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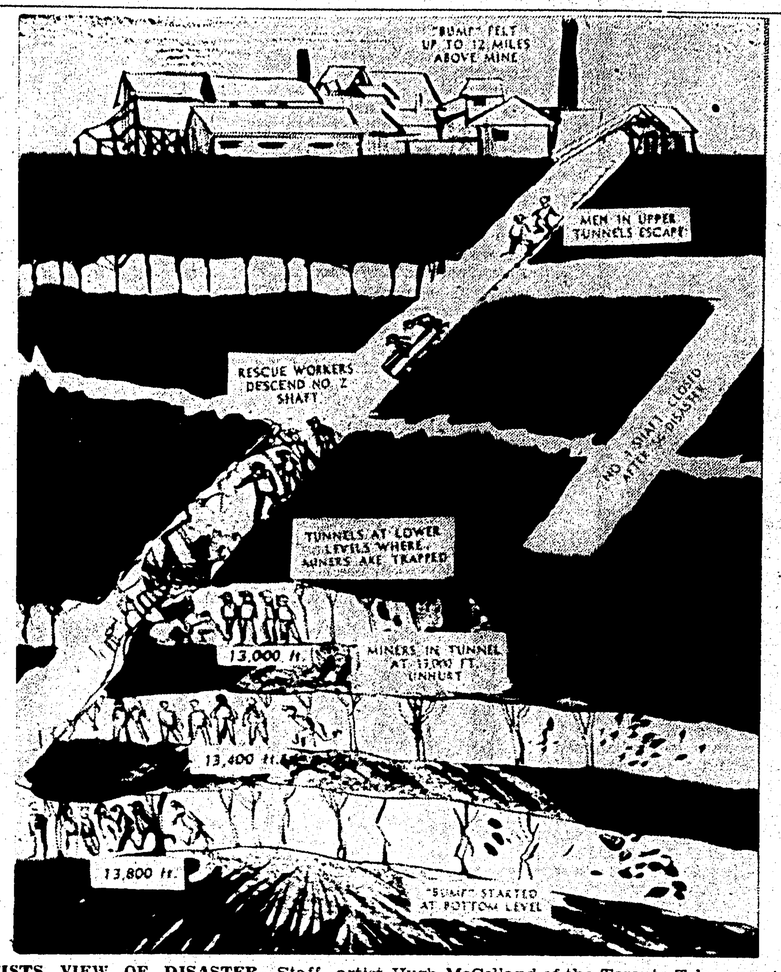

ARTISTS VIEW OF DISASTER—Staff artist Hugh McCelland of the Toronto Telegram gives this graphis view of the Springhill, N.S., coal mine disaster and spot where 12 survivors were trapped at 13,000 foot level. Group of figures at junction of 13,000 tunnel and blocked No. 2 shaft could be rescued miners brought up early this morning. Bump which caused disaster occurred underneath 13,800 foot tunnel and pushed everything upwards, crushing floor of tunnels nearly up to ceilings. Rescuers worked on stomachs with hand tools only. —CP Photo.

12 trapped men safe, sound in second Springhill miracle

Fate of other 55 remains unknown

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SPRINGHILL, N.S. (CP)—Twelve men given up for dead several days ago were brought alive from the depths of Cumberland No. 2 colliery here early today.

The fate of 55 others trapped deep in the coal mine is still unknown but rescue efforts went forward unceasingly.

Gorley Kempt, 37-year-old father of two teen-agers, was the first of the 12 brought by a man-carrying rake from a working area 13,000 feet away down a long, sloping shaft.

A crowd of hundreds cheered as his blanket-covered wire stretcher was hurried to an ambulance by a crew of bare-faced miners who had clawed and tunnelled for 6½ days before finding life in the tremor-shaken colliery.

RELATIVES WAIT

Among the people were the relatives of 26 miners whose bodies were brought up earlier. Of the 174 men originally trapped, there have been 93 survivors, including 17 injured.

The crowd dwindled after the ambulance sped away from the pithead towards a hospital. An hour later the bell signalling the arrival of another rake brought the hundreds back to the roped-off shaft entrance.

Survivor waves at waiting crowd

Theodore Michniak, 59, and oldest of the 12 men trapped nearly a mile underground, waved at the crowd. Two more stretchers came from the pithead with **Joe McDonald** and **Eldred Lowther**.

CROWDS RETURN

As ambulances sped from the floodlit mine, the crowds drifted away. As the great wheels pulling the cable-operated rakes which carry men to and from the workings began turning, back they came to greet the next load of survivors.

