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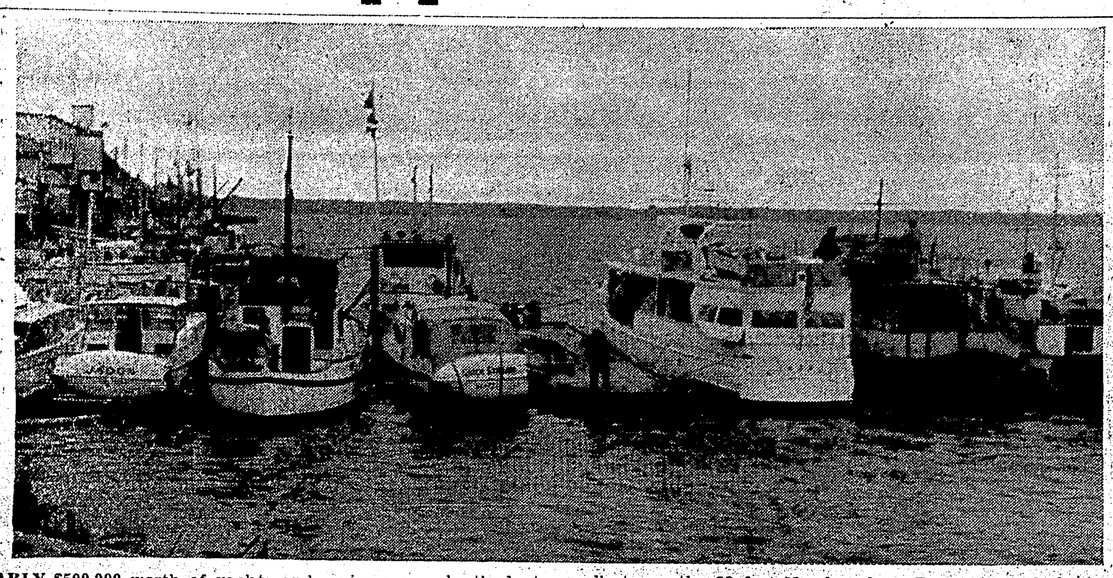
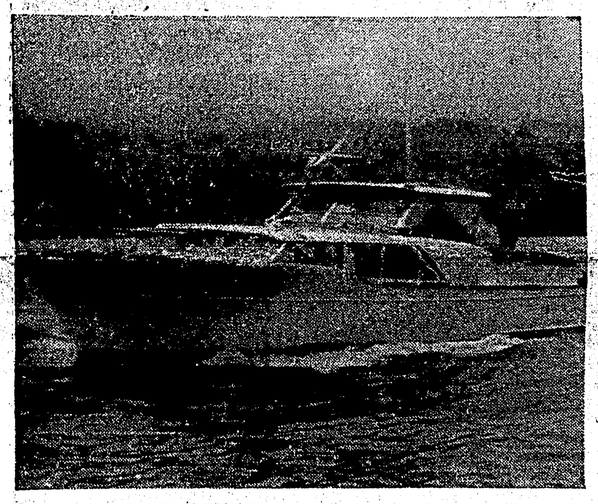
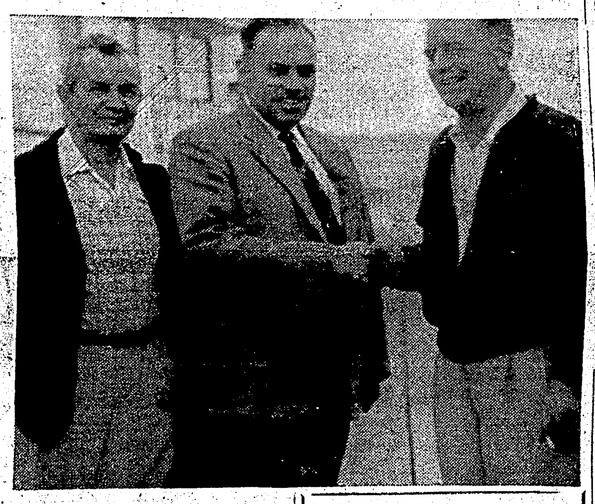
Unimac founders with two Sointula men trapped in overturned vessel



