

SOUTH PORCUPINE AND DISTRICT NEWS

Sent Money for Funeral Then Ended His Own Life

Young Man Employed at Pamour Mine Found Dead in Field Described by Him in Letter to Undertaker at South Porcupine. Apparently Mentally Ill, William James Gray Shoots Himself.

South Porcupine, Oct. 5.—(Special to The Advance)—There will be no inquest necessary, on the body of William James Gray, employed on the engineering staff of the Pamour Mine, we are informed by Coroner Evans today.

The young man, aged between 26 and 30 years, was found on Tuesday morning around 11, shot through the head, in a field north of the new highway, on Helmer's farm, by Mr. Lloyd Hunkin and Constable Fulton. Mr. Hunkin of the undertaking parlors, received a letter in the mail on Tuesday morning, signed by William James Gray, enclosing a sum of money, and telling him to go to Helmer's farm to a certain field where his body would be lying, and to bury it decently with the money enclosed.

Horrified, Mr. Hunkin went immediately to the police office with the letter, and accompanied by Police Constable Fulton went to search the field mentioned.

At first they could see nothing and thought that the letter was a practical joke but after diligent searching, in a hollow where the grass was taller, they found the body lying by the fence.

The poor fellow had used a .22 rifle to his head, and he was quite dead.

A letter found in his clothing was given to the chief of police, who handed it to Coroner Evans. The contents in detail were not given to the press, but certain statements of a private nature concerning his immediate family enabled the coroner to get in touch with his wife who is in Winnipeg. She lived in South Porcupine with the deceased part of this summer at an apartment on William St., but left on holiday some two months ago to her former home in Winnipeg.

Gray had returned from the West only a few days prior to the tragedy, and on Monday had paid a visit to the Undertaking Parlors, where he held friendly conversation with Mr. Hunkin. During his visit he enquired casually the cost of a funeral. Upon being asked as to his curiosity, he replied, "You never know when you may want one; you may get sick and die, or you may be run over by a car!"

Mr. Hunkin told him approximately the cost but said that he could more definitely tell him when he had new contract prices from Toronto. It never crossed the mind of the undertaker that

the young fellow could be in earnest, or that he was contemplating his own death.

Consequently when he received the letter dated 3.15 a.m. on Tuesday and saw written, "I cannot wait until you get your contract prices from Toronto," and telling him what to do with the body, he lost no time in getting in touch with the police.

Workers with deceased on the engineering gang at the Pamour report him to be a nice gentlemanly young chap, and say he has been employed there for almost two years.

Rumor has it that since returning from the West he has jokingly told of his intention to end his life, but no definite reason, beyond an undoubtedly unbalanced mind is given for his act.

The body, now resting at Hunkin's Parlors, is to be shipped today, at the request of his family, to Winnipeg for burial.

Delightful Evening at South Porcupine

In Honour of Bride-to-be, Other South Porcupine and Dome News.

South Porcupine, Oct. 5.—(Special to The Advance)—St. Joachim's Church has just completed a special 40-hour devotion period, during which the following priests officiated. Besides Father Gelin, Father Theriault from Timmins, with Fathers Brouillard and Morin also from Timmins, and Father Lafleur from Iroquois Falls, with Father Leduc from Ramore.

Garry Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milas Clarke, left on Saturday for Renfrew en route to Kemptville, where he will enter the Agricultural College as a student.

Mrs. Jones, of Connaught Hill, returned on Tuesday from three weeks' holiday in Toronto.

Mr. C. V. Gallagher left on Monday for Toronto.

Messrs Allan J. Pearce and Jack Miller left on Saturday for a week's duck shooting in the Moosonee area.

Miss W. Naisb and Miss Margaret McCann returned on Wednesday from a two weeks' motor tour through Sudbury, Port Hope, Trenton and Niagara Falls.

