

11 Witnesses Testify In Fire Death Inquest

A coroner's jury last night ordered to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Mary Regina Gallant found that she "came to her death on Dec. 4, 1961 in the Charlottetown Hospital as a result of injuries received in a fire at 152 Upper Prince Street, Charlottetown, on December 3, 1961."

Eleven witnesses gave evidence at the hearing in City Hall which was presided over by Chief Coroner, Dr. L. E. Prowse. Members of the jury were: Frank MacDonald, foreman, Raymond Steele, Ernest Seller, Ralph Crockett, Arthur Gormley, Peter Jay and Vernon Currie.

Witnesses included, Dr. C.A. Coady, Dr. Paul Cudmore, Dr. Robert Abel, Sgt. Douglas Taylor, Charlottetown Police Force, Cpl. Rod MacKenzie, RCMP, H. H. Jewell, Chief of the Charlottetown Fire Department, Robert Rhynes, Robert Wigmore, Lovell Glover, Allan Gallant, and Leonard Gallant.

Medical testimony given by Doctors Coady and Cudmore indicated that the deceased suffered fatal injuries to the lungs and brain. Dr. Cudmore related events at the scene of the fire and the steps taken to revive Mrs. Gallant and others through artificial respiration administered by members of the Fire department, and later in the ambulance enroute to the Charlottetown Hospital.

Dr. Abel of the provincial pathologist department reported on the findings of a post mortem. He found death due to combination of factors; hot gases, carbon monoxide and lack of oxygen which led to irreparable damage to the lungs. There was also some evidence of damage to the brain.

Cst. Douglas Taylor told of being on patrol with Cst. George Ward when the fire was discovered and how they tried to arouse the occupants and effect rescue. The fire appeared centered in the right lower living room in the front section of the house. It burned around a chesterfield and TV set.

Dr. Dewar said yesterday that discussions will centre around the federal-provincial agreement on vocational training and plans for vocational school expansion in this province.

City Youth Given Term

Appearing for sentence on a charge of break, entry and theft, Roger Paul Gallant, 17 King Square, Charlottetown, was given two years in Dorchester Penitentiary by Judge C. St. Clair Trainor in Queens County Court yesterday.

Counselled by John J. Holmes the accused, at an earlier session, had pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the Cantwell Pharmacy, Grafton Street, Charlottetown, and stealing a small amount of money.

The case for the crown was conducted by Deputy Attorney-General J. Arthur McGuigan.

P.E.I. Officials To Ottawa

Hon. George Dewar, minister of education, and Gordon White, deputy minister of public works, leave today for Ottawa where they will meet with Labor Minister Michael Starr and other labor department officials.

UC Men's Club To Hear Speaker

SUMMERSIDE — Allison MacKinnon, Charlottetown Eastern field secretary for men's work will be the guest speaker at the regular supper meeting of the men's club of Summerside United Church tonight in Epworth Hall.

This will be the first meeting since the new executive was elected. It includes Ernest Murphy as president, Maynard Thompson as secretary-treasurer and a program committee of Thomas Phillips, Jack Scott and Vance Bridges.

Treasurer, read the minutes of the last annual meeting and gave the financial report.

PAST PRESIDENT HONORED

In his first official act as the president of the George R. Pearkes VC Branch, Royal Canadian Legion in Summerside, Ross MacKenzie called upon his predecessor, Leo Blaciere (right) and pinned the past president's badge on him. This short ceremony took place Monday evening during the annual meeting of the Summerside branch, at which time the formal installation of officers for 1962 took place.

Students Evacuated When Fire Threatens

Lillian McKenna, a grade nine student at Englewood Regional High School in Crapaud was injured when she jumped from one of the windows as fire damaged the front entrance of the school about 10:30 yesterday morning.

An oil heater, being used by workmen installing front doors, is said to have been responsible for the fire which ignited plywood framing and required the efforts of the local fire department to extinguish the blaze.

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Other students reported being led through thick smoke by one of the workmen, George MacLean, who was credited as helping done a splendid job of guiding them through zero visibility in smoke to safety.

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New Fences, Repairs For Tignish UC

TIGNISH — New fences are to be erected around the church yard in the spring and further work is to be done in the cemetery. Roy MacLeod announced in his trustees' report given at the annual meeting of Tignish congregation of the United Church of Canada.

The meeting, held on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William MacLeod, decided to purchase a new stove, and to have repair work done in and around the church early in the spring.

Mrs. Roy MacLeod stated in her board of stewards report that duplex envelopes are being used regularly. Mrs. Edith Eldershaw gave the financial report for the Ladies Guild giving special mention to Mrs. A. C. Green of Alberton for her donations of flowers for services.