Levi Milley and **Bowman Maddison** were bundled quickly into ambulances. Maddison sat up, waved weakly and fell back on the stretcher. Fourteen minutes later **Caleb Rushton** and **Wilfred Hunter** were on their way to hospital for rest, food and treatment of minor injuries.

The last of the 12 — **Hugh Guthro, Harold Brine, Joe Holloway, Jr.** and **Larry Leadbetter**—arrived on the surface at 4:02 a.m. They breathed fresh air for the first time in nearly a week.

The men were trapped behind a wall of debris in a 100-foot-long, three-foot high pocket of rock and coal. They had nothing to eat from last Thursday until they left the mine. Their thirst was almost unbearable. Time was kept by the luminous dial of a watch. One miner said their lamps went out "after a day or so."

Dr. J. G. B. Lynch, chief medical officer of Dominion Coal Company, said the survivors were all conscious and were being given blood and plasma.

HIS FACE still covered with coal grime, tough **Ken Gilbert** waits for medical treatment in hospital at Springhill, N.S. after surviving his second mine disaster in two years. Gilbert was one of 88 entombed miners rescued after 1956 explosion. Twelve more men, rescued early this morning are also resting in the same hospital after their six-day ordeal trapped below the ground at the 13,000 foot level. —CP Photo.

Condition of survivors "surprising"

SPRINGHILL, N.S. (CP)—How much beating does a miner's body take while entombed 6½ days 13,000 feet underground?

Three doctors who treated the 12 survivors of a mine upheaval in No. 2 colliery here today made these observations:

Each man lost about 10 pounds.

Eyesights were fine.

Some may be in the hospital a week.

Except for that, the Drs. Murray, J. R. Ryan and R. A. Burton were "very surprised at the good condition of the men."

HE'D WALK HOME

Of the 12 miners, Hugh Guthro, Larry Leadbetter and Levi Milley "were the strongest." Leadbetter wanted to walk out of the pit by himself and "go home."

Dr. Burton, the first doctor to talk with the men through the thick wall of stone, supervised the inserting of a 60-foot copper pipe through an air tube leading to the men's prison.

Fresh water was pumped thruogh the pipe and caught by the miners in their lunch tins.

CAREFUL DRINKING

Despite their parched throats, the men—on Dr. Burton's instructions—took cooling mouthfuls of the precious fluid on counts of 500.

Hot coffee was pumped next through the copper pipe. Tomato soup followed.

"They were very co-operative," Dr. Burton said.

Enjoy feeling human again

"Most of them are just lying there smoking cigarets and enjoying the feeling of being human again."

He said only "the great stamina of these miners" pulled them through.

"TERRIBLY TIRED"

"I'm all right," Kempt told reporters shortly after he walked unaided into All Saints' Hospital. "I'm just terribly tired and weary."

It was Kempt's voice that gave tiring rescue crews their first sign of life Wednesday. "There are 12 of us here."

At the hospital waited the wives and children of the 12 men most never expected to see again.

"God was good to him twice," said Cecilia McDonald as she gently stroked her husband's coal-stained hair. "He escaped twice and that's enough." She said he would not return to the pits.

McDonald was one of 88 survivors of a 1956 explosion in the adjoining No. 4 colliery that killed 39 miners.

Bowman Maddison, 42-year-old father of three children, was in tears. His family had bought a cemetery lot. His last ounce of strength had been spent in leading the men in songs while rescuers fought their way through a 60-foot barrier of rock in 10 hours in a superhuman effort to free them from the tomb-like enclosure where there was no light or water.

'Mother's prayers brought me out'

"It was my mother's prayers and my own that brought me out," Joe McDonald said.

On the rake bringing up the last of the men was Dosco Coal Chief Harold Gordon and Manager George Calder of the Cumberland Railway and Coal Company.

FURTHER RESCUES?

Mr. Gordon, ordered to bed by Dosco physician Dr. J. G. B. Lynch, made only a brief statement on future rescue operations

"We can't tell what conditions ahead are like," he said. "There is nothing much we can do but keep slugging—and it's hard slugging."

Fred Hunter, a survivor of the underground upheaval, estimated 24 bodies lay underground. Mr. Gordon said he knew of two.

Rescuers working on stomachs

Even while families were being reunited, the belly-crawling pick-and-shovel miners were inside the pit digging through tons of jammed debris in search of more life.

TEAMS "TERRIFIC"

"The spirit of the rescue teams is terrific," Mr. Gordon said.

They made only 10 to 12 feet Tuesday night but after the 12 men were found alive Wednesday afternoon, their efforts took them through 60 feet in a shift and a half.

