

Haunting at Hillsboro Bridge

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It is known by some people living in the Southport/Bunbury area that a ghostly act can sometimes be seen. One of the concrete supports, the old ones which used to support the original bridge has a man's body preserved inside it. The story goes like this: with the construction of the original bridge, night watchmen were needed to keep the curious away from the construction site. However, on the night of his shift, he must have slipped and fallen inside the fresh cement in the support. For the next day, the man was missing and his helmet and lantern were lying on top of the concrete support. The man was nowhere to be found.

Not long after a light was seen floating near the water. People have speculated that the man's spirit is still on duty at the Hillsboro Bridge.

MORTICIANS-WHAT THEY REALLY DO

This article is not here to indulge in the macabre, but rather to inform people of what the job of a mortician really entails, and to dispell some misconceptions. Mr. Frank Buckley is a funeral Director and embalmer. He owns and runs the Ch'town Funeral Home on Euston Street. The business once belonged to his uncle and he became involved in it at approximately by the age of 15. He has been embalming for 31 years. Mr Buckley was in the first class to write an exam for PEI FD & EA in 1963.

The process of embalming is a very precise work. It begins with cleansing and disinfecting. The eyes are sealed by plastic caps placed on the eye balls. Dentures are usually placed in the mouth to keep the lips from puckering. The embalmer must be satisfied with how the face looks before the fluids are drained from the body. A small incision is made in the jugular vein and a tube is placed into the incision and the fluid is drained. The fluids are replaced by a mixture of formaldehyde and cold water, this is called embalming fluids. An aspiration is then put in place to remove any excess fluids. Cavity fluid is also used to control odour and dry out the body. Cream is put on

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the hands and ears to hide discolor and prevent slip skin. After all this, the nose and rectum are packed to prevent leaks. The body is then completely dressed, including undergarments. A professional hair dresser is brought in to do the hair.

Mr. Buckley takes great pride in his job, he tries to make the person look like they did before death. In some cases, they can even be made to look younger. Tissue building fluids can be placed in the face to give sunken cheeks fullness. Injections behind the eyeballs can lift sunken eyeballs. These procedures can make a person like they were years before death. Mr. Buckley isn't only an embalmer, he is also a funeral director. He deals with families in mourning, offers condolences, and suggests funeral set ups for families that best fit their situation. His job demands complete honesty, as families at this time are extremely vulnerable and trusting.

In conclusion, Mr. Buckley believes in hard work and honesty. That is what most likely got him into the position of respect which he is in today. Thank you Mr. Buckley for being so open about a misunderstood profession and answering a few questions which I have wondered for years.

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