

# Stone Memories

**THE KEENE MYSTERY**

During the past week or so quite a number of daily and weekly papers have contained articles referring to the murder of the late Jerome Keene and the fact that the police or other authorities have as yet found no solution of the mystery, and no clue as to the person guilty of the terrible deed. The newly awakened interest is largely due to a long article which appeared in the Peterborough Examiner, and which was written by a man who spent a few days in the village recently for the purpose of gaining information.

The article referred to was a combination of fact and fiction or imagination and it is doubtful if it will serve any useful purpose. While the people of Marmora would be greatly pleased to see the mystery cleared up, those who have been in closest touch with the affair from the time Mr. Keene was first discovered lying in his cabin, realize how difficult and almost impossible it is to find a solution. Every bit of evidence gained at the inquest, all kinds of wild and improbable rumors, and every suspicious circumstance has been followed up carefully until the police have been absolutely convinced that it did not offer any real clue to the identity of the guilty party.

In all probability the mystery will be solved some time, but when the solution does come it will probably come as a result of slip by the guilty person or from some source entirely unsuspected at the present time. It has been hinted that through the efforts of Hon. J. R. Cooke a reward may be offered. If that would not bring results it is doubtful if anything would at the present time.

The various references in the press to a petition being forwarded to the Attorney-General appear to have had very little foundation. At least the majority of the business men and the members of the Council appear to have no knowledge of any such petition.

June 2, 1927

**DROWNED IN MOIRA RIVER**

A short time before noon on Friday June 3rd, a very tragic accident happened at Deloro, when little Walter Yaschuk was drowned in the Moira River.

The little chap, who was about 5 years old, was playing with little Arthur Hart, near the river when he slipped in some way and fell into the water at the same time striking his head on a rock which rendered him unconscious. In this condition he was carried over the falls. The Hart lad, horrified at what he had witnessed ran to a man nearby and gave the alarm. Rescuers were speedily on hand and the maimed body of the little fellow was taken from the water. Artificial respiration was resorted to but without success.

Walter was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirylo Yaschuk, who with his family moved to Deloro about a month ago from Sault Ste. Marie. Besides his parents the deceased leaves three sisters, two brothers having predeceased him.

The funeral was held in St. Paul's Church, Marmora, on Saturday afternoon, Rev. A. B. Caldwell conducted the service. Deloro Boy Scouts acted as pall-bearers, and the funeral was attended by many of the most prominent citizens testifying to the sympathy felt for the bereaved family.

Interment was made in Marmora Cemetery.

June 9, 1927

**ARTHUR SMITH BADLY INJURED**

A very serious accident occurred some time last night as a result of which Arthur Smith was terribly injured, while at work in the bake shop. He had been in Peterborough attending the ball game and as it was quite late when he returned he went right to the shop. No one knows how long he had been there when the accident occurred, but apparently he had gone to shut off the engine when in some way his clothing was caught in the shaft holding the flywheel and he was whirled around striking his head and shoulder and other parts of his body. His head was smashed and torn in several places, the wounds being very severe.

The accident was discovered about 5 o'clock by his son, Gerald. Sometimes, after mixing the bread Mr. Smith would sleep at the shop until it was ready to work, so that it was not unusual for him to be very late returning to his home. About 5 o'clock Mrs. Smith became so worried that she sent Gerald to the shop and he found his father lying by the engine in an unconscious condition. He quickly summoned help and both Drs. Crawford and Thomson did all they could to aid the injured man. An ambulance was summoned and he was taken to Belleville hospital shortly after 7 o'clock.

October 6, 1927

**ACCIDENT PROVED FATAL**

Since writing the foregoing word has been received that Mr. Smith passed away in Belleville hospital without recovering consciousness. While an inquest will likely be held it is doubtful if it will ever be known just how the accident occurred.

The deceased has resided in Marmora for about twenty-five years and had a great many friends. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Clara Boyd, and two sons, Gerald and Roy. He was a member of the Orange Lodge and the Black Nights.

October 6, 1927

**DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL**

A verdict of accidental death was returned at adjourned inquest last Thursday by the jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Arthur Smith, of Marmora, who was found on the floor of the bake shop owned by C. A. Lummiss in an unconscious condition on October 6th. The man afterwards passed away in the Belleville General Hospital. The jury stated in their verdict that they presumed the man fell on the engine, while he was mixing his dough for the next day's business.

