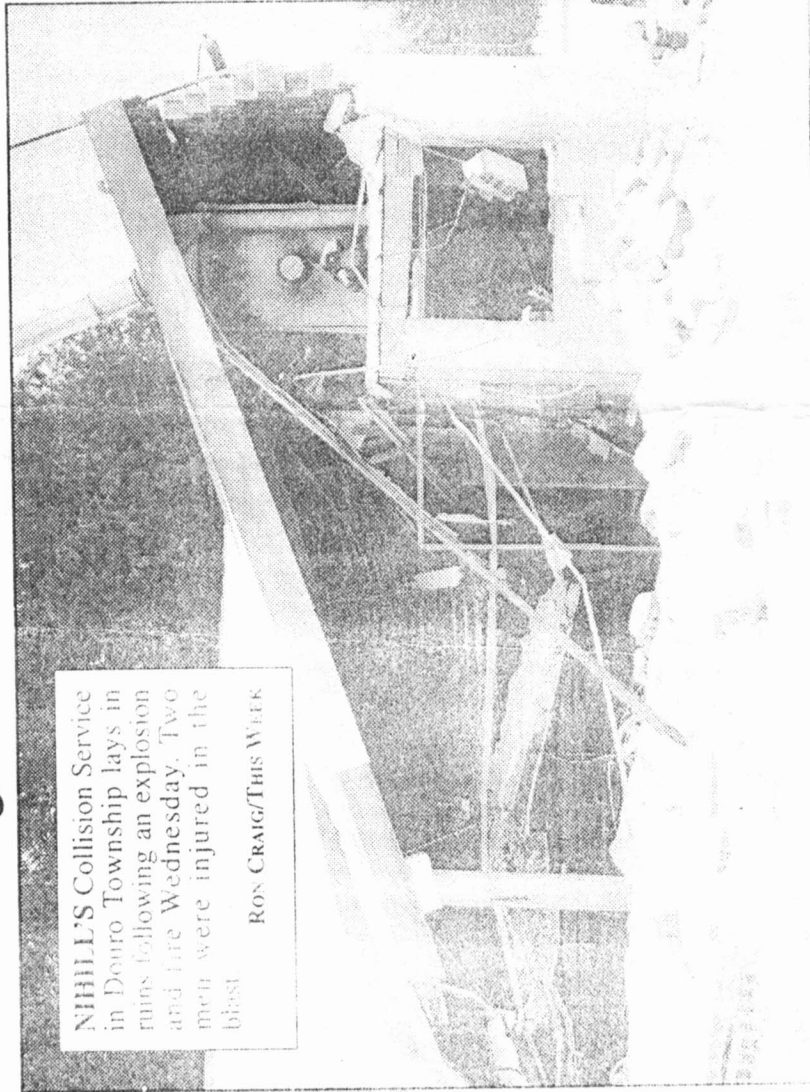


"They were lucky to get out alive"



NIBHILL'S Collision Service in Douro Township lays in ruins following an explosion and fire Wednesday. Two men were injured in the blast.

ROX CRAIG/THIS WEEK

A man was treated for burns after an explosion and fire late Wednesday afternoon at Nihill's Collision Service in Douro Township.

Robert Nihill, 55, and his son-in-law, Tim Hendren, 25, were both injured in the blast that occurred inside the shop.

Mr. Nihill was still in Civic Hospital's emergency department Thursday but his injuries are not believed to be major.

He could not be reached for comment at the hospital.

Mr. Hendren was treated at hospital for minor burns, and released.

"They were lucky to get out alive," says

Mike Keough, chief of the Douro Township fire department.

"They were very fortunate. It didn't take us long to get it out but there

were still some hot spots." Mr. Keough says there was "extensive" damage to the building, located on Bradfield Road near Douro just east of County Road 4.

Kawartha OPP say the explosion occurred around 5 p.m. when Mr. Nihill was using an air ratchet to remove the gas tank from a van in the shop for repairs.

Both the Ministry of Labour and the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office have been notified.

No definitive cause for the explosion has yet been determined.

