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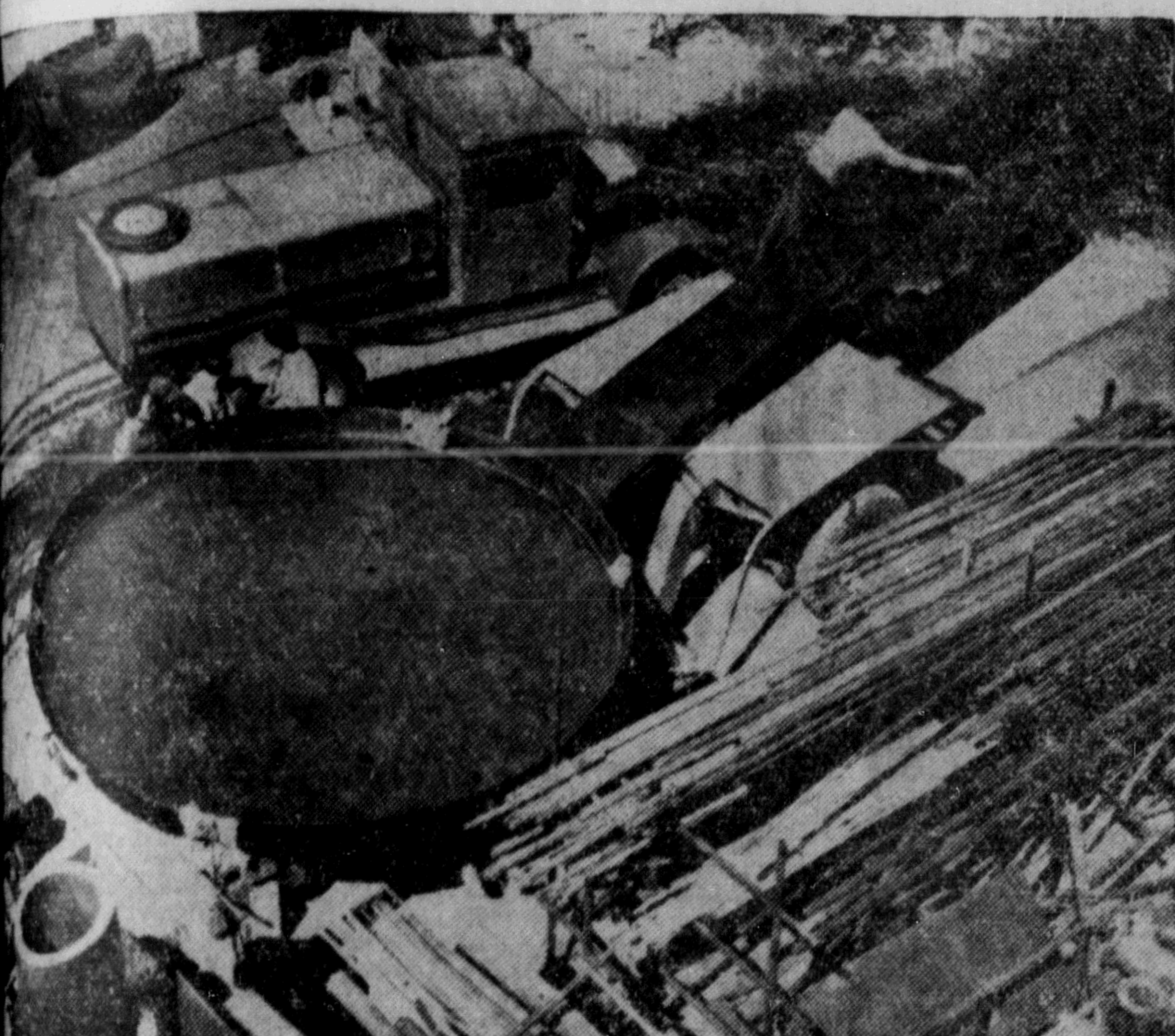
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**TOMORROW'S TIDES**  
 (Standard Time)  
 May 28, 1954

10:05	17.3 feet
22:15	20.7 feet
3:59	5.0 feet
15:56	6.5 feet



**ARE DWARFED** by this huge pan made to order in Genoa, Italy, for a mammoth fish cooked by local fishermen at Camogli, Italy. The pan is 13 feet in diameter and has a 19-foot handle. A total of three tons of fish cooked in 325 gallons of boiling oil is expected to be the main attraction of this pan for the day's party.

## Rescuers Inch Way Up McKinley Effort To Save Hurt Climber

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—**Four men are inching their way up Mount McKinley in a desperate attempt to save a mountain climber who was left gravely injured in a tent on the mountain.

