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The Valley Of Dead Men

Angus Hall Was Cousin Of John and Geo. Williamson Of The Durham Road

WAS PROSPECTOR

Disappeared On Trip And Not Seen Since

By DONALD McDOUGALL

The following article appeared in the Toronto Star Weekly and refers to a cousin of Messrs. John and Geo. Williamson of the Old Durham Road, Artemesia, and a brother of Mr. Archie Hall of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. who was visiting here last week:

Has the fate which overtook a vanished tribe thousands of years ago a present-day sequel in the recently-conceded death of Angus Hall, Mayerthorpe, Alberta, prospector who vanished into the silences of Deadman's Valley, 1,500 miles north of Edmonton?

"Yes," chorus superstitious northerners pointing to the valley's sinister reputation and the strange history of violent deaths which have overtaken seekers for gold in this tropical region of the far north. With the Indians of the north, they believe that the place is the habitation of spirits who guard its treasurers with jealous hand.

The more conservative, while scouting theories that a caveman's curse hangs over the valley, are at a loss to explain the succession of deaths which have occurred within its confines and the fact that the valley, a tropical paradise, teeming with game, set in the forbidding Nahanni mountains, is shunned by white man and Indian alike.

Hall was among those who scoffed at the Nahanni legend that death overtakes those who seek Deadman's Valley gold. Twice he ventured into the north, swinging far into the Yukon. Twice he returned empty-handed. Then, impatient of what he termed "ghost stories," he left his wife and six children on their Mayerthorpe farm, determined to find the Nahanni gold.

He was last seen at the entrance of Deadman's Valley in 1929.

His wife, broken by the strain of uncertainty, waits at Mayerthorpe, hoping against hope that he will return. At first her confidence in "her man" and his ability to buck the north gave her the ability to smile when fears for his safety were expressed. But with passing months and years, a change has come over her.

"It's the uncertainty," she says simply. "If only I knew whether he is alive or, or—dead. I tried to keep him away from that place, but he was so headstrong. He was sure there was gold in the valley and sure he could bring it out: Gold . gold . . . He talked of nothing but gold. Sometimes I dreamed of it."

But Hall has vanished. Royal Canadian Mounted Police searchers have found no trace of him. He has not made his appearance at any of the northern posts. Ever-cautious, the police now admit their belief that he has perished, a new victim for what the superstitious call the curse of Deadman's Valley.

Tropic of the North

The story of the curse originated with the Nahanni Indians who seldom enter the valley, preferring to leave offerings tied to trees or rocks at the mouth of the rocky gorge which is the valley's entrance. In this manner they hope to placate the evil spirits who inhabit the region, and who are responsible for the hot springs which keep its climate mild when winter besets the north. The Indians,

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Will Choose Candidate

The U.F.O.-Labor Political Association of Grey-Bruce are holding a convention in the town hall, Hanover, on September 7th, at 2 p.m. for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the next federal election. An address will be made by Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., R. J. Scott, Wm. Nichelson, H. H. Hannam, Alex. Simms and a labor representative. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in independent political action.

Mailing List Changed

On Saturday The Advance mailing list was corrected to date and all subscribers who have renewed recently are requested to look at their label and if it is not correct we will be only too glad to make any correction. Any label on a paper marked prior to Sept. 1934 is now in arrears and we would be pleased to have your renewal sent or brought in.

60 Bushels Of Oats Threshed In District

Grain crops in this distict are especially high yielding this year, some fields turning out grain 60 bushels to the acre. Most of the farmers are almost finished the harvest, although some have buckwheat out yet. It appears as though there will be a scarcity of hay throughout Canada this year. and while this section was favored with a fair crop, many others were very poor. Hay at the present time is reported as selling at $10 per ton and many state that the price will be higher, due to the extreme shortage.

Violin Goes Up In Price In Other Hands

Eight years ago a traveller on his way to Australia visited a Vancouver music store and offered to sell his violin.

"The thing's too bulky to get in my trunk," said the traveller. "How much will you give for it?"

The proprietor of the music store offered $7.50 and the deal was closed. The storekeeper fancied the instrument might be worth more than the price he had paid for it and called in two reputed experts; but both seemed skeptical. One placed a valuation of $5 on the violin. The other's appraisal was $7.50.

However, the storekeeper was still unconvinced. He placed the violin in his show window with a $75 price tag on it, and was somewhat surprised when a vaudeville artist dropped in and bought it.

