

Cellulose People Beat Housing Problem—They Build Homes Themselves

Twenty Houses To Be Ready by Christmas Through Co-operative Effort

There is a way to beat the housing shortage but it takes plenty of hard work—get your friends to help you build your own house. That is just what some 36 employees of Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd. Ltd. at Watson Island are doing.

Construction of the basement of the first home is nearing completion. By Christmas, Celco Co-operative Housing Association expects to have 20 homes ready for occupancy.

And the sites already have been laid out for them. More than 40 lots in the Port Edward townsite have been purchased by the future homeowners who plan to create there a community of which they will be proud.

It all began with a dire necessity which saw no way of being satisfied.

"We wanted homes to bring families to," says Len electrical superintendent of the pulp mill, "and we wouldn't have any homes unless we built them ourselves."

After several months of studying literature on co-operative housing with his friend, Engineer Fred Gray, the two decided they would put their plans to the test of popularity.

They saw no loopholes which they couldn't plug. From their own experience and that of many before them whose work they researched from one end of the continent to the other, Louie and Gray felt they had a workable idea.

But how would the others feel about the plan? Without the support of a good majority they knew as well scrap the whole idea.

A meeting was called of all employees who wanted homes for their families. The plan was presented. Yes, they said, "We'll take it!"

THIRTY-SIX ALREADY

Right there an executive was formed which saw Loucks president of the Co-op, and Gray, secretary-treasurer. A charter was drawn up and approved. That was little more than a month ago. Today there are 36 members who have undertaken to buy \$2000 worth of shares each at \$5 a share over a period of 16 years.

The Co-op has enough money now to build the first house. When that is completed, the house will be mortgaged to help finance the second home. This procedure will be followed until all 36 homes, planned for completion by Christmas, 1951, are finished.

"And then we'll take stock to see how we stand," says the president. "But we want to get these first 20 homes up just as

Today's Stocks

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

VANCOUVER	
American Standard	16
Bralorne	6.20
B.R.X.	.03
Cariboo Quartz	1.21
Congress	.08
Giant Mascot	.95
Indian Mines	20 1/2
Pend Oreille	7.35
Pioneer	1.95
Premier Border	.31
Privateer	.11
Reno	.03
Sheep Creek	1.60
Silbak Premier	.38
Taku River	.07
Vananda	.12
Salmon Gold	03 1/2
Spud Valley	.11
Silver Standard	2.40
Western Uranium	2.70
OILS	
Anglo Canadian	5.90
A.P. Con	.46
Atlantic	3.00
Calmont	1.24
Central Leduc	2.25
Home Oil	16.00
Mercury	14 1/2
Okalta	2.45
Princess	1.36
Royal Canadian	.12
Royalite	15.00
TORONTO	
Athlona	.07 1/2
Aumaque	.21
Beattie	.45
Bevecourt	.49
Buffalo Canadian	.18
Consol. Smelters	151.50
Conwest	3.20
Donalda	.49
Eldona	18 1/2
East Sullivan	8.25
Giant Yellowknife	8.00
God's Lake	.34
Hardrock	.16
Harricana	.08 1/2
Heva	.15
Jackknife	.08 1/2
Joliet Quebec	.54
Lenx	.15
Madsen Red Lake	2.15
McKenzie Red Lake	.47
McLeod Cockshutt	2.80
Moneta	.31 1/2
Negus	.75
Noranda	72.00
Louvicourt	173 1/4
Pickie Crow	1.60
San Antonio	2.55
Senator Rouyn	18 1/4
Sherrit Gordon	2.92
Steep Rock	6.70
Silver Miller	1.33
Upper Canada	1.65
Golden Manitou	6.95

FLASHES

IMAGINATION
HUNSLAND-KCMTF dubbed as a "fragment of imagination" reports that an eight-year-old car wreck containing three skeletons had been found near this town. Police said they had been unable to find any wreck which was reported spotted by a bus driver.

CALL ON BIDAULT
FARIS — Former Premier Georges Bidault, Republican, was called upon today to endorse to form a new government for France.

Marshal Petain
Died Today

LE FUYEU, France — Marshal Henri Philippe Petain was buried today from the little church of Notre Dame du Port. 7,000 persons stood in the village square to watch the funeral services.

The old soldier died Monday on his black island at the age of ninety-five, ending a career which won him a hero's acclaim in World War I and brought him disgrace in World War II with his role in the collaboration with the Germans.

He was buried near the graves of other Canadian airmen who died down during the war. The funeral would pass judgment on the man.

