



Was the murderer among the mourners at Frank DeLuca's funeral? Here are shown some of the 59 people who attended the last rites of a highlander extraordinary who met his death at the hands of someone who knew him well and stabbed him with a carving knife



Frank DeLuca being carried to his last rites in Sacred Heart Church. The pall bearers were: Tony Torchia, Louis Torchia, Paul LeBreque (a business associate), Ralph Ferri, Dr. J. A. Giardine and Willie Franciotti. Frank was a great lover of having things done the right way. A gourmet, Frank was noted for his many recipes and his ability to cook. He had taken a two year course in cooking while visiting the Kingston Pen some years ago. Advance Photos

MURDER CASE STOPPED DEAD AS WITNESSES DISAPPEAR

Percy Boyce, People's Choice At Crowded Conservative Meet

The Conservatives of Timmins and Cochrane District began cooking on the front burner as, week. At a huge convention held in the Town Hall at Iroquois Falls last Saturday afternoon 700 delegates from all over the District of South Cochrane, jam-packed the auditorium.

It was a good turn-out despite a late season snowstorm which began to blow Friday night. The convention not only showed the keen interest in the coming battle of the ballots but also the heavy behind-the-scenes work of the efficient organizers. They had toiled until late at night preparing for the convention and their work had proven successful.

From every part of the District men and women came stamping the snow from their feet and brushing it from their clothes. They were in a convention mood and everything went off according to schedule.

Percy A. Boyce, the people's choice, principal of Schumacher Public School, and well beloved by all as a man who could be trusted to carry the vote, was nominated Progressive Conservative candidate for South Cochrane. He was the first ballot choice. The Conservatives are sure that they have the right man for the job.

The same day, amid the winter snow in Timmins, W. J. Grummett was renominated by the C.C.F. to carry the fight. Grummett was the house leader for the C.C.F. during the last legislature. He has a large following in the district and the backing of a strong committee.

The Union Des Electeurs had done their work early in the game and nominated Henri Pelletier.

Last Friday the local Liberals met during the snowstorm in the Municipal Hall and after a few short speeches by Greg Evans Emile Brunette and Phillip Laporte it was decided that they wait to see what the convention at Matheson would bring.

They frankly admitted that they had been lax in their committee work and lacked a candidate strong enough to run against the tightly organized Conservatives and CCF. Emile Brunette an old favorite, decided to wait until the new District for the federal election was decided upon and try his luck in that.

Emile also suggested that the Liberals, if they were unable to find a candidate soon, should back the Conservatives to the hilt and forget their differences in an effort to beat the

part successful CCF party.

Highlight of the Progressive Conservative campaign will be next Monday. On that day Premier George A. Drew will make three appearances in the district. In the afternoon he will address meetings at Kapuskasing and Cochrane while in the evening he will participate in a mass meeting at the McIntyre Arena.

Mr. Boyce won the party nomination by a straight majority on the first ballot. His selection was made unanimous on motion of the other two candidates, W. O. Langdon and Leo Charlebois, both of Timmins.

Donald Frisby, Frank H. Bailey, R. Potter and Les Hornick were also nominated. They all declined to stand and Mr. Hornick nominated Mr. Boyce.

Civic Welcome

Donald Frisby, Kirkland Lake, president of the district association presided at the convention. Delegates were given a civic welcome by Iroquois Falls deputy mayor Herb Reid Frank "Buck" Saunders. Matheson sang two solos, "Without a Song" and "Old Man River" during the counting of the ballots.

"This is our chance to win for the Drew government" Mr. Frisby stated in opening proceedings. "We must carry the enthusiasm evident here today to each polling sub-division on June 7" he said. "We're going to be a 100 percent team in this election."

On motion of Dr. J. B. McClinton and R. Potter it was decided that nominators of candidates could speak for five minutes and seconds for two minutes. The candidates themselves were given 15 minutes each.

Mr. Boyce was nominated by L. E. Hornick of Kirkland Lake. A. F. McDowell submitted the name of W. O. Langdon K.C. while Mr. Charlebois was sponsored by A. Coeran.

War Service

In presenting Mr. Boyce's name Mr. Hornick and also S. Gardiner referred to the candidate's record of service in World War One.

Frank McDowell described Mr. Langdon as "definitely cabinet material" as did George Cameron who seconded the nomination. "We are being neglected in the north and it is our own fault," A. Laroux stated in seconding the nomination of Mr. Charlebois. He spoke briefly in French as did Mr. Charlebois.

"My chief purpose here today is to give George Drew a supporter at

Cooperation in DeLuca Case Sadly Lacking as Police Have Little to Go On

Queen's Park and this riding proper representation" Mr. Boyce stated in his nomination address. "These are worthy opponents. We are on the same side. We are here to elect a captain. May the best man win."

