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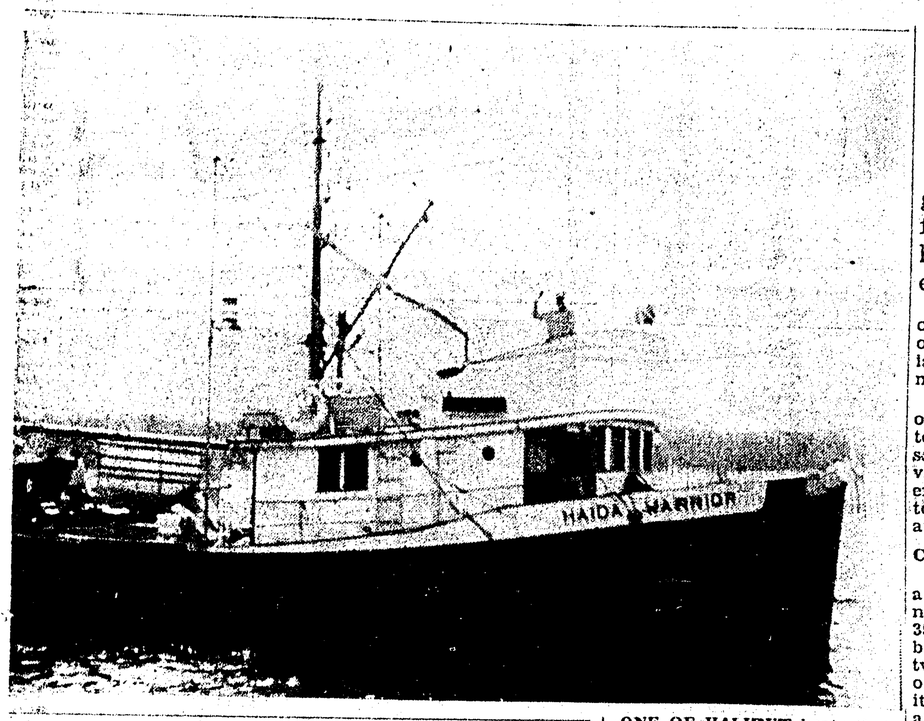
Government blamed for failure to close zoo as lion kills girl



ONE OF HALIBUT boats that cleared for fishing grounds over the weekend is Haida Warrior above, with Capt. Gerry Dudoward waving from bridge at Port Edward floats of Nelson Bros. Fisheries. More than 90 vessels cleared over the weekend, 80 for Area 2 and 11 for Area 3A, as season opened at 6 a.m. yesterday. Area 2 will close when this year's quota of 26,500,000 pounds is caught and will reopen at 6 a.m. August 31 and close again on September 7. Area 3A will close when the 30,000,000 pound quota is caught.
—Staff photo by Dick Ayres.

350-pound animal springs on child

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP)—The British Columbia government has been blamed by Humane Society officials for failure to close down a private zoo near here. An escaped lioness from the zoo killed an eight-year-old girl during the weekend.

William Leach, vice-president of the society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Victoria, said the "provincial government is the stumbling block."

Although the death Saturday of Maureen Vanstone was due to such an escape, Mr. Leach said he was not surprised. Private zoos, he said, cannot afford enclosures of sufficient strength to prevent the escape of wild animals.

CALLED FROM BUSH

Little Maureen, walking along a quiet road with her sister in nearby Wellington, spotted the 350-pound African lioness in a bush just as she was joined by two young friends. She called out to it, having seen and petted it at the zoo, and the lion sprang at her.

The girl died of a broken neck and severed jugular vein. Outraged residents of the area hunted the beast for three hours before shooting it as it lay on a bluff overlooking a lake.

Mrs. Dan McDougall, president of the SPCA branch here, said there had been repeated protests about the zoo to the provincial department of recreation and its head, Recreation Minister Earle Westwood, and to the provincial game commission.

"Despite Mr. Westwood's sympathy toward this committee, his department has repeatedly refused to agree with the SPCA that private zoos should be forbidden."

BOUGHT FROM CIRCUS

An inquest was to be held tonight into the girl's death.

The zoo, one of five private zoos, which the SPCA says are operating in B.C., is run by Paul Hertel, 48, a logger who had tamed wild animals as a hobby for 15 years.

The killer lioness, called Fury, was one of four at the zoo. He got them two years ago from a circus. Along with a collection of other animals, including cougars, Fury had been photographed by hundreds of zoo visitors. Because it was considered the tamest, it was a favorite with tourists and neighborhood children.