The party is led by Dr. Elton Thayer, well-known Alaskan climber. He is accompanied by three survivors of the May 17, 1954, McKinley disaster: George Wood, 31-year-old United States geologist, and two mountain guides from the United States National Geographic Society.

The party was carried to the 5,000-foot camp by a U.S. Air Force helicopter on Wednesday. The rescue party is blowing snow and attempting to add more ropes to the two-mile high

## CAMERAMAN 'MAN-HANDLED' BY VANCOUVER POLICE

**VANCOUVER (CP)—**Chuck Jones, veteran Vancouver Province photographer, was ejected Wednesday from police headquarters as he stood in a hallway prepared to take a picture of 18-year-old Mary Mellish, charged with the knife-slaying of Sam Messer. Jones was grabbed by the arm and pulled down a flight of stairs by burly police sergeant Jack Thompson.

## Girl Remanded Without Plea On Charge of Killing Lover

**VANCOUVER (CP)—**A slim, 19-year-old ash blonde was remanded one week when she appeared in police court yesterday charged with slaying her boy friend.

Mary Victoria Mellish, blue-eyed mail clerk, was arrested and charged with murder following the fatal stabbing of Sam Messer, 21-year-old unemployed plasterer.

## Pioneer Barber Dies Here Today

**Well known barber, Max Vagliani, who has lived continuously in this district for 44 years, died at 12:30 p.m. today in Prince Rupert General Hospital after a month's illness.**

Born in Italy in 1894, Mr. Vagliani came to Prince Rupert in 1910.

## WEATHER

**Coast region—**Variable today and Friday with showers in the south tomorrow morning. Change in temperature tonight and northerly breeze. Low tonight and tomorrow at Port Hardy, Sandspit, Prince Rupert, 42 and 55.

## SPORTS WORLD MOURNS LOSS

### Athlete of Half Century Lauded by Friends, Fans

**Conacher, 52, excelled in football and hockey but he made a name in many other sports and was voted Canadian football player and athlete of the half-century in a 1950 Canadian Press poll. He retired from professional sport 17 years ago.**

Prime Minister St. Laurent said: "The news of his passing will be met with the deepest sorrow by his colleagues in Parliament, by those whom he represented in Ottawa and by all sports-loving Canadians."

"No matter what task he undertook, whether in sports or in services to his community, it was typical of Lionel Conacher that he devoted his total energy to it."

# Halibut Fishing Closes June 5 As Area Boats Approach Quota

## Canada And Spain Sign Pact

**OTTAWA (CP)—**Canada and Spain have entered into their first trade agreement. It calls for more exports of Canadian dry salted codfish and reduced tariffs on Spanish olive oil, almonds and paprika.

## Board Seeks City's Plans For Park Fill

**The Prince Rupert Parks Board last night instructed chairman Pat Forman to find out the city's intention with regard to the Algoma Park sanitary fill.**

The question was brought up by the board chairman who stated that he understood that the city had covered nine-tenths of an acre at the park already this year.



**OUT OF STEP** with each other, but in time with the band, five-year-olds George Lambert and Ellen Parrett strut smartly down Washington's Constitution Avenue. The pint-size prancers were two of the youngest drum majors in the 18th annual parade of the AAA school safety patrol.

## Carrier Blast Inquiry Opens As Death Toll Mounts to 90

**QUONSET POINT, R.I. (AP)—**Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas, who flew to Quonset for a quick inspection of the stricken warship, and Capt. William F. Raborn, the Bennington's skipper for only a month, said there was no indication of sabotage.

Raborn said the cause of the explosion is "a mystery to me."

## CBC, Employees Ask Conciliation In Negotiations

**OTTAWA (CP)—**A wage dispute between the CBC and its 1,100 office and program employees has been submitted for federal labor department conciliation.

## Trains on Time Despite Slides

**Small mud slides are occurring daily along the Canadian National Railways line, CN officials reported today.**

The slides, which take about an hour to an hour and a half to clear, are not expected to delay trains, however.

## Little Trouble Seen In Netting New Total

**The International Pacific Halibut Commission announced Wednesday that Areas 1-B and 2, extending from Hecate Head on the Oregon coast to Cape Spencer in southeastern Alaska will be closed to commercial halibut fishing at 11:59 p.m. June 5.**

**Under control powers conferred by the United States and Canadian governments, the commission, which includes Capt. Harold Holland of Prince Rupert, sets fishing dates and quotas for different north Pacific areas.**

**The allotted 26,500,000-pound catch in Area 2, which runs from Willapa Harbor on the Washington coast to Cape Spencer, will be taken by midnight June 5 a commission spokesman said. The area opened May 16 and last January the commission increased the area's quota for 1954 by 1,000,000 pounds.**

