

Springhill's Courage Amazes Visitors From Charlottetown

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin MacRae of Charlottetown travelled Sunday to Springhill for a first hand glimpse of conditions in that disaster torn town.

On her return Mrs. Sonia MacRae gave the following account of what she and her husband had seen and her impression of the people and how they are standing up to the worst of the three calamitous occurrences of the past two years.

"As we drove through Springhill this Sunday Oct. 26 less than three days after the disaster that shook the entire nation, one thing seemed to dominate Main St. that was the Miners Memorial, a silent reminder that this little town had already given 164 men to the deep.

"Soon after we arrived at the No. 2 colliery of Cumberland Railway and Coal Co. I used myself how this staunch little town could stand the third disaster in less than two years and I must confess that I honestly felt that Springhill would fold up and become a ghost town and who could blame them? But as the day wore on and I questioned more and more people involved in the tragedy, there unfolded before me a story of such tremendous courage and determination that I somehow knew that Springhill would pick herself up and go on.

"The first person I talked to was a young lad in his early teens who had a father, brother and brother-in-law still down in No. 2 mine, when I asked him if he had any hope of their rescue, his eyes filled with tears, and he answered 'It's out of our hands now'.

TWO DISASTERS

"I talked briefly with another man who had survived both disasters and when I questioned him as to whether he would return to the pits, his answer was an emphatic 'yes'.

"Another miner with 35 years experience was Chas Savaney who survived the 1956 explosion, in fact he was the second last man out at that time and went for five days without food. He told me that he had no hope whatsoever for the trapped men.

"I pressed him further as to whether he thought the mine would reopen and he stated that he felt No. 2 mine would be closed, however it was his opinion that No. 4 mine was in fairly good shape and would again be put into operation. I queried him as to whether he himself would go down again, and he answered simply, 'I don't know anything else'.

"Quite frankly I was at a loss to explain such stoicism, but I encountered it at every turn; no tears, no hysteria just a quiet acceptance and so often I heard the phrase 'with God's help'.

DRAGMEN

"My next stop was at the mine rescue station where I had hoped to talk to some dragmen, the specialists of mine disasters and enduring for their courage and endurance. However, I didn't have the heart to question them because they looked so completely weary and haggard but I did find out that in the past two days they have gone only 20 feet down in No. 2 mine. That means they still have 30 feet in order to reach the 19000 ft. well and the temperature in that pit is 90 degrees.

"At this same rescue station I talked to young Jerry Boss (well known in hockey circles) who told me that he had turned down a job in Amherst because he liked being a miner, however, he intended to try the mines in Cape Breton, incidentally, this young fellow is a draughtsman in training, apparently it takes two years of training before they can be used.

UNTOUCHED TOMB

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Six-Man Group

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mission for reaping big profits on pipeline stock.

It said Trans-Canada president Nathan Tanner, former Alberta mines minister; vice president Charles Coates of Toronto and Houston, Texas, and Robert J. Wallace of Houston, former company gas supply manager, made huge paper profits from stock purchased from the company at relatively low prices.

The commission said that either the previous Liberal government should have insisted or the officials should have acted voluntarily to preclude reaping heavy profits, particularly when the government was ready to put up a maximum \$80,000,000 to help construct the cross-country gas line.

Mr. Tanner's knuckles were rapped particularly for having accepted, in addition to some 55,000 shares at \$8 each, 10,000 shares at \$1 each. The current price is about \$36.50.

BEYOND REASON

Turning to Westcoast Transmission, which ships gas to the Canadian west coast and to the northwestern U.S., the commissioners said company backers received "potential capital profits beyond any amount which could be considered as reasonable or adequate compensation for the risks involved."

Before shares were offered to the public, 624,950 were issued to the backers at 49 cents and five cents each.

Among those who got big chunks at this nominal price were: Westcoast president Frank McMahon of Calgary; E. A. Parkford; Pacific Petroleum Limited, a company headed by Mr. McMahon; Sunray Mid-Continent Oil Company Limited; and Eastman Dillon and Company, a New York financial firm.

Nearly all of the shares offered to the public at \$5—just a fraction of the current price—were sold in the U.S.

CONCERN OVER PRICES

Touching on the pipeline situation, the commission expressed concern over the possibility of rising gas prices to Canadians. For example, in British Columbia distributing companies pay almost 50 per cent more for Westcoast gas than does an American company taking Westcoast exports.

Prices had to be "fair and reasonable." Pipelines shouldn't look to Canadians to bear too large a burden of the costs.

Yet on the whole, the commission agreed that the big market for surplus Canadian gas is the U.S. over the years there would be rising surpluses in Canada available for export.

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Rally Service At Montague

MONTAGUE—A large congregation attended Rally Day Service at Trinity United Church, Montague on Sunday morning Rev. J. M. Fraser conducted the service assisted by several members of the Sunday School.

Brian McLure led the responsive reading and Larry Johnston read the scripture lesson. Clayton Bulphit and Fraser Inman each led in prayer.

Peggy MacLeod read the children's story, "This Is My Father's World".

Mr. Fraser addressed the congregation briefly, speaking of the excellent work done by those who take an active interest in the boys and girls of the church and reminding them that their labor is not in vain. He also commended the children who took part in the service.

The choir sang the anthem "Walk On" with Mrs. Douglas Coffin taking the solo part.

The service closed with the benediction.

Cahill (equal); 2. Merlin Clements; 3. Terrance Peters.

Grade VIII: 1. Bernard Cahill; 2. Rita Gallant; 3. Mabel Gallant.

