Plenty of Rain and Ritual At Minesweeper Launchings

Festive Spirit Is Undampened as Four Naval Vessels Are Christened

With plenty of rain and ritual to mark the notable occasion for remembrance, four navy minesweepers were launched at local boatyards Thursday afternoon.

Traditional launching rites were conducted in the grand manner as the YMS-133, YMS-125, YMS-129 and YMS-130 were given to the waters of Puget Sound at half-hour intervals.

With festive spirit undampened by the incessant downpour of rain, the launching party of navy officers and prominent Tacomans witnessed the successive ceremonies at the Western Boatbuilding Co., the J. M. Martinac Shipbuilding Corp. and the Tacoma Boatbuilding Co.

Mayor Harry P. Cain was master of ceremonies for the quadruple event, with Capt. M. B. De Mott making response, in behalf of the 13th naval district.

Newsreel Cameras Whirred

Each of the ceremonies was broadcast over local radio facilities while newsreel cameras whirred and loudspeakers carried the speakers' remarks to the throng of invited spectators cheerfully disdainful of the inclement weather.

Sandra Justice, 3-year-old daughter of Lieut. Comdr. David Justice, U. S. N., sponsored launching of the YMS-133 at the Western yards, and with the assistance of her mother did an expert job of smashing the champagne to start the trim gray warship down the ways to the water as the crowd cheered.

At the Martinac plant, Sheila Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Carlson of this city, performed similarly expert rites to launch the YMS-125.

Sign Gave Keynote

A huge sign, displayed above the launching platform at the Martinac yards, significantly keynoted the day's stellar events:

"The enemy has struck a savage, treacherous blow. We are at war —all of us. There is no time now for disputes or delays of any kind. We must have ships and more ships, guns and more guns, men and more men. Faster and faster —there is no time to lose. The navy must lead the way. Speed up—it's your navy and your nation."—Secretary of Navy Frank Knox.

At the Tacoma company's yards the YMS-129 was sponsored jointly by Jean and Ruth Strom, twin daughters of Arne Strom, the concern's senior partner.

YMS-130 Launched Last

The final event, conducted at the same yards, was launching of the YMS-130, which was sponsored by Virginia Mojean, daughter of Boatbuilder Bill Mojean, who is collaborating with all three boatyards in production of the navy vessels.

Except for a minor traffic jam as the spectators progressed from one boatyard to the next, no single incident marred the success of the banner maritime occasion.

A reception was held afterward at the University-Union club for the launching party.

The day's affair was officially concluded by a huge party held throughout the evening at Normanna hall, which honored the veteran and expert personnel of the boatyards, their families and guests.

Design New Here

The quartet of vessels launched so ceremoniously Thursday were 136-foot minesweepers of design heretofore not seen in the Northwest.

The completed hulls, sleek and gay in festooned bunting, were commenced more than six months ago. Main cabins were in place, but additional superstructure and machinery is yet to be constructed.

When completed and commissioned for war duty early in 1942, each of the 10 identical vessels to be built by the Tacoma boatyards will be valued at more than a half-million dollars.

Scout Cub Pack 27 Will Sing Carols

With the "spirit of Christmas" as the meeting's theme and Dr. and Mrs. Frank Maddison to lead the dens in carol singing, Cub Pack No. 27, B. S. A., will meet at 7:30 p. m. Friday in the basement of Sherman school.

Mayor Harry Cain will make a talk to theb oys, according to Cubmaster Eugene Faure.

Toys, which the Cubs have been re-building and making as their project for the past month, will be turned in at the meeting for distribution to children of needy families.

They'll Do It Every Time!

By JIMMY HATLO

MANUFACTURERS' TESTED RECIPES

TURKEY A LA KING

Take the white meat of turkey. Cut into thick slices or cubes and put in sauce pan. Put sauce pan on stove and moisten with just enough hot Federal Evaporated Milk to cover turkey. Add 1 whole sweet pepper diced, a pinch of salt and let simmer gently about 15 minutes. Remove sauce pan to side of stove and beat yolk of 1 egg. Mix with turkey but do not allow to come to boil. Add butter size of walnut and serve at once on hot buttered toast.

