

MURDER CHARGE AGAINST HUSBAND IN WELLAND'S "PERFECT CRIME" CASE

WELLAND, Ont. (CP)—Investigation of a claim that Bruce MacLean boasted to a friend that he drowned his wife in a "perfect crime" resulted in a murder charge being laid Monday against the 23-year-old Welland man.

Only a few hours earlier he had been released on \$800 bail on a charge of obtaining \$1,600 by fraud from 20-year-old Sylvia Davies of Port Colborne, Ont., who became engaged to marry him after his wife was drowned last August.

Miss Davies' testimony at the preliminary hearing of the fraud case Friday set in motion the investigation that led to MacLean's arrest on a murder charge.

She said in court that MacLean threatened her during a telephone conversation and told her he had committed the perfect crime when he took his wife boating. He had told her she said that he upset the canoe in which he and his wife were boating on the Welland river and swam around until his wife, a non-swimmer, had drowned.

RULED ACCIDENTAL

The drowning of 20-year-old Elizabeth Doreen MacLean was ruled accidental at that time.

Miss Davies, in testimony Friday, said MacLean threatened to get rid of her if she persisted in bringing charges against him. She said she gave MacLean \$1,600 to

pay off a loan on a house after they became engaged but that he spent the money on a car, entertainment and clothing for himself and his three-year-old son.

Bail was denied when MacLean was committed for trial on the false pretenses charge but was granted Monday after MacLean repaid the \$1,600. County Judge H. E. Fuller granted bail over the objections of crown attorney T. F. Forester who said he opposed it on grounds that MacLean might harm Miss Davies.

MacLean returned to his boarding house after being released but early Monday afternoon was picked up by police again and the murder charge was laid.

New 5-Cent Stamps On Sale June 10

OTTAWA, (CP)—New stamps bearing the portrait of the Queen which is now shown on the new five-cent stamp will go on sale June 10.

The post office department announced Monday that the stamps will be in denominations of one, two, three four and six cents.

Coming Events

**Dance, Forest Hill Hall, Wednesday, April 28.

**Murray River Shur-Gain feed mill closed Wednesday afternoons.

**Dance, Kozy Hall Georgetown, Wednesday, April 28th.

**Dance in Graham's Road Hall, Wednesday evening, April 28th.

**Final presentation of "New Haven Jamboree" at North River Hall tonight. Sponsored by W. I.

**In Stock 10-8-5 gallon milk cans, milk strainers and filter disks. Dillon & Spillitt.

**Grand Orange Lodge will meet in Summerside Wednesday, May 12th.

**South Granville Variety Concert, Breadalbane Hall, Tuesday, April 27th, 8 p. m. Sale of candy.

**Bingo, North Rustico, Wednesday, 8 p. m. Jackpot \$70.00. Admission 35c.

**Three one-act plays and speciality Cornwall, Thursday and Friday, curtain 8:30.

**Movies tonight, Canoe Cove. "Across the Wide Missouri" in color with Clark Gable. Time 8:30.

**See St. Theresa's players present 3-act comedy in Mt. Stewart Hall, Wednesday, April 28. Curtain 8:30.

**In Stock Moose's Prince Mangle Seeds, Turnip Seeds and all kinds of Timothy and Clover Seeds. Dillon & Spillitt.

**Gilbert MacDougall will be hauling cream to Crapaud Creamery starting Wednesday, April 28th, every Wednesday after.

**Pot Luck Supper at St. Peter's Bay Legion Hall, Wednesday, April 28th. Admission 50c and 35c in aid of Legion.

**York Rifle Club prize shoot Tuesday night, April 27th and Wednesday afternoon. Supper in hall Wednesday night 7:30.

**John Gass will haul cream to Crapaud through Kingston, Cornwall, Meadow Bank, York Point and North River on Friday till further notice.

**Come and enjoy yourselves at the opening dance in Winsloe Station Hall, Thursday night. Sponsored by the Milton Hornets. Music by the Doiron Brothers.

**The Kelvin Players will present their play and concert in the Masonic Hall, Hunter River, Friday night, April 30. Sponsored by the Presbyterian congregation.

**Don't miss the variety concert at Covehead Community Hall, Thursday, April 29. Dance after. Sponsored by the ball team. Sale of lunches.

**See Trinity Young Peoples present their play "Tish," Mt. Stewart Memorial Hall, Thursday, April 29th, 8:30, sponsored by Mt. Stewart Y. P. U.

