

# NEWS PAGE

## Montague, Souris, Kings County

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# Souris' Verdict

## of Death in Drowning

**SOURIS** — A verdict of accidental drowning in the waters of Souris Harbor on July 4, at 7 p.m. was returned by a coroner's jury inquiring into the deaths of three young Kings County persons.

Drowned were Somerset MacKinnon, Rollo Bay; Margaret Sweeney, Elmira and Alva Townsend, Rollo Bay. Witnesses described how the car in which they were driving struck a parked car on the wharf and somersaulted into the water which was 30 feet deep at the time.

The witnesses also described the attempted rescue operation and the application of artificial respiration for more than two and a half hours without any signs of life being evident from the time the bodies were removed from the water-filled interior of the car until the revival attempt was called off at 10 p.m.

Members of the jury are: Arthur Peters, Sr. foreman; William Pierce, Edmund LeVie, Benjamin Carter, Clarence Pater, Keith MacKenzie, all of Souris, and Emmett Chaisson, Bear River.

Const. James Cox, Souris detachment, RCMP, told of the various events and showed the jury photographs of the death car and a drawing of the wharf showing in detail how the triple car accident occurred. Visibility was good and although sides were overcast there was no rain, he said. The guard rail on the wharf is 10 inches high and 12 inches in width at the top.

Another witness, Robert Arthur Wood, Rollo Bay West, told of having met the young trio at a canteen in Souris West and of being given a drive by them to Souris where he left them at their own car. This was about 3:45 p.m., he said, and all three appeared normal in every way. MacKinnon was driving the car.

**DECEPTIVE RISE**

The three witnesses, Roland Francis MacDonald, Souris, told of driving the car on to the government wharf prior to entering the warehouse, he said as he circled the warehouse, he saw a car coming towards him at a "fast clip" and backed his car out of its way. He said there is a "deceptive rise" on the road near the wharf near the end of the warehouse and he said he was afraid the driver of the approaching car wouldn't see it in time.

Mr. MacDonald said he thought the driver applied his brakes after hitting the bump. The car skidded into a parked car and bounced over the end of the wharf somersaulting into the water. He said he then went to his dragger, the Marjorie M. and got some strong nylon rope and came back to where some men were diving trying to locate the car. He gave them the rope, returned to his dragger and moved it into position where with its winch the car was raised to the surface about a half-hour after it went into the water.

The witness said he along with other fishermen had recommended to the former mayor and to the RCMP that the road on the wharf be studded to "traffic after dark because of the deceptive rise."

**NO SIGN OF LIFE**

Dr. Edward Kassner, Souris, told of examining the bodies which had been removed from the car and were being given artificial respiration by two methods, the mouth-to-mouth and the Holger-Nielsen. He said that there was no sign of life at that time or during periodic examinations carried out during the time the artificial respiration was in progress on the dragger and later on the patrol boat, and still later in the government warehouse. He called off the rescue attempt at 10 p.m. and officially declared all three dead. He said artificial respiration had been carried out very efficiently by the volunteers.

Another witness, Eugene Dugas, Souris, told of smashing the rear window in the car when it had been raised from the water and removing the bodies. He began artificial respiration on one of them immediately.

Lucia Gerard MacDonald, Souris mechanic, told of examining the death car at the request of the RCMP. He said the brakes had to be pumped three times before they would catch but otherwise the car had been in fair condition prior to the accident.

Dr. L.E. Prouse, the coroner, read the pathologist's report and provided at the request. Deputy Attorney-General J. Arthur McGuigan was also present.



**TWO INJURED WHEN CAR LEAVES ROAD**

Two men, Gordon Pearson, Rescherdale and Peter Campbell, Newport, escaped with 11

their lives following an accident on Saturday evening at the foot of Bell's Hill. Both men are in hospital and their condition is reported as good as of last night. The accident occurred when the 1953 Chevrolet driven by Pearson left the highway striking the railing of a bridge, clipping off several posts, and sliding up against a tree from which limbs and bark were torn. The car above is a complete wreck.

**RCMP Band Will Open Provincial Tour Today**

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police band will begin a four-day tour of the province today. The band, comprising 20 instrumentalists, has a 13-piece dance orchestra, choral group and vocal soloists. Its concert includes classics, marches, novelty numbers and selections from popular musicals. A special feature of the band is its unique marching ceremony, consisting of a series of march movements, a musical program and a march play.

**CONCERT AT PARK**

Led by Supt. E. J. Lydall, band director and RCMP supervisor of music, the band will stage a concert at Victoria Park this evening and a marching ceremony along Richmond, Great George and Queen streets at 11 a. m. Wednesday.

Wednesday afternoon, the marching ceremony will be held along Main Street in Montague, and a concert will be staged at Souris on St. Mary's school grounds Wednesday evening.

The band's orchestra will provide the music for a formal dance at HMCS Queen Charlotte sponsored by the Island division of the RCMP.

The last stop of the tour will be at Summerside, where the band will be featured in the Summerside Lobster Carnival on Friday. A marching ceremony in front of the Civic auditorium at 4:30 p.m. and a concert in Memorial Park at 8 p.m. will conclude the band's activities on the Island.

The band will leave for Moncton Saturday.

**54 Nominated For Cot Stakes**

The following nominations have been received for the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club's Cot Stakes to be raced at Charlottetown Driving Park, Thursday, August 23.

Gait of two-year-olds must be named when starting for a being paid.

