

Stormy Days Recall to Mind Good Old Days in Homeland

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By P. B. K.

Off Newfoundland
Today, Monday, in the Gulf of the St. Lawrence off Newfoundland, and only last Thursday in Chicago we boarded the Overseas Express bound for Montreal. Which goes to show that if one wants to travel he must start.

With 500 other humans we are steaming northeasterly on the short route to Liverpool. The sunlit sapphire sea, touched here and there with the foam of breaking waves, meets the sky of paler blue in one huge continuous ring.

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Next Sunday we shall be in Liverpool, and soon after we shall be walking down the pleasant lanes of England.

"A Nice Breeze"

Passing Cape Race, the southeast tip of Newfoundland and the goodbye outstretched hand of the New World, we struck rough weather. A north-east gale pounced upon us, and very soon, under the joint assault of wind and wave the staunch liner began pitching and rolling. This was early Tuesday, July 8.

The passengers, almost without exception, arose as usual and breakfasted as usual. The boat was rolling, but what of it? Had they not armed themselves against discomfort by taking all the well known precautionary measures? So they wrapped themselves warmly and stretched out in their steamer chairs. But feet and hands began to chill, and walking seemed desirable, so round and round promenaded enterprising couples.

In vain. The dreaded moment came, and with it disgust and despair. One by one the sick folk went below and got what little comfort they could from pillow and mattress. Appetites fled. Was it for that they had left the solid stationary soil?

All Tuesday night the unwelcome wind continued. Even today, Wednesday, it is heaping up the great waters, and the dining tables are still deserted.

We suggested to a friendly tar that the weather was rather stormy. "O no!" said he cheerily, "just a nice, stiff sailing breeze!"

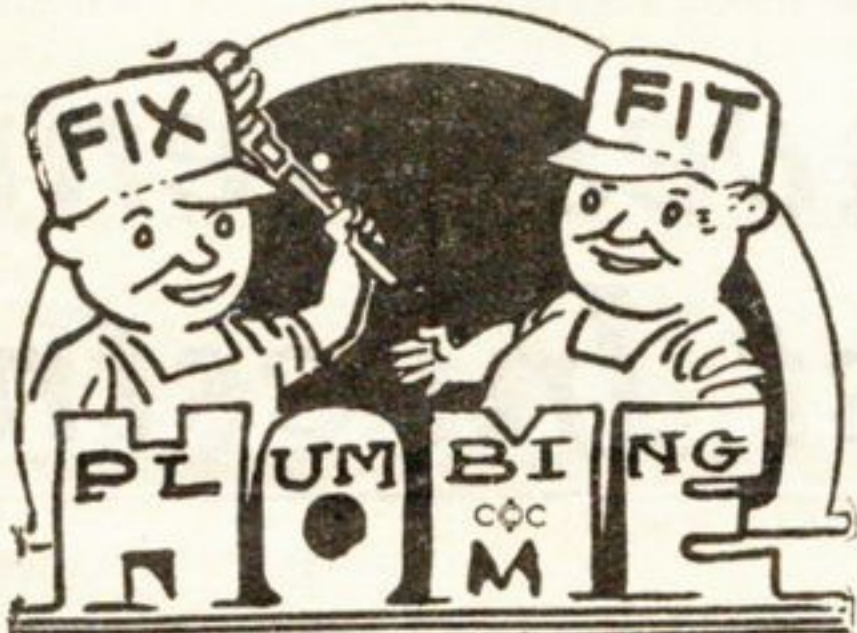
WILMETTE'S OWN SWIM HERO DUE HOME SOON

Robert D. Skelton, who last week won the world's championship in the 200-meter breast stroke of the swimming events at the Olympic games in France, has left France for England with other water athletes who completed their events last week. Along with other American swimmers he will participate in an exhibition to be given in one of the English cities. He will also take part in the national meet to be held at the Edgewater Beach when the Olympic swimmers return to this country.

Skelton, who has been active in water sports for a number of years, is a graduate of New Trier Township High school. Through his ability in the breast stroke events he was elected to the Illinois Athletic association several years ago before he reached the age of 20. He has competed in

various swimming contests throughout the United States under the banner of that organization and established an American record in the 220-yard breast stroke in Minneapolis in March of 1923.

He broke his own record in the Indianapolis tryouts for the American Olympic games, and then at Les



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WELFARE CONFERENCE

A Child Welfare conference with Dr. Sutherland of Rush Medical college in attendance, will be held at the Gross Point Health center Wednesday afternoon, July 30, from 3 until 5 o'clock. The center is located on

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