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## Street Drenched By Gasoline As Big Tank Drains

### Peculiar Accident Brings Out Fire Brigade Sunday Night to Avoid Danger

A peculiar accident at the depot of the Imperial Oil Limited, on Marcella Street here, late on Sunday evening, was responsible for the drenching of that street and a portion of Rorke Avenue and Main Street with gasoline as the contents of one of the big tanks flowed out through a trap at the bottom, the cover of which had been broken through some, as yet unknown, cause.

Officials of Imperial Oil state that the trap with its stopper had been in place at the bottom of tank for 27 years and that there had never been any previous sign of trouble. The tank is one of a number placed near the T. & N.O. Railway, at the upper end of Marcella Street, used regularly for the storage and distribution of gasoline. It contained 4,730 gallons, all of which ran out.

The local fire brigade, under Chief K. Watson, turned out at about 10.45 on Sunday night to deal with the situation when it was feared that the gasoline might become ignited and cause serious trouble. Three lines of hose were laid and for several hours the men kept continual streams of water playing on the area which had received the greater part of the flow of gasoline. Chief Watson says that they were able to gradually wash the greater part of the dangerous fluid down Marcella, along Rorke Avenue to Main Street and down that thoroughfare towards the lake. The storm sewer on Rorke was opened, the chief said, and as much as possible washed down it, while streams were kept running down the streets as well. Precautions were taken to prevent any smoking in the immediate neighborhood as well.

Chief Watson said that in the basement of one house on Amwell Street it was found that the gasoline had seeped in and in order to make sure there would be no trouble, the fire in the furnace was extinguished by himself and a member of the brigade. From other houses there were similar reports, and the chief said that on Monday the firemen again did some washing down in spots where the fluid had accumulated. His fear was that a fire would get started, but after a couple of days he concluded that the danger was practically over.

Neither Chief Watson nor Imperial Oil officials would venture an opinion as to what had actually caused the break in the trap, and it is unlikely that the real cause will ever be definitely known.

Four out of six championship events at the big ski meet in North Bay at the week-end were won by Toronto skiers. Ab Hansman of North Bay, won the men's downhill event and Lauri Tulku of Huntsville the men's cross-country run.

## FOUND DEAD IN SHACK ON NEIGHBOR'S FARM NEAR IROQUOIS FALLS

A fatality that had every appearance of being the aftermath of a drinking bout was reported to provincial police headquarters here on Tuesday night by Constable A. Stringer of Iroquois Falls, who had been called that morning to the shack of Jahnar Arist, Finnish farmer in Pyne township, some 10 miles north of Iroquois Falls.

The constable found Jake Karen, a neighbor of Arist, dead on the floor of the shack with his head in a wash basin, and learned that the victim, a married man, had gone to visit at the shack the previous evening. There was every evidence that the two had engaged in a drinking bout, Constable Stringer reported, but no sign of foul play. Coroner W. J. Grummett of Ansonville, was notified and will conduct an investigation.

## Hobby Fair to be Open to Public Saturday Next

### Entries Must Be Taken to Hall After Four O'Clock Today; Judging Tomorrow

The "Hobby Fair", sponsored by the local Rotary Club, will be held this week-end, in the I.O.O.F. Temple on Broadway Street, where all entries must be taken after four p.m. today. Pupils of the schools, all of whom are eligible to exhibit, have been given entry tickets and there will be a committee on hand to receive the articles.

On Saturday, February 27th, exhibition will be open to the public and all will be made welcome to the hall. On Saturday evening, from seven to nine o'clock, the prizes will be awarded and all exhibitors are requested to be on hand. The exhibits will have to be removed from the hall that evening.

Plans for the fair, the first of its kind to be held in Haileybury, were announced at the Rotary meeting on Monday and committees were appointed to handle the affair.

It was announced that for high school students, two boys and two girls, would be on hand to assist the Rotarians, with the expectation that they would form the nucleus of a general committee to handle the fair in future years, the Rotary Club believing that it will bring considerable interest from the general public and considerable practice in useful arts on the part of the pupils. The Club will continue to sponsor the event, however.

The musing Greer brothers from Timmins expected to reach Ottawa last night with the invitation to Prime Minister Mackenzie King to attend the proposed Old Home Week in the gold camp next summer. They encountered bare roads on the last part of their journey and at last reports planned to equip their sleigh with wheels.