Mrs. W. H. Johns, of the Dome, left on Tuesday to spend some weeks at the parental home in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. and Mrs. Harper returned on Tuesday from a motor trip to Toronto.

Messrs "Monty" Montgomery, "Goat" Smith, and Jack Murray, of the Dome, left on Tuesday for Chicago to take in the world series baseball games.

The Sewing Circle of the Anglican Church held a pleasant picnic and wolver roast on Tuesday on the rocks on the Springs road. They walked to the rendezvous, lighted a fire, roasted the "hot dogs" and had a thoroughly enjoyable rustic vacation from household worries. Sixteen ladies attended.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ehele, of Iroquois Falls, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Gladys, to Mr. George Frank Greenacre, of South Porcupine, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Greenacre, of Temiskaming. The wedding will take place in Iroquois Falls on the 12th inst. and the future home of the bride and groom will be at 141 Commercial avenue, South Porcupine.

A very delightful evening was spent by some twenty-five ladies on Monday at the home of Mrs. Wilson Rayner.

IL DUCE SIGNS FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT



Premier Benito Mussolini, of Italy, is pictured here as he affixed his signature to the four-power agreement arrived at by the premiers of Britain, France and Italy, and Reichsfuehrer Hitler, of Germany, at the momentous conference in Munich.

Blair avenue, when the hostess entertained in honour of Miss Gladys Ehele, of Iroquois Falls, bride-to-be this month. Mrs. Ehele was also present. Bingo was played by way of entertainment before the guest of honour was presented with a large box gaily decorated, and containing a complete set of crystal ware for the dining table. Each guest present had contributed towards the gift and Miss Ehele was delighted with the beautiful glass-ware and the kindly thoughts behind the present.

Later in the evening the hostess assisted by her daughter, Miss Beulah Rayner, served a dainty lunch to the assembled guests. Mrs. and Miss Ehele left by car later for Iroquois Falls.

Mrs. O'Shea with her sons, Jack and Pat, arrived home on Wednesday from a visit to New York, Wilmington, Delaware, and other points in the United States. Michael O'Shea is staying on with his uncle, Dr. D. O'Shea, at St. Francis' hospital, Wilmington, and will study there to become a technician before returning home.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Porcupine General hospital met for the second meeting of the fall session on Wednesday in the Masonic hall. Twenty-six ladies were out and work on sponges, swabs, and bandages was done. The ladies have decided to hold a fruit shower for the hospital on Wednesday, October 26th, at the hospital between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. Tea will be served in the Nurses' Residence. Will all good housewives who are now putting up fruit, jam, jelly, preserves, and pickles, please add one or two extra specially for donation to this good cause? It will be appreciated.

Kasimir Bessalko, who drove his brother, Rudolph, down to the University of Toronto, returned on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pelkie, of Elk Lake, returned on Wednesday after spending the week-end in South Porcupine with Mrs. Starling and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Pelkie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woods have returned home after vacation.

Guide News
First South Porcupine troop entertained the first Dome troop on Saturday night in the Scout hall. They invited their guests to an old-time barn-dance and in order to make the illusion complete they decorated the hall with bunting, etc., and brought in sacks of hay for seats in the corners. Some of the ladies of the committee were present and enjoyed the fun almost as much as the Guides. Seventy girls had a wonderful time dancing barn dances, polkas, morris dances and other rollicking games, music for which was provided by Jean Andrews and Joan Maxwell-Smith on the piano, and Ollie Huhta on the violin.
Campfire followed, during which "corn on the cob," doughnuts and "pop" were consumed.
Captain Wilkins was in charge of the affair.

Against Fire Risks at South Porcupine

To Observe Fire Prevention Week. Other South Porcupine and Dome News.

South Porcupine, Oct. 5.—(Special to The Advance)—Miss Lempi Niemi returned home on Friday after a month's vacation in Sudbury, Toronto and Montreal.

