

**LAUNCHING OF "MAYFLOWER II," Brixham,
Saturday, September 22nd.**

The "Mayflower" will be launched between 7.30 and 8.30 a.m. at Upham's Shipyard, Brixham.

The ceremony starts with a service to be conducted by the local vicar, the Rev. H.T. Yeoman. Taking part will be the Band of the Somerset Light Infantry and the East Ham Male Voice Choir. The service is being held below the bows of the ship, where about 200 people will be occupying a VIP stand.

Platforms have been erected for cameramen on each side of the ship near the main guests' stand. It is advisable to select a position as soon as possible.

The service is scheduled to last about 20 minutes and then comes the christening ceremony. On board the "Mayflower," Mr. Reis Leming, the American serviceman who won the George Medal for saving 22 British lives in the 1953 floods, will be presented with a Christening Cup, a goblet, by Mr. Stuart Upham. The cup contains sack and Mr. Leming, after drinking from it, introduces the shipwrights, who also take a swig.

Mr. Leming and Mr. Upham walk together to the stern of the ship and the American throws the goblet overboard in the 17th century tradition of launching. It will be retrieved by a "hardy swimmer."

It is essential to obtain pictures of this and it means that if only one cameraman is covering the launching he will have to make his way from the stand to get to a vantage point to film stern views. The Brixham people are not certain whether we would get satisfactory coverage of the stern part of the ceremony from the stand near the bows. Stern views are apparently obtainable from a jetty.

Also required, of course, are general views of the vessel.

Hotel accommodation for the night of Friday, September 21st., has been reserved at the Northcliffe Hotel, Brixham. An invitation to the launching is attached.