

Two Tragedies of Duck Hunting Season in North

One Shot By Own Gun; Another Missing in Lake Section More Than a Week

Two tragedies of the duck hunting season are reported from more northern points to Inspector W. T. Moore, at provincial police headquarters in Cobalt. The victims are Andrew Reckis, Russian farmer of Anthony, who died in Matheson hospital from wounds sustained when his gun was accidentally discharged, and Christopher Purnis, shoemaker, of South Porcupine, who has been missing in the Frederickhouse Lake section for more than a week, and of whom no trace has been found despite an intensive search by land and air.

From reports received it is stated that Reckis, with a companion, had been shooting over a lake near Matheson. Returning to shore on a raft the men had been using, Reckis apparently missed his footing on the slippery surface and the hammer of the gun caught in the raft, the contents being discharged into the unfortunate man's body. He was rushed to hospital, but died shortly afterwards. Constable William Moyes, of Ansonville, made enquiry, and the circumstances are declared to have been purely accidental. Reckis was 28 years of age, and was married last summer.

In the case of Purnis, it is reported that, with his two grown up sons, he went to the area of the old Frederickhouse Lake on the evening of August 31 to prepare for duck hunting the following day. In the morning, which was cold and wet, Purnis started out alone in a northerly direction stating he would be back for supper. He did not return, the authorities were notified and a search started that has continued since. An airplane was pressed into service without finding any clue to Purnis's fate, Constable Alex Craik, of South Porcupine reported.

The bed of the old lake is a favorite haunt for duck hunters, and Purnis knew something of the district, having been there a year ago. The ground is swampy in places, with occasional deep holes, but in this season there is less water than usual. Purnis is a middle-aged married man, with two sons and a married daughter. He has been living in South Porcupine since 1925.

The first cargo of wheat to be shipped from Churchill, the new port on the Hudson Bay, will be loaded in the near future on the steamer Farnworth and it is expected that Premier Bennett and Hon. R. J. Manion, Minister of Railways, will be present when she sails. Another cargo will follow, the two making a test shipment over the route.

Wins Prizes for Gladiolus at Canadian Society's Show

Mr. H. G. Pickard, who is well known as a grower of beautiful flowers, has received word that his exhibits at the annual show of the Canadian Gladiolus Society have been awarded a first and second prize. The show was held this year at Belleville on August 18th and 19th, and is reported to have been the best exhibition and to have brought the keenest competition in the Society's history. Mr. Pickard was awarded first prize for three spikes scarlet, one variety, in the amateur class, and second for six spikes, one each of six different varieties in the open class. His success is another evidence of the possibilities of the North Country and comes as a surprise to many in the more southern sections.

SUMMER TEMPERATURE IN SEPTEMBER IS FINE EXPERIENCE IN NORTH

To have summer temperature of between 80 and 90 degrees in September is a somewhat unusual experience for the North Country and the heat of the past few days has been very agreeable. Following a cool spell at the week-end, the thermometer has risen markedly and on Tuesday and yesterday it registered well up to 90 in the shade. Coming after several rather cold and wet summers, the present one has surely been a treat and the result is that there are abundant crops and a general improvement in conditions.

Continued Lowering Seen in Lake Temiskaming Level

The water level in Lake Temiskaming continues to drop and is now around eight feet below where it stood at the time the dam at the foot of the lake went out. A drop of just about one and one-half inches is registered each 24 hours now and the shores are gradually extending. Old timers state it is beginning to look more natural now and that the lake is getting down to its former level before the dam was built. So far no definite announcement has been made as to when the dam will be rebuilt. The shores at Haileybury in particular have been greatly improved by the lowering of the water and there is now a fine stretch of sand beach from the wharf to the north end of the town.

