

# Stone Memories

**DROWNING ACCIDENT**

Last evening shortly before six o'clock Donald Dougall, eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dougall, fell in the river and was drowned. He was fishing with his brother and was standing on the cement wall which runs along just east of the portion of the dam where the centre gates are situated. In some way he fell into the water and was carried through the dam and down the rapids. The water from the main section of the dam joins the other stream just below the place where he fell in and there is a large volume of water going through the rapids at present.

Owing to the various flumes and mill races and the manner in which the river is divided up there are a number of eddys below the dam and some deep holes. After Donald fell in he was seen going down the rapids by Mr. Gordon Gray, but before he could get a boat or render any assistance the body had disappeared.

Owing to the many large rocks and the accumulation of logs and other material under the water it is almost impossible to use grappling irons and the body may have become lodged in such a way that it will take quite a time for it to work free or to locate it in any way.

While a constant search has been carried on since the accident occurred to discover the remains so far it has been without success. To-day blasting has been resorted to in the hope of bringing the body to the surface of the water, but so far without success.

Donald was a pupil of the public school and in some respects was very clever. His last work in school was a piece of art work which was considered particularly good for a boy his age. His parents and family have the sympathy of the community in his bereavement.

May 14, 1931

**DONALD DOUGALL'S BODY****RECOVERED**

The body of Donald Dougall, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dougall, who was drowned on Wednesday, May 13th, was recovered last Friday afternoon. The body came to the surface scarcely ten minutes from the time nine days would have elapsed after the drowning. The coroner was notified but decided no inquest was necessary. Interment took place last Saturday forenoon in the Church of the Sacred Heart cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Father Keeley.

May 28, 1931

**SHOOTING ACCIDENT ENDS****BRIGHT YOUNG LIFE**

A feeling of intense excitement and profound regret spread over Marmora and Deloro last Saturday forenoon when it was learned that Jimmy Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Rice, had accidentally shot himself while duck hunting at Crowe Lake.

About 5 a.m. he motored to the lake with Ford Woodhouse, where they secured a boat and rowed to the southwest end of the lake, where there is a large bog sometimes frequented by ducks. The ducks were scarce but they succeeded in shooting one which fell in the bog. The boys leaned their guns against a log and went to hunt for the duck, but were unable to locate it. Jimmy was the first to return for his gun and he was hidden from his companion by the bushes. He took hold of the gun by the muzzle, and in some way it was accidentally discharged. The whole charge entered his abdomen on the left side passing upward in his body. Ford heard the discharge of the gun and the cry of agony and rushed to help his chum. The latter fainted and Ford, thinking he was dead, started on his way to the village, sick and heart-broken over the tragedy, to carry the sad news and secure assistance. It was a long row to the place where he had left his car and probably an hour elapsed before he reached Marmora. Mr. and Mrs. Rice, Provincial Constable Percy Gray, and the Coroner, Dr. Alger, of Stirling, were notified. Accompanied by Drs. Crawford and Thomson a party soon started for the scene of the accident in J.A. Shannon's motor boat.

Arriving at the bog Ford started to lead the party to where he had left his chum, but before they could see him they heard Jimmy call "here I am" While alone he had recovered consciousness and had made a desperate effort to get to dry land. As a result he had sunk in the mud up to his waist. After considerable difficulty he was extricated and carried to where they could lay him down. He was fully conscious and able to talk. He first wanted to know whether there was any chance of his recovery, and then his concern was for his mother and other members of his family

The Doctors gave him an opiate to ease his suffering. He was then brought down the lake by boat and rushed in Maret & Co's truck to Nicholl's Hospital, Peterborough, where he passed away shortly after entering it. Later in the day the remains were brought to Marmora and the Coroner was again notified. Owing to the fact that the deceased had been able to tell how the accident happened it was decided an inquest was not necessary.

