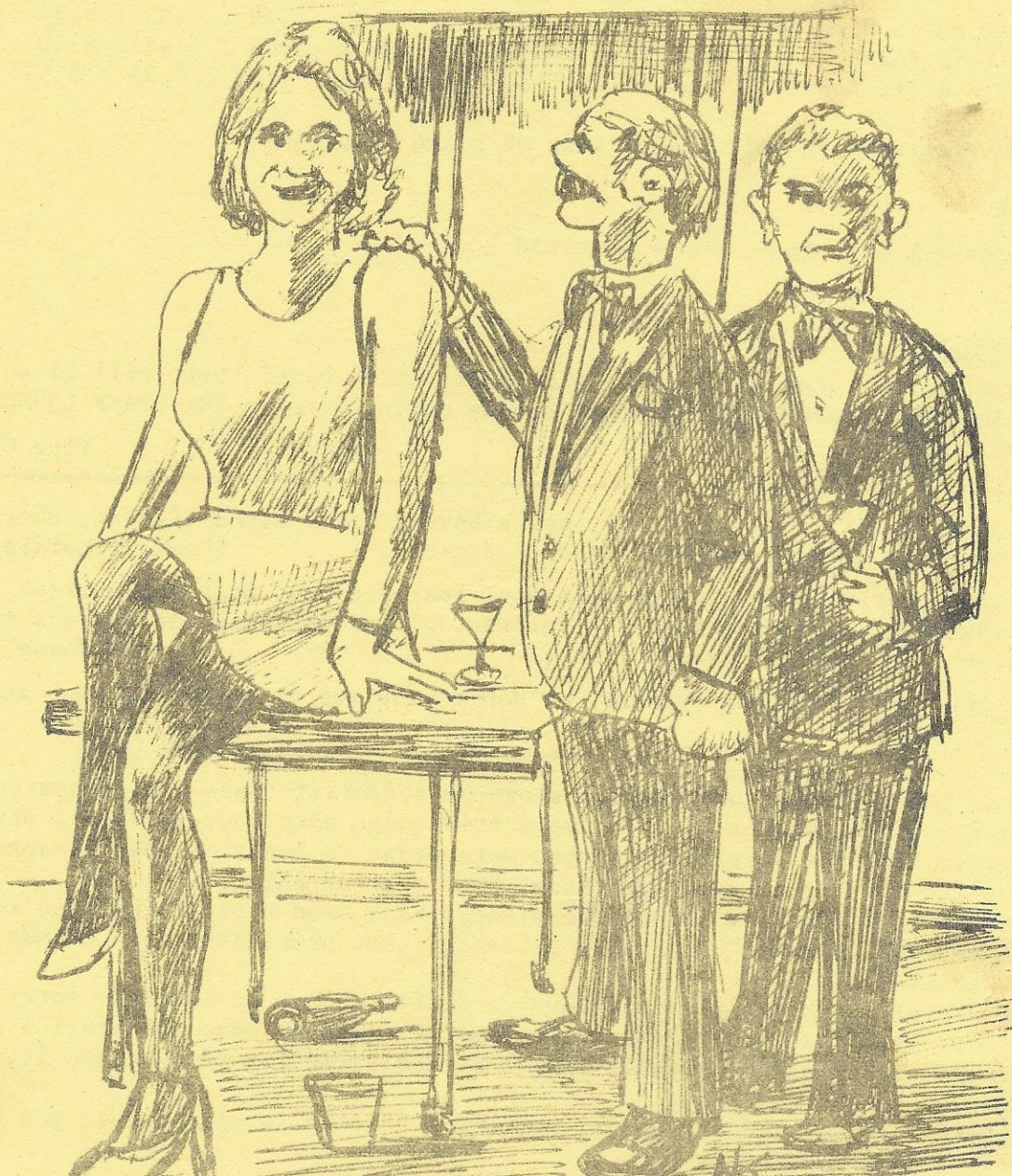


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a. I HAD BEEN WARNED ABOUT SOME OLD WORCESTERS AND THEIR SAUCE, 17



CINEMAS

ABC GRAVESEND

1. Yesterday's Hero A Sun. 5.55 : 8.25 :: Week 1.20 : 3.45 : 6.20 : 8.50
2. Scum X Sun. 6.10 : 8.50 :: Week 3.30 : 6.10 : 8.50
3. Smokie & The Bandit A Sun. 5.10 : 8.45 :: Week 1.30 : 5.10 : 8.45