The Week's Weather

Week ending Sept. 9th, 1931	
	Max. Min.
Thursday	66 49
Friday	71 42
Saturday	61 43
Sunday	63 52
Monday	69 45
Tuesday	83 54
Wednesday	92 61
Total precipitation	.36"

Cost of Bridge at Lang Street Was \$62,943.92

Engineer Tells Cobalt People Particulars of the New Structure at Lunch

The total cost of the new Lang Street bridge to date, with all but a few finishing touches to be applied, is \$62,943.92, according to figures given by D. J. Miller, district engineer for the Northern Development Branch, who was one of a number of speakers at the luncheon at the Kiwanis Club at Cobalt on Monday afternoon, when the function was specially arranged in connection with the completion of the new structure. It had been intended to have a formal opening ceremony, although the bridge had been in use for a week previous, but the inability of invited guests from the provincial and federal governments to attend resulted in this feature, and also a proposed dance on the bridge floor at night, being cancelled.

Mr. Miller, invited by H. E. McKee, chairman at the luncheon to give an address, replied by detailing some interesting statistics regarding the bridge. He said the work of construction had occupied almost seven months, that excavations for the footings had been 50 cubic yards of solid rock and 467 feet of other material, that 1200 cubic yards of concrete had been used, with 23 cars of gravel and ten cars of crushed rock and 6548 bags of cement. Steel required had been 128 tons for structural purposes and 13 tons of reinforcing steel.

The bridge was 370 feet long, with a main span of 85 feet. Mr. Miller said. For the approaches, which are 150 feet on the town side and 1100 feet on the other side, approximately 8955 cubic yards of mine rock had been used for a fill, with 595 cubic yards in the walls. Rock excavations on one side had been 602 cubic yards. The approaches had cost \$11,352, with \$1252 for rock excavations, bridge construction had been \$27,523.29, the steel contract had been for \$10,245, and its erection and painting for \$2816, while the purchase of a right of way, including compensation paid for land used, houses taken and business interrupted, had cost \$8625. Engineers and inspection totalled \$1130.28.

W. H. Longstaffe, another guest of honor, and the engineer in charge of the work, referred to his task as "a labor of love", and said that seeing the thing (Continued on Page 5)

Hold Inquests Into Deaths of Motor Victims

Both Died in Other Parts of the Province From Accidents in This District

Two automobile accidents which have had fatal endings through the respective victims dying in other parts of the province, are to be the subject of inquests in this district, although the dates of the coroner's enquiries have not been definitely arranged.

That of Charles Brazeau, who succumbed in Timmins three months after being hurt at Cobalt, will be held in the latter town, while that on Bernice Paiement, who died in Ottawa after an accident on the Casey flats, between New Liskeard and North Temiskaming, likely will take place in New Liskeard.

Dr. W. C. Arnold, coroner here, will preside at both sittings, it is expected. The Paiement girl, who was four years of age, was accompanying her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Paiement, of Taschereau, to Ottawa, when their car collided in a mist with an oil truck driven by George Pettifer, of New Liskeard. The child was badly hurt about the head and was taken back to North Temiskaming for treatment. Subsequently, she was removed to Ottawa, where she died from injuries sustained in the collision. This accident occurred some weeks ago.

In each case, Inspector W. T. Moore, of provincial police district headquarters at Cobalt, said, the preliminary proceedings will be similar and as provided in the statutes. Coroners in Ottawa and in Timmins, respectively, will make formal enquiries and will report to Dr. Arnold the result of the post mortem held, together with such other information as is available, and this evidence will be conveyed to the juries in this area, who will listen to the other testimony relating to the accidents and render their verdicts in due course.

Teck Township Council will expend the sum of nearly half a million dollars in providing an additional water supply for the town of Kirkland Lake, which is faced with a shortage. The project entails connecting up another lake, known as McTavish Lake to the present system which is obtained from Gull Lake.

Thanksgiving Day Set For Monday, October Twelfth

According to a Canadian Press despatch from Ottawa on Saturday, Thanksgiving Day will be observed this year on Monday, October 12th. An official announcement to this effect was made at the capital and a proclamation will be issued in the near future.

