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Three Drowned in Worst Accident For Many Years

River Drivers Carried Over Falls in Attempt to Release Log Jam

One of the worst drowning accidents that has occurred in the district for many years claimed the lives of three employees of the Canadian Splint and Lumber Corp., early on Monday morning, when the boat in which they were attempting to break a log jam on the Larder River, east of Englehart, was swept over a rapid and they were unable to make shore.

The victims were Henry Jack of Heaslip, Herbert Watters of Tomstown and Stephen Gallagher of Mackey's station, east of Mattawa. Five other men working in the same party were able to scramble to safety when the boat was swept over the rapids. Four of them reached the log jam while the other swam to shore.

Provincial constables Sam Whitehouse and B. Soroka of Englehart were called to investigate the tragedy and dragging operations to recover the bodies were commenced immediately, with the result that the body of Henry Jack was recovered the same day. Latest reports are that the dragging is continuing in the hope of finding the bodies of the other victims.

C. Zeigel, manager of the Splint Company, for whom all the men had been working since the spring drive began on May 2, was called to the scene of the accident on Monday afternoon. He told The Haileyburian on Tuesday that the eight men had been in a six-oar pointer driving boat and had been attempting to break up the log jam on the river.

"The boat missed the top of the jam," he said, "and was carried down stream. All attempts to hold the boat failed and when it was seen that the boat would go over the rapids, the foreman gave the order for the men to jump to safety. Four of the men reached the log jam and the fifth man reached the shore. The remaining three were carried over the rapids in the fast water and were drowned."

Stephen Gallagher, believed to be about 38 years of age, was a married man. His wife and five children live at Mackey Station.

SILVER DISCOVERY "EXCELLENT" SAYS MINING ENGINEER

A. D. Hellens, mining engineer, who has examined the high grade silver discovery made on the property of the Harrison-Hibbert Mines Limited, at North Cobalt, said that the sample of diamond drill core taken from the third hole sunk showed an "excellent intersection" of a high grade vein. There is "good mill rock" on both sides of the vein, Mr. Hellens said, and the property shows every prospect of being highly important. The result of further drilling now being carried on is awaited with great interest and the property is attracting considerable attention in meantime.

Flies From Buenos Aires to Visit Parents in Toronto

Magistrate S. Atkinson has returned from Toronto, where he underwent an operation in the Private Patients' Pavilion of the General Hospital, and is recuperating at his home on Rorke avenue north. During their stay in the city, Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson had the great pleasure of a visit from their two sons, Cyril and Ted, who came to see them while their father was ill in hospital. The only disappointment was that Cyril could not arrange to come to Haileybury to see his sister and nephews and old friends. He flew to Toronto from Buenos Aires and had only a limited time to spend.

Mining Act Amendments Available in Haileybury

Copies of the amendments to the Mining Act of Ontario which went into effect on June 1st this year, are available to interested parties at the recording office in Haileybury, Mining Recorder S. J. Mason stated this week. There are several changes which should be generally known by those identified with mining industry. Mr. Mason said, and a number of copies have been sent for their information. A call at the office will bring the information.

about 50 miles east of Mattawa. Henry Jack, who would have been 21 years of age in August, and Herbert Watters, 21, had been working for the company since driving operations started this spring.

Local Red Cross Raised \$900.50 In Spring Drive

Executive Meeting on Monday Evening Hears Report on Activities

The Haileybury branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society raised a total of \$900.50 in the general campaign for funds last spring, a meeting of the executive was held on Monday evening. Of this total \$476 was collected by Mrs. L. Nicholls, second vice-president of the branch and one of the band of workers who have carried on through the war years and are still doing work in the interests of humanity as occasion arises.

Eight members of the executive were present at the meeting, with the president, D. G. Hogan, in the chair, Mrs. W. S. Bradley, secretary, and Mrs. E. J. Atkinson, treasurer, gave reports of the activities since the annual meeting, explaining that several cases of need in the community had been taken care of. One item specially mentioned was the provision of taxi service for an ex-serviceman attending the Provincial Institute of Mining, who was badly injured last winter in a motor accident. Through the Red Cross branch, transportation had been arranged and he was able to carry on his studies and was eventually successful in passing his examinations.

The meeting heard a report from the delegates who attended the district conference in North Bay last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tukey, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Nicholls were the representatives. They stated that 21 of the 83 branches in the northern districts had been represented and that the addresses by officials of the provincial society had been both interesting and instructive.