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MRS. EVELYN FLORA GOUGH

The following obituary taken from The Okotoks Review was forwarded to us by Mrs. W. J. Huntingford of Wainwright, Alta., and is very much appreciated.

Okotoks lost another well known and highly respected resident and one who had many friends throughout the district on Monday afternoon, December 8, when Mrs. Evelyn Flora Gough, widow of the late Frank Gough who died in 1939, passed away at the Holy Cross Hospital after a short illness.

The late Mrs. Gough was a daughter of the Midnapore pioneers the late Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Shaw. She was born in Rochester, Kent, and came across the prairies to Midnapore by oxcart with her parents in 1883.

In 1886 she was married and moved on to her husband's farm near Okotoks where they resided up to the time of Mr. Gough's death after which she moved to town.

She was a member of the Anglican church, the Southern Alberta Pioneers' and Old Timers' Association and a past regent of the Colonel Wyndham Chapter, I. O. D. E.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. F. J. Nihill, Marmora, Ont., Mrs. E. G. Lacey, of Okotoks and Helen, of Calgary; three sons, Vivian, of Midnapore, Gerald and Hugh, of Okotoks, and 12 grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Malcolm Millar, of Millarville, Mrs. R. Thomas, of Calgary, and Mrs. R. Goodall, of Coronation; three brothers, Hugh and Maltman, of Midnapore and York, of Calgary.

The funeral service was held at St. Peter's Church at 2 p. m. on Wednesday and was conducted by Rev. G. W. Lang and Rev. J. H. Oriel and was attended by a large number of friends, including many old timers. Rev. Mr. Oriel in speaking a few words, alluded to Mrs. Gough's long connection with the church and what a faithful and devout attendant she was at early morning services especially.

At the conclusion of the service here the cortege proceeded to the church at Midnapore, where Ven. Archdeacon Tims officiated at the graveside ceremony, interment taking place in the cemetery there.

The pall bearers were the three sons of the deceased lady and her three brothers. It had been her wish expressed at one time that her three sons should act as her pall bearers.

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AUCTION SALE

Mr. Frank Nihill has instructed the undersigned Auctioneer to sell by public auction on lot 7, con. 2, Belmont Twp. on Wednesday, April 26th the following valuable property. Cattle (all T.B. tested), 3 horses, Farm Machinery, hay, etc. Sale commences at 2 p.m. Terms - Cash. FRANK NIHILL, Owner
F. S. JOHNSTON, Auctioneer

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Old Man River Claims Father of Five Children

A happy family picnic was transformed into tragedy on Sunday evening when 47-year-old Carlos Robert Nihill was drowned in sight of his wife and five children near the Macleod-Calgary highway bridge a mile north of town. Attempting to swim in a calm backwater of the river, he was seized with cramps, and called for help. His wife and 15-year-old son Willard attempted to rescue him, but not being able to swim, were unable to do so.

The occupants of a passing car attempted to help. Constable Bradshaw, R.C.M.P., and 17-year-old Bud Weaver arrived from town, and quickly located the body and tried artificial respiration, with Dr. W. H. A. Gordon present, but it was unavailing. Deceased had been under water approximately 30 minutes.

Besides his wife, one son Willard 15; and four daughters survive, Leah 11, Jean 6, Delma 4 & Shela 1½. Three brothers & one sister also survive, Frank in Ontario, Clinton of Glenwood, Leo of Calgary and Mrs. Mary Couillard also of Calgary. Deceased farmed for many years in this district and came to Macleod from Ontario in 1918. For some time he has been employed by the provincial Department of Public Works here and was bailiff for Macleod district.

Two young Macleod men, one a strong swimmer, with their wives out for a drive turned off to the west at the bridge approach. Had they gone over the bridge, they would have probably saved the deceased. They first became

aware of the accident by seeing the arrival of cars at the bridge.

It was in July 1941 that Allen C. Barr a youth of 19 was drowned just west of the highway bridge.