NEARLY $500,000 worth of yachts and cruisers were berthed at the Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht club floats Saturday and Sunday as 20 vessels arrived in the International Capital-to-Capital Cruiser race. Only 13 were competing. Largest boat was the 93-foot K-Thanga from Pheonix, Arizona while the smallest was the 33-foot Namhar from Bremerton, Washington. Boats left on Prince Rupert to Juneau leg of the race this morning. Yacht club floats were decked out with bunting to greet visitors.





ALASKA-BOUND CRUISERS in International Power Boat Race found tough going crossing Johnston Strait, Queen Charlotte Sound and at the mouth of the Skeena River in coming up to Prince Rupert from Pender Harbor. Stiff breeze and chop were evident in Prince Rupert harbor while 19 boats docked Saturday. Photo at left shows one of cruisers arriving at Yacht club, picture at right shows Dr. J. A. Macdonald, secretary-treasurer of Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht club greeting racemaster Farn Frank Morris. At left is Bob Wilson of Queen City YC, Seattle who placed second in race. —Staff photos by Dick Ayres.

Towrope flips boat in midnight mishap

Three men, well-known in Prince Rupert fishing circles, died trapped in the hull of their 57-foot fishing vessel Friday night near Cape Roger, Bowen Island, in Georgia strait. The Unimac sank in 60 fathoms after the vessel hit a towline and flipped over.

Dead are Skipper Wilfred Poheo, 35, and Bill Anderson, 30, both of Sointula; Joan Hornell of Vancouver; and Dick Jolliffe of Langley Prairie.

The girl was drowned in the wheelhouse and taken out by skindivers before the boat sank. The other three men went down with the ship, trapped inside the hull as skindivers frantically tried to effect their rescue.

Sole survivor of the tragedy was cook Robert Pedersen, 30, of Vancouver.

The Unimac was last in Prince Rupert July 7 when she landed 57,000 pounds of halibut.

The accident occurred near midnight Friday when the Unimac struck the towline between the fishpacker Cape Glattery and its barge.

Skindivers Don Elms, 31, of Whalley and Larry Hickey, 31, of North Vancouver, were first on the upturned hull. They heard knocking from inside and knocked in return to let the trapped men know help had arrived. Frank Wright, 41, Horshoe Bay water taxi proprietor, swam under the hull in company with Wayne Stanton of Lordel. They brought out the body of the girl from the wheelhouse.

They then searched the galley without finding anyone. Trying to get below through a door from the wheelhouse, which was jammed, they felt the boat sinking and made for the surface. The freighter Brentwood which was standing by made fast a line to the hull to their own mast. The strain was too great and the mast snapped.

The divers could still hear the trapped men knocking on the hull as the vessel sank.

A heavy swell in the straits hindered rescue operations and vessels on the scene, including the CPR ferry Princess of Vancouver, formed a breakwater around the overturned fishing boat.

Pedersen, the sole survivor, thrown clear of the vessel as it flipped completely over on its back on hitting the towline. He was picked up by the Cape Flattery.

One member of a skindiving rescue team at the scene said the sea was "just too rough for us to force our way into the boat."

PANAMA (AP) — An explosion caused minor damage Sunday in a garage of the United States information service building. Authorities said it apparently was caused by a home-made bomb.