Flares Sighted Near Here

Applewhaite Heads North

Federal Member Heading For Northern B.C. Today

Anxious to visit as many as possible of the outlying parts of the district, E. T. Applewhaite, M.P. for Skeena, is now in Vancouver and is leaving by air tonight for Whitehorse enroute to the British Columbia section of the White Pass and Yukon Railway as well as Atlin, Lower Post, Telegraph Creek, Port Babine and Topley Landing.

Mr. Applewhaite advises the Daily News that he expects to reach Prince Rupert about August 7.

WEATHER

Synopsis

A shallow layer of moist Pacific air drifted into the southern mainland areas of British Columbia producing morning cloudiness but there is still no sign of any appreciable rain to end the current dry spell. The cloudiness is expected to dissipate during the afternoon and form again about daybreak Thursday. Extensive low cloud and fog still blankets much of the west coast of Vancouver Island. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms are expected in parts of the Cariboo while southern interior valleys remain dry and warm.

Forecasts

North coast region — Cloudy near the Queen Charlottes and northern tip Vancouver Island today and Thursday. Mostly clear along the mainland. Little change in temperature. Winds light except northwest (20) near the southern Queen Charlottes today. Low tonight and high Thursday — at Port Hardy and Sandspit, 52 and 65; Prince Rupert 48 and 65.

Aircraft For United States

OTTAWA (CP) — The United States Air Force may soon place an order for \$50,000,000 worth of training aircraft in Canada. Defence Production Department officials disclosed today. The aircraft will be produced at Canadair Limited in Montreal.

New Halibut Season Opens

Forty or More Prince Rupert Boats Head Seawards

Forty or more Prince Rupert halibut boats are among a fleet of upwards of 156 Canadian and American vessels heading today for the two halibut areas off the British Columbia and Alaska coast which are being opened at midnight tonight for the long advocated split season. They will have their gear in the water by dawn tomorrow.

One of the areas is that designated as 2B in the southern part of Hecate Straits between Cumshewa Inlet on the north to Cape St. James on the south and across to Price Island on the east.

The other area is off the Alaska coast between Cape Spencer and Dixon's Entrance.

The fishing period extends to August 4 and there is no quota limit.

Estimates are that the total take for the split season may run from six to ten million pounds, depending on weather and tidal conditions. One thing certain is that fishing will be intensive and that no time will be wasted running in and out of port.

It was officially expected that some forty boats would go from Prince Rupert, 30 from Vancouver, 46 from Puget Sound and 40 from Alaska.

DEPARTING VESSELS

Vessels departing last night for the new areas were: Ingrid H. Capt. C. Lindquist. Zapora, Capt. L. Solway. Teeny Milly, Capt. S. Norwall. Balsac I, Capt. Einar Telseth. Northern Breeze, Capt. J. Eilertsen. Sea Maid, Capt. Henry Doiron. Relief, Capt. M. Sollows. Prosperity A, Capt. A. C.

Cease-Fire Talk Outlook Better

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)—The Communists were reported today to have offered to compromise in Korean cease-fire talks under which withdrawal of foreign troops would not be discussed until after the armistice.

Indications are that the proposal will prove acceptable to the United Nations command.

The Reds heretofore had insisted that the issue of pulling out foreign troops—United and Chinese Reds—should be on the program of armistice talks.

A new proposal of the Communists was called "reasonable."

Brigadier General William Nuckols, who attended yesterday's sessions at Kaeson, said the new Red proposition was "more temperate and reasonable in tone" than previous Communist demands.

Officially the United Nations said that a new Chinese and North Korean suggestion on troop withdrawals was "sufficiently interesting" for Allied delegates to propose a long overnight recess for further study.

Neither Nuckols nor United Nations communiques indicated exactly how the Reds had moderated their demand.

Fighting In Korea

TOKYO (CP)—United Nations patrols battled a Communist platoon northwest of Musan, United Nations advance headquarters, today while both sides pushed probing attacks elsewhere along the front.

Several clashes are reported on the central front.

Two light probing attacks by the Reds were repulsed at Chorwon and Red platoons were scattered northeast of Kumhwa.

Other United Nations forces battled with the Communists south of Kunwon, suspected new Red build-up area.

Thirteen B-29 bombers pounded railroad yards near the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

CCC Dam Aiding Fish

Exceptional Drought Affecting Migration of Salmon To Spawning Grounds

Any suggestion that the Columbia Cellulose Co.'s dam on Cloyah River may be a handicap to the salmon in moving-up that stream toward the spawning grounds is completely exploded by G. S. Reade, fisheries supervisor. On the other hand the dam and the fish ladder with which it has been equipped, is an asset to the movement of the fish because, during the recent unusually dry spell, extra water has been released over the dam to provide more water in the creek between dam and salt water and thus facilitate the migration.

