

ISLAND NEWS PAGE

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Sea Hunt Drama Seen Nearly Over

ST. PETERS — This small north-shore P.E.I. village is once again returning to normal activities as the seal hunters who have been in the area for the past month begin their departures here today.

When all sealers, the planes and boats have gone, it will seem like a circus has left the town. The sealing operations have been followed by many Islanders. The sight of big helicopters and planes parked in back yards is becoming a common sight to residents of the area.

The Alberton sealing group under the direction of Glen Matthews left for his homes yesterday. The group landed 86 seal pelts Saturday, but were forced to slow operations due to the heavy fog in the area. Matthews leaving for his home in Alberton, said the ice is getting very soft and slushy and it was becoming too risky to continue hunting out on the ice. "There are still lots of seals left," he said. Mr. Matthews said he was pleased with the operation in general and with the fine weather experienced.

The plane piloted by Robert McIlwaine, Tryon, left the area Saturday and the New Brunswick plane piloted by Michael McComb is expected to leave for home today.

The remainder of the necessary cable was flown to the "East Star" Saturday. The ship earlier had broken a cable on one of its winches. Also a seal along with the cable and some fresh refreshments and machines from the Matthews party, in appreciation of the assistance to the four men who spent some time on one of the sealing vessels during the storm in late March.

SEAL PUPS SHOWN
The two seal pups Matthews will send to California probably today have been the centre of attraction over the weekend. The pups, stored in a barn belonging to Lloyd Darrach, St. Peters, were put on exhibition by members of the local Boy Scout group who charged admission to see the pups. A total of \$5 was said to have been collected by the boys.

Meanwhile the sealing party under Dr. Marc Arsenault is still in the area. The six helicopters with the group were all at St. Peters for the weekend. Most of the men are still lodging at Holy Name Hall in St. Peters.

Asked about the reported violence between members of the Arsenault helicopters and crew members of the Arsenault helicopters and crew members of the Arsenault VI last week, Dr. Marc Arsenault said last night, "I refuse to make any comments. There are sealing ships, rather than stirring up insignificant trouble over the loss of 30 or 40 pelts should be looking after the 60,000 or 70,000 pelts on the ice that may go to waste. I think it's a lot of wildlife over nothing."

SAID MISUNDERSTANDING
RCMP in Charlottetown said Saturday that violence and theft reported Friday on the seal-hunting grounds appear to be the result of a misunderstanding.

Police questioned several men in connection with claims by seal hunters from the Halifax vessel "North Star VI" that a helicopter swooped down on the ice about 45 miles north of P.E.I. and carried off 350 of the North Star's pelts.

An RCMP spokesman said William Samarah, Jr., co-owner of the North Star Shipping Company Limited, with his brother George, also complained that the helicopter crew disarmed two North Star men stationed near a pile of seal pelts.

The police spokesman said the matter appeared to boil down to identification of the pelts. There apparently was a difference over ownership — "one party says one thing, one says another."

In a marine radio report, Captain William Morris of the North Star VI was quoted as saying two of his men had been attacked by pirates. "I mean pirates, too," he said. "They

EASTERN BRIDGES

SISTER DIES
Word has been received by John Power, New Perth, of the death yesterday of his sister, Miss Catherine Power in hospital in Brookline, Mass. Burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery, Malden, Mass. on Tuesday.

HEADS VETERANS BODY
OTTAWA (CP) — Gage W. Montgomery (PC — Victoria-Carleton) was elected Thursday chairman of the Commons committee on veterans affairs at the committee's organization meeting. David Pugh (PC — Okanagan-Southern) was named vice-chairman.

St. Peters Man Passes At 102

One of the Island's senior citizens, Richard Larkin, died Saturday at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McQuaid, 37 Park Street, Charlottetown. He was 102.

Born in St. Peters in 1860, Mr. Larkin would have been 100 on April 13.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Larkin of St. Peters and operated a saw mill and a farm at St. Peters before coming to Charlottetown nearly 16 years ago.

A well-known step-dancer in his day, Mr. Larkin was a member of the St. Charles' parish.

He is survived by one son James in Dingwell's Mills and two daughters, Catherine, Mrs. Edward McQuaid, and Theresa, Mrs. Lowell Anderson, Farmington.

The funeral will be held from

Bandits Rob Tru Co.

LYNN, Mass. (AP) — Three bandits, armed with machine-guns, robbed the West Lynn Branch of the Essex Trust Company Friday of \$28,200, and kidnapped a laundry truck driver while fleeing from police.

Lynn patrolman Henry Steadman, 37, suffered a wound in the shoulder in an exchange of shots after police pursued the bandits' car into nearby Saugus. Steadman was taken to hospital.

