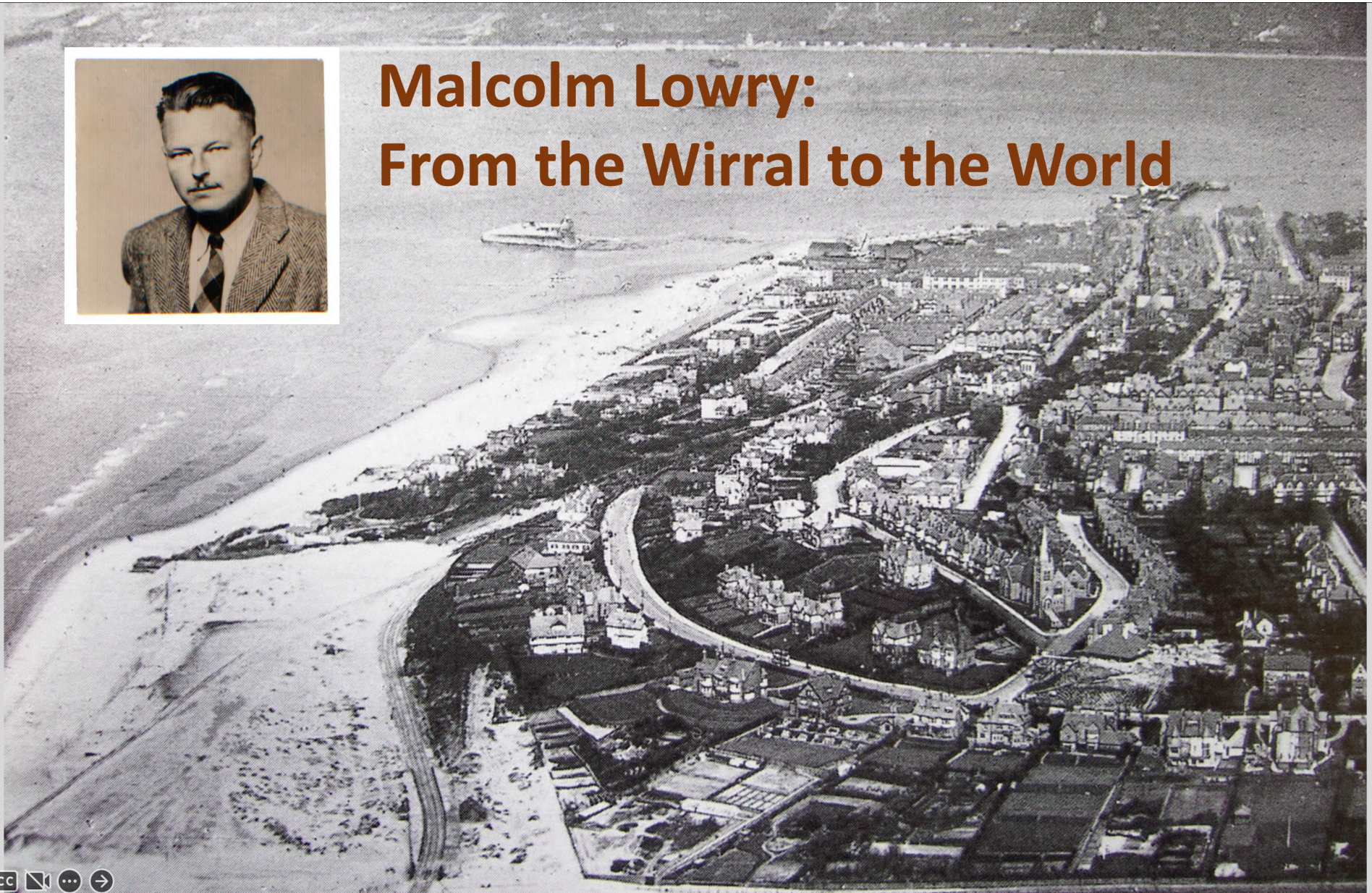




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Malcolm Lowry: From the Wirral to the World



