

Find Dynamite Drying In Oven Caused Fatal Blast In Glace Bay Dwelling

GLACE BAY, N. S. (CP) — A coroner's jury found Friday that five sticks of dynamite put in the kitchen oven to dry touched off the explosion which wrecked the home of miner Daniel MacPhee, blinded his wife and fatally injured a daughter.

The blast rocked a half-mile area in suburban Glace Bay when Mrs. MacPhee, three daughters and a son were gathered in the kitchen at the supper hour last Friday. Evelyn MacPhee, 11, died in hospital the next day after doctors had amputated one of her badly smashed legs above the knee.

BOOTLEGGING COAL

Son Murray MacPhee, 19, testified that he had seen five sticks of the explosive, known as monobel and used by miners to shatter a coal face, in the oven drying earlier in the day. He denied knowing who put it there.

One stick of monobel thrust into a solid coal face will blast loose seven tons. Young MacPhee admitted that the family ran a "bootleg" coal mine but said they had never used monobel. "Bootleg" coal is coal pirated from underground seams owned by someone else; in this case, the Dominion Steel and Coal Corp., which digs all the coal mined legally in Cape Breton.

Coming Events

"Don't fail to see 'Apache War Smoke', Fredericton tonight 8 p.m. Dance, Vernon River hall, Tuesday, June 1.

"Cake sale S. A. MacDonald's, Saturday 2.30. Central Y.P.U.

"Group 5 Rummage Sale, Zion Hall, Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.

"Reserve July 28th for Cardigan Tea Party.

"See St. Theresa's play, Little Pond Hall, Monday, May 31. Dance after.

"Your Saturday night Jamboree, Charlottetown Forum, beginning June 12th.

"Seven Mile Bay Hall Wednesday 2: Kelly's Cross play, 'The Meddlesome Maid'.

"Opening Dance, Fortune Hall, Tuesday, June 1st. McEwen's Orchestra.

"The Nation's Top Vocal Group, Bill Kenny and the Ink Spots-Forum, Monday, May 31st, 8.15 p.m.

"Tickets now on sale at Holman's China Department for the Ink Spots Show.

"Winslow Road Hall, June 2nd. See Bedque 'Calamity Kids'. Sponsored by North Winslow Institute. Sale of cakes.

"Come to Rose Valley Hall to see 'Aunt Janie on the Way' on Wednesday evening, June 2nd, Curtain 8.15.

"Regular Dance, Stanley Bridge Rink Hall every Tuesday night. Music, Rolie MacKenzie's Orchestra.

"Buying daily until Monday, May 31st, good pigs weighing 40 lbs. and over. Paying highest market prices. Wellington McNeill & Son, Burnt and Bell's Wharf.

"See and hear sound colored Christian film, 'I Have Found My Saviour' in Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, Sunday, 8.30 p.m.

"Tuesday, June 1st, 8 p.m. Salvation Army Citadel, illustrated lecture by Mr. and Mrs. Parent. Coronation pictures included. Everyone welcome. Silver collection.

"Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday, 'The Blazing Forest' starring John Wayne. Be sure to get your free ticket on the big Regal Aluminium Set to be drawn for in June.

"Auto and Farm Supplies, 303 Great George Street, Sales and Service. Complete line of De Laval Milkers, Separators, Water Pressure Systems, Automobile Parts, Oils, Greases, etc.

"Commencing Thursday, June 3rd and for the summer months, our Feed Warehouse will be open on Thursday and Friday mornings only from 7.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Signed: The Wiltshire Dairying Co. Ltd.

"The following haulers will be hauling cream to Wiltshire Factory on Mondays and Thursdays, commencing Monday, May 31st: Robert Viokerson, Charles Friszel, Malcolm Andrews, and Harry Weeks. Will take back butter on Monday only and feed on Thursday only. Signed: The Wiltshire Dairying Co. Ltd.

