FATAL AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT OCCURS IN DUMMER TOWNSHIP

 Miss Helen Pearce Fatally Injured When Car Overturns Near Stoney Lake

Fatally injured in an automobile accident which occurred in Dummer Township while on her way to her summer home at Crowe's Landing, Stoney Lake, on Sunday, Miss Helen G. Pearce, a life long resident of Norwood, succumbed on Sunday evening at Nicholls Hospital, Peterborough. Miss Pearce, with her brother Charles, who was driving, started out from here Sunday morning to open up their cottage at Crowe's Landing for the summer. Within a short distance of their destination, while driving down to Burnham Lodge on the 9th Line, the driver lost control of the car at the foot of a sharp treacherous hill and the machine swerved off the road and into the ditch rolling completely over. Mr. Pearce was uninjured but he found his sister lying crumpled up some 12 feet away from the car, having ostensibly been thrown through the right front window of the car, sustaining a severe fracture at the base of the skull. Mr. Pearce hastened to the nearest farm, the home of Archie Miles, to summon help and the injured woman was made as comfortable as possible pending the arrival of Dr. N. F. Sutton and Tedford & McEachnie's Ambulance from Norwood. She was later taken to Peterborough, where she passed away late that evening without regaining consciousness. Miss Pearce's dog "Ruddy" went with her in the ambulance to Peterborough, while "Rex", Mr. Pearce's dog refused to leave the car and stayed with the wreckage all day. Coroner Dr. Herbert Young held a post mortem and ordered an inquest which will be held in Police Court, Peterborough, this (Thursday) evening.

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CHAS. P. PEARCE EXONERATED AT INQUEST IN PETERBOROUGH As a result of the verdict of the jury empaneled by Coroner Herbert Young of

Peterborough for an inquest into the death of Miss Helen G. Pearce, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident on the Clarina Hill near Stoney Lake on the 9th Line of Dummer on Sunday, the 9th inst., Charles P. Pearce, driver of the car was exonerated from all blame. Acting Crown Attorney F. D. Kerr, K.C., conducted the examination of the many witnesses, most of whom testified as to the dangerous nature of the hill and a culvert at the foot of the grade where the car left the road and somersaulted into the ditch. In returning their verdict under the foreman ship of Frank H. Dawson of Peterborough, the jury recommended "that the Township Council take immediate steps to have the road made safe for traffic". The accident was attributed by the jury, "to faulty construction of the road and lack of danger signals".

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HELEN G. PEARCE

The death occurred in Nicholls Hospital on Sunday, June 9th of Miss Helen G. Pearce, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pearce.

MISS HELEN PEARCE

The funeral of the late Miss Helen G. Pearce, who passed away in Nicholls Hospital, Peterborough on Sunday evening as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Stoney Lake earlier in the day, was held from her late residence "Ousemore Place". Friends and relatives were present in large numbers from Marmora, Belleville, Toronto, Birdsalls, Hastings and all the surrounding district, attesting the love and esteem held for the deceased. The service at the house was conducted by the Rev. A, S, Cleland, pastor of Norwood United Church, who was assisted by Rev. T. M. Wesley of Camborne, Rev. S. A. Kemp of Havelock and Rev. A. C. Reeves of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Norwood. Rev. Mr. Cleland also conducted the service at the graveside in the family plot in Norwood Cemetery and was assisted by Rev. Mr. Wesley. Numerous floral tributes surrounded the coffin, bearing testimony of the affection in which she was held by many friends to whom her tragic death was a deep shock. The pallbearers were: E. P. Cuffe, John Weir, P.M. Grover, K. G. Thompson, Alex Kempt and Bert Scott. The late Miss Pearce, who was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pearce, early residents of this village, had spent her entire life here, receiving her education in the local Public and High Schools. She is survived by two brothers - Fred and Charles, both of Norwood.

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