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Old Resident of Haileybury Dies Monday Morning

Late Matthew J. Conkey Well Known in Town and District; Came in 1905

One of Haileybury's oldest and best known residents, Matthew James Conkey, who came to the community in 1905, died at his home in the early hours of Monday morning, September 27th, 1948. He had been ill for about three weeks, suffering from a heart condition which had given him trouble over several years, and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Conkey would have been 81 had he lived until next January 1st.

Born at Port Hope, Ont., Mr. Conkey was the last remaining member of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Conkey, pioneer residents of that section of the province. He spent several years in Sudbury before coming to Haileybury early in the century. He was formerly manager of the old Maple Leaf hotel here, and later engaged in lumbering and mining, but had been living retired for several years past.

He was active in community affairs, served for some time on the town council and was well known throughout the district. His genial disposition made him many friends and he did a lot of good work for the community in a quiet way. It is recalled by the old timers that, with the late Arthur Ferland, he had a hand in the installation of first water-works system in the town.

In 1904, Mr. Conkey was married in Sudbury to the former Miss Adeline Dupuis of Pembroke, who alone survives him, and to whom goes the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Mr. Conkey led an active life. Always interested in sports, he was a member for many years in the Haileybury curling club and was fond of hunting and fishing. He was a member of the United Church, of the local Masonic Lodge and also the Shrine. In politics he was a Conservative.

A funeral service was conducted at the home on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, at which Rev. L. E. Smith of the United Church officiated. The service was attended by many old friends and members of the Masonic Order. The remains were taken later to Lakefield, Ont., for interment, where the services included the last rites of the Masonic Order, brethren of the lodge there acting for Haileybury Lodge.

About one-quarter of all Canadians are engaged in agriculture.

To Discuss Plan For Health Unit at Meeting Here

Boards of Trade of Three Towns Sponsor Speaker From Health Department

Residents of this district will again discuss a proposal for the formation of a Health Unit to serve a considerable part of the southern section of Temiskaming district, when a public meeting will be held in the Legion hall, Haileybury, on Tuesday evening next. This meeting has been arranged by the Boards of Trade in Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard, and it is expected that the more outlying areas will also be represented at the gathering.

In order to bring more fully to the attention of district residents the advantages of a Health Unit plan, a special speaker will be present. He is R.G. Struthers, M.D., D.P.H. of the Ontario Department of Health. He will outline the scheme, which is in operation in many centres of the province and is not entirely new to the North Country.

At Kirkland Lake and in the Porcupine district there have been health units in operation for some years past and it is claimed the movement is growing rapidly in many sections of the province.

Last year there were one or two meetings held in the district, at which preliminary discussions were held. Several municipalities signified their willingness to take up the plan, but definite steps towards organizations have not yet been attempted. It is thought by supporters of the health unit scheme that the meeting next week will bring some action on the part of district residents, when its merits are placed in detail before the bodies sponsoring the meeting.

Everyone who has the general welfare of the district as a whole at heart is welcome to attend and join in the discussions after hearing Dr. Struthers outline the plan.

Flew From Thessalon to Attend Liskeard Funeral

Alex. and Jack Hennessy, who are on a contracting job for the Hydro at Thessalon, Ont., came in to the Haileybury airport on Tuesday morning, having flown down from the Algoma town in a "seabee" plane used in connection with their operations there. They came to this district to visit relatives and attend the funeral of W. H. Miller of New Liskeard, an old friend and connection of the Hennessy family. Mr. Miller died on Sunday last and the funeral was held on Wednesday.

Magazine Editor Entertained By Graduate Nurses

Miss Margaret Kerr Guest of Honor at Banquet Here; Local Group is Organized

Fifty graduate nurses of Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard attended a dinner meeting in Hotel Haileybury on Monday evening, to welcome Miss Margaret Kerr of Montreal, editor of the nursing journal, "Canadian Nurse", who is on a tour of the North Country.

She was officially welcomed by Mrs. Gleason, public health nurse here, who at the same time paid a tribute to the work of the former Nursing Reserve organization, during the war years, mentioning the officers, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. McCuaig, Miss Cleaver, who had been in charge.

Miss Kerr was introduced by Mrs. Jan McLean of New Liskeard, who thanked the Haileybury nurses for arranging the banquet. The tables were tastefully decorated with blue and white flowers and candles, emblematic of the colors of the magazine Miss Kerr represents. The ladies had contributed flowers from their gardens, and Mrs. Inch, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. McCuaig were given special thanks.

The program opened with "O, Canada", the gathering heard an interesting address from Miss Kerr, and at the close sang the National Anthem before adjourning for a business session. The guest of honor sang several selections in a beautiful contralto voice, playing her own accompaniments.