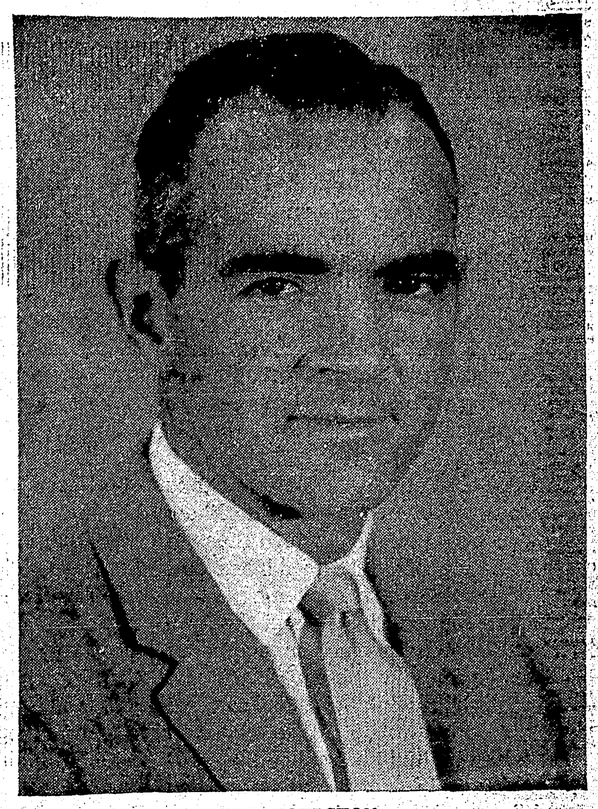
Child killed by CNR train

An inquest into the death of a two and one-half year old Port Edward girl, Saturday afternoon was adjourned until August 1, 7:15 p.m.

Velma Sankey was killed Friday about 7:05 p.m. when she was struck by a west-bound Canadian National Railways passenger train about one-half mile from Port Edward.

Body of the girl was positively identified by her father, Wilfred Sankey and released for a medical report and burial.

The coroner's jury consists of John Comadina as foreman and Dawn Bodger, Wilfred Delloch, Charlie McKinnon, William Pavich and Norman Nelson as members.



W. R. HOURSTON

New Director appointed to Pacific Fishing area

Appointment of W. R. Hourston, of Ottawa, as Area Director for the Pacific Area with headquarters at Vancouver, British Columbia, was announced today by Deputy Minister of Fisheries G. R. Clark. He will succeed Area Director A. J. Whitmore who will be retiring in mid-August.

Mr. Hourston, who was the successful candidate in a Canada-wide promotion competition approved by the Civil Service Commission, in his new capacity will be responsible for the administration of the fisheries in the Pacific Area which are the responsibility of the federal government.

Mr. Hourston was named Chief of the Fish Culture Development Branch at Ottawa in 1958. He became associated with the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, the scientific arm of the Department, while studying biology at the University of British Columbia.

He first worked on the Skeena River salmon investigation for the Board's biological station at Nanaimo, B.C., in 1945. He joined the Department's Fish Culture Development Branch, Pacific Area, Vancouver, as a biologist in 1949 and was later promoted to Chief Biologist in the Pacific Area. Mr. Hourston received his B.A. and M.A. degrees at the University of British Columbia.

Assault earns three months

A 20-year-old Prince Rupert youth, Perry Howard, was sentenced to three months plus 21 days concurrent in jail when he pleaded guilty before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite, on three separate charges Saturday in police court.

Howard was charged with assaulting a police officer, with intent to resist arrest, intoxication and being a minor on a licensed premises.

In connection with the same offence, Ryner Larry Weget, 21, was charged with obstructing a police officer.

Weget pleaded guilty also and was sentenced to three months in jail.

Clayton Dennis Anderson of 222 Ninth Avenue West, pleaded guilty to a charge of driving without insurance and was fined $10.

Rainier Yacht club boat captures second leg of Alaska cruiser race

It's fortunate for Art Church of Rainier Yacht club of Seattle that he has a large cruiser because after Saturday night he needed all the room he could find aboard the 75-foot diesel yacht Twanoh.

