

News of the Day From Southern Alberta and Southeastern B.C.

TRACE MINE WORKER'S DEATH EFFECTS BURN

Coleman Jury Returns Verdict on Death of John Gamache, Tipple Blacksmith

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
COLEMAN, Jan. 10.—The jury do find, according to the evidence submitted, that John Gamache came to his death on Dec. 22, 1940, from nuphritis attributable largely to infections from a burn received on or about Nov. 27, 1940, while in the employ of the McGillivray Creek Coal & Coke Co., Ltd., Coleman, Alberta.

The above verdict is the sequel to the death of John Gamache, McGillivray tippie blacksmith, who died Dec. 22, of what had been at first thought to be natural causes.

Investigation first started when the widow asked Dr. Rose if her husband's death could have been caused by a burn suffered while in the employ of McGillivray Creek Coal Co. in November. She asked Dr. Rose to perform an autopsy on the body. He in turn informed the undertaker that there would be no death certificate.

The coroner, A. Webster, then gave the doctor permission to proceed with the autopsy. Certain organs were forwarded to the provincial laboratory, Edmonton, and a report received from Pathologist J. J. Ower, M.D. The report stated that John Gamache had died from nuphritis. It also stated that the disease could have started from a wound infection.

As a result of this report an inquest was held on Monday evening and which was postponed, after three witnesses had been heard, to Wednesday evening when the jury brought in their verdict.

Present at the Wednesday hearing were John Cormack, solicitor for the Workmen's Compensation board, and Dr. Andrews, also representing the board. Evan Morgan, mines inspector, was present, although he took no part in the proceedings. H. S. McDonald and S. C. Short represented the McGillivray company.

Witnesses heard included Dr. C. Rose, Dr. H. G. Claxton, Mrs. Gamache, Mr. J. Ukrainets, son-in-law; Chas. Rogers, McGillivray Creek tippie foreman; Robert Anderson, blacksmith's helper.

Evidence was given when deceased first received his injury, when he first turned sick, his suffering, treatment and ultimate death in Coleman Miners' hospital. Mr. Cormack questioned all witnesses at length.

The jury deliberated thirty minutes before returning with their verdict.

TAX PAYMENTS PROVE SATISFACTORY

(From Our Own Correspondent)
CARMANGAY, Jan. 9.—Taxes for town and school board came in better than was expected, reports James McNaughton, who is secretary-treasurer for both governing groups. Re- lated expenses for the town are lower than they have been for many years, and the council is now benefitting from rents collected from residences and business premises which they seized for non-payment of taxes and remodelled. Arrears of school taxes which were not expected were paid in before the close of 1940 and it is hoped this year that both town and school will be run efficiently without borrowing.

Bomber Gives Pincher Thrill

Residents Asked Assist in Providing Accommodation for Officers and Wives

(From Our Own Correspondent)
PINCHER CREEK, Jan. 10.—The town of Pincher Creek suddenly became air conscious on Wednesday when citizens were thrilled with the appearance overhead of a bomber. Coming in from the east out of a cloudless sky just as the sun was rising, this plane made a striking picture. Several swoops and dives were made much to delight of on-lookers. There was some beautiful flying done and much comment has been heard from many sources that more of this type of flying should be done to give citizens a better idea of their air force and some idea of the planes in use.

The Board of Trade of Pincher Creek has received a request for accommodation in town for nearly 100 officers and their wives who cannot be accommodated at training centres. Citizens are co-operating in making rooms and houses available for these people.

Mourn Passing Late George Gygi

(From Our Own Correspondent)
MAGRATH, Jan. 7.—More than 150 Magrath district residents, friends of the late George Gygi and family, attended funeral services for Mr. Gygi held in Southminster church, Lethbridge, last Saturday. George Gygi had been a resident of Magrath district for more than 20 years and was favorably known throughout the district.

He was for many years a staunch supporter of the U.F.A. and took an active part in the local here. Thrifty, honest and industrious, he built up one of the finest farmsteads in the district, beautifying it with trees and good buildings. More than a year ago he sold his farm home and only last fall bought a small farm about two miles south of Lethbridge, where he could garden and be at home working the soil.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gygi were happy in the purchase, and contented to settle near the city and enjoy their old age. The community was saddened when it learned of his sudden passing, and the sympathy of the community goes out to the widow and family.

Mrs. S. Mensaghi Laid to Rest

(From Our Own Correspondent)
MAGRATH, Jan. 10.—Funeral services for the late Mrs. Sera Mensaghi were held January 7 from Holy Cross Church, Macleod. Rev. Fr. McGillivray officiated.

Interment followed in Holy Cross cemetery. Pallbearers were Henry Lemire, Desire Lemire, P. Lemire, Gene Chivilo, of the Macleod district and A. Puzze and T. Plazzo of Okotoks.

Left to mourn her passing are her husband, John Mensaghi, one son, Reno at home, one daughter, Mrs. Rose Dersch of Olsen Creek and four grandchildren, two of whom reside at Olsen Creek and two in Calgary.