Rev. James Macintosh, minister, conducted opening worship and acted as chairman. He complimented the members on the work done in the past, and spoke of the improvements being made to the church grounds and cemetery.

Elected to the board of trustees were John Macintosh, Roy MacLeod and Mrs. Henry Christopher. Mrs. Kenneth Hammill, Mrs. Gunnar Pedersen and Mrs. Roy MacLeod were elected to the board of stewards.

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Prayer Week Services End

KENSINGTON — The final service of the Week of Prayer at Kensington was held in St. Mark's Anglican Church, Kensington, and was conducted by the Rev. Ronald Parsons.

Rev. L.M. Murray of Kensington United Church preached on the theme, "The Fountain of Christian Personal Experience."

Scripture was read by Rev. Waldo Elliott and Rev. E.H. Bean.

LATE NOTICES

(Also see announcements in columns adjoining Classified Advertising section.)

NOLAN — At the Charlottetown Hospital on Monday, Jan. 15, 1962, John Nolan of Milo in his 81st year. His remains are resting at Jelley's Funeral Home from where the funeral will be held this Wednesday morning to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Brise, for Requiem High Mass at 9 o'clock. Interment in the church cemetery.

ARSENAULT — At Moncton, N.B., on Monday, Jan. 15, 1962, Joseph F. Arsenault, formerly of Riley Road in his 93rd year. His remains will arrive at Jelley's Funeral Home this Wednesday afternoon then forwarded to the home of his son, Jack J. Arsenault, Riley Road, from where the funeral will be held on Thursday, Jan. 18 to St. Anthony's Church, Bloomfield for Requiem High Mass at 9:30 a.m. Interment in the church cemetery.

DIXON — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Monday, Jan. 15, 1962, Mrs. Milburn A. Dixon of Charlottetown and formerly of Little Sands, in her 81st year. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home. Funeral today, Jan. 17, from Zion Presbyterian Church, service commencing at 1:30 p.m. Interment will take place in Wood Islands cemetery.

Phil Bower, right, gratefully accepts a cheque for \$1,400 from Herbert Schurman who made the presentation to the CNIB field secretary on behalf of the Summerside Lions Club. Mr. Schurman, who is a past president of the club, was chairman of the CNIB financial campaign held in Summerside and vicinity.



S'SIDE LIONS PRESENT CHEQUE

NEW LEGION PRESIDENT TAKES OVER

took over as president of the George R. Pearkes, VC Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, Summerside. This act concluded a short but impressive ceremony held during the annual meeting Monday night, with outgoing president, Leo Blaciere presiding. The acting sergeant-at-arms for the ceremony Ben Champion, is seen standing at left, while the newly inducted secretary-manager, James Hogan, who will serve for the first two months of the year is seen sitting on the right. Mr. Hogan announced plans to retire at that time.

As his symbol of authority, the gavel is handed to Ross MacKenzie by chairman of the installation ceremonies, Charles Hogan. Mr. MacKenzie (seated at left) formally

Music Festival Plans Said Gaining In Tempo

Plans for the 1962 Music Festival in Prince Edward Island scheduled to begin April 30, are gradually picking up in tempo, reports Miss Dorothy Cullen of the syllabus and music committee, with various committees getting to work on arrangements for halls, program, awards and prizes.

The syllabus listing test pieces to be performed in the various instrumental classes came from the press in December and has been made available in Montague, Summerside, and Charlottetown, with copies also being sent to music teachers throughout the province.

This year, for the first time in several years, the festival will have a woman adjudicator in musical classes. She is Mrs. Mollie Hancock of the Regina Conservatory of Music who frequently gives duo-piano concerts with her husband, and is well known as a lecturer-recitalist who brings to her performances both skill and wit.

Mrs. Hancock will be on a team with two Ontario adjudicators, Mr. Smale and Mr. Queen, and David Griffith of Bristol, England.

The Music Festival syllabus for 1962, has a re-grouping of schools for choral competition. Miss Cullen said. This will chiefly affect a few large village schools and bring them in competition with town schools

of the same size. This is just one of the changes that may be necessary in the next few years in view of the rapid and sweeping changes in the pattern of school organization.

"Since the Island is fortunate so far this winter in having moderate weather and good travelling conditions it is expected that musical groups will have little difficulty in getting together for rehearsals and that we will have more performers than ever at the 1962 festival," she concluded.