**Afton Hall, Wednesday, April 28th, New Dominion Women's Institute present one act play. Additional program of songs, readings, dance.

**Meeting of the shareholders of Long Creek Rink will be held in the hall on Thursday, April 29th at 8 p. m. (regarding sale of rink).

**All school taxes owing Tracadie Cross School District not paid by May 10th, will be passed in for collection without further notice. By order of Trustees.

**Wanted at once, number of good thrifty pigs weighing over 30 lbs, each. Paying \$40.00 per pair. Wellington MacNeill & Son, Buntain Bell's Wharf.

**Long River hall Thursday, April 29, 8:15 p. m., Kelvin Grove dramatic players in variety concert, featuring two one-act plays. Sponsored by Long River Women's Institute.

China Issue Bypassed As Asian Conference Opens

Three Rescued As Fire Sweeps New Mill At Keymet Mines Near Bathurst, N. B.

BATHURST, N. B. (CP)—Three men were rescued without injury Monday from a 900-foot shaft at nearby Keymet Mines, Ltd., as fire of unknown origin destroyed the new mill and swept through the elevator housing.

Only small office and compressor buildings, carpenter shop and shower rooms remained of the \$750,000 base metals project that had been built up over the last two years in ore fields 20 miles north of here.

The fire started above an ore bin and was fanned through the rest of the mill by a strong breeze during the workmen's lunch hour. As soon as it was noticed a cage was lowered and brought to the surface the three men who had stayed below.

One of the company's 75 workers said there would have been time to evacuate the whole crew before the elevator mechanism housing was destroyed.

Three Missing In N. S. Woods

GLACE Bay, N. S. (CP)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police and scores of miners Monday night scoured the woods at Rocky Boston, 30 miles from Sydney, where three Reserve Mines people have been missing since Sunday.

They are: Hillary MacPhee, 39, his wife, 37, and his uncle, Neil MacPhee, 59, retired coal miner.

Mr. and Mrs. MacPhee have four children. The trio went trout fishing early Sunday morning. Their failure to return home early Monday prompted relatives to notify the police, who organized searching parties.

A boat believed to have been used by the missing group and remains of a small fire were discovered near the lake. Police believe they are lost in the woods.

ONTARIO COURT SETS ASIDE MURDER VERDICT, SUBSTITUTES MANSLAUGHTER

TORONTO (CP)—The Ontario Court of Appeal Monday set aside a murder verdict and substituted one of manslaughter in the case of two Montreal youths accused of killing an itinerant bush worker at Sudbury last fall.

It sentenced them to eight years in penitentiary concurrently with two-year terms they have been serving for theft.

Jean Guy Henaire, 19, and Emile Bedard, 17, were convicted Feb. 24 after an eight-day trial and sentenced to be hanged May 18. They were accused in the fatal beating last Oct. 3 of Frank Asselin, a Eshworker. Charged with them but tried separately was Robert Deslaurier, 28, of Montreal, who was acquitted.

Man Killed While Seeking Employment

PLASTER ROCK, N.B. (CP)—On his way to seek employment in a lumber company's stream driving operations, Andre Deschernes, 34, was killed Monday afternoon when the truck in which he was riding lurched on a muddy woods road and threw him under the wheels. Single, he is survived by his father. There will be no inquest.

Saint John Girl Killed By Truck

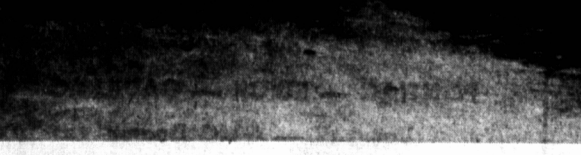
SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Maria Almeida Reid, 10, died Monday afternoon after being struck by a transfer truck in the new Crescent valley housing development in the north end of the city. An inquest will be held Tuesday.

FEWER VISITING AUTOS

OTTAWA (CP)—The number of foreign vehicles entering Canada on traveller's permits last month was six per cent lower than March, 1953.

The bureau of statistics reported Monday that entries in March totalled 67,218 compared with 71,587 last year, bringing the January-March total to 175,571 from 176,457.