Fury escaped late Friday afternoon when helper Waldemar Jungenkhuegar was feeding the lions. It forced its way through a wooden door and ran into surrounding bush. Hertel and his helper took turns watching through the night, expecting the beast to return as it had previously when it had been outside the cage. They did not notify authorities.

NOT WARNED

Some neighbors were advised, but through an error there was no call to the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Vanstone.

Maureen and her sister Patricia, 6, were walking along the road and had just greeted Lee, 11, and Janet, 7, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Butcher, when the lioness rose from the bush.

"I see you Fury, come out of there," called Maureen. The animal attacked and the other three girls fled to a nearby farm to sound the alarm.

Mr. Butcher was summoned, ran to the scene and fired at the lioness but it fled. Fifty men and two aircraft took part in the subsequent search and killing of the lion.

The Vanstone family was to have moved Sunday to Departure Bay, B.C., where Dr. Vanstone is a biologist with the Pacific Biological Station. He was away when his daughter was killed.

DEMONSTRATING FIRST AID techniques to Canadian Pacific Airlines Stewardess Sharon MacKenzie, is Prince Rupert's Columbia Cellulose Co. safety team. The group arrived in Vancouver last Wednesday via CPA, to take part in the 10th annual first aid competition of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association Friday. The team returned to Prince Rupert on Sunday's flight. Members of the team are Robert Kelsey, safety supervisor, Norman Armstrong, T. G. Howden, Victor Welch, William Rothwell, William McFadzean, and A. C. Thody. (CPA Photo)

CCC first aiders good but miss top prizes

The Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd., first aid team from Watson Island "did a good job" but didn't get into the prize money, Robert Kelsey, safety superintendent said today.

The team returned by Canadian Pacific Airlines yesterday after taking part in the B.C. division of the Canadian Pulp and Paper association first aid competitions Friday in Vancouver.

First prize in the competitions was won by Canadian Forest Products Ltd., Port Mellon team and Crown Zellerbach, Canada Ltd., team from Richmond came second.

Mr. Kelsey said the team attended the competition banquet in Vancouver Friday night at which T. N. Beaupre, president of Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd., and Celgar Ltd., presented the prizes to the winners in his role as president of the B.C. Division Canadian Pulp anl Paper association.

Other pulp and paper company teams taking part were B.C. Forest Products Ltd., Crofton; Crown Zellerbach, Canada Ltd., Ocean Falls; Elk Fall Company Ltd.; MacMillan and Bloedel Ltd., Alberni; MacMillan and Bloedel, Harmac; and Powell River Company Ltd.

Fund stands at $335.16

Fund for three teenage girls who were injured in a car accident on Highway 16, April 24, now stands at $335.16, chairman for the fund, Eve Poffenroth reported at press time today.

This afternoon Miss Poffenroth banked $132.51. Friday the account stood at $202.65.

The money will help defray medical expenses for Donna Spence, 17, released from Prince Rupert General hospital Wednesday, Sylvia Gjelsvik, 17, reported in good condition in hospital and Carol Dickens, 18, driver of the car and still reported today by Canadian Press as in "fair" condition in Vancouver General hospital.

"BLITZ" TONIGHT

Generous donations asked for cancer drive

The Very Rev. A. E. Hendy, Dean of Caledonia, today asked all residents to be generous when more than 120 canvassers call at city homes tonight in the Conquer Cancer blitz drive for $3,000.

The local chairman for the Prince Rupert branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, said today that the city is divided into 17 zones. Canvassers will start out at 6:30 p.m. The business section was canvassed this afternoon.

Zone captains are Mrs. S. D. Johnston, Mrs. Stanley Veitch, Mrs. Larry Ryan, Dean Hendy, Mrs. Roy Boychuk, Mrs. C. C. Mills, Mrs. Douglas Guyatt, Mrs. T. A. Johnstone, Mrs William Bussey, Mrs. Harry Paulson, Douglas Payne, Mrs. William Dibben, Miss Elaine Bulmer, Mrs. George Hills, Mrs. L. C. Chambers, Mrs. Yet Wong for the Chinese association and the Rotary club.

Mrs. Robert Corbeil will canvass Miller Bay Indian hospital and Miss Vallerie Dearden heads the teenagers.

Persons who are not called on are asked to leave their donations with manager T. C. Melville, Bank of Montreal.

