VENETIAN FETE. 13/8/54.

The town of Hythe in Kent holds its annual Venetian Fête on the Royal Military Canal --- which was built a hundred and fifty years ago as part of the defences against the threatened invasion by Napoleon Buonaparte. And every year there's a historical flavour, provided by such old favourites from schoolroom studies as the little Princes in the Tower. Incidentally, one of the little Princes of 1954 has just had a legacy of a real-life fortune. [redacted]

Among the floating tableaux, one of the biggest successes was an old paddle-boat called the Duchess of Hythe. And the show went on from strength to strength; culminating in a spectacle of sparkling magic with the coming of ~~dusk~~ darkness.

Another ingenious float was an old-fashioned weather-house [redacted] which tells you if the weather is good or bad [redacted] -- all right! We knew.