Auto Driver Is Absolved Of All Blame In Death Of Woman

A verdict absolving Lorne Leard of Alberton of any blame in the death of Miss Annie Belle Meggison of Mill River, who died as a result of injuries received when struck by a car driven by Mr. Leard at Alberton on the evening of October 4th, was brought in by a coroner's jury at an inquest held last evening in the Court House, Summerside.

Coroner Dr. W.E. Callaghan presided while Mr. D.O. Stewart, Q.C. represented the Crown.

Dr. J.C. Simpson, who attended the deceased at the Prince County Hospital, was the first witness called and told of the extent of her injuris. He stated she had severe fractures of both legs, a large jagged laceration over the left eye brow, large gruises over the upper back, a large area of hemorrhage over the right kidney area, several bruises over the abdomen and was in shock and great pain.

Dr. Simpson revealed that in spite of treatment she did not improve and her condition gradually worsened until she died on the morning of October 10th. Dr. Simpson stated that he performed the autopsy and found that the deceased had a small fracture of the skull over the mastoid area (left side), some brain damage, and a rupture of the kidney. He concluded that in his opinion death was due to (1) ruptured kidney, (2) fractured skull (3) severe fractures to both legs.

Mr. Isaac Meggison brother of the deceased, testified that he had been with his sister just prior to the accident and had let her out of his vehicle so that she might cross the street. He stated that he had just moved his truck ahead two or three lengths when he heard a crash. He went back near the accident scene and was asked to go get a doctor which he proceeded to do. When he arrived back he stated that his sister had been removed to hospital.

Mr. Leard testified that he was proceeding along Church St. in the direction of Elmsdale about 15 or 20 miles per hour and was partly blinded by lights of vehicles parked a short distance in front of him on the opposite side of the street.

He said a woman came out from behind a parked truck, 10 or 12 feet in front of his vehicle, running across the street. He attempted to stop but hit her with his left head light. He got out and found the wom an lying a few feet in front of his car. He said he stopped a passing car and asked the driver to get a doctor. Mr. Leard stated he stayed until Miss Meggison was taken away to hospital by Dr. Cameron. Mrs. Leard who was a passen ger in her husband's car corroborated his evidence.

Csj's C.J.D. Bungay and D.L. Ogilvie, of the Alberton Detachment R.C.M.P. gave evidence concerning measurements, photographs and a diagram of the accident scene. They also testified that the brakes and lights of the Leard vehicle were found to be in good condition and that there was no evidence of liquor.

The verdict was as follows: "According to the evidence submitted, the said Miss Annie Belle Meggison, came to her death on the death on the morning of October 10th, 1956, in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside of injuries received on the evening of October 4th on Church St., Alberton, having been struck by a car, 1949 model Ford driven by Lorne Leard of Alberton and in our opinion there was no negligence on the part of the driver, Lorne Leard.

Members of the jury were: Ralph Dodds (foreman), Jack Schurman, Roy Johnston, George Morrison, George Peters, Lloyd Small and Halzie Dunning.

WESTERN GUARDIAN

REGULAR WENESDAY night dance Borden Legion Hall. 9.30 to 12.30. Don Messers Orchestra.

HOT Chicken supper, Lot 16 Hall, Wednesday, October 24, proceeds United Church Ladies Aid.

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Rotarians Hear Of Korean Work

Miss Helen MacArthur, who has recently returned after spending 18 months organizing the Korean Red Cross, was the guest speaker at the regular luncheon of the Rotary Club of Summerside. Describing her stay in Korea, Miss MacArthur said it was a wonderful experience for her. Going from a country of swift communications and recent history to a land where the calendar dates in the year 4,000 one must appreciate that they are living in an entirely different world.

The history of Korea is one of suppression and determination to keep their nationality. Only within the last 100 years has the outside world been allowed to know the people and the country.

CHOOSE SONG

Compared with our economy the people live in poverty, but in spite of this have been able to maintain a cheerful outlook on life. If it came to a choice between eating two meals a day) which is all they ever get) and having no music or song, or having one meal with song, they would unhesitatingly choose the one meal.

The Red Cross movement was started in 1945 but ceased to operate again in 1950 when the communist war began, and it was not revived until 1953 after the truce commission was established in Sueol. The devastation at the time throughout the whole country was appalling but with the complete cooperation of all the united nations, rapid progress was made to look after the 600 patients in the Red Cross Hospital, and to care for the 100,000 war orphans.

A campaign for membership was undertaken in spite of the hardships which the people were enduring and was so successful that today there are two and one-half million members. The organization is a fully accredited member of the international Red Cross Society.

While efforts of individual members of western countries may appear of themselves to be very small, when taken together they are of great help. To illustrate this point, Mis MacArthur said that the donations of the Canadian children through their local Red Cross towards the help of the war orphans amounted to $67,00 in 1955.

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Punch Boards, Slot Machines Are Confiscated

Three punch boards along with the prizes and one slot machine, seized by the R.C.MP. from places of business in St. Eleanors, Miscouche and Summerside, R.R., were ordered confiscated by Magistrate R.S. Hinton, Q.C. in Magistrate's court, Summerside yesterday.

The court revealed that these would be the last cases to come under the Provincial Slot Machine Act and that in future all similar cases will be prosecuted under provisions of the Criminal Code. The code provides a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment for the keeper or owner and a fine of $500 or six months for those caught using the machines.