Annual Meeting Of Boy Scouts Ass'n

question of who put it there. Rescuers working in the debris later found three unexploded sticks of the explosive.



Mr. R. C. Parent Provincial Commissioner

R. C. Parent was elected Provincial Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association of Prince Edward Island at the annual meeting held last night at the City Hall. Brigadier W. W. Reid, D.S.O., E.D., was re-elected president.

Patrons of the organization are His Honor Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse and Premier A. W. Matheson. Honorary President is the Hon. G. D. DeBlois and the Honorary Vice President Hon. J. A. Bernard.

Other officers include, Vice Presidents, Horace MacFarlane, Prince County; F. A. Driscoll, Queens County; J. W. Lavers, Kings County.

Exchequer Court To Sit Here June 11

OTTAWA, May 28—(Special)—The Exchequer Court of Canada begins its annual pilgrimage to centres of the Maritimes on June 7 and plans to sit at Charlottetown on Friday, June 11, it is announced here today. The presiding judge will be Justice Alphonse Fournier, Q.C., former Federal Minister of Public Works. The court is scheduled to sit at New-castle, N.B., on June 7; Moncton on June 8; Saint John, N.B., on June 14; Halifax on June 16 and St. John's, Nfld., on June 21.

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Potato Acreage Reduction Estimate Falls Far Short Of Earlier Reports

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics under the date of May 19th reports the following acreages as representing growers' intentions to plant potatoes this current year.

Table with columns: Province, 1954 Acres, 1953 Acres, % of 1953

The following analysis of the above figures has been prepared by Mr. S. G. Peppin, technical advisor to the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board.

This reduction of 6.5 per cent is far short of earlier unofficial reports which indicated reductions ranging from 10 - 20 per cent in some provinces. Providing the estimated acreage is near correct and normal yields obtain it could result in a Canadian crop amounting to 62,740,000 bushels which is considerably more than 60,000,000 bushels crop of 1952 which resulted in low prices prevailing from January 1st, 1953 to the end of that season.

Death Yesterday of Mr. Robert Rattray

Mr. Robert Rattray, 85, died suddenly yesterday afternoon in the Prince Edward Island Hospital where he had been taken after suffering a weak turn. He had been associated with the firm of Hickey and Nicholson Tobacco Co. for over fifty years.

Principal Reviews Activities At Prince of Wales Convocation

Following is the text of the address delivered by Dr. Frank MacKinnon, principal of Prince of Wales College at the College convocation yesterday: "It is my privilege once again to welcome to our Convocation the friends and relatives of the students of Prince of Wales. Here today is the one-hundred-and-nineteenth group of young people which this institution has sent forth into the life of the nation since it was founded as the Central Academy, and these students show every indication of justifying the many congratulations and good wishes which they are receiving today."

Vocational School Expansion Noted At Closing Exercises

"It is very pleasing and most encouraging to see so many of our young men and girls take advantage of the opportunities presented in the Vocational School to improve their education and increase their capacity as producing units in the Province," Premier A. W. Matheson told the graduate classes at the closing exercises of the Vocational School yesterday afternoon.

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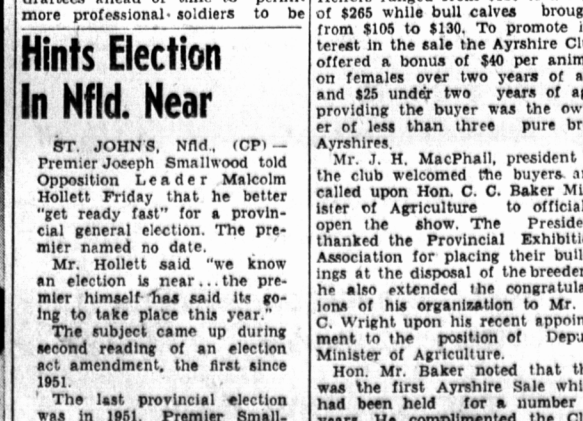
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