## Work of League Spreading Fast Organizer Says

### Need Community Spirit in All Sections; Mrs. Houstin in Charge Here

Mrs. J. C. Houstin, local organizer for the League of Nations Society in Canada, in an interview this week said that the work of the Society is spreading fast throughout the country, but that the support of all communities was needed if that work is to be a success and gain the object aimed at, namely the prevention of all future wars. All citizens who are willing to help along the good cause are invited to become members, at a small annual fee.

Firm and continued support of the methods and measures embodied in the Covenant of the League of Nations is the only way in which the principles of international peace can be projected, the Society believes, and four main points are set out in a recent manifesto which should give food for thought to all.

These are: (a) Measures of conciliation, arbitration and judicial procedure for the settlement of international disputes; (b) Measures looking to the organization and regulation of the international society; (c) Provisions for collective action to restrain aggression; and measures to eliminate injustices and to make such changes in international relationships as may ensure peace; (d) The general limitation and reduction of armaments of all nations by international agreement.

The Society is non-political and non-sectarian and believes there is room in its ranks for everyone who is prepared to back the ideals upon which the League of Nations was founded.

The Canadian National Railways states that a dishwasher on one of the company's dining cars washes an average of 1,000 pieces of tableware daily, in a two-foot sink.

Week-end excursions on the C.N.R. during 1936 carried a total of 424,548 passengers, at economy fares. It would require a train of coaches 80 miles long to carry this number at one time.

## In Good Health as 90th Birthday Is Approaching

### Mrs. Celima Pelletier Has Many Descendants; Born at Hawk- esbury, Ont., in 1847

Born 20 years before Confederation, on February 28th, 1847, Mrs. Celima Pelletier is living and in good health and is looking forward eagerly to her 90th birthday, which she will celebrate on Sunday next at the home of her son, D. E. Giroux, near North Cobalt.

Nine children, 74 grandchildren, 64 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren are the direct descendants of this well-preserved lady, who in spite of her many years of active life can still read and sew to a considerable extent. She was born in Hawkesbury, Ont., and at the age of 18 she was married to the late Peter Giroux, who died in 1896. Some years later she was married to the late Francis Pelletier of Ottawa, who died 15 years ago. Since then Mrs. Pelletier has lived in this district.

The members of her immediate family, a good many of whom will join in the observance of her birthday on Sunday, are: F. A. Giroux, Paradis Bay; Mrs. E. J. Hermiston, North Cobalt; Mrs. W. J. Farrell, Kirkland Lake; D. E. Giroux, North Cobalt; Mrs. F. Way, Campbell's Bay, Que.; Mrs. Aurel Clement, Buckingham, Que.; J. S. Giroux, Danforth Lake, Que.; Mrs. Jas. Crawford, Otter Lake, Que.; and Ephraim Giroux, Ottawa. Mrs. Pelletier had three other children, who have passed away.

Both Mrs. Pelletier and members of her family are well known to many people in this district and all join in extending their congratulations and best wishes for the anniversary.

Automobile tourist traffic into Canada in 1936 registered a gain over the previous year of nearly half a million cars, for a total of 4,074,523 vehicles.

Romeo Droulet, hockey player of Guigues, Que., died in hospital at Hull at the week-end from a spinal injury suffered January 13th in a game at Ville Marie.

## POLICEMAN JAILS WIFE



Duty came before love for Patrolman Kelly of Chicago. When his wife allegedly confessed to being the driver of a car which killed an attorney on January 17, Kelly took his wife to a police station where she was booked on a manslaughter charge. Mrs. Kelly said she had withheld confession for fear of jeopardizing her husband's job.

## Building Two New Bridges On Road Into Mining Area

Two new bridges are being built by the Department of Highways on the road which runs from the highway at Goward into the Temagami Reserve mining areas, commonly known as the Cuniptau road. The structures are of logs cut in the neighborhood and will be of more solid construction than those in use at present. They extend over narrows on Nett Lakes and Cedar Lake and both them and the three mile stretch of road are used continually by the various mining companies operating in the area.

It was the bridge over the narrows of Nett Lake that broke down last fall when a 15-ton compressor was being moved in to the Goodfish property.

