

Rains Blamed For 3 British Columbia Deaths

VANCOUVER (CP)—Early winter rains have struck southern British Columbia and Vancouver Island, resulting in three deaths and causing floods at widely scattered points.

Railway lines were cut and in some places water rose high enough to force evacuation of homes.

Hardest hit was Vancouver Island, frequently blasted by rain storms sweeping in from the Pacific Ocean.

At Port Alberni, 100 miles northwest of Victoria, some 20 families moved out after Sproat Lake rose almost 7½ feet in less than four days. Port Alberni reported 10.6 inches of rain since Saturday night, including 4.58 inches Sunday, the greatest 24-hour total in 18 years of records.

An elderly man collapsed at port Alberni and died of a heart attack as he fled his home when a radio station broadcast what proved to be a false report that the Elsie Lake Dam had collapsed. The report was checked with RCMP, the station said. It broadcast a retraction shortly after when the report proved false.

On the B.C. mainland, two men were drowned when their car skidded from a slippery pier into the waters of Howe Sound at Squamish.

O'LEARY

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. William K. Campbell, who were married recently in the United Church Manse, O'Leary, by Rev. Heber Kean, the bride is the former Stella MacNevin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rustin MacNevin, Cascumpec, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Keir and the late Keir Campbell.

Dr. Robert L. Frizzell, Tignish, P.E.I. was a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Frizzell, Springfield West, over the weekend.

Mr. Haldane Frizzell first year student at Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Frizzell, Springfield West over the weekend.

The many friends of Mr. Preston Robinson, Springfield West, are glad to see him around again after being confined to his bed through illness.

Mrs. Gordon MacWilliams returned to her home after spending a few days in Summerside, guest of Mrs. Annie Lidstone.

Miss Donna Shaw, nurse in training at the Provincial Sanatorium, Charlottetown, spent a very pleasant weekend in Springfield West, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Frizzell.

Mrs. Hettie MacWilliam, Cape Wolfe, left recently to visit her daughter in Ottawa, Ontario. She plans to stay a couple of weeks before leaving to spend the winter in Boston with other relatives and friends. D.U.

BEDIQUE

Mrs. Amy Leard, has returned home from the Prince County Hospital where she was a patient for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Weeks, and son Milton, Fredericton, P.E.I. were visitors to Bedique last Thursday, calling on relatives.

An offering for the Springhill disaster fund, was received at the United Church, amounting to \$117.

Miss Alice Noonan, Borden, formerly of Bedique, was a recent patient in the Prince County Hospital.

After a sojourn in Bedique, which was enjoyed to the utmost, Mr. Kenneth Bruce Stewart, has returned to his native city of Charlottetown, where relatives and personal friends will make his stay pleasant. He plans to return to Bedique village in April. This is the village of his ancestors, the Hon. Joseph Pope, the Hon. Judge W. H. Pope and the Hon. James C. Pope, thrice Premier of this Province. B.Q.

NEW ANNAN

Mr. and Mrs. Percy McCarville, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Lambe and family visited with Mrs. John McInnis, Allison and George on Sunday.

Mr. Allen Semple, Clermont, left by car on a trip to the United States on Saturday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Maizie Bowes who was returning to her home in Weymouth, Mass., after spending the summer months with her brother, Mr. William Hegarty.

Mrs. Isaac Tuplin and two children are visiting with her father-in-law, Mr. James Tuplin and daughter, Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McCabe and family of Middleton, visited at the home of Mr. William Hegarty on Thursday evening. A.V.

Long Session Is Held On Nuclear Tests

GENEVA (Reuters) — The three nuclear powers Tuesday held the longest session of their 27-year-old conference on ending nuclear weapons tests.

They were understood to have made slow but steady progress in their two-hour, 40-minute meeting behind closed doors. But a second east-west conference here was reported on the brink of failure.

Thompson Denies His 'Confession'

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Francis Gilbert Thompson, Mohawk Indian

who has been claiming to be the 1933 killer of three American hunters in the Canadian wilderness, denied his own story before television cameras Tuesday.

"I don't know anything about it," the 35-year-old Thompson mumbled.

His repudiation came as TV cameramen filmed an interview with him in jail.

