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Young Italian soccer player dies after car mishap near Oliver lake

SHE'S A NICE CRAFT, says Game Warden Clifford Walker as he leans out of the wheel house window of the new Game Department vessel stationed here. The new 46-foot vessel will patrol between Prince Rupert, Ocean Falls and the Queen Charlotte Islands. The new boat was brought north by Senior Game Warden Raymond Allen. Game Warden Walker will be the new skipper. —Photos by Gladys Baldwin.

NEW GAME DEPARTMENT vessel PG D-3 is shown above coming into floats north of Armour Salvage Ltd. Built at Star Shipyards, New Westminster, the vessel will cruise economically at 10 knots. She sleeps six, has modern kitchen and dining areas, refrigerator and oil-operated galley range. Large beat of game department boat has been covered since 1954 by Game Warden Clifford Walker, who checks to see if trapping regulations are being followed, migratory bird and fishing regulations adhered to. The vessel is powered by a 220-horse-powered diesel.

DAMAGE SET AT $5,000

Patrol boat skipper loses all in blaze

A 65-year old Fisheries patrol boat skipper lost all his worldly belongings and received superficial burns in a fire that destroyed his fishing vessel late last night.

In Prince Rupert General hospital "in good condition" is Jack W. Rix, who lived aboard the 36-foot "JWR", which exploded and burned at the Standard Oil dock just after 11:30 last night.

The blast occurred just after he completed refueling his boat which he charters out to the Department of Fisheries in the summertime and which provides his only source of employment.

William Bond, fuel oil agent at whose dock the JWR was refueling, said that he and city diver Joek MacLean rushed out of the oil firm's office when they heard the blast and found the boat in flames.

Mr. Bond said they rushed down to the burning boat on which Mr. Rix was standing, dazed and with his clothes on fire. They stopped Mr. Rix's clothes from burning and tried to put out the boat blaze with fire extinguishers.

"We had almost got it beat, when fumes began exploding down below and we decided we had better get off before the whole thing blew up."

He said they called the fire department "which arrived here in amazingly fast time" but the fire had gone too far to quell.

He said that Mr. MacLean hooked his boat, the Good Bargain, onto the JWR and towed it about 100 yards out into the harbor where it burned to the waterline.

Later, Harbormaster William Koughan and Fire Chief Earl W. Becker supervised the sinking of the hulk by an Armour Salvage Co. Ltd. tug.

Chief Becker said he believed the fire was caused by the boat's stove igniting the fumes of the fuel which had just been placed in the tanks. Estimated damage was $5,000.

Canada, U.S. compromise on sea law

GENEVA (CP)—Canada and the United States today submitted a compromise proposal to the world maritime conference to limit historic foreign fishing in coastal waters to a period of 10 years.

George Drew of Canada and Arthur Dean of the U.S. formally suggested ending traditional foreign fishing within 12 miles of shore by October 31, 1970. After that date all fishermen operating in distant coastal waters would be excluded by universal law.

This limitation of foreign coastal fishing was agreed upon by Canada, Britain, the U.S. and other major maritime powers after continuous negotiations behind the scenes at the 87-country meeting. It represents an attempt to heal a serious rift among the Western seafaring powers.

The Canadian and American delegations at the same time withdrew their earlier rivalling "six-plus-six-miles" proposals which conflicted over the question of foreign fishing in coastal waters.

The U.S., supported by Britain, originally sought universal recognition of historic fishing rights in foreign waters for an unlimited time.

Canada, which had the support of Iceland, Norway and many smaller coastal states, opposed a "perpetuation" of foreign fishing within 12 miles of shore, and demanded the exclusion of foreign fishermen.

VERNON (CP)—Building permits for construction totalling $197,782 were issued by the Vernon Coldstream areas during March, bringing total value of permits this year to $206,584. Equivalent figure up to March 31, 1959 was $1,231,600.

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Driver fined

John Joseph Basso of 510 Fifth Avenue West was fined $10 in police court this morning when he was found guilty by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite of making a right-hand turn from a left lane. Basso pleaded not guilty to the charge April 4.

Also in police court today was Michael Turnbull, 19, of 523 Seventh Avenue East, who was found guilty of being a minor in possession of liquor. He was fined $10.

