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Missed Serum Clinic Cobalt Student Dies

Donald Lamirande, a 15-year-old Cobalt boy was admitted to Misericordia Hospital Friday morning and died in an iron lung at 4 o'clock that afternoon.

Dr. H. A. Dunning of Cobalt said death was due to the bulbar type of polio. He said that the bulbar type of polio has a high mortality rate. It attacks the nerve centre at the base of the brain and quickly induces paralysis and affects breathing.

The boy was taken to the hospital shortly before noon. Apparently he had first felt ill on Wednesday. He was examined and placed in an iron lung, but died in less than four hours. Dr. Dunning said that of the seven children in the family, some had received Salk vaccine but Donald had not. A student at Holy Cross High School in Haileybury, Donald was the oldest of seven children. His father, Rosaire Lamirande, died in a mine accident at Bancroft last year.

He is survived by his mother, three brothers, and three sisters. They are Julienne, 13; Annette, 12; Marcel, 11; Roger, 9; Albert, 6; and Carol, 2. This is the first polio death reported in the district this year.

No serious outbreak of polio in the district is foreseen by Dr. E. R. Harris, medical officer of health.

"It will certainly not reach the proportions of the Montreal epidemic," Dr. Harris said, when asked to comment after the polio death yesterday of a Cobalt youth.

Dr. Harris said his health unit's immunization program has lessened the chances of any large outbreak.

When Salk vaccine was made available in 1955, pupils of grades 1-3 were vaccinated throughout the district. The following year, the rest of elementary school pupils received Salk vaccine. In 1957, pre-school children and high school students were vaccinated. Since 1958, Salk vaccine has been available to anyone in the district.

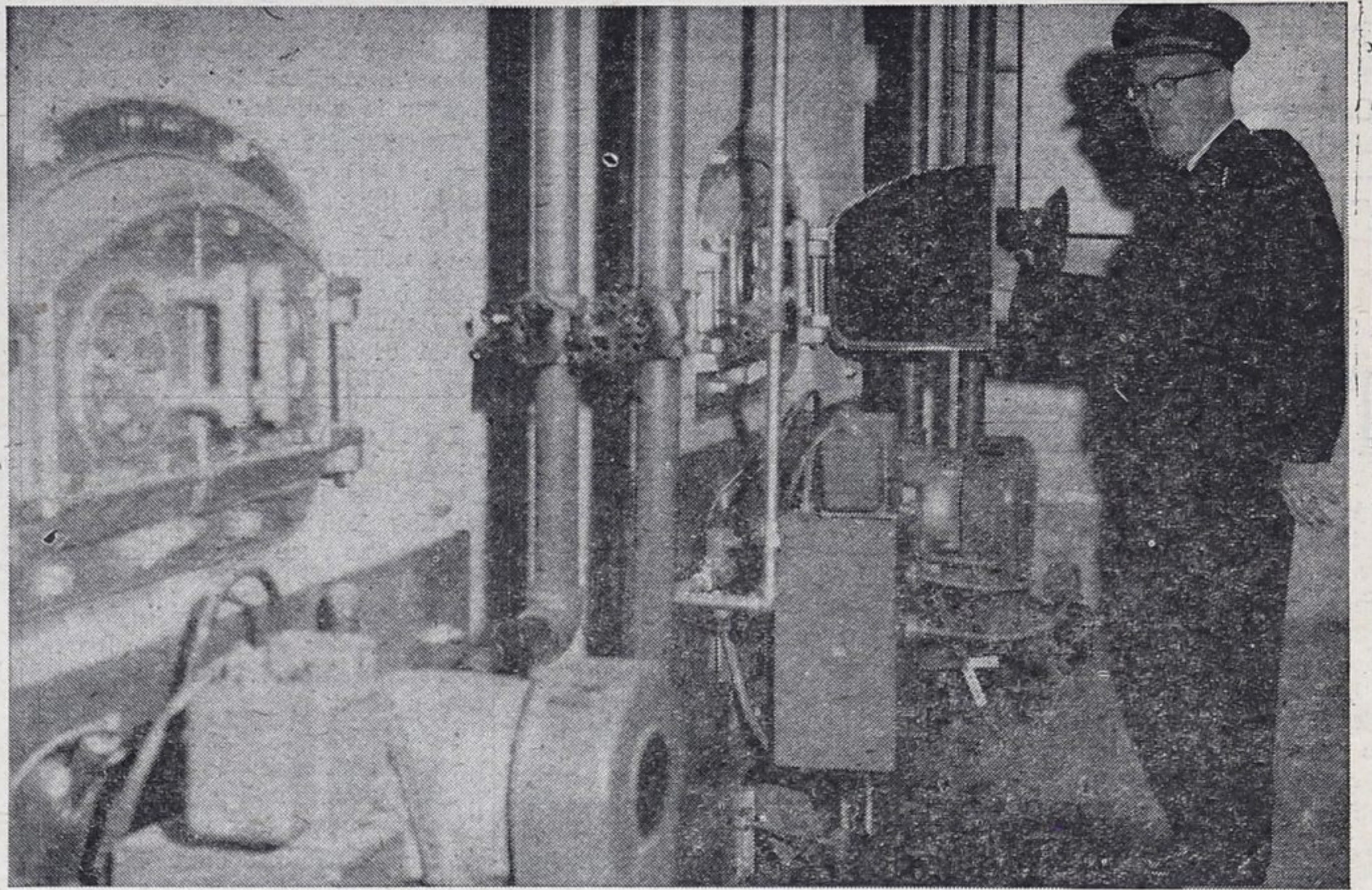
Last case of polio in the district, prior to Donald Lamirande of Cobalt, was in 1955. Before young Lamirande died yesterday, the last death from polio was in 1952.

