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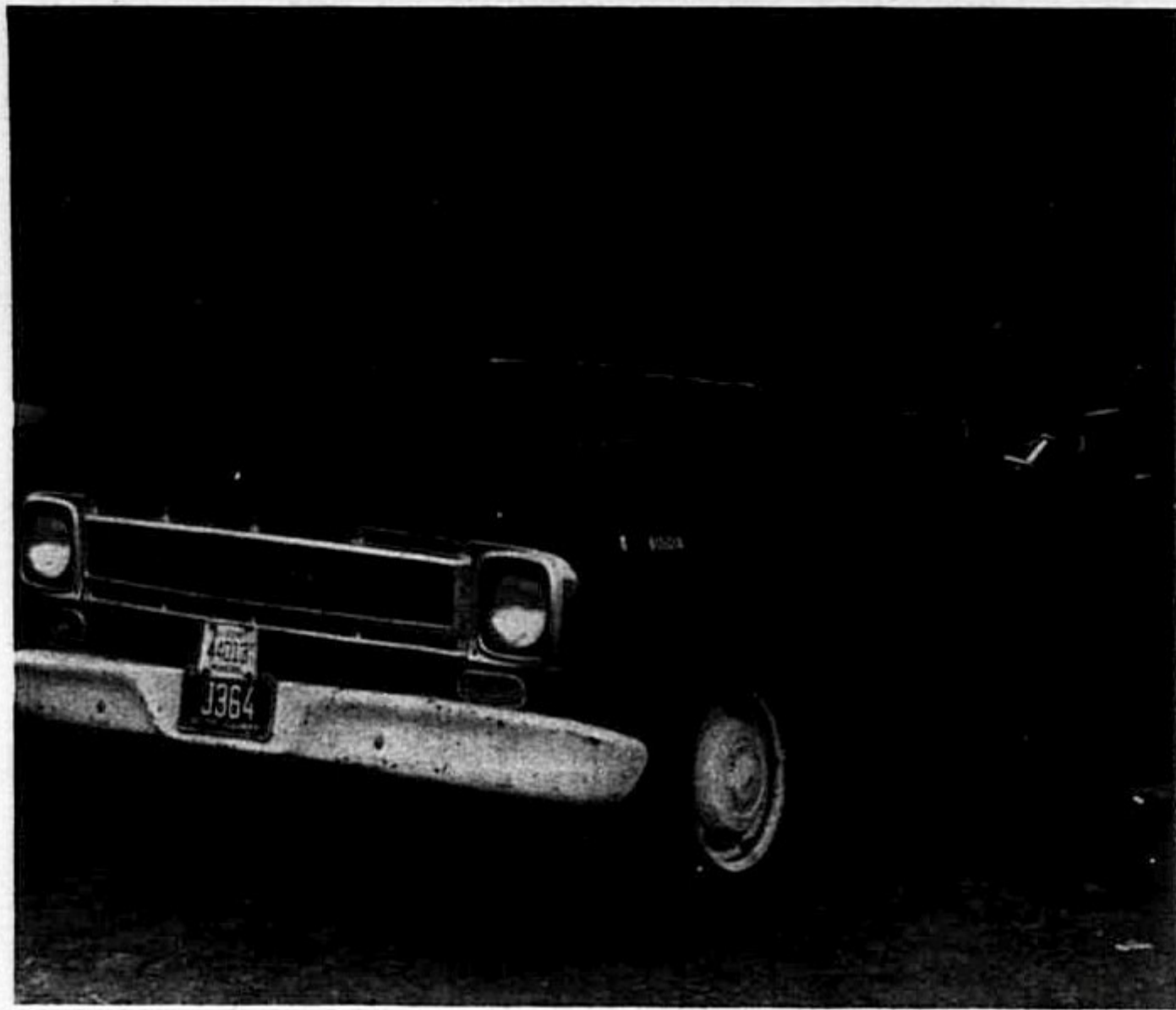


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One wonders how five people escaped instant death when the cab of this truck was flattened by falling tree on Holberg road Sunday afternoon.

## MAN'S BACK BROKEN

### Falling tree crushes pickup

PORT HARDY - Three persons were hurt, two seriously, and two children escaped when a falling tree flattened a pickup truck on the Holberg road Sunday afternoon.

John Cadelina is in hospital in Vancouver with a broken back, along with Mrs. Stanley Reist who is in serious condition with head injuries. Her husband, who suffered concussion, was released and returned home Tuesday. The two Reist children, both boys, were only bruised.

