

Alberni Takes First Game In Semis Against Eilers

VANCOUVER (CP) — Alberni Athletics last night defeated Vancouver Eilers 66-60 in the first game of the best-of-five series in the B.C. Basketball semi-finals.

The Athletics produced a varied bag of tricks that will keep Eilers' Coach, Jim Bardsley,

awake nights trying to figure a defence.

Also, they showed a lot of plain hustle and marched into a 26-8 first quarter lead.

Veteran Harry Kermode and Joe Semarin supplied Athletics with a one-two scoring punch that couldn't be stopped. They finished the game with 32 points between them.

Best man for Eilers was veteran Kenny Lawn, who kept the inter-city champs together and managed to knock in 11 points.

One thousand fans saw the game. Twice in the hectic final quarter, Eilers, with Denny Waterspoon, Reid Mitchell and New Munro performing brilliantly, rapped within two baskets of victory.

With the Twin Albernis chances to eliminate Eilers look good indeed.



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Curling Results

7 p.m.—Bateman 8, Jennings 6; Osterlag 8, Boulter 9; McKenzie 7, Berg 11.

9 p.m.—Miller 8, Sieber 11; Moo 7, Black 8; Greene 1, Skallmerud 12.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT

INTERMEDIATE 6:45 p.m. Fraser & Payne vs Fashion

EXHIBITION 7:45 Grads '52 vs Grads '53

GIRLS' 8:45 Bo-Me-Hi Rainbirds vs Peoples Store

Wild Night Described

Preliminary hearing of Peter Byrne, charged with doing grievous bodily harm to Mrs. Vera Beynon on February 15, will be resumed next Tuesday. First session of evidence took place yesterday in Magistrate W. D. Vance's court.

Katherine White, who told the court she was a baby sitter and had been so employed by Mrs. Beynon for a month to look after her two young children, described a night spent drinking with two other men and of an argument between Byrne and Mrs. Beynon.

She said a man had called for her while she was at the Beynon home the night of February 14, and with him she met another man at a downtown beer parlor where the three of them drank beer.

They had also seen Mrs. Beynon at the beer parlor, she said.

The trio returned to the Pig-got Avenue home at about 11:30 p.m. with a case of beer and a bottle of rum.

"We started drinking, then Peter (Byrne) came in. He had a couple of drinks, but he wasn't drunk, the girl told Crown Prosecutor I. W. Brown QC.

Then, the witness said, Byrne began drinking.

"He said he was leaving, he was mad because he was tired of paying the bills."

At about 2 a.m. Mrs. Beynon came home.

"I was arguing going on in her bedroom between Pete and Vera. They came into the front room still quarrelling.

"Then there were beer bottles and coke bottles flying around. Vera threw them. I left to phone for a taxi. The two men and she left shortly in the taxi, she said.

In answer to Mrs. Willa Ray, defence counsel, witness said Mrs. Beynon was "quite drunk" when she came home. One of the men was sober, the other and herself were doing most of the drinking.

She said Byrne was "quite sober" when she last saw him.

Second witness, Maurice McGuire, a logger, of 1356 Piggot, said he had passed the Beynon home early morning of February 15 on his way to a pay telephone on Piggot Avenue, and had heard children screaming.

"I turned in at the house to investigate, to see what the trouble was. It was about 2 a.m." McGuire said he didn't know at the time who lived in the house but he knew Byrne who let him in.

He put the two children to bed and stopped them crying, he said. In another bedroom he saw a woman, apparently asleep on the bed.

"It looked like an accident had taken place, there was a lot of blood around the place.

