

Two Fatalities, Crossing Now Has Warning Signals

Warning signals at the fourth line, Esquering, railroad crossing where Gordon Leroy Thompson lost his life 13 days before, went into operation on the day of the inquest.

Similar signals at the third line crossing on the other side of Acton Limestone Quarries began operating that evening.

Information that the installation, underway at the time of the accident, was now complete was given to the coroner's jury at the inquest in the town hall by J. Madden of Toronto, Canadian National Railways claims agent.

Mr. Thompson was driving north not far from his Limehouse home, when his station wagon was struck by an east-bound freight train.

The jury, all from R. R. 4, Acton, included an unusually high number of women, three to two men. Picked to serve were Patricia Woloszyn, Mary McDonald, Marjory Thomson, Ben Fuchs, and Gerald Skirrow. Mr. Skirrow was elected foreman of the jury.

Halt county coroner Dr. Robert D. Buckner presided for the inquest with Const. J. Feldcamp acting as coroner's constable.

After hearing witnesses from 3 p.m. until 9.45, the jury re-

turned, about three-quarters of an hour later. Their finding was that Mr. Thompson's car skidded on the icy road and slid into the path of the train, causing death. No recommendations were made.

During the hearing, assistant crown attorney Bruce Martin conducted the questioning of witnesses called.

Const. Robert Burke of the Milton detachment of the OPP, which investigated the report and Corp. Kingman exhibited photographs showing distances and skid marks.

Const. Burke indicated the car radio was found to be on at the lowest volume, and the car windows were up. It was his opinion seat belts might have minimized injury. He said the road was wet and icy but sanded, visibility good and the crossing marked. He gave the measurements of a stockpile of gravel to the west.

Donald Baker, Stratford, the engine man operating the train, and H. J. Hurley, Stratford, the engineer, both testified.

Mr. Baker, knowing the CN work gang was installing signals at the two crossings, blew the train whistle extra long, he recalled. The bell was operating and headlights on full.

A neighbour, Ritchie Benton,

recalled hearing a normal whistle.

Two men from Winnipeg, Eric Kilbrat and Harry Woronluk, were working on the installation of flasher signals at the time and were called to testify. They saw the car only moments before impact as they had been watching the train approach.

CN claims agent Mr. Madden reviewed a similar accident at the crossing in June, 1965. The inquest, August, 1965, recommended speed signs at approaches showing 20 mph and crossing signals with flashers.

Esquering township and the province made representation to the Board of Transport Governors. A consequent meeting was held at the crossing. The township reduced the grade, widened planing on the crossing and installed the advance warning signs.

The Board issued an order on July 18th, 1966 authorizing installation of signals within six months — making the deadline January 18th.

On January 12th the deadline was extended to May 18, 1967, since the CN was "very heavily engaged" in the signal crossing program arising out of the computer program between Dunbarton and Hamilton, which has an April deadline.

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Tool & Die Apprentice Gets Provincial Diploma

Erwin Schandelmeyer has received his diploma from the provincial Dept. of Labour, marking the finish of his apprenticeship as a tool and die maker.

An employee of Zenith Tool and Die, Ltd., Mr. Schandelmeyer, who lives at 6 Stevens Crescent, was presented with his diploma at the plant yesterday by Les Dearsley, head of the Zenith firm.

He is one of the first men in this district to complete the course.

Traces Baha'i History In Talk at Meeting

Georgetown residents were joined by visitors from Hamilton and Oakville last week at the Centennial Hall, to see colour slides of the Baha'i World Centre at Haifa, Israel, and to hear a talk on the history of the Baha'i World Faith. Mr. Sidney Tukeman of Hamilton, who recently returned from Haifa, gave the illustrated lecture. He was introduced by Wayne Miller, a former Georgetown resident now residing in Brampton; refreshments were served after the discussion, by Mrs. Lena Emmerson and Miss Marlene Miller of Georgetown.

Some of the historical events and leading figures in the Baha'i Faith were shown in Mr. Tukeman's slides.

The Founder of the Faith, Baha'u'llah, gave as the central theme of His teachings: the unity and oneness of mankind, of God and of religions. Mr. Tukeman explained.

"Since there is only one God" said the speaker, "it follows that all the religions, which tell man of God, are really but one one great religion, reflecting the same light of God". Founders of the major religions, such as Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam were compared to teachers in a great school. Each one could teach any or all of his subject, but presented only that part of it which could be understood and used by the society of His time.