Another 1,000 cherry trees to be divided

Another 1,000 Japanese cherry trees donated to Prince Rupert are ready for distribution.

Tom Shimizu, former resident now living in Edmonton has made a second outright gift to the city. Last year Mr. Shimizu gave 500 trees which were all planted within a short time after their arrival.

Some of the new trees will go to parks and others will be sold to residents at 50 cents each to cover handling. H. S. Harrison, Parks Commission chairman is in charge of distribution.

Mr. Shimizu has asked that a small portion of the trees be planted around Fairview cemetery.

Two fire calls

Prince Rupert fire department made two fire calls today, one of which was a false alarm.

A small boy pulled the alarm on the box at Ninth Avenue and McBride Street. Firemen severely reprimanded the lad and took him home to his parents for further action.

The other call was to 112 Eighth Avenue East, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bush where an oil burner had flooded and caught fire. There was no damage.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Logger dies as truck plunges through ice

FORT ST. JAMES (CP)—A seven-ton logging truck crashed through the ice of Stuart Lake near here Thursday, carrying the driver 70 feet to the bottom.

Skin divers today attempted to recover the body of Raymond Shiel of Prince George, who was driving the Vanderhoof Lumber Company truck. Late today, however, police said the search had been temporarily called off.

Art Alore, also of Prince George, was driving a truck half a mile ahead. He said he heard the ice cracking and looked back to see Shiel and his truck disappear.

Need financial aid

VERNON (CP)—The two remaining tomato-processing plants in operation in the Okanagan may be forced to suspend operations soon unless some measure of alleviation is forthcoming for the industry, T. B. Bulman, president of Bulman's Products Limited, said Thursday.

B.C. satisfied

VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbia is completely satisfied with RCMP policing of the province and will suggest no changes except perhaps in financing at a May 5 conference in Ottawa, Attorney-General Bonner said Thursday.

Mr. Bonner said in an interview the provincial government would like to see Ottawa assume a larger share of policing costs.

Mr. Bonner will attend the meeting.

Radiation up

VANCOUVER (CP) — A small increase in radiation fallout count has been recorded at the University of British Columbia.

Physicist Dr. G. M. Griffiths, who keeps a continual watch on fallout, said the increase recorded by government scientists at Ottawa has been attributed to explosion of an atomic bomb in the Sahara Desert by the French government.

To present brief

VANCOUVER (CP)—CCF Opposition Leader Robert Strachan said today the CCF is preparing a brief to Public Utilities Commission hearings on the Peace River hydro-electric project despite the PUC chairman's statement that political parties won't be allowed to appear at the hearings.

"I expect to be there," Mr. Strachan said. "I am preparing a brief along the lines of CCF policy."

If he is refused a hearing, he said, he will at least have tried.

To attend wedding

VANCOUVER (CP)—Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross of British Columbia and Mrs. Ross today received an invitation to Princess Margaret's wedding in Westminster Abbey May 6.

They will leave B.C. for England April 23.

Jobless up

VERNON (CP) — Unemployment in this area increased slightly during March and for the first time this year rose to a higher figure than the comparable month for 1959. Figures showed 2,257 men unemployed, compared with 2,110 in March, 1959.

World News Briefs

GENEVA (Reuters)—Russia called today on the world's nuclear powers to make a solemn pledge never to be the first to use nuclear weapons.

Valerin Zorin, chief Soviet delegate, called for the pledge as an act of goodwill as he presented a five-point document as a proposed basis of negotiation at the 10-power disarmament conference here.

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CAPETOWN (CP)—The South African government today outlawed the country's two main Negro organizations while police swooped down on more opponents of repressive racial laws.

The ban on the powerful African National Congress and its more-militant offshoot, the Pan-Africanist Congress, was announced in Parliament by Justice Minister Francois Erasmus.

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THE HAGUE (Reuters)—Dutch air officials today ordered police to investigate the possibility of attempted sabotage of a KLM airliner which crashed off Ireland in 1958, killing 99 persons.

The aeronautical inquiry board meantime suspended its investigation into the crash August 14, 1958, of the KLM Royal Dutch Airliner's Superconstellation, which plunged into the Atlantic 100 miles from Shannon airport.

