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TOMORROW'S TIDES

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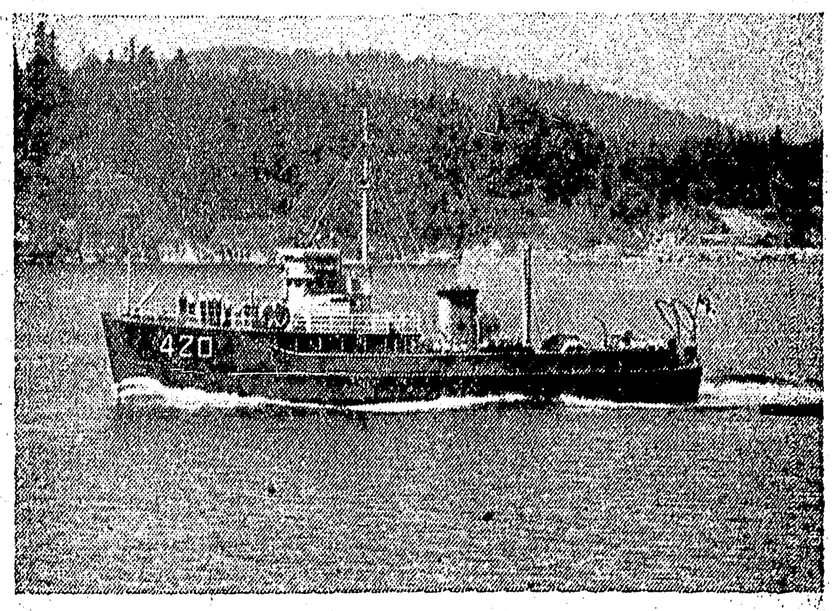

HMCS CORDOVA, shown above, is one of four ships of the 12th Canadian Escort squadron which will be arriving here Friday. The others are the HMCS Oshawa, Brockville and Digby. Officers and men of the squadron will be among those attending the Joint Reserves Forces ball to be held at HMCS Chatham drill hall. They will join with members of the Royal Canadian Engineers recruiting team under the command of Lt. Col. H. D. Berry which with the RCE band arrives here Thursday for a three day visit. The 18-piece dance section of the Engineers band will play for the ball.

Seven Drownings Boost Deaths Over Holiday In B.C. To Nine

Runaway Car Kills Boy on Lakeshore

By The Canadian Press

British Columbia's Victoria Day holiday accident death toll jumped to nine late Monday night when Alert Bay authorities reported two teen-age boys were drowned, bringing the deaths by drowning to seven. One other person was killed in a fire and one in an unusual lakeshore accident.

John Pepper, 14, and his 18-year-old brother, Douglas, were drowned before noon Monday while they were picking up mail to connect with a plane.

The body of the younger boy was found on the beach, but police and volunteer searchers were unable to find the older boy's body or the 14-foot inboard boat they were using.

In Victoria a North Vancouver newspaper carrier boy, 12-year-old Gary Pollock, died while swimming in Crystal pool. His body was found on the bottom of the pool a short time after he entered the water Monday.

John Adams, 15, was drowned in the Fraser river near Quesnel Monday morning. The boy was helping his father, Roy Adams, salvage logs from the river when a boom cable snapped and a freed boom stick swamped the boat. Young Adams was caught by a strong current. His body has not been recovered.

Marvin Putnam Crowe, 37, and his 2½-year-old son Robert were drowned Sunday in Felker lake, 17 miles southwest of Williams lake, when their boat capsized in a strong wind.

Jimmy Service, 12, was killed in a freak accident at Clearwater, 72 miles north of Kamloops, when he was struck by a runaway car Sunday.

The brakes on a car owned by Alfred Jones of Louis creek failed while the vehicle was parked near the shore of Dutch lake. The car ran down a slope and hit the boy in the back. He was dragged 30 feet to the edge of the lake and run over by the car.

