

Seamanship Not A Requisite To Operate Tugboat Company

By BRUCE LEVETT
VICTORIA (CP) — "Mayday" is one word, a cry of "help me."
It was born in France but it has cracked across the widest, deepest ocean in the world in a babel of tongues.
Among those who listen for it are the red-haired Elworthy's, a family that has stuck close to its desks in two cities while sending one of the largest tugboat fleets about ranging the Pacific.
Donald Elworthy is vice-president in charge of operations for Island Tug and Barge in Vancouver. He's not a seaman. "You don't have to be a captain to run a tugboat business." Nor are brothers Gordon and Arthur, who operate from the Vic-

toria office; nor their father Harold, who founded ITB and now sits as chairman of the board. They're businessmen.
"We'll tow anything from anywhere to anywhere for any one, provided the price is right," says Donald.
The ITB house flag, a white life ring encircling a red funnel, has been torn by toranades off Japan and ripped by hurricanes off Mexico. It has frozen stiff in the inlets of northern British Columbia and Alaska and faded under the sun of the South Pacific.
CAPTAINS ON SHORE
ITB has 50 captains—"one on the boat and one on the shore" for each of its deep-sea vessels. Behind them stand 350 clerks, divers, bookkeepers, electronics experts, stenographers, deckhands, cooks and waiters and

welders and dock wallopers.
And always there is someone listening for the cry of "mayday."
In mid-May it came with a Chinese infection from the Tash Sing, 9,000 tons, bound for Portland, Ore., who lost her propeller 1,700 miles west of here and 500 miles south of the Aleutians.
Last year the call came from the Greek freighter Elli, a 10,000-tonner who also lost her propeller at 46 degrees north, 170 degrees east.
But it was another Greek freighter, the rusty Makedonia, and a retired corvette, the Sudbury, keeping a rendezvous off Japan in 1953 that broke an ITB tradition.
"Suds" brought her safely to Vancouver, 3,000 miles under tow and 43 days through eight

major storms and uncounted gales described in her log as "moderate."
Until then, ITB practice had been to name the tug Island. The firm operates the Island Brierley, Island Planet and dozens of other craft, all with the Island prefix.
COULDN'T CHANGE NAME
There had been pressure to rename the Sudbury the Island Elworthy.
"I wouldn't have it," Harold Elworthy says. "I could see the stories the first time she went into drydock—Elworthy is up on the ways having his bottom scraped."
In the midst of the indecision, Makedonia sent her signal.
"After the Makedonia run I couldn't change her name. The city of Sudbury, which had adopted her as a corvette, claimed a piece of the glory. Capt. Harley Blagborne is from Kelowna way—they claimed a part in it."
"Makedonia" was taken to Vancouver and Vancouver claimed credit. So did her home port, Victoria.
"The Makedonia episode is one of the stories which make ITB's scrapbook locker an anthology of the sea."
In 1949 Capt. Arthur Warren

burned the steel towboat Island Commander into an icebreaker by lashing logs to the bow and charged into ice-choked Murchison Arm on the west coast of Vancouver Island to rescue seven marooned adults and a child.
10,000-MILE TOW
In 1947 the tug Snochomith put her line aboard a barge loaded with six smaller tugs and towed the strange cargo 10,000 miles to Buenos Aires. Cambrian Salvor, in 1959, sailed from San Francisco with an escort aircraft carrier and a 10,000-ton liberty ship hooked up in tandem to her tow line and delivered them to the breakers' yards in Japan.
Same year, same tug and the tow was 11,000 miles, taking the 30,000-ton battleship Almirante Latoro (once HMS Canada) from Concepcion Bay, Chile, to the same final destination.
In the mid-1940s ITB had the contract to meet the engines Pamir, four-masted windjammer, at sea and tow her into Vancouver. Ten years later Pamir, as a German cadet ship, was lost off Africa.
Twice ITB crews have gone to the rescue of the Canadian Pacific Steamships' Maplecove,

once dashing 800 miles to her side.
The rescues and the salvage operations grab the headlines, but the big money-maker is the towing of forest products.
Says Donald:
"We carry rail cars, barges of explosive. We have brought entire sections of tankers to United States yards from Japan by jury-rigging bows on them."
"We tow industrial sail, 11,000 tons at a time in open barges, 1,600 miles from Black Warrior Lagoon in Mexico."
ITB carries forest products for MacMillan, Bloedel and Crown Zellerbach. It takes light oil products to Prince Rupert and runs a weekly barge schedule to remote northern ports.
LOST CONTROL
From his office, Harold Elworthy can see the tiny Island Planet, as the Quinlan, over-all length 33-feet, she is the tug upon which Elworthy built his fleet.
"She'll run until doomsday or until we lose her."
He can also see Sudbury II—more than 200 feet long and one of the largest salvage vessels in the world. She is named for the ship that lies off her fan-tail, the original "Suds."

