

### Suicide At Truro Saturday

NORANDA, Que. (CP) — Police said Elmer Murray Ettinger, 27, formerly of Truro, N. S., shot himself Saturday when two officers came into his hotel room here to question him. He died shortly after.

Ettinger, discharged from the Canadian Army last month, had been living at the hotel since Dec. 5. A desk clerk said he made several phone calls before the shooting and was overheard to say "This is the end."

The clerk called police who found Ettinger lying on his bed, holding a rifle. He threatened to shoot one constable, Laurier Picard, and then shot himself.

Police said they believe Ettinger was despondent over a love affair.

### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. Felix Murphy, who passed away Dec. 26th, 1943.

Today we are thinking of someone who was loving, kind and true whose smile was as dear as the sunshine.

Dear Mother, that someone was you.

Inserted by her family.

### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our darling baby Gerald Paul Betts who left us on Dec. 28, 1952 to be with Jesus.

Dear God forgive a silent tear. A constant wish that he was here. You've taken others, yes we know. But he was our baby and we loved him so.

Lovingly remembered by Mommy, Daddy, Sisters and Brothers.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

#### BIRTHS

**DALEY**—At the Prince of Wales Hospital on December 27th, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daley, Summerside, a daughter, Weight 7 lbs. 202s.

**HORGAN**—At the Charlottetown Hospital on December 24th, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Horgan, Stanhope, a daughter (Maureen Elizabeth).

**GREEN**—At the P. E. Island Hospital on Dec. 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Green (nee Thelma Nicholson) a son, 6 lbs. 7 ozs.

**WHITLOCK**—Born at the P. E. I. Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 27th to Mr. and Mrs. Roy (Buck) Whitlock, a daughter, Patsy Constance, Weight 7 lbs. 13 ozs.

#### DEATHS

**MacRAE**—At the P. E. I. Hospital on Dec. 27, Stetson Macrae in his 58th year. Remains resting at Davison's Funeral Home, Kensington. Funeral notice later.

**ROBERTSON**—Died at Birch Hill, Saturday, Dec. 26, Mrs. Cameron Robertson, aged 75 years. Funeral from her late residence, Tuesday, Dec. 29. Service in the home at 2 p.m. Burial in Birch Hill Cemetery.

**GALLANT**—At her home in Summerside on December 25th, Mary Gallant, wife of the late Louis Gallant in her 75th year. Remains transferred on Saturday from the Compton Funeral Home to her late residence on 228 Duke Street from where the funeral will be held on Tuesday morning to St. Paul's Church for Requiem at 9:00 o'clock. Interment in St. Paul's cemetery.

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### CENTRAL GUARDIAN

TOMORROW, Tuesday, will be the only market day this week.

**FUNERAL SATURDAY** — The funeral of the late John Arbing of Suffolk was held Saturday afternoon from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home. The services at the home and grave was conducted by the Rev. J. M. Sproule. The pall-bearers were G. H. Johnston, Charles Robinson, Charles Reid, Charles Bird, Ernest Coles and Ernest Carter. Interment was in Suffolk cemetery.

**ONLY ONE** market day this week, Tuesday 29th.

**FUNERAL YESTERDAY** — The funeral of the late William R. Bryenton, of Cape Tormentine, was held yesterday afternoon from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home. The service at the home and grave was conducted by the Rev. T. A. Wilson, assisted by the Rev. N. R. Green. The pall-bearers were Harold Cudmore, Harry Blackford, Brent Diamond, Fred Henderson, Fred Smith and John Pierce. Interment was in Union Road cemetery.

**FUNERAL SATURDAY** — The funeral of the late Mrs. Joshua Gallant was held Saturday morning from her late residence to St. Anne's Church, Hope River where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Earl Dalton. The pall-bearers were Vincent Gallant, William Gallant, Henry Gallant, Arthur Gallant, Joseph Gallant and Aubrey Gallant. Interment was in the church cemetery, where services were conducted by Rev. Dennis Gallant.

**FUNERAL ON SATURDAY** — The funeral of the late Mary Catherine Gavin was held from her former residence, 138 King St., on Saturday morning to St. Dunstan's Basilica where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Francis Corcoran who also conducted the service at the grave. The following clergy assisted in the sanctuary: Rev. A. L. Herrell, Rev. M. E. Francis, Rev. F. P. McDonald, Rev. Reginald Pheasant and Rev. James Kelly. Rev. Dr. Bernard Gillis assisted in the choir. The pall-bearers were Frank Sigsworth, Wendall McDonald, Wendall Hughes, William Hughes, Reginald Cronin and Wendall Murphy. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

### Personals

Miss Edna Power arrived from Saint John to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Power, City.

