

King Fishermen Receive Their Awards at Colonist Function



The winners of the highly successful first annual King Fisherman contest of The Daily Colonist, and special guests, were honored last night at a dinner and reception sponsored by the newspaper. More than 2,000 fish were entered. Above, at right, Colonist publisher Seth Hulton presents cheques for \$50 for hidden weight winners to Dr. V. V. Marnell, 2647 Quadra, left, who entered a tyee weighing 56 lbs. 8 oz., and Harold F. Gent, 2819 Richmond road, centre, with a spring weighing 5 lbs. 8 oz.—Colonist photos by Bud Kinsman.



One of the proudest winners was T. E. Harris, 2999 Eastdowne road, left, winner of a King Fisherman trophy, \$50, and a \$125 suit from the Courtenay store of Murdoch-Girard for a 60-pound tyee. Among special guests were Andy Anderson, president of the Victoria and Spanish Inlet Anglers' Association, and Stan Williams of Wilson & Lenfesty.



Tom Alexander of Brentwood Bay, left, was the top coho fisherman with a 22-pound specimen. At centre is Bruce Tingley of the Hudson's Bay Co., who presented him with a new shotgun valued at \$125. At right is Herb M. Neff of Kildew road, Colwood, who topped spring fishermen with an outstanding catch of 44 lbs. 2 oz. He received a trophy, \$50, and an automatic Beatty washer from W. R. Menzies & Co. Ltd. Lee Hallberg, the Old Fishermen's club, will broadcast highlights and interviews over CKDA at 9:05 p.m. Friday.

Soon Seen in Passing



Andy Anderson running up and down a keyboard. (He's president of Victoria Musicians' Association, local 247 AFM, and lives with his wife, Vivian, two sons and two daughters, at 1734 Kings road. All the children are musical and will eventually play the piano. Andy operates a four-piece combo at Club Tango. He has played professionally here since 1937. He's a tuner, too, but does not teach.)

Arne Bo reporting that persons wishing to join the new Victoria Pops Orchestra should contact him at 2,290. Jack and Bill Outton of the Shawanigan Lake "Islanders" western music group showing their appreciation of Beechoven's music. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Drury and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Worley at the symphony. Brenda Zary passing around cups of coffee. Dorothy Hopgood making sure her coffee has cream only. Kindly driver stopping his car on three to mend a crying five-year-old's tricycle. Mrs. Leonard Robinson estate when she was steals four fives and a jack in a four-handed cribbage game; and incredulous when, having discarded her jack in the kitty, out

Library Is Bigger But Staff Reduced

Victoria public library is lopping five part-time employees from its staff. Although it has added 8,500 books to its shelves during the past 11 months and is expanding in every direction, librarian John Lort told the library board yesterday the staff of 10 full-time professional librarians and 28 clerks, would allow reduction of the part-time staff from 21 to 15. One full-time clerk has been added.

Central Saanich served notice it would terminate its agreement Dec. 31, 1956. A year's notice is required; and it will presumably be withdrawn if the referendum Dec. 8 favors continuation of a contract which costs the new municipality approximately \$4,800 or 3 per cent of the annual cost estimated at between \$160,000 and \$165,000.

The library's circulation for the past 11 months, departmental heads reported, had jumped to 541,000 from last year's 493,800; and cost of operations was \$143,248 for the same period, compared with \$124,707.

Booksmobile, the travelling library which went on the road in April, 1954, has lent 36,004 volumes this year as against 17,906 in eight months of the year previous.

Said Mr. Lort in his report: "The family spirit which has

prevailed in all relationships between the board and the staff has made it possible to utilize the knowledge and ability of everyone for the betterment of the library service."

Reports were received by the board for inclusion in its over-all annual summary for city council.

SPCA Rounds Up Bazaar Turkeys

Donations to the SPCA's Saturday bazaar should be in the hands of organizers by Thursday, officials said last night.

There will be eight turkey tombolas, novelty and gift stalls, cakes and pastries donated by Victoria bakers, groceries, and an auction of new goods, including an \$85 electric blanket. Bazaar is from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

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Victoria To Be Yacht Mecca Of Pacific Coast Next Year

Victoria will be the yachting capital of the Pacific Coast next summer when hundreds of sailing craft from Mexico to Alaska converge here for three outstanding events.