Leaving Scene Of Accident Case Is Adjourned At S'ide

SUMMERSIDE — A charge of driving a motor vehicle while his abilities were impaired by alcohol resulted in a \$100 fine being levied against Major Law-

rence MacCausland, Summerside, by Prince County Magistrate W. Chester S. MacDonald, yesterday.

Two other men, Nelson Lee MacKay, of Summerside and Gerald Joseph Gallant, Richmond, both entered not guilty pleas to the same charge and had their cases adjourned until later in the month. J. Watson MacNaught, QC, represented both men.

Ten dollar fines were paid by Harold Leonard Arsenault, Charlottetown and Edward Winston Walker, Traveller's Rest, after they pleaded guilty to speeding charges.

Failure to yield the right of way, and driving improperly equipped motor vehicles, resulted in the usual \$10 fines to a couple of other persons.

One man was assessed a \$20 fine for being intoxicated in a public place while a second paid the same fine for possession of intoxicating liquor other than in his own residence.

The case of Ernest Perley Tozer, Chatham, N.B., charged with leaving the scene of an accident, was heard.

Cpl. MacKenzie, in charge of the identification branch of the RCMP, Charlottetown, testified as to pictures and other evidence he had taken from the two vehicles involved.

Madame Rolande Rouen of the crime detection laboratory, Sackville, N.B., told the court that samples of paint scrapings taken from the accused's truck were similar to the paint found on the damaged car.

Tozer, took the stand in his own behalf and testified he was driving a truck between Summerside and Borden but didn't know that he struck anyone. He said the truck had 92,000 miles on it and was quite noisy and if he hit anything he wasn't aware of it.

The alleged accident took place in the Middleton area. The case was adjourned for judgement until Thursday. J. Watson MacNaught, QC, was counsel for Tozer.

Notice Of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Prince Edward Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held at the Civic Auditorium in the Town of Summerside at the hour of 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, on the twenty-third day of January, 1962.

Dated at Summerside this second day of January, 1962.

Rustico Fracas Is Aired In Court

Evidence for the crown was completed last night in the case of Joseph Arnold Gallant of North Rustico during a special sitting of Queen's County magistrate's court. The evidence was heard before Magistrate James B. Johnston, QC with Deputy Attorney General Arthur McGuigan appearing for the Crown and John Holmes for the defence.

Gallant is one of two persons charged with obstructing a person who was attempting to assist a police officer.

Following the hearing of four Crown witnesses, Mr. McGuigan stated that he wished to amend the information to read "obstructing Dennis Gallant" instead of "obstructing Thomas Doyle".

Magistrate Johnston adjourned the case to Jan. 24 at 9:30 a.m. in order to consider the amendment. The other person charged with the offence, Douglas Gallant of North Rustico, was also remanded until Jan. 24.

Giving evidence in the case were Cst. Benjamin Gallant, Rustico police officer; Joseph Gaudin, Thomas Doyle and Dennis Gallant.

Cst. Gallant testified that he was called to the Co-op store in North Rustico on Dec. 22 between 6 and 7 o'clock in order to arrest Joseph Pineau, who was "drunk and causing a disturbance."

He said Pineau resisted arrest and after a struggle he succeeded in getting him out

of the store and the struggle resumed outside. He said he was told by the accused and Douglas Gallant that if "I used Pineau rough they would give me a hammering."

Cst. Gallant stated that he was not able to get the cuffs on Pineau so he called on Dennis Gallant for assistance and when Dennis Gallant started to help him, Joseph Arnold Gallant knocked Dennis Gallant down.

Called for help The police officer said he then called on Thomas Doyle for help and he too was stopped by Joseph Arnold Gallant, who stated that "I was going to get no help from Doyle or no one else."

Cst. Gallant recalled that at that time his assistant Roy Peters, came along and with his help he succeeded in getting Pineau in the patrol wagon and off to jail in Charlottetown.

Dennis Gallant told the court that when he attempted to help Cst. Gallant, he was pushed by both Joseph Arnold Gallant and Douglas Gallant and fell down on one knee.

He said he asked them to let him help and was told that this constable was going to have to take Pineau alone.

Thomas Doyle stated that when he was asked for help he went over to where the two men were struggling and bent down and as he did so, he was pushed from behind and fell alongside them.

The witness pointed out that he was told by Joseph Arnold Gallant that "If Cst. Gallant couldn't take Pineau alone, then he wasn't going to take him and to get out of there as it was none of his business."

The last witness, Mr. Gaudin said he was at the Co-op store that night when Cst. Gallant attempted to arrest Pineau.

He said he heard Joseph Arnold Gallant say that "If Cst. Gallant was man enough to take him alone, he could, but no one else was going to interfere."

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