

St. LOUIS-ALASKA WATER SERVICE STARTS IN APRIL

ST. LOUIS (CP)—Direct water transportation between St. Louis and Canadian and Alaska ports will begin April 15, it was announced Saturday.

Alaska Freight Line, Inc., said sailings are scheduled for the 15th of each month.

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Ketchikan Rockets Win Four-Team International Basketball Tourney

The tall, fleet-footed and expert ball-handling Ketchikan Rockets have taken home the handsome gold PRFCA trophy. They defeated Gordon & Anderson 47-43 here Saturday night to win the international basketball tournament.

The hard fought duel which climaxed the two-day, four-team tourney incited a steady roar from a capacity crowd of 750 spectators as at no time except the last few seconds did more than three points separate the scores.

Startling display of shooting by G-A's Joe Davis with 16 points and Glen (Tiny) Carlson with 14 offset the powerful, towering strength of the Rocket lineup. The two teams, each winners the night before, were so evenly matched that during most of the event only one basket separated their scores.

Herman Ludwigson, strong guard and scientific playmaker of the champions, was awarded

the "most valuable player" award by Art Murray on behalf of the Prince Rupert Basketball Association.

Martin Erickson, president of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association, sponsored the tournament, presented the championship trophy, received by the captain of the Rockets, Joe Brewer.

The championship game was a direct contrast to the Friday night tangle between the Rockets and Manson Omegas. It was cleanly fought all the way, 15 fouls called on G-As and 13 on the Rockets.

Omegas coached by Don Hartwig won the secondary event of

the evening, defeating New Metlakatla Athletics 58-54 in another closely contested duel.

Mansons again came from behind with a terrific onslaught of hustle to the confusion of the visitors, cleaned up a six-point deficit in the final quarter and won by four points behind 20-pointmaking Ray Spring.

While the scientific ball-handling of the Bolton-coached Rockets was beautiful to watch and often bewildered the hard-checking local squad coached by Alex Bill, the outstanding performance of the night was the long range accuracy of G-A's Joe Davis.

"Fall-away" Joe brought roars from the excited crowd as he lost the gap in the last quarter with six quick points, plugged clean through the hoop from near centre line.

The sensational finish saw the two teams tied 43-43 with less than two minutes left to play when G-A centre Rupe Holkestad was awarded two penalty shots and failed to make either of them.

Ketchikan's 6-foot-four stalwart Harry Johanson seized the rebound and Ludwig scored. A few seconds later, Ludwigson was awarded two penalty shots, made both to clinch the game. Later, Rockets' coach Eddie Bolton, one time official referee at Madison Spawer Garden pro-hoop stanzas, praised the referees Saturday night for "a magnificent job."

Ole Slafta and Fred Calderoni did a "wonderful job of holding the game in hand," he said.

"I was worried many times about the game. Alex Bill has done a great job in coaching and he's got a great ball club," said Bolton.

Lineup:
GORDON & ANDERSON — Davis 16, Flaten 6, Holkestad 3, Webber, Arney 3, Carlson 14, Scherk 1, Currie, Hebb. Total — 43.

KETCHIKAN — Mackey 5, Rukey 11, Ludwigson 7, Ellis 2, Brewer 9, Johanson 5, Hughes Erickson, Malanick 4, Manzoni 3. Total — 47.

MANSONS — Hartwig 3, Spring 20, Bill, Dumas 8, Scherk 14, Marshall 3, Webster 10, Sather. Total — 58.

METLAKATLA — J. Lang 4, Atkinson 2, H. Lang 19, Bolton 7, Brendible 15, Looth 6, Fawcett 1, Wellington. Total — 54.

Results of Saturday's games:
9:30 a.m. draw — Bateman 6, Bell 5; Auld 2, Kaardal 10; Henry 12, Morrison 3.
12:00 draw — Morrison 10, Rowbotham 6; Henry 4, Gambelin 5; Husvik 9, Boulter 10.

Schmidt Paces Bruins to Tie With Chicago

TORONTO (CP)—Veteran Mill Schmidt scored two goals Sunday night to keep Boston's hopes for a National Hockey League playoff spot alive with a 2-2 tie against the Black Hawks in Chicago.

At New York, the cellar-dwelling Rangers made the most of their few scoring opportunities and defeated Toronto Maple Leafs 4-2 before a crowd of 8,630.

Thirty-five year old Schmidt, who began his major league hockey career 17 years ago, scored in the first period and again in the third, the latter score nullifying a 2-1 Chicago lead. Week-end hockey scores:

Saturday

NHL—Detroit 4, Montreal 3; New York 0, Toronto 3.

WHL—Seattle 2, Tacoma 2; Saskatoon 3, Calgary 7; Victoria 4, New Westminster 2.

OSHL—Kelowna 1, Penticton 3; Kamloops 7, Vernon 1.

WHL—Trail 3, Spokane 6; Nelson 5, Kimberley 11.

Sunday

WHL—New Westminster 1, Seattle 0.

WHL—Trail 5, Spokane 6.