Miss Kerr said much unwarranted criticism had been directed at the nursing profession of late years, which all graduate nurses should try to combat. It was also important that conditions should be improved, such as long hours, lack of housing, inadequate pay and selfishness on the part of a few nurses who were in the profession until "Mr. Right came along", while some others were purely out for the money reward. The standard must not be lowered, she said.

At the business meeting a Cobalt-Haileybury group was organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. Isabel Gleason; vice-president, Miss Anne Johnson; sec.-treas., Mrs. Mary Leishman; program convener, Mrs. Annette Pringle; evening conveners, Mrs. Tuili Lowery and Mrs. McAlpine of Cobalt. The group will meet every two months for educational discussions.

The following day Miss Kerr was taken for a visit to Misericordia hospital, accompanied by Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. McLean and other New Liskeard nurses. She was greatly impressed with the modern, well equipped building and with the arrangements made to handle patients with varying diseases in separate departments.

LOCAL MEN ATTENDING P.C. CONVENTION AT OTTAWA THIS WEEK

Dr. J. A. H. Joyal and R. D. Cumming, K.C., Haileybury, and A. R. Herbert of Cobalt, are representing the south end of Temiskaming riding at the national Progressive Conservative convention, which opens in Ottawa today to choose a new party leader and decide on the party's program and platform. The north part of the riding will also have three representatives. One of them is Dr. Ralph Neelands of Kirkland Lake and it is expected that another man from that mining centre and one from Virginia town will make up the trio. Mr. Cumming was the Conservative candidate in the provincial election last June and Dr. Neelands represented the party in the last Federal campaign. Mr. Herbert is president of the district P.C. Association.

Only one-fifth of the potential electric power in Canada has been developed.

Mrs. S. D. Eplett of New Liskeard, an old resident and wife of a pioneer business man of the community, died at her home yesterday. She was about 80 years of age. Funeral arrangements were not announced last night.

Police Court Has Lengthy Docket With 23 Accused

Several Plead Guilty and Some Fail to Appear; Two Are Remanded

Haileybury police court was a lengthy one last Friday afternoon and contained the names of 23 people alleged to have broken the law. Some pleaded guilty and paid their fines before the session opened and six failed to appear. Two cases were adjourned until this week by magistrate S. Atkinson.

Four New Liskeard men, Roy Percy, Jack Scott, Stewart Doupe and Howard Harvey paid fines of one dollar and costs in advance for failing to stop at stop streets. Three others, C. H. Abel, Elgin Macdonald and Charles Byam, charged with the same offence, failed to appear and the magistrate ordered that the summonses be re-issued.

Felix Kochon and Henry A. Madore, both charged with non-support, did not appear and summonses were re-issued in these cases.

Lou Tremblay and Alf. Dube, charged with consuming liquor and having liquor in public places respectively, each paid fines of \$10 and costs of \$5.50 before court. Burnel Gibson paid a similar fine when he pleaded guilty to a drunk charge before the hearing. Percy Bates of Latchford, charged with consuming liquor in a public place was assessed \$10 and costs.

Joe Burns, charged with being intoxicated in a public place, was given an option of paying the usual fine or serving ten days in jail, when he appeared before the magistrate and pleaded guilty to the charge. Two second offenders, Henry O'Shoughnessy and Mike Malcolm, were sentenced to 30 days in jail or given the option of paying fines of \$50 and costs when they pleaded guilty to drunk charges.

A summons was re-issued for S. D. Eplett of New Liskeard when he did not appear to answer a charge of having moosemeat. James Richardson of New Liskeard was sentenced to ten days in jail by magistrate S. Atkinson when he pleaded guilty to charge of drunken driving.

In addition to the jail term, he was prohibited from driving for six months and his truck was impounded for three months.

Assistant constable Jack Show of New Liskeard, who laid the charge, said he had seen the truck zig-zagging down Whitewood avenue on Saturday, September 18 and had followed it down Armstrong street and across the bridge, where he had stopped him. Richardson was "definitely drunk at the time," he said.

A charge of drunken driving, against Paul Godmaire, was adjourned until Friday, Oct. 15th, when defence counsel William C. Inch, said that two of the defence witnesses would not be able to appear for two weeks.

Charles Grant, charged with assault, agreed to pay court costs when his wife withdrew the charge. "It was all my fault," said Mrs. Grant, "I'm sorry I started it."

MURDER, MANSLAUGHTER CHARGES LISTED FOR ASSIZES NEXT WEEK

Two charges of murder and two of manslaughter make up the criminal docket listed for the fall assizes, which open on Monday next, October 4th, at the Haileybury court house. Mr. Justice Wilson will preside.

Charged with murder are Mrs. Lucille Lamarche of Kirkland Lake and Mis Jeanne Brunet of Elk Lake. The former is alleged to have killed her small child by throwing it on a hot stove, and the latter is accused of killing her illegitimate child.