FRUIT CAKE

2 cups butter
2 cups sugar
6 eggs
1 tsp. salt
4 tsps. baking powder
4 cups Centennial Flour
1 cup grape juice
1 tsp. cloves
1 tsp. nutmeg
1 tsp. allspice
2 tsp. cinnamon
2 cups raisins
2 cups currants
1 cup dates
1 cup nuts
10 candied cherries
1 tbsp. candied orange peel
3 tsps. citron

Cream butter and sugar, add salt and egg yolks. Sift dry ingredients, take one-half and mix in a bowl with the fruits. Alternate remaining dry ingredients with the liquid and add to butter and sugar. Blend well and fold in beaten egg whites. Bake 2 hours.

MINCE MEAT CUP CAKES

Sift together
2 cups sifted cake flour
1 tsp. baking powder
¾ tsp. soda
¾ tsp. salt
Cream
½ cup butter
Add gradually, creaming thoroughly
¾ cup sugar
Add, beating until fluffy after each
2 eggs
Add
1 cup Heinz Mince Meat
1 tsp. vanilla
Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with
¾ cup buttermilk

Bake in greased muffin pans in hot oven (400 deg. F.) 20 minutes. Makes 14 cakes.

Notes—(1) for special occasions frost cakes, then decorate to suit the occasion; (2) may be baked in loaf pan in a moderate oven (375 deg. F.) 60 minutes.

PERFECT PLUM PUDDING

2 cups All-Bran
1 cup stale dry bread crumbs
1 cup scalded milk
½ cup sugar
4 eggs, separated
½ pound chopped seeded raisins
¼ pound seedless raisins
¾ pound chopped figs
2 ounces chopped citron
¾ cup flour
½ pound suet
¾ cup grape juice
2 tsps. nutmeg
¾ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. cloves
½ tsp. mace
1½ tsps. salt

Soak All-Bran and bread crumbs in milk; let stand until cool. Add sugar, beaten egg yolks, raisins, figs and citron which have been mixed with flour. Chop suet very fine and cream until soft. Combine with mixed fruits. Add grape juice and seasonings. Fold in beaten egg whites. Pour into greased pudding molds and steam 5 hours. Serve with hard sauce or spiced lemon sauce. Yield: three 1-pound puddings.

FRENCH CREAM FONDANT

Two cupfuls U & I Extra Fine Table and Preserving Sugar; one cupful water. Stir the sugar and water thoroughly until mixed; do not stir at all after it has come to the boiling point. Cover with lid and allow to steam for a few minutes, then boil without cover until a soft ball forms when dropped into cold water. Remove from fire and place in saucepan in a pan of cold water. Allow mixture to stand until cold; then beat until it forms a white mass which leaves the edge of the pan. Knead well until perfectly smooth.

Some candy makers insist upon the use of cream-of-tartar fondants. This is unnecessary. Fondant made without cream-of-tartar remains soft longer if properly kneaded, and is even more deliciously creamy.

Directions for Dipping Bonbons

Prepare French Cream Fondant. Place in a china bowl. Put bowl in a pan of boiling water and melt the fondant. Have ready the fondant shapes and dip them in the melted mixture. An attractive variation may be obtained by coloring the melted fondant and dipping into toasted cocoanut, or topping with pecans or walnuts.

OBITUARY NOTICES

MRS. W. N. DOUB

Funeral services for Mrs. Frances S. Doub, 46, of 616 No. C st., will be held Monday at 1 p. m. from the C. O. Lynn Co. chapel, with the Rev. Henry Victor Morgan officiating. Burial will be in the Tacoma cemetery. Mrs. Doub died Thursday at her home. She was a native Tacoman. Besides her husband, she leaves four daughters, Mrs. George Huntingford of Port Ludlow, Martha V., Eleanor and Bernice Doub, all of Tacoma, and one brother, John W. Darling of Tacoma.

