

# Fear Three Capreol Men Drowned

## Party of Four Left Oct. 12; Canoe is Found

(By Star Staff Reporter)

CAPREOL — A search party left here early this morning to drag the 12-mile length of Donnegana Lake, some 70 miles northwest of Capreol on the CNR line, for the bodies of four hunters last seen on Oct. 12.

An upturned canoe with provisions found on the lake led to the belief that the missing men may have drowned.

Missing are Walter Dines, 45, of Norman township on the eastern limits of Capreol; Pat O'Rourke, 27, and George Bowness, 39, both of Sellwood; and a fourth man, a brother-in-law of Dines, Aubrey Lumns, of Novar, near Huntsville.

They left Capreol Oct. 12 to go moose hunting in the Ostrom area, 12 miles north of the lake. They were expected home last Saturday, but no word of them has been received.

On Tuesday, a brother of O'Rourke, Terry, found an upturned canoe, two sleeping bags, two boxes of groceries, two boxes of bread, one can of gas and a paddle floating on the lake. The boxes of provisions were unopened and it is thought the party was towing the canoe when they met with an accident early on in their trip.

The canoe and provisions were found about five miles from where the party started up the lake. They had planned to go to a hunting camp operated by Buck Dasti, four miles farther on.

The chief despatcher at Capreol's CNR station told The Star

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## Fear 4 Drowned On Hunting Trip

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the party took a boat with a five-horse-power motor as well as the canoe. A party of 25 CNR men went to the lake by train soon after 3 a.m. Thursday with drag lines.

Provincial police from Gogama and lands and forests employees are assisting in the search.

Two of the men, O'Rourke and Dines, know the area they were headed for very well, and all four had been in the district before. O'Rourke was born and raised near Ostrom, a CNR section station. Every man in the party is an experienced hunter.

The three men from the Capreol area are all married, with children. O'Rourke has an eight-year-old daughter and boy and girl twins aged three. Bowness' only child is a girl, nine, and Dines has four children, one of them married.

## Find Motor, Boat, Hat While Dragging Lake For Four Moose Hunters

CAPREOL — Searchers dragging Donnegana Lake, 70 miles northwest of here on the CNR line, for the bodies of four men believed drowned while on a hunting trip, have found a boat and motor used by the hunting party. A canoe was found on the lake Wednesday along with groceries and other hunting equipment.

The boat was in the general area where the canoe was found near an island in the lake. The stern, weighed down by the motor, was down in the water. The prow was sticking up out of the water. The craft was not overturned. A hat and groceries were found floating nearby.

Three of the missing men are residents of Capreol and employees of the CNR. They are Walter Dines, 45, Pat O'Rourke, 27, and George Bowness, 39. The other man is Aubrey Lumns, of Novar, near Huntsville a brother-in-law of Dines.

The men left Capreol two weeks ago today to hunt moose in the Ostrom area, 12 miles north of the lake. They were expected back last Saturday. Since some of the men did not have to return to work until Tuesday, relatives didn't become worried until they failed to return on the train that day.

### SEARCH STARTED

An immediate search was started and the canoe and provisions, including unopened groceries and sleeping bags, were found on an island in the lake.

On Thursday, about 25 CNR employees went to the lake to start dragging, assisted by provincial

police and lands and forests workers.

Fred Thomson, a conductor and brakeman with CNR who is in charge of the operation at the Capreol end, told The Star today the small boats being used in the search wouldn't stand the swell and larger boats have been sent in. The searchers also ordered another 2,000 feet of quarter-inch rope for their drag nets as they found the lake much deeper than expected.

Thomson said a hat, along with more groceries, was found with the boat and motor on Thursday. He said the car-top style plywood boat used by the men was in the small class something similar to ones which the searchers found useless on the lake Thursday.

An official at the Dominion weather office at Falconbridge said winds on Oct. 12, the day the men went to the lake, were gusting from 20 to 25 miles an hour from 2 to 3.30 p.m. They would create a swell, he said. Winds on Thursday were gusting to 40 miles an hour until 1 p.m. when they dropped to 18 and 20 which are still strong, he said.

Thomson said 16 and 18-foot boats with long decks have been sent to the search area to replace the smaller craft.

