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## Inquest Is Held In Hunting Death

"That George Kenneth Hopkins, aged 17, of Abney came to his death as the result of a bullet wound at Abney, Kings County, P.E.I. on Dec. 2, 1961," was the verdict of the coroner's jury given last night at Georgetown with Coroner Dr. G.S.A. Inman of Montague presiding. Deputy Attorney General J. Arthur MacGuigan conducted the proceedings for the crown.

Giving evidence were James Alexander Richards, Abney; Dr. Lorne Bonnell, Murray River, Cpl. P.S. Gazezy, RCMP crime detection laboratories, Sackville, N.B.; Cst. William A. Wilson, RCMP, Montague Detachment; John Hopkins, 13, Abney, brother of the deceased; William Lester Richards, 14, Little Sands and Mrs. M. Young, Abney, mother of the deceased. Evidence revealed that Hopkins, accompanied by his brother John Hopkins and Lester Richards, went rabbit hunting on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 2, 1961. The party had two .22 calibre rifles.

**RIFLE DISCHARGED**  
John Hopkins said his brother had just gotten through a barbed wire fence when his rifle held by Richards discharged striking his brother in the left shoulder.

The witness said that Richards had not gotten through the fence and was holding the rifle in both hands. Richards, in his evidence, said he was in the act of getting over the fence and the rifle accidentally discharged, the bullet striking the deceased.

He further stated that a short time previous to the accident he had not put the muzzle of his rifle in the back of John Hopkins as they walked along.

In his evidence John Hopkins had said that they were fooling and playing Germans and Canadians and that Richards had put the rifle to his back and said "if that fellow doesn't slow down he is going to be a dead man."

This was alleged to have happened about 10 minutes prior to the accident.

Following the accident the two boys carried the deceased to the home of James Alexander Richards and from there he was taken by car to Dr. Bonnell at Murray River, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

**DID NOT SPEAK**  
Evidence revealed that the deceased moved his hands on the way to the doctor but that he did not speak from the time of the accident.

The report of the provincial pathologist, Dr. Robert Abel, was read and showed that the bullet had entered the left front shoulder and proceeded across and down lodging in a back rib bone.

Cst. Wilson, who was in charge of the investigation, covered events from the time he was called to the accident scene, including what he saw while present at the autopsy.

being drunk and incapable, one was sentenced to 20 days in jail and another was given a 20 day suspended sentence. Another was fined \$20 and costs or 10 days, while the fourth was fined \$10 and costs or five days.

The role of the fire department under conditions of national emergency was outlined Tuesday night by city fire inspector and newly appointed civil defence co-ordinator Louis Rananah. He was speaking at the regular meeting of the Charlottetown Fire Department held at the Firemen's Room.

Mr. Rananah noted that although Charlottetown firemen are volunteers, in case of emergency they would be compelled to devote full time to their department. All firemen across Canada would be frozen to their jobs, he said.

In such an emergency the fire departments would come under the direction of the army. The only orders they would take from the army, however, would be concerning the location of fires to be fought. The detailing of areas in which the department would work would be given by the army but all other operations would be under the control of the department officers. A committee was set up at the meeting to begin planning for the 1964 Centennial celebrations. At least two events involving the fire department, the Maritime Firemen's Tournament and the Maritime Fire Chiefs Convention, will be held here in 1964.

Plans were also made for the annual firemen's banquet to be held at the Charlottetown Hotel on Feb. 27.

**Cardigan Has Meeting**  
MONTAGUE — Dan Sanderson was elected as the Cardigan village commissioner to replace Francis Shepard at the annual meeting on Tuesday night. Other members of the commission are: Lynwood MacNeill, chairman; Noel Wilson and Earl MacDonald, clerk. A total of \$2200.00 was budgeted for the coming year, part of which will be used to purchase equipment for the fire department. The tax rate was boosted by

**Annual Meeting**  
Progressive Conservative Association of Kings annual meeting Georgetown Hall, February 14th, 8 p.m. Mrs. Margaret Macdonald, M.P., and other speakers will be in attendance. All poll chairmen are requested to have a good representation at this meeting.

C. A. SHAW, President of Kings County Progressive Conservative Association.

## Home Owners At Souris

SOURIS — The names of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Daley and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McIntyre were erroneously listed as home owners

in yesterday's report of the opening of the Souris Co-operated housing development. The names should have been Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacIntosh.