Grade VII: 1. Sherron Peters; 2. Wayne Peters and Lorne Doin (equal); 3. Martha Gallant and Cornelius Clements (equal).

Grade VI: 1. Leo Cahill (cum laude); 2. Reginald Gallant; 3. Danna Peters.

Grade V: 1. Brenda Gallant (cum laude); 2. Sheila Peters; 3. Irving Doin.

Grade IX: 1. Dale and James Daniel Macdonalds, Principal.



ALTHOUGH NOT contestants in this year's old time fiddling and dancing championships, George and Marlene Weatherbie were presented with a plaque by Lorán MacLellan, President of the Alpha Y's Men's Association, for winning the Ladies Step Dancing Championship three years in a row, in 1955, '56 and '57.

College Auditorium Saturday night to demonstrate their talents. At left Marlene is being presented with a plaque by Lorán MacLellan, President of the Alpha Y's Men's Association, for winning the Ladies Step Dancing Championship three years in a row, in 1955, '56 and '57.

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DANCE CHAMPION

What proved to be the most exciting event of the evening was the men's step dancing competition with championship honors going to Mervyn Robinson of Stanhope.

Judges had a fairly difficult time in determining second and third place winners but after a dance-off between Gabriel Finnan of Summerside and Francis Chaisson of Souris, they gave second place to young Chaisson.

City Teen-Ager, Georgetown Man Win Dancing, Fiddling

Prince of Wales College Auditorium was the scene of a real fashioned country hoedown Saturday night, as the cream of the Province's fiddlers and dancers vied for the Prince Edward Island Championships.

For almost three hours some 1,000 fans, who were so closely packed into the auditorium, that even a sardine would have difficulty in attaining a suitable position, whooped it up with cheering, stamping and whistling, as their favorite contestants appeared on the stage.

A Charlottetown teenager Mary Kelly, won the ladies step dancing championship, while Marsha and Myrtle Perry of Summerside placed second and third respectively.

Miner Eats Lunch Early, Escapes In Mine Disaster

Editor's note: Archie Leger, 53-year-old survivor of both the 1956 mine explosion and Thursday's upheaval has been a coal miner in his native Springhill for 29 years. He is married and has five sons. At the time of the bump, he was in an area of the 13,800-foot level that escaped full force of the upheaval.

By ARCHIE LEGERE

As told to The Canadian Press SPRINGHILL, N. S. (CP)—Something told me to eat my lunch early Thursday night. I came down the coal wall and started to eat and talk with Jim McManaman. I was ready to go up the wall when I changed my mind and decided to eat.

If I hadn't I wouldn't be here today.

When I was eating the bump came. I never felt anything like it in my life. Earthquakes couldn't make more noise.

It fired me 10 feet. I picked myself up and couldn't see anything. I wasn't knocked out. I was lucky I wasn't hurt except for some scratches on my knees and a sore back.

HEARD MEN SHOUTING

I heard men moaning and hollering "Get me out of here." I saw Bill Bleckhorn out with a pick and shovel. He was up to his knees in coal. McManaman and I tried to see if we could get any of the other men. One fellow was pinned up against the roof by wooden props. We knew he was done for.

We had to cut two props away from Clyde Murray Jr., to get him out. He's in the hospital now. The air was coming down the wall instead of up like it's supposed to. But that was only temporary. When it changed again

U.S. Court Decision May Affect Canada's Treaty

CINCINNATI (AP)—The U.S. government Friday asked the Court of Appeals, sixth circuit, to reverse a lower court in a tax case that might affect treaties with Canada and 19 foreign countries.

The case before the three-judge tribunal was an appeal by the U.S. treasury department against Consolidated Premium Iron Ores Limited, Cyrus S. Eaton, Cleveland, Ohio, financier, and William R. Daley, co-owner with Eaton in the firm.

After hearing arguments, the appellate court took the case under advisement.

The appeal was taken by the government after a tax court in Cleveland held that the corporation, Eaton and Daley cannot be held liable for \$4,559,418 in income and excess profit taxes for the years 1943 through 1949.

The tax court held that collection of such taxes would be in violation of the tax treaty between the United States and Canada.

It held that the corporation conducted all its business in Canada, and therefore was tax free insofar as the U.S. was concerned.

Abe Fortas of Washington, counsel for the company and Eaton and Daley, said the question of whether Premium Iron

Boy Wounded In Accident

DARTMOUTH (CP)—Murdoch Brooks, 14, was wounded in the neck and back Saturday when struck by pellets, accidentally discharged from a shotgun in the hands of a friend.

Aubrey Sparks, 16, of nearby East Preston told RCMP the gun discharged through a window of his home as he attempted to unlock it. Brooks was outside in the yard.

Hospital officials in Halifax described Brooks' condition as good.

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DIES IN N.S.—The death occurred at the Lillian Fraser Memorial Hospital, Tatamagouche, N.S., on October 11th, of Gordon Denison, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Patriquin, Lake Road, Summerside, aged six weeks. Besides his parents, he is survived by eight sisters, all at home. The funeral was held from Lake Road United Church on October 13th. Interment was in the church cemetery. Mrs. Patriquin is the former Teena Gillis of Murray River, P.E.I.

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PERSONALS

Barry White, Charlottetown, spent last week-end in Montague as guest of Gwyn Phillips. Prior to leaving Montague Barry's relatives presented him with a ring bearing the school crest.

Dr. Wilbur Penfield and Mrs. Penfield of Montreal and Dr. Mrs. Frank MacKinnon of Charlottetown spent Saturday afternoon as guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Poole at their summer home in Montague.

Theatre MONTAGUE

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