The despatch concludes: Fixing of a date by order-in-council for the observance of Thanksgiving Day separate from Armistice Day—or what is now known as Remembrance Day under a bill passed at the last session of parliament—is a departure from the former practice.

TRUCK AND LOAD BURN MATHESON DEALER IS HEAVY LOSER IN FIRE

When his truck capsized on the Ferguson Highway between Latchford and Goward on Monday morning, J. Hill a Matheson dealer on his way north with a load of fruit, lost both vehicle and cargo by a fire which followed the upset. Motorists on the highway at the time state that the truck and load of fruit were a total loss.

The crash occurred when the truck struck some loose gravel and got out of control. It is stated that after the smash the vehicle was turned toward the south, apparently having rolled over and swung around with the force of its own momentum.

WAS ALIEN ENEMY WHEN CITIZENSHIP SOUGHT NOW HAS ANOTHER TRY

Fred Chomiak, a native of Central Europe but a resident of Cobalt since 1912, is making another try this year to become a naturalized Canadian citizen, after a previous effort, made some thirteen and a half years ago proved fruitless owing to the world war being carried on at that time. He took the first steps towards naturalization on February 11, 1918, and was notified by F. L. Smiley, K.C., the crown attorney, to appear before the Sessions of the Peace in June of that year. He claims he followed these instructions, but was told by Judge Hartman that, as an alien enemy he could not be naturalized while the war continued. He has lived in Cobalt during the greater part of the intervening years but has made no further effort to secure naturalization until now. He has been advised to take the matter up with the Secretary of State at Ottawa.

Liskeard Flyer Wins Air Derby At Exhibition

W. N. Millar With Moth Plane Leads Field of 31 to Win \$2,500

The North Country scored again on Tuesday, when W. N. Millar, of New Liskeard, flying a De Havilland Gipsy Moth plane belonging to Tom Montgomery, beat a field of 31 in the big air derby held in connection with the Canadian National Exhibition. The race was from Toronto to Windsor and return, over a zig-zag route and the first prize was \$2,500 in cash. The plane was one used by Mr. Montgomery, veteran prospector, in operations throughout the North for more than a year.

