Planning Board to work much more effectively. The co-ordination of the activities of both government and private sectors should allow the Board to bring forth a more comprehensive plan for Nova Scotia and thus greatly assist the provincial government in its dealings with the new federal Department of Regional Expansion."

Dr. MacNeil is a native of Sydney, N. S. In additon to his offices at St. Francis Xavier and his services with the Voluntary Planning Board, he is a member of the executive of the Canadian Council on Rural Development; a director of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, (APEC); a past president of the Canadian Association of Department of Extension and Summer Schools; a past vice-president of the Canadian Association for Adult Education (CAAE); and a past president of the Nova Scotia division of CAAE.

REPORT ON HIGHWAY CONDITIONS IN PROVINCE

First section of Nova Scotia's highway system to become relatively free of frost conditions and able to cope with heavy vehicular traffic is the western shore route between Halifax and Yarmouth.

The Nova Scotia Highways Department announced that after midnight, April 3 the Spring Weight Restriction implemented in February will be lifted on Trunk 3 from the intersection of Route 103 at Hubbards, through to Yarmouth, and all roads to the shore from this highway.

Normal summer axle weights will be permitted for heavy truck traffic, without any allowance for weight tolerances.

The mild winter resulted in the earliest road closing in the province's history this year, but the relative lack of frost conditions is also permitting an earlier than usual reopening of highways to heavy traffic. Additional announcements on opening of other sections of provincial highways are anticipated shortly as soon as road conditions permit.

Continual testing of asphalt and road base conditions is underway by the Department's mobile lab facilities to determine when reopening is feasible.

POST MARKS

In 1832 Canadian Publishers, as well as other disaffected groups in the colonies at the time, were active in lobbying for Canadian control of the posts.

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In 1837, many postmasters and mail couriers in Lower Canada were in sympathy with the colonial rebels. Some were dismissed on these grounds.

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Lord Durham, prior to the famous report on the state of affairs in Canada, recommended that the Post Office should be administered from one centre.

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Canada's present postal system is based on that of Great Britain, bu it has been directed by Canadians since 1851.

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The Canadian postal services were not controlled from one centre in 1851. Instead, the provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick had independent postal systems.

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In 1867, there were 2,333 post offices in the province of Canada, 630 in Nova Scotia, and 438 in New Brunswick.

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The first Canadian stamps were issued, in denominations of 3d., 6d., and one shilling, when the province of Canada took over its own postal system in 1851.

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The first Canadian money order service was instituted by the province of Canada in 1855 by the Canadian postal system. By 1968, the Post Office Department's turnover in his field was over one billion dollars annually.

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In twenty-nine years, from 1939 to 1968, postal sales rose from $42 million to $337 million.

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The first Congress of the Universal Postal Union to take place in Norh America during this century took place in Ottawa in 1957.

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Earth statellite stations in Europe and in North and South America have ust completed "locking on" to Intelsat 3, the first satellite link in a global communicaions chain.

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The Romans had a well-organized postal service, both on land and sea, although it was mainly confined to carrying messages of state.

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The Romans made good use of their excellent roads by linking cities with chains of "postas". These were men's quarters and stables along the routes of their ancient "pony express" system.

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The "pony express" system of mail delivery was first set up in England in the year 1482 to convey military instructions to soldiers figthing with Scotland.

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The frst railway in Canada ran from Laprairie, P.Q., to St. John's, Province of Quebec. The train was operated on the sixteen miles of track by the Champlain and St. Lawrence Company.

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In 1825 there were only about 90 Post Offices in this Country from Atlantic to Pacific, as compared with almost 10,800 at present.

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The American Revolution brought about the first exclusively Canadian postal service. Prior to that time the service covered the British possessions in what is now the United as well as Canadian.

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Lists of undelivered letters were posted in pioneer Post Office lobbies. Later, it became the custom to publish addressees' names in newspapers. Now directory service is given such letters and if the correct address is not found, the letters are then returned to senders.

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Corduroy roads, built by laying logs side by side over bush trails, resulted in bumpy travels for early Canadians and their mail. At least it was an improvement over previous roads, on which passengers would often be reuired to push the stage coach out of mud holes.

