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### Death Toll Reaches 4,600 In Ecuador Earthquake

#### Four Boys Lose Lives, Five Are Rescued When Boat Capsizes In River

#### REPLACE ISLAND LIGHTS

ST. PETER PORT, Guernsey, Channel Islands. (CP) Light-houses in the Channel Islands, occupied by Germans during the Second World War, are to be re-established at a cost of \$1,311 (\$5,244).

#### Coming Events

- \*\*Kinkora Hall chicken supper Wednesday, August 10.
- \*\*Mail your films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- \*\*Dance Morell tonight, \*Rolie McKenzie's Orchestra.
- \*\*Ice cream social, North Granville Hall, Friday, Aug. 12.
- \*\*Ice Cream and Dance, Tona Hall, Tuesday, August 9th.
- \*\*Dance in Waterville School, August 8th. Good music.
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- \*\*Dance, Morell East School, Monday, August 8th. Good music.
- \*\*Legion dance Belfast Hall, Wednesday, August 10th. Good music.
- \*\*Dance Graham's Road Tuesday night. Rolie McKenzie's Orchestra.
- \*\*Ice cream and dance Harville School Monday, August 8. Good music.
- \*\*Green Sheaf Binder Twine now in stock. Lowest prices. Dillon & Spillit.
- \*\*Chicken supper St. Margaret's Hall, Wednesday evening, Aug. 10th.
- \*\*Ice cream festival Thursday, Aug. 11th, Central United Church grounds, Dunstaffnage.
- \*\*Marie United Church Supper, Thursday, August 11th. Supper served 5-9:30.
- \*\*Ice Cream Festival and Dance, Head of Hillsboro School, Wednesday, August 10th.
- \*\*Provincial Plowing Match and Horse Show at Dundas, Wednesday, September 21st.
- \*\*Regular Dance at the "Sea Breeze", Victoria, each Wednesday, Dancing 9 till 1.
- \*\*Dance in St. Peter's Legion Hall every Tuesday night. Cliff Peters Orchestra.
- \*\*Corran Ban Parish Picnic Wednesday, August 10th. Dance Melody Boys Orchestra.
- \*\*Come to St. John's Church Picnic, Crapaud, Wednesday, August 10th. If wet, first fine day.
- \*\*Ice cream festival in Fredericton Hall Tuesday, Aug. 9th in aid of Pleasant Valley Mission Band.
- \*\*Dance at the Outside Inn, Wednesday, Aug. 10, in support of Jack Worth. Pownall-Millville Orchestra.
- \*\*Ice cream social at French River hall, Monday evening, Aug. 8. In aid of redecorating Geddie Memorial Church.
- \*\*Don't miss the Open Air Dance at Hunter River Rink every Tuesday night. Dancing from 9 till 12:30. Canteen service.
- \*\*Regular Dance East Royal Rink Hall, Tuesday, August 9th, Eastern Rhythm Boys. Bus leaving 1 P. M. T. at 9:15-10:00.
- \*\*Don't miss the open air dance at the Cornwall Rink grounds, Aug. 10. Refreshments, sponsored by Junior Farmers.
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LAPRAIRIE, Que., Aug. 7.—The St. Lawrence River near the south shore town 10 miles from Montreal claimed the lives of four Verdun, Que. youths today when their rowboat capsized during a fishing trip. Five other occupants of the boat were rescued.

Drowned were Andre Lavoye, 18, Ray Lesvesque, 20, Andre Mouton, 14, and Ronald Charbon, 18.

Pulled from the water by a three-man rescue team were Charles Mackay, 16, his 13-year-old brother Denis, Clovis Mousaque, 14, Jean Guy Bruyere, 18, and Jean-Claude Dussault, 15, all of Verdun.

The tragedy took place shortly after 4 p.m.

Police Chief Albert Lefebvre of Laprairie said overcrowding of the boat, which normally holds six persons, had caused the craft to overturn.

The rescuers were led by 19-year-old Gillis Beaulieu of Laprairie who was attracted to the scene by shouts for help from witnesses on shore.

Beaulieu and his companions, Richard Valente, 24, and Benoit Lemieux, 19, managed to row their boats to the scene, but by that time only five of the original nine were still above water.

They brought two persons ashore on the first trip, and returned to rescue the other three.

None of the bodies has been recovered.

