News Briefs

MILK FLOWED FREELY

Milk flowed this morning when the automobile delivery truck of B. A. Waugh, Douglas, turned over on the slippery road near the McGibbon farm at Douglas. There were no injuries.

DEATH OF INFANT SON

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Brown of Marysville, died at Victoria Public Hospital on Thursday evening and the sympathy of the community is being extended to the bereft parents. The funeral took place this morning at Marysville.

CONFERENCE HERE TUESDAY

A conference between the city council and members of the C.N.R. engineering staff from Moncton will be held here on Tuesday. Ald. David McCaughey, chairman of the roads and streets committee of the city council states that the topic of discussion will be the proposed subway to take care of traffic passing the approach to the new railway bridge, which is to be erected here shortly.

FIRES ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The firemen were called out to numerous fires on the Christmas holiday, none of which were serious. A chimney blaze occurred at the residence of George W. Chapman, Woodstock Road, at 10.30 o'clock yesterday with no damage. Another fire occurred at W. A. Erb's residence on York street, an overheated pipe. Fires occurred at the residences of Percy Horncastle, Saunders street; C. E. Miller, St. John street, and Harry Jones, Northumberland street.

DIED AT VICTORIA HOSPITAL

Mrs. Gladys G. Rickard, aged 31, wife of Henry Rickard, of Barker's Point, died at the Victoria Public Hospital on Thursday evening, after an illness extending over one month. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Parker of Victoria Mills, and was well known and highly respected by all who knew her. Surviving besides her husband and parents, is one son, Kenneth, a daughter Betty at home; two sisters, Mrs. Bert Target, of Lincoln, and Mrs. Wm Till, of Devon; also six brothers, Leon, Royce, Merle, George, Ronald, Gordon and Harold Parker, all of Fredericton. The funeral took place this afternoon at Victoria Mills and interment was made in the Forest Hill cemetery.

IN ROLE OF SANTA CLAUS

The aldermen of the city of Fredericton played the role of Santa Claus yesterday and visited the Municipal Home and the Children's Home, with parcels of candy for the children and smokes for many of the inmates of the Municipal Home. The aldermen who called at the institutions were Aldermen F. S. Mundle, Ald. Dr. B. R. Ross, Ray T. Forbes and W. Raymond Crewdson. The impromptu Santa Claus also called at the Police station and disposed smokes there too. According to the aldermen Christmas passed fine for all the inmates and the occasion was well planned. The inmates at the Home were treated to a goose dinner and the children at the Home to a chicken dinner.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pond Succumbs at Devon

Friends will be sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Pond, wife of G. Fred Pond, which occurred Thursday at her home in Devon, after an illness of two months.

Mrs. Pond was the wife of a former councillor of Devon and having resided in Devon for the past 51 years was well known and highly respected Born at Lake George, N.B., she moved to Devon, where for almost half a century she was a prominent and valuable citizen to her community, having entered into soical and charitable work until her advanced years forced her to give up these social activities.

She is survived by her husband, G. Fred Pond, her son Harry Pond, both of Devon and one daughter, Mrs. Roy C. Heron, of St. Paul, Minnesota. She is also survived by four grandchildren.

The funeral service, postponed for the arrival of her daughter, is to be held at the home of the deceased at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. The service will be conducted by Rev. W. A. Burge and interment will be made at the Baptist cemetery, Marysville

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CARL M'KNIGHT'S BODY RECOVERED YESTERDAY P.M.

Citizens and Mounted Police Worked Hard Christmas Day

F'ton Sympathizes

Was Bright Little Boy, a General Favorite With All Classes

The waters of the Saint John river gave up its dead at 3:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the body of little Carle (Bobby) McKnight, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George McKnight, was taken from under the ice. The little boy went into the air-hole on Thursday morning while skating on the river.

Following the accident on Thursday and continuing until yesterday afternoon, the searching party were busily engaged trying to recover the body. Yesterday morning William Laird secured a diving helmet and went down into the icy water, but was unable to see any sign of the body of the missing boy. Lighting and diving equipment was furnished to the rescuers by Ashley A. Colter and the lighting equipment was connected with the electric light plant on the shore.

After cutting the ice the lights were shoved under the water. After working for some time Lee Miles noted the glittering skate by the aid of the light. Further cutting was made in the ice and the body was brought to the surface. On the ice when the body was recovered was Gorge McKnight, the bereaved father of the drowning victim. Members of the R. C. M. P. in charge of Inspector C. K. Gray and a large number of men who had been doing their best to assist in recovering the body were also present. During the day as many as 50 men were in search of the body. Included in the number was Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., attorney-general, who spent a good portion of the day on the ice trying to render assistance.

