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Halibut Fleet About to Leave—Departures Spread Out—Alaska Boat Comes for Oolachans

The halibut fleet will start moving out to the banks early next week. The fishing season opens a week from today. Such vessels as may get away in a day or so will be those destined for the more remote Area No. 3 grounds. The Area No. 2 boats will start moving out soon after the middle of next week. The procedure of departures will be similar to last year. The boats will be divided into four groups according to alphabetical letters with which their names start namely A-E, F-L, M-R, S-Z. Last year A-E boats were first to leave. This year it may be R-Z. Three or four days will lapse between each group leaving making a total spread of ten days. This is under the voluntary curtailment regulation plan. If R-Z boats leave first, the Takla, Capt. Chris Parkvold, will probably be the first to get away.

The Seattle halibut boat Pierce, Capt. Nels Nelson, arrived in port last night from the south enroute to the fishing banks for its first trip of the season. It will be here until the latter part of next week when it will proceed to Area No. 2.

Routine annual overhaul and inspection on various vessels is keeping the local dry dock fairly busy these days. C.N.R. steamer Prince George is still on the pontoons for her annual overhaul and is expected to be taken back into the water next Tuesday or Wednesday. The snagboat Essington, after having been up for cleaning and painting, was taken off yesterday. The light-house tender Alberni will be going up at the first of next week for cleaning and painting and hull inspection. Later the C.N.R. steamer Prince Charles will be receiving similar attention.

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Metlakatla arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Alaska and proceeded to the Naas River to get a load of oolachans following the commencement of the run there.

One of the reasons why the halibut fishery in Atlantic waters has declined in recent years, attracting fewer vessels each season, is to be found in the experience of the schooner Raymonde which brought in the first catch of 1939 to the Boston market. The Raymonde had 20,000 pounds, and had been out three weeks, encountering much bad weather. When the trip had ended and the expenses paid and the divisions made to owner and captain, each man in the crew received \$55.

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The Letter Box

OPPOSES CAMPAIGN

Editor, Daily News: May I use a small space in your newspaper to comment on the business of raising funds to be used to send school children down to see the King and Queen when they arrive in Canada?

If these were good times with plenty for all the idea of raising funds for that purpose might be all right but in this time of depression I think it is very much out of the way indeed to even think of throwing money away on such tommy-rot.

What good will it do the children to see the King and Queen? None at all that I can see. If the funds were used to help buy milk for some of these poor undernourished children in Prince Rupert, then that would be doing a good deed. There are many parents in Prince Rupert who cannot feed and clothe their children properly. Some of these poor little tots never have any milk to drink or enough clothes to keep them warm.

I think it is a down right shame to even suggest such a thing when we know perfectly well the money could be put to some better use.

MRS. MARY IVESON

(Money is never "thrown away." When it is kept circulating, times are good. When money is hoarded, times are bad and children go without milk—Editor.)

IRON LUNG FOR RESCUES
DURBAN, South Africa, March 25: (CP)—When two people died on a beach here because artificial respiration by hand had failed, the doctor in charge recommended provision of iron lung equipment for such cases.

DOG WAS TOO GOOD
GRAHAMSTOWN, South Africa, March 25: (CP)—An African native trained his dog to help him in sheep-stealing, the dog obeying his whistled commands and getting him much loot till the authorities caught him.

COMEDY IN PEN SEEN

"Up The River" and "Saint in New York" are Double-Billed at Capital Theatre

The usual, sombre gray walls of a state prison are transformed into the background for an uproarious comedy in "Up the River" which is tonight's feature picture at the Capitol Theatre here. A combination of music, broad comedy situations and do-or-die football, the film features Preston Foster, Tony Martin, Phyllis Brooks, Slim Summerville, Arthur Treacher and Bill Robinson as inmates of a screwball penitentiary where there are radios in every cell and revolving doors. Miss Brooks is the sweetheart of Tony Martin. Both are serving time, the innocent victims of a confidence racket. A big football game for the conference title is a highlight of the film which includes several catchy new tunes which Martin sings and to which Robinson dances.

The other end of the double bill is a beg city detective drama featuring Louis Hayward as a "lone wolf" who wipes out public enemies whom the police are unable to check. Other members of the cast of this picture "Saint in New York" include Kay Sutton, Sig Rumann and Jonathan Hale.

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Story Hour Is Concluded

Last Session for Season Took Place This Morning

Intrigued by the bright sunshine, many children attended the all request program at the Story Hour this morning. The Hour was in charge of Mrs. Robert Cameron who related the tale of "Puss-in-Boots" to the delight of all present. The age-old favorite "The Three Little Pigs" was told by Mrs. D. V. Smith in an amusing way. Miss Jean Cameron gave her version of "Suk-ey's Last Ride" in an interesting manner. The book prizes for attendance were presented to Lorraine Youngman and Chas Harmon by Mrs. Cameron, director of the Story Hour.

There will be no further meetings of the Story Hour this season. It is the hope of the staff that next season, when the Hour again commences, as many children will take advantage of it as did during the past months.

Moose Gingham Dance Enjoyed

Upwards of One Hundred Persons in Attendance at Affair Last Night

Upwards of one hundred persons were in attendance at an enjoyable gingham dance by the Moose Lodge last night. Music was by the Serenaders' Orchestra and the affair was in progress from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Use of confetti added to the merriment. The committee in charge consisted of Harry Menzies, A. D. Vance, William Gray and Dan Healy.

MAN'S FATAL DEPRESSION

MANCHESTER, March 25: (CP)—Harry Phillips, 49-year old coffin maker, became so depressed after the death of his daughter he could neither eat nor sleep. After two years he gassed himself. His wife told the coroner he "just smoked and drank tea."

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