At present law enforcement officers in the Province are making a drive against the owners and operators of punch boards and slot machines.

In other cases on the docket, a party from Tignish was fined $20. and costs or 15 days for being intoxicated in a public place.

A man from Portage pleaded guilty to possession of liquor other than in his residence and was fined $30. and costs.

A Summerside party was fined $25. and costs for failing to file an income tax return for 1955.

Two parties were fined $25. and costs for failing to obtain an operator's license for 1956 (second offence for both).

The superintendent of a company operating trucks in the Province was fined $15. and costs for permitting three vehicles to be driven with Quebec registration.

A party from Kensington was fined $25. and costs for driving without due care and attention and the case of a party from Tryon, who pleaded "Not guilty" to a similar charge was adjourned for one week after two witnesses gave evidence.

Central Bedeque Girl Hit By Car

Mable Arsenault, 16, of Central Bedeque was struck by a car at Middleton last evening near the home of Ralph Arsenault, but is believed to have sustained only a bruised hip and elbow.

The accident occurred about 8.15 and was investigated by the Borden Detachment R.C.M.P. Mable is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred V. Arsenault.

RANSOM
STARS GLEN FORD
CAPITOL SUMMERSIDE

Glenn Ford, who recently scored in the successful "Trial," plays an even more dramatic role in "Ransom!" as the young father whose son is kidnapped and who refuses to meet the ransom demands of the kidnapper despite terrifying pressure upon the part of his family and the anger and contempt of his neighbors and business associates.

Donna Reed, Academy Award winner for her performance in "From Here to Eternity" plays the anguished wife, with prominent supporting roles filled by Leslie Nielsen on of M-G-M's most important newcomers Juano Hernandez, the Judge of "Trial" and Robert Keith last seen in "Guys and Dolls."

The kidnapped boy around whom the suspenseful action pivots, is enacted by ten-year-old Bobby Clark, juvenile star of television and soon to be seen in C.B. De Mille's "The Ten Commandments."

RESCUE CALL

The international call for help, S O S, was officially accepted 50 years ago.

S'side Branch Of Red Cross Hears Half-Yearly Reports

The semi-annual meeting of the Summerside Branch of the Red Cross Society was held last evening in the Canadian Legion Hall. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mr. J. Frank Arnett, and reports from the various committees were submitted by Mrs. William Strong which showed that the receipts during the year amounted to $726.64 with expenditures amounting to $272.79, leaving a bank balance of $453.85. In submitting her report Mrs. Strong said, "Owing to the fire in the Town Hall we lost all our equipment and were compelled to buy two new sewing machines. Profiting from our experience in thatfire, we put on $1,000.00 insurance on the contents of our room which we now occupy in the old hospital."

Reports from other committees were received which included disaster services by Edwin Nicholson work by Mrs. Traverse, swimming and water safety by Mr.Keith Lapp and blood donors committee by Dr.Hillard Clark.

Following the business meeting, the members were addressed by Miss Helen MacArthur, National Director of nursing services of the Canadian Red Cross Society. Miss MacArthur has recently returned from service in Korea and gave a most interesting talk on her experiences while on duty there He talk was followed by the showing of slides illustrating the various aspects of the country, its people and the conditions under which they exist. The slides illustrated the beauty of the country and others showed the devastation and suffering of the people caused by war.

A hearty vote of thanks was moved to the speaker by Rev. J. Donald MacKay and presented by the president, Mr.Arnett.

BEDEQUE

Dr. Howard Hart, of Saskatoon, Sask., paid a brief visit to Bedeque recently, calling on his aunt Mrs. Thomas Moyse, and Mr. Moyse and Mrs. Edna Jenkins.

Mrs. (Dr.) J.B. Champion and her daughter, Miss Helen Champion, Halifax, were visitors here over the weekend. They were guests of Mrs. Champion's sister, Mrs. Reginald Forbes and Mr. Forbes'. Lower Bedeque.

Dr. Robert Smith, Bedeque, attended the Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine refresher course from October 15 to 19.

The annual School of Rural Church Music, was recently held in the United Church here and was attended by members of Church choirs from various parts of the Island. Sessions were held in the afternoon and evening. Rev. L.M. Murray, pastor of the United Church, Kensington was the conductor of the School.

Laymen's Sunday was duly observed on the three appointments of the Bedeque United Church charge. Mr. Ralph Callbeck, conducted the service at Bedeque at 11 a.m., assisted by Mr. William Stavert, who read the Scripture lesson, and Mr. Thomas Moyse, who offered prayer. Mr. W.J. Reid delivered the address. He related his address to the laymen's conference which was held at Stanhope Beach Inn some time ago, when 110 laymen gathered for fellowship and consideration of vital Christian problems. The men's Choir had charge of the music with Mrs. Walter Craig, organist.

The choir of the Bedeque United Church attended the hymn festival at the Cornwall United Church on Sunday evening, October 21st.

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TO VISIT TITO

BELGRADE (Reuters) — President Tito's government announced Thursday that Romanian government and Communist party leaders will arrive here Saturday for a nine-day visit. The delegation will follow other leading Communists from Soviet bloc nations who are fast making amends with Tito, who was expelled from their Cominform organization eight years ago.

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