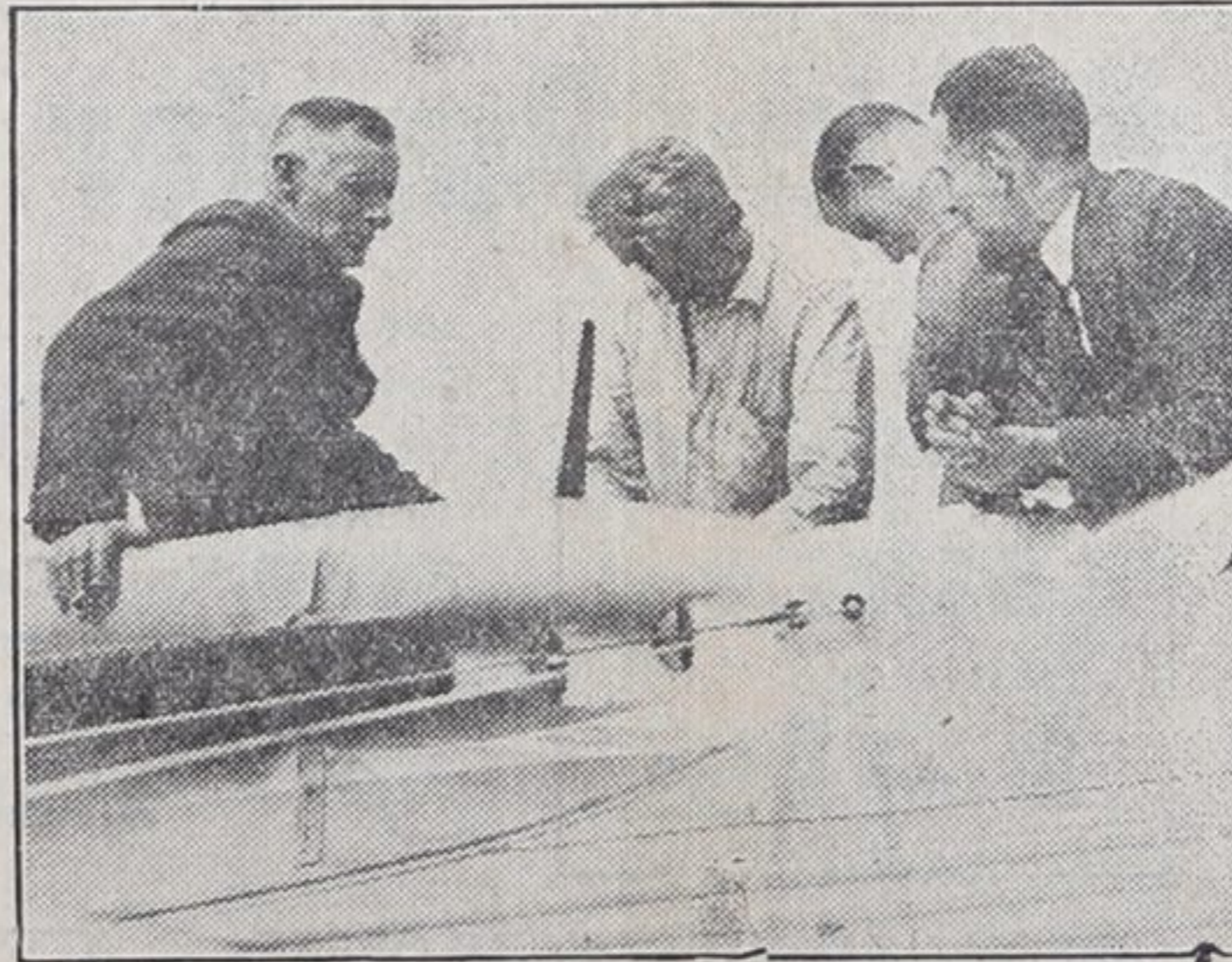
In the race all the planes had been carefully handicapped, according to their highest flying speed, so that the prize might go to the pilot showing the greatest flying and navigating ability. Millar had an advantage of nearly an hour over the scratch plane, a fast puss moth.

The flyers in the big derby were required to stop for one hour at London, Windsor and Kitchener and to check at Hamilton, Brantford, Sarnia, Stratford and Guelph. The time made by Millar, who finished two minutes ahead of his nearest competitor, is given as five hours, 57 minutes and 27 and four fifths seconds. A Curtiss Reid Rambler, an Aero sport model and a Gipsy Moth finished after Millar in the order named, winning \$1,500, \$750 and \$250 respectively. Less than a minute separated these three at the finish in front of the Exhibition.

Millar is well known as a daring flyer in this district. He has often been seen over Haileybury and his home town and those who know his ability are not surprised at his winning the big event. Mr. Montgomery told newspaper men at the close of the race that he had used the plane for more than a year in his prospecting operations. "We just overhauled it once", he said, "and Millar and I thought it was in good shape so we took our chance."

Northern Ontario — Moderate southwest winds, fair and warm; Friday, moderate southwest wind partly cloudy with few scattered thundershowers.

British Experts Discuss Mystery Plane



This picture shows a conference of British engine experts in the cockpit of the S-6-B, Britain's mystery seaplane, which has been built in an effort to capture the Schneider Cup Races for the third successive occasion. E. L. Ransome, Chief of the British Aeronautical Department, is sitting on the bonnet of the plane, on the extreme left of the picture.

Bridge and Euchre

Under the auspices of the Catholic Girls' Club IN THE PARISH HALL Thursday, September 17 Commencing at 8 p.m. The drawing for the Hope Chest will be made on that evening.

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Notice re Taxes

The list of Taxes for 1930 and 1931 has been turned over to the Town Solicitor for Collection. Anyone wishing to make further arrangement must consult him as it is now out of the hands of the Finance Committee.

H. CLIFFORD, Town Treasurer.