Fifty per cent of the campaign funds are being sent to the provincial Red Cross, while the remainder will be retained for any emergencies that may arise in the community.

Arrangements were made for the storing of some supplies left over from the wartime activities of the branch, and attention is being made to arrange out the domestic affairs of a British war bride who is finding difficulty in settling down here. No date was set for the next meeting of the branch.

Constance Lake Water Not Safe in Raw State

Residents of the community living west of the railway and using water from Constance Lake are advised to boil it before drinking. A test made at the laboratories of the Department of Health at North Bay shows this water classified "C" in a report received on Tuesday by Chief of Police K. R. Watson. This is the first time there has been any pollution of Constance Lake since the supply for a section of the town has been drawn from that source and the chief believes it has been caused by the floods. A further test will be made immediately, but in the meantime the advice is "Boil before using."

Samples from the regular supply were all rated "A".

Officers Re-Elected By District Music Teachers

The annual meeting of Temiskaming South branch of the Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association was held June 10th, at the home of Mr. O. E. Walli, Haileybury. Correspondence was read by the secretary and discussed. The fourth Tuesday of the month was chosen for future meetings.

The same officers were returned for another year, namely: president, Eric E. Smith, Cobalt; secretary, Mrs. S. Carr, New Liskeard; with executive consisting of Miss Harvey, New Liskeard, Miss Maher, Cobalt, Mrs. Wathen of New Liskeard.

A vote of thanks was tendered the officers for their efforts during the year, by Mr. Runnalls. The September meeting will be held in Cobalt at a place to be announced later. Mrs. Walli served a delicious lunch, assisted by Mrs. Tuer. The meeting then adjourned.

Build Ten Houses on Wartime Plan If Dept. Agrees

Council Refers Project to Higher Authority; Purchase New Truck

The town of Haileybury will enter into an agreement with Wartime Housing Limited, government-owned company, for the erection of 10 or less new buildings to fill a demand for rented homes, in the Department of Municipal Affairs will allow the deal to be completed. This was decided by the council at a special session held on Friday evening and following a brief discussion of the project at the regular meeting on Tuesday, June 10th.

Members of the council, with Mayor I. A. Lytle presiding, discussed the project from all angles made up a tentative list of lots available for the houses and finally decided to place the project before the department for consideration of the municipality there. The affairs of the municipality were placed in department's hands a few years ago and are still under control of that body.

It was revealed in the discussions at the meeting that there are a number of ex-servicemen in the community who would welcome the opportunity of renting the houses, but no definite survey as to the number required has yet been made. An official of Wartime Housing, C. G. Hoose has been in town on one or two occasions, when he outlined the scheme to the council, and before anything definite is decided on, following the consent of the department, if forthcoming, a survey of the municipality will be made by company officials. The company is building groups of houses in other northern centres one of which is New Liskeard where some 35' buildings will be erected this summer.

Other business of the special meeting included the purchase of a new truck to replace the old one in use for a good many years. The new vehicle will be equipped with a snowplowing attachment and will be much more up to date than the one now in use. The cost of the outfit has been figured at \$6,436.55.

Some further plans were made for the proposed street and sidewalk improvements which will commence in the near future. A general program of repairs will be carried out, it was decided, but the opinion of the councillors appeared to be that there would be no paving of streets done this summer. The extremely wet season has prevented an early start and there has also been some difficulty encountered in getting a supply of rock suitable for the purpose. However, arrangements have now been made for a supply of rock that can be used in street repairs at least, and a stockpile will be accumulated.

EVEN ELEPHANTS SEEN AMONG WILD LIFE ON TRIP FROM NORTH BAY

One local motorist said at the week-end that it is surprising what an amount of wild life may be seen during a drive up from North Bay. Being a keen observer, he always is on the lookout for animals, birds and other wild life while motoring, but his last trip exceeded all others. He relates that he observed rabbits, groundhogs, porcupine, four deer, one cow and three elephants on his way home. Admitting that it is something out of the ordinary to see elephants in the northern districts, our informant says they were not of the "pink" variety, but belonged to a show troupe that was camped near the highway. He could hardly explain the presence of the cow, however, as it was a long way from any settlement. The other animals mentioned are occasionally seen along the road and form one of the real attractions of the Northland.

Twenty inches of water covered a section of Highway No. 11, near Loon Creek, north of Latchford, after heavy week-end rains.

Leslie Walton of New Liskeard caught a lake trout 35 inches long and weighing 16 pounds, in Lake Mendelssohn at week-end.