HAROLD FLAUTT

Harold Flautt, 50, of Route 1, Rochester, died Tuesday in a local hospital. He was a native of Otterville, Ill., a construction worker in oil refineries, and had been a sergeant in the U. S. army in World War I. The body has been sent by Buckley-King to Jerseyville, Ill., for interment.

MRS. EMMA O. TUNISON

Mrs. Emma O. Tunison, 84, of 3112 34th ave. So., Seattle, died Thursday at her home. She had been a resident of Seattle for nine years. She was a member of Holly court, Order of Amaranth. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ernest Sheppard of Tacoma and Mrs. H. W. Wescott of Seattle; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. The C. C. Mellinger Co. will announce the funeral arrangements.

ISAAC JEFFERSON SHAFFER

Isaac Jefferson Shaffer, 77, of 1217 So. State st., died Thursday at his home. He was a native of Bristol, Va., and had lived in Tacoma 17 years. He was a carpenter by trade, and a member of the Bible Presbyterian church. Besides his wife, Mary Ellen, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Stella Cross of Aberdeen and Mrs. Ada G. Daugherty of Wenatchee; four sons, Denver D. Shaffer of Savannah, Mo., John B. of Red Bluff, Calif., Kenneth J. of Portland, Ore., and Edwin G. of Tacoma; one sister, Mrs. Martha Hobbs of Virginia; two brothers, Charles Shaffer of Virginia and John L. of Ohio, and 20 grandchildren. The C. C. Mellinger Co. will announce the funeral arrangements.

JOHN LAUDENGLASS

John Laudenglass, 55, of 412½ Puyallup ave., was found dead in his apartment Thursday. The body is at Cassedy and Allen, pending funeral arrangements.

LOUIS MATHIS

Funeral services for Louis Mathis, 79, will be held Saturday at 3 p. m. from the C. C. Mellinger Co. chapel, with the Rev. W. A. Moore officiating. He died Thursday at the Lutheran Home in Puyallup. A native of Alsace-Lorraine, he had been in Tacoma 38 years, and was a retired carpenter. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. H. G. Hartman of Tacoma; one sister, Mrs. Sally Carsten of Missoula, Mont.; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Interment will be in Mountain View burial park, with Roy H. Hartman, Dr. Hugh A. Larkin, Elmer L. Visser, Robert L. White, Harry A. Visser, and John F. Brenner acting as pallbearers.

FRANK RENGGLI

Frank Renggli, 81, of Fiett Station, died Thursday at his home. A native of Switzerland, he had been in this vicinity 49 years. He was a retired dairyman, and a member of the Swiss society and the Visitation church. He leaves his wife, Augusta; one daughter, Mrs. Sophia Swanson of Fiett station, and one grandchild. Piper Co. will announce the funeral arrangements.

MRS. FRED C. SCHLENZ

Mrs. Rose Schlenz, 68, of Spanaway, died Thursday at her home. She was a native of Czechoslovakia, and had lived in this vicinity 30 years. Besides her husband, she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Danielson of Ill., and Mrs. Klien of So. Dak.; and one brother, Joe Viderkot of Ind. Piper Co. will announce the funeral arrangements.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mrs. Monica Hatch—The body was sent by Cassedy and Allen to Everett for funeral services and burial.

Mrs. Carrie Augusta Waldron—Christian sciences services Saturday at 1 p. m. from the Buckley-King chapel.

Alec Knipple—Saturday at 10 a. m. from the C. C. Mellinger Co. chapel, with the Rev. W. A. Moore officiating. Burial will be in the Sumner cemetery.

BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS

Bankruptcy petitions filed here Friday with the clerk of the federal court included:

Anton J. Nilsen, who lives at 1311 So. 9th st. and currently is working on a construction project in Alaska, listing debts totalling $16,201.74 and assets amounting to $327.

Lewis W. Tanner, 702 So. Yakima ave., listing debts totalling $1,308.62 and no assets.

Tacoma Gets Heavy Rain

Nearly Two Inches Recorded Here

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of 6.09 inches for the month of December to date, 2.16 above normal. Even at that the total for the year of 32.90 was 4.72 inches below average.

Only cheers came from Verne Kent, superintendent of the Tacoma Light system. About two inches of rain on the hills above Lake Cushman raised that big storage basin to three feet of the 735-foot spilling level.

Helps City Light

The big Cushman generators are running full blast. Tacoma is making all its own power for busy industry and getting along with almost no purchases from Seattle.

City Engineer Carl D. Forsbeck reported the biggest and deepest lake at So. 74th and Fife, where the city has no sewers to carry off the water. Because of the lack of sewers, however, that has happened every winter for years. Used to 18 inches of water in low spots on those streets, residents have become virtually amphibian.

Three Landslides

A waterfront slide at 2:58 a. m. dumped a load of gravelly clay on the road at the north end of the Centennial Flour mill. Police hastily put up warnings, but traffic was able to move without interruption. Forsbeck reported another slide in Julius gulch, on the old Seattle highway above the Browns Point road. On Stadium way, at about So. 3d st., a rockery and wood bulkhead slid down on the sidewalk.

The state patrol's main problem was a low spot on the southbound lane to Olympia just at Camp Murray where water overflowed the ditches and stood a few inches deep on the road. Flares were planted far back of the flooded spot to warn drivers against hitting the water at high speed.

Pass Conditions

Only real flood reported to the patrol was one near Wenatchee on the east side. There was no interference with traffic on Snoqualmie pass reported, but Blewett was carrying more snow than at any time last year.

The county engineer's office was receiving calls from many country residents asking help to drain flooding fields, something the engineers can't do, and the commissioners had calls early in the morning of ditches overflowing into yards of homes at Fife, along Summit road and across from the Parkland school.

The Puyallup river was carrying drift Friday morning, indicating it was moving up on its banks.

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3.14 Inches of Rain At Mud Mountain

ENUMCLAW — Mud mountain dam engineers reported 3.14 inches of rainfall in the last 24 hours at the dam just east of here. The White river, which joins with the Puyallup river at Sumner, has increased its flow volume but has not created any pool behind the dam. The engineers believe the 23-foot tunnel will carry the entire river volume. Control gates on the tunnel have not yet been installed.

AIR RAID MEETINGS

Precinct 70, 7:30 p. m. Friday, Sheridan school.

Precinct 34, basement of the Pennington apartments, 702 So. K st., 7:30 p. m. Friday.

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Precinct 86, meeting at home of Bert McCoy, 3628 So. K st., Friday at 7:30 p. m. Warden A. M. Jackson will conduct the meeting.

Layton Assesses Liquor Fines

Justice Clarence E. Layton was informed Thursday afternoon during the hearing of liquor law violation cases that the Bohemian club, 1325½ Broadway, had been closed. The news however, failed to deter the judge from imposing two fines on Frank Payne, charged in two counts with violating the Steele act at that place.

Payne pleaded not guilty on both counts, but was assessed $200 and costs on one case and $150 and costs on the other.

Others fined during the session included Mary Davis, $200 and costs for possession with intent to sell at the Lucky Hours cafe, 1320 Commerce st.; Guido Lenzi, $200 and costs for the same offense at 3206 South Tacoma way; Eduardo Cocchi, same offense at 1325½ Commerce st., $200 and costs; and Russell Matheson, same offense at Greno's place, just off Steilacoom boulevard, $200 and costs.

Charges against the defendants were filed by state liquor control board officers.