- TWO YEAR OLD**
- 1—Last Kai, owned by John Simmonds, Charlottetown.
  - 2—The Dairymen, nominated by Geo Calbeck, Summerside, owned by MacRae and Ferguson, Sydney, N. S.
  - 3—Waburn, owned by Murray Oliver, Fredericton, N. B.
  - 4—Runway Chief, owned by Douglas Hill, Charlottetown.
  - 5—Roberts Girl, owned by James Shaw, Montague.
  - 6—Barra Pet, owned by 6—Barra Pet, owned by
- Ray Stewart, Murray Harbour.
- 7—Mighty Chris, owned by H. H. Bell and A. MacMillan, O'Leary.
  - 8—Blue Mountain Girl, owned by H. H. Bell and A. MacMillan, O'Leary.
  - 9—Dale Chief, owned by Bennett MacKinnon, Charlottetown.
  - 10—Birt's Gun, nominated by H. McDermid, Charlottetown, owned by Robert Brien, Covehead.
  - 11—Flying Ivy, nominated by H. McDermid, Charlottetown, owned by Sidney Stead, Charlottetown.
  - 12—Darry's Hal, nominated by Ray Pippy, Mt. Herbert, owned by George Murphy, Cape Traverse.
  - 13—Sarah's Fortress, owned by Wilbert Dickie, Carleton Place.
  - 14—Top Price, owned by Maurice and Gerald Burgoon, Summerside.
  - 15—Golden Sam, nominated by A. Ferguson, Charlottetown, owned by Robert Brien, Summerside.
  - 16—July Marg, Cyril Smith Agent, Charlottetown.
  - 17—Darry's Ever, owned by George Sample, Kensington.
  - 18—Zanzibar Lass, owned by Elmer Newson, Summerside.
  - 19—Sky Rocket, owned by R. S. Humphrey, Kensington.
  - 20—Mevlin's Gun, nominated by R. S. Humphrey, Kensington, owned by Albert Menchie, Dalhousie, N. B.
  - 21—Bob's Girl, owned by H. B. Wilson, Charlottetown.
  - 22—Nola Feather's, owned by Stanley Mayher, Kinkora.
  - 23—Barbara's Pet, owned by Stanley Mayher, Kinkora.
  - 24—Miss Tag, owned by Alex Macdonald, Charlottetown.
  - 25—Dot's Chief, owned by Cyril Smith, Summerside.
  - 26—Baby Tag, owned by Hugh Monaghan, Sydney, N. S.
  - 27—True Love, owned by Jack

**EASTERN BRIEFS**

**FROM VANCOUVER**

Ken MacLeod, Vancouver, B. C., is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Angus Mathison, and Mr. MacLeod, Montague.

**ARE VACATIONING**

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Stewart and son Paul, Saskatoon, Sask., are vacationing with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester MacLure and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stewart, Montague.

**TO CAPE BRETON**

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Fraser who have been at Valleyfield, E.B.I., where Mr. Fraser is a bible supply unitaire, have returned to Cape Breton. They are accompanied by their son Elwood Fraser and Mrs. Fraser, and daughters of Montague.

**TEACHERS ENTERTAINED**

Fifteen teachers of the staff of the Montague elementary school were graciously entertained recently at the summer house of Mr. and Mrs. Rand Raymond at Stanhope. Following an afternoon of tennis, lunch was served and other sports, a delicious supper was enjoyed.

**Funeral Held For Islander**

A former P.E.I. resident, William Wyatt MacLean, died at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal recently following an illness of three weeks.

Mr. MacLean was a native of Mill River, P.E.I., and lived in Charlottetown most of his life before moving to Sackville in 1948 as a broadcast technician with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Born in 1912, he was the son of Mrs. Annie (MacAuland) MacLean and the late Eli Alexander MacLean.

Mr. MacLean joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1939 being one of the first 10 men from the province to join the services following the outbreak of the Second World War. He was at Stadacona and Paraguit in Halifax and Newfoundland respectively and served on HMCS Astrobline and Chaleur before receiving his discharge in 1945. He was presented with the long service and good conduct medals in 1944.

He was an active member of the Sackville United Church, a member of the Maritime Radio Association, and operated amateur station VELEY since 1933.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Gertrude, one son Wendell, of Sackville; one daughter, Elizabeth, of Saint John, and a mother, Mrs. A. E. MacLean, 18 Fitzroy Street, Charlottetown. A second son, William, was killed in a highway accident in June 1961.

The funeral service at the Sackville United Church was conducted by Rev. George Russell of Sackville. The choir, under the direction of Peter Fraser, sang the hymns "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "We Cannot Think of Them as Dead." The Sackville Branch of the Canadian Legion conducted the graveside service.

Palbearers were Merrill Young, Sackville, N.B.; M.F.L. Carter, Sackville, N.S.; Lloyd G. Carter, Sackville, N.B.; William J. Harrison, Windsor, N. S.; Harvey MacAuland, Cornwall, N.S.; Ronald E. Fenwick, Dartmouth, N.S.

Interment was in the Sackville cemetery.

**GETS NEW POSITION**

**MONTREAL (CP)** — Cleve Kadd, former Canadian research director for the United Steelworkers of America (USWA), has been appointed a managerial post with the Canadian Air Line Pilots' Association headquarters here it was announced Friday.

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**Senators and Mrs. Grant Mark Anniversary**

Senator Thomas V. Grant and Mrs. Grant were photographed Saturday morning at their home in Montague during a family celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary which was attended by 10 of their 13 children. Senator Grant, a medical doctor established a tradition in his family which numbers four medical doctors, two doctors of optometry, at least four registered nurses and one chemist. Celebrating with their parents were Doctor Roy of Summerside, Doctor Earl and Dr. Norbert Vincent of Ottawa, N.B., Doctor Vincent of Charlottetown, Doctor Raymond of Halifax, N.S., Mrs. Stephen Gillis, Mrs. Leo Killom, Miss Anna and Ellen, Sister Vincent de Paul.

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