Friends of Mr. Ivan Bernard will regret to learn he is a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital suffering with pneumonia.

Rev. H. R. Bell, Charlottetown, who was the speaker at the Presbyterian Church, Montague, last evening, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Llewellyn.

### York and Vicinity

Mr. Gerald Robinson left recently for a short holiday in the U. S. A. with friends and relatives.

Miss Deborah McDonald, York, was the guest of her cousin, Sandra McDonald in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vessey and family, York, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caswell, City, Dec. 17.

Mr. Mayron Ling, York, is spending a holiday in Boston with friends and relatives.

Messrs Elmer and Leith Brown attended the funeral of the late Dr. Blanchard in the City on Dec. 19.

Mr. Lowell Watts, York, is spending his Christmas holiday in Boston, the guest of friends and relatives.

Miss Margaret Vessey, York, has accepted a position in Ch'town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest MacDonald and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave McDonald, Union Road, spent Monday in the City.

Mr. Don Ross and son Douglas, City, paid a short visit to York on Sunday.

### HISTORIC CAPITAL

Moscow, founded in 1147, became the religious capital of Russia in the 14th century.

### Swedish Ship

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given food, hot coffee and whisky immediately after the rescue. "No shock evident," the radio message added.

**Ship Missing**

No trace of the 5,900-ton Oklahoma had been found. The skipper of the Oklahoma, Robert Kutschbach, was quoted in the Bluejacket's message as saying that when the ship broke in two, the men assembled at the after end.

When the engine started taking water, they were forced to take to the lifeboats.

But before leaving the ship, the Oklahoma crew turned on automatic distress signals.

These constant SOS signals enabled the nearby Bluejacket to "home in" on the singing ship. The Bluejacket arrived at the position about 6:30 p.m. EST, but at first found no trace of survivors.

After sighting the first lifeboat,

### Perini Voted Best Executive

ST. LOUIS, (AP) — Lou Perini, who switched the Braves from Boston to Milwaukee last season, was cited Saturday night as the major league executive of the year by the Sporting News.

Perini, president of the Braves, was named in the annual selections by the baseball newspaper.

The minor league executive award went to R. W. (Dick) Burnett, president of the Dallas Club of the Texas League.

Casey Stengel, manager of the world champion New York Yankees, was named manager of the year in the majors and Al Rosen, Cleveland third baseman and the American League's most valuable player, was picked as the major league's outstanding player.

In the minor leagues, Bobby Bragan of the Hollywood Club of the Pacific Coast League was cited as the top manager; Gene Conley, pitcher for Toledo of the American Association, was selected "as the outstanding player, and Carl W. Roth, general manager of the Peoria Club of the three-I League, was cited as the leading executive for the lower classification minors.

### Breadalbane and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Somers visited Charlottetown, on December 16.

Mr. Ted Smith, Breadalbane, was a visitor to Charlottetown, on December 16.

Friends will regret to learn of the illness of Mr. Cathol MacLeod, Breadalbane Village.

Miss Catherine Buchanan, Fredericton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Seaman on December 17.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Murray, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Robinson, motored to Summerside on December 17.

Mrs. Harry Craswell, Charlottetown, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Millage MacLeod during the week-end of December 13.

Miss Mary Gunn and Miss Wilma MacKenzie, Charlottetown, visited Mr. and Mrs. Adam MacKenzie, on December 13.

The ladies of the Orange Lodge in this vicinity held a very successful tea and bazaar in the lodge rooms on December 4. A Christmas atmosphere was created both in the table decorations and in the dainty refreshments.

Mrs. Hugh F. MacKay, who has been residing in Pleasant Valley for a number of years, has recently returned to her home in Breadalbane Village, where she is being warmly welcomed by her many friends in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Todd and their daughter Vaunda have moved into the house owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, for the winter months. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are spending the winter with relatives in Toronto.

In a compilation dealing with the place-names of Prince Edward Island, it is interesting to note that Breadalbane derives its name from Breadalbane, Perthshire, Scotland, and is usually found misspelled, Breadalbane.

The December meeting of the "Crawford Memorial", Christian Church Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Earl Chappell, on December 11. After the reading of the minutes and prayer, Mr. John Hixcox had charge of an instruction devotional program and (Bible quiz in which all the members participated. "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and other Christmas hymns were sung. At the conclusion of the meeting the hostess served dainty refreshments.

December 8, was a historic day for Breadalbane and vicinity when the first community-owned library for this area was formally opened. The public library to serve this district began on May 18, 1935 in a room on the second floor of MacKay and Todd's store. A number of years later the store burned down, and the collection of books was lost. The library was then located in a room of a private home owned by Mrs. Blanche Cousins where it has been in operation for many years, contributing to the pleasure, information and education of the community. Now it continues this service in a very attractive building, centrally located and beautifully furnished.

