



MADOLON ADLER AND CATHERINE BLANAS show Diane Oldenburg and Sue Ramsby sweaters and blouses in LaPointes. Madeline goes to Julliard School of Music as a graduate student this fall, Catherine to University of Washington, and Diane and Sue to KUHS.

Washington Community Caught In Run of Huge Chinook Salmon

By JACK HEWINS

WESTPORT, Wash. (AP) — The tiny hamlet of Westport is hanging on by its toenails to keep from being pushed into the Pacific Ocean by a salmon bonanza as wild as the gold rush to the Yukon. Fishermen here are up to their quivering chins in salmon so big the bare truth sounds like the champion of all lies. The furious chinook, sometimes straightening steel hooks and often snapping leaders and line, weigh as much as 55 pounds. The angler doesn't have to talk about the one that got away. He can rig up again and catch another just as big. Forty pounders are

fairly common and the majority run between 25 and 35 pounds.

Westport, huddled near the tip of the spit that is the southwestern shore of Grays Harbor, bulges like an overblown balloon with sports fishermen. They come from all over the northwest to tangle with the lunkers, some bringing their own boats but most renting craft as the sea. An estimated 3,500 fishermen have been noted on weekends on the lower harbor. The Coast Guard which keeps careful watch over the brood of boats, has logged out more than 575 sport craft in a single day. Up to this writing there have been no 1952 drownings, but one man died of a heart attack when he landed a 26-pounder. Some of the stories are as fantastic as the fish. One party reported losing 20 salmon, but every angler in the group went home with a limit catch. One man got so seasick in the rough water he was afraid he'd die, but the fishing was so good he decided to hang on until he was afraid he'd live. Fishermen in the same boat often tangle their gear, fighting

two or more salmon at once. Frequently the tangle is between anglers in different boats as the fish zig-zag wildly in their efforts to shake the hooks. Plugs and spoons have been highly popular, but a good many prefer mooching with herring as bait. The Westport salmon boom is as fresh as a new gold strike. Undoubtedly the chinooks have been there for centuries, but the sports fishing was always done in the area's rivers. Four years ago Walt Fallor, now a member of the State Game Commission, took a party of friends on an experimental fishing trip on the lower harbor. They caught big salmon on plugs and spoons. Each year since that trout trip the fishing has increased as the word spread inland. The spotlight on Washington coastal fishing has swung to Westport, in the last couple of years, from Neah Bay on the state's northern tip to the Columbia River mouth on the south. Westport has been a headquarters for commercial fishermen for many years and these veterans, instead of being upset by the invasion of the sportmen, are harvesting a crop of dollars by taking out parties. There is a hot contest for moorage space but the Port of Grays Harbor will have a new 500-foot dock ready next week. Most of the fishing is in the lower end of the huge harbor, between the jetties at its mouth and up to half a mile out in the ocean itself. Sturdy boats are needed, and powerful outboard motors for smaller craft. Many go out but rush back without fishing, made seasick by the choppy water. Some of the career fishermen have complained that the sports fraternity is cheating a bit and the State Department of Fisheries is worrying about a trend toward fish hogging. By spending \$27.50 for a commercial license an angler can escape the pinch of a six-fish bag limit. Sports fishermen are permitted to catch three salmon more than two feet long and three from 12 to 24 inches in length. By getting a commercial license the sportsman can use six poles, 12 hooks, keep all the fish he catches and sell them on the market to pay for his trip and perhaps put a bit of cash in his sock.

Grace Shaver Death Reported

Mrs. Grace Shaver, 76, former Klamath Falls resident, was buried yesterday in Beira. She died Wednesday in a La Grande hospital. Mrs. Shaver resided here with her daughter, Mrs. John Seby, until they moved to Ashland some time ago. At the time of her death, Mrs. Shaver was visiting her older daughter, Mrs. Carl Posey, of Union.

Junior Wizard Wins License

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Leonard Ross, 7-year-old mental marvel who dropped into FCC offices here July 23 and won his novice radio operator's license, visited the FCC again Monday. This time he passed the more intricate third-class commercial radio operator's test. Bernard Linden, local FCC chief, personally congratulated the lad. Leonard accepted it all calmly and said he'd be back soon—to try for second and first class commercial licenses.

OLIVE SNACK

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FALL MAY BE in the air, but three misses, Frances Barber of Merrill HI, Murna Heaton from KUHS and Carole Lee of Altamont, were getting in their last summer licks at tennis on the Moore Park courts when this picture was snapped.



HAPPY HONEYMOONERS—Film star Betty Hutton and her husband, movie director Charles O'Curran, skim along on water skis while on a delayed honeymoon at Lake Tahoe, Cal.



HAWAIIAN WELCOME—Secy. of State Dean Acheson (center) receives Hawaiian welcome, replete with leis, on his arrival in Honolulu to attend the first mutual security conference between the United States, Australia and New Zealand. Extending the welcome are Australian Minister for External Affairs Richard G. Casey (left) and New Zealand Foreign Minister T. Clifton Webb.



HEADS AEC—Rep. Carl T. Durham, above, of North Carolina, will succeed the late Sen. Brien McMahon as chairman of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee.



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WEIGHT LIFTS—Mrs. Stanley Mrowczynski checks weight of sons, LeRoy, left, and Larry, who, totaling 18 pounds, 15 ounces, were reported in January as the heaviest twins ever, born at St. Anne's Hospital, Chicago. They now scale 42 1/2 pounds.

Woman Says Rescue Fake

WASHINGTON (AP) — A young mother who was reported bent on making a suicide leap from a sixth floor ledge last Thursday now says the whole thing was a hoax to get publicity for the Medal of Honor winner credited with saving her. Mrs. Ernestine Lucille Whomble, 21, mother of two children, said Monday she was offered \$500 to fake the jump attempt because Maynard H. "Snuffy" Smith, hero of World War II, wanted publicity in his campaign for governor of Virginia. Assistant Corporation Counsel Clark King promptly charged Smith with making a false report to police and firemen. A similar charge was filed against Roland Bennett, described as interested in furthering Smith's political fortunes. Smith told reporters the incident last Thursday was no hoax. He suggested Mrs. Whomble may be suffering "from hallucinations of grandeur."

"If this girl was making an act, she should be in Hollywood," Smith said. He said he had never seen or met her before the encounter on the ledge. He added it was "ridiculous" for anyone to say he was running for governor of Virginia. He moved only recently into nearby Virginia, he said, and doesn't know anyone there. "I require no publicity. I've had a lot in my lifetime," Bennett said "there is not a grain of truth in what this young lady has said." Smith's wife said it was "ridiculous to say Snuffy is planning to run for governor" and said she doubted there had been a hoax. Smith won the nation's highest military award for single-handedly bringing a wounded Flying Fortress and its wounded crew members safely across the English Channel. Smith, 41, and Bennett, 27, are fellow employees in a radio shop.

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