The late James Rice was only seventeen years of age, but he had crowded as much of real living into that brief span as many do in twice the years. Full of abounding energy physically and mentally he was always doing something. He entered with zest into his work, his studies or his play. Quick to think, just as quick to act, and with a lot of originality one never knew just what he would plan next, but it was likely to be interesting. Full of fun and loving a joke his fun and jokes were the kind that caused a laugh instead of a sting or hurt.

Jimmy had made a splendid record in his school work. He had nearly completed his senior Matriculation and was ambitious to enter University. Last year he attended Belleville Collegiate Institute. He was a member of St. Paul's church and Sunday School and of the A.Y.P.A. He had been a member of Deloro Boy Scouts for a number of years and tried to live up to the Scout Motto. In amateur plays he had shown unusual dramatic ability and excelled as a comedian. He was known by nearly everyone in Marmora and Deloro and liked and admired. His untimely death cast a gloom over the community.

Besides his parents he is survived by two sisters, Evelyn and Kathleen, and one brother George.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon and was one more evidence of the place the departed held in the hearts of the people of the community. Only a small portion of those in attendance were able to crowd into St. Paul's church, where the funeral service was held. Many beautiful floral tributes had been received. Among the organizations sending them were Marmora Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 222, Deloro Smelting & Refining Co., Marmora Continuation School, the Engineering Dept. at Deloro, Deloro Boy Scouts and Cubs, St. Paul's Sunday School and A.Y.P.A., Madoc Chapter of the Eastern Star, St. Paul's Men's Club, the boys of Belleville Collegiate Institute, Canadian Chautauquas per Mrs. Carscallen. Both the Continuation and Public Schools closed on Monday afternoon as a result of resolutions passed by the Boards.

The funeral service was a very impressive one. The Rector, Rev. A.B. Caldwell, took the following passages for his text: For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways, My ways saith the Lord" Isa. 55:8, and "Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business" Luke 2:49. The message was one of faith.

A profound impression was caused by the reading of extracts from the diary of the deceased. Words that expressed his innermost life. "I will not touch liquor - I will keep the ten commandments." "I want to live right - to obey God's law - to keep the golden rule - to be physically and morally strong - to provide for my dear parents in their old age."

The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides marched in the funeral procession while the members of Jimmy's Sunday School class carried the floral tributes. At the graveside the Scouts repeated their ode in unison, while the Girl Guides sang "Taps." The bearers were George Thompson, John O'Neill, Ford Woodhouse, Tom Crawford, James Burridge and Tom Shannon.

September 24, 1931

**COLIN CHISHOLM**

A former popular resident of Marmora passed away under most distressing circumstances at his home on the 6th concession of Sidney last Thursday in the person of Colin Chisholm.

The deceased had been in poor health recently, but kept around assisting with the work on his farm. Thursday morning he went out to feed his pigs and when he had not returned to the house by noon his sister went to look for him and found him with his head in a whey barrel.

There was evidence that he had been sitting on a bag of feed along side the barrel and when he got up he fell striking his head on the barrel, as there was a bruise on the top of his head. The fact there was no whey or water in his lungs would also indicate that he had expired as he fell head first into the barrel. Dr. McMullen, of Frankford, was called and pronounced life extinct. The Provincial police investigated and decided an inquest was unnecessary.

The late Colin Chisholm was forty-three years of age and most of his life was spent on the Chisholm farm just south of the village. He was always very popular here, his kindly cheerful disposition winning him numerous friends.

He is survived by two brothers, Murney and Clarence and one sister, Miss Eliza Chisholm. He was unmarried.

The funeral was held Saturday forenoon, service being conducted at his home after which the remains were brought to Marmora Protestant cemetery for interment.

September 29, 1932

**EWART WARREN FACES****SERIOUS CHARGE**

The shooting of Dr. W. G. More, Toronto dentist, in his Lansdowne Ave. office, a couple of weeks ago aroused the same casual interest in the people of Marmora that it did in other places where the victim was an absolute stranger. The thought that in a Canadian city an honored citizen could be shot down in cold blood simply because he did not at once comply with the orders of a couple of hold up men came as a shock. The hope that the guilty parties might be brought to justice was general.

