

OH, DIANA!

All Dressed Up

KATY, OUR PARTY IS DEFINITELY GOING TO BE THE BIG SPLASH AT THE FRESHIE HOP.

A SPECIAL TABLE WITH LUTHERLY LUSH FLOWERS, AND A FOUR COURSE DINNER.

WAIT 'TILL HOWER SEES ME WITH ORCHIDS. I'LL BLOW A FUSE. I'VE GOT T'EST DRESSED, SEE YOU AT THE HOP.

BUT MOTHER, NO ONE EVER WEARS ANYTHING BUT JEANS TO THE FRESHIE HOP.

OH, DIANA!

YEAH, WHO?

WHAT'S THE USE OF GOING TO A DANCE WITHOUT DANCING?

WELL WE CAN GET A LINE ON WHO DID ALL THE DANCING.

YEAH, AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

LET'S GO!

DIANA WOULDN'T TELL ME WHO SHE'S STEPPIN' OUT WITH.

WE OUGHTA LOOK UP SUMPIN' T'GET EVEN WITH THOSE SMATCHERS.

NOT THAT IT MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE WHO TOOK PEG. I'M JUST CURIOUS WHO IT WAS.

OH, DIANA!

SUCH TAKING WAYS

BOY THE PLACE IS BUSTIN' WITH HILARITY.

WHAT I'M HERE T'ND OUT IS WHO DATED MY DATE.

THERE'S DIANA AND KATY!

YEAH, AND SEE WHO'S SURROUNDED BY OUR HEART-THROBS!

THAT FRESHIE PENNYMUCKER! THIS IS THE MOST DIVINE PARTY I'VE EVER SEEN!

OH GERALD! ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO SPEAK UP!

ADVANCING AT THE FRESHIE HOP, AT TWELVE MILE TOWN, THE CASINO HEADS TO THE DANCE FLOOR.

OAKY DOAKS

Trial Flight

OAKY AND NELLIE HAVE BEEN CHASING INTO THE CAVE OF DR. MULL BY A FLYING DRAGON! AND NOW THE FORMER HORSE-DOCTOR HAS JUST PERFORMED A MIRACLE...

JUMPIN' JIMINY, DR. MULL, WHAT'S THE IDEA?

IT SHOULD BE QUITE OBVIOUS, YOUNG MAN!

TO FIGHT A FLYING DRAGON YOU NEED TO HAVE A FLYING HORSE!

BUT NELLIE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT FLYING!

SHE'LL SOON LEARN! LOOK!!

OAKY DOAKS

GOOD RIDDANCE

NELLIE, STOP! THERE ISN'T ENOUGH ROOM TO FLY IN HERE!

TAKE HER AWAY BEFORE SHE WRECKS MY CAVE!

...AND TAKE THAT DRAGON WITH YOU!

OAKY DOAKS

TRICK STUFF

G-GOSH! HERE COMES THE DRAGON, NELLIE!

AND THIS IS A REAL CHANCE TO TRY OUT YOUR WINGS!

ATTAGIRL!

HEY, WHAT TH'??

SCORCHY SMITH

Plan Ranned

AS KATHY PULLS HER HEART STRINGS SCORCHY PULLS OTHER STRINGS TO BRING PROSPERITY AND PROGRESS TO RITZANPUR WITH AIRPLANES AND ELEPHANTS... AND THAT SHOULD BE A WELCOME SURPRISE FOR THE RAJAH!

FERRYING LIVE ELEPHANTS BY AIRLIFT OVER THOSE MOUNTAINS IS A REAL NOVEL IDEA, FELLA... WE ALSO THINK IT'S DANGEROUS, IMPRACTICAL AND IMPOSSIBLE!

WHY?... JUST BECAUSE IT'S NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE? THIS IS A BIG CHANCE FOR YOUR FIELD TO PIN UP SOME PUBLICITY!

YOU MEAN TO PIN UP SOME WREATHS? NO DICE!

HOLD ON A SEC!

SCORCHY SMITH

PILOT PICKED

KARACHI TO SMITH IN RITZANPUR! YOU WANTED A PILOT TO FERRY ELEPHANTS, RIGHT?

THIS FREE-LANCE HOT PILOT FROM CARO HERE, MAY BE JUST THE MAN FOR YOU!

HE FLIES A C-52 PACKET LIKE A P-50. HE SAYS HE CAN HANDLE ANYTHING. SHALL I OFFER HIM YOUR OPERATION PACHYDERM?

WELL, OKAY!!