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the Bluejacket said, she had a great deal of difficulty manoeuvring into a rescue position because of the heavy seas.

**Share Rescue**

Finally at 1:50 a.m. the last of 14 survivors from the first boat was pulled aboard the Bluejacket by lifelines.

The Bluejacket then continued the search, and a few minutes later sighted the second lifeboat. It took until 3:22 a.m. to get the last of 11 persons in the second boat aboard.

At 3:25 the Bluejacket sighted two more boats, and arranged with the Orion, which had appeared on the scene, that each would take one boat.

The Bluejacket had rescued 11 more persons from the third boat by 3:45 a.m. and about the same time the seven others were taken aboard the Orion.

At the time the rescue was completed, the Bluejackets gave her position as 50:55 north, 45:25 west. The later message said she had "hoove" at 50:52 north, 45:10 west—a distance of about 15 miles from the rescue scene.

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### Public Cooperation Essential To Success Of Safety Program

There's just one more hurdle bothering safety people today and that's New Year's Eve, the night when all Canada goes out celebrating.

Safety officials, according to Hon. W. E. Darby, Q.C., Attorney General, are keeping their fingers crossed until the New Year dawns and are once more reminding local citizens to make their last round of drinks a strong cup of coffee.

If they do that, they believe, more Canadians than ever before will have a good chance of waking up on New Year's morning—alive.

Canada's "one for the road" campaign has been in effect in towns and cities across the country for the first time this year. Mr. Darby stated, "It is too early yet to know the results, but based on the experience of cities in the Province of Manitoba and in the United States, the number of accidents should have been reduced. New Year's Eve, however, will tell the tale. Unless the public is careful, that is the year's most dangerous night for driving."

While they are at it, Canadians might also begin the New Year with a good resolution. Mr. Darby said, "If coffee as the 'one for

the road' can save your life at Christmas or New Year's, it can save your life at other times, too. The danger is intensified during the holiday season, but all through the year there are accidents caused by drivers who have taken the wheel when they were not completely sober. If party hosts and car drivers would resolve to serve and to take a strong cup of coffee, liberally sweetened with sugar, at the end of a party, they would be lessening the danger of accidents on the road."

Public co-operation is essential to the success of this safety program, Mr. Darby concluded. "Every individual who is host at a party should realize that he has at least a moral responsibility for the safety of his guests. If he sends them away in a condition which renders them unfit to drive a car, and if they should be involved in a serious accident, then he becomes an accessory and, morally at least, is as much to blame as they are."

(Issued by the Attorney General's Department to help reduce the high traffic accident rate that mars the holiday season.)

### Royal Tour Reporter Visits Scene Of Wreck

(Frederick Nossal, a reporter covering the royal tour of New Zealand, went to the scene of the Christmas Eve rail crash in which 166 people died. Here is the story he wrote at the crash scene.)

By Frederick Nossal

WAIOURU, N. Z. (AP)—When the first light of day came Christmas morning, I stood near the approaches of the wrecked Sulphur creek bridge, scene of New Zealand's greatest rail disaster.

Sulphur creek is an alternative name of Wangaehu river.

Behind me was the snow white pyramid of Mount Ruapehu, stark and unattractively beautiful in the dawn. Before me was a nightmare—a scene that might have come straight from hell.

All around now is desolation: Black volcanic soil, torn and twisted metal and horrible reminders of people who are dead.

In the river, parties of soldiers are diving and dredging for bodies as I write.

**Victims Unidentified**

An almost endless stream of anxious people is arriving to see the bodies, dreading lest they recognize friends or relatives. One of the terrible things about this disaster is that the names of most of the dead are still unknown. The passengers went to their deaths as seat numbers in railway carriages when a sudden unexplained flood in the river swept a bridge away.

The flood has passed now and the river is nothing more than a sluggish, dirty, brown stream winding slowly to the sea. From where I sit, 25 feet above the shallow creek, I can see only four battered carriages, through which the water now swirls gently. The fifth is a few hundred yards down stream. The sixth is five miles away.

Below me is the great express engine, like a huge black monster that buried its nose fiercely in ground as death struck. The engine no longer has a cab. Still, with the engineer and fireman still in it, was torn clean away from the engine.

**Pier Carried Away**

Just downstream from the wrecked carriages, which look like a gigantic heap of scrap metal, lies a 16-ton bridge girder 42 feet long. On the other bank is an engine bridge pier, torn completely from its foundations and carried downstream as though it were a pebble. But this pebble weighs 80 tons.

These sights show the colossal weight of water that must have come hurtling down from that great white mountain.

