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Pair Vanishes At Falmouth

Firemen And Coast Guard Join In Hunt

Hjort And Jensen Went Up River In Boat To Fish

Two men were missing early this morning, 16 hours after they started on a one-hour smelt-fishing trip on the Presumpscot River in a rowboat powered by an outboard motor.

They are Jens P. Hjort, 56, of 192 Washington Avenue, Portland, and Walter C. Jensen, 57, of Middle Road, Falmouth.

Search of the lower reaches of the Presumpscot by a coast guard picket boat late Sunday night failed to reveal any trace of the men. Coast guardsmen planned to resume the search at daybreak today.

Falmouth firemen, summoned by Deputy Sheriff John J. Morris, searched the banks of the river and stood on Martin Point Bridge until early this morning without finding any trace of men or boat.

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Disappearance of the men was reported to Portland Police Capt. Clarence F. Hofacker Sunday night by their wives. The women said their husbands had started on the trip at 10:30 a. m. Sunday, planning to be gone but one hour.

They first had planned to put the boat up for the winter but decided to take one last fishing

trip first. The women told Captain Hofacker. The wives reported they became alarmed when the men failed to return by the middle of the afternoon and searched the shore without success.

The Jensens were entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Hjort in honor of the wedding anniversary of the latter couple. The men started out from a point near the Jensen home.

Captain Hofacker sent Patrolmen Edward J. Foley and Frederick B. Jensen armed with powerful portable searchlights with the coast guard boat. They searched two hours but found no trace of the men or their boat.

Police reported the missing boat is white with green trim.

Hjort is a vet. an employe of the John J. Nis on Baking Co. Jensen is a volunteer member of the Falmouth Fire Department.

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Search For Jensen Again Fruitless

Drowning Of Hjort Called Accidental

A search of the mud flats on the southern shore of the Presumpscot River late Monday night for Waldemar C Jensen 57 of Middle Road Falmouth proved fruitless. Deputy Sheriff John Morris reported The hunt will be resumed this morning with a group of 15 to 18 men combing the area, added Morris.

Dr William Holt county medical examiner returned a verdict of accidental death by drowning in the death of Jens P Hjort 56 of 192 Washington Avenue whose body was recovered Monday morning.

Hjort and Jensen were reported missing Sunday night after they failed to return from a smelt-fishing trip at the mouth of the Presumpscot.

Morris said he would extend the search to the area below Martin's Point Bridge along the shore of Baxter's Island if Jensen's body still was unrecovered today.

If we don't find Jensen today we probably won't find him for nine or ten days. His body probably was washed out to sea, he explained.

Sheriff Philip C Dearborn and members of the Portland Police Department assisted Morris and volunteer searchers from Falmouth in the hunt for Jensen's body.

Morris said no dragging operations had been made nor were any contemplated.

Hjort's body was found Monday morning by a group of five Falmouth High School students entangled in fishing gear next to the overturned rowboat he and Jensen had used for their fishing trip.

Both men had gone fishing Sunday morning prior to putting the boat up for the winter. They told their wives they planned to return within an hour. When they failed to return, their wives notified Portland police.

A futile search was made Sunday night by the coast guard, police and Falmouth firemen.

Hjort was born in Denmark in 1891 and came to this country in 1909. He lived most of his life in Portland where he was a member of the Danish Brotherhood Lodge of America and St. August Danish Lutheran Church. He worked for many years as a salesman for a local baking company.

He is survived by his widow Mrs. Anna M Hjort, Portland, four daughters Mrs. Roland Fourangcau Westbrook, Mrs. Edna Carkhuff, Miss Anna M Hjort and Miss Irene Hjort, all of Portland, two sons Richard R and Donald A of Portland, a brother Lawrence Hjort, Denmark and five grandchildren.

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Body Of Jensen Found In River

Had Been Missing Since Last Nov. 16

The body of Christian W. Jensen, 57, of Middle Road, Falmouth, missing since last Nov. 16, was found Sunday afternoon in the Presumpscot River, near the Portland Tending Company.

Deputy Sheriff John J. Morris of Falmouth, said the body was found by George O'Neil, 16, of 101 Arcadia Street, Portland, who saw it from a boat.

Morris said that identification was made from articles of clothing. He said that Medical Examiner Wilbur P. Leighton pronounced death due to accidental drowning.

Jensen disappeared after he had set out in an outboard-powered rowboat on a smelt-fishing trip with Jens P. Hjort, 56, of 192 Washington Avenue.

Hjort's body, entangled in the fishing gear, was discovered the next day lying beside the overturned boat by five Falmouth High School pupils.

Jensen was born July 24, 1890, in Denmark. He had lived here since 1911 and was a machinist by trade. He was a member of the Danish Brotherhood, Portland.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Dagmar Jensen, Falmouth, and a sister in Denmark.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Tuesday at 749 Congress Street. Interment will be in Pine Grove Cemetery, Falmouth.

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