

THE EASTERN GUARDIAN

AGENTS—MONTAGUE: Harold F. Landry, Mrs. Byron Stewart, Mrs. Bruce MacPhee, Miss Joyce Wigginton, Miss McKinnon. AGENT GEORGETOWN: Waldon Lavers.

The Guardian may be bought at the following places in Montague: Blue Dome Restaurant, and Guardian Office; in Georgetown: The Post Office; in Souris: The Snack Bar and H. Richards & Son.

Miss Anna Power, employee of Clark Brothers, Montague, is spending her vacation at her former home in Queensport, N.S.

The many friends of Miss Catherine Whiteway, Brooklyn, are sorry to hear she is a patient in the King's County Hospital, Montague.

MONTAGUE W. I.

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Montague Soldier Wounded In Korea

Mrs. Elgin Buell, Montague, received word Monday evening that her husband, Sgmn. Elgin Buell, had been wounded in Korea. The wound is described as a gunshot in the right calf.

Sgmn. Buell entered service in May of 1949, in the Signal Corps, and later transferred to the Artillery unit. He took his training course at Kingston, being later posted to Halifax and Shilo, Manitoba, before going to Korea in April of this year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Buell, Montague, and two children also reside here.

Former Roseneath Lady Dies In City

There passed away in the Charlottetown Hospital yesterday morning after a lengthy illness, Miss Mary Donahoe, of Charlottetown, formerly of Roseneath, in her 81st year.

Miss Donahoe was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Donahoe, Roseneath. She is survived by one brother, Father James Donahoe, Regina, Sask., and two sisters, Mrs. J. P. McNichol, St. Thomas, Rhode Island, and Catherine Donahoe, Charlottetown.

Two brothers, Dr. Robert Donahoe, and Thomas Donahoe, and one sister Mrs. William Cain, predeceased her a number of years ago.

The funeral will be held Thursday morning from the home of her nephew, James Donahoe, Roseneath, at All Saints Church, Cardigan, for Requiem High Mass at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Peters Road and Vicinity

Miss Edith MacPherson, Cambridge, Mass., was a recent visitor to Peters Road, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis McPherson.

Miss Sandra McPherson, who has spent the past two weeks in Charlottetown, guest of her aunt, Mrs. Alf Weatherly, has returned to her home at Peters Road.

Mrs. John Campbell, Alliston, was a visitor to Murray River recently, guest of her sister, Miss Myrna McKay.

Mr. John A. McSwain, Peters Road, spent the past week-end in Picton, N.S.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Kelly, Medford, Mass., are spending their vacation at the home of Mrs. Kelly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnston, Peters Road.

Miss Elaine Vanderstine, Peters Road, was a recent visitor to Montague.

Miss Anne Hicken, Alliston, was a visitor to Peters Road recently, guest of Miss Margaret Johnston and Miss Elaine Vanderstine.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnston and children, Carl, Ann, and Earl E., and Mrs. Lloyd Butler, Peters Road, motored to Charlottetown recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Weatherly and son, Paul, of Charlottetown, were visitors to Peters Road recently, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis McPherson.

Mrs. L. J. Acorn, Alliston, was a recent visitor to Peters Road, guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. William McMillan, Trenton, N.S., have returned to their home after spending a two weeks' vacation visiting their daughters, Mrs. Samuel Acorn, Alliston, and Mrs. Alexander McLean, Peters Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray White, Murray Harbour, and Mr. W. B. Hicken, Alliston, were visitors to Pembroke recently, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hicken.

Inquest Concluded In Death Of Harry Rafuse

A coroner's jury at Montague last night found that Harry Rafuse, Georgetown, Royalty, came to his death on July 1 from injuries caused by external force.

The hearing was in the Montague Legion Hall. Coroner Dr. G. S. A. Inman presided.

Appearing for the Crown were Deputy Attorney General J. O. C. Campbell and Mr. S. S. Hossain, Crown prosecutor for King's County.

Witnesses last night included Dr. Harold Shaw, provincial pathologist, Byron MacLean of Cardigan North and Miss Annie Keenan of Georgetown Royalty.