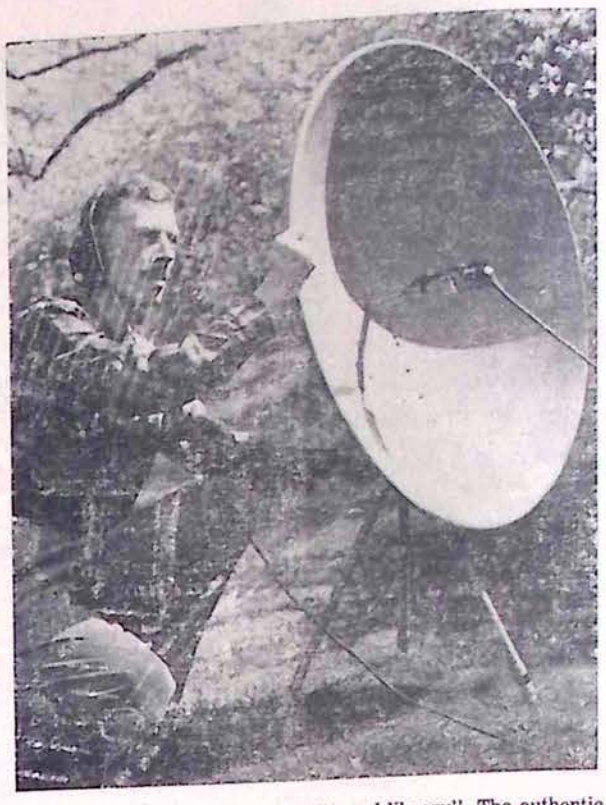
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An average of 12 commemorative postage stamps are issued annually in Canada.

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Street letter boxes used in England and in Canada were called, "pillar" boxes because they resembled pillars. These boxes were first introduced at Toronto 110 years ago, later their use was extended to other centres.

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VOICES OF APRIL

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The Province of Nova Scotia Lands and Forests Act, Part II, Section 96 (1) states that:

"No person shall, without first having obtained leave in writing from the chief ranger or a sub-ranger, within sixty rods (990 feet) of any woods make, kindle, or start a fire for the purpose of blueberry culture disposing of garbage as a commercial undertaking or other than on his own premises, disposing of any slashings, edgings, sawdust or other refuse lumber or for the purpose of clearing land or other like purpose between the 15th day of April and the 15th day of October."

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ISLE MADAME SQUADRON

The Annual Cape Breton Island Rifle Shoot was staged at the 678 Isle Madame Shooting Range on April 12. Fourteen Air Cadet teams competed for the Trophy. Along with these teams, were three non-competitive teams; 1 Army — North Sydney; 1 Navy — Westmount and the Tatamagouche Air Cadet team was also in attendance.

The Isle Madame Squadron took second place in this particular event and our team also took the second high single, a beautiful 97, shot by Cadet Sgt. David Britten.

North Sydney Squadron out-shot the Isle Madame team by three points to maintain their championship.

On April 10th., the Cape Breton Cadet Hockey Championships were held at the Sydney Forum. Fourteen Cadets and three accompanying Officers from 678 Isle Madame Squadron motored to Sydney for this occasion. There were many teams competing and a nice day filled with anxious moments and good sportsmanship was enjoyed by all. The Isle Madame team coached by Lt. Doug Forgeron did extremely well and look forward to a return trip next year. The official winner of this tournament was the North Sydney Squadron.

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Gus Bouchard, who passed away, April 18, 1960.

Just a prayer from those who love you,
Just a memory, fond and true,
Just to say how much we miss you
Because we thought the world of you.
Memories are treasures no one can steal,
Death is a heartache no one can heal,
Some may forget— now you are gone
But we will remember - no matter how long.

—Always remembered by friend,
Johnny Stone, Germany.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



From Sydney

Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. A. F. Arnold, of Sydney, were visiting at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lewis of this place, for several days.

Both Archdeacon and Mrs. Arnold are well and favourably known in Arichat, and friends were glad to see them. Archdeacon Arnold is now retired from the Ministry, after over fifty years of dedicated service to the church.

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Visiting Her Sister

Miss Edith Terrio, of Halifax, spent the week-end holiday here with her sister, Mrs. Clara Lake.

Edith is employed by the Motor Vehicle Branch of the Dept. of Highways, Halifax.

Friends here were pleased to see Edith.

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SYDNEY TEACHER WINS SPEECH FELLOWSHIP

Mary Lynch, assistant professor of speech at Xavier College, Sydney, has been awarded the Margaret McWilliams Travelling Fellowship by the Canadian Federation of University Women.

The $3,500 fellowship is for doctoral studies in speech communication, which Miss Lynch will undertake at the University of Michigan this September.

Professor Lynch, a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, received a Master's degree in speech education in 1966 from New York University.

Professor Lynch is the only daughter of Mrs. W. T. Lynch and the late Mr. Lynch of Sydney. She will be on leave of absence from Xavier College for the next two years.