On Saturday, when it became known that the guilty parties had been arrested, that Dr. More had died of his wounds and that a former Marmora boy was alleged to have confessed to the shooting, the interest became intense.

The man referred to is Ewart G. Warren and his companion was his brother-in-law Harold Hicks. The two are alleged to have confessed to about half a dozen other hold-ups, extending over a couple of years and in some of which they obtained considerable sums of money, and yet apparently no one suspected them of the crimes.

Those who knew Ewart Warren from childhood, until the time he left Marmora, will find it hard to think of him as a desperado, although even as a lad he had some rather unusual mental kinks. He could be very prepossessing when he so desired and while he was inclined to be unruly and reckless he was never considered really bad. The fact that when he most needed a father's guidance and example his father was about the worst example a boy could have, may have had a good deal to do with the final shipwreck of his life.

Marmora has received a good deal of unenviable notoriety as a result of the arrest of Ewart G. Warren, a former Marmora boy, on a charge which has since been changed to one of murder. It is unfortunately one of the penalties of crime and wrong-doing that innocent relatives and others connected with the one who goes wrong often suffer more than the one who commits the crime. That, however, is no excuse for tearing away every veil of secrecy from those who may be connected with one who has become notorious through the committing of crime or in some other way.

The fact that Warren was associated with two others in an attempt to open a grave in Marmora a few years ago has been rehashed in every conceivable form and one Toronto evening paper went so far as to send down two or three representatives who visited the grave yard looking for some new angle to deal with and then hunted up the mother-in-law of the accused in the middle of the night and wrested from her much of the tragedy of her life.

In the opinion of a good many people the action of human ghouls in attempting to open a grave for the sake of imaginary treasure is less despicable than that of moral ghouls who dig for scandal and sensation to satisfy the vitiated appetite of a morbid section of the reading public.

There might be some justification for tracing the life of a criminal fairly fully and a warning might be served to others by pointing out the steps in the downward path that led to disaster. That is an entirely different thing to making the private life of innocent relatives a subject for gossip and speculation. Those who know the mother-in-law of Warren know the hell on earth through which she has had to pass through no fault of her own or of Warren's either. The fact that she had the misfortune to be the mother of the accused's wife was no reason for exhuming the heartbreaks, the shame and tragedies which time was gradually burying, at least from the public gaze.

Since the foregoing was written considerable grim humor has been injected into the tragedy by the Toronto Star's touching interview with Robert Warren in the Don jail. In the case of those who know Robert Warren it was The Star that was "touched" and not the readers. The only Warren of all the branches of the family that was considered a disgrace to the name and the community from which he came, his vows to support the widow and her child didn't count for much. Those who have known him for years remember how he vowed to care for another woman and how he deserted her and left a large family of young children for her or some one else to support. And then to think how the old reprobate, with his insatiable love of the limelight worked The Star for such a string of sob stuff.

October 20, 1932



**PAID THE PENALTY**

Ewart G. Warren suffered the extreme penalty for the killing of Dr. More, Toronto dentist, when he was hanged in Toronto jail last Friday morning. All reports of the execution indicate that Warren had truly repented and found the peace and forgiveness which came to the dying thief as he hung of the cross so long ago on Calvary's hill. The tragedy is that so many wait until facing death before seeking a Saviour. Warren went to his fate singing and praying and apparently without a sign of fear.

February 9, 1933

#### FOUR KILLED BY TRAIN

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Rev. M. F. Leddy, who recently became Minister at the North Marmora Standard Church, with his wife and Rev. A. B. Carson and his son Asa, aged 13 of Bancroft were instantly killed when the automobile in which they were driving was struck by a Canadian Pacific Railway freight train at Elmtree crossing near Arden, Ont. The crossing is a very dangerous one and is known as "The Devil's Elbow."

As far as is known there were no eyewitnesses of the tragedy unless it was some of the train officials. Rev. Mr. Leddy was driving the car, which was travelling south, and drove on the track in front of the oncoming train so that the auto was struck broadside by the engine of the train and completely wrecked. The bodies, with the exception of Mr. Leddy, were hurled a considerable distance from the crossing while he was carried along with the debris of the auto.