Dr. Shaw gave a detailed report of the findings of an autopsy which he performed. He said it appeared the deceased had been killed and then the body had received further injuries after life was extinct. The full text of his report appears below.

Dr. Shaw got out with a witness and after his evidence the jury retired but later returned to get more evidence re the time of the accident. The Crown called Mr. Byron MacLean of Cardigan North who said that he and James MacLean were returning home via the Georgetown Royalty road, between 12 midnight and 1 a.m. on July 1st. They saw a man lying on the road, and they drove around him by going on the shoulder of the road.

He then stopped his car, and they got out with a witness. They recognized Harry Rafuse. They spoke to him and he mumbled something unintelligible. He was not injured at that time. There was no blood, witness said.

They considered he was drinking, and seeing that he did not require any help they left him. At that time he was lying crossways on the road.

The next witness, Miss Annie Keenan, of Georgetown Royalty said she saw the car stop in front of her home between twelve midnight and 1 a.m. on July 1st, and also saw the ambulance being played about on the road. She also saw the car leaving in the direction of Cardigan. In the morning about 7:10 she left her home on her way to church at Georgetown. She saw an object lying on the road, and went near to it, stopping her car about ten feet away. She recognized Harry Rafuse and saw that he was dead.

Foreman John A. MacDonald asked the Coroner if he could assist in determining the time of death. The Coroner replied that it was a difficult thing to determine in view of many factors which existed during that night, but he thought it possible that he had been dead around four or more hours.

The jury then retired to bring in their verdict.

Members of the jury included foreman John A. MacDonald, Donald Acorn, George Gallant, Earl C. MacDonald, Norman W. MacKenzie, Peter J. Sullivan, George V. Fraser.

Following is the text of Dr. Shaw's report: "On the authority of the Attorney General's department, I examined the body of Mr. Harry Rafuse, as identified to me by Mr. Bruce MacPhee of Montague at the MacLean Funeral Home in Charlottetown, on July 4th, 1952.

The body, when accepted for examination, was clothed. This clothing was removed and given to custody to members of the R.C.M.P. The most prominent injury present on the external surfaces of the body was the removal of part of the scalp covering of the head, i.e. the scalp, from part of the top surface of the skull. This started as a transverse incision along the prominence of bone above the left eye. It followed closely the line of the left eyebrow, from approximately the middle at the bridge of the nose to the extreme lateral edge of the left eyebrow. The line of incision then extended backwards from the bridge of the nose to a point about 2-3 inches back of the centre of the top of the head and a little to the right of the midline. The incision on the left, starting at the lateral extremity of the left eyebrow, extended backwards along the left side of the head, above the ear, to the end of the incision on the top of the head. Over this area the scalp was reflected but retained by attachment at the back of the head. There was no evidence of fracture of the skull at this stage of the examination and which was confirmed later following removal of the brain.

"Other markings on the external surfaces of the body suggestive of injury were comparatively slight in nature and consisted essentially of abrasions of the type called 'brush burns' or 'skin abrasions'. These remaining wounds were located in the following areas: On the back of the right forearm and right elbow, along the lateral surfaces of each thigh, and on the front of each leg just above the knee cap. The latter, rounded and about the size of a 50 cent piece, were each located exactly 1 1/2 inches from the soles of the feet. At this stage of the examination I was conjecturing in my own mind just what the cause of death would be as there did not appear to be sufficient damage on external examination to indicate any specific area of involvement.

In that there was an oozing of blood from both the nose and mouth, which usually indicates serious involvement, I began examination of the head and neck regions. Here I found the bone, which attaches the head to the spinal column, to be dislocated, and just below this — at the level of the third cervical vertebrae — there was an extensive comminuted fracture. With the skin of the back of the neck reflected, the spinal cord could be displayed through this fracture. On removal of the brain there was found to be damage to the left side of the lower brain, although there was no overlying fracture of any part of the skull. It is concluded that this portion of the brain was damaged by the application of that severe force which caused the dislocation and fracture of the upper end of the spinal column.

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Whim Road And Vicinity

Mr. Frank Graham is vacationing from his employment in Charlottetown with his wife and small son Hugh, at Commercial Cross.

