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nto Teenage Accomplishes Top Swimmers Failed To Do

By JACK SULLIVAN
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ONTO (CP)—A golden-haired, laughing- of 16 with the courage and fortitude of an swam Lake Ontario Thursday, captured the f Canadians and came out of it feeling "

Bell, a charming, d blonde who will go fourth year of high week, did what no other human has ever done—swam the 32 miles of the icy lake that separates New York state and Ontario.

The white cap bobbing on the lake for 20 hours and 56 minutes had been the only visible evidence of her fight against cold and high waves, and Toronto reacted gradually to the drama being acted out in its front yard.

TWO FAILED

But there was no doubt of its feeling when she finished in the dark at 8:15 p.m.

About 250 000 persons screamed their delight at a local girl's victory over the cold, high seas and two noted English channel conquerors, Flo Chadwick and Winnie Roach Leuszler.

The scene was a bedlam as the five-foot-one, 119-pound girl with the boyish bob and infectious grin from suburban New Toronto surged to a breakwater near shore.

Prizes showered on her. In real money they amounted to more than $10,000; in prospects they promised $50,000.

Most of Toronto was asleep when Marilyn entered the dark waters of Lake Ontario uninvited at 11:17 p.m. Wednesday night at Youngstown, N.Y., a minute after Miss Chadwick, 34, of San Diego, Calif., two-way English channel conqueror and two minutes before Mrs. Leuszler, of St. Thomas, Ont.

FLO CHADWICK SICK

The CNE had Miss Chadwick under contract for the swim, but Miss Bell and Mrs. Leuszler, who swam the channel in 1951, plunged in with no promise of prizes from the CNE.

Mrs. Leuszler quit because of cold water after covering 23 miles.

Miss Chadwick, probably the world's foremost woman swimmer who was paid $2,500 by the CNE and was promised another $7,500 if she finished, became sick from gas and oil slicks at 12:40 a.m.

With her coach, Gus Ryder, shouting encouragement from a dory about 50 feet behind, she plodded through the night.

Morning paper headlines had heralded the start of the swim. It was not until the morning coffee break that Toronto heard that Marilyn was within 12 miles of its waterfront and had a good chance to make it.

Her progress was agonizingly slow in the last hour and a half to the thousands on the lakeshore and to millions more who waited reports throughout the country. Currents had lengthened her 32-mile swim to between 40 and 45 miles.

Finally she was reported 1,000 yards, then 500, then 300. Then the stirring of boats in the darkness heralded her approach to the breakwater and the end of a courageous swim.

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said Marilyn ran into rrents, wind and wav- her epic marathon. ody's heard about the e century," he added. s was the swim of the It was tough all the re was never a smooth e waves ran six feet feet most of the time." per men and others mpanied the little high- ident on her history- swim, agreed.

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following day, Sept. 10, nation was issued stating that as and from that day a state of war existed between Canada and Germany. By the end of September, 60,000 men had joined the colors. In December, the 1st Canadian Division landed in Britain.

In September, 1939, the permanent army comprised some 4,500 men, the navy 3,600 and the RCAF about 4,000. By the end of the war, Canada had more than 1,000,000 men under arms—730,625 in the army, 215,000 in the air force and 106,522 in the navy.

In the 68-months struggle against Germany, Italy (from June 10, 1940) and Japan (Dec. 7, 1941) there were 41,001 fatal casualties among Canadian servicemen—22,004 army, 17,100 air force and 1,857 navy.

Canada still is paying a $127,000,000 a year for war pensions alone and some 200,000 cheques go out every month for 500,000 disabled veterans and their dependents, including those of the First World War.

MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR salmon catches in British Columbia waters have brought prosperity to the little town of Steveston, 10 miles from Vancouver. Almost 2,000 of the townswomen, like the fish handlers pictured here, work in the canneries processing the fish their men bring home. (CP Photo)

Cannery Profits Depend On Size of U.K. Order

VANCOUVER (CP)—Size of salmon purchase by Britain may decide, whether cannery operators share with fishermen the rich haul from the 1954 Adams River sockeye run.

For the first year since before the second World War, British salmon importers will handle their own North American purchases. Orders formerly were placed by the British government.

Britain has purchased annually between $5,000,000 and $6,500,000 in B.C. salmon, except in 1952 when a shortage of dollars prevented buying.

Art Sager, executive assistant of the Fisheries Association of B.C. said Thursday that the quality and size of the B.C. catch will decide how much of the British purchases the west coast gets. Australia and New Zealand also are in the market for B.C. salmon for the first time since the war, but small dollar allocations will permit only token buying.

The 1954 sockeye pack now is estimated at more than 8,000,000 fish.

Another 4,000,000 are expected to move into canneries before the Adams run dies off later this month.

Catches continued light Thursday. Several thousand gillnetters have gathered off the mouth of the Fraser River, waiting for the up-river rush to begin.