The party had been attending a camp meeting of the Standard church and were on their way home when the accident occurred. They intended to stop for dinner at the home of Mr. Ben Hayes, a brother of Mrs. Leddy, who lived about a mile from the scene of the accident. He was notified and arrived as soon as possible at the scene.

Mr. Thos. Pritchard and Mr. Thos. Potts were just having dinner at Arden, when announcement of the tragedy was received. They hurried to the fatal crossing and were able to help identify the deceased. Rev. Mr. Carson had driven down from Bancroft with Mr. Pritchard on a number of occasions when the latter was returning from his business trips to the northern part of the county. The train crew state that the whistle was blowing and the bell ringing when the accident occurred, and that the train was travelling slowly. Some rather doubted the latter part of the statement as the train is said to have travelled about 1200 feet after the brakes were applied and the sand began to pour out on the rails.

The late Mr. and Mrs. Leddy are survived by two children, a boy and a girl. The children were left with friends at North Marmora so they could continue to attend school while their parents were away. The deceased has only been in Marmora a comparatively short time, but had won the respect and good will of those who had come to know them by their sincerity and interest in their work.

Rev. and Mrs. Leddy were burried at Arden on Sunday and a number from Marmora went there for the funeral. Rev. Mr. Carson and son were burried in Madoc on Monday.

June 1, 1933

**HUGH CRAWFORD  
FATALLY BURNED**

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Residents of Marmora village were shocked Sunday morning when it became known that Hugh Crawford had been discovered about 4 o'clock that morning by Elias Spry in his blazing automobile, near the Spry residence, and dragged from the car after he had been very badly burned around the upper part of the body. Crawford thanked his rescuer for saving his life and was able to walk around after the accident, but the doctors who examined him realized from the first that there was no hope of his recovery.

It was one of the fatal tragedies the complete details of which will never be known. An inquest was held in Belleville on Monday morning with Coroner Dr. Tennant of that city presiding. After hearing evidence by Geo. Forestell, Provincial Constables Gray and Campbell, Elias Spry, Dr. H. Crawford, F. Lee and James Fourar, the latter two being neighbours of Mr. Spry, the jury brought in a verdict of accidental death.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford had planned to motor to Peterborough Saturday night. Shortly before the time they were to start Mr. Crawford left home and as he did not return Mrs. Crawford became anxious, but no one knew where he had gone. Apparently he had driven down to the 14th concession of Rawdon and parked his car there. When found the car was in low gear with the brakes on. He appeared to have lain down on the back seat of the car, with his feet sticking out of the window in one of the doors, and started to smoke. The theory is that he fell asleep and dropped the cigarette on the floor of the car setting it on fire. The mystery is why he did not awaken when the flames reached him as he was so badly burned. According to the evidence at the inquest the deceased had secured a gallon of wine on Saturday and consumed most of it and the effects may have kept him from getting out of the car when the fire started.

Mrs. Elias Spry noticed the fire and aroused her husband, who rushed out thinking the garage was on fire. By strenuous efforts he got Crawford out of the car and an alarm was then sent to Marmora as soon as possible. Provincial Officer Percy Gray, Constable Gillen and Dr. H. Crawford hurried down and it was decided to remove the injured man to the hospital. He was able to walk to Mr. P. Gray's car and from it to the hospital, after their arrival in Belleville. He was examined by Dr. Stobie and soon after collapsed and it was realized that his injuries were fatal. He passed away about 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The late Hugh Crawford was born in Marmora forty one years ago and had lived here all his life. For years he had conducted a garage business and was a skillful mechanic. For the past few years he had been in partnership with his nephew, Mr. Joe Murray. The deceased had a wide circle of relatives and friends. He had one handicap, a craving for alcohol which at times was beyond his control and caused him to do things which under normal conditions he would not have thought of doing. His friends felt it was his misfortune rather than his fault and his other admirable qualities retained their good will. He was a member of Sacred Heart church. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Agnes McGrath, and two sisters, Mrs. Richard O'Connor, of Marmora, and Mrs. J. N. Bacon, of Peterboro.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning in Sacred Heart church, Requiem Mass being conducted by Rev. Father J. J. Keeley. The funeral was one of the largest seen in Marmora in a long time and there were also a very large number of spiritual and floral offerings. Interment took place in Sacred Heart cemetery. The bearers were Messrs. Joseph Callery, Marshall McCoy, Alphonse Shannon, Joseph Shannon, William Darrah and Sandy Rombough.