**This means that 1,000,000 pounds more fish will be caught in two days less fishing than last year. Closing dates for Area 1-B, which always has a comparatively small catch, run concurrently with Area 2.**

## Fence For Roosevelt Park Behind Schedule Board Finds

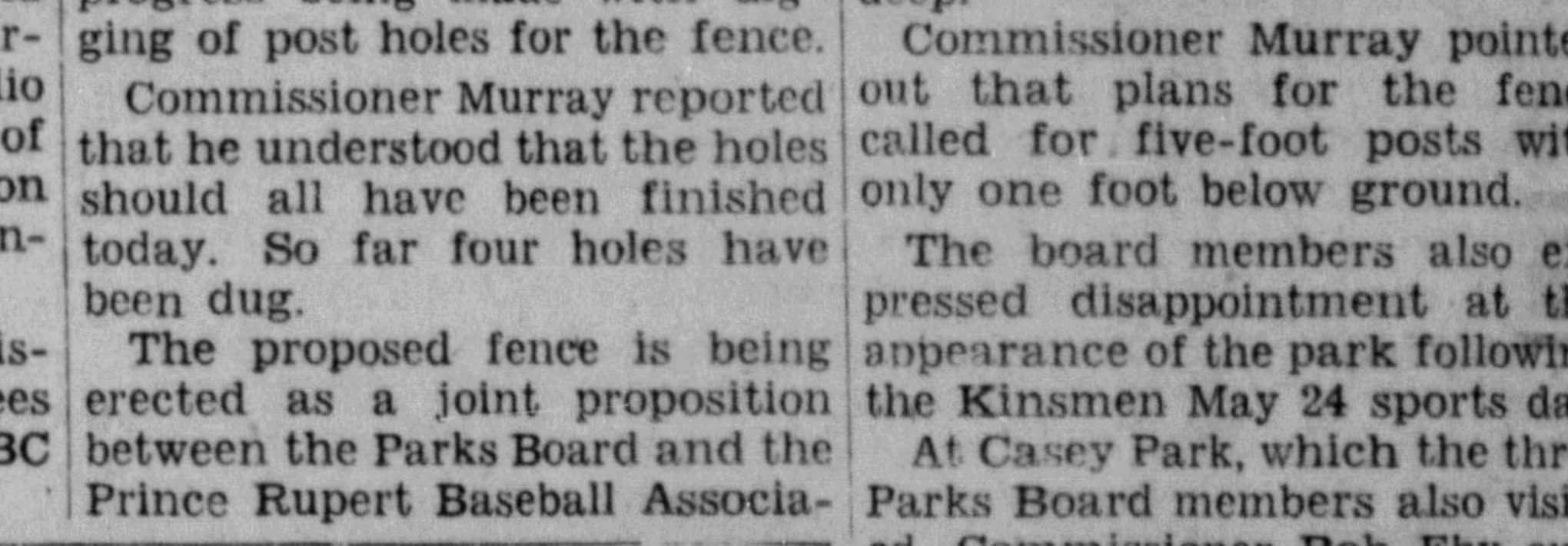
**Progress on the building of a fence along two sides of the outfield of the diamond at Roosevelt Park is behind schedule, three members of the Parks Board found out last night.**

**Following the regular Parks Board meeting, chairman Pat Forman, and Commissioners Art Murray and Bob Eby visited Roosevelt Park to look over the progress being made with digging of post holes for the fence.**

## Inquest Slated For Monday

**The inquest into the death of Lloyd Joseph Pedersen, was postponed yesterday afternoon until 2:30 Monday afternoon at the City Hall. At yesterday's preliminary, held in B.C. Undertakers, deputy-coroner George Dawes swore in the jury which viewed the body of the youth who died Tuesday morning following a car accident early Saturday. Identification of the body was made by George Kenneth Laird.**

## ROBERT T. WATERS, 15, of Comox, B.C., receives the George Medal, second highest civilian decoration in the Commonwealth, from Governor-General Vincent Massey at a special investiture at Vancouver. Waters won the award for his heroic rescue of an injured RCAF pilot from a flaming Lancaster bomber that crashed near his home Nov. 24, 1952.



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**George Drew, national Progressive Conservative leader, called him a "great sportsman who always played a clean game."**

Conacher also believed in playing a hard game, whether he was plunging with his high-knee stride for Toronto Argonauts in the 1920's or making Montreal fans howl with his dazzling rink-length rushes for the Maroons of the 30's.

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**He set a scoring mark in his first year of senior football in 1921 which has been equalled only twice. He racked up 15 points on two touchdowns, a field goal and two singles as Argos defeated Edmonton Eskimos 23-0 in the east-west final.**

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**He didn't learn to skate until he was 16, but by 1926 he was a pro hockey player and stayed a**