



**Fur Queen Of The Year**

THE PAS, Man. — Trimmings shoulders of 22-year old Helen annual Trappers' Festival here. She won the title over three other contestants. (CP Photo).

**Fire Reveals Treasure Trove Hidden By Recluse Family**

ROCK FALLS, Ill. (AP) — An early morning fire Sunday uncovered a recluse family's treasure estimated at "many thousands of dollars."

Firemen said money literally fell from the walls of the old two-story frame house of Mr. and Mrs. K.F. Marslett.

Most of the money was in old large-sized bills of \$10 and \$20 denominations and in \$20 gold pieces.

Firemen said they found Manila envelopes containing currency and pocketbooks containing gold pieces nailed to the walls; ammunition boxes containing gold pieces, cloth tobacco sacks full of bills, and dishes, pots and pans containing coins.

Fire Chief Russ Maynard estimated the hoard at "many thousands of dollars." It was turned over the Rock Falls National Bank for safe keeping. A bank official said the amount will not be disclosed.

Marslett refused to discuss it with newspaper men.

The Marsletts, both 80, and their 50-year-old daughter, Emily, escaped uninjured.

Marslett for years has sold, house to house, vegetables he raised on a one-acre garden. His wife washed dishes in a restaurant until she suffered a heart attack about a year ago. The daughter still is employed as a dishwasher.

Neighbors said the Marsletts have kept to themselves and seldom left their home except to work.

Firemen said they found the home filled with stacks of papers, rubbish, and remains of many unfinished meals.

A neighbor, awakened by Emily's screams, saw the fire and called firemen. Firemen awakened the parents and led them to safety.

**Famous French Composer Dies**

PARIS (AP) — Gustave Charpentier, 95, famous French composer, died Saturday night.

Charpentier virtually gave up composing before the First World War. His reputation rested on compositions dating back many years but still played and sung.

The most famous of these is the opera "Louise," first produced at the Opera Comique in Paris in 1900. Charpentier called it a "musical romance" and said it was the story of his own heartaches.

It tells the story of a young Paris working girl, in love with a young poet—Charpentier himself in disguise. The composer said he lost Louise when he went to Rome to study and could never find her again.

In his later years Charpentier devoted much of his time to social work. He organized the Conservatory of Mimi Pinson, set up to benefit the "midnettes"—working girls in the Paris shops, like Louise.

In 1950, when Charpentier was 90, he conducted the orchestra of the Opera Comique at the 50th anniversary performance of "Louise." He was made a grand officer of the Legion of Honor the same day.

**Free Transportation For VC's Is To London Ceremony**

OTTAWA (CP) —Living Canadian winners of the Victoria Cross—the Commonwealth's highest award for gallantry in action—will get free return transportation to London in June for ceremonies marking the award's centenary.

Veterans Minister Lapointe announced Thursday in the Commons that the government will pay their transportation and that of certain near relatives invited by the British government to attend the ceremonies, opening June 25 with a service in Westminster Abbey.

Of the 98 Canadian winners of the award established by Queen Victoria Jan. 29, 1856, and first awarded for gallantry in the Crimean War, 35 still are living.

The Victoria Cross was awarded posthumously to 37 Canadians and 26 other winners have died since receiving it.

REQUIRE ADDRESSES

Mr. Lapointe said invitations will be sent out after addresses of VC winners are supplied by Commonwealth governments. To ensure no one is missed he said those eligible and wishing to attend the ceremony should request invitations by writing to the deputy minister, veterans' affairs department, Ottawa.

Invitations are to go to surviving holders of the cross and one near relative; to two near relatives of posthumous winners, one of whom must be the person who actually was presented with the cross; and to one near relative of each deceased holder of the VC.

The London ceremony will include a review by the Queen of 400 winners grouped in Hyde Park and a garden party attended by the Queen Mother.

