

Jam-Packed Court in Cape Breton Hear U. S. Soldier's Testimony

SYDNEY, (CP)—A United States army private abandoned resistance Tuesday and told a jam-packed Cape Breton county court room how he and a brunet strangling victim Florence Tavern sold their watches to finance a four-day binge in a Sydney hotel.

Pte. Senigar of Port Arthur, Tex., broke the silence that earned him 10 days in jail for contempt of court to testify about his association with the 27-year-old woman whose body was found near a secluded lovers' lane five miles from here April 16.

Fifteen hundred avid citizens sat wedged on the wooden benches and even grabbed vantage points on the window sills. Later an appeal for police was made to control the mob of 500 that swirled outside the building.

Sat Through

The spectators sat right through supper and left in the evening only when the coroner adjourned the hearing to July 20.

Crown prosecutor Donald Finlayson attempted to establish a link between the strangling and the vice organization uncovered in testimony by self-confessed prostitutes and hotel and cabin desk clerks who told of Mrs. Tavern's overnight dates with men for \$25 and \$20.

Senigar, later released in custody of the Canadian Army Provost corps pending a move by the U. S. army at Harmon Field, Nfld., said he met the dead woman last Oct. 16.

Sold Watches

They later registered under assumed names at a hotel in Sydney where they spent "three or four days" on a spree paid for by the sale of their watches.

He finally turned himself in as AWOL by calling police at Glace Bay. He said he could recall telling RCMP constable Bill Lawrence that he gave himself up because he felt something had happened to the woman.

Ruben Sponage, a peddler who now lives in Halifax, denied that he had threatened to kill the brunet before he would let anyone else have her. Sponage was named at the last sitting 10 days ago as the woman's suitor.

He admitted seeking her services as a housekeeper but planned neither to marry her nor live with her.

Saw Victim Once

Mrs. Walter Grant, wife of the owner of the cabin near where Mrs. Tavern's body was found by an eight-year-old boy, said she saw

the victim at the place only once. She said Mrs. Tavern did not register at that time although other witnesses told earlier of signing her into a cabin with a man under an assumed name.

Beryl Talbot, the hotel housekeeper, said Senigar and Mrs. Tavern registered there for four days in October last year and the American negotiated the sale of their watches during the stay.

At the last session, Mary Bennett told of numerous double dates she and the brunet kept with males out looking for women at prices from \$15 to \$20.

Blind Entertained at Picnic at Stanhope

The Women's Auxiliary of the C. N. I. B. recently held their annual picnic for the blind and it was a happy afternoon for all. Music and song enlivened the bus ride to and from Stanhope. One of the older guests brought up by the sea, could hardly be enticed to leave the water. Another said she had not been invited to a picnic for twenty years, until invited by the auxiliary.

Mr. Jack Proude, in his jovial manner, conducted many interesting games. The following were the

PRIZE WINNERS

- Passing the Doggie
Bill MacEachern.
- Bursting the Bag
Mr. Haines.
- Booby Prize
Mr. Ford
- Guessing Contest
Phyllis Bevan, Mr. Haines, Mr. Steve White, Miss Alchorn and Miss Carr.

String Knots

- 1. Mrs. Simmonds; 2. Mr. Peter MacGarry, Miss Bevan (equal).
- Gales of laughter resulted from an experimental game of drawing the picture of the President, Mrs. J. T. Rodd, Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse, displayed keen insight by awarding the following prizes:
- 1. Mrs. Simmonds; 2. Mr. Ford; 3. Mr. MacGarry; 4. Mr. Steve White; 5. Mr. Haines.
- Each guest received a prize for their efforts.
- Mr. R. J. Hill, Assistant Supt. Maritime Division and Mr. P. C. Bower, who is the new Field Secretary for the Island, also attended. Mrs. Bower and little daughter will take up residence in Charlottetown this fall. Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse and Mrs. W. J. P. MacMillan, two charter members of

St. Louis And Vicinity

—Mrs. John M. Doucette has returned to her home after spending several days with friends and relatives in Halifax, N. S.

Miss Mary Allain of Charlottetown, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Gaudet.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fennessey of Tignish, were visitors on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Callaghan. They were accompanied by Mrs. Fennessey's mother, Mrs. W. Kennedy who has recently returned from Memphis, Tennessee.

Miss Mary O'Brien of Elmsdale, recently visited her sister, Mrs. Frank C. Shea and Mr. Shea.

Miss Rose Bernard spent the week-end of July 4, at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Ellen LeClair in Tignish.

Mrs. Mary A. Gaudet of Rufford, Maine, recently visited with friends and relatives in St. Louis.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilfred Callaghan were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Callaghan on July 7.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McCormick on their recent marriage at the immaculate Conception Church, Palmer Road. The bride was formerly Elaine Wedge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wedge, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick will reside in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Guillaume Arsenault of Summerside, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Gaudet.

Mrs. Emanuel Richard and her niece, Miss Noreen Perry of Sea Cow Pond, were visitors on July 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bernard.

Mrs. Robert McLean and her three children of Halifax, N. S., were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Shea, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Callaghan, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Callaghan at Kensington.

Miss Marie Gillis and Mr. Leo Gillis of Kildare Capes, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Myers.

Mr. Hilary Kinch of Mallagash, N. S., spent the week-end of July 4, visiting with friends and relatives in Alma.

Mr. Emile Gaudet of Pleasant View, left recently for Labrador where he plans to spend the summer months.

Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Bonnie Gaudet of St. Louis on winning the \$28 jack pot at the weekly bingo party.

Mr. Melvin Perry motored to Charlottetown on July 5. He was accompanied by Mr. J. M. Gallant who entered the City Hospital for treatment.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Urban Arsenault and family of the sudden death of their five-year-old son Louis, which occurred recently at the Western Hospital.

Miss Gloria Doucette, who has been a student for the past year at Tracadia Convent is spending her vacation at her home in DeBlois.

Friends of Mr. Emanuel Mallet of Leoville, are pleased to see him home after being a patient for several weeks at the City Hospital in Charlottetown.

Mr. J. Cummings of Long Island, N. Y., is visiting at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien. He also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roach O'Brien in Lorette.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McNeil of their recent marriage at the immaculate Conception Church, Palmer Road. The bride was formerly Anna Albert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Albert. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. McNeil of Alberton. Mr. and Mrs. McNeil will reside in Alberton, N. B.

HOBBES FLOWN TO U. K.

LONDON (CP)—Seven valuable pieces of horseflesh arrived in London by air Tuesday. The cargo consisted of the mounts for the Canadian equestrian team which will compete in the United Kingdom this summer.

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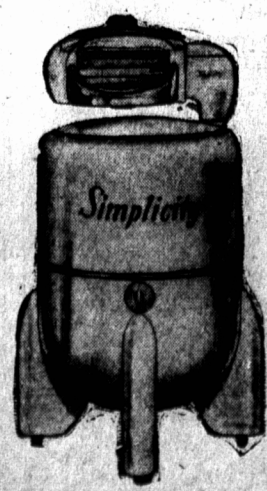
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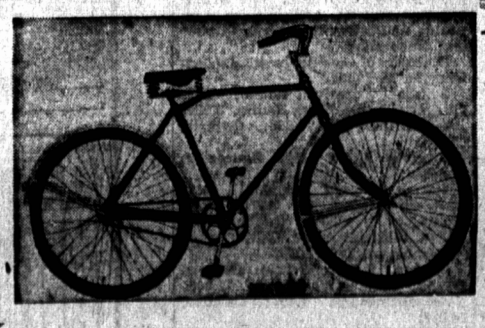
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