Dr. Boyce, coroner, presided at the inquest and B.C. Donnan was present for the Crown when the adjourned hearing took place last Thursday evening at the police station. It will be remembered that the Crown Attorney was not satisfied with the answers to some of the questions asked at the first hearing and requested of the court an adjournment, until the officers could investigate the surroundings and give some opinion as to the man's demise.

Sergt. Clarke and Constable McCoy both gave evidence to the effect that the shirt sleeve of the deceased was wound quite tightly around the governors of the gasoline engine and that the switch was on and all the gasoline in the tank had been emptied signifying that the engine ran some considerable time after the accident. The clothes worn by Smith at the time were produced in court and bore ample evidence. The officers also stated that dough was found on his boots to show that he had been working sometime before the accident happened.

Charles Shannon gave evidence to the effect that he saw Smith shortly after midnight and that he was placing water in the mixer preparatory to preparing the bread for the next day. He was in good health and perfectly sober, said witness. William Sanderson told of being with deceased that afternoon at the ball game in Peterboro and when arriving in Marmora, Mr. Smith went directly to the bake shop and started work as he was later than usual.

Charles Lummiss concluded his evidence which was started at the first inquest but nothing new was brought to light. The son, Gerald Smith, told again the story of finding his father and the reason why he went to the shop.

October 20, 1927

### THE CEMETERY MYSTERY

To date there has been no solution of the mystery surrounding the attempt to open the steel vault, in which the casket containing the remains of the late Mrs. B.C. Hubbell were buried. One can hardly imagine anything more foolish or absurd than the attempt, whatever the motive may have been.

The very absurdity of the attempt has aroused as much interest as the act itself, and in order to try to find some solution of the reason for the deed, and to serve a warning of the seriousness of such attempt, the village council has offered a reward of \$100 for information that will lead to the conviction of the guilty parties.

Following the offering of the reward Mrs. O'Brien, who lives near Deloro, gave information in regard to three men who stopped at her place. She claims there was a pick and shovel in the car and two poles strapped to the side of the car similar to those found in the cemetery. The information is being followed up by the Provincial police and arrests may follow.

Following the discovery of the attempt to open the steel box, the box was raised to the surface of the ground. It was found to contain considerable water, although it was claimed by the manufacturers to be water proof, and Mr. Hubbell decided to have it opened. The casket was also opened and it was found that with the exception of the head the body had almost entirely returned to dust. The hair, side combs, false teeth, etc. were sufficient proof of the identity of the remains and that the casket had not been disturbed. The casket was then returned to the box and sealed up, and then cemented in the grave so there will be no further chance of molestation.

November 23, 1927

**ARRESTS IN CEMETERY CASE**

Ewart Warren, aged 20 years, resident of Toronto, and formerly of Marmora, was arrested Nov. 3rd by Constable Hugh Gillen, on a warrant held by the Provincial Police in connection with the desecration of Mrs. B. C. Hubbell's grave. Warren gave himself up to Salvation Army officials in Toronto and is said to have confessed to his part in the affair in which the body of Mrs. Hubbell, who has been dead for eight years and was to have been disturbed in the cemetery at Marmora. He was brought to Marmora Thursday by the officials of the Army to tell his story. Constable Hugh Gillen appeared with a warrant for his arrest and took charge of Warren.

Warren, in his statement, is alleged to have remarked that he was simply a go-between of the men in Toronto as he had the knowledge where the grave was situated.

Frank Sullivan, a married man, residing in Toronto, was arrested by Provincial Officer Sylvester on Friday evening, Nov. 4th, and is charged jointly with Ewart Warren as one of the men responsible for disturbing the grave of Mrs. B.C. Hubbell in Marmora cemetery, October 26th. Sullivan is said to be a relative of the famous "Red" Ryan who is now serving a long term at Kingston Penitentiary. Sullivan bears a particularly bad reputation and has served terms for other offences on previous occasions. He is believed to be the ring leader in the crime.

On Saturday Phillip Revoy, of Toronto, was arrested by Inspector Charles Gurnett and Provincial Constable Sylvester.

All have appeared in police court, it being held Tuesday and all were remanded until November 14th when they will appear for preliminary hearing before Magistrate Casement of Madoc. It is understood that the Provincial Police will have the men tried in Belleville to mitigate against any chance of escape. The men were charged that they did on October 26th improperly or indecently interfere with or offer any indignity to the human remains of Mary Hubbell, deceased wife of B.C. Hubbell in the Marmora Cemetery.

There is still some conjecture as to the motive for the crime but this will likely be given at the hearing which will take place on Monday next.

