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May 2, 1954

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# Steering Mechanism Of Chelan Not Checked Before Fatal Trip

## Jury Hears Reports Of Helm Trouble

VANCOUVER (CP)—A coroners' jury heard Friday that the shipwrecked tug Chelan was having difficulty with her steering mechanism and had not been inspected before sinking off the Alaska coast last April 15.

The jury was investigating the death of Frank Hykaway, one of the tug's 14 crew members who lost their lives off Point Decision.

James Moorcroft, a government steamship inspector, testified that his office had not been advised of changes to the Chelan's steering apparatus before she put out on her last cruise.

He said that it was the duty of company officials to inform his office of any important repairs to a ship.

### LETTER READ TO JURY

A letter from the Chelan's second officer, Richard Child, dated a few days before the tragedy, and sent to his wife, was read into the record. It stated that the vessel was still having trouble with helm.

Thomas Wilson Morgan, Supt. Engineer for Union Steamships, owners of the Chelan, testified that he had supervised the replacing of the tug's electrical steering with an hydraulic-assisted mechanism just prior to the disaster.

David George Cox, former first officer of the Chelan, testified that the vessel was sturdy and handled well, but that it had once had trouble with the electric steering during a 35-mile an hour wind.

At that time, he said, it had been necessary to revert to manual steering which required the use of two men. He added that the Chelan had not been heavily loaded on that occasion and that the barge it was pulling "was light."

### BATTLED GALE

The Chelan and a barge, loaded with concentrates, went down April 15 as they battled 80-mile-an-hour winds and heavy seas off Cape Decision. Only two bodies of members of the 14-man crew have been recovered.

A veteran tugboat skipper, Capt. Fred Talbot, testified earlier at the inquest that the Chelan was not in a "normal, safe position" at the time of the sinking.

### NO COMPLAINTS

Referring to earlier testimony about the seaworthiness of the tug and its scow, Capt. Talbot said the barge had been found to be "unmanageable" late last year. He added, however, that there had not been any complaints from crew members since adjustments had been made.

The six-man coroner's jury, consisting of mariners, returned a verdict that Hykaway met death from "unnatural causes through drowning."

### Dudoward Rites Set for Monday

Funeral service will be held Monday at 2:30 p.m. in the First United Church for Captain Rufus Dudoward, district oldtimer, who died Wednesday night in Prince Rupert Hospital, in his 69th year.

The Rev. L. G. Seiber will conduct last rites for the pioneer Port Simpson fisherman, who operated the first power-driven gas boat in this area.

Born at Port Simpson, December 27, 1883, he started his career as a fireman on river boats on the Skeena and worked up as deckhand and engineer, eventually writing captain's papers.

He helped to survey this area for the Grand Trunk railway and when the city of Prince Rupert became established, he realized the possibilities of the fishing business and started his new life as a fisherman, supplying the city.

His first gas boat, running on a two-cycle engine without clutch or timer, gave way to the first Mary D, the name he gave to each of his subsequent boats. His latest was a deepsea trawler.

