

# Accidental Death Is Jury's Verdict

SUMMERSIDE—A coroner's jury returned a verdict attaching no blame to anyone last night at the conclusion of an inquest into the death of Percy Winfield Clark, formerly of Lot 16.

Coroner Dr. W. E. Callaghan presided during last night's session at the Summerside Court House, while seven witnesses were heard and statements given by two others were read into the evidence before the jury.

The seven man jury found that the deceased came to his death at about 11.30 a.m. on March 22, when jammed between a lift-fork and a three-ton truck, unloading potatoes at the Seabrook frozen food plant, in New Annan.

Cnst Lynn, of the Summerside RCMP detachment, testified that he and Cst. Robert McMahon patrolled the plant after hearing that there had been an accident, and there they viewed the remains and questioned several persons.

The constable showed a selection of photographs depicting the accident scene, to the jury. He stated that he later accompanied the Bowness ambulance with the body, to the provincial pathologist in Charlottetown.

Six eye witnesses were called by crown prosecutor, George R. McMahon, the first being Robert Montgomery Owen, Kensington, who was operating the fork lift at that time.

He explained that shortly before the accident he picked up a pallet of potatoes with his fork lift after getting instructions from Clark and was carrying them towards the parked three-ton truck where Clark was standing.

"I got into a beam of light from one of the windows, which temporarily blinded me," stated the witness, "and then I saw I was about two feet too far to the left and was going to hit the truck."

He said he applied the brakes, but the vehicle skidded on wet pavement and he yelled for Clark to get out of the way.

"He turned around, but made no attempt to move," stated the witness, "and then I crushed him against the truck."

In reply to questions by Mr. McMahon, the driver stated that the fork lift is quite heavy and he was travelling about four miles per hour. He also said that both he and Clark were in A-1 condition that day.

Albert Stavert, Clarendon, a farmer employed by the Seabrook plant, testified that he had just finished hosing down the floor and saw Owen coming with a load of potatoes.

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He stated that just after the lift got by him, it seemed to "slew" and the driver applied the brakes and then yelled "look out Percy."

He also estimate the vehicle's speed as about four miles per hour and told the jury that the pallet of potatoes carried by the truck would weigh approximately 1,800 pounds.

Thomas Wigmore, Breadalbane, who was in charge of the truck, testified that he saw the accident, which resulted in the deceased being crushed between the wooden pallet full of potatoes and the steel tail gate of his truck.

Herbert C. Matheson and Cornelius Van Ewyk, both of Breadalbane, were accompanying the truck driver, Mr. Wigmore and corroborated evidence already heard.

In reading the autopsy report from Dr. R. B. Abel, of Charlottetown, Dr. Callaghan said that there was a massive hemorrhage in the left chest and several fractured ribs. He reported death was probably instantaneous.

The evidence of Dr. Henry Mowse, Summerside, who was called to the scene and pronounced the victim dead, was also read into the evidence by Dr. Callaghan.

Members of the jury included James Reginald Johnston, former, Paul Paynter, James Louis Simmonds, James Augustus McCarville, Elmer Folland, Donald McNutt Bearisto and Donald Roy Reeves.



## CHECKING HER SON'S SPACE CRAFT

Scott Carpenter assists his mother, Mrs. Florence Carpenter, after she has taken a look into the space capsule which had taken him on a triple orbit around the world.

His mother viewed the space craft during ceremonies at Cape Canaveral missile site Sunday afternoon at which the astronaut was given the distinguished service medal of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. (AP Wirephoto)

## SPEAKS OVER TV 6:15 - 6:20 TONIGHT



Mr. William H. Burns, President of the East Prince Liberal Association will give an address over CFCY-TV this evening from 6:15 - 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Burns will speak on behalf of Mr. George McKay, your Liberal Candidate for Prince.

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## CLOSE CALL AT S'SIDE

A broken king pin nearly resulted in a harbor dip Monday evening for driver Dennis Saulnier, and two passengers Blair Buchanan and John Harper. The 1953 Ford coach

went out of control when a king pin is said to have broken, and the car was in collision with two telephone poles before being stopped by a cement post on the sea wall,

leaving the front end of the car hanging over the water. A laceration to the ankle of Buchanan was the only injury that occurred although all three men were badly shaken up by the incident.