November 10, 1927

**TRIAL AGAIN LAID OVER**

Frank Sullivan, Phillip Revoy and Ewart Warren, all of Toronto, appeared before two justices, Mayor Wilmot and Mr. Newton, in Belleville Police Court last Friday, on a charge of the desecration of the grave of the late Mrs. B.C. Hubbell, on the 20th of last month. B.C. Donnan, Crown Attorney, acting for the prosecution asked for a remand of one week, which was granted.

The Belleville Ontario Intelligencer had the following in regard to the appearance in the Police Court: "All elected to be tried summarily and on the charge pleaded not guilty" Inspector Loughheed of the Provincial Police informed The Intelligencer today that Sullivan, one of the trio, alleged to be implicated, had a record. This information was received a few days ago from the finger print bureau in Ottawa. He was convicted, it is said, of receiving stolen property and was sentenced to three years in Kingston penitentiary, serving out his full time. As far as can be ascertained at the present there are no previous convictions against Revoy and Warren. The Inspector also stated that the police would be ready for trial within a week.

The Belleville Intelligencer on the other hand stated: "The men were not asked to plead, and after the specific charge of of that you did indecently or improperly offer indignity to or interfere with the human remains of Mary Hubbell" was read to each of the accused, they were hustled back to the County jail.

The three are above the average build and one of them, Revoy, is a squat, sullen looking man. The trio is liable to five years imprisonment if the members of it are found guilty of the charge.

Few cases have aroused as much widespread interest in recent years and a great deal of space has been devoted to the attempted grave robbery in various newspapers. Much that has been published has been contrary to the facts and some of it as absurd as the act itself. There has also been considerable speculation as to the motive and the following from the Mail & Empire is a sample of it:

November 17, 1927

"Although the three men held in Belleville on charges of tampering with the grave of Mrs. B.C. Hubbell, at Marmora, have refused to talk, Provincial Police Headquarters here is convinced that the attempted robbery was inspired by a search for jewelry"

It has become known that there is no jewelry in the casket of Mrs. Hubbell, who died eight years ago, but the theory of police here, who arrested two of the men, is that widespread gossip in the Marmora district since the woman's death led to the crime.

Mrs. Hubbell's casket is encased in a steel vault, believed to be the only one in the Marmora cemetery. Mr. Hubbell is an undertaker and inquiries have elicited the information that he purchased this vault some time before his wife's death, with the intention of selling it. Such vaults were an innovation then and the undertaker failed to sell the one he had in stock. When his wife died, therefore, he encased her casket in the steel receptacle and this novelty in funeral equipment caused much talk. Gossip spread, and the conclusion arrived at by the townsfolk was that the vault was used as a precaution against robbery, and that the valuables had been enclosed in the casket.

For eight years, this story has been current and the police believe it finally reached the ears of two of the men who are now held, Frank Sullivan and Phillip Revoy. The other man, Ewart Warren, formerly of Marmora, has told the police that these two men paid him \$10 to show them the location of the grave.

The rumors are new to most of the people who have lived in Marmora ever since the death of Mrs. Hubbell and it is hard to imagine any person crediting them to the extent of attempting to rob the grave. Besides several steel vaults have been placed in the cemetery. Probably the easiest way to arrive at a solution, if the person responsible is discovered, will be to have him examined as to his sanity.



**WARREN PLEADS GUILTY**

Something of a surprise was sprung at the trial of Phillip Revoy, Frank Sullivan and Ewart Warren on Friday afternoon last when they stood charged before Magistrate Casement, of Madoc, that they did on or about October 26th unlawfully and improperly interfere with the human remains of Mary Hubbell, wife of B.C. Hubbell, at the village cemetery. Warren pleaded guilty after election before the Magistrate, and he was allowed out on bail for ten days when he will appear for sentence. Revoy and Sullivan did not elect nor plead, but on the evidence submitted by Mr. Hubbell and Ewart Warren they were committed for trial.

Before the hearing opened, Frank Slattery, of Toronto, counsel for Ewart Warren, engaged in argument with Crown Attorney Donnan over the question of bail and separate trial for Warren. The Magistrate indicated his intention of treating the hearing as a preliminary and in view of the probability of a committal for trial, the Crown Attorney opposed consideration of bail. Mr. Slattery also stated that his client would elect summary trial.

Warren sprang a surprise, when as Mr. Slattery rose to elect the summary trial on his behalf, he broke in with the repudiation of his council.

