

### Inquest Held In Death Of John Mahler

That "John Mahler came to his death sometime between midnight May 7 and May 13 at Charlottetown. We find death was due to drowning, and that it was accidental" was the verdict arrived at by a jury empanelled by Coroner Dr. L. E. Prowse following the recovery of the body of the deceased on May 13.

Dr. J. H. Shaw submitted his findings as a result of an autopsy indicating the body was submerged in water for some days rather than hours. There was no evidence of external injuries previous to death. An interior examination disclosed no evidence of disease. The lungs contained watery fluid which is accepted as one of several signs of death by drowning. A further examination of the blood confirmed this conclusion.

Wallace MacDonald, stevedore, testified that he had heard of a coat being found on the deck of the ferry and had grappled in the ferry dock on May 13 and brought the body to the surface. Questioned by the Coroner he said there was no ladder on the smooth surface of the dock and it would be necessary to swim out and around it to make a landing, in the event of falling in and no assistance at hand.

Sworn evidence was submitted from authorities in Saint John, N. B. as given there by Horace Cameron, Hugh Gotell and Gordon MacDonald all in agreement that they with the deceased came from Saint John, N. B. by car on May 7, arriving at Charlottetown at 11.30 p.m. They were dropped in succession near the homes of friends before midnight. Mahler failed to reach the home where he anticipated visiting.

Wilfred McQuillan of Georgetown gave evidence of picking up a coat and laying it away for safe keeping on the morning of the 8th. On the 9th, still finding the coat unaccounted for, he examined the pockets and found a dentist's receipt in favor of the wife of the deceased, and reported the incident to the City Police.

Sgt. Tony Lund testified he had received a call from the ferry wharf on May 13 at 2.35 p.m., and on responding with Sgt. Webster and other members of the police force, and took over the body from Wallace MacDonald and his son who had been grappling in the ferry dock. Sgt. Lund had been looking for the missing man earlier in the week but without success. He had not called at the Nicole residence where he was said to have planned to go as usual when visiting here.

Chief of Police MacArthur testified that on Wednesday, May 12, at 1.30 p.m. he received a telephone call from Mrs. Mahler, Saint John, N.B., describing how the deceased had left there on May 7 and had not returned with the party as planned. She believed he would be visiting his mother at Rocky Point. Following unsuccessful attempts to locate the missing man, he ordered Sgt. Lund to arrange for dragging operations on Friday morning. However the body was recovered on Thursday afternoon as already shown in evidence.

Warren Mahler, Rocky Point, brother of the deceased testified as to the habit of John Mahler in going aboard the regular ferry at night as a friend of the night watchman in order to make the first crossing in the morning. He described the difference in the



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### In This Corner

The players had trouble finding accommodations for the night. Everywhere they went the Pentecostion fans followed them taunting them about the warmed-up plans, the sandwiches and the hotel.

The Warwick brothers won the series for Pentecostion. Grant Warwick, who played with Halifax in 1952, played as much as 50 minutes a game during the series. Coach Max Silverman stated if he had had Beauvoir to watch Warwick the Wolves would have won the series easily. The Quebec Aces wanted to play an exhibition series with Sudbury after the completion of the Calgary-Quebec and Pentecostion-Sudbury series. They might have continued playing for the summer.