Charlotte Charms Canadian Club District Audience

Charm, wit and irony ran riot through the thought provoking address delivered by Dr. Charlott Whitton of Ottawa, to members of the Canadian Club in New Liskeard, Monday night.

Wilf Brotherhood, vice-president of the Club, in introducing Dr. Whitton, told her audience something of her background and accomplishments, which included an M. A. degree from Queen's University and five other honorary degrees from as many colleges.

Mayor of the city of Ottawa for six years, Dr. Whitton took as her topic, "A Mayor's Tale" and then (Continued on page five)



Fire Chief Ken Watson marks Fire Prevention Week in Haileybury with an inspection of public and private buildings. "Don't give fire a place to start", said the chief.

New Liskeard Businessman Identifies Hold-up Pair

Harold McAllister, New Liskeard Garage owner, travelled to Burks Falls on Tuesday and positively identified two men in custody there as the persons who robbed him, stole his car and left him tied and helpless in the Temagami bush country.

The men were arrested by pro-

vincial police at the Falls early Tuesday morning as they were attempting a getaway on a Grey Coach Line bus.

The pair escaped a district-wide police dragnet in the Temiskaming and Cochrane Districts, leaving a trail of stolen cars, money, food and boats, and were subjects of a manhunt by air and land as the police closed in.

They escaped the encircling police, and will be charged with the abduction of John Prochorenko an elderly prospector and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Way and five children, all of Bourkes, near Matheson.

Mr. Prochorenko told of being held captive by the two men during Sunday and Monday.

"I was returning to my cabin after looking for partridge. As I was about to open the door, I heard a voice behind say: 'don't make a move.' It was a man and he had a gun. He moved up behind me and ordered me in the cabin. As I entered, I saw another man standing inside. He, too, had a gun."

Mr. Prochorenko said the men asked if he had any money. He said he did not and added the pair took 93 cents from the kitchen table.

"They seemed hungry. They ate and all the time they kept a gun pointed at me. During their stay they ate three loaves of bread and three dozen eggs, also some canned sardines and salmon. They also took some clothes, my 12-gauge shotgun and a .22 rifle. They sawed the barrels off short. I was kind to them. I didn't mind them eating my food or taking my clothing. If I had objected, they might have shot me," he said.

The elderly prospector said the men took turns sleeping and "watching me".

"They sat around all day Monday until supper time. Then they forced me into my three-ton truck, took some dynamite and dynamite caps and drove to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Way," he explained.

Mrs. Way said she was cooking supper when the men and Mr. Prochorenko "just walked into the house."

"They first asked if we had any money and then asked for the car keys. They ordered me to dress my five children. They wouldn't even give us time to have supper. They were in a

hurry, they said," Mrs. Way said.

Mrs. Way said the men ordered them all into the car and one of them took over at the wheel. "We drove to Sesekinika, where the men bought gas at Green's Garage. Then they started to drive south. A little later on we had a flat tire. They put on the spare and kept driving. We stopped at South River and they said they were going to steal another car. My husband threatened to jump from the car and seek help", she said.

Mrs. Way said the men apparently changed their minds and decided to get on the southbound bus which was passing through South River around 1:30 o'clock. "We followed the bus and the driver blinked his lights. The bus stopped and they got on. Before doing so, they said if we told the police they would come back and kill us all," she said.

The young mother said she knew the men were tough because she heard them say they would take the old man out of the car and kill him if they thought he had any money.

"Right now I am afraid to send my children to school in case something happens," said Mrs. Way.

Bill Storey, 737 Copeland Street, driver of the bus, said today he noticed a car blinking its lights from behind while passing through South River.

"I pulled over and stopped. I thought it rather peculiar that one man should get out of the front seat and the other by the back seat. One went around to the trunk of the car and removed some shopping bags. They then (Continued on page eight)

Ratepayers Urge Transportation For North Cobalt School Children

A score of North Cobalt ratepayers were in attendance at Bucke Township School Board meeting last Monday to find out why transportation was not provided for pupils from the area who were attending Haileybury High School.

When the smoke had cleared away it was revealed that no representation had been made to the board for transportation, although the matter had been discussed at previous meetings when the situation had been brought to the attention of the Board by member Mrs. Nora Perry.

The delegation left with the assurance that if names and addresses were brought to the board, it would then discuss the matter of statutory grants with the Ontario Department of Education and see what could be done.

In an exclusive interview with acting Chairman - of - the - Board John Brown the Speaker received the following information.