"I do not wish to be represented by a lawyer," he began; he was interrupted by Mr. Slattery with a stern "Just a minute young man" but Mr. Slattery was in turn interrupted by Crown Attorney Donnan, who cautioned him, "Just a minute, Mr. Slattery, the prisoner is speaking."

"I do not was to be represented by any lawyer," Warren continued, "I plead guilty and throw myself on the mercy of the court"

"How do you elect to be tried?" he was asked. "Which ever way you say" the prisoner said.

On having the matter of trial election explained to him, Warren elected summary trial and after pleading guilty was remanded for ten days for sentence.

"I am exceedingly sorry that this young man has taken the position that he has. I would not have been here" said Mr. Slattery, "only that I was retained by his father. I do not think that this court should accept his plea of guilty"

Mr. Donnan, the Crown prosecutor, stated Mr. Slattery had no status in the court.

November 24, 1927

Warren was later released on \$5,000 bail, which was supplied by the Salvation Army.

Sullivan and Revoy were then placed on trial charged with the same offence. Both refused to elect, and the Crown proceeded with the evidence for the prosecution. Before the evidence was placed into court that committed the two men for trial, the Magistrate consented that the same evidence should apply in each case as it was similar.

Mr. B.C. Hubbell was the first witness called, he stated that his wife died on January 23rd, 1920, and was buried four days later in the Marmora Cemetery in a steel roughbox. "On the morning of October 26, Mr. Phillips, the caretaker of the cemetery, told me that the grave of my wife had been disturbed and I went and found it to be true. I placed him in charge and then proceeded to Belleville and notified the police, who came out and opened the grave, but found that the body had not been disturbed. The west end of the grave had been opened and a rail nearby showed that it had been used for prying the casket from the earth.

Warren was used as a Crown witness after pleading guilty, and he told the court that, with Sullivan and Revoy, he left Toronto on October 25th for Marmora. Three weeks previously, he said, he was given \$10 by Sullivan to go to Marmora to look the ground over, as it was understood that a number of valuables had been buried with Mrs. Hubbell at the time of her death.

"We arrived in Marmora about five in the afternoon" he said "and waited for nightfall" When we stopped near the graveyard a car came along and we pretended we were fixing the lights. The tools were over the fence.

"Sullivan and I went into the graveyard after the car passed and began to dig. When we came to the casket we found it was of steel, but Revoy went to the fence and got a rail to pry it up. We tried to open the casket but found it to be burglar proof and left, discarding the tools"

At this point the Crown Attorney informed the Magistrate that he would offer no more evidence and the men were committed for trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction.

When Sullivan and Revoy were asked if they had anything to say before being committed for trial, Revoy said: "I guess it is useless after the evidence of Warren"

### REVOY AND SULLIVAN FOUND GUILTY

The trial of Phillip Revoy and Frank Sullivan on the charge arising from the attempt to open the casket of the late Mrs. B.C. Hubbell, on the morning of Oct. 26th, took place yesterday in Belleville before Judge Deroche. Both were found guilty and sentenced to one year in the Ontario Reformatory, and a further indeterminate sentence of two years less one day.

Mr. B.C. Donnan, Crown Attorney, prosecuted the case and Mr. E.J. Butler was the defendants' lawyer. The prisoners elected to be tried together before the Judge and the trial lasted most of the day. Among the witnesses called were Messrs. B.C. Hubbell, William Phillips, Ewart Warren, Percy Saunders, Edwin Maudsley, Almond Boyd, David Silvester, Harry Crossen, Mr. Reid, of Peterborough, and Mrs. Florrie Maudsley, Mrs. Mary Warren, Mrs. Mildred Warren and Mrs. Edith Baker.

Ewart Warren, a confessed accomplice of the two accused, gave a detailed account of the circumstances leading up to the attempt to rob the grave and of the actions of the trio from the time they left Toronto until they returned. Most of the evidence has been rehashed in one form or another in the numerous press reports that have appeared of the affair, but some new particulars were added.

According to the rumors the jewellery and heirlooms contained in the casket were worth \$200,000 (some pipe dream) Revoy was to get \$500, Warren one third and Sullivan the balance. Sullivan and Warren were to go to New York to dispose of the jewellery. Incidents in connection with the trip included a side trip to Belleville, where a tire was taken from a Ford car and a meal at the Union Cafe, which they forgot to pay for. The car in which they made the trip was purchased in Toronto on a basis of \$20 down and \$20 every two weeks. The \$20 was paid down but after the return to Toronto the car was returned to the dealer and it cost him \$22 for repairs, so the sale wasn't a very profitable one.

