

HERE
... and NOW
By LARRY STANWOOD

Ship launchings can take the form of all manners of ceremonies—from high-brow, official functions with many big-wigs in attendance to the unheralded one-man affair where a home-made rowboat hits the water for the first time.

Wednesday afternoon's launching here in Cow Bay was neither. It was an affair about half-way between when two brothers saw the first fruits of their work gently roll down the grid and float in the high tide.

The Wick brothers, Ralph and John, had completed their first job after taking over the family boat works.

Very interested onlooker as Tommy Boulter, assistant superintendent of Prince Rupert dry-dock, cracked the bottle on the prow was John Jenkins, owner of the 36-foot new hull that will soon be fitted with its super-structure and be one of the most modern trollers afloat.

Mr. Boulter said: "I christen the 'Pandora' and may the owner be showered with success."

Jenkins, a fisherman here for 21 years, looked fondly at the graceful lines and thought, perhaps, how he might retire the old "Active" which had served him for so many years.

With careful scrutiny and an experienced eye, Larry Halcrow, also of drydock personnel, had a personal reason for watching the launching. He designed the Pandora, working closely with Jenkins to determine the future owner's needs.

A departure from the norm among trollers, the Pandora has a "transom" stern, flat and sloping in towards the keel. This design differs from the "compromise" stern, generally featured among trollers, which comes to a rounded point.

"That is the way I wanted it," said Jenkins. "It will give me more room to look after the lines, and I think the ship will ride better this way."

The Pandora is equipped with a 104-horse engine, of the semi-heavy-duty type, expected to give a maximum speed of nine knots.

At Oswald got a cheery greeting from the small group which gathered in the Cow Bay boat shed for the launching.

Oswald, who has been fishing here since 1912, hesitated slightly before calling himself an "old-timer," then considered he might fit into that class.

A halibut fisherman for many years, he joined the ranks of the "gentlemen fishermen"—trollers—five years ago and operates the Westoe.

"I guess I wouldn't leave it now until I drop," he said. "Trolling gets into your blood, especially when you're going for the springs. I get a thrill every time one of those fellas strikes—40 and 50-pounders can give quite a battle."

Oswald said fishing last season was "no great shakes, but we'll get by the winter, alright."

Another man, not a fisherman but the friend of many, stood there to take in the launching. He was Bud Barrie, well-known down-town merchant. He had just attended the funeral and burial of a friend of many years, Jack Mulhern, or "Gasoline Jack" as he was known to many on the waterfront.

Besides Bud were the three ladies: Mrs. Wick, the mother of Ralph and John, the boat-builders; Mrs. Ralph Wick, the former "Buddie" Barrie and Bud's daughter; and Mrs. Barrie.

As the Pandora rolled silently down the sloping grid, George Rorvick mentioned something about a new industry being born and Ralph Wick answered: "At least, it's the only launching in Prince Rupert this year."

THE LETTER BOX

LIGHT-UP CAMPAIGN

Editor,
The Daily News:
It is commendable to see the civic spirit of so many people of our city. We say this especially in regard to the light-up campaign sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. No doubt the beautifying of the store windows will lend a festive atmosphere to the Christmas season and inspire the citizens with that "at home" friendly feeling.

It is only too true, however, that the tendency of a great many people today is to make Christmas a time of mere celebration—a celebration far removed from the sublimity which should be characteristic of the feast of Christ, the Redeemer of mankind. Yes, Christmas is Christ's feast, but to celebrate it in a manner which is not alone unchristian but even pagan, is a contradiction of the very notion. In many a home is not Christmas synonymous with a time of drunken revelry?

We are striving for a better world. Good-willed men are seeking to bring peace back to troubled nations. Until the "Prince of Peace" is given His proper place, that can never be realized. Let us, therefore, Bring Christ Back To Christmas.

It is understood that a prize will be given for the most "original" window decoration. The original idea of Christmas is the humble, though all the more astounding, birth of the Saviour.

As a step towards bringing Christ back to Christmas then, might we suggest that the prize-winning window be the one most "original"—the one most beautifully depicting that first Christmas scene—the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, and it's awe-inspiring circumstances.

Catholic Youth Organization
Editor,
The Daily News:
Mr. Casey thinks we should be allowed to think and express our opinions. I also believe in thinking things out, but I like to think further than the end of my nose and not to accept in blind, good faith all the claims and statements of glib-tongued Communists, some of whom we don't have to go very far to find.