TOWN ELECTRIFIED

The news that 12 men were alive in the pits electrified the 7,000 residents of the Cobequid Hills coal-mining community where tragedy has struck four times within a century, three times in the mines.

Mrs. Art Totten, mother-in-law of Joe Holloway and Hugh Guthro, ran the quarter-mile to the mine despite a heart condition.

Mrs. Kempt, Gorley's wife, said she never lost faith. "I kept thinking of the things we would do when he got home."

While officials would say only that there might be more survivors somewhere in the mine wreckage, the hope and faith of the town rebounded as the living miners were carried from the pithead.

The situation in the subterranean deeps was uncertain. The main object of rescuers was believed to be breaking through to the 13,000-foot coal face, hoping to meet new pockets of trapped but living men.

Their progress could be speedy or slow. Obstacles could be met after an inch of digging. Some

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NEW LIFE FOR FAMILY

Jobless tractor driver wins $28,000 in sweep

VANCOUVER (CP) — An Irish sweepstakes ticket has brought $28,000 to an unemployed tractor driver here.

Jim McKinnon, 47, who has had only one job in Vancouver, held a ticket on Aggressor, a third-place finisher Wednesday in the Cambridgeshire Handicap race at Newmarket, England.

"It sure came at the right time," he said. "I was just about on my beams end."

What will he use the money for? Pay some debts, and perhaps buy a house.

"My wife and 13-year-old boy are living in a little flat at the moment."

Chester Thorpe of Coquitlam, B.C., the father of six, including triplets, had high hopes for a little while.

He, too, was announced as a holder of a ticket on Aggressor, but it was all a horrible mistake, a telegraphic error.

Thorpe held a ticket on Amos, a non-winner, and he will collect $1,150 instead of the third place $28,000.

VANCOUVER (CP)—The price of milk here will go up one cent a quart effective Saturday. Standard and homogenized milk delivered to the home will cost 25 cents a quart.

Elaborate preparations underway for coronation of Pope John XXIII

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Elaborate preparations began today for the coronation Tuesday of Pope John XXIII in St. Peter's Basilica.

The Nov. 4 coronation date was announced Wednesday night, ending speculation that it would take place Nov. 9, a Sunday.

Although papal coronations generally are held on Sundays, it is thought Pope John chose Tuesday because it is the feast of St. Charles Borromeo, about whom he once wrote and published a five-volume study.

The college of cardinals paid formal homage to Pope John today for the third consecutive day.

The new pontiff was carried on his throne before the altar of the Sistine Chapel. One by one, the princes of the church who elected him two days ago approached, knelt and kissed his hand.

CARDINAL'S HOMAGE

The cardinals made their first act of obeisance to the new pope immediately after his election Tuesday. Their second homage was performed Wednesday just before Pope John made his first radio address to the world, an appeal for peace.

For the coronation red damask will be hung in the vast basilica, as well as 10,000 electric candles.

The ceremony—expected to attract personalities from all over the world—must be worked out to the tiniest detail and timed to the last second.

All 51 cardinals who emerged from the conclave that elected the former patriarch of Venice are expected to remain for the coronation.

MASS BEFORE CROWNING

The cardinals, bishops and courtiers will accompany the new pope in magnificent procession to the high altar above St. Peter's tomb for a solemn mass before the triple pontifical crown is placed on his head.

The late Pope Pius XII asked that his crowning take place on the central balcony of the church so the hundreds of thousands of people in the huge square below could witness the ceremony. It is not yet known whether the new pope will follow this precedent.

Before the actual crowning, the pope is reminded that, despite the splendor and power belonging to the papacy, he is himself only a mortal being.

BURN FLAX

While the procession moves up St. Peter's, flax is set alight in a small brabier. As it turns to ashes, the master of ceremonies repeats several times: "Sic transit gloria mundi" (Thus passes the glory of the world.)

As the coronation ends, all the church bells of Rome will peal triumphantly for an hour.

Meanwhile, Pope John, who has taken possession of his private apartment on the top floor of the Vatican Palace, started to examine the mass of work that piled up since the death of Pius XII.

HMCS Jonquiere arrived in Prince Rupert this afternoon from Esquimalt two days earlier than scheduled, an HMCS Chatham spokesman reported. The RCN frigate was unable to cross the bar at Masset on the Queen Charlotte Islands due to weather conditions. She was slated to arrive here Saturday with her sister ship HMCS New Waterford. The New Waterford will arrive as scheduled on Saturday morning.