William Hodson, 75, died in a two-alarm blaze in Vancouver Sunday. The fire destroyed a two-storey building in the skid road district.

Francis Daniels, 22, was drowned Friday night at Duncan on Vancouver Island, police said when he walked into the water to cool off on the hottest day of the year. His body was recovered fully clothed.

Canadian Weekend Toll 61

By The Canadian Press

Sixty-one persons died accidentally as nine provinces celebrated the Victoria Day weekend.

A Canadian Press survey from 6 p.m. local time Friday to midnight Monday showed 26 persons died in traffic, 24 were drowned, two burned to death and nine died in various other accidents.

Quebec reported 15 fatalities for the heaviest toll. Ontario had 14, British Columbia 10, Alberta seven, Saskatchewan six, Newfoundland and New Brunswick three each, Nova Scotia two, and Prince Edward Island one.

No deaths were reported in Manitoba. Newfoundland did not have a three-day holiday since Victoria Day is celebrated May 24 on the island province.

A few minutes before the holiday weekend began six airmen died in a mid-air crash near Winnipeg when two twin-engined trainers collided.

Last year 74 Canadians died during the Victoria Day weekend. Thirty died in traffic, 31 were drowned, three burned and 10 died in other accidents. Last Easter weekend, 60 died.

HANNOVER, West Germany (Reuters)—Six persons died and 14 were injured in a fire Monday at a hotel near here crowded with Whitsun holiday-makers.

Logger Missing From Camp

Weather Spoils Fishing, Holiday

There were no fatal accidents in the Prince Rupert district over the holiday weekend although RCMP here reported a logger was missing at Khutzeymateen, 25 miles north of Prince Rupert.

Wind and rain, however, spoiled the Victoria Day weekend for most holidayers and all but prevented slight catches for the opening of the halibut fishing season.

Most boats were forced to keep to camps and harbors and the halibutter Attli is reported to have lost her rudder off Bonilla island. The vessel was picked up Sunday by Armour Salvage's San Juan Prince, skippered by Capt. R. B. Green and towed to McLean's Shipyards for repairs.

Only halibut catches reported made in the city totalled 200 pounds taken to the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Association.

However, reports from southern points say that 25,000 pounds of halibut were sold at Seattle and 30,000 pounds at Astoria at a price of 32 cents for mediums.

RCMP are investigating a report that a logger for the Jenner and Johansen Logging Camp on Khutzeymateen inlet has been missing since 4 p.m. Saturday. One officer was flown up to the camp Sunday and two others left today aboard the Forestry Department vessel Salt Mist for the camp. Poor radio communications prevented police here from learning identification of the missing man, except it is believed he is a faller.

A planeload of passengers en route from Terrace to Prince Rupert by chartered bus received a shaking up when the vehicle was in collision with the eastbound passenger train at a level crossing.

Glass on the door and right-hand windshield of the bus was cracked when it came into contact with the rear car of the train, it is reported. The bus went through a checkerboard highway sign marking the corner but no one was hurt in the accident.

EINAR M. GUNDERSON, executive vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, receives a shipment of three new locomotives. The balance of an order of eight will be arriving within the next few weeks. Bigger and more powerful than previous models, these produce 1,600 horsepower, weigh 120 tons. This equipment is helping to make the PGE the most modern railway in North America. The locomotives, made in Montreal, can be used as single or as multiple units and are powerful enough to handle any trains on all the PGE grades.

COMPETITION CLOSE

Charles Lewis Winner In JCs' Safety Roadeo

Top teen-age driver in Prince Rupert and district is Charles Lewis, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lewis, 112 First Avenue East.

Lewis placed first in a field of nine Prince Rupert competitors with a total points mark of 397. Total possible marks were 500. Running a close second to Lewis was Morris Dean with a total of 395. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Walker, 122 Second Avenue West.

Third place spot was retained by Tony Toth, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Toth, 500 Ninth Avenue West, whose total score was 339.