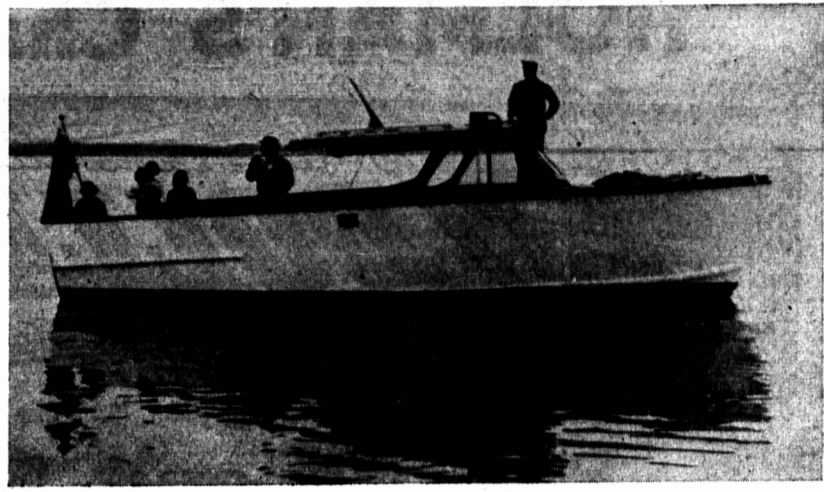
Big Luke Easter appears to have come to the end of his Major League career. Big Easter, a giant of a man, at one time was thought to be a potentially great ball player. He hit well during his first year in the Big Leagues but a knee injury the following season hampered his ability so much that he never showed anything like his promised form. This year he obtained one hit in six trips for a .167 average and was finally optioned out to Ottawa of the International. There's plenty of excitement around Ottawa over Luke's arrival and no doubt the big fellow will attract the crowds for the Capital team.

Luke is reported to be a colorful fellow. Once after Roy Campanella blocked Easter at the plate the conversation went something like this: Easter: "You and me's going to fight." Campanella: "Look at the size of you and look at the size of me." Easter: "Come on and fight." Campy: "Luke, I'm not fighting." Luke: "You're afraid." Campy: "No, just sensible."

Coroner Dr. Prowse in addressing the jury commended Wallace MacDonald for his voluntary work in grappling for the missing man and his knowledge of the waterfront, which has been valuable on many occasions such as had been described in the evidence.

The jury retired and shortly returned with the above verdict. Members of the jury were: William McGregor (foreman), Keith Carver, Allan MacLeod, Ralph Williams, Wilf McQuillan, Wendell Boyce, Ernest Foster.

### Cabin Cruiser Launched Yesterday



Pictured above is the cabin cruiser, "Sharon Jean II" shortly after launching yesterday from the riverside yard of owner and builder, Mr. Arthur L. Wright, 4 Richmond Street. Left shows little Miss Jean Wright breaking a bottle of gingerale over the bow of the craft just before it took to the water.

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### S'ide Mixed

as follows: Margaret Craig, Isabel Jardine, Olive Jelley, Nancy Bell, Ralph DeGrasse, Bill Campbell, Angus MacDonald and the captain, Bob Archer. Each member of the team received a replica of the larger trophy. Mr. Archer, speaking for his team, said they all had enjoyed the competition very much and were thankful to the organizers for the enjoyment they had all season.

The runner-up, Schurman's team, also received a trophy. Alban Arsenault, captain of this team, made a fitting reply after the presentation. The members of the team, all of whom received trophy replicas, are as follows: Elaine Cash, Margaret Mulligan, Marcellus McIvor, Maynard Schurman, Keith Pickard, and the captain, Alban Arsenault.

Individual awards were presented as follows: Ladies' high average, Laurie Peters, 197; second high average, Olive Purcell, 192; third high average, Paula Verette, 191; high single, Roma Richards, 339; high three, Roma Richards, 778; men's high average, Earl Smith, 232; second high average, Allie Harris, 228; third high average,

Ken Blauvelot, 211; men's high single, Dave Loggie, 360; high three, Earl Smith, 886.

The men's and women's leagues were won by the All-Stars. Doug Harkness, captain of the men's section, received on behalf of his team the trophy emblematic of victory in this division and Mrs. Olive Purcell accepted the ladies' trophy for her team. The personel was as follows: Olive Purcell, Doris McCue, Winnie McMullin, Irene Silliphant, Doug Harkness, Lou Butler, John Morrison, Lowell Andrews, Barbara Matheson.

The runners-up who also received awards were: Marjorie Ballem, Kay Johnson, Ethel Compton, Brenda Hickey, Charlie Ballem, Thane Bagiole, Ray Clow, Milt Mollison. Awards were given to Shirley Craswell and Windy Clow for most improvement during the season's play.

