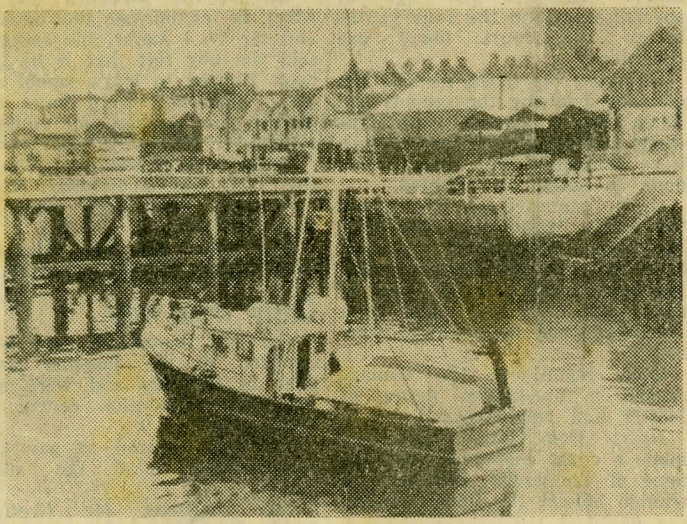
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CARVER FAMILY AT PANAMA IN VOYAGE TO THE SOUTH SEAS



THE CARVER FAMILY, who left Plymouth earlier this summer to voyage to the Pacific in a 36ft fibre-glass fishing boat, hope to reach their destination later this month.

Mr Alfred Carver, aged 38, his wife, Margaret, and their children, Sally, aged ten, Miranda, aged eight, Clancy, aged six, and three-and-a-half-year-old Sam, are heading for Tarawa Atoll in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands where they will make their home.

Accompanying them on the 12,000-mile voyage from Plymouth are the boat's Gilbertese engineer, Taom Ball, and an Australian sailor, Mick McMeon.

The family reached Barbados late in July and reported that everything was going to plan and that their boat was averaging 7.2 knots. This week they were at the Panama Canal.

Mr Carver said that plenty of flying fish had landed on their deck at night and two tuna fish had been hooked and hauled on board. They had planned to go through the Panama Canal last month and arrive in Tarawa Atoll late this month.

Their boat, pictured left in Millbay Dock, Plymouth, named Teikaraoi — Gilbertese for "the good fish"—will be used for tuna fishing when the family reach the little island of Betio which will become their home.