It was also brought out that all three had served previous terms on more or less serious charges.

Warren will appear today for sentence and the curtain will probably then ring down on one of the most absurd crimes in the history of Canadian criminal courts.

December 1, 1927

**SULLIVAN AND REVOY APPEAR**

Frank Sullivan and Phillip Revoy, the two men charged with the attempted robbery of the grave of Mrs. B. C. Hubbel, appeared last Wednesday morning before Judge Deroche at the court house to elect trial. Both pleaded not guilty and stated through their counsel, Mr. E.J. Butler, that they desired trial before a judge rather than by a judge and jury. Wednesday, November 30th was set as trial date.

Frank Sullivan was charged with unlawfully and improperly interfering with the human remains of Mary Hubbel. "You have the option of being tried before Judge Deroche without the intervention of a jury or at the next sitting of the Assize Court; where do you wish to be tried?" asked Mr. Donnan.

"Before His Honor," stated Mr. Butler. "How do you plead, Sullivan?" "Not guilty"

Phillip Revoy was asked a similar question and he replied in the negative. Judge Deroche "Do you want to fix a date for trial?"

Defence counsel said he would be ready any time.

It was finally decided that November 30th was an open date and Sullivan and Revoy are to appear at ten o'clock in the morning.

"How about the matter of bail in the meantime?" queried Mr. Butler.

"Have you bail to offer?" asked His Honor. "We expect that friends from Toronto will supply the necessary money" The Crown stated that \$5,000 would be sufficient. "All right, I think I can raise that amount," replied counsel.

December 1, 1927

**FRANK REHA ACCIDENTLY SHOT**

Last Friday while John Wesley Emigh and Frank Reha were out hunting near Deloro, the latter was accidentally shot by Emigh. He was taken to Deloro hospital and died there that night. The deceased was a Romanian and had worked at Deloro for some time. He leaves a widow and one child. Reha and Emigh had been warm friends and had gone hunting together on previous occasions.

Following the accident Emigh was taken into custody and when the wounds proved to be fatal, Coroner Dr. Harper, of Madoc, ordered an inquest for Saturday forenoon. The following were sworn in as a Coroner's Jury: Harry Loveless, foreman, N. Kilpatrick, F. Leal, H.A. Haacke, M.J. Tamplin, Clifford Quinn, E. Shannon, and R. Murray. After a brief session and viewing the remains on Saturday the inquest was adjourned until Tuesday afternoon.

The adjourned hearing on Tuesday lasted less than three quarters of an hour and the jury, after being out for nine minutes brought in the following verdict, freeing Emigh from all blame for the accident.

"We, the jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Frank Reha, find that he came to his death on November 30th at Deloro Hospital, as the result of wounds received on that day when he was accidentally shot by a charge from a shot gun in the hands of John Wesley Emigh."

Among the witnesses called were Constable Geo. O'Neill, Mrs. Rhea, Emigh, Dr. Thomson, Dr. Crawford and Provincial Constable Hammer. Emigh described their hunting trip and told how they had divided, going around opposite sides of a hill to see if they could find something to shoot at. He saw a blue jay fly up and fired at it. Just as he pulled the trigger Reha stepped from behind a tree in the line of his fire. The pellets from the shot gun entered his left breast and also his hand. Emigh tried to carry the wounded man and then ran for help.

Provincial Constable Hammer told of his investigations and that he was satisfied the shooting was entirely accidental.

The funeral of the deceased took place on Monday afternoon, service being conducted in St. Paul's Church by Rev. A.B. Caldwell after which interment took place in Marmora Protestant cemetery.

December 6, 1928

## BENJAMIN OSBORNE BURNED TO

### DEATH

Shortly before noon last Saturday a fire alarm was sounded and it was discovered that Ben Osborne's barn was on fire. A large crowd quickly gathered and when it was found that Mr. Osborne was missing extra effort was made to extinguish the flames. The chemical engines were used at first and then water from the hydrant a short distance away. As a result most of the building was saved, but when it was possible to enter the building Mr. Osborne was found lying face down in the hay and burned beyond recognition. The remains were conveyed to Maret & Co.'s Undertaking rooms and Coroner Dr. Harper, of Madoc, and the Provincial authorities at Belleville were notified. During the afternoon the Coroner and Provincial Officer Hammer visited the scene of the tragedy, and after securing all available particulars decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

The exact cause of the tragedy will never be known. Mr. Osborne had been in poor health for sometime, and worried a good deal over the fact he was unable to resume his work, although financially there was no necessity for it. The fact his hearing was nearly gone also caused him to keep to himself a good deal and to worry a good deal more than he would otherwise have done. When he wandered away from home a few weeks ago, it was the result of ill health, and in this case he apparently went to the hayloft to be alone when in some way the fire started. Earlier in the forenoon he had gone up for his mail and had appeared about the same as usual.