June 29, 1933

**WILLIAM J. McFAUL**

After a lingering illness William J. McFaul passed away last Thursday afternoon at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Arthur Pitts, Huntingdon township (near Madoc). He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robt. McFaul, of Belmont township, and owned the farm on which his parents were married and lived for most of their lives. His mother's maiden name was Martha McCarter, and some of the older residents will remember the series of tragedies in her family when her father was drowned in Crowe Lake, a brother was killed by a fall from a horse, another died within a short time, and as a result her mother died of shock and grief (sometimes spoken of as a broken heart.)

The late W.J. McFaul was 43 years of age and was unmarried. He worked at the Madoc talc mines for about seven years and then went to Windsor, where he worked for a short time. While in Windsor he suffered an attack of pneumonia. It was found his lungs had been affected by the years he worked in the talc mill and he never recovered fully from his illness. The Saturday before his death his condition became very critical and relatives were summoned but he lingered until Thursday afternoon. The deceased was popular with his fellow workmen and those who came to know him well. He was an Anglican in religion and a member of Marmora Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 222.

Two brothers survive - Alex McFaul, of Marmora township, and Robert, of Belmont township. He is also survived by five sisters - Mrs. D. McQuigge, of Toronto; Mrs. H. Leal, of Windsor; Mrs. Arthur Pitts, of Madoc; Mrs. J. D. Cartwright, of Belmont; and Mrs. L.E. Neal, of Marmora township.

The funeral left the residence of his sister, Mrs. Arthur Pitts, Madoc, on Sunday and proceeded to St. Paul's Anglican church, Marmora, for service which was conducted by Rural Dean Rev. A.B. Caldwell. The lesson was read by the Right Rev. John Lyons, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese. About thirty members of Marmora Lodge and a number from Madoc Lodge attended the service in Masonic regalia. Interment took place in the family plot in Marmora cemetery with Rev. A.B. Caldwell officiating. The Masonic burial service was conducted by Rt. Wor. Bro. C.H. Buskard and Wor. Bro. L.K. Crawford. The pall bearers were Bros. J.S. Jones, W.J. Pack, M. Lavender, W.J. Barlow, G. Woodhouse and W.J. Cottrell.

Another tragedy occurred on Monday when James Leonard fell in a well on his farm, lot 1, concession 2, Marmora township. The well was about six feet deep with about 18 inches of water in it. He was watering the stock when the accident happened. He had watered the cows and then took a team of horses to water. The covering over the well had become rotten and was also wet from water which had been pumped. It is surmised that Mr. Leonard slipped on the wet boards, which broke under him, and struck his head and shoulder heavily on the broken plank or the side of the well. Because of the injury to his head and shoulder a post mortem was held and an inquest will be held next Friday.

About 4. p.m. a neighbor, Mrs. Jos Peever, noticed the horses acting in an unusual manner and sent her son, Russell, over to find out if there was anything wrong. He found Mr. Leonard lying in the well and went for his father and Mr. Chas Cook, who removed the body from the well and notified Drs. H. Crawford and M. Wellman and County Constable Percy Gray, of Marmora. Dr. H. H. Alger, Coroner of Stirling, was also notified.