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### NEED HELP

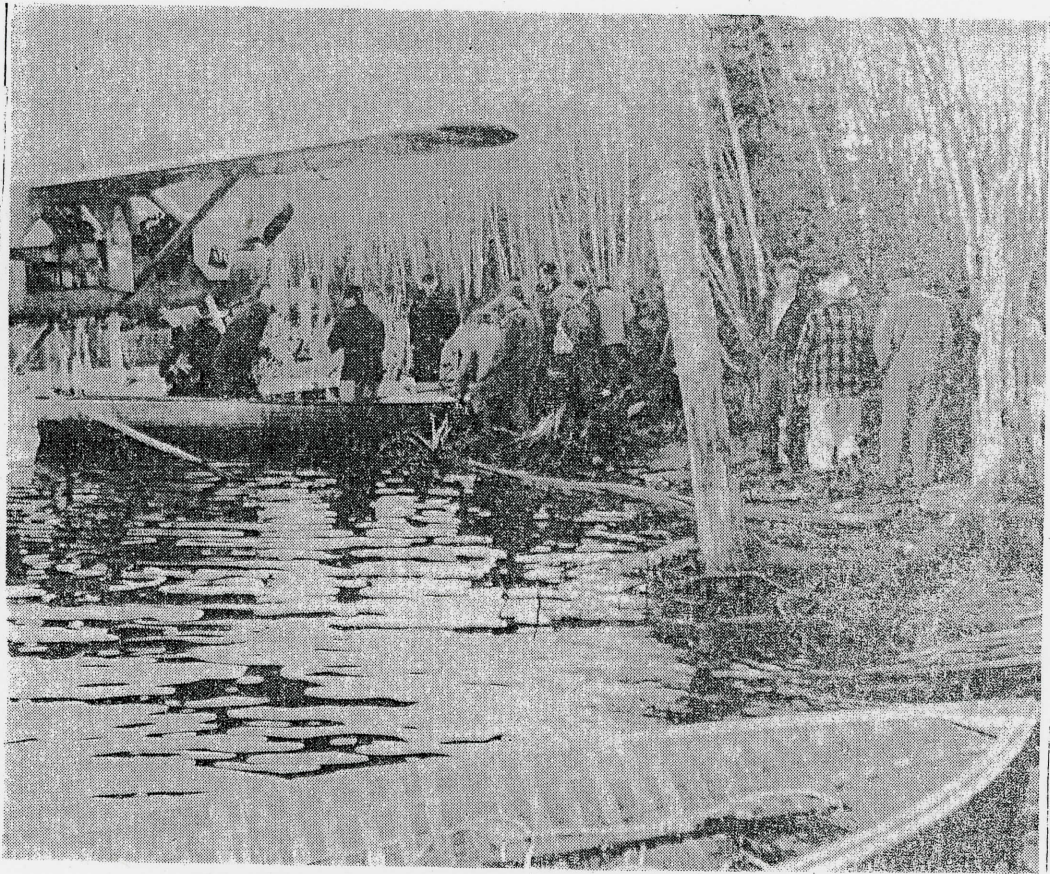
It has been announced by Capreol town clerk Alistair MacLean that the town hall has been turned into a central receiving centre for food and supplies for the searchers. Donations are needed and official receipts given donors.



# Find One Body, Search Intensified

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Seven outboard motorboats are now being used in shifts, by the men dragging Donnegana Lake for the bodies of three hunters still to be located. Provincial constable Wallace Gargales, second left, has been at the scene of the drowning since the search party was organized. Terry O'Rourke, third left, a brother of Pat O'Rourke, whose body was found Sunday, is the man who found the hunters' upturned canoe on Tuesday.



FORESTERS, POLICE, VOLUNTEERS HELP IN SEARCH FOR FOUR MEN





# 60 Take Shifts To Drag Lake; Seek Cash Aid

(By Star Staff Reporter)

CAPREOL — The body of Pat O'Rourke, 32 of Capreol, one of four moose hunters believed to have been drowned in Donnegana Lake, 60 miles north of Capreol, three miles west of the transcontinental CNR line, was taken from the lake at 2.30 p.m. Sunday. Dragging operations had gone on unsuccessfully since Thursday.

The search for the three men still missing has been intensified since the finding of O'Rourke's body gave some indication of where the others are likely to be found. Grappling irons are now being used by men working in catamarans, made up of three outboard motor boats lashed side by side. The searchers are concentrating in the immediate area of the finding of the first body.

## DIVER ON JOB

A diver has also been on the scene since yesterday. He is George Davey, a former Capreol man.

O'Rourke's body was found in 100 feet of water, by a crew of searchers working with Allan Kelly, of Capreol.

The body was flown to Gogama on Sunday afternoon, and arrived in Capreol by train at 10.50 p.m. From there it was transferred by Miller's City Ambulance to the Jackson and Barnard Funeral home.