"I want here and now to declare my faith in the Progressive Conservative party and in George Drew as a leader" Mr. Boyce continued. "We are a democratic party and we don't take our orders from Moscow."

Mr. Boyce contended that the teaching profession has not been properly recognized by the two old parties in the past. That, he said, was one of the main reasons for his contesting the convention. "The people of this province have been driving members of the teaching profession out of the Liberal and Progressive parties and into the arms of the C.C.F.," he said. "I hope to reverse that trend."

Urgent Need

"Our urgent need in this constituency is a member on the government side of the house" Mr. Boyce concluded. (Continued on Page Seven)

D. Scanlan Named Liberal Prospect

Late last night the Liberals announced that Douglas Scanlan, D.F.O. will be the prospective candidate in the District of South Cochrane. This announcement will be heralded by the staunch Liberals as a God send, as they had almost despaired of having even a prospective candidate this election. Mr. Scanlan is a good choice, says Greg Evans, Liberal stalwart of Timmins. He was a lakeshore miner for years, former president of Local 240 Miner's union, Kirkland Lake, now president of the Kirkland Lake Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Scanlan was a Flying Officer in the RCAF during the late war and was awarded the D.F.C. He now runs a fuel business in Kirkland Lake. He is married and has one child.

This week the plot thickened. Inspector Franks, the rather handsome detective, who looks like movie star Charles Bickford, but has plenty on the ball, was slightly worried. The case was beginning to drag after the first week had passed and the interest was getting mighty low. Every time the police got a lead on something or some one they drew a blank, the person faded away like the late May snowstorm which fell a few days after the murder.

On Saturday, the police descended on Gilbert Clement and William Korpan in their home at 73 Middleton Avenue and placed them under arrest. The charge was vagrancy, but to everyone in town it meant only one thing—they had nabbed some strong suspects. Every time the police arranged for witnesses to take a look at the two men, witnesses didn't arrive. Clement was lodged in the South Porcupine Jail house and Korpan was locked up in the Town jail.

Inspector Franks was a bit frantic on Tuesday when he found that he couldn't hold the men for investigation indefinitely for his witnesses that had promised to come to a line-up didn't show and he wanted to be fair to the two men arrested on vagrancy charges. When the two men appeared in court Wednesday morning, Magistrate Atkinson refused to budge. The men could only be held for 48 hours more without bail. After that they could have bail and the case could not be remanded indefinitely under the present statutes, which were enforced after that awful shemuzzle, now called the "Dick case."

By this morning at ten o'clock, 24 of the 48 hours had passed and no new developments had been forthcoming. As a matter of fact the police themselves were becoming skeptical that anything would be uncovered. It was an old story in this district.

"Frank was tied up in this high-grading business, hand and foot," police said. "There are so many in the racket that they won't squeal on anyone for fear they are also in the gang."

Consequently, at press time today the whole thing looks like another unsolved murder. They may know, sure as shooting, who the murderer is, but unless they can prove it in court, a murderer will be at large in this community who should be behind bars awaiting proper trial.

Who was it that carved Frank DeLuca so viciously that fatal night of May 3rd and left him lying in a pool of blood, in what has been termed by some of the newspapers as, "a palatial home with spacious grounds." It was a strange case for some but others who knew the score just nodded.

Frank had definitely been killed inside the house after a titanic struggle which had raged also in the driveway. From the looks of things in retrospect, Frank was taking it easy, lounging around the house when the caller came. Frank was probably requested to either divvy up the swag or some pressure was brought to bear which Frank resented. But then comes to mind the thought, why did Frank have the garage keys in his hand when he went out into the driveway with the caller? How was it that the next day the keys were found by a high school boy just 20 feet from the scuffed marks on the driveway. Was Frank about to take the man to the garage when the argument started and Frank then threw the keys away?

From the driveway the fight raged in the house. Perhaps Frank got away from his assailant and made his way into the house. Maybe Frank won that round and retired to the house to clean up when he was inveigled into another argument which set the whole thing off again, this time inside the house.

Anyway Frank was very dead, whoever had done it made sure of that. At his funeral were 59 mourners, some of whom broke into sobs as the simple service progressed for exactly 13 minutes. Father Fontana of the Sacred Heart observed the last rites.

Was the murderer among the 59 who attended or did he stay away that day? It was a good day to stay at home. A high wind blew in a flurry of snow and the bareheaded palbearers who carried Frank to his last rites shivered as they took the purple plush covered casket from the hearse. A simple silver cross adorned the top. The beautiful casket left or Walla Walla, Washington, to two of DeLuca's brothers.

It could be anyone's mystery yet. And there was every indication that there would be another mystery.