JOHN N. FERGUSON

The death of a well-known Kempt Road resident, John Neil Ferguson, occurred on Saturday at St. Anne Hospital, Archat. He was 53 years old and was the son of the late Norman S. and Margaret (MacDonald) Ferguson. He was born at Grantville, Richmond County.

He is survived by three borthers, James, Kempt Road; Murdock, Cleveland and Alex at MacIntyre Lake; one sister, Mary B., at home.. The remains were taken to the home of his brother, Murdock in Cleveland.

The funeral took place from the Cleveland United Church with Rev. Anna Taylor officiating. Interment was in the Grantville Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Thompson and Haverstock Funeral Home.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved brothers and sisters.

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WEEK-END VISITORS

Douglas MacDonad accompanied by Miss Janet Smith were week-end visitors here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James MacDonald.

Doug holds a position on the staff of the Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax.

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TO SYDNEY

Miss Sally Madden is visiting relatives and friends in Sydney for a few days. Miss Madden resides with Miss Lizzie MacDonald of this place and for many years was employed in Sydney before her retirement.

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VISITING HER AUNT

Miss Sandra MacDonald, R. N., of Glace Bay, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mary Acton of Arichat.

Sandra is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rannie MacDonald and is on the nursing staff of St. Elizabeh Hospital, North Sydney.

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FOR SALE — 4½ton Chevrolet Truck, complete with hoist and hardwood box; also extra set of tires. For particulars apply to Roddie Bonin, Cape La Ronde or phone 54-3 Arichat Exchange.

PRINCESS IN LINE FOR SPECIAL AID

PORT HAWKESBURY — At a special meeting of the Canso Causeway Citizens Band Radio Club held in the Fire Hall at Port Hawkesbury on Monday evening, Miss Margaret Terrio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Terrio, D'Escousse, Isle Madame, Richmond County, was chosen as princess to represent the club at an anniversary supper dance to be held at Donkin, May 10, 1969. The supper dance is being sponsored by the First Glace Bay Citizens Band Radio Club. From those princesses attending this affair a queen will be chosen, and shall represent all Cape Breton Citizens Band Radio Clubs and will appear at the 5th Annual Jamboree this coming July to be held at Tony and Mary's Camping Grounds, Dundee, Richmond County.

The idea of selecting princesses for each club and the crowning of a queen was arrived at by the Canso Causeway Citizens Band Radio Club.

A photo and suitable container will be placed in various areas. Voting will be done by the penny vote system. One penny for each vote cast. Since the voting will run until May 10th and is open to club members and all interested citizens it is hoped that many votes will be cast by the people in the Canso Strait area, thus enabling Miss Terrio to be successful in obtaining the title of queen and have the opportunity to represent our club as queen of Cape Breton Citizens Band Land.

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From Halifax

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cooper, and her son Everett, of Halifax, were holiday visitors to Cape La Ronde, guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Mauger.

Mrs. Cooper is the former Jean Latimer, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William E. Latimer of Cape La Ronde.

Mr. Cooper is now retired having been employed for some years by the Nova Scotia Liqour Commission Mail Order Store.

Before returning to Halifax, they visited friends and relatives.

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From Dartmouth

Mr. and Mrs. Peter I. LeVesconte of Dartmouth, were holiday visitors to St. Peter's and Pondville.

While here, Mr. LeVesconte attended the funeral of his late cousin, I. D. MacDougall at Inverness.

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In Hospital

Earl Lewis, Manager of Booth Fisheries Plant at Petit de Grat, was a patient in the City Hospital, Sydney, for several days.

We are happy to report that Mr. Lewis is now much improved in health.

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Sealed tenders addressed to the Minister of Highways, Halifax Nova Scotia will be received up to twelve O'Clock Noon, Daylight Saving Time, on Tuesday, May 6th, 1969 for the following sections of highway in Nova Scotia.

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CONTRACT NO. 69-11: TWO SECTIONS IN RICHMOND COUNTY:

