



**SILENT WITNESS TO DEATH**

A pair of shoes, a notebook and a small bundle of clothes were gathered up beside the railway track in a switching yard at the scene of a death. Mute testimony to the death of a young switchman, Morley Dale, 27, was directing an empty freight train out of a Canadian Pacific Railway siding when a passenger train rounded a corner nearby. He saw the train, but slipped and fell on the track as he tried to run clear. A wife and three small children survive. (CP Photo)

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**TIME BACK**  
We have read a great deal about the resurgence of West Germany since the late war, and fully credit the almost unbelievable statements recorded above. While people in United States and Canada are taking an easier look at world affairs, and labor constantly cutting down work hours and calling for more wages, which, of course, is very inflationary, the Germans have been working much longer hours and using every bit of their well-worn brains and ingenuity to make a comeback. Apparently they have succeeded.

**ASTEL MINK LEADS**  
Ed Gold, the top authority on mink in the United States, has an article in a recent issue of "Women's Wear Daily", from which we quote:

"The dominance of pastel in the mink family was never more clearly demonstrated than in the recent advance in levels across the board, but clearly based on the pastel lead."

"The dimension of the pastel advance this year borders on the phenomenal. One well-informed source explains the advance in these terms: 'The total pastel collection offered at one of New York's big auction companies in January averaged close to \$20.00, at the recent April sale held here, the female average topped \$19, which means a tremendous advance price males bring so much higher prices.'"

**CERULEAN STEWARTS** were 96 percent sold; top males went for as much as \$51, and females at \$18; **BREATH OF SPRING** was 91 percent sold, with top males at \$54 and females at \$23.50; **AZURE WINTER BLUES** were 94 percent sold, with top males going for \$60 and females for \$26.

**PLATINUMS** were 100 percent sold, with a high of \$74 for top males and \$32 for females. **SAPPHIRES** were also 100 percent sold, with \$66 for top males and \$48 for females. **JASPER** was 87 percent sold, top males getting \$33 and \$27 for females. **ARGENTA** (regular) were 100 percent sold; top males went for \$28.50 and females brought \$14.25.

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**A MANUFACTURER**  
Ed Gold ends with this comment: "The tremendous interest in pastels led to pastel levels that made almost all other colors look inexpensive. The pastel strength, in effect, served as a lever to lift such laggards as Sapphire, White and to a lesser extent, Silver Blue. The market, at this stage, does not anticipate a price drop in May. Many would feel that such an easing would be helpful, but most of the thinking is in terms of even stronger levels, particularly in darks."

Our observation on Ed's remarks is that he is speaking for the fur manufacturers, who, of course, do not like to see the market turn into a runaway one in prices.

**TIGNISH**  
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Mr. Hector Buote, postmaster at Tignish spent May 4th, 5th and 6th in Moncton, N.B., attending a convention of Maritime postmasters, during Mr. Buote's absence. Mr. David Harper, Christopher Cross is employed in the Tignish post-office.

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