Runners-up in the first annual Junior Chamber of Commerce National Teen-age Safe Driving Roadeo were: Jim Arseneau—338, Stan Fielding—336, Don Haudenschild—311, Doug Slack—291, Angus McCracken—258 and Ed Turcotte—234.

Lewis, as first place contestant, will travel to Vancouver this weekend to represent Prince Rupert in the regional semi-finals on May 26 at the Seaforth Armouries. The successful semi-finalist will then go to the national finals in Ottawa July 7.

Among the prizes in the National competition is a $1000 academic scholarship. Regional competitions are under the co-sponsorship of Imperial Oil Limited, while the national run-off is co-sponsored by the All-Canada Insurance Federation.

In district competition in Prince Rupert Saturday between the three top Prince Rupert contestants and the top three from Terrace, first place spot was earned by Charles Lewis (391), while Chuck Walker (386) and Neil Thomas (368) of Terrace took second and third places respectively. Runners-up were: Art Kerr, Terrace (366), Morris Dean (339) and Tony Toth (322).

While first place in the Terrace-Rupert competition was won by Prince Rupert, the total points team standings showed Terrace with 1120, and Prince Rupert, 1052.

Contestants will be guests of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the club's regular dinner meeting May 28 at the Commodore cafe.

B.C. NEWS ROUNDUP

Police Nab Fugitive After Week-Long Hunt

BRISCO (CP)—A desperate fugitive pursued by a huge armed posse was captured here Sunday in an ambush on his last path to freedom.

Arrested without a struggle by two RCMP officers was Jack Norman Curtis, 33. Since his escape a week ago from the Cranbrook jail where he had been held on a charge of rape, he had been fleeing for the CPR main line north of here. Boxed in by high mountains to the east and west, and with a huge posse of police and armed ranchers behind him, the line was his only escape. Two officers slipped out of the bush and arrested him as he hiked along the CPR line near here.

QUESNEL, B.C. ⊕—Four children from Narcosli, 20 miles south of here, have been admitted to hospital suffering from what was diagnosed as typhoid fever.

Dr. H. M. Brown, director of the Cariboo health unit at Prince George, has been called in to check on the source.

The four children are believed to have been using the same water supply.

VANCOUVER ⊕—The British Columbia Knights of Columbus, at their annual convention here, adopted a resolution to provide scholarships for young men studying priesthood.

The Knights, at the 45th annual convention, were told that the project has been put into operation and registered under the Societies Act.

JORDAN RIVER, B.C. ⊕—Frank Miller of Jordan River has been remanded to Victoria RCMP court after appearing in Sooke court on a charge of discharging a firearm with intent to cause bodily harm.

Miller, a retired logger, is accused of firing a hail of shotgun bullets at four men on a logging boom Friday after trying to "pick a fight."

VANCOUVER ⊕ — Negotiations will continue Tuesday in an effort to settle a dispute between pipeline companies and members of local 168 of the Tunnel and Rockworkers Union.

Representatives of the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers' union, parent organization of the rebellious local, announced plans for the talks.

Carl Berg, senior Canadian official of the laborers, said "we are very close to agreement with the companies on a satisfactory contract."

VANCOUVER ⊕— Two areas in the Greater Vancouver district are suffering from a water shortage.

Most serious is the situation in the Strawberry Hill and Whalley district to the south, across the Fraser river from New Westminster.

The water supply for this district was shut off at noon Friday. Every other day for a week it has been cut off about 5 p.m.

NELSON ⊕—Bridge and road washouts blocked travel routes in the west Kootenays this weekend when hot weather sent flooding creeks on a further rampage.

The southern trans-provincial highway at Yahk and Moyie was covered by water from high-running creeks. The Kootenay lake ferry crossing was discontinued because of flooding.

A section of CPR track 100 feet from the railway depot here covered by the swirling water of the Cottonwood creek.

Graham Goes Quietly To Gallows

VANCOUVER ⊕—Robert Graham, 24, was hanged at Oakalla prison farm early today for the August, 1955, murder of Harold William Holman, 21.

