



A friendly place to visit

Jump aboard for a tour of Montmorency

by Danny Asselin
Not many people believe the many opportunities that a camera can open to a person. This was the case last Saturday as I was led on a tour of the Canadian Coast Guard ship, the Montmorency.

While at the Midland town docks, looking for interesting pictures for this paper, I happened to look up and saw a man hanging out a porthole on what had appeared to be a deserted ship.

We had a conversation about different types of cameras when suddenly the sailor, Bob Lamonde, asked me if I would like to come aboard for a tour, to take some pictures from the bridge.

Always one to jump quickly at an opportunity, I said "Well, uh...I think so."

I climbed up the gangplank but couldn't find my way into the ship and had to wait for Bob to come onto the deck to get me. We toured the crew's quarters, the kitchens, the dining rooms and recreation facilities — all impressive with their cleanliness and similarity to those of a cruise vessel.

He then led me down a grey, steep, well-lighted stairway to the engine room and its two diesel engines. I had to agree with Bob through my ski jacket, turtle-neck sweater and two undershirts, that yes, this was the hottest part of the ship.

We finally arrived at the bridge. As I peeled off my ski jacket and started to take pictures, I found Bob to be not only a pleasant, rotund man but an opinionated one as well.

On spending Christmas aboard ship: "It's not all that bad, but you do miss home".

On Midland and its people, the native Montrealer said:

"This is a really great place to visit. Midland has everything, and the people are very nice to invite aboard to break the boredom."

"Midland is really going to be some great place in the future".

With those words still fresh in my mind, I packed up my

gear, shook his hand, thanked him for his kindness and left.

And I would suggest that anyone with an interest in ships visit the Montmorency before she leaves for Collingwood and winter layup in the middle of January.

And carry a camera — even if you don't know how to use it.

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Christmas visitors to and from Waubaushene

by Charlotte Gerdes
Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gulliver during the holidays were their daughter, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Neuman and two children Kenneth and Mary-Ann, from Edmonton. This is their first visit home in six years. Their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gulliver and two children from Kitchener also spent a few days with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Amor spent Christmas with Mrs. Amor's mother, Mrs. Lily Russell in Toronto.

Mrs. Ilene Bell visited with her son Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bell and family in Huntsville over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bourrie were in Barrie for a few days, visiting Mrs. Bourrie's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. P. Panagabko and her mother, Mrs. Giles. They then spent a few days in Kleinburg, with Mr. Bourrie's son Mr. and Mrs. Frances Bourrie and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brodeur were in Toronto visiting their nephew Terry Faggerty and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. Bunton over the holidays was their son and his family from Agincourt.

Mrs. Dorothy Bye of Sturgeon Bay had all her family home on Christmas day. Santa left an unusually large red Christmas stocking at her house on Christmas morning and tucked inside was a new little grandson, Terry, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George McNutt who arrived at St. Andrews Hospital on Dec. 22. Mother and son were released from hospital and arrived home in time to enjoy Christmas day with the family.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. Cook were their two daughters, Mrs. Stairs and family from Newmarket, and Mrs. Lorna Stewart and family from Scarborough and Mrs. Cook's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. Little from Woodbridge.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. D. Dahms were Mr. and Mrs. E. Dahms from Mildmay, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Allensen from Waterloo.

Susan Duncliff, R.N., spent a few days over

Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncliff. Miss Duncliff is nursing in Winnipeg.

Mr. Ed Laughton of Georgian Manor in Penetanguishene was also a guest of his daughter and son-in-law over Christmas. Mary Ellen Mullhall was home with her parents over Christmas. She is working in Toronto.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Elliot over the holidays were Mrs. Elliot's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yon of Toronto.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gouett over Christmas were Mrs. Gouett's son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Don Morrison from Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hamilton held open house on Dec. 24 for their family and close friends. This is an annual affair for the Hamiltons.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill was their son Ed Hill Jr., his family and their grandson Jack Hill who is attending the University of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Maidment had their two sons with them over the holidays, Grant from Belleville and Gary from Toronto. Also visitors were Mrs. B. Elliot and family from Weston and Mr. and Mrs. Pierce from Peterborough.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Moreau had their two daughters and

their husbands with them over the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Calvert from Meaford and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Graham from Burlington.