The late Benjamin Osborne was sixty-one years of age and had lived in Marmora practically all his life. He was highly respected and his tragic death came as a shock to the community. He leaves a widow, one son, Ernest, of Winnipeg, and two daughters, Dora and Marion at home. He is also survived by two brothers, Daniel of Marmora; and James of Seattle; and five sisters: Mrs. M.E. Merriam, Harwood; Mrs. W.A. McKeown and Mrs. Albert Taylor, of Vancouver, B.C.; Mrs. David Taylor, Warsaw; and Mrs. Henry Loucks, of California.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. Service was conducted in Marmora United Church by Rev. O.J. Beckley and interment was made in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

January 3, 1929

**TWO BROTHERS KILLED**

Alvin and Benjamin Archibell

Dead as Result of Auto

Crash

The worst automobile accident in the history of this district occurred on Tuesday evening on the Stirling Road opposite lot 12 in the 23th concession of Rawdon, when Benjamin Archibell was instantly killed and his brother Alvin was so badly injured that he died a few hours later in Belleville Hospital. A wrist watch, which the former was wearing, stopped at 9:04, which was the time the accident occurred.

Constable Gillen has carried a warrant for the arrest of Benjamin Archibell for a week or two. The warrant was for a charge of assault laid by Mr. Baker, who lives west of the village. Constable Gillen and County Constable Lavender noticed the accused drive onto Forsythe street with his brother. They immediately secured a car and started in pursuit. After driving around a couple of streets Archibell started south on the Stirling road with the constables following. They overtook him just south of Mr. Jas. McInroy's and both cars almost came to a stop. Mr. Gillen started to get out of the car, but slipped and almost fell. Just then Ben Archibell, who was driving, apparently saw who it was and started his car so quickly that it left the road and almost ran into the fence on the west side of the road.

It is a wonder an accident did not occur then, but the car swung back on to the road and started south at a very high speed. The constables followed, but soon dropped far behind. South of the home of Mr. John Brown, sr., the fleeing car met a load of hay driven by Geo. Wellman jr. The load was well to the side of the road, but the car turned out too far and left the road. While the road is wide and in almost perfect condition at that point a number of large stones had been placed in the ditch. The end of a galvanized culvert also extended into the ditch. When the brakes were applied the car slid for some distance, but the speed was so great the driver apparently lost control. The car raced over the stones and culvert and then crashed sideways into a tree. Every wheel was smashed and the chassis, body and top damaged beyond repair.



Apparently the driver was hurled head first against the tree, causing a hemorrhage of both ears, both nostrils and the mouth, and killing him instantly. His brother Alvin also appeared to have been thrown against the tree, his head being crushed. Both were thrown through the door of the car the latter lying with his feet in the car and his body on the ground.

Coroner Dr. Harper, of Madoc, was immediately notified and was soon over. Alvin, who was still living, was rushed to Belleville hospital where he died about 1:30 a.m. Benjamin's body was brought to the village and placed in the council chamber.

Yesterday morning a jury was empanelled composed of the following: Geo Wellman, Philip Sopha, Chas. Lummiss, Thos. Potts, David McGarvey, Jesse Barlow, T.J. Byrnes and H.W. Sabine. On motion of Messrs. Wellman and Barlow, H.W. Sabine was elected foreman. After viewing the body of Benjamin Archibell the jury went down to look over the scene of the accident. The inquest has been adjourned until next Wednesday, Aug. 28th at 2 p.m.

The deceased were sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Archibell. Alvin was 35 years of age. For some time he has been residing in Detroit, where he engaged in his trade as a carpenter. Previous to that he lived in Oshawa. Benjamin was 26 years of age. He had resided in Marmora most of his life. Besides their parents they are survived by one sister, Mrs. Geo. Johnston, of Marmora Tp., and one brother, Ernest of Trenton.

The funeral will leave their parents' residence at 9:45 on Friday, the 23rd and proceed to Marmora United Church for service at 10:15 a.m.

August 22, 1929

**THE ARCHIBELL INQUEST**

The inquest held as a result of the deaths of Benjamin and Alvin Archibell was completed on Wednesday, August 28th. Coroner Dr. W. S. Harper, of Madoc, presided and Crown Attorney B.C. Donnan conducted the hearing. The proceedings only lasted about an hour.