Cold Storage Vote Delayed After New Bid

Settlement in the long drawn-out fresh-fish and cold storage workers' dispute with operators appeared certain today.

Tom Parkin, northern representative of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union said today that word had been received in Prince Rupert of a new offer by the companies.

The union's negotiating committee in Vancouver stated that it had received a new offer but Mr. Parkin did not have details of what it entailed.

The news postponed a meeting, scheduled for tonight at the Legion Auditorium at which the membership was to have voted on whether or not to go out on strike.

In view of the new offer, Mr. Parkin said, the union had asked that a government-supervised strike vote be laid aside until details were known.

The union's business agent, Alec Gordon is expected to arrive in Prince Rupert tomorrow from Vancouver, Mr. Parkin said that Mr. Gordon will likely present the details of a latest offer to a membership meeting Monday.

The situation was completely stalemated after the companies turned down a conciliation board award which offered the fresh-fish and cold storage workers a 40 hour week starting this month plus wage increases of 13 cents an hour retroactive to April this year and two additional cents next year.

Biologist Feted By Wholesalers

Dr. John L. Kask, biologist and chairman of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada was guest today of the Prince Rupert Fishery Wholesalers Association at a luncheon at the Club 27.

Dr. Kask, who has just returned from inspecting the fish counting fence at Lakelse spent the morning visiting the cold storage plant at B.C. Packers Ltd.

Orme Stuart Named Head Of B.C., Alaskan Boards

Terrace Chosen Site Of 1955 Convention

Special to The Daily News

KETCHIKAN—Orme Stuart of Prince Rupert was elected president Thursday at the concluding session of the Associate Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia and Southeastern Alaska convention here.

Mr. Stuart succeeds Norman Napier of Prince George as head of the international group which also named Terrace as the site of the 1955 convention, and re-elected Duncan Kerr of Terrace as secretary. Ralph Hall of Petersburg was named vice-president for Alaska and A. G. Ford of Smithers, vice-president for Canada.

Earlier, the meeting decided to ask the B.C. government to adopt as a matter of policy construction of a highway from Atlin to Hazelton, or vicinity. Delegates called for action on the proposal as speedily as possible.

In seconding the highway motion, Frank Dockrill of Telkwa declared that there was no other road contemplated in Canada which would open up such great possibilities of development. In addition to assisting Canadian projects in the north, it would help provide access to southeastern Alaska ports.

E. T. Applewhaite, MP for Skeena, also observed that road construction was already underway south of McDames Creek towards Dease Lake, southeast of Atlin.

The highway resolution followed an address by Governor B. Frank Heintzleman of Alaska, during which he urged connecting links between southeastern Alaska ports and a north-south highway in B.C.

The meeting also adopted a resolution calling for federal and international support of construction of an airport at Prince Rupert for defence and commercial reasons and another asking provincial assistance in maintaining and developing B.C. air transportation.

A Terrace resolution calling for police patrol of Highway 16 in radio-equipped cars was defeated. It was opposed on the grounds that the expenditure would be heavy and that the condition of the road was the major contributing factor in accidents.

The two-day international convention wound-up Thursday and delegates were bound for home today.

New Schedule

Return trips between Prince Rupert and Terrace by stage will go into effect next Wednesday, September 15, Cherrill McIntyre, general manager of Watson Island stages said today.

Hitherto, Mr. McIntyre said, only stage service from Prince Rupert to Terrace was available. Now, however, the stage line operator said there will be two trips per day each way. The new schedule, he said, has the approval of the Public Utilities Commission.

Power Officials Here Today

British Columbia Power Commissioner H. H. Griffin, the commissioner's chief engineer A. Lash and officials T. Bird and J. Christie were busy yesterday afternoon and this morning making surveys in preparation for tonight's special meeting with the City Council.

The visit of the power commission group resulted from an urgent wire sent the commission by City Council last week in which city council pointed out that little action had been taken on Prince Rupert's request for the B.C. Power Commission to supply the city with power.

It is expected that tonight's special meeting will see Mr. Griffin outline the commission's thoughts on the Prince Rupert district power problem and what the commission has in view as a possible solution.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Griffin and his associates met with Mayor George Hills and later visited the diesel power plant at the CNR drydock and also the sub-station at Seal Cove.

This morning they were to look over the transmission lines on the way to the Falls River hydro plant and also where the transmission lines cross the Skeena River near Tyee.

Tonight's special meeting of the city council, set for 8 o'clock, is open to the public.

Identification Of Dead Man Still Mystery

Identification of a man whose body was almost burned beyond recognition in a fire that completely destroyed a squatter's shack Wednesday night still remains a mystery.

Police in Prince Rupert believe that the dead man may be Jimmy Ware, 30 year old son of Jeannie Ware who was living at the two room shack, located at the intersection of Borden Street and Biggar Place.

The unidentified body was discovered by firemen inside the building after flames had almost entirely consumed the structure.