Organizing Committee Moves to New Quarters

All was quiet on the labor front this week except a few flurries here and there which could mean a lot but didn't. On the heels of the May snowstorm Tom McGuire blew into town and tried to whip some life into broken and bent, Local 241 International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

At a meeting Sunday afternoon he talked to the abashed Bill Kennedy and loyal members to try to get them into action. He wanted them to get out and fight for the Union and for good old Local 241. The members felt good after the tongue lashing, but they could see little to do to bring the erring members of the newly formed Mine, Mill Organizing Committee back into the fold.

"It is quite clear from where the seceding group, the so-called Timmins Mine and Mill Workers' Provisional Organizing Committee received its finances," said Tom McGuire. "Who gains from their attempted split in the ranks of the miners? Only the nine companies. And that is exactly where their money comes from."

"However, our Union has been under attack before and has pulled through. So it will this time. The solidarity of the members of this local, as seen by the attendance of this meeting, is proof that they will not be able to break our Union."

Tom McGuire wiped his brow and sat down. Bill Kennedy gave the boys a short speech and sat down. That night he and Tom McGuire left

Energetic Citizen Chases Better Half Around The Town

An energetic citizen of our fair town was stopped by police early yesterday morning as he dashed up Eighth Avenue chasing his wife. The screams of the fair one were heard by neighbors who phoned the police. Lodged in the cells for the rest of the night he appeared in court yesterday morning charged with disorderly conduct and submissively paid the \$10 and costs required as his debt to society.

for Toronto. Kennedy admitted that he was going to seek legal advice as to what procedure to take to restore the Union's furniture to the office from whence it was taken by the rebels.

Across the street at the new Organizing Committee's union office in Harmony Hall, the shoe was on the other foot, and there were no blisters forming. They were in a healthy normal condition.

Signing up around forty to fifty new members a day and by Wednesday they had 65 percent of the local miners signed up. Buck Behie, tall dark and hard working, was sorry to hear that his old friend Tom McGuire had mentioned about them being a company union.

"I can't believe that Tom would say such a thing," said Buck. "He should know that we are anything but company men and that none of the former officials of Local 241 ever was a turncoat."

Everything is moving along so well since their break from what they considered to be "Communist influenced" labor organizers, that they are taking new offices in the Timmins Hardware Building, 169 Algonquin Boulevard at the corner of Balsam North. The building is being readied as quickly as possible for the boys and they will have their regular Thursday night entertainment there tonight.

Forty-five members of the old union turned out to hear Tom McGuire on Sunday while only 19 turned out to Harmony Hall. But these figures indicate nothing. The day was terrible and little publicity had been given out concerning the meetings. The new union is having a time signing up the old miners because they have taken the attitude of "wait and see." They have dropped from the Local and are waiting for the new union to show just how well organized it is.

Labour income in Canada, in January, 1948, was 15 percent up, compared with January, 1947.

Wage rates, Hon. H. Mitchell points out, are now 74 per cent in general above 1939, which means that wages have gone up 50 per cent more than the cost of living.

Lions Convention Brings 1000 Delegates To Timmins June 27

More than 1200 Lions will be coming to town! No, friend circus days are not here again these are Lions of a different color. The annual convention of District "A" clubs takes place in Timmins, June 27, 28, 29 and 30.

When the Lions come to town they will do homage to their founder and present leader of the International Association of Lions Clubs, Melvin Jones of Chicago who will not be here for the convention except in spirit.

The life story of the Leading Lion is an interesting one. Starting early in his life he began the work of building up the Lions Club and 20 years ago returned from a successful business to give his whole time to the cause of developing what is now an international organization. It was a great work and absorbing one for the founder who spread his gospel of Lionism through the United States and the world. In Timmins we see and hear the many evidences of Lion founder's great vision.

The generosity of the Timmins citizens is once more required to help accommodate many of the Lions who will not be provided for by the Pullman coaches stationed on a special siding alongside the McIntyre Arena at Schumacher by the O. N. R.

As each day passes more Lions are heard from who wish to take advantage of this grand convocation in Timmins. Secretary O. Kearns of the Timmins Lions, is seeking aid from the private home-owners in billeting convention delegates for the four-day convention.

"The club is seeking to compile a list of persons who will aid us by renting sleeping accommodations to the hundreds of guests who will be here," Mr. Kearns said. These with available quarters have been asked to contact any member of the Timmins Lions Club. Melvin Jones was born at Fort Thomas, Arizona, January 13, 1886, where his father was a scout in the government service guarding supply trains and giving such protection as was possible to

scattered settlers. His boyhood was spent in the thrilling setting of Indian raids, counter pursuits, and long journeys with emigrant trains.