PLANE BOGS DOWN IN MUDDY FIELD AFTER MISSING AIRPORT

A Cornell aircraft made a forced landing at Maille's field on Sunday night and is now bogged down in the mud there and unable to take off again.

The pilot, Edmund Day, of Toronto, was bringing the plane from the west and, as it was getting rather late, began looking for a landing strip in the district. He missed the Earlton airport, but spotted a Lakeland Skyways plane in the field beside Fred Maille's farm on the north road and set the plan down.

What he didn't know was that no one was operating from that field because of the muddy condition of the ground. Mr. Day left for Toronto by train, but he is expected back in New Liskeard on Saturday, when he will attempt to fly the plane out if the ground has dried up sufficiently.

Legion Branches to Assemble Here For Zone Meeting

Meet on Sunday Next for Election of Officers; Visit From President

Members from all district branches of the Canadian Legion will gather in Haileybury on Sunday next, June 22, for a zone meeting, members of the local branch were told at the regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening last. Invitations to the branches have been sent out by Zone Commander J. H. Sumbler of New Liskeard, and the session has been called for 2.30 p.m.

Election of a zone commander and other officers will be on the agenda and, while all members of the Legion are welcome to attend the meeting, only accredited delegates will be entitled to vote.

It is expected that among other matters to be discussed will be the proposal for a Legion field day, with a softball tournament and other sports. The date is tentatively set for Labor Day, the meeting was told, and the gathering will be held at New Liskeard beach.

Another important meeting of the Legion branches will be held on Tuesday, June 26, when the president of the Provincial Command, Comrade W. Burgess, will be in the North from Toronto and will be the guest speaker. The Haileybury Legion hall was chosen as the most central point for this gathering and arrangements are being made to have all district branches notified. This falls on the regular social night of the local branch, and refreshments will be served.

At last week's meeting, the charter of the Ladies' Auxiliary, organized last fall, was received and arrangements were made to have it presented to the Auxiliary on June 24th. Mrs. Sumbler who is Zone Commander for the auxiliaries, has been asked to make the presentation.

The Haileybury Legion had been requested to sponsor a Boy Scout troop this year, a new committee having taken on the direction of the local Scouts, and the meeting last week passed a resolution to accept the responsibility and to allow the use of the hall one night each week for the boys' activities.

The branch will be represented at the district meeting at Timmins, on June 29th, by the president, Wm. C. Inch, and immediate past president J. T. Leishman. W. E. Maltby was chosen as the Legion representative on the town recreation commission, and 'Gordie' Lee is head of the sports committee which will arrange for an entry in the softball tournament later in the season.

Week's Weather

Week ending June 18th, 1947	Max.	Min.
Thursday	65.0	36.4
Friday	60.4	42.8
Saturday	54.0	47.0
Sunday	55.0	47.6
Monday	65.0	41.2
Tuesday	63.2	40.8
Wednesday	61.4	46.2
Precipitation for week	3.13"	
Max. wind (1 hr.)	12 m.p.h.	

Continuous Rain Brings Lake Level to Record Height

New Liskeard Situation Serious and Farmers in Despair Over Prospect

Twenty-four hours of continuous rain at the week-end served to accentuate the danger from flooding and to discourage farmers who have been struggling to get their seeding done through a very unfavorable spring season. The level of lake Temiskaming, which had dropped earlier in the week, again rose to the highest point touched this spring, and the recession, since the weather cleared on Monday, has not been rapid. Only a slight drop could be seen at the Haileybury waterfront up to yesterday.

The town of New Liskeard has been experiencing great difficulty in keeping the public services, especially the sewage disposal plant in operation. Some basements in the downtown area there have been flooded and auxiliary pumps had to be secured to prevent heavy damage being done. A portion of the town is under water, near the mouth of the Wabi river, and the beach has been flooded for the past couple of weeks. The town has been informed officially that the dam at the foot of the lake is running wide open and there is apparently no means of relieving the situation until the water levels drop naturally.

In Haileybury there was some damage to streets running up and down hill at right angles to the lake shore. Florence street, in particular, was badly washed out and had become impassable by Sunday night. Gravel and sand were washed down to the main highway on the Lake Shore road and had to be removed by truck in order to make that thoroughfare safe for travelling. Some residents found their basement walls leaking and water in the cellars, but nothing of a serious nature occurred. The sloping townsite prevents any danger of

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