Mr. T.E. Potts, a member of the jury was called to give evidence as to the identity of the body of Benjamin Archibell.

Dr. Thomson, who was first called following the accident and who conducted the post mortem examination on the body of Benjamin Archibell was next called. Death was due to a fracture at the base of the skull. He had also examined the contents of the stomach but found no trace of alcohol.

Constables Hugh Gillen and Manley Lavender gave evidence as to an attempt to execute a warrant for the arrest of Benjamin Archibell and the pursuit of the deceased.

George Wellman and John Wellman were the only other witnesses called. The former was driving a load of hay north, when the Archibell car passed them and the accident occurred, and the latter was driving a team of colts.

The jury brought in the following verdict:

" We, the jury empanelled to inquire concerning the death of Benjamin Archibell and Alvin Archibell, find that Benjamin Archibell died in the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings on the Twentieth day of August 1929 and Alvin Archibell died at the Belleville General Hospital, Belleville, Ont. on the twenty-first day of August 1929. We find that the deaths of the said Benjamin Archibell and Alvin Archibell were the results of injuries received when the motor car in which they were driving ran off the Provincial Highway No. 14, just south of the 13th concession of Rawdon Township, while the said Benjamin Archibell was attempting to escape lawful arrest while being pursued by two constables. We find there can be no blame attached to anyone.

September 12, 1929

## FRANK DAYTON FATALLY INJURED

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About 8:30 o'clock last Friday morning Frank Frederick Dayton was so badly injured, while at work at the Silica Rock Quarry, just north of the village, that he passed away 10:30 Saturday forenoon.

It is stated that the deceased was at work at the quarry and had placed two or three charges of dynamite in the rock for the purpose of blasting. One charge failed to go off when the others did and after a short wait Dayton started out to find out what was the trouble. When he was a short distance from where the charge was placed it exploded, a piece of rock hitting him with such force that it cut off the top of his ear and fractured his skull. He bled a great deal and was carried to the bunk house on the property, where he received first aid. The injured man was taken to Dr. Crawford's office where he received medical attention. In the afternoon he was taken to his home on the Cooperage Co. property and it was planned to take him to Belleville Hospital on Saturday, but he passed away before a start was made.

The late Frank Dayton came to Marmora in the fall of 1927 from Warsaw, Ont. At that time he was driving a truck for Mr. C.F. Storm, who was delivering telephone poles along the high-power hydro line, north of Marmora, which was then under construction. It is not known where he was born or where his relatives live, if he had any.

On December 31st, 1927, he was married in Madoc to Nellie Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cooper, the ceremony was performed by Rev. G.W. Rivers. Besides his widow he leaves one son, Frederick Joseph, aged about 2 years. The deceased was in his 25th year. He was a steady worker and always appeared very cheerful.

Dr. H.H. Alger, Coroner of Stirling, was called and decided to hold an inquest. The following have been sworn in as jurors: W.R. Linn, Geo. Wellman, F.S. Johnston, John Blakely, T.E. Potts, Thos Warren, John Finnegan, Harold Nayler. Mr. Wm. Linn was elected foreman. The jury visited the scene of the accident and viewed the remains, after which the inquest was adjourned until Tuesday, March 3rd., at the Town Hall.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon. Service was conducted in the United Church by Rev. F.H. Howard. Interment took place in Marmora Protestant Cemetery.

February 26, 1931

**FRANK DAYTON INQUEST**

The inquest in connection with the death of the late Frank Frederick Dayton was concluded yesterday afternoon. D.H.H. Alger, coroner, presided and the witnesses were examined by B.C. Donnan, county crown attorney. Mr. Webster represented the the Ontario Dept. of Mines and the Workman's Compensation Board.

The jury was composed of Wm. Linn, Thos. Warren, John Finnegan, John Blakely, F.S. Johnston and Harold Naylor. The latter was visiting in Stirling and forgot about the inquest and Provincial Officer Percy Gray had to make a hurried trip to Stirling for him.

Six witnesses were called and the evidence was very brief. Provincial Officer Gray was first called. He had known Dayton about three years. Saw him the evening before the accident and he was apparently in good health. Also saw decesses after the accident at Dr. Crawford's office and at Dayton's home.

Dr. Crawford described the nature of the wound caused by the accident and said he had no doubt that death was caused by a cracture of the skull.