Police said the five persons in the truck were on their way to Holberg and were passing through an area where a crew is widening the road for the B.C. Forest Service. One of the workmen felled the tree, which dropped across the road just when the truck was passing. The cab was levelled.

A man who arrived at the scene of the accident in a radio-equipped truck called for an ambulance which took the victims to the hospital at the Canadian Forces base at San Josef. A Search and Rescue helicopter was brought from Comox to carry them out to Port Hardy, where they were transferred to a plane for the trip to Vancouver.

Unofficial reports Tuesday afternoon said that Cadelina

was numb from the waist down, and it was not yet known if he would be paralyzed. Mrs. Reist, while seriously injured, was believed to be out of danger.



ANDY POPOVIC



SUE CODY



DR. ROBERT WOODS

Three new arrivals in the North Island area are Andy Popovic, who replaced Hugh MacCorkindale as manager of the Port Hardy Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce; Sue Cody, new public health nurse and Dr. Robert Woods, who has taken over the practice of Dr. Graham Conway.

### Whole force turns out

PORT HARDY - Police didn't know what was happening when they began to receive a series of phone calls from the Utah housing subdivision at 4 a. m. Sunday. Some residents reported hearing shots, others saw men running around with knives, still others saw beaten persons lying at the side of the road.

Result was that the entire six-man RCMP detachment was called out for duty.

When it was finally sorted out, it turned out to be all part of a single incident. A man has been charged with possession of an offensive weapon, and other charges may be laid.

### Man dies in house fire

ALERT BAY - A man who had been a resident here for many years died Sunday morning when his home was destroyed by fire. Police are still trying to locate the next-of-kin of Joseph Whelan, 61, who lived alone.

Cause of the blaze is still under investigation, but it is believed it may have resulted from an overheated oil stove igniting an adjacent wall.

## Inspector can't ban pets

PORT HARDY - Apartment dwellers in the Dawson Developments (Utah) subdivision are once again up in arms, this time over an order that they get rid of their pets.

Earlier this month the tenants withheld their rent payments in protest against what they considered too high rates and deficiencies in the apartments. All of them paid up, however, after Dawson threatened legal proceedings and possible eviction.

"If you have pets, please make immediate arrangements to remove them in order to avoid prosecution by the local health authorities," the company said in a letter to tenants last week.

However, Health Inspector Peter Loudon said he has no authority to prosecute anyone for keeping a pet. In a letter to the company he had recommended that no pets be allowed in the apartments, chiefly because they might bring in fleas which could

live and multiply in rugs, carpets and bedding.

"But it was just a recommendation," Loudon said. "I can't order it done. That's up to the company, which has the authority if it wishes to do so."

In its letter to the tenants Dawson said it was making every effort to overcome the maintenance problems which are causing concern, and that a new resident management staff will arrive in the next few days.

"May we request that you make a list of any legitimate

maintenance problems in your apartment and submit it to the rental office," the letter said. "We will try to correct each problem as soon as possible, giving priority to the most urgent ones."

To reduce congestion in the laundry rooms a schedule of use has been introduced, posted in each room.

"It is our hope that we can make this project a 'home' where you will be proud to live," the letter concluded. "We will do our part, all we ask is your continued cooperation."

### Sinking report three days late

ALERT BAY - Police are looking for a gillnetter reported missing three days after an eyewitness says he saw it sink.

According to reports made to RCMP here, the Emma C, operated by John Henry Hunter, 63, of

Nanaimo, was travelling south from Port Hardy last Friday. About 15 minutes behind was Albert Jacobson in another boat.

Jacobson said that near Pultney Point on Malcolm Island he saw Hunter's boat begin to go down at the stern. By the time he got there only the mast was above water.

Jacobson continued on to his home at Refuge Cove, about 30 miles east of Campbell River, where he reported the sinking to the crew of a police boat Monday.

A search carried out Tuesday by the RCMP detachment here, assisted by a Coast Guard vessel, failed to find any trace of the missing boat.

## THE WEATHER

FOR THE WEEK ENDED, SATURDAY, SEPT. 25, 1971

	High Temp.	Low Temp.	Total Precip.
Alert Bay	65 (19th)	40 (25th)	.50
Port Hardy	69 (19th)	39 (24th)	.33
Port Alice	73 (19th)	46 (21st)	.32
Bull Harbour	61 (19th)	44 (24th)	.49
Quatsino	73 (19th)	44 (21st)	.35