MOTORISTS ASKED TO WATCH FOR CHILDREN ON HALLOWE'EN

An appeal to both motorists and parents to make sure that there are no accidents involving children tomorrow night when small youngsters are going the rounds "for tricks and treats" was made today by the RCMP.

Sgt. J. E. Ruttan, NCO in charge of the City RCMP detachment urged motorists to drive slowly because "as soon as it gets dark, kiddies will be out going from door to door and cross the streets to make other calls."

"It gets dark quite early now," Sgt. Ruttan said, "and there will be a lot of young children making the rounds."

He urged parents of tiny children to either accompany the youngsters themselves or make sure they are with older brothers or sisters.

Kinsmen club to supervise annual Hallowe'en bonfires

Prince Rupert Kinsmen club will have its members out in full force tomorrow night manning the annual bonfires staged for the benefit of city youngsters.

Chairman of the Kin Hallowe'en activities, A. M. Humphries, said today that the Kinsmen would again have three bonfires going in various sections of the city.

There will be fires at Conrad Street school Gyro Park and Borden Street park. At the fires candy and holdovs will be served the children.

There will be no prizes for costumes this year, Mr. Humphries said.

In charge of the fires, which are to be lit at approximately 6 o'clock tomorow night, will be R. C. Barbour at Conrad school, Raymond Billing at Gyro Park and George Baldwin at Borden Street park.

The Kinsmen club is also providing candy and food for a children's party at Digby Island school.

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Apple day successful

Prince Rupert Gyro club's annual "apple day" held Saturday with sale of apples downtown and deliveries on Sunday, was just as successful as in previous years.

Orme G. Stuart, chairman of the Gyro event said that about 12,000 boxes of apples were sold to city residents.

Proceeds of the annual fund raising scheme go toward city playgrounds.

funeral held

Funeral services were held yesterday for well-known city resident Claude Vincent Symes who died in the Prince Rupert General Hospital Sunday afternoon at the age of 57.

Rev. V. E. McEachern officiated at the services in Ferguson Funeral Home. Hymns sung were "Rock of Ages" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Masonic rites were held at the graveside at Fairview cemetery.

Pallbearers were; L. G. Taft, C. L. Botham, W. E. McLeod, D. T. Grant, L. S. Arroll and Jack Mussallem.

Gets remand

Carl Dennis Leeman of 215 Fourth Avenue East wes remanded for trial until November 7 when he pleaded not guilty in city police court this morning to a charge of driving without due care and attention.

Judge may complete charge to jury today in 74-day long bribery case

VANCOUVER (CP)—An assize court jury may be asked for a verdict today on a conspiracy charge against former forests minister Robert Sommers and others prominent in British Columbia's timber industry.

It all depends when Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson completes his detailed charge to the nine men and three women on the panel, a charge he began Monday. Altogether the Crown has filed 20 counts against Sommers, three timber executives and four companies, including the conspiracy charge and 10 of bribery. The case has lasted 74 days.

The prosecution's case, backed by hundreds of documents, is that between 1953 and 1955 Sommers was bribed for his influence in the issuance of government timber licences. The jury will be asked for verdicts on the various bribery counts after making its decision on the main charge of conspiracy.

Altogether it will have to bring in 65 verdicts. Charged with Sommers, who resigned his portfolio in 1956 but still is Social Credit MLA for Rossland-Trail, are H. W. Gray, John Gray and Charles D. Schultz. Companies involved are the C. D. Schultz Company Limited, Pacific Coast Services, Evergreen Lumber Sales and B.C. Forest Products.

Wednesday the 60-year-old justice told the jurors to consider the method in which C. D. Schultz says he made contributions to Social Credit Party political campaign funds.

Why, asked the judge, if Schultz was an altruistic subscriber to party funds, did he set up a special fund? Why did he not contribute by personal cheque? The judge suggested if it was found the donor paid funds thruogh the agency of H. W. Gray to a minister in charge of government licences "then you have something to think about."

He warned the jury that if it felt the Crown's case was not conclusive, that there was reasonable doubt, then it could only acquit Schultz and his firm. Schultz, he said, was an intelligent, well-educated man who had a fine previous record and the jury should ask itself whether he would risk its reputation to enter a conspiracy.

WEATHER—

Gale warning issued. Cloudy with a few showers tonight and Friday. Cooler in most areas. Winds southerly 25 by evening. Low tonight and high Friday 45 and 52.

TIDES—

Friday, October 31, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	03:10	19.0 feet
	15:01	20.5 feet
Low	09:05	8.1 feet
	21:43	4.5 feet