

# Charlevoix Man Drowns, Partner Swims to Shore as Fishing Boat Burns in Lake

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TRAVERSE CITY — Dan Campeau, 25, of Charlevoix was drowned in Lake Michigan, about a half mile east of North Manitou island shortly after daylight Friday morning, when a 36-foot fishing boat belonging to Don Cross, also of Charlevoix, burned.

Cross, 31 years of age, swam to shore and walked a half mile before meeting assistance. At the present time he is confined to Munsion hospital here suffering third degree burns and from shock and exposure. Coast guard officials here were notified of the accident and

Lieut. Com. N. M. Nelson, in charge of the local airbase, brought the injured man away from the island in one of the coast guard patrol planes.

According to Cross, the boat caught fire when the men were filling the gasoline tank from an auxiliary drum. Both men were forced to dive overboard into a blazing sheet of oil. Apparently Campeau could not swim and went down immediately. Cross, a member of a hardy family of fishermen, swam to shore without taking off any of his clothing and was wearing his shoes when he reached help.

As soon as local coast guardsmen arrived with the injured man they returned to the island to assist surf crews in a search for the body of Campeau. At a late hour Friday it had not been discovered.

According to Cross, Campeau was to have been married at Charlevoix Saturday.

The burning of the fishing tug is the second instance of a like circumstance within a year. William Carlson of Leland lost his life last summer when the boat on which he and his son were fishing burned. The son, Lester, swam to shore but his father died from exposure and shock.

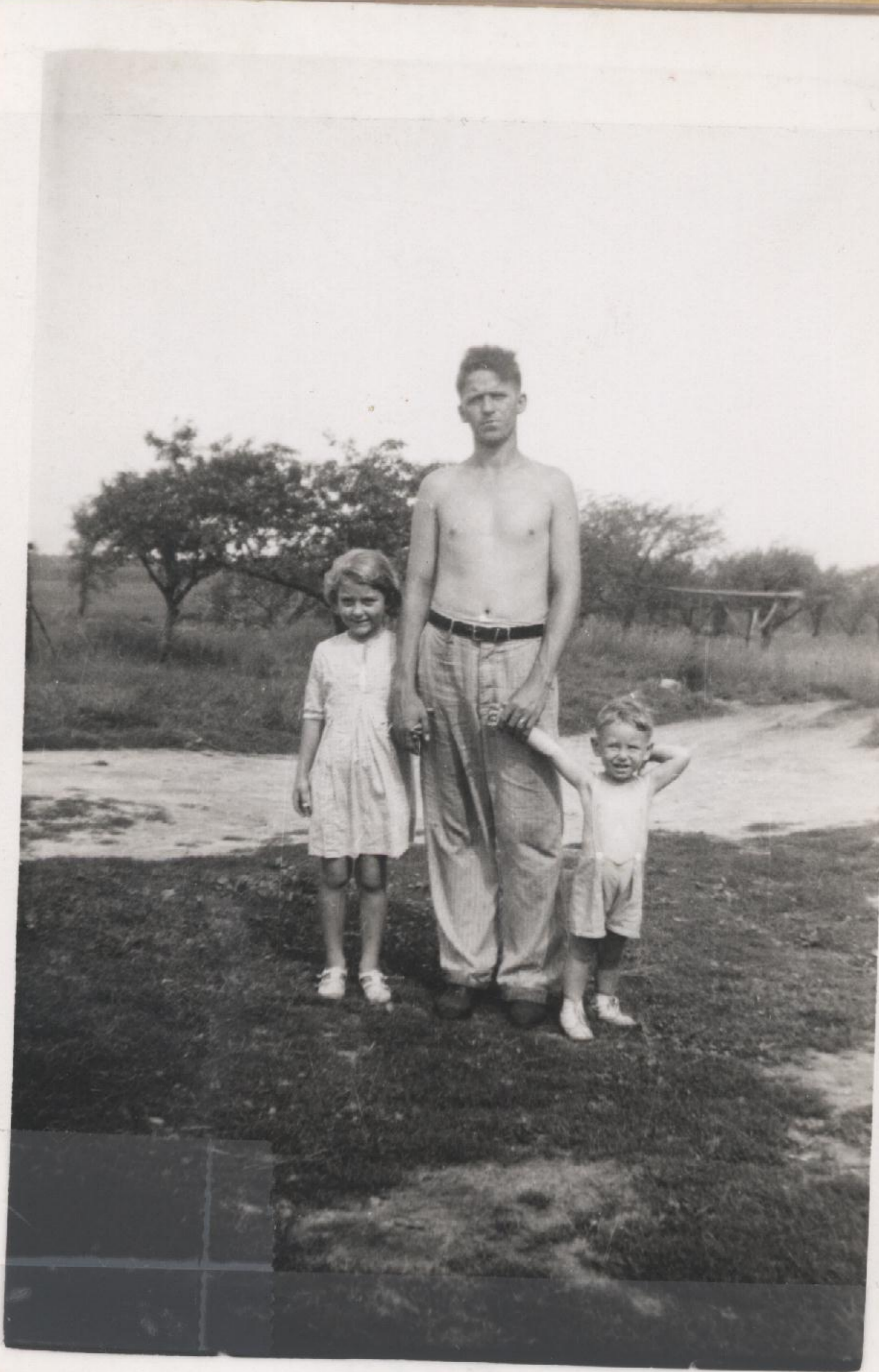
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## Signal Seen From Air Reveals Lake Tragedy

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., March 25. — (AP)—The body of Don Campeau, 25-year-old Charlevoix fisherman drowned last week off Manitou Island after an explosion of his fishing boat, was brought to Traverse City Tuesday by a Coast Guard plane.

Lieut.-Commander N. M. Nelson, pilot of the plane, said he landed at North Manitou Island, in response to a distress signal, and learned that Campeau's ice-encrusted body had been recovered.

Capt. Don Cross, of Charlevoix, who was on the boat with Campeau, was seriously burned when he swam half a mile through flaming oil to shore.



DON CROSS

DONNA OLSON HATCH DON "JERRY" CROSS



DON CROSS & HIS BOAT

CLARENCE TUFFY CROSS



DON + TUFFY