The latter ordered an inquest and the following were summoned to attend as a Coroner's jury: Geo. Forestell (Foreman), Geo. Aunger, C. A. Lummiss, Wm. McCoy, Wilson Thompson, Ed. Bailey and Stan Redcliff. After viewing the remains the inquest was adjourned until Wednesday, Nov. 14th in the town hall. Crown Attorney B. C. Donnan was also notified and instructed Dr. M. Wellman to conduct a post mortem. The results will not be known until evidence is taken at the inquest but it is rumored that little or no water was found in the lungs of the deceased.

The late James Leonard was 77 years of age and was a widower, his wife had predeceased him in May, 1927. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard and lived with his son Mr. Chas. Leonard, on the farm on which he was born. The latter worked on the highway and the deceased did most of the chores while his son was at work. The late Mr. Leonard is survived by six sons and four daughters, as follows: William, Marmora; John and Charles, Marmora township; James, Port Arthur, Stephen and Bert, Kitchener; Mrs. Ed. Flynn, Marmora; Mrs. F. W. Wigmore and Mrs. Robt. Nelson, Vancouver, B.C. and Sara, Marmora township. He is also survived by one sister Mrs. Wm. Hamilton, Sault Ste. Marie.

The funeral will be held this afternoon leaving his late residence at 1:30 p.m. and proceeding to St. Paul's Anglican Church, Marmora, for service, interment will follow in Marmora Protestant cemetery.

November 8, 1934

**WM. SMITH SHOT HIMSELF**

A shocking tragedy occurred last evening when William Smith, son of Mr. Harry Smith, of Deloro, shot himself. At about 11:15, the time the shooting took place, the deceased was in the rear seat of a Ford Coach, driven by his brother, Simeon. Gordon Stewart was in the front seat with the driver and they had started towards Deloro. The car stalled on the intersection of Burstall and Matthew streets and then the shot rang out. Constable Percy Gray and Mr. E.C. Prentice were in the Post Office at the time and rushed to the scene of the tragedy. The victim was still breathing when they reached the car and he was rushed to Dr. Crawford's office, but passed away before reaching that place. A 44.40 rifle was used and the bullet entered Smith's heart and came out through his back.

Various rumors are in circulation as to the reason for the rash act, but apparently the deceased had spoken of ending his life a number of times in the past few days, but was not taken seriously by his companions. His brother and Stewart claim they took the gun from him once last evening, but even then they did not know it was loaded or think he really intended to use it. He had been working for Deloro S.&R. Co. Ltd.

Provincial Officer J. Kelly, of Belleville and Dr. Eagleson, Coroner of Madoc, were called. After learning the particulars as far as possible it was decided no inquest was necessary. When the gun was examined by Constable Gray it was found to only contain the one empty shell and there were no shells in the magazine.

The deceased had been popular with a large number of young friends.

The funeral will leave the residence of his father, Mr. Harry Smith, Deloro, at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 3rd. and proceed to St. Paul's church, Marmora, for service, after which interment will take place in Marmora Protestant cemetery.

November 1, 1934

**FUNERAL OF WILLIAM SMITH**

The funeral of the late William Smith of Deloro, left the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, for service at St. Paul's Church. The church was overfilled with sympathizing friends and a large number were unable to gain admittance. The old consoling hymns of the church, were sung - Rock of Ages, Nearer, my God to Thee, and Abide with Me. Choosing as his text "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid; ye believe in God, believe also in me" John 14:1, Rural Dean A. B. Caldwell discoursed impressively upon the need of belief in immortality. The deceased young man was laid to rest in Marmora Protestant Cemetery with many beautiful floral emblems surmounting the grave. The bearers were Wilfred Fenn, Keith Fenn, Leo Doyle, George O'Neill, jr., Gerald Warren and Michael Callery. Out of town relatives present were his uncle William, Manvers Township, his uncle John, King, Ont., and his aunt, Mrs. Rose Smith, Toronto.

November 15, 1934



**WILLIAM SMITH INQUEST**

The inquest in connection with the death of the late William Smith, of Deloro, was held in the Council Chamber last Friday afternoon with Coroner Dr. Eagleson, of Madoc, presiding. B. C. Donnan, K.C., County Crown Attorney, conducted the examination of witnesses and an official stenographer kept a record of the proceedings. Reporters were present from the Toronto Daily Star and the Belleville Ontario Intelligencer and also an officer of the Provincial Police force, as well as County Constable Percy Gray, who had summoned the various witnesses. The setting was complete for a sensational inquest, but no new evidence or anything of a startling nature was brought out.