One daughter predeceased her on April 25, 1940, in Calgary and the shock materially affected her mother's health.

Six brothers and one sister also survive, some of whom reside in Argentina in South America.

Born November 29, 1880, deceased was married to John Mensaghi on January 20, 1901 and in 1909 came to Macleod. In 1917 they moved onto their present holdings west of Macleod and undertook ranching and farming, their operation being successful.

Deceased was a faithful member of her church and her kindly and hospitable manner will long be remembered by her large circle of friends and acquaintances, a large number of which attended the last sad rites to honor her in death.

Municipal Hospital in Sound Position

(From Our Own Correspondent)
CARMANGAY, Jan. 9.—The Little Bow Municipal hospital at Carman-gay is starting out the first month of the new year in excellent shape financially, according to the secretary-treasurer, James McNaughton. A full line of modern equipment has been installed gradually and there is still a balance to the good

Name Committee To Consider Water Service, Magrath

Rates Schedule Issue in Southern Town—Consumers Hold Meeting

(From Our Own Correspondent)
MAGRATH, Jan. 8.—More than 50 of the 92 consumers using Calgary Power water service in their homes and businesses here met in the town hall tonight to discuss with William Ross, district superintendent of Calgary Power Company, the problem of renewing the franchise now expired, and various complaints regarding water rates and services.

After some three hours' debate a resolution passed appointing a committee to work with the town council in formulating a proposition to the Calgary Power Company protesting rates according to water and pressure supplied, and asking an increase in the minimum cubic feet of water supplied for minimum rate, also to make adjustments in the amounts now assessed against householders who have not paid for their trenches and pipes to their property constructed in 1930 when the system was put into force. The committee includes Chas. Jensen, J. J. Strang and Dr. M. Schrieber. Mr. Ross congratulated the house on its choice. Mr. Ross, in presenting the case for the Power company, said that the company has too much money tied up in this plant for the small margin of profit realized, less than five per cent, being realized on their investment. They have invested \$31,000 in the system and only realized \$3200 out of it per year. When the system was installed there were supposed to be some 150 water users guaranteed, but of this number only 92 had connected up. Many were still being charged each month for the trenches to their property which they had never used, and when this was protested and asked to be wiped out, Mr. Ross pointed out that property holders had signed these agreements and could be made to pay the charges. The Calgary Power company has offered to cut the amount owing in half for a cash settlement, but even this does not satisfy the majority.

Mr. Ross assured the meeting that if the committee came to the Power Co. with a reasonable proposition they could expect to get consideration but the demands of the meeting were unreasonable, he considered.

According to the franchise which expired last fall, the town must give the company six months notice before discontinuing service or the previous rates still apply, so until the town gives this notice or definitely makes other arrangements with the company the present rates will apply.

Stirling Red Cross Is Active

(From Our Own Correspondent)
STIRLING, Jan. 10.—The campaign for the Stirling Red Cross is over. The total donations received by the Stirling district amounted to \$396.11. Stirling beet workers headed by Steve Szabo donated \$4.65. The campaign was headed by J. S. Brandley, who donated 300 bushels of wheat.

Considerable sewing and knitting has been done by the district. Mrs. Spangier, who is 73 years of age, and has only the sight of one eye, has knitted 24 pairs of socks. Although the campaign is over, the regular sewing classes under the direction of Mrs. J. P. Barron are still being held, and knitting classes under the direction of Mrs. Brandley are continuing.

TURIN BRIEFS

(From Our Own Correspondent)
TURIN, Jan. 10.—Pat Brent and family made a trip to Claresholm this week, where they visited relatives.

L. Norden and Roy Carver left Monday for Calgary, where they will take a course at the provincial School of Technology.

Mrs. F. Rosenour and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kenzil of Pincher Creek, were New Year's guests at the Carver home. Mr. and Mrs. Kenzil also visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenzil, Sr., of Retlaw.

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Routine Matters Before Council

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The application for J. Frawley for license for a coffee shop was granted. The shop is now open for business.

Two pieces of property were sold—Block 10, near the old fair grounds to Dan Fowler, and Lot 5 in block 97 to Henry Gibb. One application for consolidation of taxes was granted.

Thomas A. Carter was appointed deputy mayor for the next three months. All members of the council were present except Mayor E. Pingree Tanner, who is away in Edmonton on business. Regular monthly accounts were approved.

Recommend Shooting Season Sept. 15-Nov. 15

(From Our Own Correspondent)
HIGH RIVER, Jan. 8.—A number of resolutions were passed at a special meeting of the High River Fish and Game Protective association, and these will be forwarded to the provincial meeting to be held later in the month.

The local branch supported the recommendation of the Associated Sportsmen of southwestern Alberta that the open season for the migratory water fowl in Southern Alberta be from Sept. 15 to Nov. 15.