But what upsets you are the little things: A woman's overcoat, soaked and muddy; a baby's high chair; a tiny red purse with five shillings in it; a little leather-bound diary that says on the Dec. 24 page: "I left Wellington for Auckland."

A boy watching me as I type is still crying. His two pals are dead. He had walked back to the sixth carriage, which was not fully submerged, and had got out with the water swirling around his head. The two others, in the doomed forward part of the train, were swept towards the sea.

**Going About 55**

"It was horrible, horrible," he said. "We were pelting down straight towards the Sulphur creek bridge going about 55."

"I heard a low roar, but I thought it was the wind in the pines. Then the water hit us and we hit the floor. Everybody scrambled up at once and then there was one hell of a din. People were knocking out windows and shouting for help."

"From other carriages we heard the screams of women trying to find their children. It was pitch dark. It was bedlam."

The boy—he gave his name simply as John—continued: "Water was roaring past us. It was freezing cold—it must have been that ice and snow coming down. We got filthy with black silt."

**Wave Lifted Carriage**

"There was another great bang as a carriage swept past us further out in the stream. That one ended up way past a road bridge. How

a wave lifted that great thing over the bridge I will never know.

"In the morning I went looking for my pals. All the people in my carriage had gone. The carriages were empty.

"Nothing but filth and stones, bits of trees, ferns and grass. All the people had disappeared."

**France's Sorry**

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ing during the protracted election campaign. It took a divided Parliament a week and 13 ballots to elect Rene Coty president of the fourth republic.

Besides troubles at home, the French are wincing over new setback abroad.

In Casablanca, the biggest city of her Moroccan protectorate, terrorists threw a bomb into a crowded marketplace the day before Christmas. Nineteen persons were killed and 28 injured. The bombing incident is a pressing symptom of mounting unrest in the protectorate whose nationalists are demanding greater autonomy.

**Indo-China Blow**

The final blow fell Saturday in Indo-China, where the war against the Communist-led Vietminh is draining off French money and manpower to an alarming extent.

The Vietminh stabbed across the narrow waist of Indo-China to the Thailand border in an attempt to cut the embattled country in two. For French and French Union soldiers in that part of the world, it was a bleak Christmas, indeed.

The French press and public are beginning to burn slowly with indignation at the unhappy state into which the country has fallen.

There have been some bitter editorials in the newspapers in the last few days, culminating with Saturday morning's edition of the right wing L'Aurore.

Its lead story was headlined: "Mail deliveries tied up, air traffic paralyzed—such, after the crazy week at Versailles is the art of discrediting a nation!"

**Wrong Time**

The paper observed that the letter sorters and airport workers may have reason to strike, but it was indefensible to strike at this time of year.

**Wants At Least**

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government views the Berlin conference as important in connection with the possibility of lessening international tension, assuring European security and eliminating the threat of rebirth of German militarism."

**Other Subjects**

The note also suggested that a five-power conference, including Red China, would contribute "in highest measure to the settlement of international problems which have come to a head."

The Western powers, while laying primary stress on the German-Austrian problems, have left the way open for a discussion of other issues at the Berlin meeting.

Aside from the time factor, the Russians also took issue with the plan that powers on the building of which the Berlin conference is to be held. The West had proposed the former Allied control authority building in the U. S. sector of the divided city, but the Soviet note said "it would appear expedient to decide this question" at a preliminary meeting of the four high commissioners in Germany.

Allied officials in Berlin said they would not be surprised if the Russians propose their old radio Berlin headquarters as the site, for both propaganda and security reasons.

**GIFTS FOR REFUGEES**

OSLO, (CP) — The Norwegian society for Czechoslovakian relief has shipped three tons of Christmas gifts to Czech refugees in camps in Western Germany, Austria and Italy. Norwegian Christmas trees with decorations are also en route.

### White Christmas Late In Coming

The White Christmas was a couple of days late this year, but it came on the anniversary of the first big snowstorm of last year. It was on December 23, 1952, that the snow came, but it was a real storm with 14 inches covering the landscape. It was a relatively light snow and it drifted with the wind to pile into deep lots which in places were estimated to be up to 10 feet deep.

This year there was only a light fall which simply covered the ground in this city, but in other parts of the Province the fall was said to be heavy enough to stop traffic completely.

### Xmas Death Toll Mounts In States

CHICAGO, (AP)—The Christmas week-end toll of deaths in accidents in the United States mounted to 528 Sunday, including 382 persons killed in traffic accidents.

The National Safety Council had predicted 510 would die in traffic accidents between 6 p.m. local time Thursday and midnight Sunday night.

In addition to the traffic fatalities 70 lives were lost in fires and 76 in miscellaneous accidents.

Traffic experts expressed fear the final hours of the four-day holiday would push the toll above the figure predicted by the Safety Council.

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