Since he went to work at 19 as an office boy with a salvage firm, Harold Elworthy has followed a philosophy of "continuing expanding and always surround yourself with good key men, at sea and in the office."
In 1926 ITB absorbed Gardner Towing; in 1952 Young and Gore Towing; in 1958 Victoria Tug.
Only once did Harold Elworthy falter. In 1941, following "some stock manoeuvres," he found himself with only five per cent of "my own company."
He quit, ill and discouraged, later arranging financing through "one of our oldest customers" and buying back ITB. Today the controlling interest in ITB lies with McAllister Towing of New York and Montreal, but the Elworthys operate it under contract.
Only once did the Elworthys desert their desks for the sea. Donald and Gordon shipped as hands on the six-tug tow for Buenos Aires. At the destination, Gordon met the daughter of the port captain for the powerful Royal Mail Lines.
NEST SITES
House sparrows rarely build their nests less than 10 feet above the ground.



GOLDWATER PARTNERS?
Rep. Gerald R. Ford of Michigan left a new name on the list of men Sen. Barry Goldwater is considering as vice-presidential running mates. If he wins the Republican pre-

sidential nomination, Rev. William E. Miller, New York, right, the retiring Republican National Committee chairman is another man being considered. (AP Wirephoto)

Diet Of Adventists Being Recommended

KEENE, Tex. (AP)—The sun flares with a freshly-scrubbed look in this community of 1,200 planted among wooded hills just off U.S. Highway 67 southwest of Dallas.
It is Sunday, but the one church, an angular, modern brick building which seats 1,400, remains empty and silent.
A man in blue denim cap and overalls sets out for work. A housewife in a homemade pink bonnet hoses a garden. Boys and girls stroll about a college campus.
The post office, which has handled mail here since the 1890s, has a steady stream of customers.
Sunday is a day of rest for much of the world, is the first work day of the week here.
Keene is a town of Seventh Day Adventists, a sect which observes Saturday—the seventh day on the calendar—the Sabbath.
Adventists do not eat meat, use lipstick, smoke, drink or dance. They are dedicated to nurturing the spiritual life of themselves and others.
"We may be fanatical," Mrs. Ruth Hestand says with a smile, "but scientists today are beginning to recommend the kind of foods we've eaten for years—whole grains, nuts and fruits."
ONLY ONE OPEN
Mrs. Hestand is postmaster of the only U.S. post office open on Sunday. It closes at noon Friday and remains closed all day Saturday, the day of church services and Sabbath school.
The human body, Adventists say, is a thing of beauty which needs no additional adorning. Virtually all Adventists are vegetarians. Consequently, no meat is sold in Keene's grocery stores. A few Adventists won't

drink milk, and often shun coffee and tea. They don't play cards, and rarely attend movies.
Keene's 4,000 Adventists are among some 300,000 in the U.S. and Canada.
With missionaries in 190 countries, Adventists cite St. Matthew 24:14 as the cornerstone of their faith.
"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come."
Adventists believe this means that when every single living person has been told the gospel, the world will end, Christ will return physically to earth, and the righteous shall live in happiness forever.
They believe the world was literally created in seven days, as Genesis, the first book of the Bible, says.

TAKES EXAM
VICTORIA (CP) — Harry Osborne, 71, wrote his English examination at V.I.C. for a High School, where he also polished up his grammar. Mr. Osborne, a chief engineer at a lumber firm, plans on a writing career when he retires.

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Schedule for Tues. July 7th.

- Swimming and water sports
- Tug of war preliminaries
- Queen of the Sea judging
- Maritimes Shows Ltd.
- Coronation Ball.
- Serving fish and chips

Schedule For Wed. July 8th.

- Ball game
- Parade
- Official opening by Mr. H. J. Robichaud, Federal Minister of Fisheries
- Boat races (inboard and outboard)
- Band concert
- Tug of war Provincial championships
- Fireworks
- Regatta Dance
- HMCS New Waterford and the CGS Cygnus will be in port along with the RCMP Patrol

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PROCLAMATION
I hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 8th, 1964 a civic holiday in the town of Souris, in order that everyone may have an opportunity to participate in the celebrations during the Souris Regatta and Fisheries Exhibition.
C. EDMUND LaVIE,
Mayor.

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