Homicide detective Bob Gow,

whose department normally would investigate a slaying, said "we haven't been called in."

Canadian authorities have discounted Thompson's confession almost from the first. A prospec-

tor, Wilbert Coffin, was hanged two years ago for the slaying of Richard Lindsey, 17. Richard's father, Eugene, and Frederick Clair, also were slain.

Thompson is held on charges

of breaking and entering and grand larceny. He admitted breaking into a yacht at anchor at a Miami dock.

Charles-Edouard Cantin, deputy attorney-general for Quebec,

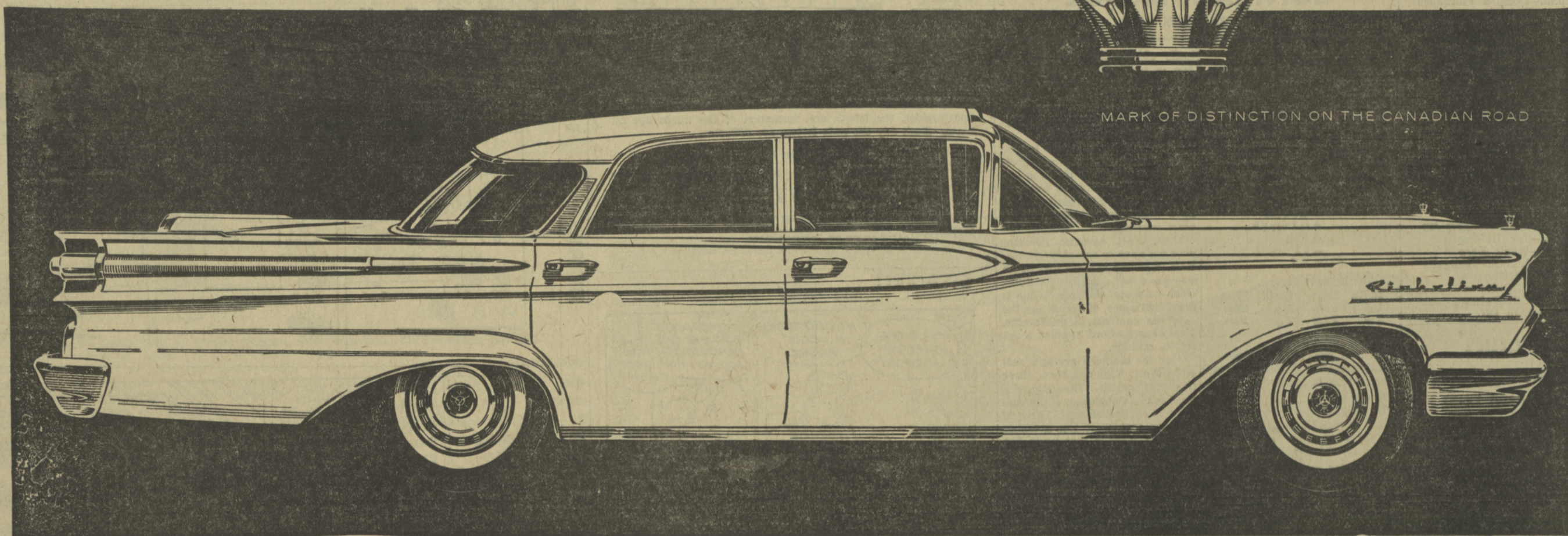
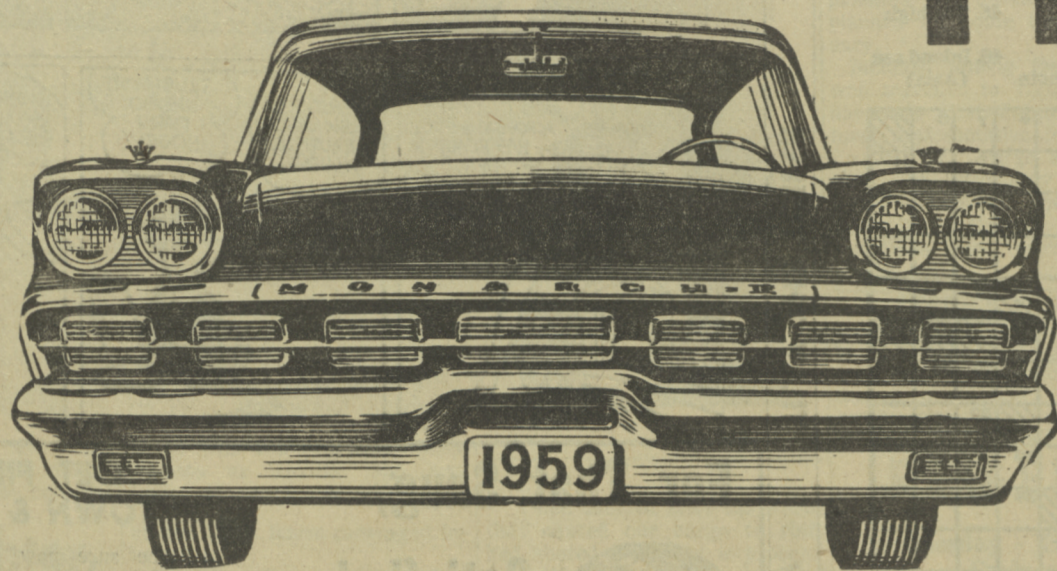
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called Thompson's tale pure invention. He made the statement after studying replies the Indian gave to a list of questions mailed Miami police.

