

2 Young Boys in Craft

35-Foot Oyster Boat Is Overdue, Weather Severe

By BILL DINGWALL

Five persons, including two young boys, were reported missing aboard a 35-foot oyster boat in choppy Escambia Bay Wednesday night as the temperature plunged to 20 degrees and was still dropping at midnight.

Bandits Meant Business, Says Jay Bank Head

2 Gunmen Ready To Use Weapons, Victims Declare

By JOHN HODGKINS

"Those men meant business. They moved quickly. They would have killed anybody who tried to stop them."

The Bank of Jay's president, Price W. Malone, was talking late Wednesday about the two armed bandits who robbed his bank of \$54,611 during the lunch hour Wednesday.

"I don't think they expected as many people here as they found. They had apparently cased the bank before," Malone said.

Ten persons, employees, customers, and two bank examiners, were in the bank during the robbery. Four more examiners arrived back from lunch.

The well-dressed men entered apparently unnoticed.

"When we saw them they had their guns drawn. If we had had a guard here they would have killed him."

Bank vice president Jesse Golden was the man who had to open the safe for the gunmen.

Missing aboard the boat Mary Ann that set out at 7 a.m. and was due back at 3 p.m. were:

Daniel F. Krumel, 28, Pensacola's city planner, 3225 Newton Dr., Mallory Heights.

Robert Pate, 59, 915 E. Gregory St.

Pate's grandson, Tony Magnasco, 10, of 416 North 14th Ave.

Clyde Touart, assistant building inspector, 671 Whitney Dr., Cordova Park.

Touart's son, George, 14.

Search boats from the Coast Guard, Escambia Rescue Squad and volunteers late Wednesday night were concentrating south of Garcon Point to the Pensacola Bay Bridge and eastward from the span about 15 miles.

The five left from a boat landing at Bayou Chico about 7 a.m. Wednesday to find oysters in the bay.

Byrom Peoples, who is one of seven city employees having ownership in the oyster boat, said the five were scheduled to return at 3 p.m. but failed to do so.

Peoples told The Pensacola Journal Wednesday night he felt certain they had motor trouble and were not in any danger.

"It's a very seaworthy boat," Peoples said. "I'm sure it can take any bad weather in the bay. I would be worried, though, if I thought they were in the Gulf."

Small craft warnings had been

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