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## Seven Die In B.C. Accidents, Three Missing, Feared Dead

### No Trace Found Yet Of QCI Fishermen

Seven British Columbians lost their lives during the weekend, another is missing and believed drowned and searchers are still looking for two Masset fishermen, missing since October 13 off the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Of the seven known dead, three were drowned, another three died in traffic accidents and the seventh was killed in a logging mishap.

Police in Prince Rupert report that no trace has been found of Harry Ridley or Fred Jones, whose 32-foot troller, Oceanic, was cast adrift during the height of last week's storm while being towed from Naden Harbor to Masset Inlet.

Police said a piece of wreckage was found Friday by searching fishboats and it was thought it may have come from the Oceanic.

However, today police said that a thorough examination of the wreckage had established that it was not from the missing troller.

**PLANES SEARCH**  
Saturday a plane from the United States Coast Guard stationed in Ketchikan covered the waters north of Graham Island without finding a trace of the missing men or their boat.

A B.C. Airways plane, based on the Queen Charlotte Islands Saturday searched Dixon Entrance but saw nothing of the Oceanic and her occupants.

The two missing Masset men did not have life jackets aboard the Oceanic, police in Prince Rupert report.

Meanwhile, Canadian Press reports from Vancouver that searchers Sunday found the overturned sport fishboat of Lawrence Tickner, 52, of Victoria, who had been missing since Friday. There was no trace of the occupant.

The B.C. traffic victims were: Henry D. Parker, 58, Vancouver, killed when his car hit a lamp post in southeast Vancouver Sunday night.

Mrs. Anne G. Smith, 74, Vancouver, struck and killed by a car on Kingsway about midnight Saturday.

An unidentified man was killed at Prince George Friday night. Drowned were:

Robert Kobi, 16, of Englewood, near Alton Bay. His body has not yet been recovered from Lake Nimpkish on Vancouver Island.

George Bolton, 23, of Vancouver, drowned while duck hunting in the Fraser River Saturday.

**Royal City Joins Assessors Asking Delay On Act**

NEW WESTMINSTER — City council said Saturday it would support the B.C. Assessors Association in asking the provincial government to delay the Equalization Act at least another year.

"We are just not ready for it and are unable to revise our tax rolls by the end of the year," said finance chairman J. B. Courney.

An unidentified elderly woman whose body was recovered from Burrard Inlet Sunday.

The logging accident victim was Isaac Erdinger, killed Saturday when struck by a falling tree at Stone Creek, south of Prince George.

**Tug Hits Reef Near Nanaimo, Crew Saved**

VANCOUVER — Heavy seas almost claimed the lives of seven seamen when the tug Broughton Strait struck a reef and sank off Sangster Island, north of Nanaimo, Sunday.

Saved from the wreck were Captain Gordon W. Stuart and six crew members, all from Vancouver.

The tug was enroute to Campbell River with a barge carrying a 50-ton Diesel shovel when it ran onto the reef.

Flares shot by Second Engineer Neil Neilson were spotted by a nearby fish packer, the Wawasee, which rushed to the scene and launched her boat and took off the stricken vessel's crew.

Two other tugs picked up the barge and towed it to safety and the tug Nanaimo Tye was sent to take the barge to Campbell River.

The stricken vessel was reported to be resting on the reef and a tug and salvage crew have been dispatched to the scene.

**Salmon Arm Celebrates Salmon Run**

SALMON ARM, B.C. — A gala festival was launched here Saturday to celebrate the most successful Salmon rehabilitation program in history.

The first annual sockeye fiesta climaxed the biggest commercial fishing season in 40 years as thousands of Okanagan regatta and fish experts from many parts of the world turned out to see the fabulous Adams river sockeye return to the spawning grounds, bred and die.

The Adams river run, which poured \$30,000,000 into the coffers of the fishing industry this year, spanned on a seven-mile stretch about 80 miles from Salmon Arm on Shuswap lake.

Highlight of the day's events was a cavalcade to the spawning grounds where thousands watched 1,500,000 blood-red sockeye in their death throes.

The Shuswap board of trade estimated about 10,000 persons visited the spawning grounds since the sockeye began to appear two weeks ago.

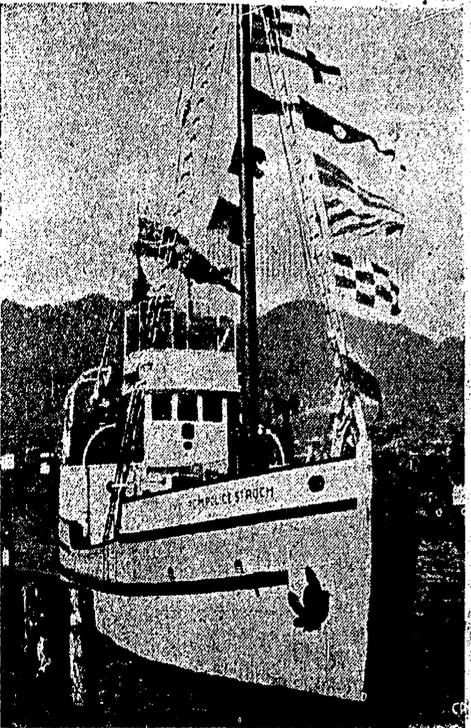
The fiesta was unique in that Salmon Arm does not benefit directly from the great salmon run.

