

**TOMORROW'S
TIDES—**
September 10, 1953
(Standard Time)
2:15 19.8 feet
14:26 20.3 feet
8:20 4.7 feet
20:41 4.2 feet



Watermelon Time
THEODORE SPURGEON of Kansas City, Kan., and two of her grandchildren, Theodore and Bonnie Ducote, 7, hold three of the 26 watermelons that are growing on a volunteer at the Spurgeon home. Mrs. Spurgeon has counted as many as 32 melons on the vine. The vine grew from seeds dropped in the yard while the family ate watermelon.

Minister's Official Agent Election Expelled by Socreds

ER (CP)—Archibald Minister Eric... expelled today from the Vancouver-Burrard Social Credit Association by James Wardrop, president.

TEENAGERS WELL RECEIVED RESIDENTIAL AREAS

on Army volunteers canvassing the Prince Rupert areas for funds said today that they had met with... The drive for a quota of \$3,500, the year, opened yesterday.

Casualties Suffered Aboard Launch Off Hong Kong

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for launch 1323, a... Hong Kong local

FATHER—

precise... Region: Cloudy... showers today and... change in tem... west 25 today... and Thursday... and high Thurs... and Sunday, Sand... 50 and 60.

LEAR TOWNSITE:

City's First Paid Fire Chief Pays Whirlwind Visit

SANDERSON... tired of travel... to the ranch... Len Porter said... interview here

rs old, Mr. Porter... that his name was... Mr. Porter, paid... to see old friends... his friend Mal... of Oliver.

of the men who... the townsie... later worked on... program and... appointed the first... of this city... 1919 after 12 years... for Oliver where... fruit ranch, which... and operates... appointment as... T. D. (Duff) Pat... Liberal M.L.A. for

Rupert and one of the city's... earliest mayors, who was an... alderman at the time, Len was... a member of the volunteer fire... brigade.

Sitting on the corner of a... desk in the Daily News editorial... room in a bright sport shirt, brown slacks and a windbreaker, he said he and Mark Creelman were the first paid firemen in Rupert.

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One Worker Lost, Two Saved As Canoe Upsets Off Kitimat

Trio Hurt As Truck Hits Bridge

Three Terrace citizens were seriously injured when the panel delivery in which they were riding crashed into the guard-rail of Flood Bridge, one mile east of Shames on Highway 16. Four others suffered minor injuries in the mishap.

Two of the persons—Mr. and Mrs. William J. Jackson—were brought to hospital here yesterday, and the third, Mr. Jackson's brother, Glen, is in Terrace General Hospital with multiple injuries.

The accident happened late last Monday night.

Suffering minor injuries and taken to Terrace by train were the Jacksons' three children and a friend, George Robertson. All were released after treatment.

The Jacksons were returning to Terrace at the time of the accident.

The accident was one of three over the Labor Day week-end.

In a second accident just after noon Monday, Mrs. H. Wilford of Prince Rupert was shaken up and bruised when the small car driven by her husband was in collision with a panel delivery truck driven by Vernon Hanson of Terrace three miles west of Telegraph Point at Mile 81.

According to reports, the two drivers failed to see each other until the last moment. Faced with a head-on collision, the panel delivery swerved to the right and went off the edge of the road and landed 25 feet beyond on the Skeena River mud flats.

The small car driven by Mr. Wilford ended up with its rear on the CNR right-of-way. Five passengers along with Hanson in the panel delivery escaped injury. Mrs. Wilford was brought to hospital here and released Tuesday.

The tide rose before the truck could be removed.

In another accident on the Skeena Highway, Alderman Bill Bremner, his wife and children narrowly missed death or serious injury when their car was in collision with a panel delivery truck 12 miles west of Terrace.

The front wheel of Mr. Bremner's new English model car was torn off and probably accounted for his vehicle not being forced off the road down a steep embankment. The Bremners were en route to Terrace at the time.



THIS PINT-SIZED POOCH is "Due Out," two-month-old mascot of the forward command post of the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. At present, but only temporarily, he's making his home in his master's boot. That's a "Thunderbird"—insignia of the Thunderbird Division—Due Out's sporting under his chin.

Jury Says Jerry Ford Died by 'Misadventure'

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned late yesterday by a jury inquiring into the death of Jerry Allen Ford, 18, who was found dead September 2, at the Columbia Cellulose Company plant on Watson Island.

The jury commended "all those workmen for the speed and dexterity" with which they removed Ford's body from the chip bin where it was found.

The Columbia Cellulose Company, the jury said, had taken all precaution to prevent accidents of the nature by which Ford died, and said that the young athlete was fully aware of the dangers of his occupation.

The inquiry held by Coroner Don Forward and conducted by Const. McCarthy of the Port Edward RCMP detachment heard evidence from Gunnar Selvig, woodroom superintendent at the Columbia Cellulose plant, Desmond Careless, shift foreman, Ernest Girbav, chipper operator, William Way, millwright, Frank Elliott, bandsaw operator; Charles

Les Mitchie, laborer, Ray Jones, manager of the plant, and Constable McCarthy.

ASKED TO STOP

The jury was told that at about 2:30 a.m. Jerry Ford, in charge of the chip bin in No. 7 building at the Cellulose Plant, phoned down to the chipper operator to "stop everything." Every machine connected with the bins was stopped and Girbav went up to No. 7 to see why Ford wanted the stoppage. There was no one in sight and he returned to inform the millwright and foreman and a search was begun.

After the entire plant had been searched, it was decided Ford must be in one of the chip bins, and the fatal one was chosen "more by luck and guess work," Mr. Careless said.