Child dies in mishap with train

The three - year - old daughter of a Canadian National Railways section man died Friday afternoon two hours after she was struck by a westbound CNR passenger train at Tintagel, 10 miles east of Burns Lake.

RCMP subdivision at Prince Rupert report the engineer of the train told them he was unable to stop in time to avoid hitting Anne Scott who was sitting between the tracks.

The girl is the daughter of the CNR's Tintagel section man, William Scott. An inquest is planned, RCMP said.

Car damage set at $500 after plunge

Damage is estimated at $400 to $500 to a car that tumbled over a 25-foot embankment about one and a half miles east of Rainbow Lake Lodge Friday afternoon. None of the three passengers were injured.

RCMP at Port Edward reported that the car driven by H. L. Leverett, 220 Fourth Avenue East, went out of control when it hit a stretch of gravel.

Other passengers escaping unhurt were James Alexander Skelton, 879 Summit Avenue and Robert Grathum of Prince Rupert.

Mrs. Gidlund dies aged 67

A resident of Stewart and Prince Rupert for the past 31 years died Friday morning in Prince Rupert General Hospital after lengthy illness.

Funeral for Mrs. Mina Christina Gidlund, 67, of 210 Seventh Avenue West, will be held at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow, Rev. A. S. Olson officiating.

Born in Sweden, Mrs. Gidlund came to Canada in 1911. She lived in Stewart from 1927 until 1950 when she moved to Prince Rupert.

She was predeceased by her husband Gustav in 1949.

Mrs. Gidlund is survived by two daughters in Vancouver, Mrs. Leslie (Pearl) McDonald and June Gidlund, and two brothers in Sweden.

JOHN F. MAGOR, publisher of the Prince Rupert Daily News, above, returns to the city today with officials of the Air Cadet League of Canada to preside at the annual inspection of Prince Rupert Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron 559 tomorrow night. Mr. Magor, acting as chairman of B.C. committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada was scheduled to arrive with Wing Commander J. V. Watts, reviewing officer; Burt Heaton, committee vice-chairman; V. R. Clerihue, honorary secretary; B. O. Mayne, chairman No. 1 Wing of Air Cadets, Vancouver and Flt. Lt. H. E. Carling, air cadet liaison officer for B.C.

Inspection of 38 air cadets will take place on the Court House grounds, under the supervision of Commanding Officer Flt. Lt. Douglas Hague.

City resident freed of charge in Saanich court

VICTORIA (CP)—George Douglas Frizzell of Prince Rupert was dismissed in court on a charge of criminal negligence.

Mr. Frizzell pleaded not guilty when his case came up in suburban Saanich police court.

Police said he was clocked at between 80 and 85 miles an hour while he was being chased April 19.

Magistrate H. C. Hall dismissed the charge after giving Mr. Frizzell the benefits of the doubt.

City honored by safety group for '57 record

Prince Rupert has been honored with a special Citation Award by the Canadian Highway Safety Conference for completing the year 1957 without fatal traffic accidents.

Similar safety citations were received by five other British Columbia cities with population between 10,000 and 20,000.

Samuel Kiesman funeral held

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in Ferguson Funeral Home for Samuel Albert Kiesman, Prince Rupert's Centennial baby, who died suddenly at home early Thursday morning.

The Very Rev. A. E. Hendy, Dean of Caledonia, officiated.

Hymns sung were "Safe In the Arms of Jesus" and "There's a Friend for Little Children." Mrs. Lloyd Bowman was organist.

Interment followed at Fairview cemtery.

GETS $16,000

Widow wins long fight for husband's pension

VANCOUVER (CP) — A 35-year-old widow with four children, who fought eight years in poverty to prove that her ailing miner husband had pensionable silicosis, is to be compensated with some $16,000 in back payments and a life pension for herself and her family.

The workmen's compensation board of British Columbia Friday announced the award to Mrs. Bea Zucco of Castlegar, B.C., whose husband died last month. Examination by specialists after his death proved he had pensionable silicosis as well as non-pensionable tuberculosis, a fact doctors had not been able to determine previously.

Mrs. Zucco, who once carried her legal battle to Victoria with a sitdown strike on the legislature steps, will get $13,300 which is to be paid into Mr. Zucco's estate.

This back pension is based on the late miner's maximum earnings under board regulations back to March 16, 1950, when he was first examined for signs of silicosis—a disease of the lungs acquired in mining — and was told none could be found.