## Funeral of L. R. Britton Will Be Held Here Friday

The funeral of Layton R. Britton, pioneer of the North Country who died this week in a Kirkland Lake Hospital will be held in Haileybury tomorrow. The remains will arrive on this evening's train from the north.

Mr. Britton was an old resident of the North, having come to Cobalt in 1906. For 20 years he represented the Canadian Ingersoll-Rand Limited, and his business took him from coast to coast into all the mining fields. He was a native of Nova Scotia, was 48 years old and had been ill for a few days only. Surviving are his widow in Nova Scotia, three brothers and three sisters.

In the North Bay Nugget's "25 Years Ago" column on Monday an item appeared to the effect that the Porcupine district was about ready to start producing gold and that bricks would be shipped by the middle of March.

## Cobalt, Coleman Request Issue of Silver Dollars

### Write to Premier and Members of Parliament; Would Mark Coronation

Suggesting that further consideration be given by the authorities to a proposal for a special issue of silver Coronation dollars to commemorate the crowning of King George VI next May, Reeve William Martin, of Coleman township, and Mayor T. H. Wainwright of Cobalt, have written to Premier Mackenzie King and four other members of Parliament at Ottawa. The letters, posted last night, were addressed to the Prime Minister and to Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, leader of the Conservative Opposition, Miss Agnes MacPhail, Walter Little, M.P. for Temiskaming and to Mrs. George Black, who originated the idea.

"Our motives in this connection," wrote Reeve Martin, in part, "are patriotic, in the first instance, and we also have in mind the vast number of such stamps (a subject also referred to in the letter) and coins which would be added to collections and therefore withdrawn from use and circulation, resulting in a very considerable gain for the government, and also the benefit derived by those furnishing the materials required for such stamps and coins."

When the subject was broached recently in the House of Commons, the government contended that the time was too short to permit of any special issue of Coronation dollars being struck, but information from the Capital to this section suggested that pressure be brought to bear to cause the authorities in Ottawa to change the decision.

## Temiskaming Pioneer Dies At Home Near Thornloe

Mrs. Grace Harmer, one of the pioneers of Temiskaming, passed away on Monday, February 22nd, at the farm near Thornloe which has been her home for more than 30 years. She would have been 96 years old on May 27th next, was born in Devonshire, England, and had spent the greater part of her life in Canada. With her husband, she pioneered in Perth County before coming North and had many memories of the early days of settlement. Surviving are three sons, George, William and James, all residents of this district, and two daughters, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Murray. Mrs. Harmer was among the oldest citizens of Temiskaming and was well beloved by her family and by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

## The Week's Weather

Week ending Feb. 23rd, 1937		
	Max.	Min.
Wednesday	26.8	-9.4
Thursday	40.0	27.8
Friday	37.8	27.8
Saturday	44.0	27.4
Sunday	42.4	31.0
Monday	29.6	23.2
Tuesday	25.6	10.8
Precipitation	.76"	
Max. wind (1 hr.)	20 m.p.h.	

## HOBBY FAIR

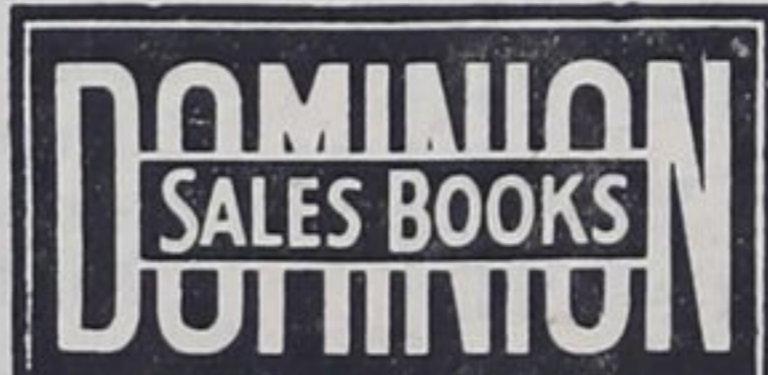
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To Competitors: Articles for exhibition, (except Cooking) must be taken to the Oddfellows' Hall on THURSDAY, February 25th, between 4 and 6 p.m., or between 7 and 9 p.m. Cooking Exhibits will be received at the Hall on FRIDAY Evening between 7 and 9 p.m.

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