The basic spiritual laws, Mr. Tukeman pointed out, were always the same: Love of God, love of one's neighbour, the Golden Rule.

Baha'u'llah, less than 100 years ago, brought again the ancient spiritual laws, said Mr. Tukeman, and gave social teachings which befit the amazing Century and age in which we now live.

Hospital, Northern Parish Benefit from 'Helping Hand'

Was Last Member Old Georgetown Family

Last member of an old Georgetown family, Mrs. Emma Godfrey Johnston died recently in Clinton and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Widow of Fred W. Johnston who died 18 years ago, she was the last member of a family of eleven brothers and sisters. She had lived in Clinton for 45 years, where Mr. Johnston was proprietor of a bakery.

She had no children but leaves several nieces and nephews. Funeral services at Beattie's Funeral Home, Clinton, conducted by Rev. R.W. Wenham of St. Paul's Anglican Church, was attended by friends and relatives from Georgetown, Ridgeway, Kitchener, London, Windsor, Detroit, Lucknow and Goderich. In Georgetown a graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Eric Mills of St. George's Anglican Church.

A small group of Georgetown's senior citizens well deserve their chosen name — the Helping Hand Circle.

Formed some years ago, the women raise money by quilting and home made baking, combining a bit of socializing with their object of helping worthwhile projects.

In January a donation of \$144 went to Georgetown hospital for the purchase of step stools. A year ago, \$105 was given for the purchase of step stools and overbed tables.

In between the women donated a quilt to the Kinsmen Club for a raffle project for the planned senior citizens apartments, and another to the Canadian Legion branch for their kindness to senior citizens.

The women have also aided an Anglican rector, the Reverend Garbutt, in his parish at Ensdale with clothing, a box of toys and games and a contribution to buy groceries.

Appoint Clare McKay County Deputy Clerk

Clare McKay of Oak Ridge, was hired as deputy clerk of Halton County, at last week's meeting of Halton County Council.

Clare McKay of Oak Ridge, clerk of King Township for the past five years. He was selected from twenty-five applicants. The new deputy will replace Jim Andrews who resigned to take the post of deputy clerk of Guelph. Mr. McKay's salary was set at \$6,030.

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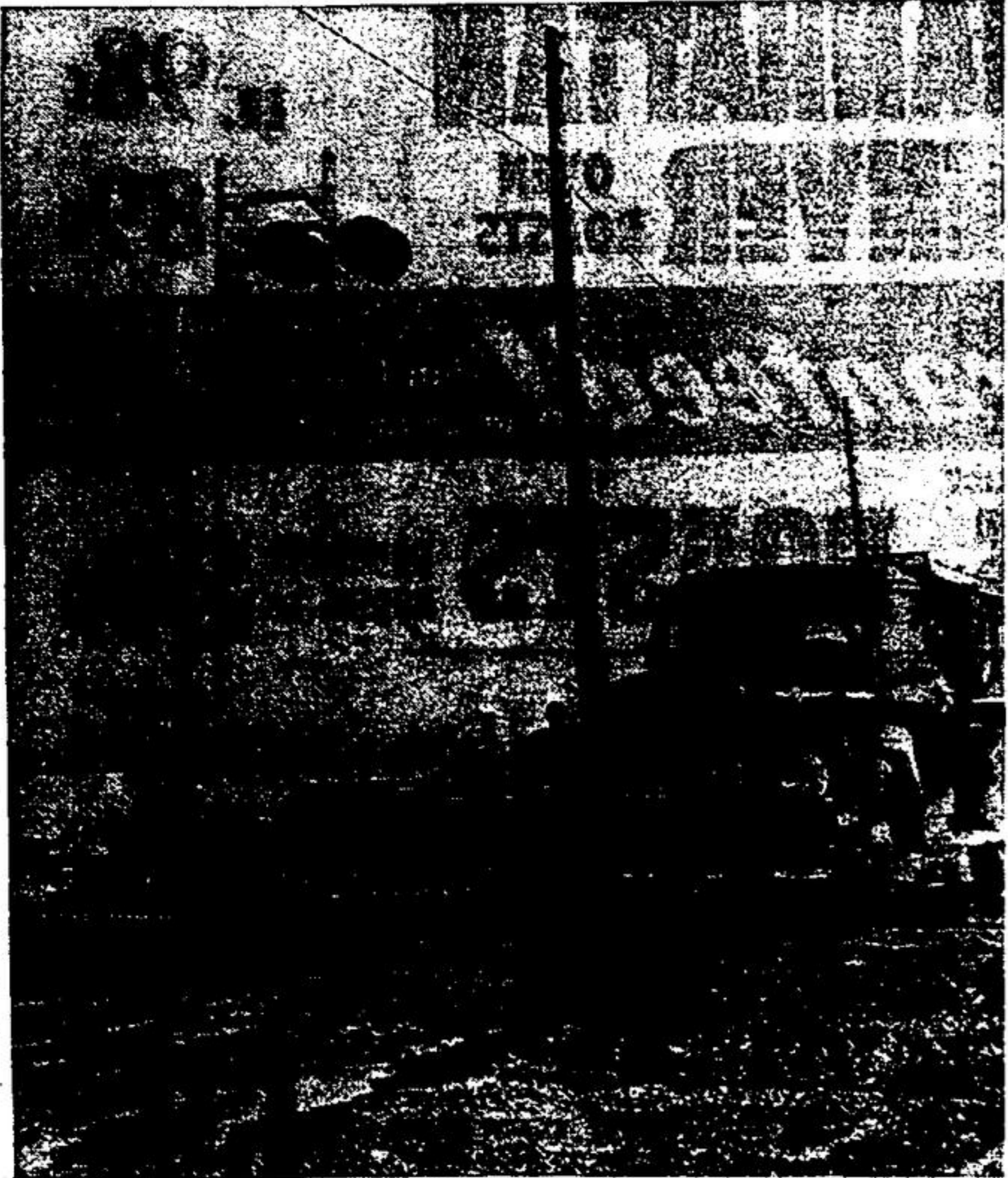
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WARNING SIGNALS IN OPERATION AT the 4th Line of Esquering, CNR crossing, west of Limehouse were being installed when train car crash killed Gordon Leroy Thompson 13 days earlier.