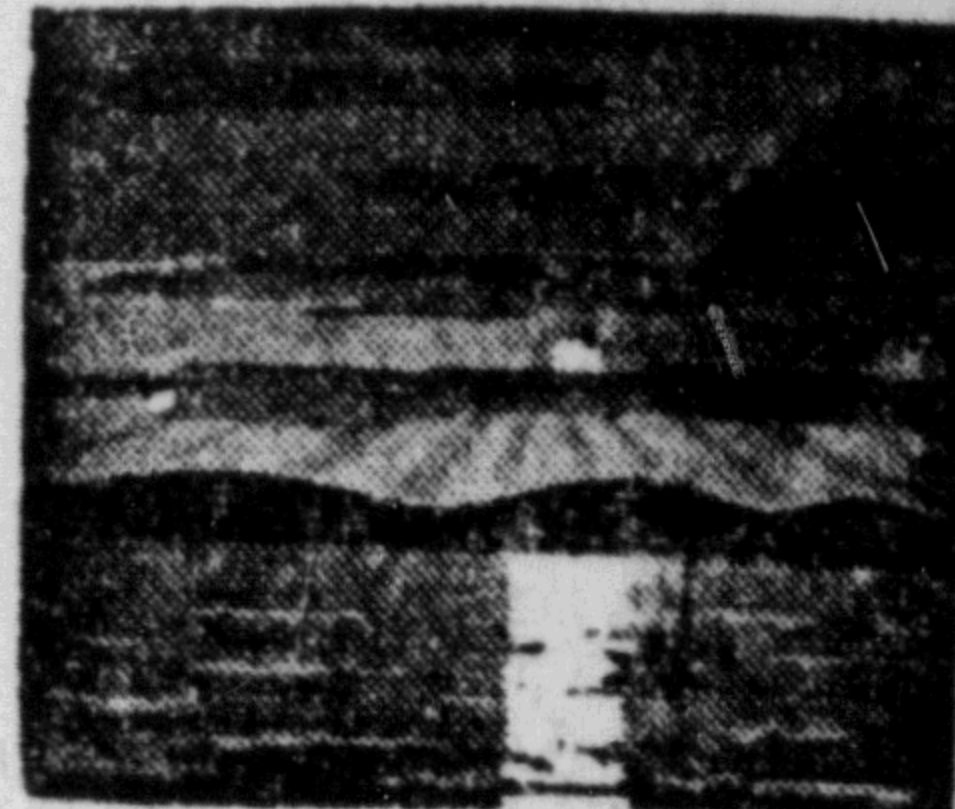
"I asked Pete what happened but I didn't get any satisfaction in his answer. He said, 'Mind your own business.'

"I made an effort to get Peter to go home. I slapped him around a little to straighten him up and told him to clean the place up."

Next morning, McGuire and a friend returned to the house in a taxi.

"Pete let us in, he was lighting the oil stove. I saw the lady in the bed. She was looking very sick and was moaning. I told Pete to get a doctor, but he said one was coming."

Byrne was bleeding from a cut over his eye, said McGuire. There was a lot of blood on the floor and on the bedclothes where Mrs. Beynon was laying, but he had



WATERFRONT - WHIFFS

Bad Luck for Fisherman-Logger— Grain Shipments Speeding Up

No one appears to know the precise cause of the sinking of the gasboat "Pearl Harbor," owned by A. Cloutier, in Cow Bay about a week ago. It's been a tough stroke of luck for Cloutier, French-Canadian hand-logger, who has been operating on this part of the coast for years and is well known. The boat, used largely for towing, as well as providing a comfortable headquarters for the owner, is 45 feet long, has good sized cabin and is well equipped. It was aboard the Pearl Harbor that Cloutier kept his personal possessions and a week under water is just a misfortune, particularly where the engine is concerned.

Thrilling Drama In Totem Picture

Drama of a town torn apart by the disappearance of a child, "The Well," comes to the screen of the Totem Theatre here as the feature offering at the first of next week. Real life stories are recalled by the high drama and excitement of the motion picture.

Adjudged one of the best poignant dramas of the year, the breath-taking action leads up to what has been described by Walter Winchell as a "terrific finale."

Cast includes such well known actors as Richard Rober, Barry Kelly, Henry Morgan, Christine Larson, Tom Powers, Maudie Norman, Robert Osterloh and Ernest Anderson.

Hotel Arrivals

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not noticed any blood on the woman, he told Mrs. Ray. When the doctor came he told the taxi driver to get police and the ambulance immediately, the witness said.

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consider before the boats return north in 1952. There will be the price question for one thing. Another will be the conference between the fishermen themselves, and the government in Vancouver.

Cargo rates from the Pacific Coast to Europe will be increased by about five per cent this spring. They become effective April 7. The rates on cotton lintlers to the United Kingdom and on wood pulp to all destinations will be increased in specific amounts, rather than on percentage basis.