Inspector Lewis Watson, accompanied by his wife and family have arrived in Whim Road from Ottawa, to vacation with Mrs. Watson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman MacDonald.

Miss Mary MacKinnon has returned to Halifax after spending her holidays at her former home at Whim Road. During her stay she also visited her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hill in Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and family recently returned to their home in Halifax after spending a week at Mrs. Campbell's former home at Whim Road. Mrs. Campbell, before her marriage, was Miss Lilly MacKinnon.

A social evening was recently enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beams Rourke, Montague, when all of Mrs. Rourke's brothers and sisters and others were present to bring back old memories and talk about the good old days together. Mrs. Rourke, who was formerly Miss Bessie Fraser, has two sisters, Pearl, Mrs. E. Farquharson, who resides in Killmuir; and Mae, Mrs. Mae MacPherson, of Farmingham, Massachusetts. There are also three brothers, Milton, in Brudenell; William in Albion; and Harvey in Montague.

Bristol and Vicinity

Mrs. Margaret Villard and daughter Muriel were visitors to the city on July 19th on business.

Basil MacDonald, of the R.C.A.F. is spending a leave with his parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Gus MacDonald, Basil served in the navy during the war years.

Mrs. Annie Tully, who was Annie Jay of this vicinity in single life, left last week for her home in Boston by air after a pleasant visit with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jay.

A rare little animal was killed on the highway here on July 16th by a car. This stranger turned out to be a black rabbit and it was many a moon since a black rabbit has been seen here, dead or alive.

Mr. D. C. MacDougall, who purchased the property of James Kenefick known as the old McEwen Mills property, has moved to his new home here and will carry on farming.

Mrs. Vincent McGrath has returned from a very pleasant trip to Ontario where she attended the wedding of her son Andrew, and visited her daughters, Mrs. O'Brien found the intense heat more than she could stand in the big city, so cut her visit short.

The Bennett Canning Plant, which did a lot of canning of fruit here last summer, has been closed this year and is being run by those who have fruit to can.

Miss Imelda Rossiter, student nurse at the Halifax Infirmary, left last week for that city to resume her duties after spending a pleasant vacation with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rossiter.

Rev. Reginald Phalen has returned home from a trip to Boston where he went for a check on his heart, and we are pleased to learn that he did not need the operation he expected to undergo when he left for that city three weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley and two daughters have arrived from Rumford, Maine, to spend a few weeks vacation with their parents here and at Peakes Station. Mrs. Bradley was Margaret Ranahan before her marriage and at present is staying with her mother, Mrs. Nettie Ranahan, in the Morell East district.

Mrs. Walter Kearney has arrived from Waltham, Mass., to spend a vacation with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rossiter. She was Teresa Clarkin before her marriage in Boston, years ago, but spent some time here in single life. Friends are all pleased to see her around again after many years' absence.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. MacDonald were visitors here on July 20th for their first visit since they were married a few weeks ago. Mrs. MacDonald was Lillian McCabe before her marriage, while Mr. MacDonald is a Bristol man. They have taken up residence in Parkdale as Mr. MacDonald is with the M.C.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Daveaux have arrived from Halifax, N.S., to spend a vacation with Mr. Daveaux's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Kenefick, also with Mrs. Daveaux's aged mother, Mrs. Placid Daveaux. Leo is looking up old friends he has not seen for forty years.

Mrs. James A. O'Brien has arrived home from a shorter than expected trip to Boston where she spent some time with her daughter Mrs. Mary, Mrs. Harvey, and her aged sister, Mrs. Hughes, and

Georgetown and Vicinity

Mrs. Gordon Livingston and two children, of Charlottetown, are guests of Mrs. Livingston's parents, Captain and Mrs. John Dicks.

Mrs. Gerald Moriarity of Halifax is visiting in Georgetown, where she is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Joseph Bouchard.

Master Roger Walker of Souris is vacationing here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walker.

Mr. Keith MacDonald of Halifax, N.S., was a business visitor to the Province last week, and paid a brief visit to Georgetown.

Mr. Marcellus Gotell, one of the King's County directors of the Prince Edward Island Fishermen's Association, attended a directors' meeting of the association, held in Charlottetown last week.