LISTEN, YOU RECKONIZED ANYBODY PUT THAT 'C-52' BUSINESS BACK DOWN ON STEP 5 BECAUSE YOU WRECK THE WHOLE SYSTEM?

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A Trip on the Bonner L. Willis

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ner L. Willis, and Otis Godee of Morehead City is striker boatman Charles Willis, the captain's son-in-law, runs one of the purseboat engines.

Once beyond the sea buoy, a lookout goes aloft, and the hunt for menhaden clicks on. As the first light of a pale orange sun glimmers across the leaden sea, the sedate prows and high crow's nests of other menhaden boats spring into view. Here and there are small shrimpers, already seining for a catch.

When possible, aircraft aid in the search for the menhaden, relaying word to the vessels by radio telephone, which is standard equipment on all pogie boats now. Captains chatter back and forth on the circuits inquiring about the presence of the fish, in friendly fashion.

Waiting for the fish to appear is monotonous business for the crew. Women and fish are lively enough topics of bull shoots in the galley, where a handful of men swap small talk with Henry the Cook. (Bonner, Jr. declares that menhaden fishermen are the biggest eaters in the world. He maintains that Cook could call chow down again a half hour after breakfast, and another meal as big as the first one would be consumed forthwith.)

Down forward in crew's quarters an endless game of poker, played with a deck of well-worn cards, is in progress underneath a light having the candle power of approximately two large matches.

Other crew members take advantage of the lulls in activity to catch up with the "rest of the night," which they lose by reporting to work at 4 a.m.

When the lookout sings down that a school has been sighted, the striker boatman first goes out alone, rowing silently so as not to warn the fish.

After he has determined the heading of the school, he signals the two purse boats. These long, motor-powered boats close in to either side and ahead of the school, let down the seine and then back up for the haul.

The mother ship next comes alongside, lowers away a dipper

net and begins to dump the gleaming horde, which may be smelly to landlubbers but spells money to menhaden fishermen, into the cavernous hold of the pogie boat.

Several hauls may be made in a day, until the hold is brimful. Or until the big run starts down from the North a whole day may be spent without even lowering the nets.

The capacity of the Bonner L. Willis is 800,000 fish. With menhaden now bringing \$2.60 a thousand, the gross value of a single shipload is \$1,560.

Captain Willis has been going to sea on menhaden boats since he was 14, and young Bonner began at the age of 15.

Reared at Williston, Bonner L. Willis, Sr., was wearing short pants when he started out as a cook for a pogie boat crew of 16.

He has been engaged in the menhaden industry ever since, with the exception of two years when the depression hit the industry and he turned to fishing for food fish.

He says he started menhaden fishing again in 1925. The price then was 40 cents a 1,000 fish, and crew members were taking due bills at the grocery stores for their grub, to be paid from time to time by the owner of the boat. He was working then for W. A. Mace on the Convoy.

Captain Willis worked for Wallace Fish co. for 40 years, but he now sells his fish to Beaufort Fisheries.

"I reckon up to this time I've helped catch more fish than any man living," he opined. Put into figures, it would add up to something like 550 million fish.

His biggest haul in a single day was between seven and eight thousand pounds of menhaden, taken in two trips.

Williams Serves in Navy
Richard L. Williams, seaman, USN, son of Mrs. Paul Williams of 107 North 11th st., Morehead City, is serving with subordinate group one of the Boston Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet, billeted aboard the barracks ship USS Colleton in the Naval Shipyard, South Boston Annex, Boston, Mass.

Menhaden

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They are believed to mature during the third or fourth year. They increase in oil content, therefore in value, with age and size.

The mature fish are captured chiefly in the fall during their southward migrations to unknown ocean spawning grounds, where they remain until the following spring. Their food consists almost wholly of microscopic plants and small crustaceans which swarm at the surface of the sea. These the menhaden strains from the water passing through its seivelike gill structures.

Little is known about the biology of the menhaden. In view of the increased intensity of fishing and expansion of the fishery, more complete information is needed, scientists say, such as the routes

followed by the three different species and various "races" of menhaden in their annual migrations; location of the ocean spawning areas and nurseries; the parasite which is said to cause sterilization of the male menhaden; the food of menhaden and its relation to growth, oil content, and availability; the relation of the oceanic climate, and of the fishing intensity to production and survival of the young.

Chinese Like U. S. Comics
SHANGHAI — (AP) — American comic books are flooding Shanghai. Few bookstores are without them. Their popularity, with children and adults alike, have fostered the rapid growth of the sidewalk vendor. It is generally understood that the comics are paid for abroad by means that have been outlawed today but which are likely to continue because their delivery is made through the post office.

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