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HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Actors and producers held high hopes that the month-long strike against major film studios would end today.

They scheduled a meeting after a four-hour negotiating session Thursday night failed to break the deadlock.

Sedan skids, rolls into muskeg pond

A 21-year old Italian soccer player died in Prince Rupert General hospital about 10 o'clock last night after the car he was driving skidded off Highway 16 near Oliver Lake and overturned in a pond.

Dead is Mario Santurbano, of 404 Eighth Avenue West, who was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital despite the efforts of Port Edward school teacher Mrs. Robert Peters, to revive him both at the scene of the accident and in the City Ambulance coming into town.

RCMP, who estimate the time of the accident at about 8:30 p.m. said Santurbano was driving toward Port Edward and was about four miles from the city limits when the accident happened.

ROLLED OVER

Santurbano's 1955 sedan is believed to have skidded to the left hand side of the road, jacknifed, rolled over and ended up upside down in a muskeg pond about 25 feet from the edge of the highway. The car landed in about 2½ feet of water facing toward Prince Rupert.

First on the scene were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peters.

Mrs. Peters told The Daily News that she and her husband noticed the lights of an overturned car as they were driving into Prince Rupert from Port Edward.

ONLY JUST HAPPENED

"There was steam rising from the engine and we could tell that it had only been there a short time," she said.

The couple had just pulled off the side of the road to investigate when another car, containing Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Helin of 1321 First Overlook Street, pulled up behind them.

Mr. Peters and Mr. Helin plowed through the muskeg to the car and when they saw that someone was still inside they shouted to Mrs. Helin to drive on into Prince Rupert to summon the ambulance.

Meanwhile, Mr. Peters and Mr. Helin pushed the tilted car, flat onto its roof to lift Mr. Santurbano's head clear of the water. It wasn't until other cars stopped and more men arrived, that they were able to free the accident victim's arms which were pinned under the car top.

PULLED FREE

Mrs. Peters said that a rope was attached to Mr. Santurbano's arms and while the car was rocked he was pulled free.

As soon as they got Santurbano on the edge of the highway, Mrs. Peters and others there began artificial respiration. When the City Ambulance arrived, artificial respiration was continued by Mrs. Peters and the ambulance crew administered oxygen while the ambulance was on its way into the city.

WOMAN PRAISED

While her efforts were in vain, ambulance men praised Mrs. Peters for her efforts, as the knowledge she gained in an industrial first aid course last year could save someone's life in future.

Mr. Santurbano came to Canada five years ago from his birthplace in Pretoro, Italy. He began work at the Columbia Cellulose Company Limited's Watson Island mill in 1957 and was employed as a helper in the deckers in the mill's bleach plant at the time of his death.

He was a member of the first all-Italian soccer football team sponsored by La Gondola Cafe in the city soccer league about four years ago.

Single, Mr. Santurbano is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Santurbano, three brothers, Angelo and Vercino in Prince Rupert and Vincent in Vancouver.

An inquest has been called by deputy-coroner Dr. R. B. Smith for 7:30 tonight at Ferguson Funeral Home.

F. MacDonald dies age 86

Francis MacDonald, an 86-year old bachelor and resident of the Pioneer Home, who has lived in the city for 44 years, died this morning in Prince Rupert General hospital.

Born in England, Mr. MacDonald went to Vancouver in 1907 and came to Prince Rupert in 1916. He had lived here ever since.

It is not kown if Mr. MacDonald has any living relatives. Funeral arrangements, in the hands of Ferguson Funeral Home, have not yet been made.

Percentage up

TORONTO (CP)—Nearly 50 per cent of unwed mothers seeking help from the Children's Aid Society are under 20 years of age, the retiring president of the society's Metropolitan Toronto branch said Wednesday.

Five years ago only 23 per cent of unwed mothers were teen-age, M. F. Newman told the branch's annual meeting.

Actress dies

SEATTLE (AP)—Alma Kruger, 88, an actress for more than 40 years on Broadway and in radio and motion pictures, died Tuesday in a nursing home. She retired from Hollywood and the theatre 13 years ago. Her best-known film role was that of Mollie Bird, nurse, opposite Lionel Barrymore in the "Dr. Kildare" pictures. She also played on radio in The Goldbergs.