Render Assistance

The Mounted Police rendered assistance in dividing the men into squads, placing some at cutting the ice while the others dragged and used lights. The work was carried on in the face of a cold northerly wind which at times was piercing, but the men stuck patiently to their tasks. The terrific pressure of the water under the ice made the work of the divers extremely difficult.

During the day large numbers of sympathetic friends visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. McKnight on University Avenue and expressed their sympathy. It was a sad fireside at the McKnight home yesterday. The preparation for Christmas had progressed, the Christmas tree was in its place, and the family circle had been ready to celebrate and to await the coming of Santa Claus. But the home was turned into a scene of mourning and the scene was a pathetic one. A gloom was cast over the whole city by the sad occurrence and this was particularly so in the neighborhood surrounding the McKnight household. The heartfelt sympathy of the whole community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. McKnight and other members of the bereaved family.

Little Bobby McKnight was one of the brightest pupils in the Charlotte Street school and was a general favorite with his companions. He was in grade six in that school. He was a member of the boys' choir of Christchurch Cathedral and of Miss Peters' class in the Sunday school. Previous to the disorganization of the Cathedral Boy Scout Troop he was a member of that body and was also a member of one of the junior hockey teams of the city. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, George and Stewart McKnight and two sisters, Elizabeth and Jean.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon with prayers at the home, 414 University Avenue, at two o'clock, and service at Christchurch Cathedral at 2:30 o'clock to be conducted by Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead. Interment will be made in the Forest Hill cemetery.

Dr. Charles MacKay, coroner, who viewed the body and investigated the circumstances of the boy's death, decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

RESTING COMFORTABLY

Dr. G. C. Vanwart, who received a painful injury when his automobile was in collision with the C.N.R. train at Devon last week, was reported from his home today to be resting fairly comfortably. His condition, it is understood, is not serious. Dr. Vanwart was being driven to a sick call at Marysville last Wednesday night, and the accident occurred at the blind crossing on the Marysville road. Frosted windows on the car hindered the occupants from being able to see clearly.

ALL RECORDS ARE BROKEN IN XMAS MAILING

Total of 143,872 Cards and Letters Were Mailed Here

Highest Single Day

Parcel Mailing Was Up to the Average

All records for Christmas mailing were broken at the Fredericton post office during the present Yuletide season, it was announced here this morning by Donald F. Cameron, postmaster.

A total of 143,872 cards and letters passed through the stamping machine of the local postoffice, which sets an all-time record figure. The nearest approach to this bulk of Christmas mailing was in 1935, when the total was 129,405 letters and cards.

The highest single day this year was on Monday, when a total of 45,277 cards and letters were stamped here. The highest single day prior to this was in 1930 when 32,718 comprised the day's mailing figure.

The concentration this year was on cards and letters, although parcels were about up to the average of other years. The mailing of cards and letters this year for each day was as follows:

Friday, December 18, 10,633; Saturday, December 19, 15,125; Sunday, December 20, 3,857; Monday, December 21, 45,277; Tuesday, December 22, 36,563; Wednesday, December 23, 23, 161; Thursday, December 24, 9,256.

COLORFUL OPEN AIR PROGRAMME CHRISTMAS EVE

Santa Claus and the Y's Men's Club combined in a most colorful open air Christmas community celebration in front of the Provincial Normal School building on Christmas Eve, which was featured by a beautifully decorated, and electrically lighted Christmas tree. The programme was an excellent one, lasting from seven o'clock until 8:15 o'clock and being witnessed by a huge throng of people.

The programme included a grand entry in a gaily decorated barouche by Santa Claus, the presentation of 1,000 bags of candy, a general singing of carols, led by 150 selected voices in the city, and projected upon a screen so that all could sing, and proved a most attractive Christmas Eve event. The programme was in charge of Roland G. Loughlan and Harry Grant of Devon did the announcing. Robin Bailey was in charge of the musical programme.

One of the features was the arrival of Santa Claus, preceded by two red-coated riders. During the programme telegrams were received by Santa Claus who took time out to announce what was in them. While the night was cold and there was difficulty in hearing because of the noise of the street, the programme was quite successful. The Y's Men's Club had charge of arrangements.

NO CHANGE IN CONDITION

There was no noticeable change today in the condition of Mrs. S. S. Miller, who is seriously ill with pneumonia at her home on York St. Today is the ninth or tenth day of Mrs. Miller's illness, nearing the critical period of the disease. Today the physician and the family were hopeful for Mrs. Miller's condition.