Candlelight Ceremony Enrols 12 New Guides

St. George's Anglican parish hall on February 16 was the scene of a solemn candlelight ceremony when twelve young guides, who had passed their tenderfoot tests, were enrolled in 2nd Georgetown Guide Company. The commissioner, Miss Carole Lane, was present for the ceremony.

While their sister guides formed a horseshoe in the darkened hall, Captain Mrs. Freestone lit a candle and passed it to a patrol leader who then lit candles held by five other guides, each in turn reciting one of the ten guide laws.

Each tenderfoot guide was escorted by her patrol leader to the captain, who asked each recruit to repeat the guide promise before pinning on a tenderfoot pin, and giving each guide a handshake. A formal salute, and the newly-enrolled guide turned to face the company, all saluting.

Following the ceremony, the commissioner spoke and exhorted each girl to consider well what she was undertaking to do when she made her guide promise, for it lays the foundation for a whole way of life.

Some very active and noisy games relieved the solemnity of the occasion. Tea and coffee were served by the leaders and the parents.

This was arranged by Linda Corbett and Susan Collett who were trying their best to be as good as the girls.

fire closed the meeting.

The new guides are Marilyn Armstrong, Allisa Dakin, Sharon Faulkner, Donna Grant, Sharon Hewitt, Cathy Hoare, Yvonne Lorusso, Alison Macintosh, Leslie Mitchell, Linda Mooney, Patricia Nancy and June Warwick.

Mrs. Freestone is captain and Mrs. Wolfe lieutenant of 2nd Company.

Three Clark Ayrshires Production Leaders

The 1966 Ayrshire Production Stars containing the five high producers for each age class for the year in Canada, are a remarkable group of high producers. The leader in each age group will receive a Production Plaque for her herd owner, which will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Ayrshire Breeders Association of Canada.

A.H. Clark, Georgetown, is the winner of three Production Plaques this year and all three rank among the Canadian leaders.

Grampion Kitty Lula, G.P. with average B.C.A.'s of 209 is the leader in the junior 2 year old class Her milk yield of 16,368 lbs. established a new Canadian record for this class. The other two Clark leaders are both by Selwood Dewdrop's Boy, Grampion Pretty Dewdrop, Ex. with average B.C.A.'s of 195 is the junior 4 year old leader.

She was second last year and third in 1964 among the Production Stars. Her 16,612 lbs.

milk ranks third among the Canadian leaders. Grampion Lady D. has average B.C.A.'s of 203 and she is the Plaque winner in the senior 4 year old class Her 17,930 lbs. milk ranks second among the All Time Leaders and her 681 lbs. fat ranks sixth.

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