Surviving O'Rourke as well as his wife are a daughter, aged eight and three-year-old twins, a girl and a boy.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony O'Rourke, live with their daughter, Mrs. Helen Hewlitt, of Mimico. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Two of the men still missing are from Capreol. They are Walter Dines, 45, and George Brownness, 39, both CNR employees. The third man, Aubrey Lunnis, of Norvar, near Huntsville, is a brother-in-law of Dines.

Six Capreol women, headed by Mrs. Harold Prescott, wife of the mayor, were staffing a bush kitchen seven miles from the point at which dragging operations were being carried on over the weekend.

## CHANGE "SHIFTS"

Two of them, and 15 men, returned to Capreol with O'Rourke's body. Twenty-five other men left the town for Donnegana lake by a north-bound train early this morning. Men and supplies go overland from the Ostrom station to the lake; then about half way down the lake by boat to the camps set up on the east shore.

Cons. Wallace Sargales, of the Gogama detachment of the provincial police, and the 60 men from Capreol, most of whom are CNR employees, have been handling the grappling irons in shifts. Cons. Charles Locke, of the Foleyet provincial police detachment, and lands and forests department men from Gogama were on the job until Friday afternoon.

Keith Acheson, lands and forests regional forester, has promised Belisle the use of everything at his disposal to aid in the recovery attempt. Stoves, pots, pans and other cooking equipment have already been sent into the camp. The department also sent a drum of gasoline.



## Dragging Party Camps Beside Lake

The party searching for the bodies of three missing hunters in Donnegana Lake, 60 air miles north of Capreol, was reinforced early this morning. Shown above, 24 hours before the body of 27-year-old Pat O'Rourke, of Capreol, was brought to the surface at 2.30 p.m. Sunday, searchers are making camp for the night,

on the east side of the lake. A search was organized for the four hunters, all of whom are believed to have drowned. Dragging operations began Thursday. An outboard motorboat and canoe used by the moose hunters have been recovered. Story and other pictures on page 3.

—STAR PHOTO

## CNR HELPS SEARCH

The CNR is providing free transportation for men, supplies and equipment. Trains are making unscheduled stops, when necessary, to pick up or unload at the point on the line nearest to the lake.

In dragging the 8-mile-long lake, hte searchers have found places at which they claim it is 200 feet deep. In spite of the depth, there are wide stretches on which the surface can suddenly become rough in a high wind.

A second tragedy was narrowly averted on Friday night.

Gargales, Locke and Hector Ladouceur, set out from the most northerly camp, to go to the other one in an outboard, shortly before dark. The water was choppy, and before their destination was in sight, the boat swamped.

The three men got it to an island and were able to bale it out. Because of the high wind, they were obliged to drag the heavy boat overland before it could be launched.

## STUCK FOR NIGHT

By that time, there was no light, and they were unable to find the channel they had been following. The three, all "soaked to the hide," returned to the island, where they spent the night. They had dry matches.

"We nearly burned down the

island, trying to keep warm," Gargales told The Star.

The outboard motorboat used by the missing hunters was found on Friday. Their other boat, a canoe, had been found earlier, four miles from where the outboard was discovered.

Pat O'Rourke's brother, Terry, who found the canoe, was also successful in recovering two sleeping bags, boxes of bread and other food, and a paddle, on Tuesday.

## ASKING FOR MAGNETS

It is now planned to use magnets on the drag-lines, in the hope of picking up a gun, which would more or less pin-point the scene of the tragedy even more closely than did the recovered body. Persons who have powerful magnets, which would serve such a purpose, are being appealed to by Mayor Prescott to make them available to the search party.

A fund for the purpose of partially financing the search is being contributed to generously. More than \$600 has already been donated. The Star has been informed by Alistair MacLean, Capreol municipal clerk. He said the objective was \$2,000. Any money left over when the search is completed is to be divided between the families of the four hunters.

**O'ROURKE** — Accidentally drowned in Donnegana Lake, Charles Patrick O'Rourke, beloved husband of Elsie Thomas, of Capreol, dear father of Claire, Jimmy and Judy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony O'Rourke, of Toronto, in his 33rd year. Resting at Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home, 83 Larch St., until Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, then will rest at the family residence, Sellwood Ave., Capreol. Requiem High Mass will be sung in the Church of Our Lady of Peace, Wednesday morning, at 9.30 o'clock. Interment in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Capreol.

## Death

**O'ROURKE** — Accidentally drowned in Donnegana Lake, Charles Patrick O'Rourke, beloved husband of Elsie Thomas, of Capreol, dear father of Claire, Jimmy and Judy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony O'Rourke, of Toronto, in his 33rd year. Resting at Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home, 83 Larch St. Requiem High Mass will be sung in the Church of Our Lady of Peace, Wednesday morning, at 9.30 o'clock. Interment in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Capreol.