**Crews Tracing Phone Troubles**

Work crews from the Prince Rupert Telephone Department are tracing the source of trouble which put phones in the Eighth Avenue-McBride Street area out of action Saturday.

Telephone Superintendent Eric Jansen reports that linemen have discovered two faults in the cable which runs along Eighth Avenue. More trouble spots will likely be found, Mr. Jansen said, as rain had got into the cable.

Service to the affected spot was expected to be restored today.



### Slide Hits CN Tracks, Highway

Heavy rain prior to the weekend brought hundreds of tons of rock, mud and trees crashing down Saturday on the Canadian National Railway's line and the northern trans-provincial highway at Telegraph Point, 44 miles east of Prince Rupert.

The huge slide covered Highway 16 and the CN's single-line track with debris to a depth of 15 feet and for a distance of 150 feet.

Passengers on both east-bound and west-bound trains were forced to transfer from train to train early Sunday morning.

Road traffic was almost brought to a standstill, although public works officials said that a road was bulldozed out which enabled cars and trucks to keep rolling.

The slide hit at approximately 4 p.m. Saturday and was first discovered by a Canadian National patrolman making a routine check along the line.

Work crews were on the scene by 5 p.m. and continued to work round the clock to clear the block. Vic Morrison, public works foreman in Prince Rupert said his crews had the road open to full traffic by midnight last night. Rock and mud had to be bulldozed into the Skeena River to clear a path through the waterlogged ooze.

Passengers from the west-bound train leaving Jasper Friday were transferred to the train which left here Saturday and passengers outbound from Jasper Saturday were transferred to a special train which went from Prince Rupert Sunday night for that purpose.

At press time, CN officials reported the line to the east had been cleared and that the east-bound train tonight will leave the Prince Rupert CN depot on time, 8:20 p.m. EST.



**FOOTBALL QUEENS**—Entrants in the Miss Grey Cup contest, Audrey Taylor (left) Miss Toronto Balm Beach and Joan Hunter, Miss Toronto Argonaut, make a phantom pass over the famous Grey Cup. The contest, which will have representatives of football teams across Canada, is held in conjunction with the Grey Cup classic scheduled for Toronto Nov. 27. Balm Beach is a member of the Ontario Football Union and Toronto Argonauts, the Big Four.

### 11 Injured as Gunmen Raid Northern Ireland Army Base

UNITED NORTHERN IRELAND (Reuters)—Gunmen with sub-machine-guns and commando knives fought their way into a British Army base in a blazing, 10-minute gun battle here Sunday, wounding five British soldiers and suffering at least six casualties themselves.

The gunmen fell back, carrying their wounded, after a savage exchange of fire. They piled into waiting trucks for a fast getaway in the direction of the Irish republic border.

A total of 26 raiders took part. The gang was believed to be part of the underground Irish Republic Army, which is pledged to united Northern Ireland with the Irish republic, by force if necessary. I. R. A. gunmen have been named for previous outbreaks of terrorism in Northern Ireland, including a raid on another British Army barracks at Armagh last May.

**V.I. Teacher Off to Jamaica To See Bride**

VICTORIA — Schoolteacher John Hewitt left here by plane at 7 p.m. PST Sunday for Kingston, Jamaica, hoping to bring his pretty wife Dorothy back to the school which she says snubbed her this summer.

Hewitt said the board of governors of swank Shawigan Lake school had offered to pay all expenses for the trip and had invited his wife to come back and live at their honeymoon cottage on the school grounds.

"They have told her she is welcome to stay," the schoolteacher said.

Attractive, olive-skinned Dorothy went home to Jamaica last August. She said the headmaster told her to leave "before the boys come and see a colored person here."

The governors said the former model was "never asked to leave the school."

**Defrocked Priest Gets Red Medal**

ROME — Andrea Caggiero, 38, a defrocked Roman Catholic priest, was given a gold medal emblematic of the Stalin Peace Prize Sunday. He also received a scroll written in Russian and bouquets of red flowers from Italian Communists. He did not get any rubles, although 100,000 of them are supposed to go with the prize.

The Italian government refused to give him a passport to go to Moscow to accept the prize, awarded in December, 1953. He was defrocked seven months before that for having taken part in the 1950 Warsaw peace conference and subsequently; refusing to leave the Communist-inspired peace movement.

**5-Year-Old Girl "Finds Self" After Rugged 20-Mile Hike**

OKANOGAN, Wash. — A sturdy little five-year old girl stumbled to safety early Sunday 20 miles across a rugged, cut-up plain from where she became lost Saturday. She said she trudged all the way, through freezing night and nearly trackless wilds, guided by "lights in the sky."

The lightly clad youngster, Joyce Abel, dragged wearily about 8:15 a.m. into the ranch yard of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wagner, in the plateau out-of-range country of North Central Washington.