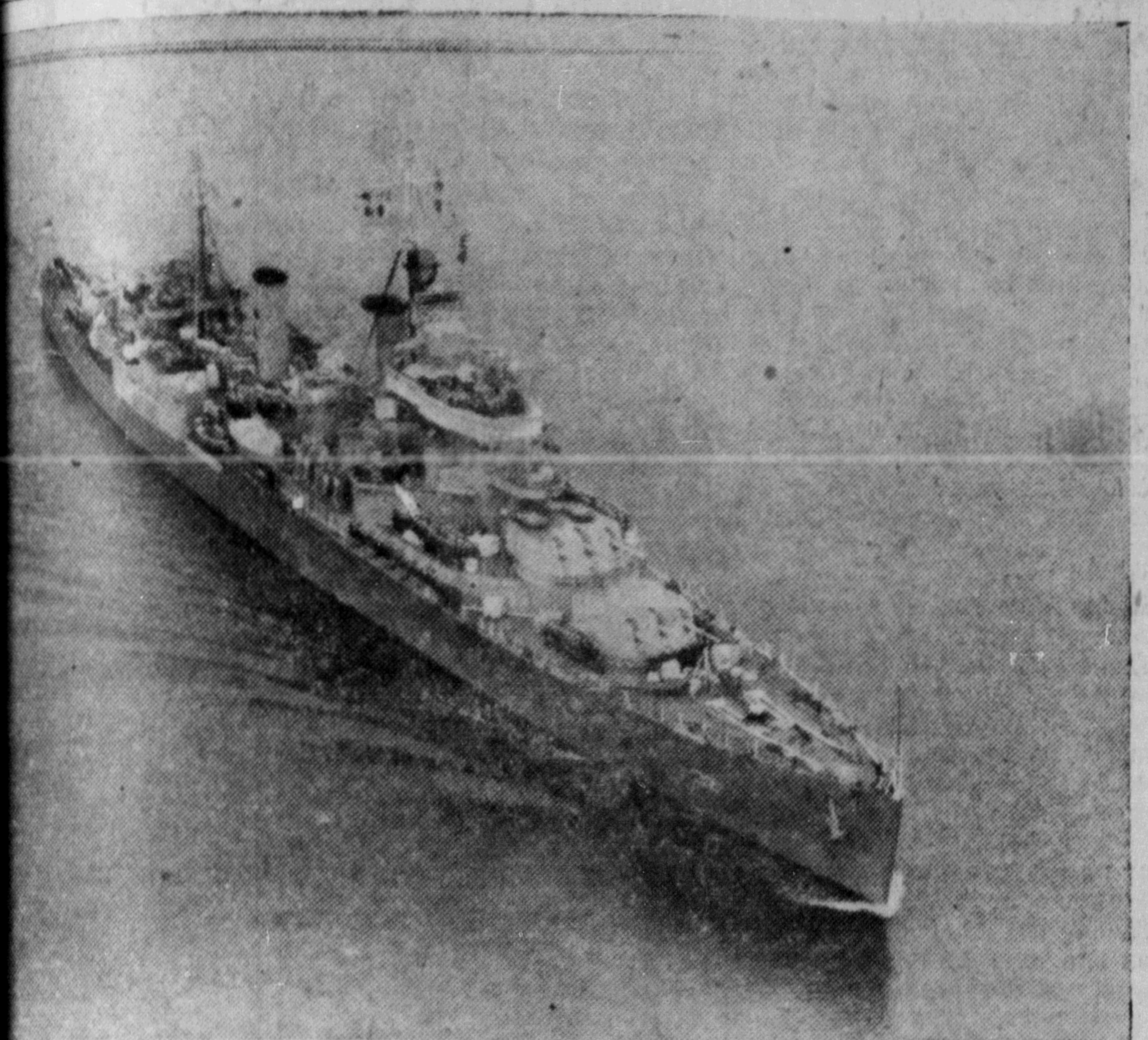
Besides his wife, Molly (Mary) of Port Simpson, he is survived by six children, Mrs. E. G. Abbott at Minto Mines, B.C., Mrs. Ole Berg, Vancouver, Mrs. Beryl Dodaur, Vancouver, and sons Wally, Rex and Gerry, all of Vancouver. Wally, Gerry and Mrs. Berg and her young daughter, all are here for the funeral.

### Order Lists Liquor Area

VICTORIA (CP)—Twelve more mainline and five more Vancouver Island municipalities have been designated as liquor licensing districts.

An order in council listed North Vancouver, Richmond, Endersby, Surrey, Merritt, Coquitlam, Delta, Fraser Mills, Langley, Maple Ridge, Mission and Pitt Meadows on the mainland.

Island centres were Saanich and Central Saanich in the Greater Victoria area, and North Cowichan, Cumberland and Lake Cowichan, up-island.



TON CRUISER HMCS Ontario, based at Esquimalt, B.C., will serve as training ship entering the Royal Canadian Navy under the recently announced "Venture Plan." provides for entry into the RCN, with seven-year commissions, of young men between 17 and 21 years of age with junior matriculation or the equivalent. Their basic course will be 18 months in duration and will consist of two seven-month periods ashore and two four-month cruises. First course starts next September 20. (National Defence Photo)

## Coldest May First in 60 Years Recorded in B.C. During Night

ed in Vancouver and Abbotsford, Nanaimo, Port Hardy and Patricia Bay all established new minimum records for May. Minimum temperatures at northern B.C. points included Prince Rupert 32 above, Prince George 17, Fort St. John 22, and at Whitehorse it was 25 above. A low of 10 degrees at Cranbrook was the coldest May 1 since weather records began, including that point 45 years ago. Kamloops low of 22 topped minimum records that have stood for 60 years.