FUNERAL SERVICE

At the largely attended funeral service held Wednesday afternoon in Trinity United church, Rev. H. Peters of Granum delivered a comforting message to the bereaved family through his sermon, and through his prayers. He especially urged that members of the community be as the hands and voice of God, imparting to the family, courage, hope and sympathy. "In the days of loneliness and loss that lie ahead, we would commend them to the mercy of God" was the minister's concluding dedication.

All available space within, and the grounds surrounding the church were filled with persons who had known the deceased and his family for many years. Many beautiful floral tributes graced the altar and covered the casket which was borne by Roddy Hilliard, Arnold Jordan, Ron Campbell, Lloyd Anderson, Jack Anderson, Patrick Stapleton, Jr.

Mrs. A. K. McLean was organist, and accompanied Mrs. Jamison who sang as a solo, "Forever with the Lord." Hymns sung were "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Nearer My God to Thee."

Burial was in Macleod cemetery.

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OBITUARY

FUNERAL OF MRS. ANNIE NIHILL

The funeral took place on Monday morning from the Holy Cross church, of Mrs. Annie Nihill, wife of Robert Nihill, farmer of the Mud Lake district, who died at the Galt Hospital, Lethbridge, on Friday, July 9th. Mrs. Nihill was 57 years of age, and was born at Marmora, Hastings County, Ontario, at which place Mr. and Mrs. Nihill were married in August of 1899. The Nihill family came west in April of 1918 and located in the Mud Lake district, having purchased the farm where they now reside. Mrs. Nihill suffered from an attack of 'flu about Easter this year, from the effects of which with other complications setting in, she succumbed on Friday. The deceased lady was very highly respected by a large circle of friends and neighbors, and their sympathy goes out to the bereaved family in their great loss. Mrs. Nihill is survived by her husband, one daughter Mrs. L. Couillard of Mud Lake, and four sons. The funeral services today were conducted by the Rev. Father Murphy of Lethbridge, in the absence of Father Ross of the Holy Cross church. The pall bearers were D. Cyr, J. M. Smith, F. W. Butcher, G. Sheffield, P. Stapleton and J. Jordan. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

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Doyle family on the move

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Doyle flew to Calgary, June 16, to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Doyle, and grandson, Grant. Also, Mrs. Eileen Nihill who went on a bus tour with them through the mountains for six days, also visited relatives at Lethbridge and MacLeod. They also visited Joe Bertrand at Edmonton, who they hadn't seen in over 30 years, and visited at Brandon returning with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Doyle and Laurie of that city, who were coming east on a holiday to visit relatives at Ottawa and Marmora.

The Doyles left Monday for Brandon, also visiting this weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gerard were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Doyle and family of Orangeville. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Doyle and family of Orono Mr. and Mrs. Ron Doyle and family of Stirling.

(MARCH 4, 1909)

Mr. Louis Reynolds is leaving Marmora to start farming on Mr. E. Nihill's farm in Marmora Township. Squire Nihill will live with his sons in Dakota where they are farming and ranching on a large scale. Mr. Nihill has always been a sturdy citizen and being one of our oldest pioneers will be greatly missed here.

burial for Nihill

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ROBERT NIHILL DIES FOLLOWING OPERATION

The death of Robert Nihill occurred at St. Michael's Hospital on Tuesday night, after an operation performed on Saturday for goitre.

The deceased reached his 65th year on August 1. He came from Ontario about 10 years ago and started farming in the Mud Lake district.

He is survived by four sons, Carl, Frank, Clinton (Macleod) and Leo of Foremost, and one daughter, Mrs. R. Couillard of Macleod. His wife predeceased him about six years ago.

The funeral service will be held at 10 o'clock on Saturday forenoon at Holy Cross church. Burial will be in the Holy Cross cemetery.

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Fort Macleod Gazette
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Thomas Leo Nihill of Nanton died in Calgary Foot-hills Hospital on April 15, 1981 after an illness of four months. He had lived at Nanton since August 1, 1979.

The deceased was born at Marmora, Ontario on November 2, 1910. He came west and received his education at Fort Macleod and Claresholm public schools, before attending Calgary Normal School in 1927-28. Mr. Nihill was also a graduate of Mount Royal Business College in 1941. He was employed at the Royal Bank of Canada, and later with Sunlife Assurance as an agent, and also in office work.