There has been no unusual wastage of salmon in moving up the stream in spite of the exceptionally low water, says Mr. Reade. Some alarm may have been caused by reason of the fact that more people have been seeing the stream than in previous years. "It is quite a normal situation as fisheries officers and others who are familiar know," says Mr. Reade. As a matter of fact, the loss of fish has been negligible.

The fisheries supervisor explains that the sockeye salmon, in their movement upstream to the spawning grounds, travel by night and each night water has been released over the CCC dam to facilitate the movement. Certainly the dam has nothing to do with any loss of fish but, if anything, the contrary is the case.

The fish have been having some difficulty passing through one fall in the river but, to rectify that, the department is planning to concentrate the water, now diffused, into one channel. That will be a departmental job as it has nothing to do with the CCC "which has been doing all it can and everything that could be expected of it."

As for the department, said Mr. Reade, "we do not want to lose a single fish but neither do we want any exaggerated picture of wastage of fish." If the sockeye cannot get up, neither can the steelhead, he adds.

Sockeye are now in Diana Lake Creek in September for spawning. And there is nothing to indicate that goodly numbers have not got through, the drought notwithstanding.

The unusual drought this summer has not been confined to Cloyah area, the department says. Similar conditions prevail in other spawning streams in the district and have caused the closing of the Banks and Aristable Island areas to both seining and gillnetting during the past two weeks to aid the escapement of fish. At that the fish have been milling around in the sea outside waiting for the chance to get up the extremely low streams.

Once in every few years there is a drought such as this has been, says Mr. Reade. Rains of the past week have relieved the situation somewhat but, at that, the rains have been too light.

Local Man in Plane Crash

Gordon Rhodes Not Seriously Hurt Near Edmonton

EDMONTON (CP) — Gordon M. Rhodes, aged 22, formerly of Prince Rupert, suffered minor injuries Tuesday when a single-engine Fleet Canuck plane crashed in a farmer's field 16 miles northwest of here.

Rhodes was taken to hospital with facial lacerations and possible arm fracture. His condition is reported as not serious.

Eye-witnesses said that Rhodes' plane, owned by the Edmonton Flying Club, failed to come out of a bank. A farmer who saw the crash pulled him out of the plane.

Rhodes is the son of Mrs. E. M. Viers of Prince Rupert.

Conjecture on Missing DC 4

May Be Topographical Survey Party

Flares were seen issuing from mountainous country, supposedly some 15 to 25 miles north of Prince Rupert, this morning. They led to two theories:

1. That they might have been signals from a Canadian Pacific Airlines DC4 aircraft which has been missing since early Saturday morning on a flight from Vancouver to Anchorage.

2. They might have been sent up in connection with the operations of a Dominion Topographical Survey party which is operating in the rugged country between the Skeena River and Khatzmateen Inlet in that general direction.

A single-engine Norseman went out to search the area following reports of the flares and reported sighting "nothing." It was to go out again.

Queen Charlotte Air Lines pilot Norman Jermyn is on the search.

Police were notified by Thomas McMeekin, wholesaler, when he and five others noticed "about 25 small black balls rise over the mountains, then break into smoke clouds."

"Two or three of them would break out at once, then more would come," said Mr. McMeekin.

RCMP boat PML-15 is standing by.

No sighting reports so far have been received by the search aircraft.

William Priest, agent for QCA, estimated that smoke he saw was about 25 miles away.

MEANTIME IN ALASKA
Meantime 21 searching aircraft are continuing their search in "ideal weather" conditions today, their quest centering on the Mount St. Elias area well to the north of the Alaskan Panhandle.