SECTION "A": Relocated Port Malcolm Road from Station 20-00 to Station 80-00, approximately 1.14 miles:
SECTION "B": Reinforced Concrete Box Pipeway at Station 75-71.55;
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Tender forms may be obtained on and after April 17, 1969. Security Deposit required with the tender $30,000.00. Each tender for the work must be on the regular form which may be obtained at the office of the Department of Highways, Halifax, Nova Scotia and must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque payable to the Department of Highways of Nova Scotia for the amount of deposit as shown above. The Department makes a charge of $1.00 for each tender form, $3.00 for each complete set of specifications and $5.00 for each set of plans, which payments are not refundable..
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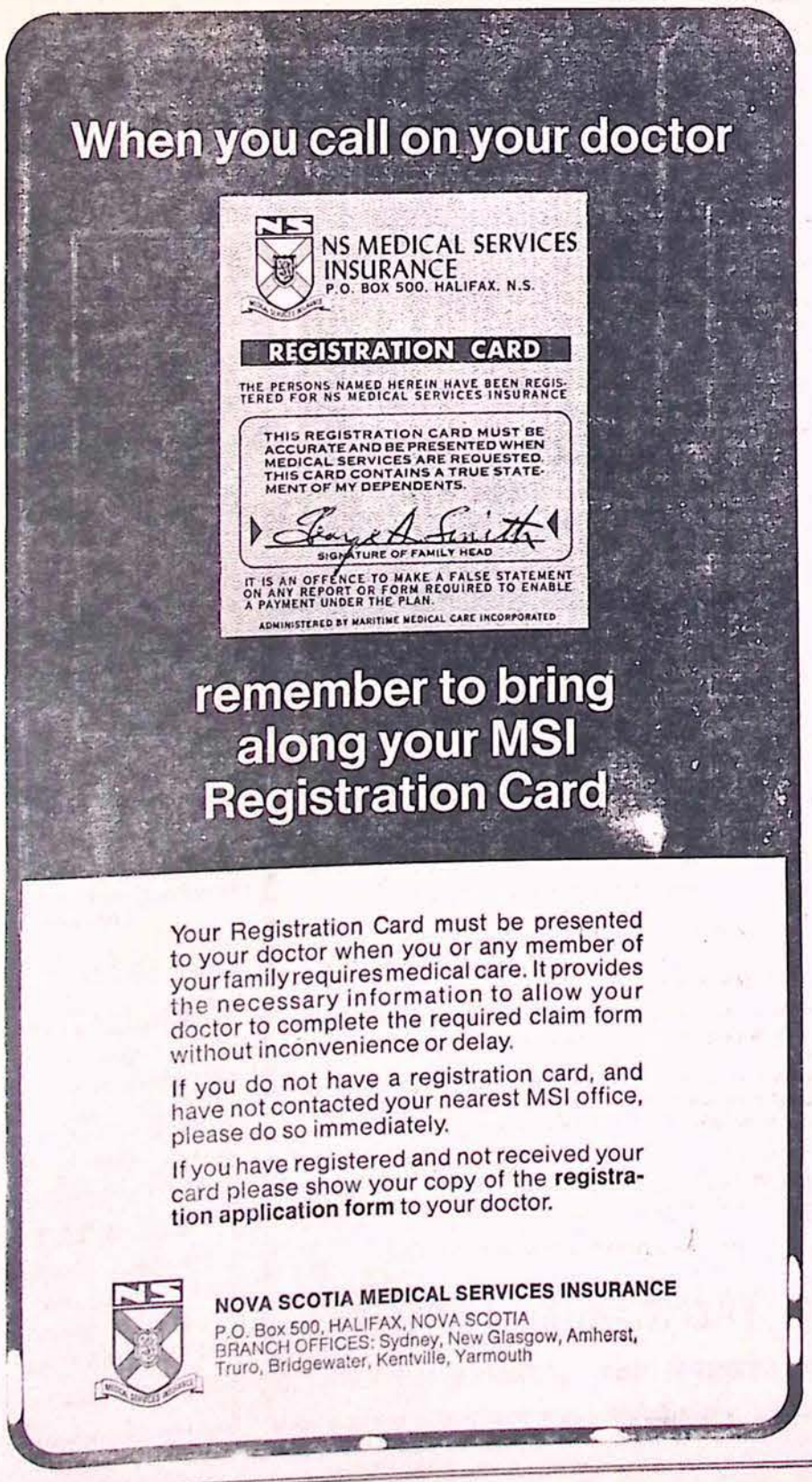
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SEA CAPTAINS OF ISLE MADAME

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autumn when Capt. Gagnon took this vessel to Labrador and we can well imagine he ran into some pretty rough weather as well as ice conditions.

We can also recall Capt. Gagnon after this coming into Arichat Harbor in command of a three-master. We are not certain, but she could have been the 'St. Claire Theriault', before our good friend, Capt. Jack Parker, purchased her and of which he mentioned in one of his splendid marine stories of the days of sailing ships.

During semi-retirement the Capt. took command of ships for short periods and would also pilot the car ferries, Scotia I and Scotia II to Halifax for annual repairs.