She literally "found herself" while planes and half a hundred men were searching for her, with fading hope she could have survived the cold night. The girl had been lost some 30 hours, and was 20 miles southwest of her parents' remote cattle ranch where she apparently wandered away while playing by herself.

**HOMECOMING**—The rugged little RCMP Arctic schooner St. Roch, conqueror of the Northwest Passage and first ship to circumnavigate the North American continent, slides into her berth at Vancouver for the last time. In command of the 80-ton vessel as she entered the port from which she was launched in 1928, was Supt. Henry Larsen, head of the RCMP's "G" division which included the Northwest Territories and the Yukon. The St. Roch will be used as a museum in Stanley Park.

### Ontario Storm Toll Reaches 55 Dead, 61 Still Missing

TORONTO — Central Ontario counted the worst flood toll in its history today as the full tragedy of Friday night's floods, born of hurricane Hazel rain, was realized.

Dead were 55 persons, all but two identified. Missing and believed drowned were 30, and another 31 were listed simply as missing—a total of 116 who may have perished in the disaster.

All but a few were residents of Etobicoke, Weston and Woodbridge, suburbs of small homes along the Humber river, a usually shallow, placid stream which runs into Lake Ontario near Toronto's western border.

Swollen to a torrent by 7.2 inches of rain Friday, the river burst its banks, swept across a bend in its course and devastated three streets in Etobicoke township—Raymore drive, Gilhaven drive and Kingdom street. On Raymore alone 10 homes were swept away, leaving only a rubble of foundations.

Authorities who had thought the casualty list of dead and missing stabilized at 85 were distressed Sunday night when it rose sharply as police and the Red Cross issued a new list of 31 additional missing in the hard-hit area. Broadcast of earlier lists on radio and TV stations brought only a few reports that missing persons were safe.

**1,100 HOMELESS**  
While the lower Humber area was hardest hit, the rampaning river struck as far north as the Holland marsh, 35 miles north of Toronto, a rich market garden area where 1,100 persons, most of them Dutch immigrants, were forced from their homes.

At the official search for bodies was halted at sundown Sunday night ghoulies were reported in the Etobicoke area searching for bodies to rob of jewelry and money. RCMP and provincial police and RCMP and navy guards were rushed in and special police were sworn in.

It will be days before an accurate estimate of the damage can be made. Fred G. Gardiner, chairman of the metropolitan council, said guesses run as high as \$100,000,000.

Bridge and road repairs in the area west of Toronto will be costly. Destruction and damage to homes has yet to be counted and the damage to highways and bridges north of the city, including the newly-built, four-lane Toronto-Barrie high, is extensive. In all, at least 40 bridges were destroyed or damaged by the storm in central Ontario.

In the Holland marsh area the crops loss alone has been fixed at more than \$2,000,000. Some 465 families there, comprising about 1,100 persons, lost all their possessions and the district's main asset, its famous, rich, black loam, is covered with silt.

Metropolitan council will ask either the federal or provincial governments to appoint a commission to assess the Toronto area damage and will apply to the national relief fund, created with unspent funds from the 1950 Winnipeg flood, for assistance. Appeals also will be made to the federal and Ontario governments for help.

Premier Frost of Ontario announced a meeting between officials of flood-stricken municipalities and government officials to survey the damage. Assistance will be given municipalities which suffered damage in disaster proportions.

A relief fund was organized Sunday at an emergency meeting of the metropolitan council. A national appeal will be made for money to compensate flood victims for personal and property loss.

Toronto itself was virtually untouched by the storm, a few trees fell and there was some power interruption but Torontonians went to bed Friday night without knowledge that a tragedy was taking place nearby.

### WEATHER

Forecast  
North Coast Region: Gale warning continued. Cloudy with showers today and Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Wind, southerly 25 increasing to south-easterly 35 this afternoon and shifting to southwest 25 tonight. Low tonight and high Tuesday at Port Hardy and Shideppit 50 and 56, Prince Rupert 45 and 56.

Meanwhile, 800 strikers at the assembly plant in Oakville, midway between Toronto and Hamilton, continued to picket the factory. Workers there went on strike Friday to enforce their wage and fringe benefit demands.

**Drunk Hoaxes Houston Police**

HOUSTON, Tex. — Police who arrested a 20-year-old man on a drunk charge were told by the prisoner that they'd better let him go. He said he'd left a truck containing 20 gallons of nitro-glycerin parked just outside the city and could cause an explosion.

The only explosion came hours later—after history police failed to find the truck and the man admitted his story was a hoax.

**WHY FLY?**—Riding in grand style are these two parakeets in a miniature carriage in a Hamburg, Germany, exhibit. Piling the thing are two other parakeets, which would much rather be flying at this point than making like torsons.

**Alerted Ship Strikers**  
The government reported ready to organize work ships as dock strike spread by waterfront and dockmen, and creeping paralysis industry.

Threat at Southampton, transatlantic liner suspended, however—Tuesday. Workers scheduled for this afternoon neither to strike in the London workers, waters succeeded in the meeting until dockers began unloading of tons of bananas at Dover. Worked there from the morning by an hour force.