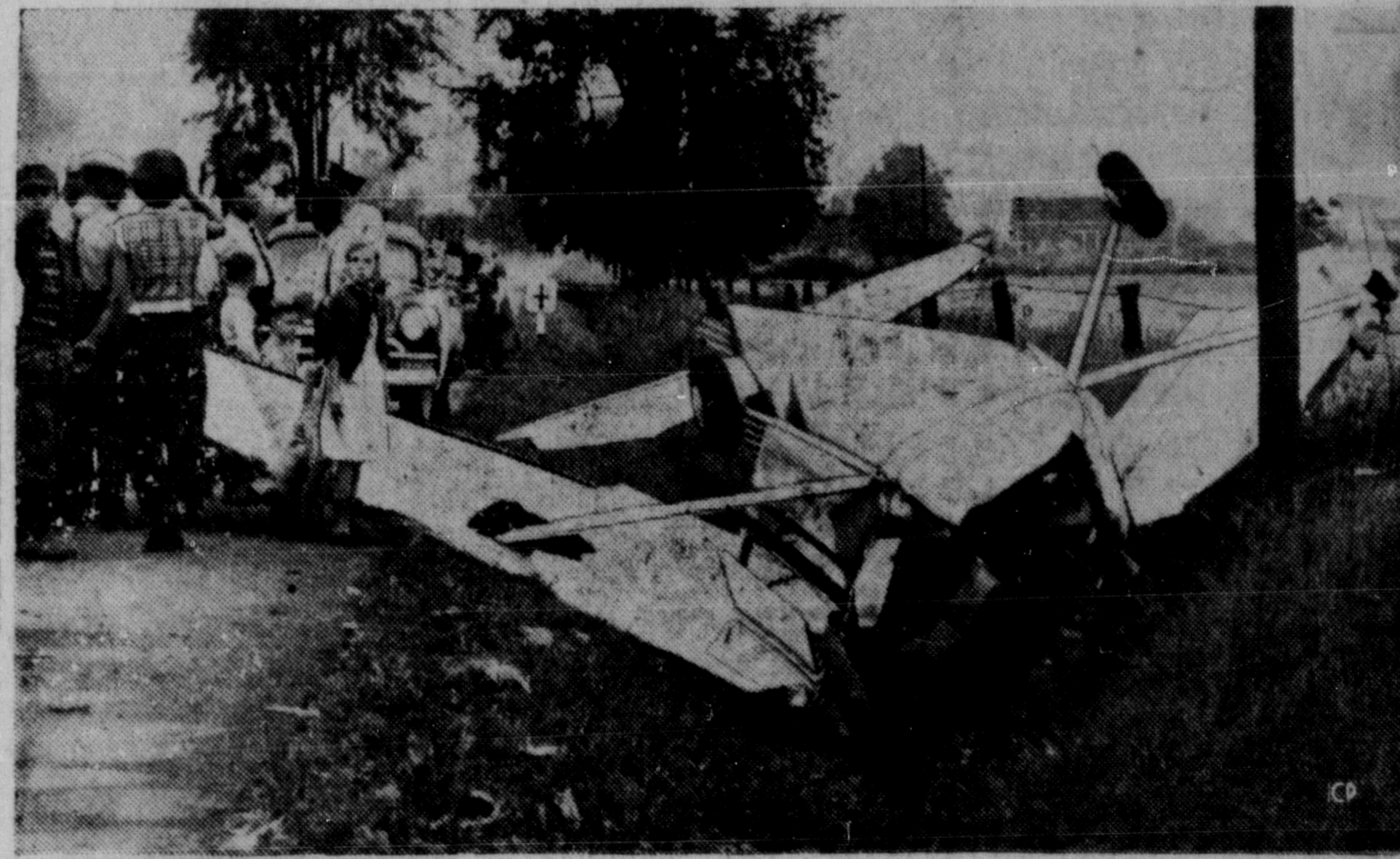
Kamloops Does Not Want Douks

VICTORIA—Adams Lake has been recommended as a suitable location for Sons of Freedom but this is arousing the stronger opposition of the people of Kamloops.

Hon. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands and forests, arrived in the city this afternoon by air from Victoria and is leaving by car for his summer home at Lakelse Lake. He was met here by Will Robinson of Terrace.

Quebec Feels Earthquake

QUEBEC—Described as slight, an earthquake was felt in Quebec last night.



TWO DIE, TWO LIVE—Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis of Toronto were killed when their light plane crashed beside the highway near Chatham, Ont. Their children, John Alexander, 5, and Jeanette, 2, escaped with minor injuries. Young John said that his father had told him they were out of gasoline and were going to try to crash land on the highway. (CP PHOTO)

SAW PARENTS KILLED—Five-year-old John Alexander Davis and his sister Jeanette, 2, hold hands in a hospital in Chatham, Ont., after escaping the plane crash in which their parents were killed. The light plane crashed beside a highway after running out of gasoline. (CP PHOTO)

TIDES

Thursday, July 26, 1951
(Pacific Standard Time)
High 7:12 15.1 feet
19:30 18.1 feet
Low 1:14 6.9 feet
12:57 8.7 feet