A few weeks later the storekeeper received a letter from the artist saying he had sold the violin in New York for $700 to a woman musician.

But that was not the end. A few months afterwards the storekeeper noticed that the woman who had bought the violin was playing an engagement in Vancouver. He made inquiries about the violin.

"Just a few days ago I was offered $2,500 for it," reported the woman. "I refused, because the violin is worth much more than that. I am holding out for $5,000 and will probably get it."

The violin is an Italian Stainer model. The original owner, of course, is unknown.

Early Topping Of Turnips

The practise of "topping" turnips some weeks before the date of pulling, in order to use the leaves while still green in the feeding of livestock, has been common in certain parts of the Dominion, and the question whether it is an economical operation or not has been settled by practical demonstrations. The data obtained showed that turnips from the non-topped crops had the higher food value. The inquiry also furnished satisfactory evidence of the marked growth of the untopped crop during the latter weeks of the season, the leaves during this period continuing to function as lungs and stomach, resulting in a heavier yield. The practice of topping the crop three weeks or a month prior to the date of pulling has shown to result in a lower yield per acre of nutrients, and is therefore non-economic.

Thieves in Cannecticut stole $40,000 worth of woollens. They must expect that it is going to be a hard winter.

Mrs. J. Howard Dies After Week's Illness

Born In Artemesia 72 Years Ago—Was School Teacher Funeral Held Sunday

After an illness of one week Mrs. Johnston Howard passed away on Friday last at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robt. Thompson, on the east backline, at the age of 72 years. The funeral took place on Sunday with service being held at the home of Mrs. Thompson at 2 o'clock p.m. Rev. S. McAuslan of Heathcote conducted the services. Interment was made in Thornbury cemetery, beside her husband.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. Geo. Clark, Thos. Sled, Percy Magee, Chas. Fawcett, Court. Smith and Asa A. Weller.

Flowers surrounding the casket included remembrances from the family, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Magee and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Wright of Flesherton.

The late Mrs. Howard was formerly Alice Mary Wood, a daughter of the late David and Mary Wood and was born 2½ miles south of Flesherton and received her early education at Springhill school, and later taught school at Duncan. Forty-five years ago she was married to the late Johnston Howard, who died 12 years ago, and farmed at Duncan for many years. She leaves to mourn one daughter, Mrs. Robt. Thompson of Flesherton, and one son, Charles, who is residing on the old homestead at Duncan. Mrs. Howard resided with her son until four years ago and has since resided with her daughter. She also leaves three sisters and one brother: Mrs. W. J. Magee of Eugenia, Mrs. John Sled of Stayner, Mrs. D. B. Brown of Orangeville and Johnston L. Wood of Toronto.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wood of Mimico, Mr. and Mrs. Vancise and son and Mrs. John Sled, all of Stayner.

Artemesia Council

Artemesia Township Council met at the Council Chambers town hall, Flesherton, on Monday, the 13th day of August, 1934.

The members of the Council were all present, the reeve presiding. The minutes of the session of July 9th were read and on motion adopted.

Accounts presented and passed were from G. C. Graham for bridge timber $41.55 and O. & A. Co-operative store goods furnished H. McLean $4.00; County Office supply Co., Collector's Roll $5.83; an account from The Grey Election Board of the County of Grey for $110.08 being Artemesia's share of preparing Voter's List for late election was presented and laid over for further consideration.

A grant of five dollars each to Priceville and Markdale Agricultural Societies was passed. By-law No. 650 to levy rates for 1934 was introduced and read a first and second times and laid over for completion. Pay Lists for road work were passed and ordered to be paid: Div. 2, $15.25; Div. 3, $68.19; Div. 4, $15.13; Div. 5, $36.41.

Claims for sheep killed by dogs were presented and ordered paid: Oliver Turner, 1 sheep, $5.00; L. McArthur, 3 sheep $15.00; C. W. Lyons, 1 sheep $5.00; L. McArthur, sheep injured $1.00; A. Blackburn valuing sheep $1.00; W. Gibson, valuing sheep, two trips, $2.00; W. J. Beatty, valuing sheep $1.00.

The Assessor equalizing 2 union schools $10.00, was ordered paid. The Council adjourned to meet on the 10th September prox.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Robert W. McMullen, who departed this life on August 30, 1933.