Morven Fund now $1,232

The Cuthbert Morven Family Fund was increased by $128.00 today bringing the total to $1,232.03.

Donations were received from R. Fox $20, L. Paulin $2, Rev. J. A. Roskam $1, Miss E. Bulmer $5, Soroptimist Club $10, Don McRae $5 and Loyal Order of the Moose $50.

Four anonymous donations totalling $35 were also received.

City actors, students off to festival

More than 30 city students, teachers and members of the Prince Rupert Little Theatre will be among the hundreds who are taking part in the Skeena District Drama Festival in Kitimat April 7, 8 and 9.

Leaving here this morning by bus were actors, directors and stage hands for the three one-act plays to be presented by Booth Memorial Junior High Drama club and the local Little Theatre group.

Given a preview here last week, plays being entered are "A Pheonix Too Frequent" and "The Invisible Worm" by the Little Theatre and "The Stolen Prince" by the Booth Memorial Junior High school students.

February fines up over January

Revenue collected in municipal cases and payable to Prince Rupert in fines totaled $795 for February, an increase of $226 compared to the month of January's $569 in fines.

In his monthly report to City Council, Staff Sgt. W. J. Currie, NCO in charge of the City RCMP Detachment said that $100 was paid in fines to the Federal government with 54 paid as costs. Costs for municipal cases netted the city $86.

The RCMP investigated all 144 complaints received, attended 10 fires, reported nine unlighted street lamps and two business places unlocked.

Prisoners' expenses and maintenance came to $119 while $35 was taken in for parking tickets.

In making their patrols, RCMP put 4,253 miles on police vehicles.

Operation of Klemtu cannery as co-op urged by Macphee

Co-operative operation of Klemtu cannery was urged today by Angus Macphee, CCF candidate for Prince Rupert.

Mr. Macphee was blasting B.C. Packers Ltd. proposed closure of the cannery. He said news of the closure Tuesday is "a clear illustration of capital's irresponsible use of automation and centralization."

"The news should increase the concern over domination of the fishing industry by B.C. Packers, which controls the former J. H. Todd cannery."

He said none of the employees were notified of the closure until this month, "a complete disregard for the needs of community and individuals."

Mr. Macphee said the New Metlakatlans of Alaska have operated their own cannery and sawmill for years at immense profit to their village.

He said there is no reason to believe the Klemtu Natives couldn't do likewise and "it is certainly far better than to administer charity to a destitute community this winter."

Close to 150 Native families have been disrupted both socially and financially, Mr. Macphee said.

He said the cannery site was purchased from reserve lands a few years ago for $22,000 and had been a "historically profitable venture."

"It would seem reasonable, therefore, that the Federal Government should take action to allow the community to operate the plan on a co-operative basis."

Act calmly, take right action if fire caused by fat says chief

On July 22 last year, fat from frying chicken splashed on a stove and walls, caught fire and caused a fire that resulted in between $7,000 and $10,000 damage to an eight-room, two-storey rooming house.

In an effort to make Prince Rupert citizens more fire safety-conscious Fire Chief E. W. Becker described the preventative action to be taken in this type of fire.

Prevention—"Never deep fry without using a wire basket so that chips or whatever you are cooking may be taken out whenever the fat or oil boils too close to the top," Chief Becker said.

Action in case of fire—Pull the pot or pan off the heat (if electric type burner turn off element) and put on lid. "The cover will smother the fire," he said.

Warning—Do not run to the door with the burning pot in your hand as the flames will leap up to your face.

If you cannot extinguish the fire call 10 immediately.

"Remember," said Chief Becker, "if you want to call the fire department the numbers are the first and last digits on the dial."

Prince Rupert has now gone 450 days without a fatal traffic accident.

WEATHER

Gale warning in effect. Cloudy with occasional light rain or drizzle Saturday. A little cooler. Winds decreasing to light overnight. Low tonight and high Saturday 40 and 48.

TIDES

Saturday, April 9, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	11:53	19.4 feet
Low	05:52	5.4 feet
	18:07	4.1 feet