The nine youths, all wearing bathing suits, were spending the day at the summer cottage of Mr. R. E. MacKay, a father of two of the victims.

The boat overturned in mid-stream, about 250 feet from shore. One of the boys at the helm of the motor-equipped rowboat shouted to two boys sitting in the bow to move back further in the boat.

When the boys half stood up to step back, they accidentally upset the boat and all nine were tossed into the river.

#### Canadian Air Cadets Visit Windsor Castle

WINDSOR, Berkshire, England, Aug. 7.—Ancient Windsor Castle Saturday played host to 24 Canadian Air Cadets starting a three-week tour of Britain with a party of cadets from the United States.

The walls of the castle, built centuries ago, echoed to the merry chatter of the enthusiastic youngsters, whose age averages 18 years.

#### Lessons, Warnings From Canada's Mock War

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#### Polio Cases Mount Sharply In U. S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—(CP)—Infantile paralysis mounted sharply in the United States last week, but there are signs the peak has been passed in some of the hardest-hit areas.

A state-by-state survey by the Associated Press showed some 1,400 new cases, this boosted the 1949 total to approximately 9,400—more than 50 per cent higher than the comparable period in 1948, second-worst polio year on record.

In Ottawa, officials of the Health and Welfare Department said the polio situation in Canada today is not alarming, although it will be watching in view of the increased incidence this year in the United States.

The total number of cases in Canada was not available, but the department said they exceeded those of this time last year by a little more than 100.

#### Murder Charge Is Laid Following Wild Fight

HAMILTON, Ont., Aug. 7.—(CP)—Edward Richards, 33, a Hamilton (Ont.) boxer, was charged with murder Saturday following the rifle-slaying of Richard Silfka during a wild fight which developed from a drinking party, in a house at nearby Wilona.

The free-for-all ended when a fusillade of shots from a 22-calibre rifle killed Silfka and wounded two other men.

Silfka was shot through the heart, Charles (Chuck) Bulmer was wounded in the right shoulder and Vernon Parrington in the nose. Parrington and Bulmer were from Hamilton.

The fight, among an estimated 25 men, occurred in the home of "Irish Davey" Amberley, described as a Hamilton sports figure, who told police he had been asleep upstairs when the fracas started.

Silfka crawled and ran 80 feet before he died of a bullet which passed through his back and lodged in his heart.

Silfka apparently was running across the back yard, making for cover in a large shed behind the house, when shot.

Police said Richards, left in charge of the party by Amberley when he went to bed, told them he was the only one sober at the party and that he was trying to clear the men out of the house when the fight started.

Police quoted him as saying: "I think there were six shots in the pump gun and I fired every one of them."

"Mainline Races at Sunny Green Acres, August 13th, starting 2 o'clock, supper served from 5 till 9 o'clock. Refreshments, games, movies and a pump gun.

"Garden Party in aid of the Stewart Memorial Nursing Home will be held at H. R. Foundry, Bedford, Tuesday evening, August 9th. Refreshments, games, movies and a pump gun.

#### Bank Robbers Get \$6,000

VANCOUVER, Aug. 7.—(CP)—Police throughout the lower British Columbia mainland area still seek two armed men who robbed a branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia of \$6,000 here Saturday.

The angle that the robbers may be American gunmen was being investigated.

Seven employees were not shot but were injured during the robbery of the 41st and Dunbar branch, less than half an hour after the bank opened at 9 a.m.

Seven employees were forced to the floor while accountant Lloyd Miller followed orders to fill a paper bag with money from the teller's cage.

#### One Killed When Lightning Hits Baseball Field

URBANA, O., Aug. 7.—A bolt of lightning today struck a baseball diamond here, killing Donald Jensen, 20, first baseman for Urbana's semi-pro team, and injuring seven other Urbana players.

The lightning struck in the first inning of a game with Troy, Urbana's rival in the field. Witnesses said all Urbana players were knocked off their feet by the bolt, but no Troy players among the crowd of about 400 was injured.

Three Urbana players were taken to hospital and four others were treated at the scene.

A similar accident last Sunday killed three semi-pro baseball players and injured 50 other persons at Baker, Wis.

#### Reports Mountain Falls Into River

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—(AP)—An entire mountain fell into a river near Ambato, the earthquake-stricken Ecuadorian city, and cut off the town's water supply, the National Broadcasting Company was told today.

