

OLD SEA LORE LIVES YET IN GLOUCESTER

Yankee Fishing Ports Yield to Changing Times; Many Stories Told

GLOUCESTER, Mass.—(AP)—One of the famous old New England fishing ports, Gloucester, retains the full flavor of the spicy olden days, and even Gloucester has changed in that new and improved methods have reduced loss of life among the men who go to the sea in ships.

The sealing industry went the way of the seal, and the whaling ports succumbed to petroleum and electricity, but fishing for food goes on apace and Gloucester has just completed what the old timers claim is the best mackerel fishing season in its history.

Gloucester in winter is a city of snow banked streets, ice clad fishing schooners creaking at their piers along the waterfront, cold winds whistling through frost-stiffened shrouds and flicking salt from the crests of whitecapped waves in the harbor.

At the Fisherman's Institute the landsman can breathe deep of the salt atmosphere. Oldtimers there, weatherbeaten veterans of the banks, taking it easy between trips, a bit taciturn about this fishing business and a bit proud of it, too, will talk with apparent reluctance of the old days and now.

"Yes," said one, as he leaned back in his snug corner, "this year's mackerel season was the best in the history of Gloucester and they're adding to all the fleets out of here every year. And what's more, the fisherman's life ain't what it used to be. In my time there were 50 women mackerelers. This year only five mackerelers lost their lives from Gloucester drift, another new record."

"I never saw the worst of it either. From 1879 to 1886 there were 277 vessels of the Gloucester fleet lost and 1924 men drowned or died aboard. Better schooners are one reason for the improvement—that and more general auxiliary power. And life has been made easier, too. There's the radio at sea and when the schooner docks the fisherman is through; he doesn't have to stay at unloading her."

About the room a dozen stout men in sea boots were playing

pool and billiards upon the tables. Behind them was a blackboard with the scrawl: "Six men wanted for schooner Mary Ann, double dory." Another read: "Single doryman for schooner Agate." These were calls to the winter harvest on the banks.

George E. Russell, the genial chaplain of the institute, named over the year's dead—three men lost when the Raiph Brown was wrecked last February on Briar Neck, one lost in a capsized dory, and one who fell or was swept from the deck of his schooner.

His records show 30 lost in 1925, 18 in 1924, 26 in 1923 and 27 in 1922, but, he says, it used to be worse. Mr. Russell estimates that 100 schooners of the fleet have radio sets and a local station now broadcasts market reports on landings and prices.

Mahood Here to Give Series of Services

Rev. J. W. Mahood, evangelist, arrived yesterday in this city to begin a series of evangelistic meetings at the Jason Lee Methodist church. He is well known in Salem, having recently given a series of services at the First Methodist church.

Rev. Mahood will preach three times today—at 11 a. m., 3 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. Services will be held at 7:30 p. m. each day in the week except Saturday. Brief afternoon services will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Minnie Albright, Editor Silvertown High Annual

SILVERTON, Ore., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Officers for the 1927 Silvertown, the high school year book have been selected. Minnie Albright has been chosen editor; Rex Russell, manager; Harold Alfred, assistant manager; Marguerite Sather and Eleanor Jane Ballantyne, associate editors. Others who will assist as class and activity reporters and editors include, Eva McVay, Viola Taw, Francis Keene, Franklin Even-son, Winnifred Eastman, Helen Dickerson, Mable Digerness, Anna Lehman, Dorothy Neal, Rosella Alrick, Marten Green, and John Kieeb.

The first Silvertown was published in 1916.

Gold Beach.—Farmers and business men form company to print new "Gold Beach Independent."

Faraday.—Griswold Lumber company building new sawmill to cut 30,000 feet a day.

His Latest Picture



HAROLD LLOYD
The Kid Brother
Starts Sat., Jan. 29th

At THE OREGON

YOUNGSTERS COURT LIKE FATHERS DID

Sleighs and Cutters Come Back to Highways of Northwest With Heavy Snow

ST. PAUL.—(AP)—Sleighs and cutters have come back to the highways of the northwest, to ride the deep snows which motor cars cannot traverse.

But the hitchin' posts are gone, and a lot of towns wish they had not uprooted the knawed and knotted pillars with such lacry at the advent of the automobile.

Snow and more snow, three feet deep on many countryside and drifted to ten feet in southern Minnesota, has put a crimp in motor travel. Bob-sleds, cutters and open sleighs rule the road, rescued from cob-webbed nooks in haylofts and carriage sheds to enjoy their greatest vogue in twenty-five years.

The revival of sleigh-riding has its parking problem, however. The hitching racks around the public square and behind the country churches have vanished. Feed barns and heavy stables have been converted into garages. There's no place for a man's nags.

Some villages where the march of progress has been less devastating have capitalized on the survival of their hitching posts. Motorists have been forbidden to park in front of the racks, and the horse is having a last laugh that he never anticipated.

Youngsters are doing their courting again like their fathers did. Wrapped in warm buffalo robes, with their girls snuggled beside them, the swains have abandoned the food-feed for the dashboard behind which one-arm driving is not against the law.

Dog derbies, winter carnivals, skating and all sorts of winter sports have been given impetus by the phenomenal snowfall. Every town has its skating rink, and the larger cities have scores. Ski meets are enlisting new enthusiasts, and sleighing parties are once more as popular as when Nellie was last seen home.

Myers Given Parole Due to Age and First Offense

Richard Myers, 19, who was arrested several weeks ago with Floyd E. Carrier, on a charge of stealing an automobile, was sentenced in circuit court Saturday morning to spend one year in the penitentiary.

Due to his youthfulness and the fact of his first offense, Myers was given a bench parole to J. B. Hall, Eugene attorney, on recommendation of the Marion county district attorney.

Carrier was arraigned on the same charge and will plead his case January 26. Willard H. Wirtz was appointed attorney for the defense.

Portland bank clearings for 1926 were \$2,103,840,193. In 1913 they were \$627,818,010.

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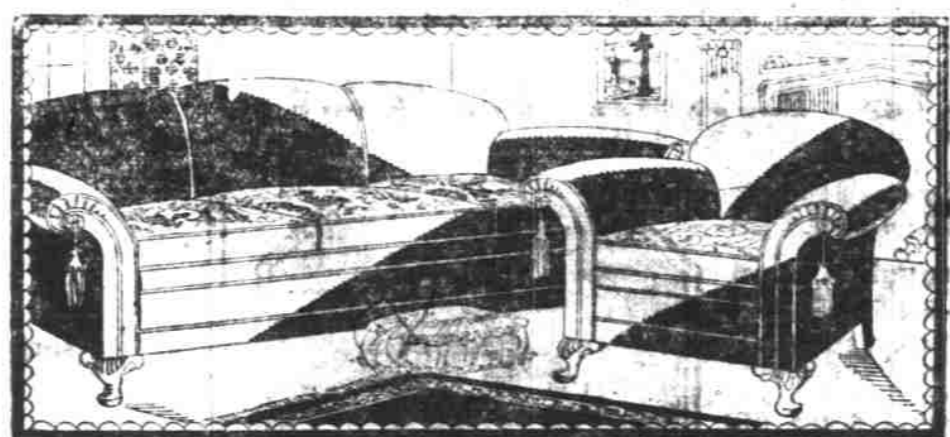
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