

# Pioneer Photographer Dies at Chess Board

One of the grand old men of the north country, Alex MacLean of Haileybury died suddenly Friday night. Mr. MacLean was attending the weekly meeting of the Haileybury Chess Club. Playing against George Hamilton, a mining student, he collapsed across the board and died within a few minutes. Cause of death was not immediately determined but he had complained of heartburn a few minutes before dying.

Dr. W. C. Arnold, an old friend and fellow chess player, was summoned, but Mr. MacLean was dead when he arrived. He was in his 79th year and had been in business in Haileybury for 52 years. Mr. MacLean was still actively engaged in his photographic business and was generally regarded as the dean of northern photographers. He was famous for the quality of his landscapes while in the fields of portraiture he had commissions from many parts of the United States as well as every province in Canada. He was born in Bryson, Que., where his father operated a large furniture factory. It was there that he gained his early skill at woodworking, which was reflected in later years when he constructed many of his own cameras down to the last part except the lens.

The exceptional quality of his work was drawn to the attention of the Canadian Pacific Railway which engaged him in 1903 to take photographs throughout the west. One of the greatest regrets of his life was that the 1922 fire destroyed his collection of early photographs.

Mr. MacLean was one of the first travelling photographers and later established a business at Buckingham, Que. He came north to Haileybury in 1907 and for many years also ran a second business in Cobalt.

Through the years he was engaged by nearly every important mining company in the Cobalt-Kirkland Lake - Timmins - Noranda camps to take photographs of the underground and surface installations. He also had many connections in the Temagami area, where he photographed some of his most outstanding landscapes. Mr. MacLean developed a technique of coloring photographs with oils which won wide acclaim prior to development of color photography.

One of his proudest memories was photographing the Prince of Wales at the O'Brien mine in Cobalt in 1919. The photograph was chosen by the Prince as his favorite of his Canadian tour and hung at the Wembley Exposition.

As well as operating his photographic business Mr. MacLean ran one of the largest music stores in the north from 1912 until 1922 when he lost some \$20,000 in equipment and supplies in the fire that swept Haileybury.

He was a keen stamp and coin collector but was particularly well known as a chess player. In past years he was recognized as an outstanding player in the north and when the Haileybury Chess Club was recently re-organized he was elected treasurer. He was also a charter member of the Haileybury Rotary Club.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from his home on Main Street, with Rev. J. W. Wilkinson of St. Andrew's United Church officiating.

Mr. MacLean is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Anne Huntington and one daughter, Miss Joyce MacLean of Hamilton, also two sisters, Mrs. Jean McFarlane of Whitby and Mrs. Grant Guest, Sheffield, and two brothers, George MacLean of Campbells' Bay and Archie of Rockton.

Because of ill health, neither of his sisters were able to attend the funeral, but both brothers and Grant Guest, brother-in-law, were present.

Others from a distance attending included Harold Bell of Matawa, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Thib, members of the Rotary Club in Englehart.

Pall-bearers were Robert McGill, W. J. Lecky, Orville Hughes,

Jack Leishman, Graham Hennessey and Klaas Bosch.

Interment was in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

## No Water System For North Cobalt

North Cobalt's probe into government circles for financial aid to install a water system hit bedrock and broke off this week, and three years of negotiation by Township council became so much waste when the Ontario Municipal Board said "No."

For the past three years council has been working to bring a water supply to the 185 families living in the village, but at the regular meeting of the council this week, members heard that the Municipal Board will not approve the scheme.

In an attempt to influence the province to support the plan, council has spent money to prove that a good supply is available, and has a proven supply of 1000 gallons an hour, ample for the village requirements at present and enough to permit normal growth. When this had been done the Ontario Water Resources Commission was approached and asked for government assistance to finance the \$129,000 cost of installing a pump house and distribution system.

