

### Three Youths Escape Tragedy

MELDRUM BAY, Ont. (CP) — The prompt action and keen sight of two airborne provincial police officers ended a night of terror for three small children adrift in a small open boat on Lake Huron waters swept by 60-mile-an-hour winds.

The children, Anne Illich, 13, and her two sisters, Teresa, 5, and San, 3, were spotted early Sunday by Constables Bruce Godby and Dennis McLaughlin, who borrowed a small plane to hunt for them after their parents reported them missing.

The children's daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Illich of "Deborah Heights" Mich. set out from this Manitoulin Island holiday resort for a row in a 12-foot, home-made punt Saturday afternoon after their arrival at a holiday camp.

High winds blew the boat into the north channel of Lake Huron.

The parents notified the police at 9 p.m. They hunted for the children until dark.

At dawn Sunday Constables Godby and McLaughlin resumed the search and at 5:45 a.m. spotted the boat aground off Cape Robert. They landed their seaplane and taxied to the boat. Anne said the three spent the night asleep in the bottom of the boat. They were cold and hungry but unhurt.

### American CLC Votes To Strike

TORONTO (CP) — The United Packinghouse Workers of America (CLC) has voted to strike against eight plants of Canada Packers Ltd. if current bargaining talks for a new contract break down.

Director F. W. Dowling said the 5,269 workers voted 4,519 to 254 to strike at plants at Hull, Que., Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Charlottetown. The strike date will be announced Friday.

Negotiations for a new contract to replace one that expired March 31 are going on at Montreal with lawyer Carl Goldenberg as mediator.

### Hog Producers Approve System

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian hog producers have moved to the point of accepting a revised price-grading system and a national organization to press for its implementation.

Barring an unexpected hitch, a final decision is expected today on the double-barrelled move. There was no major objection to either at the hog producers conference here recently.

The far-reaching grading change would classify dressed hogs at the packing plant on the basis of predicted lean meat yield determined by scientific tests and formulas.

Two physical tests of hog backfat would provide the basic data for the yield estimate on which the farmer would be paid.

Under the present long-standing system, a government grader places the carcass in one of three quality categories for payment. The assessment is largely based on weight, fat cover and length.

However, hog producers' committee inquiring into the subject said the evaluation methods "leaves much to be desired" in predicting eventual lean meat yield.

### Minister Expresses Opinion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defence Secretary Robert McNamara said he is "cautiously optimistic" about the war in Viet Nam but this does not mean "there will be an early termination of hostilities."

"We believe we are gaining," McNamara told a press conference which dealt mostly with costs of the war.

But he added he saw no sign that North Viet Nam is prepared to negotiate "a reasonable settlement" or that there is a "lack of will" in North Viet Nam to continue aggression against South Viet Nam.

And he said it is "much too early" to adequately measure the effect of the July 29 and subsequent air strikes against North Viet Nam's oil depots on military movements inside North Viet Nam and down into South Viet Nam.

So far, he added, no effect on this movement has been noticed.

RELEASED ON BAIL.  
OWEN SOUND, Ont. (CP) — Montreal financier Samuel Olan has been released on bail from Grey County jail where he was being held on a charge of uttering a forged \$25,000 cheque two years ago at Hanover, about 30 miles south of here. On July 4, he was remanded to Aug. 8.

SET GARDEN RULES.  
SETTLE, England (CP) — Tenants in municipally-owned houses in this picturesque Yorkshire community have been sent an ultimatum they will be evicted if they do not keep their gardens tidy.

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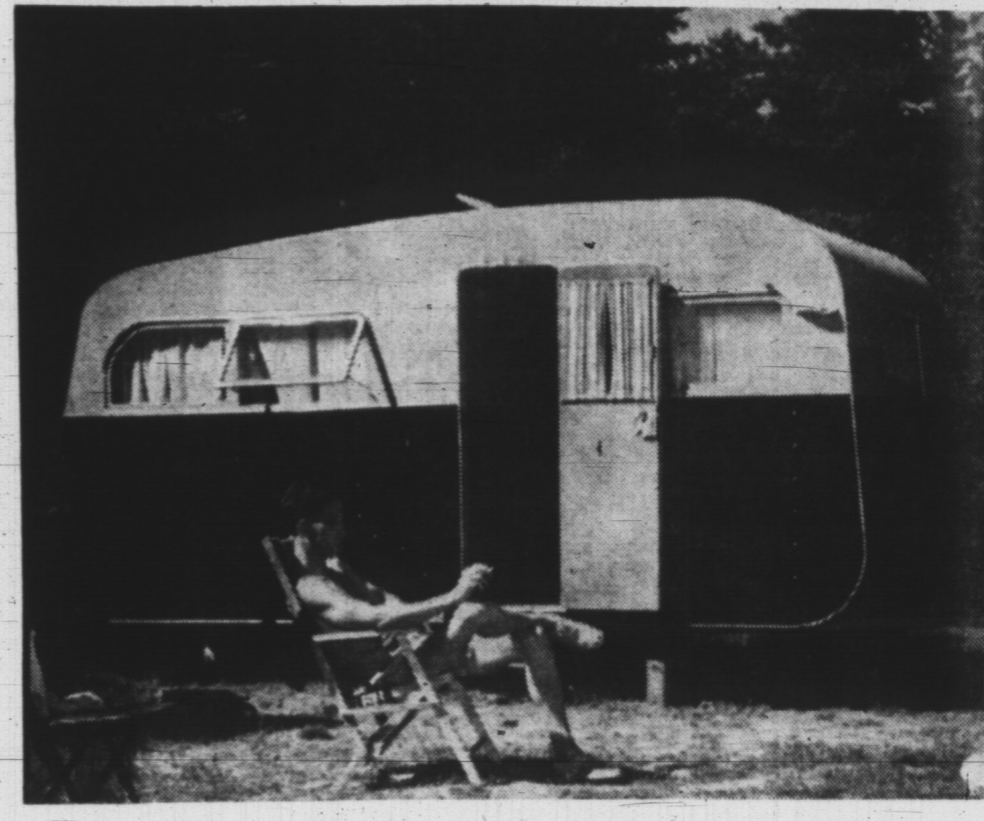
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