

Woman Plays Host To Over 500 Merchant Seamen

She Makes Men Of The Sea Feel At Home—Some Of Them Call Her Mother

By MOLLIE KOSEVOY
The little lady in Kitsuano has been doing more for the merchant seamen of Vancouver than perhaps large...
She is Mrs. G. May...
To her tiny home in the past few...
2115 Cornwall Street.

cause they know they can treat her home as their own. If they want to go out and cut themselves a piece of cake they can do so. They can phone up any time and say they're on the way over...
If I'm washing clothes or cleaning up the house, they can come in any way...
Mrs. Scarr has a few rules for her guests, but not many. The most important one is that they definitely must not buy presents or pay for anything while in her home...
That's not right."

Another rule is "No smoking," not because Mrs. Scarr does not approve of smoking, but with so many men coming to the house all the time, I'm afraid the place would never get the smell of smoke out. Sometimes the lads are a bit put out if they don't. I try not to sound as if I'm dictating to them though, and then they usually just joke about it.

"You know, we don't have any card playing or dancing...

Imperia Bank Report Shows Record Assets

Financial statement of Imperial Bank of Canada, published today, shows total assets greatly increased, liquid position enhanced, and profits somewhat lower after Dominion taxes. However, with dividends at the new rate generally prevailing among the banks, the balance forward is increased about the same amount as for the previous year.

Profits of \$826,149 are down \$16,000, while taxes are up \$19,000. Dividends required \$665,000, compared with \$700,000 for 1941. Amount of bank premises is unchanged at \$150,000. Balance forward is now \$719,991, compared with \$638,914 a year ago.

Total assets are now \$243,567,271, compared with \$209,597,280. The increase is in liquid items. Short-term Dominion and provincial securities are increased by \$29,000,000 to \$69,679,422. Long-term government securities are about \$3,000,000 lower, while real estate is up \$1,000,000. Also somewhat lower are call loans and municipal loans.

Deposits have grown greatly. Those not bearing interest now total \$82,152,050, an increase of \$10,235,298. Total deposits are now \$214,090,000. Deposits bearing interest are \$169,378,231, an increase of \$5,146,817. Deposits not bearing interest in the Dominion government are up about \$600,000 at \$16,046,256, while deposits in the provincial governments are up more than \$5,000,000 to \$18,896,063. Total deposits thus increased by \$27,929,443, compared with \$179,929,443 a year ago. Liabilities, other than deposits, are now \$124,169,921, compared with \$187,439,362 formerly.

BURNETT—Mary Burnett, of 2527 West 3rd Avenue, passed away on Monday. She is survived by her husband, Tom Burnett; Mrs. Morgan Burnett; Mr. Roder, of Seattle; Mrs. Vernon L. Burnett, Vancouver; and one daughter, Mrs. G. Murray. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. at the funeral home, 130 West Broadway, to be made later by Nunn & Thomson.

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You might wonder that the men like to visit me. But they don't mind the piano and sing or just talk, and have the best times ever.
One young lad said to me, "Every port I've ever been in before, I've gone to every show and every dance in town. But since coming to your place, I don't want to go anywhere else."
They go to church with me, too," says Mrs. Scarr. "We ask them if they'd like to, and very often they say, 'No, and we don't mind.' But for some reason they usually end up by coming along."
Lately Mrs. Scarr has not had so many visitors. She has been ill and her daughter, Babs, who used to help her with the cooking and the housekeeping, is now married, so that the job is a little more than Mrs. Scarr can handle. "I can spot an English or an Australian navy man on the street as soon as I see one, and my heart aches for them because I know a lot of them are lonely, and I wish only they could have their own homes."
But she can't have so many visitors, Mrs. Scarr still writes letters. She used to keep track of the next port of call

What's On Today

RADIO
Spine Freaser - Arch Oboler's next radio play scheduled for airing at 8:30 p. m. and heard here over KNX in his "Lights Out" program will be called "Chicken Kick." Oboler says it will be the most satisfying and blood chilling story he has ever written.
Air Breaks - A young New York housewife who practises singing while cooking her husband's meals will be featured in the darkest of times have had and still have faith in their fellow men.

Music from the Pacific - Percy Harned's Grand String play Claude Thornhill's "Snowfall." "After You" by Richard Rodgers, "Brazil" Samba from Walt Disney Saludos and the Count of Luxembourg waltz by Lehár.
Stursberg will tell Canadians what he saw tonight (C.B.R. 9:10 p. m. P.D.T.). He will probably tell how the big heavy duty U. S. Army glider was used in the rescue of a transport crew stuck for over a week in a giant snow drift, and how as a result the crew had a taste of the hardships that went into making the road.

Lions Club - Vancouver's traffic problems will be discussed by E. C. Chapman, mayor of the city, before the Traffic Council, at luncheon in Hotel Georgia at 12:15 noon.

Point Grey Kilwans Club - Ladies' supper will be marked by an address by Principal S. Houston of Kerrisdale School and by motion pictures, presentation by Kerrisdale School choir. Place: Kilwans Club Clubhouse; time, 6:30 p. m.
District Labor Council - Regular meeting will be held at 702 Holden Building at 8 p. m.

Recital - An Art Soprano, soprano, will present a recital in Peter Pan Theatre at 8:30 p. m. Program for Group 7 W.A.F. Precision Drill - R.C.A.F. Women's Division Precision Squad will be in Hastings Park Horseshow Building. Admission free. Civic welcome at court house 11:30 a. m.

Red Cross Art Exhibition - Portraits in oil and pastels by Myfanwy Campbell on view at the Art Gallery, 300 Astor, to 6 p. m. Proceeds for Red Cross.
Teumeh Junior Orchestra - Besides the entertainments and sports affairs will be provided for servicemen by the proceeds of a concert to be given tonight in Prince of Wales Hall, Eighth Avenue and Pine Street.