**HAVE TO PAY**  
ST. JOHNS: Que. (CP)—Council of this community 20 miles southeast of Montreal decided that henceforth city employees will have to pay for their automobile drivers' licences. For more than 20 years the city has paid for them and last year provided 60 licences.

**BENEVOLENT IRISH SOCIETY**  
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## GUIDE LEADERS GET COMPASS COURSE

A map and compass reading course for Girl Guide leaders in Charlottetown and surrounding districts opened at Zion Church hall last night. Above Gordon Kerr, provincial executive commissioner for the Boy Scouts, and instructor for the course explains a point to Mrs. Malcolm MacDonald, Girl Guide district commissioner. The course will continue on Feb. 21 and 28.

## Man Fined \$80 On Three Counts

SOURIS — A rather unusual case came before Magistrate James B. Johnston, Q.C. in Kings County yesterday when a resident of St. Margarets appeared on three separate charges of being intoxicated in a public place. The accused, Michael Francis MacDonald, was fined a total of \$80 and costs or 30 days. He was fined \$20 and costs or 15 days on the first charge; \$25 and costs or 20 days on the second charge and

## Montague Curling Club Holds Party

MONTAGUE — The members of the Montague Ladies Curling Club recently arranged a party in the clubrooms in honor of Mrs. James Cudmore. Mrs. Cudmore was presented with greatly appreciated and suitable gifts from both the ladies' and the men's clubs. The addresses were read by Sybil MacLean and Kenneth MacDonald, and although taken completely by surprise, Evelyn thanked all those who were responsible very appropriately. A more than happy and pleasant evening was enjoyed by the members of both clubs on the occasion of this celebration of Mrs. Cudmore's forthcoming trip to Regina. She will travel with the winners of the Silver "D" bonspiel who will compete in the Dominion Diamond "D" bonspiel, and at the same time officially represent the ladies' association of this province. The evening ended with a buffet lunch arranged by the entertainment committee consisting of Mrs. Edith Clay, Mrs. L. H. Poole and Mrs. Arthur Sullivan.

## First Eldon Boy Scout Troop To Be Sponsored By Legion

At a meeting held recently in the Legion home at Eldon representatives of districts in the surrounding area decided to form a scout troop to be known as the First Eldon Troop. Gordon Kerr, provincial executive commissioner, explained the duties of the sponsoring agent and the different factors involved in organizing and running a troop. Hector Pantou, president of the Eldon branch, RCL, presided.

## Possession Of Stolen Goods Results In Six-Month Term

On a charge of possession of stolen goods, Elmer Doucette, Charlottetown, was sentenced to six months in Queens County Jail by Magistrate A.J. Haslam in city police court yesterday. At his arraignment last Monday, Doucette had pleaded guilty to having possession of one overcoat, one blanket, one scarf and a flashlight, valued under \$50, the property of Arnold Pigeon.

**SUSPENDED SENTENCE**  
On a similar charge, Llewellyn Andrew Cathcart, Charlottetown, was given a six months suspended sentence and ordered to enter into a bond in the amount of \$500 and two sureties of \$250 each. He was remanded until Feb. 14, in order to allow time for him to arrange for bondsmen and the drawing up of the document. Cathcart, last Monday, pleaded guilty to having the possession of a wallet containing

\$13.01, the property of Shirley Cantello. Pleading not guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated, but guilty to the lesser count of driving while his abilities were impaired by alcohol, George J. Green, Albany, was fined \$125 and costs or 30 days in jail. Counsel for the defence was Lester O'Donnell. A fine of \$20 and costs or 10 days was meted out to Wendell Ford, Charlottetown, who was convicted on the charge of being drunk and disorderly. Three persons pleaded guilty to falling to stop at "stop" signs, and each was fined \$5 and costs or two days. A fine of \$5 without costs or two days was given another person who pleaded guilty to a parking meter violation. Failure to stop for a red traffic light resulted in another accused being fined \$10 and costs or five days in jail.

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## TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN:

Interpreting Wednesday's Acclamations for Mayor, Council, and Water and Sewer Commission as a tremendous vote of confidence in us and our Civic Administration of the past two years, we the undersigned tender to all our citizens our sincere and warm thanks for the continued confidence you have placed in us, and pledge its continuance to the best of our abilities for the term ahead.

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