

# Edward Matthews Named Driver In Steele Fatality

The said Joseph Frederick Steele died at or near the Charlotteville Hospital in the morning of Sunday, October 21, 1956, as a result of injuries received, according to evidence presented, when struck on Great George Street near Sydney, by an automobile driven by Edward Matthews of Charlottetown on the night of October 20, 1956, coupled with neglect of injuries and exposure, when left by the same driver at or near the Railway, W. after he was injured, was the verdict presented at a coroner's inquest by jury foreman Charles MacArthur Friday evening. Other members of the jury were Monroe MacLeod, William MacDonell, Clifford Orford, Raymond Archer, Augustus Wilson, and Victor Purdy.

The testimony of two key witnesses, Mrs. Hilda Marshall and Reginald Heartz, was taken and reviewed before the jury presented its findings.

On questioning by coroner Dr. L. E. Prowse and Crown representative J.P. Nichol in Mrs. Marshall told of Edward Matthews' visitation at her house on the afternoon of Saturday, October 20. She indicated that she is a friend of the Matthews family. She stated that Matthews stayed most of that afternoon and then left the house shortly after 6 p.m. He told Mrs. Marshall that he was going to his home to pay his board.

He returned to the Marshall

house at 7.30 p.m. and lay on a bed in the residence. When Mrs. Marshall heard him crying, she asked him what was his trouble. Matthews told her, in a wailing voice, that he was in serious trouble, that he had struck a man with his car in front of the Basilica. He told Mrs. Marshall that he didn't take the man to the hospital because he didn't have a licence. He said that several people helped him get the man into the car and he left the man, who was later identified as Mr. Steele, in a sun porch on Custon Street and that the man didn't seem to be injured much.

Mrs. Marshall said she had seen Matthews on the following day, Sunday, but that she didn't know of the death of Mr. Steele at that time and that neither she nor Matthews mentioned the accident of the previous night.

On Monday, Mrs. Marshall said she was informed of the death of Mr. Steele and his discovery. At noon on that day, Matthews called at her house. Again she asked him what he had done with the man he ran into on Saturday night. Witness said he then broke down and while crying told her that he left the man at the Railway Wharf and that his previous story was false. Mrs. Marshall also said she knew that Matthews had told several members of his immediate family of the accident.

Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Heartz,

a body mechanic who lives only two houses from the Matthews' residence, stated that he knew that Matthews had traded his car for a truck, the day following the accident. Mr. Heartz said that the car was a 1948, black Mercury or Monarch sedan with red, hood-like ornaments over the headlights. They both said that later Matthews returned for the car and during the following week began to junk it.

Mrs. Marshall was at the Matthews residence several nights during the following week. She said that one night as Matthews was junking the car with a torch, she caught fire and burned. Mr. Heartz further added that he had bought the motor and muffler from Matthews and that the rest of the body was taken to the dump. He stated that Matthews had told him of the accident and said that the seat of the car was covered with blood.

Const. Lloyd Archer of City Police was the last witness called. He stated that on investigating the discovery of Mr. Steele by C.N.R. employees on the morning of October 21, he could find no prints in the man, but that he was warm beneath his clothes and that he had heard the man gasp several times. He also said that the toes of Mr. Steele's shoes were scuffed and that it appeared that he had either been crawling or had been dragged. The contable further testified that he believed the man had been on all night and that no effects of alcohol were evident.

Mr. Matthews has been arrested by the City Police department for failing to stop at the scene of an accident. Police state that further charges in the case will be laid next Tuesday.



DR. KIT

## Great Hypnotist To Put On Show Here Two Nights

The Great Dr. Kit, Master Hypnotist, arrived in Charlottetown last evening for a two-night show, Monday and Tuesday, at the Prince of Wales College Auditorium, and a Wednesday night show at Summerside.

