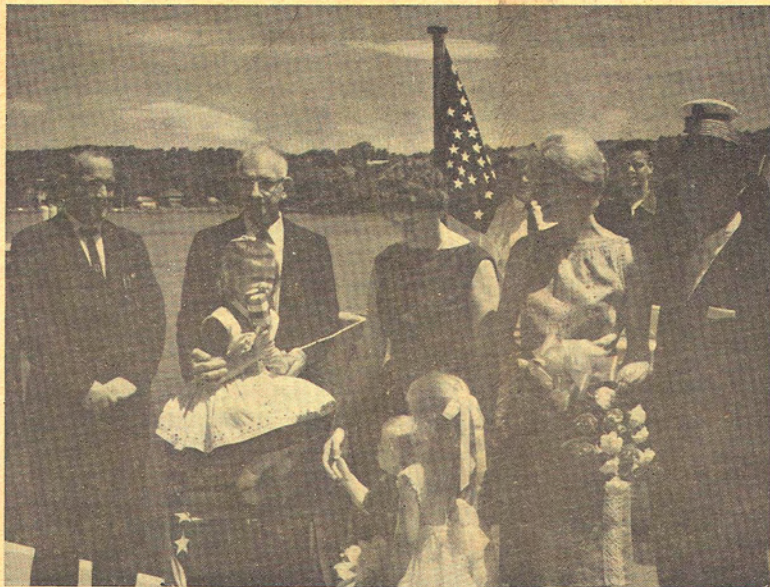


## "Doris E." Christened at Meredith



Making her initial voyage to the Meredith Town Dock, Bryon Hedblom's newest addition to his Winnepesaukee fleet was christened Tuesday morning by his five year old granddaughter, Wendy Miner. Left to right, are Town Manager Archer Scribner, Mr. Hedblom and granddaughter Wendy (holding the bottle of champagne), Mrs. Hedblom with grandson Bryon and granddaughter Kimmie, the Hedblom's daughter, Mrs. Paul Miner, and former mayor of Laconia, J. Oliva Huot.

Photo by Bill Gannett

**MEREDITH** — The latest addition to the fleet of public boats on Lake Winnepesaukee was christened on its initial voyage to the Meredith docks Tuesday morning. The "Doris E" goes into service on Thursday and provides Meredith with excursion service for the first time in many years. Arrangements for this service were made by the Meredith Civic Association.

Little Wendy Miner, 5, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hedblom of Weirs Beach, owners of the boat, broke the bottle of liquid — after the third try —

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over the bow of the Doris E as it rolled gently at the public dock on the Meredith Bay waterfront. Assisting the little girl was Hedblom, who designed the boat and supervised its construction at the dry docks at Center Harbor. Present for the ceremony was his wife, for whom the boat was named; his daughter, Mrs. Paul B. Miner, her son, Byron L. II, Charles Roberts, selectman of Meredith; Town Manager Archer Scribner; Edward J. Gallagher, Laconia newspaper publisher, his daughter Alma; J. Oliva Huot, former mayor of Laconia, Dezil Rowe, Public Safety Department official, Judge John Ramsey, Neal W. Phillips, publisher of the Meredith News and Mrs. Dorothy Merrill and Louis Schmieder, of the Meredith Civic Association, as well as many others.

Edward Hoagland of Weirs Beach was master of ceremonies. A dedication ceremony was held for the boat at Weirs Beach a short time earlier and the Laconia party were brought here on the boat.

Following the ceremony, a luncheon was held at Loch Haven Inn.

The 68-foot boat will accommodate 110 passengers. It is powered by two 150 horsepower diesel engines. It is believed to be the only all steel boat ever completely constructed at Lake Winnepesaukee.

It will make three round trips daily between Lakeport and Meredith. After leaving Meredith the boat will cruise among the islands of the lake before returning to Lakeport. It will not stop at Weirs Beach.

It is operated by the Winnepesaukee Steamship Company that also operates the Mt. Washington and the Sophie C.