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## Gets Nine Months in Reformatory on Shooting Count

Turned Gun on Himself and Lost Eyesight After Enemy is Wounded

William Steinfeld, blind from a self-inflicted wound and accused of the attempted murder of Kenneth O'Donoghue at Kirkland Lake, was sentenced to nine months in prison, when he appeared before Judge J. B. Robinson after electing speedy trial.

The charge was heard by His Honor on Saturday last. A second charge of shooting Sergeant Gordon Smith of the Kirkland Lake police force was dismissed.

The charges were laid following a fracas in Kirkland Lake on January 16 last, and the intervening time has been spent by the accused in the district jail and partly in Misericordia hospital, where he was treated for injuries to his eyes, alleged to have been caused when he turned the gun on himself after wounding O'Donoghue, alleged to be intimate with the accused's wife.

Steinfeld was defended by Ed. Pearlman, and there was a long list of witnesses including O'Donoghue, and several police officers from Kirkland Lake. The whole sordid story was told in court, and in its course Mr. Pearlman brought out a possibility that the shot, which had pierced Sgt. Smith's tunic, might not have been fired by the accused.

The prisoner is at present totally blind, but it was intimated that there is a possibility of his sight being at least partially restored, and in imposing sentence Judge Robinson told him that after the nine-month term, in a reformatory rather than the penitentiary, a further six-month indeterminate would be imposed if the extra time was required for treatment.

"The blindness with which you are now handicapped," His Honor said, "is a punishment beyond anything this could impose. It is something between you and your Maker and should serve as a deterrent to others."

Production of gold from Ontario's mines during February was valued at \$5,304,922, from 606,790 tons milled, according to a bulletin from the Department of Mines.

## BABY FALLS INTO TUB OF HOT WATER AND IS FATALLY SCALDED

Dennis Stewart, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Stewart of New Liskeard, died in the Red Cross hospital early Tuesday morning as a result of burns received when he fell into a tub of boiling water.

Mrs. Stewart had been washing Monday morning and had placed the water on the floor. The baby accidentally tumbled in. Dr. D. R. Fleming, who first attended the child, when the family could not get in touch with Dr. J. C. McCullough, their regular doctor said that the child had fallen backward into the pan of water. He was badly scalded on the back and about the abdomen.

The baby was taken to the hospital where it died about three o'clock that day. The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon.

## SNOWBOUND RESIDENTS AT FOUNTAIN FALLS GET SUPPLIES BY AIR

Isolated from the outside world since the big snowstorm last week, employees at the Hydro power plant at Fountain Falls have been living on short rations. All roads are blocked and no one has been able to get out for fresh supplies.

To relieve the situation, food was flown in on Tuesday morning to the stranded employees and families. The Gillies Lumber Co plane landed at Pine Lake, about two miles from the plant, with food for them.

The snowbound people who will look to the air for provisions until the road is opened are Mr. and Mrs. George Piche, Mr. and Mrs. Messenger, Mr. and Mrs. Hetherington and Messrs. Nadeau, Peckover and McSweeney.

## Municipal Clerks Will Attend School in June

A school of instruction for clerks of municipalities in Northern Ontario is to be run at Kirkland Lake in June, according to word brought back from Toronto by Mayor J. H. Sumbler of New Liskeard, who was given the information by Hon. George Dunbar, minister of municipal affairs. The date has not yet been set, but clerks of all municipalities north of North Bay will be eligible to attend.

## Plan Program For Spring Meeting Here Next Month

Temiskaming Educational Association Executive Discusses Activities

Plans for the spring meeting of the Temiskaming Educational Association, to be held in Haileybury on Friday, May 16th, were discussed by the executive of that body at a meeting held on Monday evening in the office of Inspector J. L. Runnalls.

The Association's president, J. T. Parker of Matachewan, was in the district headquarters on jury duty that day and took advantage of the occasion to discuss plans with other members of the executive. He was accompanied by the mining town by J. Lemoine principal of public school there and others at the meeting were Inspector Runnalls, Eric Smith the secretary, Miss E. Herod and L. Wilson of New Liskeard and J. T. Leishman and T. G. Tulloch of the local public school board.

The special speaker for the May session will be Inspector J. W. Trussler of North Bay, and secondary school principals and teachers, together with representatives of their boards, are to be invited. There will be short talks on a few practical subjects in connection with school management, the treatment of school floors, improvement of playgrounds and school libraries being suggested as suitable subjects.

A feature of the meeting will be the association's annual bird-house contest, when pupils of the various schools in the district will send in their entries. Mr. H. G. Pickard of Haileybury is to be asked to act as judge of this contest and the prize will be an up-to-date bird book, presented by the association president, Mr. Parker.

The meeting will be held in the basement of the United Church, it is expected, and there will be a short musical program included. Refreshments will be provided at the close.

The association is again presenting scholarships to the leading entrance pupils in graded and ungraded schools, three prizes in each class, the awards to be made during the summer holidays. It is expected that the annual meeting, held in the autumn, will be in Cobalt this year.

## Cold Breakfasts Order of the Day When Power Fails

Two Transformers at Sub-Station Out of Commission; Town in Darkness

A good many Haileybury people ate cold breakfasts on Tuesday morning, when they awoke to find that there was no electric power in their homes.

Two transformers in the sub-station of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, on Rorke avenue north, had gone out of business at 11.15 the previous night and the community was without service throughout Tuesday forenoon.

Hydro men worked all night in an endeavor to replace one of the transformers, bringing a substitute from New Liskeard, and even now the repair job is not complete and the Commission has asked all local residents to be as sparing as possible in the use of current until the transformers are either repaired or replaced. This applies particularly to the periods from 11 a.m. to noon and from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., when the load is usually heaviest.

