

NEWLYN WIVES IN LONDON

Reunion With The Rosebud's Crew

PLEA FOR HOUSES

Where Resident Lived To Be 101

Four wives of members of the crew of the Rosebud, two widows, and the skipper's daughter arrived in London early to-day by train from Cornwall to support their men folk in the movement to save their houses.

The crew of the Rosebud were waiting in the rain on Westminster Pier where the boat is berthed.

For a moment they were all laughing and greeting each other.

"How are you, Mary Jane?" asked Ben Matthews. "I'm feeling fine, Ben," said his wife, a smiling buxom woman, much thrilled by her first visit to London.

Rosy-cheeked Hilda Richards, seventeen-years-old daughter of the skipper, searched anxiously for her father. When he poked his head through the hatchway she made a dash for the boat.

"GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME"

Mrs Bessie Cotton, whose husband died after years of service in the mercantile marine, has brought his medals with her.

"I have been in my little house for 17 years and I don't want to lose it," she said. "It is quite big and good enough for me and my boys.

"Perhaps it does need one or two improvements, but why should it be pulled down? It is a strong house, and has survived the Cornish weather for about a hundred years."

Mrs. Cotton said a previous resident reached the age of 101, so "it can't be described as unhealthy, can it?" she asked.

Mrs. Walker, another widow, who, with her little children, lives in the same little street as Mrs. Cotton, said: "We put our savings in our house, and we don't want to lose it."

"WHERE ARE THE SHIPS?"

Hilda Richards, who has lived at Newlyn all her life, glanced up and down the river, and one of her first questions was "Where are the docks and the big ships?"

Hilda is a typist, but she had a great love of the sea and sometimes accompanies her father fishing.

The others in the party are Mrs. Matthews, who, according to her husband, is as handy in a fishing loft mending the nets as she is at housework, Mrs. Joe Jarvey, Mrs. Batten, and Mrs. Tonkin.

The party were shown over the Houses of Parliament by Mr. L. Beechman, M.P. for St. Ives. The women return to Newlyn to-morrow.

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