From June 23 to July 6 the Royal Victoria Yacht Club will be host to the greatest concentration of racing yachts ever assembled on the Pacific

considered the greatest test of yachting skill on the continent, is expected to attract some of the large yachts from Southern California, as this is an off year for the Honolulu race and the two big regattas in follow the Soufriere are an added inducement.

It will be the first time the Royal Victoria Yacht Club has been host to the Pacific Coast

More with Less
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JOHN LORT
... family spirit

Aircraft To Join Rangers In Search for Lost Hunters

BY TED HARRIS

South Vancouver Island Rangers in force and possibly two aircraft will head into the rugged Sooke Lake area today in an effort to find two missing Victoria hunters lost since Sunday noon.

Despite heavy wet snow and rain, 30 volunteer searchers combed the area west of Shawanigan lake yesterday endeavoring to find some trace of the missing pair.

Frank Browne, 25, of 1882 Feltham and Craig Massie, 23, of 719 Newbury, left three companions at the north end of Grant lake about 10 a.m. planning to return to their car for lunch.

Their companions, Robert Lyons, 2626 Rose, Bud Reid, 160 Beachwood and Charles Kelra, 1408 Myrtle, lost for four hours, arrived at the car at 2 p.m. They waited until 6:30 and then summoned the RCMP.

During the eight heavy snow blanketed the area followed by rain, making search conditions difficult and dangerous.

ROUGH TRAVELLING

Among the searchers were members of the South Vancouver Island Rangers, loggers and volunteers from Victoria, who reported "travelling is pretty rough back in the time."

W. Kennedy of Shawanigan lake said he followed two pairs of tracks for about half a mile down a creek heading south towards Sooke lake. He said, "If they have enough sense to follow the stream, they will be alright." The creek leads to the northwest shore of Sooke lake.

Gordon Sward of the South Vancouver Island Rangers commented: "If they get down into the Sooke lake country they should run into a least 18 inches of snow." About six inches of snow had fallen at Grant lake

son, were hunting Saturday when darkness closed in before they could return to their car. They made their way out Sunday morning.

Constable W. J. Dodd of the RCMP made a patrol down Sooke lake late last night hoping to see a camp fire on the opposite shore, but he said he saw nothing.

W. Kennedy of Sooke lake will take his power boat up the lake at daylight today to look for signs of the two hunters still missing. Const. Dodd added: "Weather officials say there is a possibility for clearing conditions this afternoon which should help the search."

Harrison's Man



ALD. J. D. SMITH

Driver Identity Puzzle

DUNCAN—Verdict of accident with no blame attached was returned by a coroner's jury inquiring into the highway death of Walter Robinson, 70.

He was killed Nov. 20 when the car he was believed to be driving skidded on slippery or icy road and crashed into a telephone pole on Cowichan Lake road.

His brother, Henry, is still in King's Daughters' hospital Court, adjourned in the hospital and Coroner A. E. Green and Sgt. T. D. Drummond both questioned the survivor without success.

To a question by Coroner Green as to whether he thought Walter was dead he replied quickly, "no, he is not dead."

ONE IN CAR

It was not possible to establish which of the two brothers was the driver of the car. Only identifying evidence was that the driver wore a soft felt hat, but both men were thrown out of the car and there was no hat seen on the roadway, although one was found in the car.

Albert Wilson and his wife told of seeing the car coming and going into a skid. Donald McCoil, a bus driver, saw the car skidding into his lane but was unable to avoid a collision because of the icy road. His car struck the Robinson car after the impact with the telephone pole.

Alderman Crusades In Support of Mayor

ALD. J. Donald Smith, often a sharp-spoken opponent of Mayor Claude L. Harrison in city council debate, announced yesterday he was actively supporting the mayor for reelection.

"The press and certain radio commentators have abused Mayor Harrison to a point of being ridiculous, to say the least," Ald. Smith said in a written statement.

"He is no yek man, nor is he a weak debater. He stands firm on what he thinks is best for Victoria and debates in council with enthusiasm and determination. I disagree with him on occasion, but agree on

commission (the capital city grand committee) so the majority of the members voted in favor of this pool. It was then endorsed by the provincial cabinet, but only Mayor Harrison receives criticism," Ald. Smith said.

"This is just an example of what I am trying to put across to the voters of this city and the reason I am supporting Mayor Harrison, and I appeal to the taxpayers of this city to do likewise," he said.

Large Turnout Expected