John Bonter, owner and manager of the quarry where the accident occurred, said that Dayton was employed as a general man at the quarry. Some days he worked in the mill and other times looked after the blasting and did outside work. Copies of regulations in regard to blasting were posted up, and deceased had been instructed to use at least a three foot fuse. Charge was half or whole stick of dynamite according to the size of the hole. The dynamite is kept in a box some distance from the quarry and the fuse in the office. When a charge was set off the men took shelter behing the mill. On the morning of the accident witness was in the engine room. He heard two shots go off and a third about five minutes later. He stepped out of the office and saw Dayton lying about 40 feet from where charge was set off. Deceased was taken to the office and given aid and then taken to doctors office.

Fred Bonter, who opened the quarry and first employed Dayton, was next called. Dayton had claimed to have done blasting before and was anxious to be allowed to do blasting at the quarry.

Arthur Meehan was at work in the mill and did not see the accident.

Percy Cooper told of Dayton fixing the fuses and filling the holes and then telling them to get behind the mill. When the two charges went off Dayton waited about five minutes and then after warning the others "to keep their places" started out to see what the trouble was. When about 40 feet from the hole he stopped and just then the explosion came and Dayton fell forward.

Without leaving their seats the jury brought in the following verdict: "We the jury empanelled to enquire into the cause of death of the late Frank Dayton find that the said Frank Dayton came to his death at the Village of Marmora, in the County of Hastings on the 21st day of February, A.D. 1931, as a result of injuries received on the 20th day of February, A.D. 1931, at Bonter's quarry in the township of Marmora, in the County of Hastings, as a result of the delayed explosion of a charge of dynamite placed by said Frank Dayton.

March 19, 1931

**WILLIAM MOFFATT DROWNED**

A tragic drowning accident occurred Monday afternoon as a result of which William Moffatt lost his life. He was in Marmora during the afternoon and about 4 o'clock left for his home on the Meehan farm in Marmora township. On his arrival at home he decided to go fishing and with his youngest brother and brother-in-law, Mr. Woodbeck, of Stirling, went out on Beaver Creek just back of his home. The boat leaked badly and an effort was made to bail it out, but the water came in too fast and the boat began to sink. His brother Norman and Harry Woodbeck started for shore, which they reached safely, but on looking back noticed that the boat was still sinking. Norman swam out and got hold of his brother, but when William grabbed him he called out and William let go and immediately sank and did not come to the surface again.

The body was in the water about 45 minutes before it was recovered and by that time it was found life was extinct. The deceased was unable to swim although he had lived close to the water most of his life.

The late William Moffatt was a son of the late Thomas Moffatt who died some years ago as a result of a cave in in a gravel pit. He is survived by his mother two brothers, Norman and James, at home and one sister, Mrs. H. Woodbeck, of Stirling. He was highly esteemed by those who knew him best.

Profound respect was paid the memory of the late William Thomas Moffatt at the funeral which left the residence of his mother at 1 p.m. on Wednesday for service at Zion United Church, North Marmora. The funeral was under the auspices of Nickle L.O.L. 285, of which deceased was a member. Brethren from Marmora L.O.L. 442 besides other visiting brethren made the attendance of Orangemen well over fifty.

Past County Master Worship Brother James Nickle was the Director of Ceremonies.

Relatives and friends were also present in large numbers to join in the expressions of sympathy for the bereaved family and to pay the last tokens of respect to the departed. Seldom has Zion Church seen so overflowing a congregation as assembled, the greater majority of which were unable to gain admittance. Rev. F. H. Howard conducted the impressive service assisted by Rev. H. A. Bunt, of Springbrook. Mrs. Ed. Post presided at the organ and the singing of the hymns was led by a special choir. These were "The morning flowers display their sweets", "A few more years shall roll", and "Asleep in Jesus". The choir also sang "The Haven of Rest"

Rev. H. A. Bunt read parts of Ecclesiastes 11 and 12 and John 14 and preached a very striking sermon upon words to be found in his first reading "Rejoice O Young Man in Thy Youth" etc. His appeal was chiefly to the youth of today and at the conclusion fitting tribute was paid to the characteristics of the deceased. Rev. F. H. Howard also spoke a few words of consolation to the bereaved. After the committal at the graveside, rites of the Orange Order were taken by his Worship Brother Harry Gawley, W.M. of Nickie L.O.L. 285 and Worship Brother W.J. Cottrell Chaplain of Marmora L.O.L. 319. The following relatives acted as pallbearers: Elmer and William Moffatt, Harry and Gordon Moffatt and William and Hugh Jones.

April 23, 1931