## 2 More Bodies Found in Lake, One Still Missing

CAPREOL — The bodies of two more of a hunting party of four men missing from Capreol for over a week were dragged from the bottom of Donnegana Lake, some 60 miles north of here and three miles west of the CNR transcontinental line, today.

Although the bodies were in an advanced state of decomposition, they were identified as those of 39-year-old George Bowness, a CNR employee from Capreol, and Aubrey Lunn, 43, of Novar, near Huntsville. The bodies were expected to arrive at Capreol by train this afternoon.

Only one of the four moose hunters who set out from here Oct. 12 is still missing. The body of Pat O'Rourke, 32, of Capreol, was recovered Sunday. Dragging operations were continuing today for the fourth man, Walter Dines, 45, also a CNR employee in Capreol, a brother-in-law of Lunn.

Bowness is survived by his wife, the former Doris Morin; a nine-year-old daughter; Madeline; two brothers; Raymond, of North Bay, and David, of Capreol; and five sisters; Mrs. Beatrice Sheedy and Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, both of North Bay, Mrs. Unice Mechaud, of Salton, Ont., Mrs. Mona Hart, of Hamilton, and Mrs. Ron Robertson, of Trenton.

## Continue Dragging Lake For Missing Capreol Man

CAPREOL — The search for the body of 45-year-old Walter Dines, 45, CNR railroad employee, believed drowned in Donnegana Lake some 60 miles north of here continued this morning. Dines is the only one of four moose hunters missing for over a week still to be found.

The bodies of Pat O'Rourke, and George Bowness, both of Capreol, and Aubrey Lunn, of Novar, near Huntsville, have already been recovered from the lake. O'Rourke's body was recovered Sunday and the other two brought to the surface Wednesday.

Funeral services for Bowness will be held in the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Peace in Capreol at 9.30 a.m. Saturday. The body is at Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home in Sudbury and will be moved to the family residence in Capreol Friday afternoon. Burial will be in the Capreol Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Lunn's body was to be taken to Huntsville today. The funeral will be held in the Addison Funeral Home there Friday afternoon. Burial will follow in Huntsville Hutchison Memorial Cemetery.

Funds for financing the search have reached \$1,200. Alistair MacLean, town clerk, said more is still needed.

### Deaths

**BOWNESS** — Suddenly at Donnegana Lake, George Phillip Robert Bowness, beloved husband of Doris Morin of Capreol, dear father of Madeline. In his 40th year. Resting at Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home, 83 Larch Street until Friday afternoon, then will rest at the family residence, 27 Sellwood Rd., Capreol. Requiem high mass will be sung in the Church of Our Lady of Peace, Saturday morning at 9.30 o'clock. Interment in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Capreol.

## Last Body of Ill-Fated Hunting Party Recovered in Lake North of Capreol

The rough waters of Donnegana Lake have given up the last body of a four-man hunting party which went into the isolated region, 60 miles north of Capreol, nearly three weeks ago looking for moose.

The body of 43-year-old Water Dines was recovered from the turbulent waters after painstaking dawn-to-dark dragging by neighbors and friends from the railway town of Capreol.

The body was found in 40 to 45 feet of water after dark Thursday night — nine days after the highly-organized search got underway.

Earlier, the bodies of this three hunting partners were recovered in depth ranging from 45 to 70 feet.

### FIRST BODY

The first body recovered was that of 32-year-old Pat O'Rourke, CNR employee at Capreol. That was last Sunday. On Wednesday, the bodies of 39-year-old George Bowness, of Capreol, and 43-year-old Aubrey Lunn, brother-in-law of Dines from Novar in the Huntsville district, were recovered.

Credit for the successful search operation goes to the residents of Capreol, a small town of 2,485. Men and women of Capreol joined in the grim task of finding the bodies. The women set up a camp near search headquarters and provided hot meals for the search party which numbered anywhere from 35 to 60 men.

### RECEIVED HELP

Mayor Harold Prescott, of Capreol, organized the search and stressed the "wonderful" co-operation of both the CNR, in providing free transportation and dragging equipment, and the department of lands and forests for providing a plane used in the search and in bringing three of the

bodies out. The fourth was taken out by train because of bad flying conditions.

"I have never seen such response in any of the numerous dragging operations I have taken part in," said the mayor. "The people of Capreol will never forget it. It was magnificent."

