

## **DIVERS IN L. I. SOUND FAIL TO LOCATE TUG**

Two divers began an underwater search yesterday for the missing tugboat Jim Steers, but failed to find a trace. The craft disappeared Sunday in Long Island Sound with a three-man crew.

The divers, working in relays, explored two of the six areas marked for investigation in a search Thursday by the Navy minesweeper Redwing, employing sonar underwater detection gear.

The divers began their search off Stepping Stones Light under the direction of the tugboat's owner, the Steers Sand and Gravel Corporation. Frank B. Clancy, vice president of the company, said last night that strong winds forecast for today would preclude diving operations. The operation is to be resumed when weather conditions are favorable, he said.

Meanwhile, Comdr. Frederick K. Arzst, Coast Guard inspector, examined the barge Hygrade 18, which was in collision Sunday with an object near the spot where the tug was last seen. The inspection took place at the Ira S. Bushey & Sons dry dock in Brooklyn. The results were not disclosed.