

Plans To Sail His 12-Foot Boat Across The Atlantic

TORONTO (CP)—A 33-year-old throwback to the Vikings plans to sail to England this summer in his 12-foot, 500-pound plywood "ship" he built in his garage.

Bert Smith, a light metals worker here, sailed to England with a friend in the 26-foot ketch Orenda two years ago. This year, all alone, he hopes to break the record for small-craft crossings with the Orenda Too.

His new boat, two feet shorter than a 14-footer that made the crossing in 1939, left Tuesday by train for Halifax. Smith plans to join it there June 28 and set sail for Dartmouth, England, from North Sydney, N.S., on July 1.

"Orenda Too and I will be in England around Labor Day," he says confidently.

Flat-bottomed and heavy-

keeled, the boat is divided into five watertight compartments; fore, aft, centre (the living space) and both sides.

UN-SINKABLE CRAFT?

Smith claims it's unsinkable. Two hollow aluminum masts, open at the top, will provide fresh air when the hatch is battened down on the watertight cabin.

Asked why he's making the trip, the amateur sailor replied: "I want to set a record—and I'm kind of restless." He'll carry official greetings from the people of Toronto to the people of Dartmouth.

His wife knows nothing about boats and isn't enthusiastic about the planned voyage. But she shares her husband's confidence. "If Bert says he'll do it, nothing will stop him," she commented.



JOHN EDWARD BELLIVEAU, author of "Purely Personal"—a daily column in The Toronto Star—is a veteran newspaper reporter whose assignments have taken him from one end of the earth to the other. He is also author of a book, "The Coffin Murder Case," the famous story of the American hunters murdered at Gaspé.



A Legacy To Your Children

125 years ago in a Halifax courtroom, Joseph Howe told a jury sitting in judgment upon his newspaper: "Gentlemen, I conjure you to leave an unshackled press as a legacy to your children."

Since then, and from a base laid even earlier, Canada's newspapers have built upon that legacy a heritage that's woven in the fabric of our nation. Other and more glamorous communication methods have arisen. Television has brought its fleeting pictures and glossy entertainment, but the legacy that Joseph Howe, "the People's Tribune," left for all the people has kept loyally to its trust.

The newspaper has always held the notion that it is the right of every man to be informed. From the day in Montreal when THE GAZETTE of 1789 carried Canada's first social legislation, the maximum price for bread, to the stirring arguments of 1957 on what some said were threats to parliament, the nation's papers have upheld the right to keep the people properly informed.

The railroads made this young nation a physical, dynamic possibility; it was the newspapers only that could make of it political reality and a lasting coordinating whole.

Passing, transient voices have often been heard in the land. Lately, there are those succumbing momentarily to the wooing of new Muses that promise, but do not produce, the information on which people make decisions. Only the newspaper has remained the constant and unwavering vigilante to guard the will of Canada.

In another century, it was Muddy York's COLONIAL ADVOCATE that held the mirror of its day to the oppressive wrongs of Family Compact and brought about its downfall. A fierce, red-headed little editor, William Lyon Mackenzie, fought with his small journal in Upper Canada while at the same time... Neilson fought for righting wrongs in Lower Canada.

Our own day sees a dapper little French-Canadian, the reporter Edmond Chasse, moving relentlessly about his city gathering together the threads that "broke" in 1949 the gruesome criminal bombing of an airplane that took the lives of 23. For that, J. Albert Guay would hang. It was not some new and glamorous medium that pointed out the clues to the authorities, but a working news man and his smallest daily journal.

A few years later, while rumors simmered and the public could not tell where wrong might lie, Gwyn Thomas in THE TORONTO DAILY STAR quietly gathered and then published the information that disclosed Ontario's far-reaching highway scandals. And it was now, in these last five years too, that Bruce Larsen, an energetic reporter of THE VANCOUVER PROVINCE, laid bare the shocking conditions at Oakalla Prison Farm.

List these, and then repeat them with other cases just as vital, and you will see how newspapers of the past and into our very day have maintained the right of the people to be informed. And have kept them informed.

Historians have sold short the newspapers. While poring through their files for the very facts on which to base their works, they have called newspaper words transient and fleeting. Yet those very written words which they held to be "dead" today because they were written yesterday, have held such life, continuing vitality, that only they are there preserved to tell the temper of the times.

Today, as he was half a century ago, the sage, abiding counsel of the West, John W. Dafeo thundering in his WINNIPEG FREE PRESS the rise of Canadian nationhood, is quoted wherever wise Canadians gather. The agricultural experts of the prairie papers inform their people of the vagaries of wheat as Cora Hind so brilliantly informed them and made them prosper in the past.

Setting himself against the overwhelming population, the wealth and growing powers of the press across the Detroit river, W. F. Herman created in Windsor a great newspaper that built a city as much as the great automotive industry that came there. He saw the birth and the rise of the labor unions and, with them, watched their rights protected.