Said Mr. Brown; "In all municipalities it is standard practice for parents of children who plan to attend High School to advise the boards of this by August 1. This (Continued on page five)

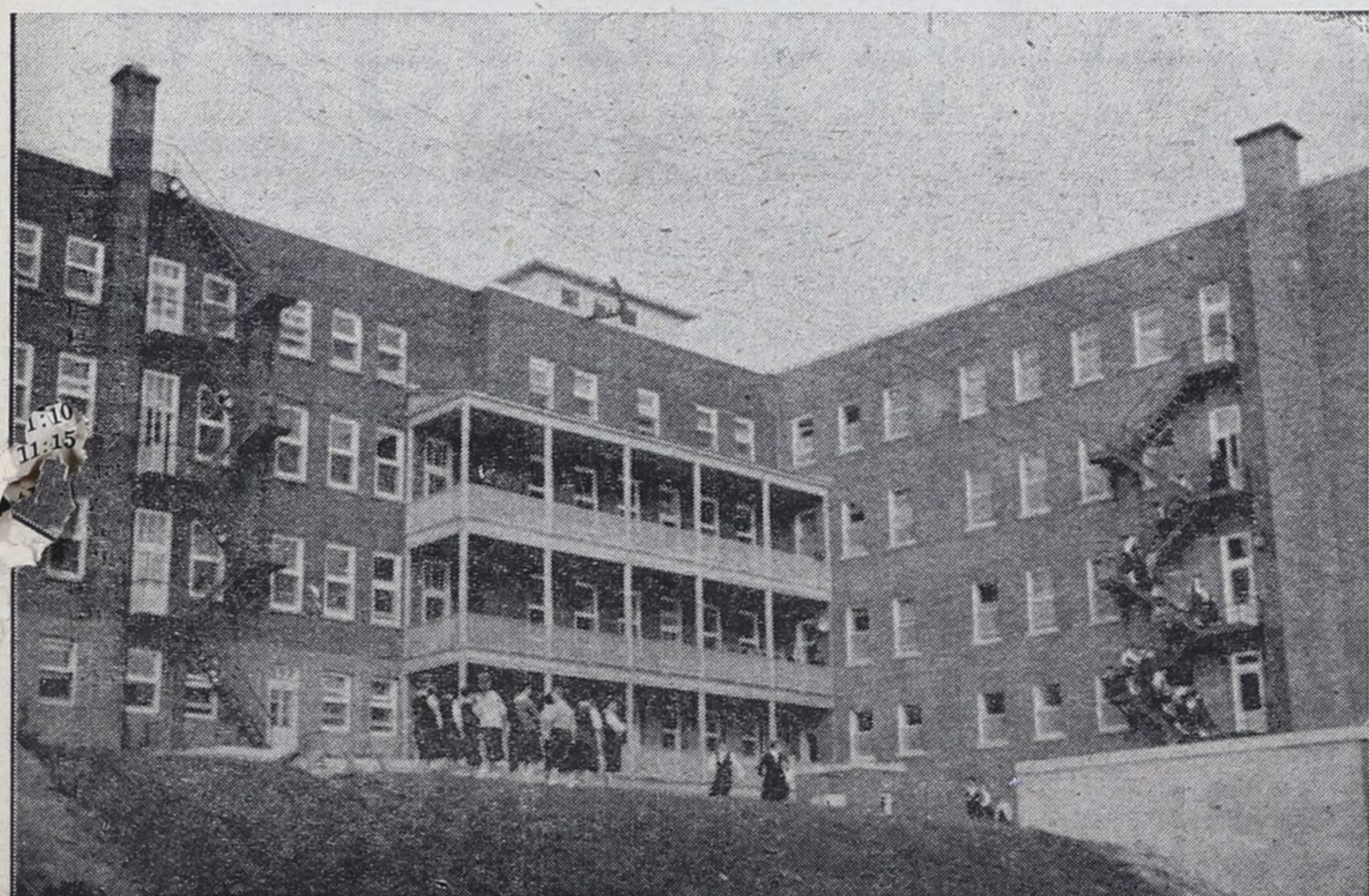
Dogcatcher

Mrs. Walter B. Stevens, Haileybury housewife, believes that her town should have a dogcatcher, and has done something to prove her point.

On Sunday she caught 15 of the wandering pets and tied them all on her porch, on Monday she caught another nine.

Mrs. Stevens said she took this action to focus attention on the dog nuisance, but Mayor Arthur Cooke says her timing is off.

"From September 1 until May 1, dogs may run at large in Haileybury," quoth he.



Town schools practised fire drills observing National Fire Prevention Week. The girls at St. Mary's Academy cleared their school in almost record time.

Mediscope

Two high school students from Haileybury and one from New Liskeard will be guests of the Ontario Medical Association at the "Mediscope" show to be held in Toronto next week.

The lucky pupils are Lyn St. Louis and Carolyn Pelangio of Haileybury High and James Sipprell of New Liskeard. Miss St. Louis is planning to take up nursing after graduating, while Miss Pelangio and Mr. Sipprell are heading for medical courses.