Later that day, the jury was told, the company had the 65-foot deep bin emptied and the only thing recovered was a 12-foot piece of 3/4-inch pipe, curved almost into a right angle. The pipe had been last seen far removed from the bin and it was theorized that Ford may have used it, dropped it, tried to grab it and slipped into the bin. Another theory was that after the pipe dropped, Ford phoned for the conveyor to stop and then climbed onto the chips, which were almost level with the boardwalk on which he would have to be standing. While Ford was in the bin the chips may have collapsed and closed around him.

AGAINST REGULATIONS

All witnesses, including Mr. Mitchie who worked a whole shift with Ford, gave evidence that Ford had been told that it was not only dangerous but against regulations to go into the bin either without a safety belt or in presence of other workers.

Mr. Jones told the jury that on the Thursday previous to the accident a safety meeting had been held during which time the chip bins had been discussed.

Overtaken Craft Found on Beach

One man is missing and two others have returned to their jobs following the capsizing of their canoe in the choppy waters off the smelter site of the Aluminum Company of Canada at Kitimat.

Missing is Lawrence Jordan McDougall, a steel erector for the Morrison-Knudsen Company at Minnette Bay.

Rescued by members of the security guard of Kitimat Constructors and other volunteers were Donald Evans and John McIsaac, steelworkers with the M-K company at the same place.

The men were returning to Minnette Bay, about three miles distant, after spending the evening in Kitimat when their canoe, driven by a small outboard motor, overturned in choppy water about 1 1/2 miles from shore.

A security guard at Kitimat said the men left Kitimat at approximately 12:30 a.m. Monday and cries for help were heard about 3:15 by D. C. Geddes, a Bank of Montreal employee, and B. Greig, Hudson's Bay Company worker, who immediately notified the security guard and began preparations to go to their aid.

REACH CANOE

L. F. (Lew) Jones, a security guard, Geddes and Greig set out in a dinghy with an inboard motor and reached the overturned canoe first.

McIsaac was unconscious and being held out of the water by Evans, a strong swimmer, who was clinging to the canoe.

A second boat which raced to the scene was the motor launch Hi-Gear, skippered by Bill Cogswell who was accompanied by two other security guards W. F. Bartlett and J. W. Garnett.

RCMP at Kemano went to investigate when it was disclosed the two regular members of the force at Kitimat were called to Prince Rupert headquarters on divisional business.

SEARCH STILL ON

They concluded their investigation late Tuesday although search is still on for the missing man by volunteers with boats and the M-K company.

The overturned canoe was found washed up on the smelter site side of Minnette Bay on Labor Day by Herb Skuce, wharfinger at Kitimat, Cogswell and another security guard, G. Daniels.

Geddes and Greig were highly praised by company officials for the speed and alertness in rushing to the aid of the men.

Both men suffered shock from the dunking and spent the night in Kitimat Hospital. Evans returned to the Minnette Bay camp on Monday and McIsaac returned yesterday.

Appeal Made For Curlers At Work Bee

An appeal for curlers who have not seen the rink since the curling season ended in March to attend tonight's work bee at the rink was issued today by Prince Rupert Curling club president Jack Laurie.

Mr. Laurie said work bees scheduled every night from now on would determine when the 1953-54 season opened.

Mr. Laurie said more work was necessary on leveling the brine pipes and considerable work remained to be done on the rink building. The work bees thus far this summer had been attended by a faithful 20 curlers, Mr. Laurie said, and the ice and house committees of the club were appealing to other members to turn out tonight and from now on until curling starts.

There was so much work, Mr. Laurie said that the scheduled start for ice making had been delayed another week.

"Curling is well known for good sportsmanship," Mr. Laurie said "and work bees go hand in hand with curling."

Post Office Work Starts Next Monday

Renovation of the post office lobby starts next Monday, September 14, and alterations will see the removal of 1,042 mail boxes, Postmaster Jack Burgess announced today.

The alterations will make the lobby smaller and give more working space to the letter carrier department. Mr. Burgess said, Greer & Briden are contractors for the job.

The move will see elimination of box numbers 361 to 999, inclusive; box numbers 1301 and 1400, inclusive, and box numbers 1481 to 1820, inclusive.

In the new box set up, box numbers 1 to 360 will remain and box numbers 361 to 520 will be replaced, for persons outside the mail delivery area.

Persons inside the city delivery area who hitherto had mail boxes are asked to make sure that their correct number and name of street is given to all their correspondents.

Mr. Burgess said the city mail delivery system is progressing favorably but postmen are still hampered by letter writers who haven't informed their correspondents of their correct addresses.

Letters incorrectly addressed impose a hardship on carriers who haven't been in operation sufficiently long to know names of everyone in their areas. Initials and numbers missing from addresses often mean return of the letter to the post office.

Three Fined On Driving Charges Here

Louis Joseph Matte, charged under the Motor Carriers Act with carrying an overload in a taxi, pleaded guilty before Magistrate W. D. Vance in police court this morning and was fined \$25 and costs or in default 14 days in jail.

Wilbert Hupman, charged with failing to acquire B.C. licence plates, pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and costs or 14 days. Evidence disclosed that Hupman, after being warned, had not removed out-of-the-province licence plates and replaced them with B.C. ones.

William Cartwright charged with driving while his ability to do so was impaired by alcohol, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and costs or in default one month.

Sub-Post Office To Be Opened

A new sub-post office is scheduled to open Monday, September 21 at Midway Grocery, Sixth Avenue East and Ambrose Street. Postmaster Jack Burgess said this morning.

The post office to be known as Sub-Post Office No. 2 will be open for business from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. but there will be no mail delivery from there.

However, the sub-post office will register letters, issue and pay money orders, weigh and accept parcels for posting, and sell stamps.