The report came by radio from Dillo, Larson of station HCJB at Quito.

A great shortage of coffins has developed in the stricken area, Larson reported, and emergency appeals for coffins have been issued.

Larson said an HCJB mobile unit is touring the disaster area extending over more than 1,500 square miles along the slopes of the Andes Mountains. The population of the area prior to the disaster was approximately 300,000.

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#### Two Burned To Death In Quebec Town

CHANDLER, Que., Aug. 7.—(CP)—Two members of a family of 10 were burned to death early today when a fire destroyed the wooden house of Georges Gallant in this Gaspe Peninsula town.

Dead are Georges Gallant, 36, and his 16-year-old son Valmont.

Mrs. Gallant suffered burns and injuries but her condition is not considered serious.

The blaze is believed to have been caused by a defective electrical switch. The wooden structure was levelled within a few minutes.

First reports did not indicate whether other members of the family managed to escape, or whether Mrs. Gallant was alone with her husband and son when the fire occurred.

Chandler is on the southern part of Gaspe Peninsula, on the Bay of Chaleur.

#### Damage To Property Placed At \$20,000,000

(By Jorge Mantilla)  
REYNOLDS, Ecu., Aug. 7.—(AP)—Mounting reports from Central Ecuador's earthquake-ravaged areas today put the death toll beyond 4,600. Unofficially, property damage was estimated at \$20,000,000.

Four towns in the stricken area practically disappeared from the map during Friday's earthquakes. They are Guano, Pelileo, Patate and Pillaro.

The quakes struck an area extending over more than 1,500 square miles along the slopes of the Andes Mountains. The population of the area prior to the disaster was approximately 300,000.

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#### Death Saturday Of Mrs. T. B. Grady

Charlottetown on Saturday evening lost one of its most highly respected and esteemed citizens in the passing of Mrs. T. B. Grady at her late residence 155 Kent Street. Mrs. Grady was the widow of the late T. B. Grady, former Superintendent of the P. E. I. division of the C.N.R. She was eighty-nine years of age.

Mrs. Grady had been in poor health during the past few weeks she refused to let her illness confine her to bed. Saturday was the first day she was able to get up. She died at 7:30 p.m.

Well known for her generosity and warm heartedness, the passing of Mrs. Grady will be widely felt. Societies in which her philanthropic nature found an outlet were the Red Cross, the I.O.D.E. and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion. She always took an active part in these societies particularly during the last war.

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#### Teachers Optimistic On Eve Of Big Convention

By KAY REX  
OTTAWA, Aug. 7.—(CP)—The president of the Canadian Teachers' Federation today appeared optimistic about the outcome of the Teachers' Federation-aid-for-education campaign.

"We have made some fairly good progress in the past year," said C.J. Oates of Vancouver. "Generally speaking there has been no opposition to our campaign."

Mr. Oates spoke during a telephone interview shortly after his arrival in Ottawa, for the federation convention this week.

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HALIFAX, Aug. 7.—(CP)—Official inland forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax:

Synopsis:  
While a few heavy clouds did appear throughout the district this afternoon, it looked as if the day would pass without thunderstorms. Early this evening, however, thunderstorms developed in Gaspe, Northern New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

For the most part Sunday was hot and sunny with temperatures reaching close to 90. Monday will be a similar day with temperatures just as high at inland points. In the north shore region temperatures will be cooler than elsewhere with changeable skies.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Monday:

Prince Edward Island—Monday sunny and continuing hot. Light winds increasing Monday afternoon to west 15. Low tonight and high Monday at Charlottetown 62 and 85.

High tide today at 9:48 A.M. and 11:32 P.M.  
Sun rises this morning at 5:04 and sets at 7:31.  
Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN-BRIMMINGTON FERRY WEEK DATES  
Lv. Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine  
9:10 A.M. 10:35 A.M.  
1:00 P.M. 2:40 P.M.  
4:50 P.M. 7:30 P.M.  
8:00 P.M. 10:30 P.M.

SUNDAYS  
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WOOD ISLANDS-CARIBOU DAILY FERRY  
Leave Wood Islands  
7 A.M.; 9 A.M.; 11 A.M.; 1 P.M.; 3 P.M.; 5 P.M.  
Leave Caribou  
7 A.M.; 9 A.M.; 11 A.M.; 1 P.M.; 3 P.M.; 5 P.M.