The Twanoh and its 11-member crew was declared the winner of the Pender Harbor-Prince Rupert leg of the International Capital-to-Capital Cruiser race when final computations were announced at the biennial Prince Rupert Yacht club banquet and dance in the Armoury Saturday night.

The young skipper, assisted by four members of his own family and five members of the Harry Jacobsen family, brought the Twanoh in with the smallest margin of error for the 442-mile predicted log race, 2.84 per cent. Mr. Jacobsen was an observer.

For his feat Mr. Church was presented with the City of Prince Rupert trophy and Golden Jubilee plaques to mark the running of the race during the city's 50th anniversary year. Mayor P. J. Lester made the presentation to the Seattle yachtman who had already won the Port Madison-to-Ladysmith leg of the capital-to-capital race.

Winner of the fabulous Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht club trophy, designed and made by the late John Bulger, for second place, was Bob Wilson's Puget Pride of the Queen City Yacht club, Seattle, which had a margin of error of 2.99 per cent. The smiling veteran of capital-to-capital yacht races received the sterling silver trophy from Dr. R. G. Large, senior past-president of the Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht club and chairman of the city's Golden Jubilee committee. Dr. Large was pinch-hitting for Dr. W. S. Kergin commodore of the PRRYC who was unable to attend.

It was the third time that Mr. Wilson had won the coveted local yacht club trophy in his racing visits here.

Taking the third-place Canadian Fish and Cold Storage trophy, now sponsored by B.C. Packers Limited, was the Sea Nymph, skippered by Carl Wilhelm of the Bremerton Yacht club. Horace V. Tattersall of the B.C. Packers Ltd., made the presentation.

About 200 adults and children cheered the winners at the giant smorgasbord banquet staged by the yacht club with City of Prince Rupert assistance.

Frank Morris, of Seattle and chairman of international cruiser race, a longtime visitor to Prince Rupert and veteran racer, described Prince Rupert as "the No. 1 city in North America for hospitality."

Dr. R. G. Large, as chairman for the banquet told the racers, their families and local members and guests that contrary to records, the first capital-to-capital race was staged in August, 1910, with 15 boats competing from Juneau to Olympia. Only three boats finished one of them being the 50-foot, 50-horsepower, twin screw Limit, raced by Fellows, Marriot and LePage of Seattle.

Prizes 50 years ago were $5,000 in trophies and $2,000 in cash, Dr. Large said.

Big event for members of the Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht club, was the announcement by Les Simmers, skipper of the Show Girl, of West Vancouver Yacht Club, that the International Cruiser Race executive had agreed to assist the local club in installing a flag pole and yardarm on which to fly the flags of the Alaska race fleet.

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Fire hazard now low in PR area

Two fires, considered to be man-caused, were quickly brought under control in the Prince Rupert Fire District during the past week. The first was near Burns Lake and the other on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Cost of fires this summer has so far only amounted to $6,335 as against $41,445 last year at this time. The number of fires this year to date is 47 as against 40 last year.

The hazard remains low, while the interior is moderate to increasing. All vacationers are warned to exercise extreme care with fires, cigarettes and other incendiaries.

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World News Briefs

BRUSSELS (Reuters)—United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold will fly to Brussels Wednesday for talks with the Belgian government on the Congo situation. Hammarskjold already has announced he will be flying to the Congo this week for a first-hand look at the situation.

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — Premier Patrice Lumumba of the Congo holds more talks with United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold today. Lumumba is seeking trained personnel to help get his chaos-ridden country back on its feet.

Lumumba after an initial 2½-hour meeting with Hammarskjold said he was "very optimistic" about the situation back home.

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TOKYO (AP)—Mao Tun, chairman of the Union of Chinese Writers, today called on Communist China's authors and artists to use their skills in backing what he called just wars. The New China news agency said Mao spoke at the National Congress of Writers and Artists in Peking. He urged his associates "to support all just wars against imperialism, colonialism and fascism."