The Most Popular Books of the Season

Gone With the Wind
By Margaret Mitchell $3.00

The Bounty Triloby
By Nordhoff & Hall $3.00

Yang & Yin
By Alice Hobart $2.50

Whiteoak Harvest
By Mazo de la Roche $2.00

They Walk in the City
By Priestley 2.50

Drums Along the Mohawk
By Edmonds $2.50

Best British Short Stories, 1936
Edited by O'Brien $2.50

Rich Man, Poor Man
By Janet Fairbanks $2.50

HALL'S
BOOK STORE

CHRISTMAS HAS COME AND GONE, PASSED QUIETLY

No Unusual Celebration For This City Yesterday

Snowless Christmas

Round of Christmas Parties, Carol Singing

Christmas, with all its associations, festive and reverant, has come and gone for another year. Santa Claus has made his annual pilgrimage through the skies and down the chimneys and has returned to his northern haunts where he and his helpers will stock up toys for another year. The season of Christmas, however, will linger for another week, and residents here will proudly display their gaily decorated Christmas trees for at least that time, many of them even longer.

Christmas passed quietly in this city. The usual gay round of celebrations were held, the Christmas turkey, goose or whatever it may have been, was eaten and all the usual festivity enjoyed. But generally it was a quiet Yuletide in this city. One thing conspicuously missing was the snow. It was a real "green" Christmas, and was the first to occur in the province for a number of years. This fact did, of course, take something away from the traditional dignity and festivity of the occasion. But on the whole Christ was enjoyed by all.

Three of the churches of the city, Christchurch Cathedral, St. Dunstan's and the Christchurch Parish Church put on special musical services on Christmas morning, although the majority of the churches held these services last Sunday.

At the Gibson Memorial Church in Devon, divine service was held on Christmas morning in keeping with the habit of this church to hold Christmas service on that day. Rev. Mr. Burge, the pastor, has been in the habit of having Christmas service since 1922 and it has become increasingly one of interest and inspiration on the occasion of Christmas. A large congregation attended, and the musical service was of particular inspiration. The theme of Rev. Mr. Burge's address on Christmas morning was "So This Is Christmas."

The usual Christmas night get-togethers and singing old carols was a prominent feature of the celebrations.

The service which was conducted yesterday morning by Rev. W. A. Burge, at Gibson Memorial Church, was delightful, inspiring and very appropriate for the day. Donald Tait sang a solo, "Star of the East," accompanied by Walter Fraser at the organ.

Boxing Day, Many Stores Take Holiday

Today, Boxing Day, the Dominion and Provincial departmental buildings are closed. An order went out from Ottawa during the week giving a holiday to all the Dominion Government officials. As the provincial offices usually close on Saturday afternoon the holiday today means only a half-holiday but at the same time it gave to many employees a chance to spend Christmas Day and the week-end at their homes in different parts of the province. Several of the larger business houses throughout the city were closed today and their employees enjoyed a well earned rest after the Christmas activities. It was at first thought that all the business houses might close today but they were evidently not able to get together on it.

Boxing Day in England means that the postman, the grocery delivery man, the newsboy, the telegraph messenger and others who have been faithful to their different patrons during the year present themselves at the various houses to get their presents. The lady of the house, or the man, as the case may be, has for years been aware of this custom and is always prepared to make a donation of a Christmas box on Boxing Day. Some of our local ladies who were temporarily keeping house in England during the war years were surprised on the day after Christmas when an array of delivery men, messengers and others presented themselves at the house for Christmas boxes.

BODY ARRIVED HERE

The body of James W. Day, who died at Portland, Me., on Tuesday, arrived here yesterday and was taken to his birthplace, Lakeville Corner, Sunbury county, for interment. Mrs. Day accompanied the body of her husband home.

F. B. Corbett, of Montreal is a guest at the Queen hotel this afternoon.

Max Hornstein, of Montreal is among the guests today at the Queen.

Leon Schechter, of Montreal, is a visitor to the city, and is a guest at the Queen.

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MONDAY TO THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21st—24th

STANLEY and CROSS CREEK
via Taymouth and Covered Bridge
Leave Fredericton 6.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.
Leave Cross Creek 8.00 a.m.

BURTT'S CORNER
Leave Fredericton 7.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.
Leave Burtt's Corner 8.30 a.m.

OROMOCTO
Leave Fredericton 8.40 a.m., 12.00 Noon, 5.00 p.m. and 11.00 p.m.
Leave Oromocto 9.15 a.m., 1.00 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

Regular service continued after Christmas Day

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