He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion No. 1 branch Calgary for 28 years, and served as C.M.S.C. staff sergeant, M.D. 13 Canadian Army Active Service from 1941 to 1946.

Thomas Nihill was married to Madge Rehill of Paradise Valley, Alberta, in 1941 at Edmonton. Survivors include his widow of Nanton, one son Wayne Francis Nihill also of Nanton, a sister Mrs. R.G. (Mary) Couillard of Calgary, and a brother Clint Nihill of Lethbridge. Mr. Nihill was predeceased by two brothers, Carl and Frank.

The funeral service was held at The Garden Chapel, Calgary with Padre Christmas of No. 1 Branch of Calgary Legion in charge. Terry Nihill was organist.

Pallbearers were Willard Nihill, Kenneth Nihill, Robert Nihill Patrick Nihill, Schott. Burial was in the Field of Honour at Queen's Park.

In lieu of flowers, if so desired donations may be made to the Trustee's Field of Honour (1975), Southern Alberta Branch, 1609 Kensington Road N.W. Calgary, Alta. T2N 3R2., or to the charity of your choice.

Funeral Services

PATRICK NIHILL

Funeral services for Patrick Nihill, 87, of Lewistown, were held this morning at 10 o'clock from St. Leo's church with burial in Philbrook cemetery. The Rev. Fr. Conway officiated.

Pallbearers were Charles Nicholson, Shroeder Mathews, Jack Newton, Jack Martin, Fred Mathews, and Walter O'Brien.

Mr. Nihill, a pioneer resident of Fergus county, died Tuesday morning at St. Joseph's hospital following a brief illness due to an injured hip and the infirmities of old age.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Trudeau of Spokane, Wash., and Mrs. Kathleen Iverson of Sedro Woolley, Wash.; two sons, Albert Nihill of Great Falls and Thomas Nihill of Los Angeles, Calif.; eight grandchildren, two sisters and a brother.

Mr. Nihill was born in Marmora, Ontario, Canada Feb. 1, 1864, the son of Edward and Margaret Nihill. He first came to Fergus county in 1891 at the age of 27 and remained here the remainder of his life.

He was married in 1896 in Lewistown to Anne Nicholson who died in 1916. He was married again in 1920 to Shirley Samuel in Fort Benton. His second wife died in January, 1934.

Mr. Nihill was long a prominent citizen of Central Montana. He lived for many years on a big ranch on Ross's Fork west of Moore and was a sheep stockman. He served several terms as mayor of Moore and also operated hotels in Utica and Stanford. At one time he drove the stage from Denton to Lewistown.

Mr. Nihill is credited with bringing the first telephone to Montana. He was interested in the townsite companies along the Great Northern railroad and one townsite in eastern Wheatland county was named for him.

For the past two years Mr. Nihill had made his home in the Fergus hotel.

68-year old dies

A 68-year-old Marmora area resident died as his house burned down around him Tuesday.

James F. (Frank) Nihill, of the Blairton Side Road, on the lower end of Crowe Lake, was found by Campbellford OPP and Havelock firemen.

Fire Marshall Paul McKerracher of Belleville and Coroner Dr. L. D. Patterson of Hastings investigated and ruled out foul play.

Cause of the blaze has not been announced.

A neighbor, Mrs. Violet Coles, reported the fire.

Mr. Nihill is survived by his wife, three sons (Glen and Garry of Bowmanville and Robert of Peterborough) and one daughter (Helen of Calgary).

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MARRIED

NIHILL — JACQUES

The marriage was solemnized at Sacred Heart Church, on Saturday, May 21st, when Sheila Clare Jacques, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jacques of Marmora Township, became the bride of Francis Glenn Nihill, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Nihill, of Havelock.

Rev. Father W. P. Healey officiated at the Nuptial Mass.

The bridesmaid was Miss Martha Ann Jacques, sister of the bride, and the groomsmen were Robert Nihill, brother of the groom.

Guests were present from Havelock, Ottawa, Hamilton, Toronto and Marmora.

The young couple will reside at Blairton.

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