Graham was convicted Dec. 22. The jury deliberated only 25 minutes and made no recommendation for mercy.

An appeal was dismissed last March by the British Columbia Court of Appeal.

His last chance for life was lost when the federal cabinet made no move on an appeal for clemency.

Graham and Holman were involved in a fight outside Kitsilano district restaurant. Evidence was that Holman died after Graham kicked him several times in the head.

Graham walked to the gallows quietly. He spoke to no one. The trap was sprung at 12:07 a.m. and he was pronounced dead at 12:18.

19 Firemen Hurt as Fire Sweeps Shelter

LONDON ⊕—A fire raging out of control deep in a wartime underground air raid shelter sent 19 firemen to hospital early today. Most were suffering from heat or smoke prostration, and only one was seriously injured.

The shelter 150 feet below the streets of London now is used as a troop transit centre. More than 50 soldiers ran for their lives when the fire broke out, sending smoke and flame billowing through the intricate network of tunnels.

The cause of the fire was not determined immediately. It burned through the night and a fire department official said it might be "some time" before the blaze could be brought completely under control.

Man Fined $25 On Theft Count

Frank Kirby, 34, of 1256 Park avenue pleaded guilty through counsel A. Bruce Brown in police court this morning to a charge of theft of goods under $25 and was fined $25 and costs by acting police Magistrate S. D. Johnston, or in default of payment sentenced to serve one month in jail.

Kirby was charged with taking two bed sheets from the Westholme Rooms Sunday, police said.

Telegraphers, Rangers Fight Brush Blaze

EDMONTON ⊕— A plucky group of telegraphers and forest rangers checked a brush blaze that surrounded a tiny settlement Monday in the Peace River district of northern Alberta. The fire was one of 50 raging out of control in the province.

Throughout the day three telegraphers and 18 provincial firefighters fought to prevent the fire from destroying the Northwest Communication System telegraph repeater station at Little Smoky River, 250 miles northwest of Edmonton.

The wives and children of the company employees were evacuated by car to nearby Valleyview, 67 miles east of Grande Prairie, while a helicopter stood by to take off the men.

The telegraph station, on top of a hill in lightly-wooded brush country, was saved by a sudden drop in the wind toward nightfall and by burning the ground between the station and the advancing fire.

Damage Set at $500,000 In Winnipeg CNR Blaze

WINNIPEG ⊕—A wind-fanned fire roared through a two-storey car repair shop in the big Fort Rouge yards of the Canadian National Railways in south Winnipeg Monday night doing damage initially estimated at $500,000.

However, John Sutherland, shop superintendent, said replacement cost of the shop, its equipment and facilities and the 30 cars destroyed in it would run to $2,000,000.

The railway spokesman who gave the $500,000 figure said the building was valued at $300,000.

Officials said they believe the fire started when a lightning bolt struck a power cable serving the plant.

Three persons suffered burns while fighting the fire but none was injured seriously. Nobody was in the shop at the time because of the Victoria Day holiday. The shop normally employs 300 men.

THREATENED SIX HOMES

CNR fire inspector E. W. Wright said an investigation into the two-alarm fire, which levelled the shop in 30 minutes, would be opened today.

The blaze, punctured by explosions of paint and acetylene gas, threatened for a time to spread to a row of six houses facing the shop across a narrow street.

Fanning the flames on the outside was a stiff northwest wind with gusts up to 56 miles an hour.

SAVE 30 CARS

The 50-year-old car shop was in the heart of the 15-block Fort Rouge yards and first reports said the nearby roundhouse was on fire.

Bush Funeral Set Tomorrow In Vancouver

Funeral services will be held tomorrow in Vancouver at 1:30 p.m. for Sidney Francis Bush, 51, who died in Prince Rupert General Hospital May 15.