When the holdup men reached Everett they stopped their car beside the laundry truck of Thomas McBride, 40, of Chelsea. McBride later told police he was ordered into the inside of the covered truck and one of the gunmen took the wheel.

The bandits left the truck one by one before they reached Boston. When the last man left McBride went to a police station.

GREEN COTTON

REECE increased annual cotton production from 21,000 tons in 1959 to 22,000 tons in 1960.

No Increase Seen For Steel Prices

CLEVELAND (AP) — No general steel price increase is likely to result from a new contract with the United Steelworkers union, says Steel magazine.

The metalworking weekly says the steel industry probably will attempt to recover part of the increased labor costs "via small selective price additions at opportune times." It points out that the industry, confronted with intense competition and lack of strong demand, has had no general price hike since July 31, 1958.

Steel says it's a bit although strong demand from the automotive and construction industries may keep steel shipments at a fairly high level during the second quarter.

POLAR TOWN
The Danish scientific station at Pearyland, Greenland, is the most northerly community in the world.

N.Y. Stocks Show Moderate Loss For Week

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market failed to mount a consistent advance last week despite good news of agreement on the outline of a steel industry labor pact. The result was a moderate loss.

The week's decline spoiled a good chance of showing a gain for March and the average was off slightly on the month's trading.

Stocks had their only advance in direct response to unofficial news that the framework of a steel labor agreement had been made, with the details to be hammered out. The advance was the first in eight sessions.

The Dow Jones Industrial average last week fell 9.51 to 796.55. Volume slipped to 14,234,190 shares from 15,831,030 shares. Most active on the New York Stock Exchange was Brunswick, off 1 at 94 on 18,900 shares. Most active on the American Stock Exchange was Gulf American Land, up 1/4 at 14% on 207,600 shares.

LEGION FUNERAL

Members of the Montague Branch Royal Canadian Legion are requested to meet at the home Tuesday at 1 p.m. April 3rd, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late comrade Miller H. Llewellyn, Murray Harbour North. Funeral in Murray Harbour North Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m.

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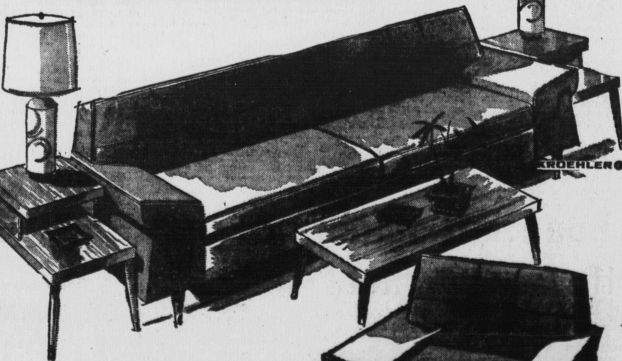
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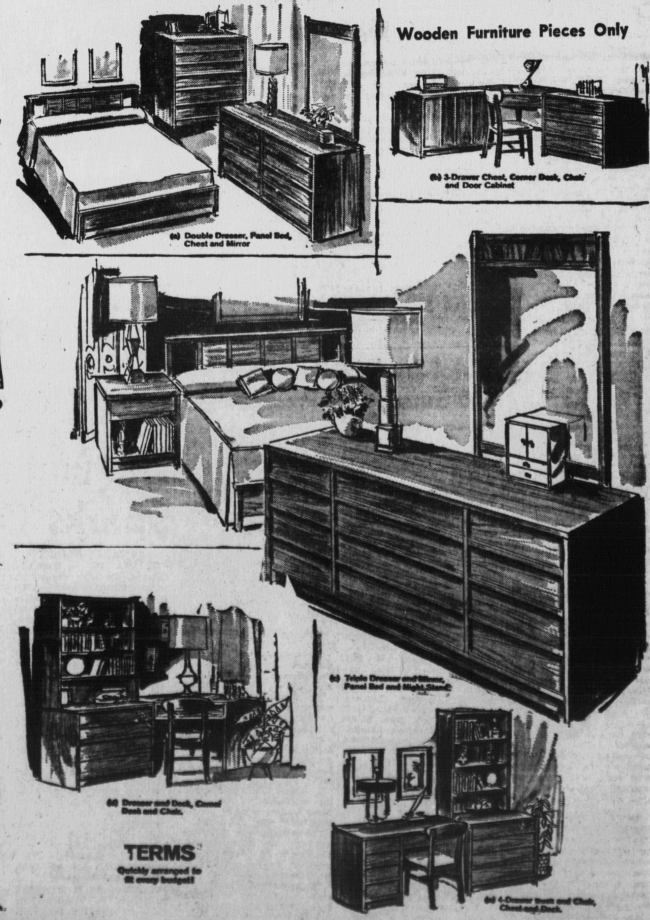


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