The CNR stopped its transcontinental trains numerous times during the search to pick up or leave men and equipment at the search scene. They provided the dragging equipment which Mayor Prescott says "is second to none" in Ontario.

### PROVIDED RADIO

The lands and forests provided in addition to the plane a two-way radio used throughout the search. Seventeen boats were used in the search which saw the bodies recovered in a four-mile stretch of the lake which was so thoroughly dragged that even the guns and equipment of the missing hunters were found.

"From all appearances," says Mayor Prescott, "the mishap occurred while the men were stopped putting fuel in the motor. They apparently were overloaded and went down in the rough lake. The search now over, residents of Capreol attended the funerals of Bowness and Dines today. Bowness was buried from the Roman Catholic church in Capreol at 9.30 a.m. Dines' funeral was at 2.30 p.m., from the United Church.

### AID TO FAMILY

A drive for funds for the widows and children of the tragedy, the worst in Capreol's history, is now underway. So far, a total of \$1,300 has been received and additional funds are expected. Dines is survived by his wife, the former Emma Orser, of Cap-

reol, and four daughters and one son, Mrs. E. Kennedy, Capreol, Altreale, Arlene, Darlene and Louis, all at home.

O'Rourke left his wife, two girls and a boy. Bowness is survived by his wife and a daughter.

**OUR SINCERE THANKS**  
MRS. WALTER DINES, and family of Capreol, wish to extend their most heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all their friends and neighbors who aided in the search of a dear husband and father, and for the many contributions given to them in their time of need.

**OUR SINCERE THANKS**  
MRS. AUBREY LUNN, and family, of Novar, wish to extend their most heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all their friends and neighbors who aided in the search of a dear husband and father, and for the many contributions given to them in their time of need.

# FUNERALS

## WALTER DINES

Victim of last week's multiple drowning in Donnegana Lake, Walter Dines, of Capreol, was buried in the Capreol Cemetery following funeral services in St. Alban's Church, in that town. Mr. Dines, a CNR employee and a native of Dauphin, Man., was drowned with three other men when their boat turned over in the lake. They were on a moose hunting expedition at the time. The service was conducted by Rev. H. R. Ashford, of All Peoples' United Church, in Sudbury. The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen attended the service in a body and conducted their fraternal service at the graveside. David Kilgour was in charge. Pallbearers were L. Lepki, C. A. Dennie, N. LaSalle, J. Garrity, D. Currie and N. Fawcett.

## GEORGE BROWNESS

Requiem High Mass was sung in Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church in Capreol, for George Browness, of that town, who was drowned with four other men in a moose hunting accident two weeks ago. Honorary pallbearers were Ted Lusk, Henry Lambavitch, Jack Frants, Harold Mons, Buck Rozak, Harold Prescott, Jack Cecchini, Hank Dunsby, E. Mohns, Jack Shwailuk, Jack Morris, George Mercereau, Owen Alexander, Robert Skelly and Percy Walters. Active pallbearers were Stanley Yasko, Leo Morin, Ken Jones, B. Jones, Russell Harvey and Fred Michaud. Interment was in the Capreol Roman Catholic Cemetery.

## PATRICK O'ROURKE

The largely attended funeral of Patrick O'Rourke, 27, victim of the ill-fated moose hunting trip from Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church, in Capreol. The funeral mass was sung by Rev. H. A. O'Neill and members of the Capreol Branch of the Canadian Legion attended in a body and formed a guard of honor at the church and cemetery. The legion funeral service was led by Dawson Emerson and N. H. Ladouceur sounded the Last Post and Reveille. Pallbearers were Romeo Thomas, Orel Thomas, Lloyd Rozak, Boyce Jones, Barrie O'Rourke. O'Neill conducted the graveside committal service in the Capreol Roman Catholic Cemetery.

## In Memoriam

### IN MEMORIAM

**DINES** — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Walter, who passed away October 12, 1956. He bade no one his last farewell. He said good-by to none.

The heavenly gates were opened  
A loving voice said, 'Come,

I often sit and think of you,

The things you used to say,

I wonder why you had to die

Without a chance to say good-by

Though out of sight, you're ever

Still missed, still loved, still

mine,

You will live with me in memory

Until the end of time.

Sadly missed by wife and son

Louis, daughters Althea and twins

Arlene and Darlene.

### IN MEMORIAM

**DINES** — In loving memory of our dear dad who was taken away so suddenly one year ago today Oct. 13th, 1956.

We loved him, how, no tongue

can tell

How much we loved him and

how well

God loved him too, and thought

it best

To take him home with him to

rest.

— Always remembered by daughter

Dolores Edmond, grandson

Jack and Gen.