One of the newest motorships to ply between Canadian and American Pacific ports and the Philippines and Japan is the "Vigan." She has just made her maiden voyage. The "Vigan," built at Malmo, is of 9,250 dead-weight tons and is fitted with 41,420 cubic feet of refrigerated space. She is a fifteen knot craft. Skipper is Capt. Olav Marcusson of Oslo. He is well known along the B. C. Coast.

Fifty-four men who were brought to the city last night aboard the steamer Chilcotin from Kemano transferred to aircraft here today for movement to Vancouver. In addition to the two regular Canso and Landsear flights, Canadian Pacific Air Lines put on a couple of extra flights by the Canso through San'aspit to Vancouver to accommodate the Pacific. The Chilcotin, Capt. William McCombe, arrived in port at 8:30 p.m. from Vancouver and way-points for south Queen Charlotte Island points, whence she will return here tomorrow evening south-bound.

SIoux HOME The Canadian destroyer Sioux, under Commander P. D. Taylor is back home, being due to arrive today Saturday, March 8, from Korea. She is reporting at Esquimalt. The Sioux has completed two tours of duty. The warship has a total complement of 275. CPO Ted Mills of Prince Rupert is a member of the crew.

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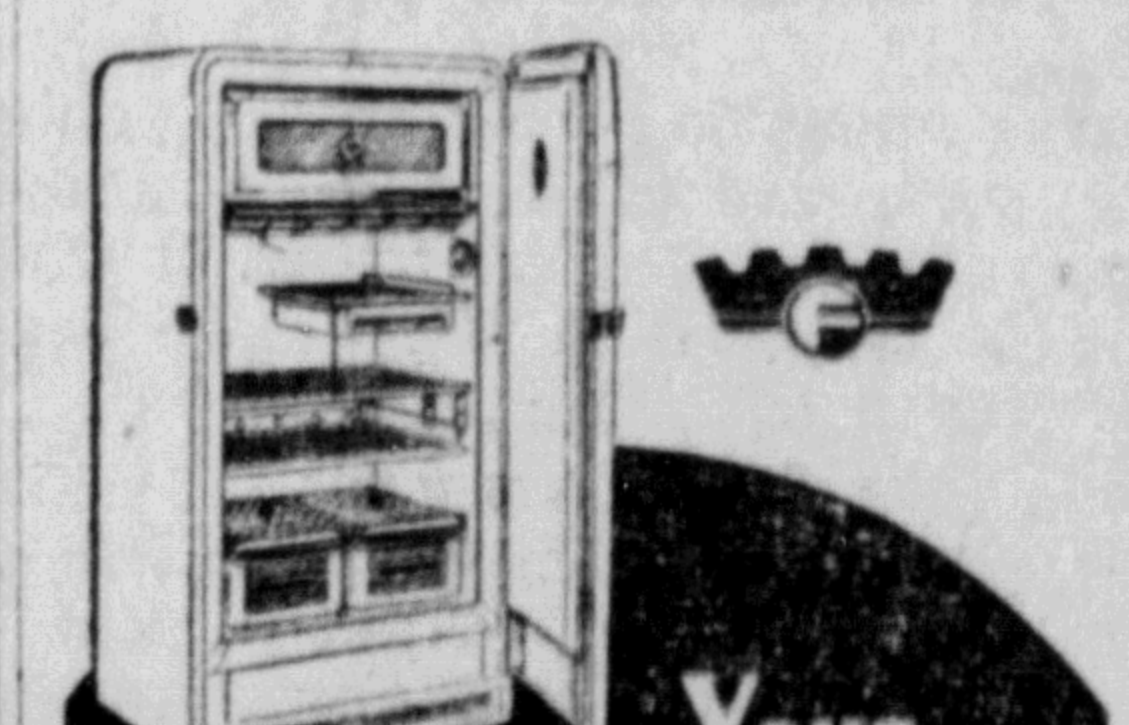
Two bids have been received for extending the float at Dodge Cove (Digby Island) according to advice from the federal public works department, Ottawa. Low tenderer was the Skeena River Pile Driving Co. Ltd. The figure was \$13,422. The other tender was for \$17,643.

HALIBUT FISHING

Halibut fishing will begin May 14. Season will probably last about as long as it did last year, which certainly was short enough. Last year's catches and prices were both on a good basis, even if there is a good deal to

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