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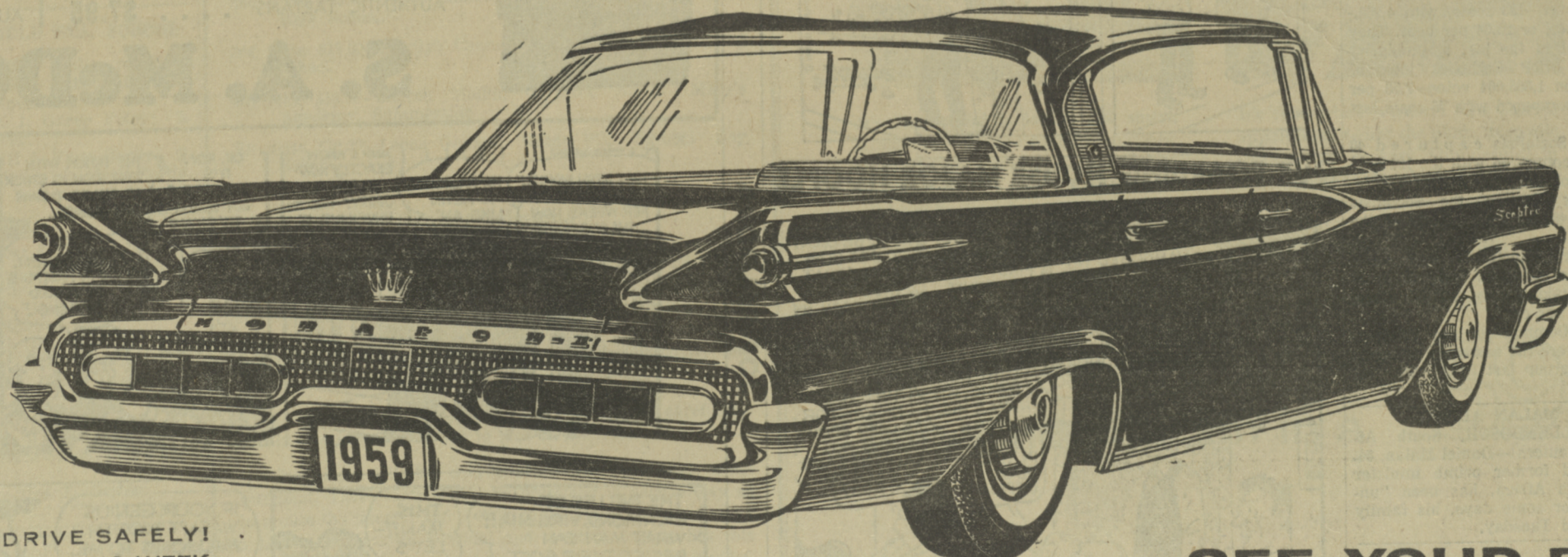
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