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VANDERHOOF, B.C., SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1943

The United Church of Canada

EASTER SERVICES
 Morning Service at 11.00
 The C.G.I.T., Explorers and Sunday School will provide the programme
 Evening Service at 7.30
 The Choir will contribute Special Numbers
 Easter address by Revd. J. H. Sellkirk
 Cordial invitation extended to everybody.

Pinchi Lake Miner Falls 410 Feet and Instantly Killed

Last Monday night a tragedy occurred at Pinchi Lake mine when Taumas Tervakoski, well known among mining men as Thomas Koski, met his death by falling down a slope 410 feet deep.

An INQUEST was held on Thursday, conducted by Dr. W. Ross Stone, when the jury, composed of George Duncan (foreman), Ernest Eretton, Joe Confafly, James Gillis, John Jakel and Patrick Sheeham, brought in a verdict

of "ACCIDENTAL DEATH". Mr. Charles Graham, mines inspector, came up from Telkwa to attend the INQUEST.

It was disclosed that the Deceased had been working with a safety belt and rope for working in dangerous places. He took the rope off against instructions. The ledge or muck where he had been working broke away, and Tervakoski fell down the slope 410 feet on an angle of 45 degrees, and was killed instantly.

The Deceased was 49 years old at the time of his death; and had been working at Pinchi Lake mine since last November. Before that he was working at the Big Missouri mine at Stewart for the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company.

He had done well and saved up thousands of dollars with the intention of bringing his wife and two daughters out from his native land — Finland — and settling in this country. He came to Canada 17 years ago and has followed logging and mining.

The funeral service took place in Holy Trinity Church, Vanderhoof, on Friday afternoon, April 23, 1943, conducted by the Revd. J. Miller McCormick, F.R.G.S., who delivered a short address relative to the Deceased.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Jack Oja, Otto Flaken, Andrew Kale, John Veimy, Almer Luama, and Jnan Osmald. Mrs. McCormick presided at the organ. The remains were solemnly interred in the Vanderhoof cemetery.

Company P. C. M. R. Formed

The formation of a Company of the Pacific Coast Militia Rangers has been organized at Vanderhoof with J. W. H. Wilkes in command as captain.

Captain Wilkes went Overseas with the First Canadian Division in the First Great War; and was later transferred to the Imperial Army in the Royal Horse Artillery, retiring as major.

The following letter has been received from the Staff Officer at Vancouver, Department of National Defence.

Pacific Command, Vancouver, B.C.
 April 16, 1943

J. H. F. Levey
 Corporation of the Village of Vanderhoof, Vanderhoof, B. C.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10th. April attached thereto application for the formation of a Company of the Pacific Coast Militia Rangers, with head-Quarters at Vanderhoof, also map of the area.

By separate letter addressed to J. W. H. Wilkes, the approval of the formation of this Company is being notified to him with Provisional Captain J. W. H. Wilkes in command.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the cooperation and assistance in the matter of the preliminary organization of this Company

W. T. Barton, Major
 Pacific Coast Militia Rangers

The new Company is No. 139 P.C.M.R., and detachments will be formed at Fort St. James, Fort Fraser, and at Fraser Lake, with Captain Wilkes in command. Other officers and N.C.O. will be appointed.

There will be a Company formed at Pinchi Lake for that area, with P. Bloomer as captain in command.

The military whist drive scheduled for next Monday night, under the auspices of Holy Trinity Church Womens Auxillary, has been postponed on account of so much sickness in the Village, until Friday evening, May 14, 1943.

Mrs. J. M. Finnie purchased the house and property where she has resided for some considerable time, at an auction sale on Tuesday afternoon, held by the Provincial Government. The real estate had belonged to the Department of Lands and the house to Mr. George Little, of Terrace.

At the REO THEATRE there will be two film shows on Saturday afternoon and evening. May the first, with Dorothy Lamour, William Holden and Eddie Bracken in "THE FLEET'S IN". This will give our farmers an opportunity to take in this excellent show and get back home in time to do their necessary chores.

Church of England in Canada

Easter Sunday

APRIL 25, 1943

SERVICES

VANDERHOOF

Holy Trinity Church
 Sunday School at 11 a.m.
 11.00 a.m. : Morning Prayer
 and Holy Communion

WILLOWVALE

St. George's Church
 3.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

FORT FRASER

St. Mary's Church:
 Evening Service at 7.30 o'clock
 Holy Communion

Special preacher at these services will be the Revd. H. G. WATTS, B.A., R.D., of Toronto

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 seed time

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Grass, Clover, and

Alfalfa Seed

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Taylor Brothers

The Pioneer Hardware Merchants

Disastrous Fire Averted

A fire broke out early Monday morning that demolished the garage and bunk house at the rear of the Reid Hotel, and narrowly escaped from catching the hotel ablaze.

It appears that Bert Brady got up about 4.40 o'clock and lit the fire in the heater, and left the draughts open; expecting John Harstad, who was also sleeping in the building, to turn them off. However, Harstad went to sleep again. Evidently the stove pipe got overheated and the ceiling caught on fire. The fire was first noticed by Mrs. M. Burgun about seven o'clock, and she at once informed Mr. Robert Reid, the proprietor of the Reid Hotel.

The fire department of the Village were soon at work and rendered valuable assistance and prevented the hotel from being badly damaged or destroyed. The garage and bunk house were absolutely consumed in the flames.

The loss sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Reid is estimated to be about \$1,500.00, which was not covered by insurance. The damage done to the hotel building such as scorching the east side and to the windows would not be more than \$300.00, which is covered by insurance. The Assiniboia Engineering Company lost some \$1,500.00 worth of property, which is covered by insurance.

JUNIOR RED CROSS REPORT

April 20, 1943

The Junior Red Cross of the Vanderhoof School held a sale and raffle in the Reid Hotel on April 10, 1943

The children sold bread, boards, snap shot albums, curtain tie backs, and many other things. The doll was dressed by the girls in Division 1, while the grade and trunk were made by Division 2.

Total amount realized: \$80.00
 Expenses \$11.43
 Net proceeds \$68.57

The money has been appropriated as follows:—

Crippled Childrens Fund \$30.00
 Soldiers Relief Fund \$35.00
 Enrolment fee Div. 2 \$1.00
 Reserve Fund \$2.57
 Total \$68.57

M. Piper