Temperature records back to 1886 tumbled on the prairies. The mercury reached a high of 35.2 degrees at Edmonton, coldest April 30 since the 36 mark set 68 years ago. It was 27 at Lethbridge, coldest since 28 was recorded in 1913.

Calgary was the coldest spot on the prairies overnight, reporting a zero reading. It cracked a minimum record of 13 reported April 30, 1909. Saskatoon reported a high of 30, three degrees below the previous low maximum reported in 1921. At Medicine Hat it was 28, compared with 44 reported last year.

Prarie weathermen gave little hope of much warmer weather in the immediate future.

Clouds are expected to cut short the sunny spell along the northern B.C. coast, and intermittent rain is forecast for this evening.

The Dominion Public Weather Office issued a gale warning for the North coast region with intermittent rain tomorrow. Southerly 15-mile-an-hour winds will increase over exposed waters this evening to southeast gales 35.

Low tonight and high Sunday for Port Hardy 36 and 50, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 40 and 50 degrees.

## W. H. Lemmon Leaving Here

W. H. Lemmon, incumbent at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Seal Cove for the past seven months, will leave early in June for a new post in the north and will be replaced here by Tom Sharpe who served the Seal Cove Parish last summer.

Mr. Lemmon will serve at Sunset Prairie, about 17 miles from Dawson City, in the diocese of Caledonia. He came here last October from London, Ontario, and has participated in several community activities during his brief stay.

Besides organizing anew the Seal Cove Anglican Young People's Association, he was active in the Prince Rupert Boy Scout Association and the Music and Drama Festival Association.

Mr. Sharpe, who has just graduated from the Anglican Theological College at the University of British Columbia, is a Vancouver man. He will be ordained here on Whitsunday, June 6, at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Mr. Sharpe is expected to arrive here in about two week's time.

## Geoffrey Ayres Joins Daily News

John Magor, editor and publisher of The Daily News announced today the addition to the staff of Geoffrey Ayres, formerly news and continuity writer with radio station CJNB, North Battleford, Sask.

Mr. Ayres takes over the position of reporter and sports editor previously held by his brother Dick, now news editor.

Thirty-five years old, Geoff Ayres served overseas with the 4th L/AA Regiment RCA during the Second World War. He gained his reporting experience with the Saanich Star, V.I., as a news writer for radio station CJVI, Victoria and as a sports writer for the Daily Colonist.

## Tornadoes Hit Southwest U.S.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (CP)—Tornadoes and vicious winds lashing six states in the southwest and midwest left one person dead, at least 56 injured and caused damages estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars on Friday.

## Tremors Kill 150 In Greece

### Violent Shocks Flatten Towns

ATHENS (AP)—Earth tremors rocked central Greece Friday night, hours after violent shocks flattened entire towns and crushed scores of persons to death.

The early death toll was estimated officially at 150. Interior Minister Ioannis Nicolitsias said at least 25,000 persons were homeless.

The minister compared the disaster to that of the widespread quakes in the Greek Ionian islands last August, which killed up to 1,000 persons and destroyed the homes of 120,000.

FROM COAST TO MOUNTAINS  
Friday's stricken area stretches from the east coast into the Pindus mountains, where shattered villages can be reached only over donkey trails. The destruction appeared to centre around Granitsa, 135 miles northwest of Athens, with the towns of Sofades, Farsala, Karditsa and Domokos hardest hit.

Thousands of persons slept in open fields Friday night, some because they had no home to return to and others because they were afraid to go back to the towns they had fled.

The government sped supplies and medicine to the earthquake victims and dispatched troops to repair communication lines.

## Driver Fined \$75 On Two Counts

Two traffic counts cost Clyde Elmer Leask, Prince Rupert, \$75 and costs in city police court this morning when he peaded gully to falling to remain at the scene of an accident and also driving without a driver's licence.

