

### **Oil worker killed in freak accident**

Ewald Abel, 22 an employee of Canadian Well Services Ltd. At Brooks, was killed at noon, Monday in a freak accident at an oil rig a few miles north of Tilley.

RCMP and eyewitnesses said Mr. Abel had opened a casing valve in preparation to taking fluid levels when pressure inside blew a blank coupling or plug off the casing line. It struck him in the head killing him instantly.

Three other men, Alvin Pope, Leon Capon and Robert Hale also were engaged in the testing. Pope was struck in the face with oil but none was injured,

Ray Sideritch an official of Canadian Well Services here said the task has been done numerous times without incident.

An inquest will be held and Dr. Ben MacLeod coroner.

Mr. Abel was married and had two children; his parents live in Foremost.