

Wholecheese, Daughter Die

A thorough investigation is being made this week of the twin deaths of Andrew Wholecheese of Nulato and his daughter Nina, according to Alaska State Police. The pair died in an airplane crash at Galena May 23.

Initial reports said that Andrew and Nina were riding in a Cessna 172 piloted by Dick Van Hatten of Beaver. The

craft crashed into the Yukon River within two minutes after take-off from Galena.

Van Hatten was able to leave the aircraft and swim safely to a cake of ice. He was treated in Tanana Hospital for a chipped ankle bone.

The body of Andrew Wholecheese was recovered from the wreckage of the aircraft Wednesday, State Police re-

ported. Searchers have not yet been able to find Nina's body.

The aircraft was recovered from the Yukon River a little downstream from Nulato. State Police and the Civil Aeronautics Board will examine the wreckage to determine the cause of the crash and if the deaths resulted from the crash or from drowning.