Before him and with him and after him, in Toronto Joseph E. Atkinson had laid and built and expanded the foundations of his daily and weekly newspapers that saw and led a whole era of social change. The welfare of the people, all the people, and the protection of their rights moved him and urged him, and governments moved behind and wrought the legislative changes that the people sought.

Today a French language newspaper whose translated name means "Duty," strives every day to point the dangers of corruption as LE DEVOIR, small perhaps in circulation but great in its effect, watches for the signs that must always guard the people in democracy.

Someone has written that the very interest readers take in everything the papers do is an indication of the place they hold in each community. "It is an open institution and people think of it as their own. Their interest is proprietary." What other form of communication holds itself so close to those it would inform?

Given the honest facts, the people can make up their own minds. It is that function the newspapers continue to uphold. It is not always glamorous; it is not always purely entertaining. But without a free press no democracy can endure. Hitler proved it, Stalin proved it, and in Argentina when Juan Peron would throttle freedom it was the newspaper LA PRENSA that it throttled first.

Years later, I talked in a New York apartment with Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, the exiled publisher of LA PRENSA, as he was packing to return to South America. Peron was deposed, and the man who had all those years opposed him was going back to prove once more that the liberty of people lies with the life of the free, untrammelled press.

When the fight for Pasteurization and the preservation of child health was necessary, it was the newspapers that carried the battle. When hysteria seemed likely to come with floods in Winnipeg or Hurricane Hazel in Toronto, it was the newspapers with the facts, the lists of dead and those moved off to safety, that quieted the greater fears.

It was across the news wires of THE CHRONICLE in Halifax that word went out about the sinking of Titanic, called the end of an age of false security. And it was in that city, in the tragic and unequalled explosion of that generation that the newspapers quieted its people with the facts, full and terrible as they were. Throughout the land help raced to the disaster-torn city, and it was the newspapers which told the public of the needs.

With pungent cartoons and sharpened background news and editorials, it has been the newspapers that have brought about reforms in prisons, changed the very names of hospitals for the mentally disturbed and bettered their conditions. They and their support have hastened such reforms as old age pensions and family allowances. It is they that have interpreted this vast nation one part to the other. It is they that have exposed the hoodlumism, the market frauds, the irregularities of unfitted politicians. It is they that have curbed the march of those who in their turn would curb Canadian liberties.

As Joseph Howe said that day in Halifax: "The press has constantly vindicated and maintained the independence of juries." Times have changed and other media have been born, but the newspapers have been the forces that have formed our nation and kept its decencies.

They say Pliny of ancient Rome was the first journalist, a kind of newspaperman who warned the people of their Caesars. So it remains today.

"Gentlemen," said the great Canadian statesman Joseph Howe in that distant day, "I fearlessly consign myself and, what is of more consequence, your country's press into your hands. I would rather be cast into prison for years than meet you in after life to reproach me for having misled you this day by false statements of fact or law."

This is why, in all the hue and cry of a swift and passing day, the firmest, closest to the people and most reliable of all the means of keeping men informed... the newspaper... has remained the first in their affections.

KENSINGTON

Sincerest sympathy is being extended to Mrs. Eric Grant, on receiving the sad news of the sudden passing of her mother, Mrs. Ella Annie Brooke, of 403 Roseville Avenue, Winnipeg, at the age of 86 years.

Mr. Fred Tuplin left on Tuesday morning for western Canada where he plans to spend some time visiting relatives.

His many friends will be pleased to learn Mr. Keir MacKay, has been able to return to his home in Sea View after being a patient in Prince County Hospital.

The June meeting of Baltic Women's Institute, met on Thursday evening, at the home of Mrs. Bruce Riley. After the regular routine of business, a Shur-Gain contest was sponsored by Mrs. Edith Wall, and the prize which was donated by Shur-Gain Feed Mills at Kensington was won by Mrs. Bruce Crozier.

Mr. Thane Adams has returned to Montreal, after spending the past several weeks in Sea View the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Adams.

Mrs. J. B. Andrew Charlottetown spent the weekend in Malpeque.

Miss Sophie Barbour of Montrose is visiting in Kensington, the guest of Mrs. Mattie MacKinnon.

Messrs. Gordon and Roy Barbour of Alberton were visitors to Baltic and Kensington on June 8th. C. V.

WELLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Atyre Cormier, Mr. and Mrs. Glorice Cormier, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Gallant of St. Philip, motored to Tignish recently to attend a Lacordaire meeting.

Mr. Eric Gallant who has been employed in Valleyfield, Que., for a number of months, is now home in Egmont Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Abdo Gaudet, have moved into their home in St. Gilbert, after spending the winter months in St. Philip with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Gallant.

Miss Emelina Caissie is now at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caissie, after being employed in Kinkora for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cormier, Summerside, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cormier.

The funeral of the late Joseph P. Bernard of Mont Carmel was held on Saturday morning. Requiem High Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Mont Carmel Church by Rev. Buote. Interment in the church cemetery. Pallbearers, all brothers of deceased, were, Cyrille, Emilien, Edmond, Anthony, Albeni and Emmanuel Bernard.