At the age of twenty he went to Chicago to study law and voice. He joined a number of musical societies, was a member of the Apollo Club, and for years was in great demand as a tenor. Attracted by the insurance

met at the Hotel La Salle in Chicago, formed the International Association of Lions Clubs and called a convention to meet at Dallas, Texas, on October 9-11 1917.

Thus began the real life work of Melvin Jones. He abandoned a prosperous business career to build up the first organization ever formed primarily as a service club. He was elected Secretary-Treasurer at Dallas and still holds that office. As the Association grew he gave it more of his time, and finally had to sever all connections with any other business. He has full charge of International Headquarters.

Lionism has enjoyed a growth more rapid and more sturdy than has any other service club, but it is the growth of the spirit of Lionism which has been most gratifying to Melvin Jones. He sees already, as the work of this agency which he created, chosen men of more than 6,700 communities of the United States, Australia, Bermuda, British Honduras, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela, serving unselfishly, without thought of material reward, teaching and practicing charity, education, patriotism, kindness, a closer brotherhood of men—living the Golden Rule.

In June, 1939, Melvin Jones was awarded the National Merit Order of Carlos Manuel de Cespedes by the Cuban Government, the highest award conferred by that Government to a non-citizen of Cuba.

Melvin Jones lives at Flossmoor, a southern suburb of Chicago. There, in the rare intervals when Lionism leaves him any time for himself, he follows his favorite pastimes, golf and floriculture. He is especially proud of a fine library.

He married Rose Freeman of Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1909. Mrs. Jones is internationally known as one of the country's foremost golfers.



LION FOUNDER

Cooper Robinson Named Rector of St. Matthew's

The Right Reverend R. J. Renison, Bishop of Missosquoi, announced last Sunday the appointment of a new rector to the parish of St. Matthew's.

The present incumbent Canon A. R. Chidwick will be taking up his new duties at St. James', parish in Orillia on the first Sunday in June.

The new rector for St. Matthew's is Rev. Canon C. Cooper Robinson, B.A., L.Th., present rector of Noranda, and son of the famous missionary Cooper Robinson who was the first Anglican missionary from Canada in Japan. In making his announcement, Bishop Renison said that Canon Robinson will be made Dean of the diocese and will be the first one in the history of Missosquoi.

This morning a service was held in St. Matthew's at which, five young men were ordained as deacons in the Church of England in Canada. A celebration of the Holy Communion was held and the wreath at the ordination service was held by Reverend George N. Luxton, D. D., Dean of St. Paul's cathedral, London, Ontario, and one of the most brilliant of the younger clergymen in Ontario.

Canon Robinson is a graduate of the University of Toronto and of Wycliffe College. When quite young he served in World War One with distinction and was wounded. Six years ago Bishop Renison said, he was appointed first rector of St. James' church Geraldton and for the past four years has been at All Saints' church Noranda, "where he is greatly beloved." Bishop Renison said Canon Robinson loves the North Country and that his appointment to the important position of Dean of St. Matthew's is a tribute to his work and worth.

The new Dean will begin his ministry in Timmins about June 1. Another appointment just announced in the diocese is that of Rev. Neville Clarke of Nakina to be Archdeacon of James Bay. He will make his headquarters at Moose Factory and, for the present, his place at Nakina is being taken by W. E. C. Vollick of Huron College, London, who was ordained deacon today.

The other men who were similarly ordained at that service are Eric B. de Fendleton of Folley; E. G. Grey of Wycliffe College, Toronto, and who will be stationed at Virgintown; George Loesmore, formerly of the staff of Timmins High and Vocational School, and who will be at Swastika, and Captain Lloyd Howard of the Church Army, who has been for three years in charge of Anglican charges in the Ontario Northland Railway Missions. He will likely make Lowbush his headquarters as he continues as missionary for that area.

These five young men all have had their training in the North Country, the bishop said. The ordination service will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday.

Following the service the meetings of the Women's Auxiliary will meet today and tomorrow in the crypt of St. Matthew's. The general public were invited to the service of ordination and it was well attended.

Home Town Boy Makes Good In The Big City

Jeremiah Edward McNulty, M.C., well-known by Timmins society and Police, will not be seen hereabouts for at least a couple of years. Mr. McNulty, who has been concentrating on night work and second-story work for years, started in a different business and failed. In Toronto last week he appeared before Magistrate Prentice on charges of illegal possession of drugs and illegal sale of same. Norman L. Mathews, special Crown Prosecutor in drug cases in Toronto, advised the court that two years in jail might be in order. Magistrate Prentice agreed and also added a stiff fine of \$500.

McNulty will also face another charge on breaking and entering activities around Ansonville. Ah, well, they tell us those cold grey walls at Kingston feel good in the Summertime.