A sudden change in a moment fell,
Without a chance to say farewell,
Only those who have lost can tell,
The pain of parting without farewell.

—Sadly missed by Wife and Family.

Police in Hamilton went in search if three lads who had taken 100 ice cream bricks from a delivery wagon, and when they found them the boys were sick. Probably something they had had for breakfast didn't agree with them.

Fine Trip To Coast

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hincks and Mr. David Hincks returned home on August 17th from a seven weeks' motor trip to the Pacific Coast. The latter only went as far as Invermay, Sask., where he visited his sister, Mrs. Donald McKinnon. Mrs. Hincks' mother, Mrs. McKechnie of Durham, accompanied them as far as Swift Current, where she is visiting enroute to Victoria, B. C., to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. McCrie.

The entire trip was made without mishap of any kind and only five tire changes through punctures. On the way west they crossed at Sarnia, drove north through Michigan and crossed the Straits of Mackinac to the Indian village of St. Ignace. Northern Michigan, Mr. Hincks stated, is forested much like Northern Ontario but lacking in lakes and streams. The route of travel led throuth the iron mining district south of Lake Superior to Superior and Duluth. From Duluth they continued through Minnesota to Grand Forks in North Dakota and from there north into Manitoba where they were much impressed by the rich black prairie soil. Friends were visited in Winnipeg, Carman Roland and Portage La Prairie. The crops in Manitoba and Northern Saskatchewan were found very good, but North Dakota and Southern Saskatchewan very poor on account of the continued drought. Much of it is nearly a desert, with nothing more than Russian thistle growing, which the farmers are stacking for winter feed. Visits were also made at Tisdale, Saskatoon, Herschel, Kyle and Swift Current, spending a week in the latter place.

At Calgary they saw the flares in the Turner Valley oil field from which the natural gas is continually burning. This they call "Hell's Half Acre." Such a waste of the country's natural products. After leaving Calgary the first view of the Rocky Mountains was secured. After viewing the beautiful scenery around Banff and Lake Louise the route continued through the mountains to Golden where the car was shipped to Penelatoke, a distance of 95 miles. Banks of snow were encountered in sheltered places on Mt. Penelstoke, which is 10,000 feet high. The mountain highway through Canada was winding and narrow, built high on the mountain sides with no guard rails, to keep cars from plunging 5,000 feet to the rocks below These roads are spoken of as "a shelf on the mountains", where their average speed was about 15 miles per hour. The road followed the river valleys to the coast, where vegetation was found to be luxuriant. Visits were made on Vancouver Island at Nanaimo and Victoria, the famous Butchart gardens and the Dominion Observatory at the latter place being especially interesting. At Victoria a fishing trip was enjoyed, Mr. Hincks being fortunate to hook and capture a 9½ pound salmon.

The trip home was made over the United States route, through Seattle and Spokane, crossing into Canada again at Kingsgate, Southern Alberta and Southern Saskatchewan, then south to and through North Dakota Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan to Sault Ste. Marie and home the north shore route through Sudbury, North Bay and south home. The entire trip from Flesherton to the coast and back covered a distance of 7,500 miles.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Long, Feversham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Zella Gertrude, to Mr. Harry Russel Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Montgomery of Dundalk, the marriage to take place the middle of September.

Eradicating Perennial Weeds

The roots of perennial weeds such as Canada thistle and field bindweed often penetrate the ground to depths of four to five feet. The roots of these weeds can send up new shoots when they are cut off to depths of 18 inches. Deep ploughing, therefore will not eradicate perennial weeds of this type. One method of eradicating deep rooted perennial weeds is to keep down the top growth by frequent cultivation and exhaust the food stored in the roots. Another is to apply a 10 per cent solution of sodium chlorate at the rate of one gallon per square rod.

What soberness conceals drunkenness reveals.

Garage Thieves Caught At Work

Ralph Barker and John McInnis Caught At Markham In Act of Thieving

WERE AT FLESHERTON

Pleaded Guilty On Several Theft Charges

Ralph Barker and John McInnis of Toronto, formerly of Durham, were arrested last week in connection with a garage robbery at Markham and pleaded guilty of robbery from garages in Durham, Flesherton and Meaford. The arrest of these two men will also explain the disappearance of articles from garages in Toronto. Messrs. Geo. McTavish, Royden McDonald and Mel. Sled were in Toronon Friday attending court and identified tools belonging to Sled and Ray Woods, employees of the McTavish garage, which were found in a garage near the corner of Salmon and Ossington Avenues in Toronto, owned by the arrested men. Tools and parts from the garage were also identiifed and brought home. Most of the other loot secured from Flesherton had been disposed of to various parties, some of which it is expected will be located. The men were remanded a weeks for sentence.

