

Husband Dead, Wife Critically Injured

Highly respected families in this district were plunged into sorrow on Sunday afternoon when the message reached here that Wilfred Kingsley had brooded himself into a state of mental depression during which he critically injured his wife, Helen, with hammer blows before taking his own life.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley were well known in Bradford where for several years the former conducted a transport business. Both of them were members of well known families of West Gwillimbury and at the time of their marriage fourteen or fifteen years ago their future appeared rosy. However, in recent years, life had not been easy.

From Bradford Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley moved to Orillia but more recently they had been living on Brown's Line, in Etobicoke Township, where Mr. Kingsley had done market gardening.

Mrs. Kingsley was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, in an unconscious and very critical condition following the tragedy and little hope was expressed for her life. However, an operation was performed on Monday, and, while as yet, it is too early for doctors to express an opinion, the fact that she regained consciousness for a time following it and recognized and spoke to her mother has given some encouragement.

There are five children, three boys, Johnny, 10, Peter, 6, and Jimmy, 5, who were visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Clubine, at the time of the tragedy; and two girls, Gail, 11, who was swimming with friends in Lake Ontario on Sunday afternoon, and 4-year-old Dawn, who was at home and gave the alarm by telling neighbors about her mother and father.

Wilfred Kingsley was a son of Mrs. Kingsley and the late Mr. Kingsley of West Gwillimbury. He is survived by his mother and two sisters, Mrs. Dave Malbourne of Toronto and Mrs. Gilbert Faris of Kleinburg. Two brothers and a sister predeceased him.

The Kingsley boys are with their grandmother, Mrs. Clubine, while the little girls have been taken to Orillia by their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Clubine.