Eleven witnesses were called and their combined evidence gave a pretty full account of the actions of the deceased on the day of the tragedy. Harold Nobes told of working on the night shift with Smith at Deloro on the night previous and of waiting until the deceased was ready to come to Marmora about 9 o'clock in the morning. Later they went back to Shannick returning during the afternoon. Nobes also saw Smith in the evening and he appeared quite normal on all occasions. Miss Jean Fern gave evidence of a friendship with the deceased over a period of about a year, going with him to dances and other affairs, etc. She told of him calling for her about 7 o'clock on Halloween, when she informed him she had made plans to go out with Marmora friends in costume during the evening. She related how the deceased had followed her from place to place during the evening and how he gradually showed the effects of drinking and finally showed her a rifle and told her "You're going to get it."

Other witnesses were Constable Percy Gray, Dr. H. Crawford, Miss Iva Phillips and Messrs. Clifford Spry, Edward Warren, Ralph Campion, Simeon Smith, Gordon Stewart and E.C. Prentice. The Coroner, after the close of the inquest, remarked on the candid and straightforward manner in which the witnesses gave their evidence so that there was no suspicion of any material evidence being withheld.

**WILLIAM SMITH INQUEST**

The evidence of Simeon Smith, brother of the deceased, was particularly helpful to the jury in arriving at their verdict. He gave a full outline of both his own actions and those of his brothers, as far as he knew them, during the evening and just preceeding the shooting. When the witness and Gordon Stewart entered the car William Smith was at the wheel. They stopped near Ralph Campion and Jean Fenn and the deceased first talked to the latter and when Campion attempted to reason with him Smith struck at Campion and knocked his hat off. The witness told the latter to beat it. Simeon also told of his brother drinking two bottles of beer and throwing the bottles out of the car. He then said for "some one to drive this crate" and got into the back seat. The first time he threatened to use the gun Simeon took it from him. The car stalled on the corner of Matthew and Burstall streets and when witness turned around his brother was leaning back with the butt of the rifle against the back of the front seat and the muzzle against his breast. The former grabbed the gun by the stalk and the barrel and attempted to get it away when it was discharged, the bullet entering William Smith's body just over his heart and coming through his back to the right of the spine. The bullet also went through the rear window of the car and was not found.

Constable Gray and Mr. E.C. Prentice gave evidence of reaching the car just after the shooting and described the position of the body and other details. Mr. Gray also produced the gun, the empty shell, and unused shell taken from the pocket of the victim, the two beer bottles which had been thrown from the car and other exhibits. Dr. Crawford gave brief evidence as to the apparent cause of death, etc.

Following the evidence the jury brought in a verdict that the deceased came to his death as the result of a gunshot wound delivered by an act of his own hand.

November 15, 1934

**FACES SERIOUS CHARGE**

As a result of the unfortunate accident on Christmas Eve in which Leo Arno was fatally injured, Provincial Constables Ervine and Kelly again visited Marmora on Saturday to complete their investigation of circumstances connected with the accident. George Vilneff, jr. was taken into custody on a charge of manslaughter, which was afterwards reduced to one of criminal negligence. He appeared before Magistrate E.J. Butler, K.C., the police charging that he was driving the automobile at the time of the accident. He was remanded until next Monday, without being asked to plead. Bail was fixed at \$5000.00 and was arranged, the accused returning home with his father.

An inquest will be held in Belleville on Thursday evening, when a number of witnesses will be heard. It is alleged that both Arno and Vilneff had consumed a quantity of wine and that a quantity of wine was found in the car. As they were both only eighteen years of age it opens up another phase of the matter to be investigated.