In addition the widow will get the maximum board pension of $75 a month for herself plus $25 a month for each of her children, Margaret, 15; John, 14, Sylvia, 9, and Dorothy 6.

If she remarries she will get a lump sum of $1,200 and her pension will be discontinued. The children's pension will be paid until they are 16, or until 18 if they are still going to school at that age.

Mrs. Zucco will also get an immediate payment of $100 for current expenses, plus payment of medical bills back to 1950. The medical bills may total as much as $3,000.

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Bing Crosby's son Dennis, 23, married showgirl-divorcee Pat Sheehan, 20, in a Protestant ceremony between her show performances Sunday night.

Liquor counts bring fines

Nineteen-year-old Daniel Gail Hubler, 1333 Sixth Avenue East, was fined $10 by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite or in default of payment sentenced to five days in jail when he pleaded guilty in city police court this morning to a charge of being in possession of liquor though being a minor.

On another charge involving liquor, Willa Ray pleaded guilty on behalf of Harry Edward Campbell of Telegraph Creek to a charge of supplying an Indian with liquor. The magistrate imposed a $50 fine.

The magistrate granted a request by A. Bruce Brown for an eight-day adjournment of trial of Mr. Brown's client, George Edward Grant of Prince Rupert, on an impaired driving charge.

District fires under control

Two small forest fires were reported burning under control in the Prince Rupert district since the season opened May 1, District Forester Percy Young said today.

Damage from the two fires at Chesletta Lake and Copper River is estimated at 095, according to a British Columbia Forest Service report.

Londoners walk as buses stop

LONDON (Reuters)—Londoners battled for space on subways as never before today after metropolitan bus service vanished in a massive strike.

Drivers and conductors rolled the red double-decker buses and the green suburban coaches into garages after midnight 2nd launched their long-threatened strike for more money.

It left this city of 10,000,000—one-fifth of Britain's population—all but immobilized. The London transport bus system covers an area of 2,00 square miles.

Paint-Up, Clean-Up, guide for better living say JCs

Clean Up-Paint Up is not just a two-week program but a guide for better civic living, Wilbur Dorash and Michael Moshenko, chairmen of the Junior Chamber of Commerce's Clain-up, Paint-up campaign said today.

"The future of our city is dependent on the traits shown during our Clean-up campaign, namely, co-operation, progressiveness, and energetic interest," the chairmen declared. "Through demonstration of these qualities during the "Clean-up, Paint-up" weeks, we should set a pattern for the rest of the year. The results we accomplish and the habits of cleanliness and beauty which we acquire will persuade tourists to stay awhile in our city, will create an environment which will attract new industry and citizens.

"New industry means many new jobs, with special opportunities for our youth.

"Clean-up, Paint-up" is in reality, a key—a key to health, beauty, safety, fire prevention, new business, industry, and citizens. It's up to every citizen to help unlock the door to a bright future for Prince Rupert," Mr. Dorash said.

He said residents still have time to get rid of rubbish free of charge.

"Place it in a convenient location and phone 2111," he said adding that rubbish will be picked up free of charge on May 6 and 8.

Oldtime resident Mrs. Griffin dies

Mrs. Lucy Belle Mae Griffin, well-known to Prince Rupert residents from frequent visits while she lived at Silbak Premier mine, died in Trail-Tadanac hospital April 6 at the age of 50, it was learned here today.

Born in Michigan, Mrs. Griffin was married in 1915 and came to live in northern British Columbia in 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin made many friends in and around Prince Rupert during a 16-year stay at Silbak Premier mine between 1922 and 1938. Last year they moved to Kimrald, B.C.

Mrs. Griffin is survived by her husband Levi John; two sons, Gordon of Circle Springs, Alaska and Harry of Fairbanks, Alaska, one daughter, Mrs. Charles Bloomfield of Trail, and 11 grandchildren.

WEATHER—

Cloudy with scattered showers today and Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Winds light becoming south 15 Tuesday afternoon. Low tonight and high Tuesday at Prince Rupert 42 and 55.

TIDES—

Tuesday, May 6, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

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	21:36	6.5 feet

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Greek ship takes grain to Britain

The Greek vessel MV Aghios Nicolaos has taken on 10,640 tons of No. 1 and No. 2 feed barley since loading Thursday morning.

The freighter sailed from here late this afternoon after taking on fuel at Imperial Oil dock.

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