The entire community was affected by the shortage and there were various makeshifts resorted to by householders who have no coal or wood stoves. In some cases they were invited to meals at the homes of neighbors who had stuck to their more old-fashioned but entirely reliable cooking ranges; in others they simply ate cold food.

One of the odd occurrences was noted by the writer when he noticed a man armed with a blow torch, who said he had used the apparatus to warm the baby's bottle.

Those who use oil burners in their heating systems suffered a bit during the night, but fortunately the weather warmed up pretty well during Tuesday forenoon.

Bart Sulphur was the hero of the night, when he worked with his bulldozer for many hours getting the streets blocked by last week's storm, opened up to allow Hydro men to get their apparatus to the sub-station. Rorke avenue in that section was one thoroughfare that hadn't yet been opened to that time.

On the whole, however, there was no serious suffering and the inconvenience was endured with a certain amount of good humor. "It was just one of those things that happen in the best regulated communities" appeared to be the favorite way of regarding the occurrence.

## USED VARIOUS METHODS TO BRING SICK MAN TO LOCAL HOSPITAL

An airplane, a toboggan and a horse and sleigh were the varied methods of transportation used to take a sick man from Elk Lake to the Haileybury hospital last Thursday, following the road-blocking storm.

Glenn Simms' super-cruiser plane was used for the first part of the journey when Dave Bush caretaker at an Elk Lake mine was found ill and it was decided to take him to the hospital for treatment. The Elk Lake pilot flew the man to Haileybury, a toboggan was used to take him from the plane to the Matabanick Hotel, where a horse and sleigh was ready to take him through the snow-packed streets here to Misericordia hospital.

## New Liskeard Constable New Chief at Matachewan

Constable Leo Paradis, who has been employed as a policeman in New Liskeard since October 1945, left at the first of the week to take over a new post as chief of police in Matachewan. His resignation was accepted by the council at its regular meeting on Monday night. So far his successor has not been appointed but advertisements inviting applications for the position in New Liskeard to replace Constable Paradis are to be published by the council.

With the removal of controls on ice cream production, the S. D. Eplett factory at New Liskeard is on a full time production, and turned out 3,000 bricks Tuesday.

## ARGENTITE LANDMARK DESTROYED BY FIRE DURING BIG STORM

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Damase Plante, in the Argentite townsite, near North Cobalt, was totally destroyed by fire during the height of the storm last week. The frame building caught fire, it was believed, from an overheated stovepipe and little could be done in the way of fighting the flames due to the lack of water and the difficulty of getting around in the storm. With the aid of neighbors, the family saved a few things from the home, but the loss was a heavy one.

The house was a landmark of the community. It was the only building left when the big fire of October 4, 1922, swept through the district, destroying the greater part of North Cobalt. Mr. and Mrs. Plante were taken to the home of their son, L. Plante, who lives nearby and who is employed as a driver for the Ideal Dairy.

## Appeal for Support for Children's Aid Society

At the Rotary Club luncheon on Monday, Miss Margery Young assistant superintendent of the Children's Aid Society, and Judge J. B. Robinson, chairman of the local committee, made a strong appeal for support for the drive.

The drive will commence on Monday, April 14. Miss Young outlined the work of the Society in the district and Judge Robinson told the Rotarians that protection had been provided last year for 12 families in town, and for six in the adjacent area, including North Cobalt. The Society saves the municipality approximately \$275 per year for each child in its care without the necessity of wardship. Miss Young said that 37 wards of the Society were being cared for in foster homes in Haileybury and Moore's Cove, of whom 35 were in the district.

Miss Young also gave a sketch of the protection work that is being done in connection with the Juvenile Court.

Two strikes by 15,187 coal miners in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick accounted for 20 per cent of time lost through industrial disputes in Canada during February.

## Only Civil Cases Heard at Assizes; Chiefly Divorces

Juries Dismissed After Opening on Monday and Session Ends Wednesday

There were no criminal cases to be heard at the Spring Assizes of the Supreme Court of Ontario, which opened on Monday in Haileybury court house, with Mr. Justice Wilson presiding, and although there was a long list of civil actions, the sitting was not a long one, the docket being completed yesterday.

There were two civil jury cases on the list for the opening and 17 non-jury actions. A large percentage were divorce petitions and, with one exception, they originated at points outside of this part of the district. The exception was a suit brought by Fores A. Hurteau of Haileybury against his wife and Eric Puhakkas, and coupled with the suit for divorce was a claim for damages of \$10,000. The damage claim was not proceeded with by the court.

Both grand and petit juries had been summoned, but their duties were all completed on Monday and they were dismissed. Several solicitors were in town from Kirkland Lake in the interests of clients, among them Dalton Dean and Ed. Pearlman, both former acting Crown Attorneys; L. A. Lillico and Geo. Mitchell, K.C.

The court opened at 1 p.m. on Monday, continued throughout Tuesday and concluded with a short session yesterday morning. In the majority of the divorce actions decrees nisi were granted the petitioners.

## Week's Weather

Week ending April 2nd, 1947	Max.	Min.
Thursday	25.2	9.8
Friday	26.9	6.6
Saturday	30.6	2.0
Sunday	26.0	6.2
Monday	47.8	13.8
Tuesday	43.8	10.2
Wednesday	32.6	13.8
Precipitation for week	.08"	
Max. wind (1 hr.)	20 m.p.h.	

## NOTICE!

Due to the loss of 2 transformers in the Haileybury Substation, we must ask your indulgence re poor Service, until we can get these repaired or replaced.

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