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MOSCOW (Reuters) —Russia today handed over to American officials the body of Capt. Willard G. Palm, 30-year-old pilot of the U.S. RB-47 reconnaissance plane shot down by Soviet fighters over the Arctic July 1. Palm's body was returned to American consul Richard Schneider in a Moscow mortuary.

Prince Rupert has now gone 558 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Thirteen-boat caravan of outboards sail north

In a streak of brilliant sunshine, 13 outboard-powered boats from differnet parts of the United States headed out through Metlakatla Pass Sunday morning on the second leg of a new advenutre led by Robert A. Henning, editor of the Alaska Sportsman.

Eight of the participating craft trailered up through British Columbia to join three which cruised up the coast. Two boats took off from Ketchikan Saturday to join the caravanners in Prince Rupert and accompany them north.

The rendezvous was the first of what is hoped will be a yearly affair with trailered boats taking off from Prince Rupert to cruise in Alaskan waters.

Mr. Henning, whose magazine is sponsoring the venture said there was a "good possibility that the trailering end of the project could comprise up to 100 boats when some advance notice is given." This year the caravan was made up with a minimum of publicity."

Some of the trailering outboarders found parts of Highway 16 "in terrible condition," others it didn't bother at all and some "just took it slow and carefully" and had no difficulties. Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Peabody from Apple Valley, California, decided they had had enough of the road and are loading their outfit on The Canadian Prince when they return to Prince Rupert. Carvis W. Boney, trailering a catamaran said the road didn't bother him at all.

All agreed however, it would be a wonderful road when it is finished.

From Ketchikan the outboarders are continuing north for the Salmon Derby at Juneau. A side trip, without boats, is scheduled for Whitehorse.

Taking part in the cruise are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Driscoll and two children, Max Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. K. Kelly, Sim Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Peabody, Michael Kelly and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Howell, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Lopez and Dale, Benjamin Randolph and grandson Paul.

From Ketchikan, Oral Freeman, Kitti Anderson, Lucy Kamm, George Moody, Donna Moody, Richard B. Lauber, Jess Edwards, Lawrence Millward and Kermit.

Two boats land 73,000 pounds

Two vessels landed a total of 73,000 pounds of halibut on the exchange today.

Miss Jane brought in 55,000 pounds, including 42,000 pounds of medium at 16 cents a pound; 12,000 pounds of large at 18 cents a pound; and 1,000 chix at 10 cents a pound. The load sold to Atlin Fisheries, Ltd.

Also selling on the exchange was Helen II with 18,000 pounds, including 14,000 pounds of medium at 16 cents a pound; 3,000 pounds of large at 18 cents a pound; and 1,000 pounds of chix at 10 cents a pound. Sold to B.C. Packers, Ltd.

ROBERT E. HENNING, editor of The Alaska Sportsman, centre, is shown chatting with Canadian Customs officer A. B. Faulkner, left, and Sten Didrickson, caretaker of the Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht club, before caravan of 13 outboard cruisers took off for Alaskan waters yesterday. Annual caravan is being sponsored by Alaska Sportsman. Outboarders cruised and trailered boats here from all over United States.
—Photo by Gladys Baldwin.

Local company gets contract on new bank

Northwest Construction Limited of Prince Rupert has been awarded the contract to build the new Bank of Commerce building at the corner of Third Avenue West and Fourth Street.

The city firm was low bidder when tenders closed with architects Alan Gray, Stilwell and Lobban, Vancouver, June 23. Bids were also received from Stange Construction Co., Ltd. and J. C. Oliver Limited of Vancouver.

WEATHER

Cloudy tonight and Tuesday becoming sunny Tuesday afternoon. Not much change in temperature. Winds northwest 15 on open water, otherwise light. Low tonight and high Tuesday 56 and 65.

TIDES

Tuesday, July 26, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	02:30	20.3 feet
	15:21	19.2 feet
Low	09:03	3.0 feet
	21:14	6.4 feet