

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

The preliminary hearing in the murder charge against Mrs. Joan Herman, accused of shooting her husband John Herman on October 10th last, was completed to day and Mrs. Herman was committed for trial by the Supreme court at the assizes to be held in Belleville starting about January 12th. The hearing began on November 25th in Marmora before Magistrate R. C. Jackson and was adjourned until this morning. Eleven witnesses were called during the hearing.

Jack Herman Killed

Marmora was the scene of another tragedy on Saturday night, October 10th, when John Edward Herman was shot and killed in his home on Madoc Street.

Marmora police were called to the home shortly before midnight and found Herman lying on the kitchen floor with a bullet wound in his chest. Drs. Parkin and McCarthy were called and pronounced the man dead.

The Ontario Provincial Police were called in and Mrs. Dorothy Joan Herman 35-year-old wife of the dead man was arrested and taken to Belleville jail where she was later charged with murder.

The case was turned over to the criminal investigation Dept. and Inspector Don Nichol of Toronto took charge. An autopsy showed a .22 calibre rifle bullet in the heart.

Mr. Herman was 39 years of age and was born in the Muskoka district.

After serving overseas in the 2nd World War he was employed as a mechanic at a garage in Havelock. The family moved to Marmora about ten years ago and for a time Mr. Herman worked as mechanic in local garages. For the past five years he had been employed at the Marmora Iron Mine, which is closed at present owing to the steel strike.

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He was a son of Mrs. Elizabeth Switzer of Orillia and her former husband, the late John Herman. He is survived by his wife the former Dorothy Joan Keiby, who he married while overseas during the war. She is a native of Surrey, England.

Also surviving are his mother; five children, John 15, Joyce 10, Stanley 6, Carl 4, Wayne, 14 months; four sisters; Mrs. Margaret Johnson of California; Mrs. Lydia Williamson, Peterborough; Mrs. Irene Jewell, Hastings, and Mrs. Connie Lewis, Orillia; and two brothers Lawrence of Peterborough and Carl of Aurora and a half-brother Bruce Switzer of Aurora.

Mr. Herman was a member of the Executive of Marmora Branch No. 237 Canadian Legion, a member of Spring Brook Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 429 and of Marmora Public School Board. He was on the executive of Marmora Rod and Gun Club and was an enthusiastic angler and hunter. He was also a member of Marmora Volunteer Fire Dept.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon with service conducted by Rev. R. G. Fleming at St. Paul's Anglican Church and interment in the Veteran's Plot at Marmora Protestant Cemetery. Marmora Branch No. 237 Canadian Legion attended in a body.

The pall bearers were Messrs. Robt. Gray, W. A. Rathwell, E. P. Gordon, Percy Embury, Keith Hart and Percy Hill.

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PRELIMINARY HEARING
ADJOURNED

The preliminary hearing in the murder charge against Mrs. Joan Herman, who is charged with the fatal shooting of her husband, John Herman, on October 10th, opened in Marmora yesterday before Magistrate R. C. Jackson.

Several witnesses for the prosecution were called to give evidence and the hearing was adjourned until next Thursday, Dec 3rd.

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