M. C. A. Inaugurates New Service In Nfld.



Shown above are a part of the inaugural ceremonies of Maritime Central Airways new air service to St. John's, Nfld. From left to right are: L. W. Barclay, First Officer, Claude Noonan, Director of Harvey & Co., Captain H. S. (Junior) Jones, formerly of Charlottetown, Stewardess Verna C. MacLeod, formerly of Hopefield, P.E.I., Deputy Mayor of St. John's, J. D. Higgins, O. C. Vardy, Director of Tourist Development in Newfoundland and Len Earl, Manager of Harvey's Travel Bureau. Captain Jones holds the inaugural scroll which was presented by the citizens of St. John's to the Commanding Officer of Goose Bay, Labrador. The new service is the first of its kind and will connect Goose Bay twice weekly with Gander and St. John's in Newfoundland.

(By Alan Harvey, Canadian Press Staff Writer) GENEVA, (CP)—The Geneva conference on Korea and Indo-China opened Monday with an unexpected show of harmony. That, said External Affairs Minister Pearson of Canada after the 20-minute curtain-raiser, was "very encouraging—as far as it goes." He added: "The problems of substance remain."

The problems of substance are the long-smouldering Korean issue, to which the conference decided to turn at once, and the urgent question of Indo-China's rate, made more pressing by the precarious position of the French garrison at beleaguered Dien Bien Phu.

Persevering leg work by Foreign Secretary Eden of Britain and a conciliatory attitude on the part of Soviet chief delegate Molotov enabled the big powers to avert an immediate clash on the conference status of Red China.

It had been expected that Russia would demand recognition of the Peiping delegation as an equal of the four inviting powers—Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union—with Chinese Foreign Minister Chou En-lai sharing the rotating chairmanship.

COMPROMISE FORMULA

Eden and Molotov produced a circumventing formula: The chair would be rotated among Eden, representing the West, Molotov for the Soviet bloc, and Prince Wan Waihsayakon of Thailand representing the lesser powers at the conference. South Africa is the only country which contributed troops not represented here.

For a while it seemed that Pearson might be drafted as the third chairman. Eden had gone to

Flood Leaves 10 Homeless In Saint John

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Spring freshets waters of the St. John river backing up Newman brook in the north end of the city Monday afternoon tided a 50-year-old frame house off its cedar post foundations and left the 10 occupants of its two apartments homeless. Furniture was removed from the lower floor only as water crept up to the window sills during the morning.

Meanwhile at Fredericton it was reported that the water level had dropped a foot from the 18-year-old high reached Sunday and officials said only heavy rain would renew the flooding danger.

Part of the trans-Canada highway route in the Mauterville area southeast of Fredericton was still under six inches of water but cars could pass with caution. Conditions had also improved on the Oromocto flats south of Fredericton, and in the capital city area itself.

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Some Progress Reported At Opening Sessions Of Highway Traffic Conference

OTTAWA (CP)—A federal-provincial highways conference made steps Monday towards provincial control of road traffic crossing provinces' boundaries.

Informants said that, in a general way, provincial delegates indicated their governments would be willing to take over this responsibility.

However, it appeared unlikely the long-disputed issue would be disposed of finally at the conference due to end Wednesday. Expectations were that tentative legislation would be drafted here and go back to the various cabinets for study.

The conference was called by the federal government as the result of a February decision of the judicial committee of the Privy Council in London, ruling that the federal government has jurisdiction over interprovincial and international highway traffic. Road transport within provinces is under provincial jurisdiction.

The federal government, while it fought for trans-border control before the courts against the claims of several provincial governments, has never exercised such power. And, once the Privy Council verdict came down, it said it wanted to turn the newly-established power over to the provinces.

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Mr. Gregg replied that consideration was given to this action but it was decided not to take it.

Drew's Secretary Resigns Position

OTTAWA, (CP)—Melville R. Jack, 44, secretary to opposition leader Drew, has resigned, it was learned Monday.

Mr. Jack, a native of Arnprior, Ont., came to Ottawa during the Second World War as a secretary to the late Gordon Graydon, the House leader of the Progressive Conservative party, and was secretary to both John Bracken and Mr. Drew as opposition leaders. He was formerly public relations officer for the Great Lakes Paper Company.

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Australian Group Still Stranded In Soviet Capital

MOSCOW (Reuters)—Australian Charge D'Affaires Brian Hill Monday called at the Russian foreign ministry but got no news of when he and his stranded embassy companions will be allowed to go home.

The Australian diplomats, ordered out of Russia in a curt note last Friday, were on the verge of leaving Sunday night. But the necessary permits to cross into Finland were held up at the foreign ministry until their train had departed.

The incident raised speculation that departure of the 10 Australians is being delayed until Russian embassy officials have left Australia in the diplomatic rupture between the two countries.

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