Two Canadian VC winners were in the Commons to hear Mr. Lapointe's announcement. They are Labor Minister Gregg and Maj.-Gen. G.R. Pearkes, Progressive Conservative member for Esquimaux-Saanich.

Seventy-two VC's were won by Canadians in the First World War, 16 in the Second World War, four in South Africa, four in the Indian mutiny, one in Crimea and one at little Andaman island in 1887.

One of the best-known VC holders is Air Marshal Billy Bishop of Montreal, Canada's top air ace of the First World War with 77 German planes shot down.

Able Seaman William Hall of Horton, N.S., a Negro, was among the first Canadian winners, for a n at the relief of Lucknow in 1857. He died in 1904 at the age of 77.

There are 26 surviving winners of the First World War, eight of the Second World War and one—Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard E. W. Turner of Quebec City—of the South Africa War.

**Urges Automatic Appeal In Murder Convictions**

QUEBEC (CP) — A suggestion that appeal regulations in murder cases be changed to allow an accused man automatic appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada was placed before the annual meeting of the Quebec section of the Canadian Bar Association here Saturday.

The resolution was brought in for study by Francois Gravel, lawyer for Wilbert Coffin, recently hanged for the murder of an American bear hunter in Gaspé. He was acting as president of the Quebec City branch of the association.

The suggestion read that "henceforth, all suspects accused of murder be automatically allowed to take their cases to the Supreme Court, without previously having to obtain a judge's permission for an appeal."

Mr. Gravel was refused permission to appeal Coffin's conviction by Mr. Justice Douglas Abbott. Later, however, the cabinet intervened and asked the Supreme Court to report what its findings would have been if it had heard the appeal. The verdict was that the conviction would have been upheld by a 5-2 margin.

WOULD AMEND CODE

The Quebec City branch also asked that the Criminal Code be amended to eliminate the element of surprise in criminal cases. It recommended that the crown be obliged to reveal to defence counsel the names and addresses of witnesses to be heard and a summary of statements made by the witnesses to police.

The labor relations sections of the association adopted resolutions asking that the labor relations board be obliged to publish its decisions, and a summary of the arguments in the case.

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**Will Report On Canadian Farming For U.K. Students**

LONDON (CP)—British students will soon have a picture of Canadian farming through detailed reports of four farms.

The reports have been compiled by Joan Bostock, field worker for the Association of Agriculture, a British group dedicated to keeping agriculture in the forefront of the British scene.

The farms were selected with the help of provincial, agricultural college and other authorities. They are described as typical of their respective regions.

Miss Bostock, who spent some time in Canada, says one of her conclusions is that Canadian farmers work "incredibly hard."

**NORTH RIVER**

Mrs. Annie Cooper of southport spent Sunday afternoon of Feb. 5, visiting Miss Maude Yeo and Mrs. Emma Toombs. The last time Mrs. Cooper visited them was over 50 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Molyneux had as their guests on Sunday last, Mrs. Grace Yeo and daughter Mae.

The door prize at the North River Rink Friday night, was won by Vera Jewell.

Mrs. Lyman Newson was visiting friends at North River Saturday.

Master Merrill Willis is back at school again after been ill with the measles.

Mrs. Lester Younker is still a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

The game of hockey, played at North River Rink, Saturday morning between the North River and New Haven Schools ended in a tie.

Mrs. James Doyle, Mr. Francis Doyle and wife, and Mr. Winston Jewell spent Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jewell, North River.

Mr. and Mrs. Stirling MacKinnon and family, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Younker. C.T.

illies have owned the same land for several generations. The farmers have agreed to make annual progress reports.

The reports cover all aspects of farming, including labor, history, facilities, layout and marketing.

The four farms are those of Robert F. Newcombe, Port Williams, N.S.; Henri Braut, parish of Ste.-Martine, Que.; George C. Burt, Hillsburgh, Ont., and J.L. Faurschou, Portage la Prairie, Man.

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