Well-known in Vancouver, where he was stationed for many years, Mr. Bush was assistant special agent for the Canadian National Railways investigation branch at the time of his death. He had been employed on the Smithers division for the past three years.

Born in London, England, Mr. Bush entered CNR service in 1926 and was promoted to patrol sergeant at Winnipeg in January 1950. He was promoted to assistant special agent three years later.

He is survived by his widow, Violet at home in Prince Rupert; two sons, Frederick and Harold and a daughter, Kathleen.

Memorial services were held at St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral May 17, with Canon Basil C. Proctor officiating.

Center and Hanna are in charge of Vancouver arrangements. Interment will be at Ocean View Cemetery.

Young Girl Bookkeeper Causes Downfall Of Million-Dollar Female "Robin Hood"

NORFOLK, Va. ⊕—A bright young girl who knew what bookkeeping was all about may have been the downfall of Minnie Mangum, the million-dollar embezzler, authorities say.

The 52-year-old spinster with the kind heart pleaded guilty Monday to taking $1,032,363 from the Commonwealth Building and Loan Association of Norfolk over a 22-year period.

As assistant secretary-treasurer, Miss Mangum handled the books and liked to hire girls who knew "her system" of card accounting.

Last September she hired Mrs. Robert G. Cannon, wife of a sailor stationed at the big naval base here. Mrs. Cannon, 21, had worked at a building and loan firm in her home town of Waukegan, Ill.

From the start, she didn't like the way Miss Minnie handled the accounting system, and one day in November, while a group of state auditors were in the office, the two women quarreled over a missing account card.

Fifteen minutes later Mrs. Cannon was out of a job. But she told the auditors all she knew.

On Dec. 16 they swooped down in a surprise check on Commonwealth and found the firm's finances in such disarray that the company went under. The shortages totalled nearly $3,000,000.

Then, gradually, the strange story of Miss Mangum was unfolded.

It was the story of a woman who started at the bottom and worked her way to the top as a $9,000-a-year executive of one of the largest firms of its kind in Virginia.

It was the story of a woman who contributed generously to church and charity, who was president of her Sunday school class for 12 years, who chartered buses to take kids to the beach, who took care of a blind sister in her modest bungalow.

But when she came before the Norfolk Corporation Court, State's Attorney Linwood Tabb described her as "one of the most generous people with other peoples money" who ever came before the bar of justice.

FACES 120-YEAR SENTENCE

John Harbison, a chief examiner for the Federal Home Loan Bank board, depicted her as a "one-man building and loan association" whose wide authority permitted her to post fictitious deposits to individual savings accounts of friends and relatives who knew nothing of her activities.

He said she seemed to have "advance knowledge" of when the auditors would be around to check, but where she got her information was unknown.

Judge Lawrence Bullock deferred passing sentence Monday pending a probationary report. Last week Miss Mangum got 10 years for lying to the state's banking regulatory agency. She could get 120 years under the embezzlement conviction.

WEATHER

Cloudy. A few showers today and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Winds southerly 15 occasionally reaching 30 in exposed areas. The low tonight and high Wednesday at Port Hardy 45 and 60, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 45 and 55.

JAPANESE FISHBOAT SAFE FROM H-BOMB TEST FALL-OUT

TOKYO (Reuters)—A Japanese fishing boat, reported to have been escorted out of the danger area shortly before Monday's American hydrogen bomb test at Bikini atoll, radioed today that she was out of danger and the crew safe.

The captain of the 17-ton Hoko Maru said he now was about 110 miles north of the danger area, which had a radius of 1,000 miles.

Japanese ship owners and seamen's unions continued meanwhile to advise ships to leave areas where radioactivity is detected, and to refrain from using sea water for washing.

Shipping officials at Osaka, west Japan, said about 20 Japanese freighters are either in the area affected by fall-out now, or expect to sail through it in the next week.

The central meteorological observatory here said radioactive fall-out from the bomb is expected to reach Japan Wednesday or Thursday, but it expects the radioactive ash to be harmless.