Dr. Kit, born in Edmonton, Alberta, has been performing before the public for the past fifteen years. As a boy he became interested in the occult and practiced magic, travelling over to North America on the Continent present.

As an added feature to his show in 1948 he built up a new show consisting of one-half hour of magic and a two hour show demonstrating the power of hypnotism.

He has played all the major cities of Canada and the United States, and is presently making a tour across Canada playing to capacity audiences. This is Dr. Kit's first trip to the Maritimes, and he has just concluded showings at Saint John where he was held over for a fourth night, Fredericton, Chatham, and Moncton.

Dr. Kit has hypnotized thousands of people and is acclaimed as one of the Master Hypnotists on the Continent. One of the main attractions will be the mass hypnosis of twenty to thirty people on stage at one time.

As an added feature to his show tonight, Dr. Kit will hypnotize a young lady in the window of the Fashion shop, Great George St., at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and keep her sleeping there until 7:30 this evening when, still asleep, she will be taken to the P.W.C. Auditorium by ambulance and awakened on stage by Dr. Kit before the big evening show gets underway.

## To Hold College Coronation

An annual event of great interest both to Prince of Wales students and to many other connected either directly or indirectly with the college life there the College Coronation will take place Wednesday.

Nominations of candidates for the election of the college King and Queen, Prince and Princess, have already been made and the voting will close on Wednesday.

Shortly after 8 p.m. on Wednesday a parade, led by a fire-truck with spot-lights focused on the royal family who will follow in two convertibles, will assemble at the college. Permission from the City will be taken for the assembly on the main section. Also in the group will be the college arch-bishop, Fred Sellar.

Various business concerns in Charlottetown have donated a total of 24 prizes which will be received by the members of the royal family, during coronation ceremonies to be held at a dance in the college after the parade.

Candidates for queen are: Evelyn Weeks, teacher training; Mariette Gregory, Commerce; Eleanor Hay Wood, 1st year; Renee Cotton, 2nd year; Norma Duvall, 1st year; 2nd year; Dale MacWilliams, Commerce; Paul Weir, teacher training; Jack Leclair, 4th year; Allan MacKenzie, 4th year; Kenny MacKenzie, 2nd year; and Hughie MacLean, 1st year.

## Province-Wide

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Iona Cemetery on Sunday and placed a wreath on the grave of Andrew McKenna. The wreath was placed by Monty Kelly. Rev. Leonard McKenna, addressed the assembly briefly.

**VICTORIA**

A Remembrance Day service was held at Victoria Hall yesterday afternoon presided over by Comrade Kenneth MacLean. Wreaths were laid at the memorial tablet. The guest speaker was Mr. Heath MacQuarrie. The school children were addressed by Rev. M.K. Charman who participated in the program.

Wreaths were laid by Carl Boulter, Canadian Legion; Mrs. Ken MacLean, Ladies Auxiliary; Comrade Kenneth MacLean on behalf of school children, also by Brenda MacQuarrie, Jack Miller and Kenneth MacLean.

**BELFAST**

Members of the Belfast Legion met on the grounds of St. John's Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon and were piped to the Soldiers Monument by Bill Bears. The ceremony opened with "O Canada" and the Lament was played.

Members of the Legion assembled at Bud's Restaurant in the afternoon for their annual Remembrance Day banquet. Com. R.D. McKinnon was master of ceremonies.

Toasts included "The Queen," "The Fallen," proposed by Frank Weeks, responded to by Herbert Leavitt, to the armed forces proposed by Elmore MacKay and responded to by Earle Atkinson.

At the conclusion of the banquet an address was delivered by Dr. O.H. Phillips in which he recalled the comradeship of those in the armed forces and stressed the obligations of the Legion toward war veterans.

Mayor H.E. Barbour who together with the members of the town Council, attended the banquet, also spoke briefly.