In Curling Cup Finals

Ken Warren's rink defeated Gordon Bateman's ice squad over the week-end to emerge as one of the finalists in the Gordon's Hardware knockout competition.

The other finalist will be decided Wednesday when Rowbotham and Matthews meet.

In the George Cook competition, Chuck Ostertag is one finalist and will meet the winner of the Tuesday night knockout between Berg and Rowbotham rinks.

A Prince Rupert bonspiel competition begins March 5, primarily for practice for the open bonspiel which begins here March 21. Entries close March 4 at 7 p.m.

Draws:

TUESDAY

7:15 p.m.—Rowbotham vs Berg (Cook semi-final); Eyolfson vs Turner (friendly).

9:15 p.m.—Rotary Club competition.

WEDNESDAY

7:15 p.m.—Warren vs Ostertag (friendly); Rowbotham vs Matthew (Gordon's Hardware semi-final).

9:15 p.m.—Dixon vs Gordon (friendly); Stewart vs Kellough (friendly).

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Action by Abitibi, big Ontario producer, follows announcement of similar action by Quebec producers.

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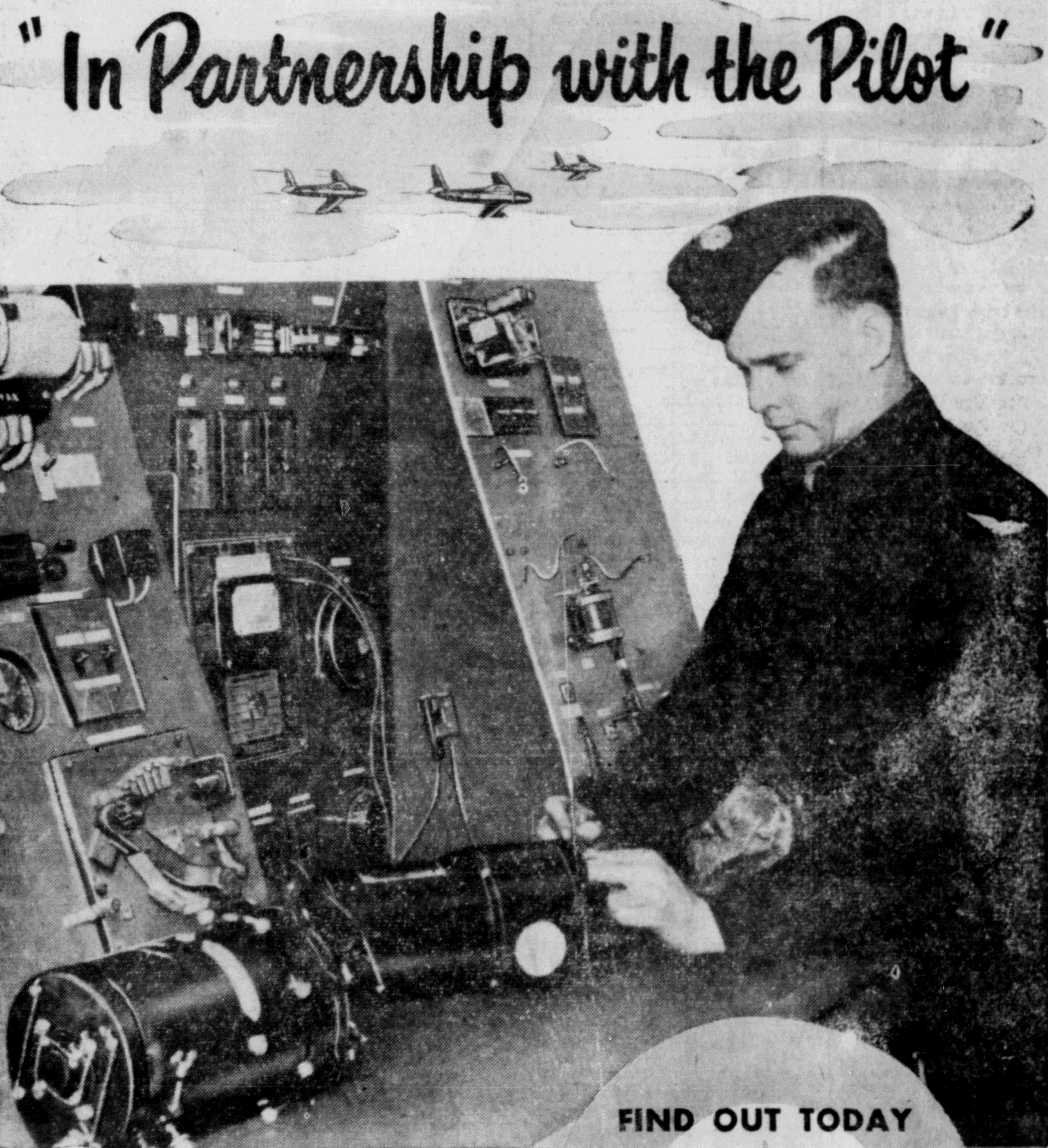
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