As a result of the fishing experience of the past season, it was urged that Sullivan Creek be closed in the coming fishing season, and that Cataract Creek be opened to the

BRANT CURLING CLUB HAS IMPROVED RINK

(From Our Own Correspondent)

HIGH RIVER, Jan. 8.—Brant Curling club is very proud of improvements which have been made on the curling rink this year. Chief of these is the selling of the building and complete insulation, which keeps an even temperature and reduces the effect of changing weather conditions. Brant is now one of the few small centres of the province which can boast of an insulated rink. There are 16 rinks in the club, made up of men and women of the village and the surrounding countryside, and enthusiastic support is given to this popular winter sport.

CARDSTON BRIEFS

(From Our Own Correspondent)
CARDSTON, Jan. 8.—Rodney McBride, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. D. McBride, and a clerk in the Royal Bank here, has been transferred to Okotoks. He will report for work there next Monday.

Private Fred Webber, who spent the holidays here on leave from his unit in Vancouver, was guest of honor at an old-time party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wollescott last Thursday evening. Old-time dancing and singing of old-time songs formed the party.

Mrs. Grace Peterson entertained the U & I club Thursday evening.

STIRLING NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent)
STIRLING, Jan. 10.—Stake officers from Raymond at the M.I.A. meeting were Mrs. Dahl, Mrs. Salmon, and C. Matkin.

Evan Erickson left for Edmonton, where he has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mertz are rejoicing over the birth of a son.

CLARESHOLM STUDENT SEXTET BLANKS STAVELY

(From Our Own Correspondent)
CLARESHOLM, Jan. 9.—The first hockey game of the season was played in Claresholm on Wednesday evening when the Stavely high school were the visitors to the Claresholm high school sextet who took them into camp to the tune of 3-0. The game was fast throughout and fair-

Growing Interest In Feeder Scheme, Magrath District

Returns From Year's Operations are Proving Satisfactory to Farmers

(From Our Own Correspondent)
MAGRATH, Jan. 10.—Increased interest is being shown by Magrath farmers in the policy of the Government Feeders' associations, which are supervised by Charles Asplund, who also supervises the buying, feeding and selling of cattle and sheep led under the plan. The Magrath branch of the Raymond-Magrath Feeders' association is now feeding some 200 head of cattle and some 4000 sheep, some here, some at feed lots in Raymond. President Andrew Peterson reports that the government has guaranteed \$100,000 used this season for the purchase of cattle and sheep. This guarantee provides for the purchase of the animals, which advance is refunded by the farmers when the finished animals are sold.

Thus far, returns have been satisfactory for this year's operations; it provides the farmer with an outlet for his coarse grains and hay at a better figure than market price for these products, gives him plenty of fertilizer for his beet and grain land and helps employ labor in the feed lots, thus helping unemployment. As there is little market for hay and coarse grains except to feeders, the farmer can thus get rid of his hay and grain on the hoof and obtain a cash return.

Only irrigation farmers can profitably take advantage of the feeder policy, as under it a farmer must have his own hay and grain, and plenty of water must be available at all times. If the government would build the proposed St. Mary's storage reservoir and the Pot Hole storage reservoir, many more farmers could take advantage of the feeders' associations, and much of the wheat raised in the district could go to market on the hoof without a quota, dry land farmers point out.

By Chic Young

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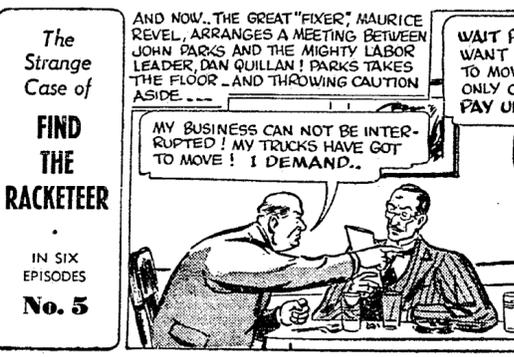


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Mrs. B. Deardon Laid to Rest

(From Our Own Correspondent)
RAYMOND, Jan. 9.—Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Betty Deardon were marked by a record attendance which filled the spacious second ward chapel to overflowing, requiring added seating arrangements in the larger adjoining foyer.

The large attendance was referred to by Bishop James H. Walker, in charge of the services, who in a few remarks said that such an attendance was a glowing tribute of friendship.

Brief addresses were given by Elders C. R. Wing, D. A. Bennett, N. J. Anderson of Lethbridge, and J. W. Evans. Since deceased for more than three decades had served as an outstanding qualified nurse, whose nearly constant activities and responsibilities were required at a moment's notice during any or all hours of the day and night, and in all kinds of adverse weather conditions, it was quite significant that each of the speakers chose "Service" as a very appropriate text of their sermons.

Elders Wing and Anderson, as missionaries to England more than 25 years ago, knew deceased, whom they referred to as a nurse giving her time and services as willingly then as she had since she arrived in Raymond shortly after. Elder Bennett, her neighbor, paid tribute to her for her devotion to what she considered a duty in times of sick-

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