A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs pointed out that the proposed expenditure would be one-and-one half times the assessment of the area to be served, and that the board requires that debentures debts do not exceed 25 percent of the assessment and that the area to be served is at least 25 per cent built upon. The Bucke Township application revealed that in both of these the application is far below requirements.

Council expressed disappointment at the decision, and concern over the future of the village, where many wells are polluted, and one school has to truck water for its use.

"For a while they said we couldn't have water because there was none available," said Councillor Leo Deraiche, "and when we prove we have it they find some other excuse. Everybody knows we could triple our population in a year, if we had water."

## The Weather

Week ending February 10, 1959.

	Max.	Min.
Wednesday	17	-1
Thursday	14	-13
Friday	13	-12
Saturday	20	-13
Sunday	17	-23
Monday	7	-17
Tuesday	8	-7

- denotes below zero

## February Meeting Of Mission Circle

The February meeting of the Pentecostal Mission Circle was opened with the singing of several choruses, followed by prayer led by Mrs. Gib. Lowe. Dues and "pennies for Missions" were collected and the donations of canned goods for Christmas giving was received.

Mrs. Noble Hermeston conducted the devotional service.

During the work period, the ladies worked on various articles, quilted and crocheted, in connection with their mission work.

Mrs. Wilfred Graff was appointed to represent the Pentecostal congregation at the World Day of Prayer Service, being held in the Anglican Church, February 13.

Lunch was served at the conclusion of the meeting.

## Tri-town Elks Report Progress

Members of the Tri-town Elks Lodge held their regular monthly meeting in the lodge rooms, Friday evening with Roy Pearson in the chair.

Reports on the progress of the renovation of the building were received. The kitchen is now completed and work on the washrooms is progressing. The installation of the wiring is also completed and it is hoped that the building will be opened to the public early in March.

Plans are being made to erect a large sign on the building, designating it as the Tri-Town Elks Lodge No. 421.

Members were asked to be at the Lodge room each Tuesday and Thursday at seven p.m., in order to facilitate the work that still remains to be done.

It was announced that Mrs. N. Jones of Fort William, the Supreme Royal Honored Lady, will be visiting the Lodge on March 21, in a effort to form a branch of the Order of the Royal Purple Ladies. Any ladies interested in joining are asked to contact Roy Pearson or Robert Wilson before that date.

## Minor Hockey In Full Swing

Midget hockey continued in Cobalt last Sunday with Haileybury putting on one of its poorest showings, losing 12-4 to Cobalt.

Gerry Gelinas scored two of Haileybury's goals while Lamothe and Scalso scored the other two.

Tuesday night the boys were treated to a bean supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hogan. The Midget hockey club and its officials would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Hogan and her committee for the work they did in preparing this lovely supper.

This Sunday the Midgets play Cobalt at the local arena so get out and give the boys your support.

This Saturday the Minor Hockey officials will start a new experiment to bring the hockey along a little faster. The following bulletin was issued by the committee.

Since hockey was let go in Haileybury for the past few years most of the boys haven't acquired the essentials of hockey know how. To bring the boys along as quickly as possible, players have been classed according to their ability. This way the weaker players get more individual coaching.

Bantams will practice Saturday nights from 6 - 8 to give more time to the morning hockey.

## Legion Notes

Branch 54

Having just been appointed as your new branch public relations officer as assistant to the chairman of the membership committee, I find that there are a lot of things going on at our hall that I must brush up on before I can make a full report on Legion activities.

However, I can say this, we are trying to form a Dart League, the more players the better. A tentative schedule has been drawn up for competition every Wednesday evening. Anyone interested contact Comrade Basil Treen, chairman of the sports committee. Don't forget, let's make 1959 our best year.

Dues are being solicited now and to be able to vote in Legion meetings or to be an executive, dues must be in by March 31.

Dues may be paid at the hall following our regular monthly meeting, Monday, February 16, at 8 p.m., or contact our branch secretary or myself.

So come one, come all.  
Fred Larocque,  
Branch 54,  
Canadian Legion.