**MONTAGUE**

The parade of the Legion formed up at ten thirty at the Legion Home under parade marshal G.J. Jardine, with the order of march as follows: parade marshal, Piper Donald MacLeod, standard bearers, RCMP, veterans of both wars, cars bearing veterans unable to parade, detachment of the 17th Recce Regiment, under Major M. Campbell, cadets, and bringing up the rear a Ferret scout car.

To the skirt of the pipes the parade marched from the Legion Home to the Memorial School, where Comrade Wm. Aeneas, laid a wreath for the Legion members. Following this the parade reformed and marched to the Memorial Hospital where the main ceremony took place, opening with the playing of "O Canada". This was followed by the pipe lament, played by Piper MacLeod, the last post, and two minutes silence, broken by the sound of Reveille, played by Comrade George Boudreau. The poem "They Shall Grow Not Old" was then read by Comrade Jardine.

This was followed by the laying of wreaths: Mrs. Wm. Dewar, representing motherhood of Canada; the Legion; the town of Montague; the Reserve Army; the Montague Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion; Oxfollows; student body of the High School and citizens.

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The thanks of the large gathering were extended to the ladies by Ivan Bryenton. A collection was taken for the Springhill Disaster Relief Fund amounting to \$33.00.

Harold Heartz introduced the Guest Speaker of the evening, Mr. George Ayers, M.S.C., M.A., Plant Pathologist at the Dominion Experimental Station, Charlottetown who gave a very interesting and instructive address. Vernon Proude extended the thanks of the meeting to the speaker.

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The meeting closed with the singing of the Queen and pronouncement of the Benediction by the Minister, the Rev. J. M. Sproule.

## Two Bodies

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Ltd., and was married to Evelyn Hardy, formerly of Darnley, and presently employed with the Bank of Nova Scotia in Summerside and they resided in a newly constructed home in a residential area located North of the Hospital in Summerside.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ernest Morrison of Summer Street in Summerside, and other surviving brothers and sisters are: Joan, Mrs. John Kosec, Hamilton, Ontario; Jessie, Mrs. Edward McInnis, Summerside; Shirley, Mrs. David Walker, Travellers Rest; Kathleen, Mrs. Herbert Moore, Travellers Rest; Wendell, Janet, Gail, and Raye, all at home in Summerside.

Alex Mollison, unmarried, was employed as a linotype operator. Pioneer, P. was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Mollison, Eustace St., Summerside and is survived by the following brothers and sisters Grant and Milton of Summerside; Mary in Toronto; Keith with the Canadian Army at Aldershot; Ellen, Mrs. E.G. Law of Winnipeg and Marjorie, Mrs. Morley Wylie of Summerside.

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## Body of Accident Victim To Arrive

The remains of the late Jerry Byrne, who was killed in an accident at Hamilton, Ontario, last week, will arrive in Charlottetown by train this evening. At the time of arrival they will be transferred to the Hennessey Funeral Home and later to the Saint Lawrence Parish Church, Morel Rear, for funeral service on Wednesday. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 4:38 a.m. and 5:50 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:06 a.m. and sets at 4:47 p.m.

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## R. R. Mail Clerks Elect Officers

Mr. J.J. Pickard was elected president of the P.E.I. branch Railway Mail Clerk Association at their annual meeting held over the weekend in Charlottetown. Other elections were: G.A. Shelton, Vice-president; L.F. Berigan, secretary; and J.J. Pickard, auditor. Matters of vital importance were discussed, including the disposition of surplus mail clerks.

The Strait of Georgia between Vancouver Island and the British Columbia mainland has an average width of 20 miles.

## ATTENTION ALL CITIZENS — SPRINGHILL DISASTER RELIEF FUND

All citizens are informed that all our Chartered Banks in Charlottetown have agreed to accept your donations to the Springhill Disaster Relief Fund, for forwarding to Springhill, free of any charge to you.

Signed,  
CH'TOWN BOARD OF TRADE.

## RESERVE THURSDAY, NOV. 29 FOR POLICEMEN'S BALL