The arrest of Barker and Innis was the result of an attempted robbery at Markham when the men entered a garage which was protected by a burglar alarm. When the alarm came into the home of the proprietor close by, the police were called, but the robbers escaped, after being chased a considerable distance. A strange car was found on a nearby street and after disabling it the constable concealed himself. After an interval of an hour or so one of the men returned and was promptly arrested. His partner in crime was later apprehended in Toronto and his garage closed, the police then notifying garage owners, who had suffered losses, to appear and identify their possessions. A garage owner from Sundridge appeared in court and identified $250 worth of goods from $300 stolen, which the men did not have time to dispose, an intensive had made by the police for the thieves, but their efforts were in vain until the men were apprehended at the Markham job.

School On Tuesday

Both High and Public Schools in Flesherton open for the fall term on Tuesday morning next, September 4th, with the same staff of teachers in each school as last year with one exception. The record of the High School this year was exceptionally good and with practically the same teachers excellent results are anticipated at the close of the year, next June. Intending pupils are urged to be at school early next Tuesday so as to give the teachers the needed co-operation in arranging the course of studies.

R. T. Edwards Is Returning Officer

Irwin Morrison Appointed In North Grey In Dominion Ridings

Robert T. Edwards of Glenelg township has received the appointment of Returning Officer for the newly defined riding of Grey-Bruce, while Irwin Morrison of Owen Sound has received the appointment in North Grey. Mr. Edwards was a candidate for the House of Commons a few years ago, being defeated by the present member. Miss A. C. Macphail. Mr. Morrison is an ex-Reeve of Osprey township and also an ex-Warden of Grey county.

The names of newly-appointed returning officers in the 245 electoral districts of Canada were announced Saturday by the Government. Appointed by order-in-council under the provisions of Canada's new Elections Act, the new appointments cover Canada from east to west and north to the Yukon. They will function in the various electoral districts as defined by the last redistribution approved by parliament.

PRICEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Knox returned to Toronto on Friday after holidaying here. Mr. Alex. Carson accompanied them back for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richardson and family of Toronto are holidaying in Priceville.

Mrs. Hopkins (nee Pearl McCuaig) of Pontiac, Mich., is holidaying here.

Mr. A. B. McDonald, Owen Sound visited Sunday with friends here.

Mr. Stewart Boyce visited last week at Haliburton.

Mrs. Robt. Shortreed left Monday morning to attend the funeral of her sister in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Hincks left on Thursday for their home in Toronto.

Mr. Allan McInnis has returned home after taking a summer course in Toronto.

Mrs. Mepham of Hamilton and son Jack of Toronto, are visitors at Mrs. McMeekin's.

Mr. Isaac Hooper and Elsie and Mr Colin McMillan of Holstein visited on Sunday at the home of Hector McLean. We are glad to report Mr. McLean improving after his recent accident, when he fell from the wagon which he was loading.

Miss Catherine Campbell returned on Monday to Montreal, after a month's holiday here.

Miss Margaret Simpson returned home on Saturday after visiting in Toronto.

The Presbyterian Sunday school picnic will be held on Thursday, August 30th on the school grounds, when everyone is invited to attend; ladies bring lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Hobson and babe of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Herb McInnis and family of Coldwater were recent visitors with Mrs. McMeekin.

The Nazi excuse for that famous purge seems to have been that a corpse in time saves nine.

Willie was told his grandfather was very ill, and was told to go in and say something to him. "Grandpa," said he, "is there going to be a band at your funeral?"

Britain has not cut down on the import quota of Canadian cattle. The number to be shipped during the next few months will be 5,000 more than the figures allowed for last year.

From Hornepayne, Ont., comes a report of north wind and a bit of snow, but for all that we're not going to start plugging the keyholes and banking up the kitchen for a while yet.

The Toronto Star hits the nail on the head in the following paragraph: "These young fellows who set out to cross the Atlantic in canoes or in ten-foot boats should not be permitted to seek death in so useless a way. When a young fellow announces his intention to go on such a trip he should be detained for mental examination."

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