Paradise

The Dee Estuary



The Terrible City



Hot Music

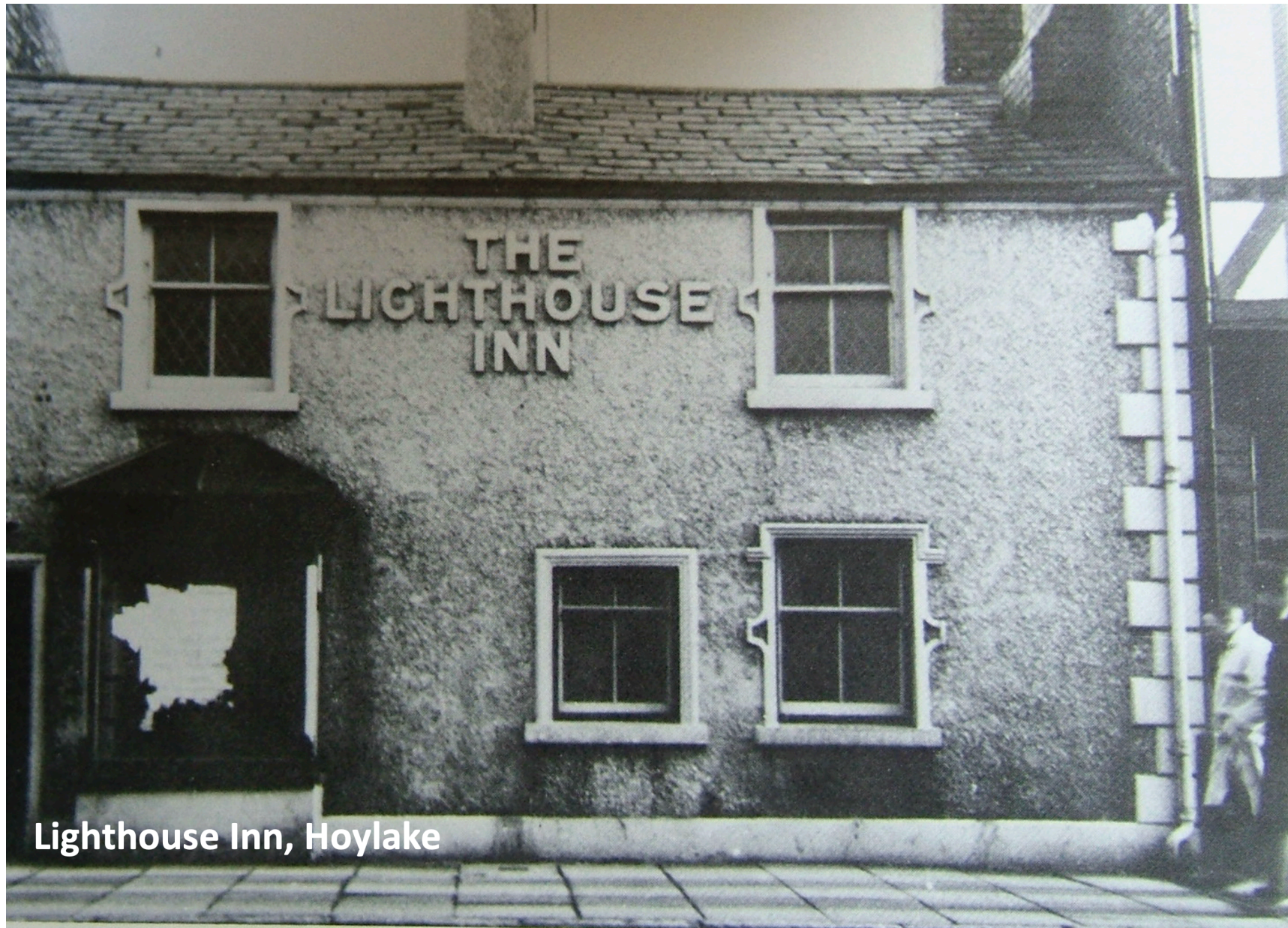


**Lowry at home in
Caldy, 1932, playing
his 'taroptch'
(ukulele)**

The voyage that never ends



SS Pyrrhus in the Mersey



Lighthouse Inn, Hoylake

**The
Demon
Drink**

From Thor's Stone to the Volcano



THE THOR STONE. III

Thurstaston



Under the Volcano

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1927.

DECKHAND WITH A UKULELE.

SCHOOLBOY'S WORLD SEARCH FOR INSPIRATION.

Fresh from Leys College, Cambridge, Malcolm Lowry, the seventeen-year-old son of a Liverpool cotton broker, sails from Liverpool on Saturday as a deckhand, at £2 10s a month, in the steamer *Pyrrhus*, which is going on a tramp voyage to the Far East, calling at Port Said, Shanghai, and possibly Yokohama.

Young Lowry, who lives with his parents at Inglewood, Caldy, Cheshire, told an "Echo" representative, to-day, that he desires to see something of the world and gain some experience of life before going to the university.

"The voyage will last eight to ten months," he said, "and during that time



Malcolm Lowry.

I shall work just the same as the other members of the crew. I shall not receive—and I don't want—any privileges.

WRITING AND COMPOSING.

"The work will keep me fit, and will be a good thing for me. As I write short stories and compose dance music I hope to get fresh atmosphere and inspiration."

"I shall take my ukulele with me, and when off watch shall try to think out some new dance tunes. Ronald Hill, a school chum of mine, and I have written several Charlestons, one of which, 'Three Little Degenerate Mice' (as mentioned in the 'Echo' dancing notes some weeks ago), has already been published."

"Other dance tunes we have composed are 'Hindoo Babe,' 'You Got to Play Hot Rhythm,' 'Dream Man's a Coming on a Train of Stars,' 'Dunual Swamp,' 'Dunnohow Blues,' and 'I've Said Good-bye to Shanghai.'"

Lowry, who won the Hoyslake Boys' Golf Championship in 1925 is a brother of W. M. Lowry, the Birkenhead Park and international Rugby player.



The lighthouse invites the storm

Hoylake Lower Lighthouse

Promenade, Hoylake. MM. ERNE WYLL SERIES
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The Forest Path to the Spring





THE END



The Lowry Lounge continues tonight at 6.30 at Bluecoat with a celebration of ten years of the Lounge, featuring music, poetry and visuals, with contributions from some of those involved in the annual events. Plus launch of *The Firminist*, an occasional journal dedicated to the writer; a Lowry disco; and a toast to him.