I am in complete agreement with Mr. Steigler about the publication, "The Fisherman." For some reason or other this paper is sent to us, and I used to read it until I became disgusted with its utter blig.

Now—we find it fits into the garbage can perfectly, and it looks right at home there.

M. G. M. JUST A RUPERT HOUSEWIFE

HUMAN RIGHTS

Editor,
The Daily News:
I was listening to the radio the other night on the subject of Declaration of Human Rights, the right to work and earn a living. Well, that doesn't seem to apply to Hunts Inlet.

The Department of Public Works started a repair job on the approach to the floats. Now one would have thought that they would do the job as quickly as possible. They started out as if that was their intention. But after a week's work they laid off five men. That left two men and a foreman, so the use of the float was delayed so much longer, which meant that you had to load your freight in a rowboat and carry it over the rocks to the road.

As to the laying-off of the men, the foreman said it was the policy of the department to favor married men with children and returned men. There were two returned men, but they were both laid off, and so were two married men.

I don't know where single men come in, but there might be some hope for them as the foreman is single and an old-age pensioner.

By the way, the work started October 16 and ended December 12.

SINCLAIR PATON
Hunts Inlet, B.C.

ELECTION OPINION

Editor,
The Daily News:
May I be permitted a short space in your paper to give my opinion of Thursday's election?

In the first place, the election of the aldermen as suggested by Mayor Whalen was not a "vote of confidence" in him; rather it was just a case of everybody thinking for themselves. I, too, voted for several of his so-called choices, but let Mayor Whalen be assured that I certainly will not vote for him again next year, and many others feel the same way as it certainly was not up to him to select candidates. We are still living in a free country (I hope) and if the Mayor was not trying to dictate to us the day before the election, I wonder what it would be called.

Let us not forget our husbands and sons fought on foreign soil against just such dictators.

Now that the elections are over, let us hope the new council will prove themselves capable of running our city.

JUST A RUPERT HOUSEWIFE

SIDEWALK NEEDED

Editor,
The Daily News:
I have written several times regarding the sidewalk fronting our places, namely Mr. Scaddon's, Astoria's, Black & White's, which I occupy, and also Central Cafe's. Twice during six weeks, people have tripped and fell when coming into my place. Fortunately they landed on their knees and hands.

You can see the planks in places through the black top, it is also very difficult to keep the snow off in the winter. When it is raining, the walk is nothing but puddles of water. I myself pay \$35 per year licence and therefore, I think that I am entitled to a little consideration, especially in this very important matter.

I have been after the city for five years to do something about this deplorable sidewalk. The city should take some action before someone is hurt seriously.

GEORGE H. PAINE.

APPEAL FOR SOCKS

Editor,
The Daily News:
The Central City Mission, 233 Abbott Street, Vancouver, B.C., has appealed to the public for 1,000 pairs of men's socks. They need not be new but they must be clean and in good repair.

Some years ago one of the local organizations collected clothing for the Central City Mission and paid the postage for delivery of same, so I wondered if the people here would send even one pair of socks to this very worthy Mission.

Last week thirty men turned up at this refuge for the destitute wearing no socks, so the appeal has gone out for more socks to meet the heavy demand.

According to a Vancouver paper I read yesterday only 150 pairs have so far been donated so I thought the people of Prince Rupert might help out as these poor unfortunates are from all over Canada and not Vancouver alone. Remember, just one pair will be most welcome and send them to the Vancouver address.

A Daily News Subscriber

FLYING PHANTOMS

LONDON (CP)—Air Ministry officials received conflicting descriptions of "uncertainly" objects said to have been seen over southern England. Isle of Wight like a tadpole with a flaming tail," while Bognor reported a "ball of flame" and Ipswich saw "a brilliant bluish light."

IODE Chapter Sends Parcels To England

At a busy monthly meeting, members of the Duchess of Edinburgh Chapter IODE disposed of a good part of the proceeds of a successful Fall Bazaar November 20, and later Rummage Sale, Dec. 6.

Christmas parcels have been sent to England, donations made to various IODE funds, also to the Prince Rupert Dental Clinic and our adopted school at Digby Island.

The Chapter decided to work in the New Year towards making up a quantity of diapers to be sent to England where there is an urgent need for all baby's clothing.

Plans were made to hold a Christmas party for members and children.

The monthly prize was won by Mrs. Evelyn Kewan.

Ecuador on the Pacific coast of South America has a dozen mountains over 16,000 feet in height.



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