Earl Smith spoke briefly congratulating the winners on their achievement, and also the runners-up. He discussed the new handicap system and said he felt it had been fairly successful. He announced that Summerside had been invited to send two teams down to the provincial meet in Charlottetown this week, and that bowlers desirous of competing in this tournament should see him after the banquet.

John MacNeill in his brief remarks, thanked Leonard Gallant for the assistance he had given in compiling the averages. He upheld the handicap system in that it had encouraged the weak teams to greater effort.

Allie Harris, master of ceremonies, paid a special tribute to Mrs. Verna Maxwell for the assistance she had given in getting the league organized.

At the conclusion of the banquet Earl Smith moved a vote of thanks to the ladies of the Baptist Church for the excellent service they had given and this motion

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are or more younger. In taking a prominent part in the Commons bowling league, Mr. MacLean follows the example of a predecessor, the late J. Lester Douglas, former Liberal member for Queen's who was a top-ranking bowler during his term of office. When presenting the traditional prizes for team scores, high gross, high average and high single, Mr. MacLean was assisted by Col. W. J. Franklin, sergeant-at-arms of the House of Commons, Aelius Denis, Liberal member for Saint-Denis, Montreal and T. R. Montgomery, clerk-assistant of the chamber.

Among guests at the dinner was Lionel Coscher, Canada's "athlete of the half century" and member for Toronto-Trinity who presented a special trophy for competition. The bowlers were welcomed in English by Mr. MacLean and in French by Armand Dumas, MP for Villeneuve, Que. Both wished the league members pleasant holidays when the Commons adjourns and a happy return to the alleys shortly after the opening of the next session of the House.

### NARROW WATERS

Okanagan lake in British Columbia, centre of a rich fruit-growing area, is 69 miles long and 2 1/2 miles wide.

### Dartmouth Takes Lead In Bowling Tournery

HALIFAX (CP) — Dartmouth jumped into the lead Wednesday in the Nova Scotia-Prince Edward Island bowling championships with a ninth round, 4-0 victory over Sydney Doscos.

An eighth round win over Charlottetown earlier boosted Dartmouth's standing as the 16 teams moved into the tenth round at 29 victories against only seven losses. New Waterford, which had paced the field during the first two days of the tournament, slipped into second spot with 27 victories and nine losses. Halifax Kaplans held third place with 25-11 and the defending champion Conn-Mariel squad of Halifax could do no better than fourth with 24 wins and 12 defeats.

### Packers Win Softball Game

Canada Packers defeated the Parkdale Lions 20-4 yesterday evening in an exhibition softball game. Henry Hartinger was the winning pitcher.

Catcher Gene Ward led the Packers onslaught by pounding out two home runs. Alvin Carroll and Apps Arsenault stood out in a defensive light for the Lions.

### Cubs Purchase Walker Cooper

BROOKLYN (AP)—Chicago Cubs Wednesday purchased 39-year-old Walker Cooper on waivers from the Pittsburgh Pirates. Cooper, who also has played for the St. Louis Cardinals, the New York Giants and the Boston and Milwaukee Braves, will fill in for injured catcher Clyde McCullough. McCullough has been placed on the disabled list.

### Queen's Member Presides At Bowling Banquet

OTTAWA (Special) — J. Angus MacLean, Conservative member for Queen's and president of the 90-member House of Commons bowling league, presided here Wednesday night at the annual banquet of the bowler-parliamentarians held in the railway committee room of the Commons.

The Queen's member congratulated prize-winners and also rans alike and spoke of the friendships and mutual understanding between members of different parties and from different parts of Canada engendered at the bowling alleys. He noted that the Commons bowling league had a chaplain this year in the person of Rev. Dan McIvor, Liberal member for Port William, Ont., and remarked that in his 81st year, Mr. McIvor bowled as straight a string as many MP's

was enthusiastically endorsed. After the banquet the assembly repaired to the Legion hall where an enjoyable program of dancing was carried out.

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