Mrs. Ware, who was taken into custody by police after she was discovered near the burning building has been unable to give police a clue to the man's identity, other than the possibility it may be her son.

—WEATHER—

A low pressure area centred just off the Oregon coast is spreading moist air over southern British Columbia today giving cloudy skies to all that region. A disturbance moving northward from this low pressure area will bring showers to the southwestern corner of the province this evening and spread thunderstorms inland tonight.

In contrast northern areas of the province are generally clear and a sunny day is being enjoyed. However a change to cloudy and cooler weather is looked for tomorrow with some thundershower activity spreading into the region from the south.

Forecast

North Coast Region: Sunny today. Fog patches overnight. Cloudy and cooler Saturday. Winds light northerly. Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 52 and 60.

CHOSEN BEST BABY in the show at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Terry Lou Millar is hugged by her mother, Mrs. Robert Miller of Toronto. Terry Lou was born June 16, 1953, weighs 26 pounds and is 32 inches tall. (CP Photo)

Teachers Still Great Need Education Chief Says Here

Approximately 1,400 newly-trained teachers a year are needed to keep pace with the growth of school population in British Columbia, Education Minister Ray Williston said in Prince Rupert last night.

In an interview with The Daily News, Mr. Williston said that close to 12,000 new pupils, counting Grade 1 students and newcomers to the province had been added to the provinces school rolls.

So serious is the demand for teachers, the education minister said, that the province was welcoming and recruiting teachers from other countries. Many English teachers had taken positions on the north B.C. coast, this year he said.

Mr. Williston, stopped over briefly in Prince Rupert yesterday afternoon and evening after attending the Associated Boards of Trade convention in Ketchikan, Alaska. He flew down by QCA, arriving here about 4:30 p.m. and left for Prince George by CNR at 9:20.

While here, Mr. Williston made good use of his first visit.

On his arrival he made his way to the City Hall and paid his respects to and conferred briefly with Mayor George Hills.

Guided by Art Murray, secretary of the Prince Rupert Social Credit Party association, Mr. Williston went out to Port Edward to see the new $145,000 elementary school there, saw the site of the new Borden Street school at Roosevelt Park and also noted Booth Memorial High school, Conrad and King Edward schools.

"I also took a trip down to the Civic Centre, about which I had heard so much," the education minister said, adding that he was quite favorably impressed.

Mr. Williston also paid a visit to Miller Bay hospital where he was very pleased and impressed with the educational work carried out for both child and adult patients.

Returning to the problem of teachers, Mr. Williston, who became education minister last April, said there was hope in the fact that a preliminary check showed that 135 more student teachers had registered at the provincial normal school. However, he added, by the the normal school classes get underway he expected that about 180 more teachers than last year's 550 will be launched on their new careers.

"I doubt very much," Mr. Williston said, "that with the rapid expansion of the province, the British Columbia will ever be able to sit back and consider that ample room and sufficient teachers have been provided for the children of British Columbia."

The quiet-spoken cabinet member said he was very pleased with the weatherman since he had seen Prince Rupert in the sunshine both on his trip north to Ketchikan and on the return trip today.

Kept busy both in Victoria and on trips throughout his Prince George constituency the former school inspector said that he made "selling the Northland" one of his extra curricula tasks. With a colored film he records interesting scenes everywhere he goes. He also takes advantage of special edition of "The Northland Empire" published by The Prince Rupert Daily News to illustrate some of his talks, although he admitted that he used the edition distributed by the Prince George Citizen.

He usually manages to get back to his constituency once a month, Mr. Williston said. Only last Saturday he opened the Prince George Fall Fair but he has to be away again next week when he attends the Canadian Education association convention in Edmonton, September 13 to 16.

Prince George, he said, is a power starved city and is about to enter into a two-year agreement with the B.C. Power commission. At present Prince George is supplied by diesel generated power with one of the highest rates and lowest per capita user average of any city in the province. The B.C. Power Commission has pledged Prince George to come up with a solution to its power problems within the 24-month period.

Apart from the power question Prince George was chiefly interested in obtaining the continuation of Highway 16 through to McBride.

Abercrombie Rites Tomorrow

Funeral services for Clifford Abercrombie, seine-boat crewman who was drowned Tuesday at Skidegate Inlet, will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. at Granville Court Chapel with Dr. E. A. Wright officiating. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife Lillian; four children, Helen and Donald in Prince Rupert, and Mrs. Dorothy Adamson and Isabel Abercrombie in Vancouver; four brothers, John, Robert, Albert and Fred in Vancouver and three sisters, Mrs. Lillian Taylor, Mrs. Ethel Dyer and Mrs. Violet Husband all of Vancouver.

CAROL HEMMINGS, 17, of Montreal set a Canadian record of 5 feet, 3½ inches to win the high jump in the Canadian Olympic Training Plan track and field meet at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto. (CP Photo)