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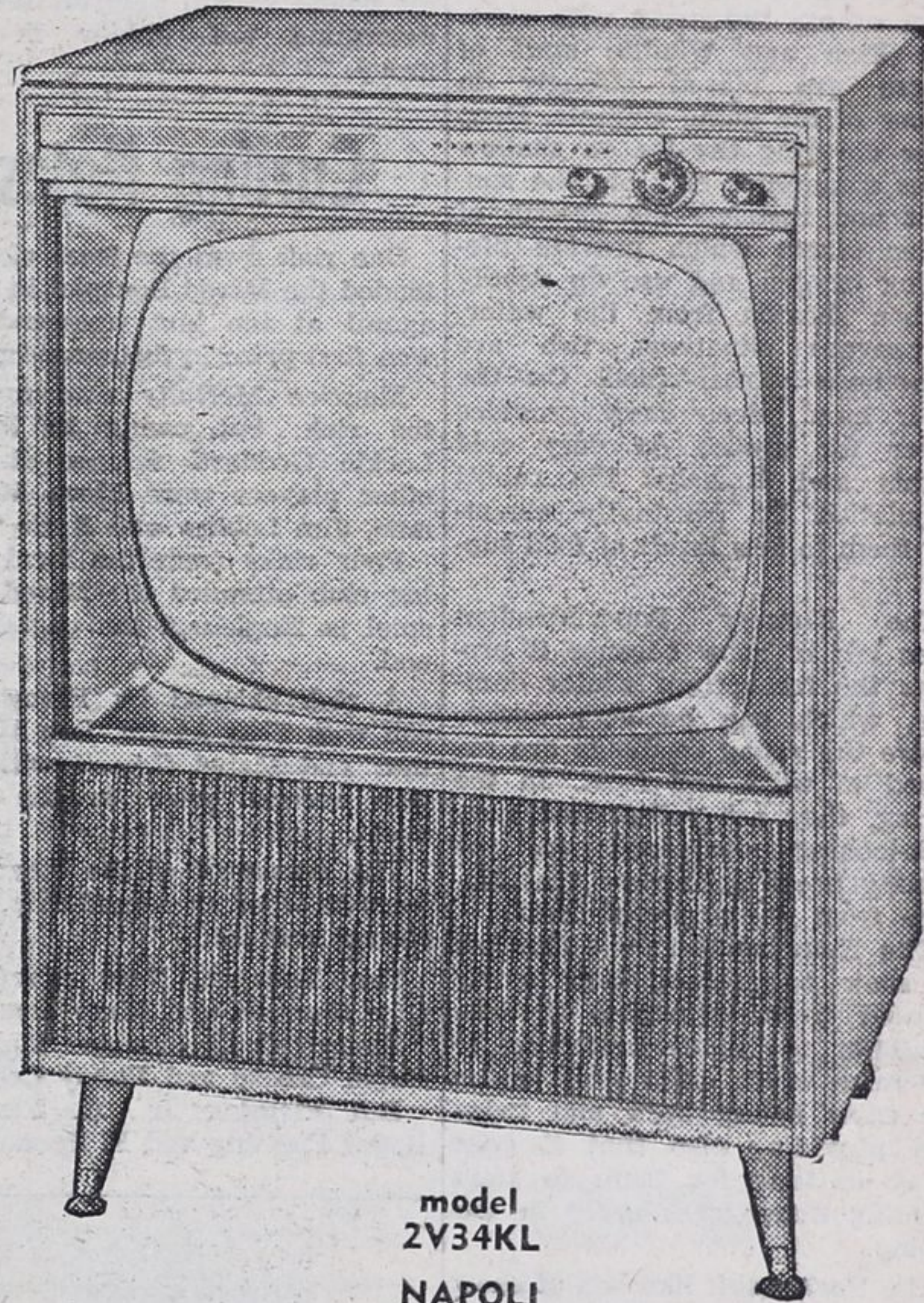
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