

Alaskan Trip Gives Thrills To 90 Boys

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Ninety boys, a boat and Alaska, these provided the environment for William L. Finley, Portland naturalist and wild life expert, on his last sortie into the field.

The boys hailed from all parts of the United States, selected by the American Boy magazine.

An unscheduled thrill was provided when one of the young passengers, Fred H. Tietjen of Great Falls, Mont., was stricken aboard ship with appendicitis and a coast guard plane picked him up at sea and flew him to a Seattle hospital.

Dr. E. A. Rogge of Seattle was one of the party leaders and when the boy became ill he issued the call for the coast guard, but the ship was then in Canadian waters so the guard plane flew to the American border and waited for him there. When the ship put about, he was lowered into a small boat on a stretcher and transferred to the plane.

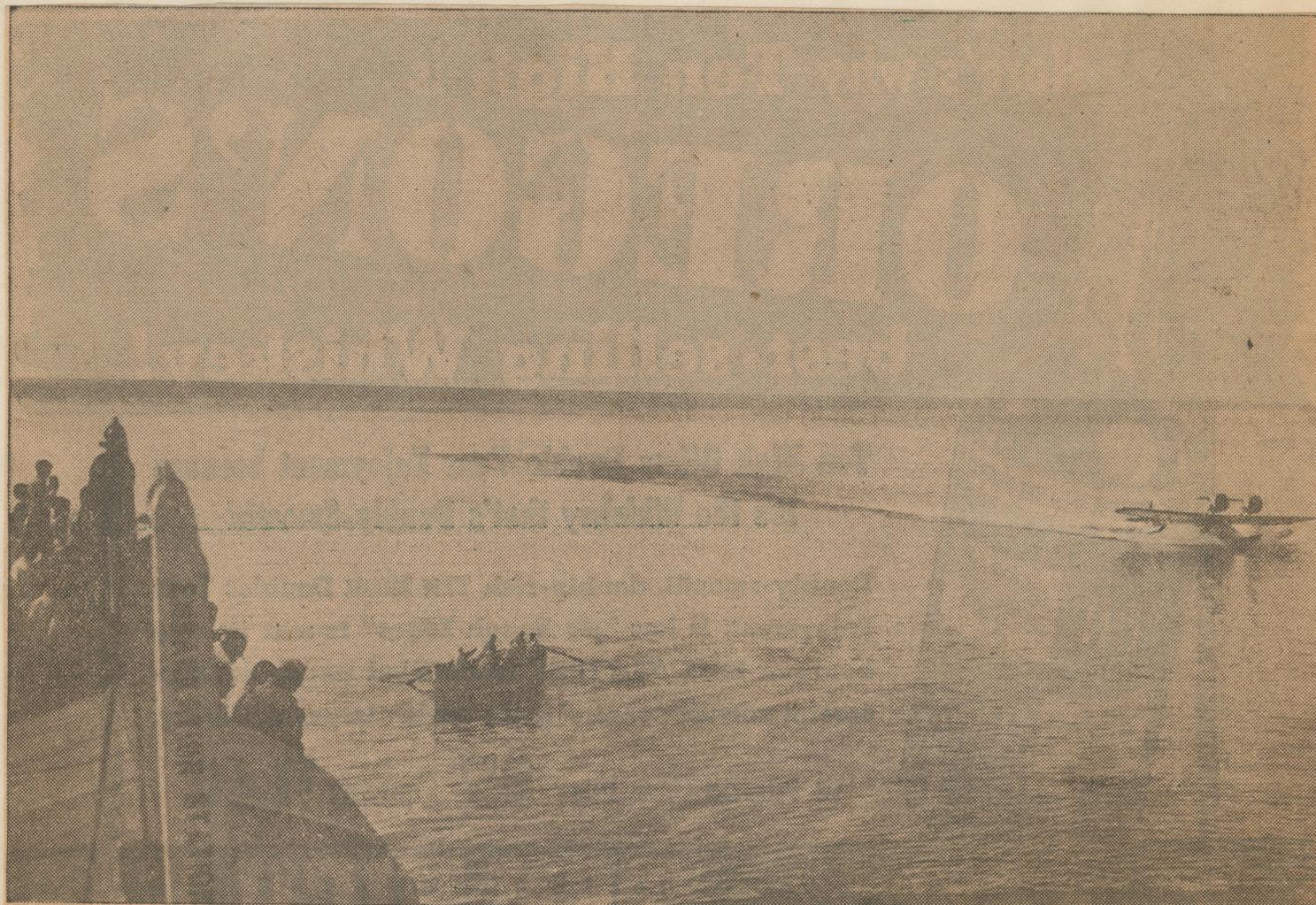
The jaunt itself began in Chicago and included en route a rodeo in Montana, visits around the Seattle area and a northward trip almost to Juneau.

A nautical touch was given when the boys were divided into two crews, the Sourdoughs and Chechakos, each of which after electing officers took over the ship, the Alaska Steamship company's S. S. Dellwood, for a day.

Perhaps as educational as anything else was 16 reels of Finley's wild life movies, illustrating parts of Alaska and Western America which they had not time to visit in the two-week cruise.

Among the young travelers five were from Oregon: Dermott Burkhead and Bob Kirby, Blachly; Ben Kerns, Klamath Falls; Marshall Kincaid, Portland, and Louis Wilson, Beaverton.

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A coast guard plane at the southern Canadian border picks up Fred H. Tietjen, one of a party of 90 boys on an educational tour to Alaska, and rushes him to Seattle hospital. The small boat has just left him in the plane and is returning to the S. S. Dellwood.

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