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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Fourteen men with a mission meet in the Port of London. Led by Squadron-Ldr. Walford of the R.A.F. and Captain Glaeser from Norway, they are off on a 9,000 mile journey to the South Polar regions - to an arctic waste, where no man has ever set foot. In the NORSEL, a 700-ton converted sealing ship, this party of Britons, Swedes and Norwegians will make for Queen Maud Land and from there, start exploring by dog teams. For the next two years, their only contact with the outside world will be by wireless. All available space is filled and stores overflow onto the decks. A non-political voyage of adventure, it's a journey in the interests of science.

Meet Mrs. Hannah Hazell. Many times a grandmother and a great-grandmother, she's a name in the news because it's her birthday. And, believe it or not, Mrs. Hazell is 103. She lives in Leyton, London, and is as virile as many a woman thirty years her junior. To Mrs. Hazell, it's just an ordinary day, but the birthday cake - on which the candles wouldn't fit - and the sheaf of telegrams - among them one from the King - tell their own story.

Today, Mrs. Hazell, for the 103rd time, it's Many Happy Returns.

Wilfred Pickles comes to London. At a Park Lane Hotel, the Yorkshireman who has made all Britain "Have a Go," is the guest of honour. Frankie Howard, the Bishop of London and Joy Nichols are among those who hear Wilfred praise his wife and tell a story:

".....and discussing his wife and praising her, as I am now, and he said to his friend, 'Do you know my wife's an angel.' He said 'By gum, that's lucky - mine's still living.'"