## TRUCK DROPS LOBSTER LOAD

SUMMERSIDE — A three-ton Dodge truck, owned and operated by Fernando Cormier, Shediac, N.B. had its box drop off yesterday while making a right-hand turn at Reid's Corner, about two miles east of Summerside.

The truck was transporting 132 crates of lobsters from Alberton, P.E.I. to Shediac, when the incident occurred. The bottom of the vehicle was rotten, and the strain created while completing the sharp turn forced it to fall from the chassis of the truck, landing on its side in the middle of the highway. The cargo was not thrown out.

The truck was transported to the Summerside RCAF station. Katherine Rankin, a student of Summerside High School and president of the Junior Red Cross branch there presented a report, which indicated that a shipment of articles will be sent to Greece later this week and that the branch is planning to sponsor a delegate to the Junior Red Cross conference in Charlottetown during the summer.

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A report from the financial campaign committee was received from chairman, Alex Campbell. It stated that last year \$3,423.48 was raised and this year the figures to date stand at \$3,760.32, an increase of more than \$300.

President Charles Linkletter, secretary, Mrs. Frank Green and treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Strong were all re-elected. Elected to the executive was Miss L. G. Gifford, and Mrs. Harold Walsh was elected new women's work secretary.

The resignation was accepted of Mrs. Victor Travers, chairman of the women's work committee. Vice-president, Miss Gladys Holman thanked Mrs. Travers for her past assistance and presented her with a gift on behalf of the branch.

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## Three Montreal Men Remanded At S'side

SUMMERSIDE — Three French-speaking men from the Montreal area were further remanded until Thursday on a charge of possession of stolen goods valued at over \$50. Andre Martel, Pierre Louis Simard and Andre Sergerie are all charged in connection with the theft of a 1955 Chevrolet in Montreal. They were apprehended by members of the Borden RCMP detachment.

A heavy docket composed mostly of charges laid under the highway Traffic Act, was also heard. Evidence in a charge of driving a motor vehicle while his abilities were impaired by alcohol, brought against Ralph Bishop, Summerside, was presented by defence attorney J. Watson MacNaught, QC.

Dr. W. E. Callaghan testified that a blood sample he took from the accused on the night of Dec. 30, 1961, proved to have no alcoholic content. Crown evidence in this case, now over a year old, was heard sometime previously. Upon conclusion of Dr. Callaghan's evidence the case was a further adjourned, as Mr. MacNaught had a scheduled appearance in Supreme Court.

John Henry Bernard, Lennox Island, pleaded not guilty to a charge of assaulting Richard Bernard by striking him in the face with his fist, and assaulting George Bernard by hitting him on the head with a rock. Both cases were adjourned. Six persons were fined \$10 and costs each when they entered pleas of guilty to charges of driving without due care and attention (speeding). Those charged under this section of the Highway Traffic Act were James William Nugent, Summerside; Francis Edward Murtough, Emerald; Henry Morris, RCAF; Donald Russell Ferguson, Toronto, and Joseph Ferdinand Clements, O'Leary.

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# S'side Red Cross Lauded For Tremendous Effort

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The meeting was held in the Summerside armouries and was presided over by president, Charles Linkletter.

Representing Mayor J. Ernest Morrison was Mrs. Wilfred Perry, the first lady councillor of the town. She brought greetings on behalf of the town and expressed delight in the high calibre of work done by the Red Cross branch.

Mrs. Palmer discussed Red Cross services in Europe and Asia and commented on the articles made by members in P.E.I. and other parts of Canada and their usefulness and necessity.

Also speaking to the group was provincial Red Cross commissioner Miss Iphigene Arsenault, who said "because I work in close contact with all of you, I know of the great work you do." She noted that three countries in the past year had been sent relief aid by the National Red Cross. The latest project undertaken by Red Cross International she said, was assisting refugees returning to Algeria. Miss Arsenault mentioned

the terrific problems the refugees are faced with and how Red Cross teams from around the world are providing relief. Miss Arsenault read portions of a brief to be presented by the Canadian Red Cross to the Royal Commission on Health Services. The brief outlines in detail the history of many public health services rendered and includes pioneers in various phases of Red Cross work. P.E.I. and some of its workers are mentioned in the brief. Miss Arsenault commented on the usefulness of the report for future reference.