A large barn containing a quantity of hay, harness, etc., belonging to Mr. Andrew J. Gallant of the Village, was destroyed by fire recently. The home owner and his wife were away at the time, as well as most of the neighbours. Wellington firemen responded and along with the neighbours did a good job in preventing the flames from spreading to nearby home and houses across the road. No livestock was in the barn at the time. Mr. Gallant is employed as a salesman with A.E. McLennan Ltd. It is reported there is some insurance on the barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Albenie Arsenault of St. Gilbert, had as recent guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Caissie, who were accompanied by Mrs. Jacques Gaudet and Mrs. Lizette Arsenault, all of New Brunswick.

Mr. Frank J. Arsenault who recently visited in Ontario and U.S.A., visited Mrs. Agno Maddix recently.

Mrs. Sophie Gaudet had as recent guests, Mr. and Mrs. Arsenault of Summerside. They were accompanied by Miss Jacqueline Arsenault of Charlotte-Town. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Arsenault and two children of Lew-ville, N.B., also recently visited at the Poirier home.

Misses Agnes and Edith Arsenault and Miss Clara Cormier, recently visited their parents in St. Gilbert.

Mrs. Fidele Gallant and three children, Summerside, recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albenie Arsenault.

Mr. Emanuel Bernard has returned to his home in MacAdam, N.B., after a brief visit with friends and relatives in Egmont Bay.

Mr. Samuel McAusland spent

the weekend with his niece, Mrs. Eva Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Glorice Wedge, and Miss Octave Wedge of Mont Carmel, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Arsenault and family of Egmont Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cormier have returned home from a visit in Mont Carmel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Caissie of Miscouche, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cormier.

Mrs. Celine Cormier, Summerside, spent a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Gallant, St. Philip.

Mr. Theodore Caissie, with Canadian Army, stationed in Nova Scotia, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caissie of Egmont Bay, recently.

Misses Margaret and Louise Bernard, recently visited Mrs. J. A. Gallant and family of Tignish.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Arsenault and family, Summerside, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Aucoin and Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Aucoin.

TIGNISH

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Richard, Lowell, Mass., who recently motored to the Island accompanied by Mrs. Richard's sister, Mrs. James Gillis, who had been visiting the Richard family during the past six months, have now returned to their home. While here they were the house guests of Mrs. Gillis' son, Mr. Herman Gillis, St. Felix, and visited with other relatives and friends in the community.

Mr. Leo Harper and Mr. John McGuire have returned to their homes in Somerville, Mass., after a week spent at Mr. Harper's home in Christopher Cross. While here, Mr. Harper had workmen employed doing extensive repairs to the interior of his home. Later in the year both gentlemen will return to the Island, accompanied by their wives, to vacation for a month or six weeks.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mrs. James Handrahan, whose death occurred on June 6th, at the home of her son, Mr. Joseph Handrahan, Ascension.

Mrs. R. E. O'Connor and Miss Louise Gaudet, Toronto, Ont. are enjoying their annual vacation, and spending it with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Gaudet, Tignish.

Mrs. Edgar Peters has returned to her duties as salesclerk with the Tignish Co-op. Ltd., after being absent for several weeks, due to illness. Mrs. Peters' friends are happy to know she is again enjoying good health.

The lobster fishermen in this Tignish area are pretty well discouraged with the results of their lobster catches each day, which are very, very poor. The packing plants have closed down after being in operation only one month, and the workers are now on the unemployment list, which makes it equally as hard for them as for the fishermen.

Mrs. Foster Skerry, Tignish, spent four days in St. Andrews, N.B., visiting her friend Mrs. Joseph Walsh and family.

Mrs. Howard Gaudet, Toronto, Ont., has come to Tignish to spend two weeks with her mother Mrs. F. J. Skerry, and her little daughter Debby Gaudet, who resides in Tignish with Mrs. Skerry, her grandmother.

Rev. Terrence Campbell, D.D., Ch'Town, celebrated mass in Tignish on Saturday morning, June 7th. The occasion was the anniversary of his sixty years ordained a priest. Fr. Campbell's only immediate relative, a sister, Mrs. Fred Conroy, resides in Tignish, and due to her advanced age, was unable to travel any distance, so for that reason, he came to Tignish. The mass celebrated in the Convent chapel of Our Lady of the Angels, was attended by relatives and friends of Fr. Campbell.

Congratulations are extended to Father Campbell by the residents of Tignish, and these friends wish him continued good health to carry on the work in his beloved church.

Jo-Ann Perry, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Perry Tignish has returned home from the Western Hospital, where she had been a patient for several days, under the care of Dr. W.A. Shea.

Mrs. Pius Ellsworth, Skippers Pond, spent a day recently with her aunt Mrs. E.J. McCue and Mr. McCue, Alberton. D. K.

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