Honey Producers' Dinner - Greater Vancouver division B. C. Honey Producers' Association will hold annual dinner at the Hotel Vancouver, 610 West Pender Street, 6:30 p. m.

Let There Be Light - In the "Week" series from Montreal heard on CBR at 5:05 p. m. MacShoub's program will be dramatized. Plans for the "Week" series heard in this program and tonight's offering has been dedicated to those people who in

of her boys and used to have a letter there ahead of them, waiting—sometimes for weeks. Very often her note or parcel was the only thing they received.
When the boys can't write, the mothers keep in touch with Mrs. Scarr. "Some of the mothers have not written for a long while. I fear their boys may be gone."
"That boy there, the picture between the other two, I have not heard from him for quite a while. It worries me." He telephoned her from New York once.
A while back a very young fellow wrote a long letter. Mrs. Scarr read between the lines and sensed the need for somebody to talk to. She got the next book for Nanaimo and took a stage to where he was stationed.
He wrote her later and said, "I have given you that corner of my heart usually reserved for a mother."

"Sometimes I got worried because I didn't know how I would make ends meet and be able to look after my boys, but I've always had faith, and that works. I've always been able to keep lots of lard and flour and hand so I can bake cakes and pie right away, if necessary."
"One time a captain telephoned me and said he would like to come over. Then he telephoned again, and said he was bringing three other officers. I was a bit nervous, and I hurriedly cooked a roast and made cakes, and have seen readers who tell me they were there when they arrived, but when I went to get the tea the captain followed me into the kitchen and he said, 'You're not going to carry that tray out into the kitchen for us, are you? We'll eat right here,' and he put me at my ease immediately."
"They are all such fine men, I wish I could still have a lot of them over."

Band Leader Bob Chester Rated Offer From Boston Baseball Club

If he hadn't felt more at home swinging a baton than a baseball bat, Bob Chester, dance band maestro, would probably be tossing up balls and strikes for the Boston Red Sox in the National League instead of delighting hep-cats all over the country.
Leader of one of the up-and-coming young swing bands in the United States, Bob was offered a job on the pitching staff of the Red Sox before he organized his own band.
The tall, blond dresser used to split his time between playing semi-pro ball and blowing a tenor saxophone for eastern name bands, but he entered the league baseball world when he was drafted into the army.
Chester said he would rather be on a sax road than slippery elm so he gave away his spikes and baseball glove and devoted himself to music.

All this week Bob is appearing on the Orpheum stage with his smart crew. In off hours his big increase religiously mastering the "tonal effects" turned out by their pianist-arranger who once wrote the scores for Artie Shaw's band.
Chester organized his present band three years ago. Before that he played with such combinations as Tommy Dorsey's and Benn Pollock's.
Like all other leaders, Bob has found the opposition of Uncle Sam a little tough when it comes to holding men. One of his trumpet players was picked off by the draft a couple of days ago and another horn blower, a little Mexican, failed to crash the immigration men at the border.

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Weather And War Create Egg Trade; Cost Up Over Last Year

Increased army requirements was offered as a reason for the price increase. The owner. He is one of the dealers who buy directly from the farms to sell to the public.
"We're only a small outfit," he said, "but even so a certain amount of our shipments go to the armed forces."
"A completely unavoidable reason, he said, was the fact of cold weather.

Officials of the Dominion Marketing Service were unprepared to offer an explanation until the situation had been studied more closely.
According to a statement Monday from the Wartime Prices and Trade Board at Ottawa, a certain percentage of eggs has been placed on Grade A Large. Most stores in the city are charging 36 cents.

Obituaries

Isabella Hutchison, wife of Ernest H. Hutchison, of B.C., passed away at her home, 1117 Burrard Street, on Monday. She is survived by her husband, Tom Burnett; Mrs. Morgan Burnett; Mr. Roder, of Seattle; Mrs. Vernon L. Burnett, Vancouver; and one daughter, Mrs. G. Murray.

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Men Volunteer For Mines Here

Responding to the appeal made Monday by Labor Minister Mitchell for men to go to work in the coal mines here to save the country from a fuel shortage, several dozen men appeared at the office of Selective Services in this city, offering their services as mine workers.

It is reported that while none of Monday's applicants was at present employed, all expressed their willingness to work as miners, and that the response continued at the opening rate of speed, the problem would be much nearer solution.

LABOR MINISTER MITCHELL'S appeal was directed chiefly to employers of men engaged in other industries or businesses. Such men, if they wish to return to mining work, are to communicate first with the Selective Service office at 300 West Pender, and contact with the coal mine employer with a view to having the volunteers released from their present occupation.

To Seek Co-Operation Of Property Custodian In Letting Japs Homes

An effort is to be made by the city to have the custodian of the Japanese property consult with the city authorities before releasing any of the vacated Japanese homes.

Ald. George Buscombe who brought up the matter Monday, reported that application had been made by a real estate firm for water to be turned on to a shack on the Fraser River waterfront, which had refused the water application. It had offered, however, to permit the tenant, who had made a deal with the Custodian of Enemy Property, to occupy one of the homes in "Little Tokyo" after it had been inspected by the city.

CITY AIRMEN WIN BADGES

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Nov. 24. —(CP)—Group Captain W. A. Jones, commanding officer of the 8th Bombing and Gunnery School, R. C. A. F., Lethbridge, officiated at a graduation ceremony during the week end, when a class of wireless-operator air-buddies received their flying badges. Robert C. Hillon of R.R. Bangor, Sask., received the highest marks for his class. The graduates included: British Columbia: C. Hayes, Vancouver; C. C. Robinson, Vancouver; W. Henderson, Cranbrook; E. C. Sargent, South Hamilton.