

Inquest Held In Death Of Woman Aged 85

GEORGETOWN — A coroner's jury here found that Mrs. Loreta Jane Brooks of Murray Harbor came to her death by internal bleeding due to injuries sustained in a two truck collision at approximately 8.30 p.m., Oct. 10 on the Murray River Road at the intersection of the Gladstone Road. The jury found no fault with either driver.

The verdict was reached before coroner, Dr. G.S.A. Inman in the Georgetown Court House Thursday night. Deputy Attorney General J. Arthur McGillivray represented the Crown.

A total of 10 witnesses were heard by the jury. First witness was Donald Haig Coffin of Montague who is a service station operator and mechanic. Mr. Coffin inspected a three-ton truck which was one of the vehicles involved in the accident. He reported that he found the truck in good working order.

Mr. Kenneth Wesley Lunn of the RCMP detachment of the RCMP introduced in evidence photographs he took and a plan of the accident scene.

Mr. M.L. Bonnell of Murray Harbor told he was called to the scene and upon examination he found Mrs. Loreta Jane Brooks lying in a ditch on the side of the road and she was dead when he examined her. He made arrangements to have the body removed to the hospital.

The coroner read the autopsy report, which was read by Dr. John Craig, provincial pathologist. It showed that death was caused by severe internal injuries, causing massive internal hemorrhage.

Carmen Vincent Penny of Murray Harbor told of driving his car on the road from Murray Harbor to Murray River on the night of Oct. 10. He was closely following the truck, Mrs. Brooks was a passenger with her son John Macdonald Brooks, the driver.

Penny said the night was foggy and that he saw the Brooks vehicle turn left to enter the Gladstone road when it was in collision with another vehicle. He did not see the driver of the Brooks vehicle give any signal to turn. Penny was travelling about 40 miles per hour as he followed the Brooks truck at

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CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN HERE

Hope Holmstead from Toronto (centre) chairman of the "Canadian Conference on the Aging" discusses Red Cross "Friendly Visiting" of the elderly with Mrs. J. M. Lee (left) who is chairman of the Visitors at the Home for the Aged, and Mrs. Ian Craig (right) the overall chairman of the hospital visitors for the Charlottetown area.

Impaired Driving Case Dismissed

Yesterday afternoon in Queen's County Magistrate's Court the case against Robert Gessner Silliphant of Hunter River was dismissed by Magistrate James B. Johnston.

Silliphant was charged with driving a motor vehicle while his condition to do so was impaired. In dismissing the charge Mr. Johnston said that he felt that the police officers were justified in making the arrest but there were "some gaps in the evidence which raise doubts in my mind and I have to dismiss the case."

William Arthur Henry, 19 Goodwill Avenue, also appearing on an impaired driving charge. He pleaded not guilty and his case was set for trial on December 28.

Wilbur Alexander Macdonald of Lorne Valley was fined \$20 and costs for failing to yield right of way when entering a highway. The charge arose out of an accident that occurred on the Trans Canada Highway about a quarter mile west of the Cherry Valley corner on the afternoon of Sept. 26.

Crown Prosecutor Alan Scaler called three witnesses, one of them being Cst. William Dewnap of the RCMP detachment.

Williams and Joseph Shelton, Flowerbearers were Lloyd Taylor, Archibald MacEachern, Vernon MacEachern, Donald MacEachern, Harvey MacEachern, Donald MacEachern. Interment took place in the church cemetery.

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love for home and family and those combinations of Christian virtues made him many friends during his long lifetime. He was a fisherman for the greater part of his life and in earlier years he followed the sea in sailing ships. He was pre-deceased by his wife the former Susan Clark, who passed away in 1959.

He is survived by one son, Reginald, formerly of Souris and who now resides in Alameda, Calif., also by three daughters, Maude (Mrs. Percy O'Hanley) of Souris; Irene (Mrs. Spurgeon Walker) of Georgetown and Joyce (Mrs. Kenneth Frazer) of North Lakes. The remains are resting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Percy O'Hanley in Souris.

Rink Tender Is Awarded GEORGETOWN — Georgetown Town Council decided on tenders for the operation of a rink building for the coming year at a special council meeting last evening.

Operation of the rink, dance hall and castron from Dec. 15, 1964, Dec. 15, 1965, was awarded to Fred Myers, Joseph L. Martell and Harvey Martell. A condition of the tender is that certain specified free skating and hockey time will be made available to school children, as well as a free rink for the annual school ice sports.

Deputy Mayor A.H. Stewart presided over the meeting, and councillors Spurgeon Walker, Patrick Murphy, Frank Laverdiere and Guy Hemphill were present.

W. J. Buffett Dies Aged 89 GEORGETOWN — The death occurred in Georgetown, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Spurgeon Walker, Thursday, Dec. 3, of William James Buffett, aged 89 years.

The late Mr. Buffett was born in Port Aux Basques, Nfld. and moved to this Province in 1960 where he resided in Souris until a few years ago when he took up residence with his daughter, Mrs. Spurgeon Walker in Georgetown. He was liked by all those whose privilege it was to have known him. By nature he was quiet and unassuming, with a

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LOCAL BRIEFS IS PATIENT Herbert Mahar, 216 Dorchester Street, is a patient in Charlottetown Hospital.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL Mrs. Clifford MacPhee has returned to her home in Royalty, having been in hospital for several weeks.

TIMES CHANGED Margate United Church, Pastoral Charge, New London 11.00 a.m. Long River 2.30 p.m. Parsons 7.30 p.m. W. A. Marston, M.S., D., minister.

BREAKS LEG Mrs. B. J. Molyneux (Greta) of Southport, had the misfortune to break her leg and is a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital. She is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Sterling Stackhouse, Hazelbrook.

FIRE CALLS Two early morning calls were answered by city firemen yesterday. A car owned by Haze Acorn, Allen Street, was gutted by fire about 1.05 a.m. The second call, about 5 a.m., was to the home of John King, Jr., of 171 Water Street, where a mattress had caught fire. There was little damage.

REMANDED FOR ARREST Charged with theft of an article valued at less than \$50, Philip Francis Ross of Charlottetown was remanded to Dec. 10 with bail to stand by Magistrate A. J. Haslam, QC, in city police lined \$20 and costs or 30 days for illegal possession of liquor.

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