Leask, police testimony showed, was picked up last Saturday, minutes after he sideswiped a cab belonging to 99 Taxi on Fifth Avenue. Magistrate W. D. Vance fined Leask \$50 and costs on the hit-and-run charge and \$25 for driving without a driver's licence.

New police crack-down on speeders brought fines of \$10 and \$15 against two men picked up Tuesday for cruising more than 15 miles an hour through the hospital zone.



SQUIRRELS are going to little Mary McCready's head. The Allentown, Pa., youngster is playing mother to three one-week-old squirrels that her father found while repairing a roof on his farm. The six-year-old miss says she does not feed her tiny charges with an eye-dropper. She uses a "nose-dropper" instead.

## Peace Pleas, Military Might Featured in May Day Rites

LONDON (AP)—Europe celebrated May Day today in a holiday mood, with pleas for peace coming from both sides of the Iron Curtain.

The biggest demonstration was in Moscow's Red Square, where the Soviet defence minister, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, told a crowd:

"In foreign policy it is the glorious task of our government not to permit a new war, and to keep up normal relations between all countries."

In Western Europe, Communists and Socialists held separate rallies to observe the traditional international workers' holiday.

In the Far East, Communist China followed the pattern of her Soviet neighbor with a military review. Mao Tze-tung, the country's ailing dictator, made one of his rare public appearances in Peiping.

In Tokyo, about 400,000 Japanese May Day demonstrators streamed through the streets under a sea of red banners, shouting their opposition to rearmament and clashing briefly with steel-helmeted police.

Divided Berlin had two May Day observances. West Berliners gathered to hear addresses by the lord mayor, Dr. Walter Schreiber, and Jacob Kaiser, minister for all-German affairs.

In the Soviet sector of the city there was a great procession through Marx-Engels Square.

In Paris the only public meeting was a Communist rally in the Bois de Vincennes.

In Rome the Communist-dominated Chamber of Labor sponsored a gathering in the People's Square. The Christian Workers' Association met in St. Peter's Square.

Yugoslavia's May Day observance in Belgrade was a great military spectacle. President Tito reviewed an eight-mile procession including tank units and a number of 155-millimeter howitzers.

## Prince Charles, Sister Anne Reunited With Royal Parents

TOBRUK, Libya (CP)—Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh hugged and kissed Prince Charles and Princess Anne today for the first time in five months.

Then the Royal Family sailed out of bomb-wrecked Tobruk harbor for home on the final stretches of their world tour.

The reunion came after the Queen and duke had spent hours in official formalities ashore since their arrival from the East African protectorate of Uganda early today.

Prince Charles, five-year-old heir to the throne and his three-year-old sister came to this newly-created independent North African kingdom by sea from Malta Friday.

But they had to wait until almost noon today before they could be reunited with their parents.



THIS PICTURE of a proposed new city hall at Edmonton was made by superimposing a photograph of a model of the building on a picture of the area where the building will be located. The picture was made by Max Dewar, an architect who helped design the building. The model shows 10 storeys, but the city hall, when completed, will have only nine storeys. Proposed location of the building is on 100th street, midway between the CNR station and Jasper Avenue in the heart of downtown Edmonton. Plans for the \$2,500,000 project are approved. Construction is expected to start this year. Corner building in foreground is city-owned office.

## SUCCESSFUL "POT POURRI" OPEN LAST TIME TONIGHT

Prince Rupert citizens have their last chance tonight to view the handwork of local hobbyists as the Civic Centre Association's "pot pourri" arts and crafts show concludes its three day display.

Following a large turnout of visitors to the Civic Centre last night, Crafts Supervisor Roly Miles dubbed the show "a success" and said that an even larger attendance is expected today.

"The finest display in the show so far, is the fine co-operation displayed by the various contributing groups," Mr. Miles said.

## Known Man Dies

Prince Rupert lost one of its most respected residents tonight with the death of a well-known local man at the Prince Rupert Hospital. He had been in Prince Rupert for 38 years.

Steigen, Norway, in came to America in 1916 after a number of years of Seattle and Alaska. He came to Prince Rupert in 1921 and continued in the fishery throughout his life and eventually purchased a halibut vessel.

At Prince Rupert he was an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Valhalla Club.