The first social house party of the Consumers' Co-operative Society was held on Wednesday in the Masonic hall. A fair crowd was present, though not as many as usual. Mr. Clifton of Timmins, was present to superintend election of a committee for leaders for the house parties planned for the coming winter. The following committee was chosen by ballot:—Mr. Ron Mansfield, Mrs. A. Walker, Mrs. Foster and Mrs. C. Dunn. Whist was played at which the following won prizes:—For ladies—1st, Mrs. Cootes; consolation, Mrs. Spitz. For gents, 1st, Mrs. Lorne Bowes; consolation, Mrs. Montrose.

The Porcupine Young Men's Club is sponsoring two events this coming week-end, on Saturday night they are holding a bingo party in the Masonic hall, and on Monday—Thanksgiving Day—a dance with Al Pierini's orchestra is to be held in the Finnish hall. The Porcupine Branch of the Canadian Legion is arranging a whist drive in the Masonic hall on Monday—Thanksgiving Day—at 8 p.m.

Miss Sadie McCagg, of Shawville, is visiting at the home of Mrs. T. Farrell.

The South Porcupine Fire Department is asking the co-operation of the public in South Porcupine to observe Fire Prevention Week, October 9th to 15th, by having all accumulations of rubbish, boxes, paper, and paper cartons, or anything which creates a fire menace around premises, basements, cellars or sheds thoroughly cleaned up. See that your electric extension cords, electric iron connections are in good order, stove pipes should be cleaned, and chimneys examined, and ashes taken out. Do not form the habit of putting wood or coal ashes in paper or wooden boxes, and keep all waste material away from your furnace. Members of the Fire Dept. are prepared to make a house-to-house inspection to assist you, and where it is found necessary to advise you of any fire hazards you may have around your business places or homes. They hope you will co-operate with them on these inspections and help to make our community much better and safer for everybody.

Police Court
Four drunks paid the usual \$10 and costs on Tuesday.

A charge of "consuming" and another of having liquor illegally were both adjourned till next week as was also a case of non-payment of support ordered by the bench previously.

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a case of "having liquor"—and it was adjourned.

One case of speeding in Whitney was fined \$10 and costs.

A charge of assault coupled with a counter charge of property damage was dismissed on both counts by his worship after a long and patient hearing, wherein counsel for defence and prosecuting attorney fought the matter out in detail.

At one point the magistrate, slightly irritated by the persistence of defense counsel's attention to minor points, told him to "go ahead—I'm here for the morning anyway". The case was brought by a tenant in Schumacher who was renting an apartment in a house owned by the defendant.

Complainant said that he had been locked out of his apartment although receipts produced in court verified his statement that his rent was paid up.

He proceeded to enlist the aid of Sergeant Douglas, who accompanied him back to his home and watched while complainant broke a window and effected entry.

Defendant was waiting inside and pushed him out again—the offence complained of.

Defendant's plea was that his tenants were mischievous and troublesome. He had had to have plumbing, etc., constantly overhauled and had warned them to be more careful, but had had no notice taken of his advice.

"I shall dismiss the case," said his worship—"if you wish any further rights go to the civil court."

Juvenile court saw four small boys charged with the theft of a canoe.

The owner said he had lost three days' work looking for the canoe which he finally found down the Porcupine river. The biggest lad said it was like his canoe and he thought it was his.

"I'll adjourn this till called on," said the magistrate. "In the meantime you parents get together and each contribute \$6 apiece to reimburse this man for his time."

Canoe has been restored to owner.

Money Being Refunded for Concert Association Tickets

Having been unable to secure a suitable theatre building for the projected series of high-class concerts for this season, the Porcupine Canadian Concert Association has decided to cancel the concerts this year. This decision also recalled the disappointment felt at the results of the campaign carried on for the association. Having reached the decision to forego the concerts this season, steps were taken to refund any money paid in advance for tickets. The money so paid will be refunded to any presenting their season's ticket at the Bank of Commerce.

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