Facing manslaughter counts are Albert Pilon of Kirkland Lake and Joe Silverthorne of Englehart. Traffic deaths are involved in both cases, and a second charge that of leaving the scene of an accident, is listed against Pilon. There are three non-jury actions listed, consisting of divorce applications.

Canada's 25 National Parks cover an area of 29,000 sq. miles.

Woodsman Killed Instantly When Saw Breaks Loose

Gowganda Ball Player Victim of Accident; Was Helping Friend

Louis Edgar Pinkerton, 22, well known Gowganda ball player, was killed almost instantly last Thursday evening when a circular saw he was operating broke loose from its bearings and struck him. His right arm was almost severed below the elbow and he received a deep cut in his right shoulder and a gash about ten inches long on his right side through several ribs. He died within a few minutes of being hit.

An employee of the Elk Lake Lumber Company, where he worked as a filer, he had returned from work and was helping a friend, Art Fraser, also of Gowganda, cut wood at the latter's home, when the accident happened about 7.40 p.m.

Provincial constable N. Chartland, who was called from Elk Lake to investigate, told The Haileyburian that the two men were standing behind the platform on the left of the saw when the circular disk broke loose from its bearings, striking Pinkerton.

A number of spectators were around at the time and Harry McNulty and John Bradley, both of Gowganda, were sitting nearby in a car and reported later to the police officer that they saw the shaft "jump." Just as they were getting out of the car to warn the two men, Pinkerton and Fraser placed another log against the loose saw.

The coroner, Dr. J. S. McCullough, pronounced him dead on his arrival from New Liskeard. Later the body was released for burial and was taken that night to North Bay.

He is survived by his wife, the former Dorothy Jessup of North Bay, and a 22-month-old daughter who are both living at Gowganda. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pinkerton, live at South River. Pinkerton had come to the lumbering town from his home in North Bay last spring. He was a popular man in the community and active in all sports and community affairs.

Several bush fires have broken out with the dry weather. There are none in our immediate district, but the utmost care is needed by all who go into the woods.

Woman Killed by Train Near Home In New Liskeard

New Liskeard Scene of Level Crossing Tragedy Wednesday at Noon

Mrs. Jack White of New Liskeard, aged about 60 years and a former resident of Silver Centre, was instantly killed a few minutes before noon yesterday when she walked into the path of O.N. R. train No. 47, northbound, at the Wabi crossing, not far from her home. The crossing is a short distance south of the New Liskeard station, and the crew of an extra train waiting at the station until the passenger train passed through, witnessed the accident but were powerless to prevent it.

The trainmen told police chief J. J. Evers of New Liskeard and provincial constable A. Souliere, who investigated the tragedy, that the victim apparently neither saw nor heard the approaching train as she attempted to cross the tracks. It was learned that she was on her way to the station to take a bus to North Cobalt, from where she intended to visit Silver Centre.

Dr. D. R. Fleming was called, and a few minutes later, Dr. J. S. McCullough, district coroner, arrived at the scene. It was believed that death was instantaneous.

Constable Souliere told The Haileyburian that the shock to Mr. White was so great that he could not be questioned immediately, and the officer intimated that further investigation would be made.

Saturday, October 9th, will see the opening of the first partridge season this year.

Persons interested in the night classes at the local high school should register immediately with Principal A. T. Crutcher.

Week's Weather

Week ending Sept. 29, 1948

Thursday	57.8	48.4
Friday	61.2	37.8
Saturday	67.8	40.6
Sunday	68.0	40.0
Monday	65.0	42.4
Tuesday	71.0	44.4
Wednesday	71.2	40.6
Precipitation for week	.01"	
Max. wind (1 hr.)	10 m.p.h.	

NIGHT CLASSES

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

will begin

Wednesday, Oct. 13

at 7.30 p.m.

—in—

SEWING, PAINTING, CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH and in WEAVING, and PRE-SCHOOL CHILD STUDY (if enough apply immediately)



ATTENTION! LEGIONAIRES

A GENERAL MEETING OF ZONE K-1

will be held on

SUNDAY, OCT., 3rd

at 2.00 p.m.

LEGION HALL, HAILEYBURY

All Legion Members are Urgently Requested to Attend!

Rummage Sale

In St. Paul's Parish Hall, Rorke Avenue

FRIDAY, OCT. 8th

Commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Under the Auspices of St. Paul's W.A.

HAILEYBURY BRANCH :: CANADIAN LEGION

SMOKER

IN AID OF CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

MONDAY, OCT. 4th

at 8.30 p.m.

IN THE LEGION HALL

FUN FOR EVERYBODY

DOOR PRIZE: .303 SPORTING RIFLE