They started to motor to Madoc and it was while they were returning to Marmora the accident occurred. About six miles east of Marmora the car left the road and the right side of the car crashed against the side of the rock cut. Both front and back fenders were about demolished, the side of the car was damaged and bent, the door and the top was twisted and damaged. The auto looked to be a bad wreck, but was able to proceed to the village under its own power and it is estimated the cost of the repairs will not be very high. The serious part was the injuries to Arno, who suffered a bad scalp wound and broke his neck.

January 3, 1935

**CHARGES AGAINST GEORGE****VILNEFF WERE WITHDRAWN**

The inquest to enquire into the death of Leo Renard, known locally as Leo Arno, was held in Belleville on Thur. and Fri. of last week. When the inquest opened on Thursday evening Mrs. John Quinn, Marion Doyle, Dr. Stobie of Belleville, Dr. Hamilton Crawford, County Constable Percy Gray and Mr. Jas Bell were called as witnesses.

When George Vilneff was called Mr. C.A. Payne, K. C., arose and stated that he was appearing on behalf of Vilneff and that the latter had a charge of criminal negligence against him so he could not be compelled to give evidence. Crown Attorney B.C. Donnan, K.C., stated that he had no intention of doing anything that would prejudice the case of Vilneff or injure him in any way. When Mr. Payne still objected Mr. Donnan requested the Coroner, Dr. R.W. Tennent, to adjourn the inquest until the following day.

Arrangements were then made to have George Vilneff appear before the Magistrate at 10 a.m. on Friday, when all charges against him were dismissed and his bondsmen were released. Vilneff was then instructed to appear at the inquest where he was required to give evidence.

The evidence of Mrs. Quinn outlined the trip to Marmora with Arno or Rennard driving her husbands car. George Vilneff met with them. She went to Marett's store to shop and told the deceased she would be ready to start for home between 9:30 and 10 o'clock, that was on Christmas eve. When she was ready to go home Arno was not around and she went to look for him but did not see him again until he was taken to Dr. Crawford's office when he said he didn't know what had happened after he got in the car. He also said "don't blame anyone, wine got the best of me" Mrs. Quinn also told of raising Rennard from a boy of eight and explained why they changed his name to Arno.

Miss Marion Doyle told of seeing Arno and Vilneff in Mr. John Quinn's car and of them starting out when they changed seats and Vilneff started to drive.

Dr. Stobie and Dr. Crawford described the injuries suffered by the deceased and the cause of death, which was due to a fracture of the vertebra and the severing of the spinal cord.

Constable Percy Gray had eight photographs taken at the rock cut about six miles east of Marmora where the accident occurred. He gave a very clear description of the manner in which the accident apparently occurred. He also told of questioning Vilneff and the latter claiming Arno was driving and going very fast when the accident occurred. He did not see any evidence of drinking on the part of Vilneff. No wine was found in the car but someone had been sick in it. Vilneff had later admitted that he was driving the car.

Jas. Bell gave evidence of purchasing the wine. He stated he thought it was for John Quinn, and that when Arno told him Mr. Quinn was not in Marmora he refused to give him the wine and told him not to take it out of witness' car. In spite of that he discovered later in the evening that the wine was gone and suspected Arno had taken it. He did not see the latter again until the day of his funeral.

On Thursday George Vilneff gave his evidence. He told the jury that Leo Arno had been drinking and that he was driving him around to sober him up when the accident occurred. He was sure that Arno lurched against him as he was returning from a drive out the Madoc highway and that he lost control of the car sending it against a rock cut, Arno being thrown clear of the car. He told of bringing the injured boy back to Marmora, and testified that Arno on different occasions during the night of December 24th, was nauseated from the wine he had been drinking. The witness stated he was travelling thirty miles per hour at the time of the accident and that he applied the brakes but thought that hitting the rock did more to stopping the car than his brakes. Asked if he had been drinking that night the witness said "Not at any time."

Without leaving their places the jury brought in the following verdict: "We the jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Leo Renard find that he died in the Belleville General Hospital on December 27th, 1934, from injuries received in an automobile accident on highway 7.

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