His last command was the S. S. Arichat on the Arichat-Mulgrave and Petit de Grat Service. After a year he retired and Capt. Alexander H. MacKinnon took command of the S. S. Arichat. Capt. MacKinnon was another very capable Master Mariner of this port. We are looking forward to a story of Capt. MacKinnon's sea faring experiences most of which was in the foreign trade. We would like to receive some notes about Capt. MacKinnon.

Capt. Gagnon during his retirement enjoyed sailing on Arichat Harbour and purchased a pleasure craft and would take neighbors and friends on fishing trips in Chedebucto Bay. The late Karl Lorman, who resided at West Arichat was one of his crew members; also his brother, the late Capt. Thomas Gagnon and his faithful engineer Vincent Power, now residing in Needham, Mass., and we are sure Vinny will always remember his fishing trips with Capt. Fred and it wouldn't do to get sea sick when sailing with the old Capt.

Capt. Gagnon died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Arichat in 1932.

A daughter of the late Capt. Gagnon, Mrs. Amedee Fougere, resides in Hailfax.

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SINGALONG JUBILEE REPLACES DON MESSER THIS FALL

The CBC have announced that Singalong Jubilee, featuring singing host Bill Langstroth will replace Don Messer's Jubilee on the CBC-TV network this fall.

Singalong Jubilee, which has been the summer replacement show to the ten-year running Don Messer series since summer of 1961, will be telecast Fridays at 9:00 p.m.

In making the announcement Doug Nixon, Director of Entertainment Programming for the CBC's English network said: "Don Messer and other members of the Jubilee's cast have been popular performers with our listeners over the last decade, and his show has made a great contribution to Canadian television.

"Our decision to switch Singalong Jubilee to a fall winter presentation is intended to inject a fresh new element in our light entertainment schedule and to provide a program with a younger look and younger orientation."

HALIFAX PHOTOGRAPHER WINS NATIONAL AWARD SUNSET ON BRAS'DOR LAKES

Lawrence J. Boner, Halifax photographer has won the Eaton Award for best Nova Scotia entry in the 1969 print show of the Professional Photographers of Canada.

It is the fourth time Mr. Boner has received the award, made annually in each province, providing there are sufficent first-class entries.

The prize-winning color photograph was taken sunset at Johnstown, this county, on Bras d'Or Lakes.

Mr. Boner, chief photographer with the Nova Scotia Information Service, has had his works displayed in a number of international showings in recent years.

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NOTICE

The Tribunal on Bilingual Higher Education was appointed by Order in Council Number 69-260 by the Government of Nova Scotia to enquire into Bilingual Higher Education in the Province.

The text of the Order in Council will be made available to any person requesting it.

The Tribunal has been directed to enquire into:

a) Higher Education for the Acadians of Nova Scotia.
b) Higher Education in Western Nova Scotia.
c) Bilingual Higher Education for all citizens of the province who desire it.

All persons or groups wishing to appear before the Tribunal must so signify in writing to the Secretary of the Tribunal, Mr. Bernard Poirier, P. O. Box 1162, Royal Bank Building, Halifax, N. S., before May 20, 1969, giving name, address and occupation.

In addition, all persons or groups wishing to submit a brief on any aspect of the mandate must so notify the Secretary of the Tribunal before May 20, 1969. Briefs may be written in French or English. All submissions must be filed at the Office of the Secretary of the Tribunal, preferably in six copies by May 20, 1969.

The Tribunal will conduct public hearings during the months of June and July and notice will be given as to the places, dates and times of the public hearings.

Published by order of the Tribunal
Halifax, March 25th., 1969.

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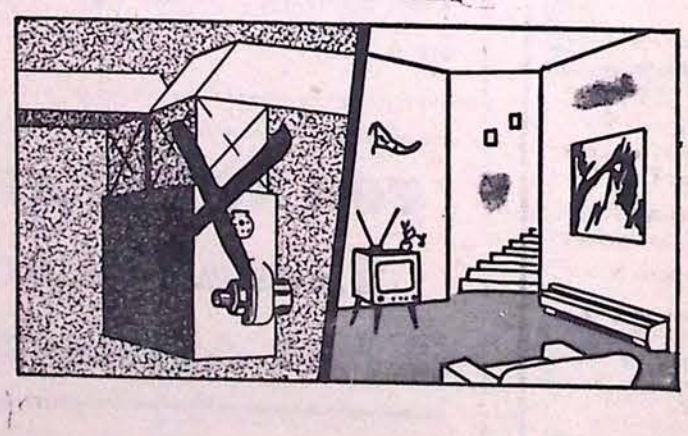
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