"I'd like to see more home nursing and first aid practice carried on in the Summerside area," she said. "The objective is one person in each home to be trained in home nursing and one in first aid."

A report on blood donor clinics was given by Creelman MacArthur, chairman of blood donor clinics in the Summerside area. His report indicated that two blood donor clinics will be held in Summerside June 4 and 5. An objective of 540 has been set and competitions will be held among several different groups. They include business firms, inter-service clubs, inter-parishes, bankers, church groups, armed services and public servants.

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The other members of the executive are: Louis MacDonald, Wendell MacFadyen, Waldron Cameron, Kenneth MacLean, Douglas Harkness, Cecil MacPhail and Murchison MacEachern. After the supper Mr. Boswell presented crests to the Crapaud M. J. Auto hockey team in recognition of their winning the Island championship. Mr. Dawson thanked the ladies of the Crapaud Women's Institute for catering to the Association. Mr. Keough introduced the guest speaker Mr. Boswell, and Aeneas Bassett thanked the guest speaker. Mr. Thompson announced that he would call a meeting at a later date of the newly-appointed executive.

## LATE NOTICES

(Also see announcements in columns adjoining Classified Advertising section.)

FLETCHER — The death occurred suddenly in Waltham, Mass., on May 14, 1962, of Arthur W. Fletcher, husband of J. Ellen Charney, formerly of this province, in his 57th year. Burial took place in Woodlawn cemetery, Wellesley, Mass.

CAMPBELL — Suddenly at Newport, on Tuesday, May 29, 1962, Louis F. Campbell of Newport in his 60th year. The remains will be transferred this (Wednesday) afternoon from the Perry Funeral Home to his late residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

ARSENAULT — At the Charlottetown Hospital, on May 29, 1962, John J. Arsenault of 40 Northumberland Street, Summerside, in his 58th year. Resting at the Compton Funeral Home. Funeral notice later.

MacWILLIAMS — Suddenly at Dunblaine on Tuesday, May 29, 1962, Walter S. MacWilliams in his 69th year. His remains were forwarded Tuesday evening from Jolley's Funeral Home to his late residence at Dunblaine. Funeral on Thursday from West Point Presbyterian Church with service commencing at 2 o'clock. Interment in the church cemetery.

KEEFE — Suddenly at his home in Philadelphia, John P. Keefe aged 55 years, formerly of Kinkora, P.E.I. Funeral in Philadelphia, Saturday morning to St. Benedict's Church for Solemn Requiem Mass at 10 a.m.

PHALEN — At Beach Grove on May 28, 1962, John Phalen, age 77 years. Resting at the Henessey Funeral Home where the funeral will take place Friday morning at 9:45 to St. Dunstan's Basilica for Requiem High Mass at 9 o'clock. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

# Albany Man Sentenced To Three Years In Pen

SUMMERSIDE — Leo Austin MacLeod, 25, of Albany, was sentenced yesterday to three years in Dorchester Penitentiary on a Supreme Court jury conviction of rape, and Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell, in imposing sentence ordered that MacLeod be required to post a bond for \$2,000 with the court for his continued good behaviour for a two year period after his release from penitentiary.

Counsel for the defence, J. Watson MacNaught, QC, argued before sentence was passed that there had been insufficient evidence before the court for a conviction of rape, and contended that this should be kept in mind in imposing sentence which he felt should have been for a conviction only on the grounds of "assault".

Prince County crown prosecutor, George R. MacMahon said he agreed wholeheartedly with the verdict of the jury and said the crown was asking for a long penitentiary sentence. He pointed out that the accused had been convicted of the rape of a 59 year old woman, into whose house the accused had broken, in the knowledge that she lived alone. He referred to the evidence of the woman having been beaten up by the accused before the rape offence was committed.

He presented the previous court convictions of MacLeod which showed that he had been convicted of committing wilful damage in September of 1956; of assault causing bodily harm, in January of 1957, and of driving while intoxicated in April of 1958.

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## Cold Storage Is On Agenda

A site for government-built cold storage facilities in the Charlottetown area will be one of the items on the agenda of a meeting of the P.E.I. Industrial Corporation Thursday morning in the office of Industry and Natural Resources Minister Leo Rossiter.

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# Kings County Progressive Conservative Meeting Wednesday, May 30th-8.30 p.m.

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