Mrs. William Richards spent Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Denny Wilson in Orillia. Her grandson Bill Wilson returned with her until school starts again.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Tucker over Christmas were their three sons, Neil and his family from Mattawa, Don and his family from Oshawa, and Tim from Toronto.

Mrs. Mary Tucker was in St. Catharines for a few days before Christmas to visit her son John, who is seriously ill in hospital. Over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Tucker and son Kenny visited with her.

Over Christmas, Mr. and

Mrs. Allan Fox of Orillia visited with Mrs. Fox's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmont Wilson of Sturgeon Bay.

On Dec. 22, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Duncliff held a family dinner in the Oddfellow's Hall. Forty-two relatives attended, coming from Willowdale, Toronto, Bracebridge, Broutham, Faircourt Beach, London, Port Colborne, Acton and Waubaushene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown attended a family gathering on New Year's Day, in Charlebois Hall in Lafontaine. Thirty-five relatives of Mr. Eddie Dorion attended.

Mr. Francis Brown is a patient in Soldier's Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Albert Moreau has returned home from the hospital.

Mrs. J. Killoran is a patient in Toronto General Hospital.

Mrs. Beryle Hutchison is a patient in St. Andrews Hospital.

Over the holidays my husband and I had four of our married children and their families with us for two days at Christmas. On the weekend we spent four days visiting with my cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Risebrough, and my aunt, Mrs. Constance Munro in Zepher. From there we went to Weston and had a lovely visit with our friend Mrs. Jessie Rhodes and her sister.

I would like to thank the Anglican Guild, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill and Mrs. Jean Brown for remembering my parents with gifts at Christmas, as well as Rev. Kibblewhite for travelling to Orillia in order to give them the Christmas Communion. Unfortunately, my mother has suffered a stroke and is not at all well, but she did enjoy Christmas day.



Fiftieth anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Arbour of 527 Hugel Avenue in Midland celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on December 30. Married in 1924 in Sacred Heart Church, Port McNicoll, the Arbours moved to Midland 49 years ago. Mr. Arbour is a former employee

of Kettle's Red and White Store on Russell Street. The couple plan a trip to the West Coast in the near future, a trip which they received as an anniversary gift. A small family reception was held on Sunday afternoon, December 29, 1974.

Pro race at Collingwood

For the third straight year, the World Pro Ski Tour will pit top racers in thrilling side by side competition at Collingwood's Blue Mountain Ski Resort on January 25 and 26.

This year's classic, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, will offer a total prize purse of \$30,000.

The Blue Mountain Classic, seventh race on the

16 event tour, will feature for the first time an Ontario team of pro racers, sponsored by the host resort.

Nicknamed "The Blue Mountain Boys", Doug Woodcock, Paul Carson, Damian Lee, Lutz Brode and Derek Robbins will try to attain the major share of honors on their home turf.

They will face gigantic competition in the names of

Jean-Claude Killy, current series leader, Henri Duviard, Spider Sabich and last season's top finisher at Blue Mountain, Hugo Nindl.

Since the series began five years ago, Canadians have not fared very well against their European and American counterparts.

Woodcock, finishing 16th in the total standings last year, has proven himself the top Canadian on the tour.

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Well done ma'am

Eight-year-old Susanne Foster, who lives at Mountainview, took first place in the girls under 10 class at last Sunday's cross-country trials at Mountainview Ski hills near Midland. Above, she gets an affectionate rub on the neck from Rolf Haig, who himself placed second in the over 45 age group.

Mr. and Mrs. Gratrix celebrate 50 years

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gratrix of R.R.1, Waubaushene, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The celebration was quiet, with a few friends, due to the fact that Mr. Gratrix had just returned from a stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Gratrix is the former May Botting of Concession 13, Tay Township, and attended public school in Coldwater.

Walter Gratrix was born in Medonte and attended Rosemount School. Later he moved to Detroit, but returned at Christmas time in 1924 to be married. He took his bride back to Detroit where they lived for a number of years. They have been living at their present address for approximately 20 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Gratrix have one daughter, Marilyn, (Mrs. Bill Duncliff) of Acton, Ontario.

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