COMING UP
in tomorrow’s Packet

III LIBERTY SHIP S.S. STEPHEN LEACOCK CHRISTENED AFTER FAMOUS AUTHOR’S DEATH

Steve “The Canadian Kid” Molitor will be one of the combatants in a pair of featured main events when Casino Rama plays host to Rumble at Rama X on Saturday, Nov. 21. See Saturday’s Packet for details of the full boxing card.

Georgia native last surviving sailor

Following the death of Stephen Leacock in March 1944, the United States Maritime Commission christened a new Liberty ship in his name. The S.S. Stephen Leacock was built in Savannah, Ga., and launched on July 22, 1944. It sailed in eight Atlantic convoys in the Second World War. The John W. Brown — one of two operating in the world today — is based in Baltimore, Md.

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For a week in early December 1944, John Calvin Graves, 84, is believed to be the last surviving sailor who served aboard the S.S. Surgeon John Calvin Graves, the United States Merchant Marine ship, like the one on which he served, the S.S. Stephen Leacock.

The S.S. Stephen Leacock in 1944-45.

Class, John Calvin Graves, U.S. Navy – Armed Guard, Gunners Mate – 3rd Class, John Calvin Graves served aboard the Leacock in 1944-45.

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The S.S. Stephen Leacock model being built

A model of the S.S. Stephen Leacock is being built for the Leacock Museum by master model builder Peter Carter. Donations are being accepted in support of the project and can be sent to: Leacock Museum, PO Box 52, Delta, ON L5G 1Y0. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations of $20 or more. Checks can be made payable to Leacock Museum. Write for more information. Call 329-1908.

Seaman Graves continued in merchant navy service for a year in 1947, but returned to reserve status, this time in the Reserve Fleet in the James River. He also remembers having to write letters to his wife. He also remembers having to write letters to his wife. He also remembers having to write letters to his wife.