ODEON ROCHESTER

1. Game for Vultures X Sun. 4.00 : 7.40 :: Week 4.55 : 8.40
A Star is Born AA Wednesday Only 1.55 : 4.50 : 7.40
2. Porridge A Sun. 3.45 : 7.45 :: Week 4.35 : 8.45
Capricorn One A
3. Death Sport X Sun. 5.00 : 8.15 :: Week 2.35 : 5.50 : 9.10

GRANADA WELLING

1. Dragon Dies Hard AA Sun. 4.55 : 8.05 :: Week 2.30 : 5.40 : 8.50 Complete Prog.
Cross Shot AA
2. A Star is Born AA Sun. 4.10 : 7.10 :: Week 2.10 : 5.00 : 8.00
3. Blood Relatives X Sun. 4.30 : 8.05 :: Week 1.40 : 5.15 : 8.50 Complete Prog.
Power Play X

ABC BEXLEYHEATH

1. Gum X Sun. 5.53 : 8.32 :: Week 3.23 : 6.02 : 8.41
2. Yesterday's Hero A Sun. 5.59 : 8.28 :: Week 1.38 : 4.03 : 6.28 : 8.57
3. A Little Romance A Sun. 5.38 : 8.16 :: Week 3.08 : 5.42 : 8.20
4. Smokie & The Bandit A Sun. 5.13 : 8.44 :: Week 1.53 : 5.24 : 8.55

ABC CHATHAM Programme unavailable at time of going to press.

COLLEGE FILM

SWEENY Starring John Thaw, Denis Waterman

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Unless otherwise indicated on the Reception Hall notice board there will be an
INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICE every Sunday during Term in THE STAFF LOUNGE at 10.00 Hrs.
ALL WELCOME

(The Chaplain)

"For double-barrelled, copper-bottomed, brass-bound, bevel-edged bigotry, there is
nothing to beat the average Merchant Service Officer." (Captain Leckie)

"Men with good orderly minds without much book learning, and with no interest in the
arts. They can be brusque in manner, intolerant of inefficiency and anxious to get
on with the job." (typical Naval officer) (Desmond Young)

Two quotes, but apart from the authors, we don't know the original sources- any offers,
please?

You know how these doctor-cum-professor-cum-scientist types are always telling us
what's good for us and what's not? Too many fried eggs make your legs fall off; driving
is bad for your back but jogging makes you more prone to heart attacks - especially if
you've eaten too many fried eggs; you know, that sort of thing.

It seems that a bunch of scientific wizards have been researching into the effects
of CB and have come up with "conclusive evidence" that broadcasting on 27 MHz makes you
..... STERILE!!!

But owners of funny aeriels calm down; a similar bunch of ~~cretins~~ sorry, boffin,
types have also been researching the effects of CB and they have substantial proof that
damaged muscles will heal three times faster if subjected to, you guessed it, 27 MHz
radio waves.

This lot may be a load of twaddle, but worth bearing in mind should you happen to
pull a muscle in your wassaname.

GROUNDHOGS 16 : BEXLEYHEATH 7

With the Groundhogs fielding their best side so far this season, everyone was hopeful of at least scoring. After losing the toss the Groundhogs were playing from the Greenhithe End for the first half. The first ten minutes proved to be a time of finding out the opposition's weaknesses, play tended from one side of the pitch to the other, with both teams kicking the ball a lot.

Both teams began to run at each other, and the ball was going out to the wingers often. After a particularly good run by Bexley, the Groundhogs were in a dangerous position. The line out was taken - won; and then to the threes, with good running by the centres and winger, and with amazing support by the forwards the game was completely turned the other way. The Groundhogs, with immaculate jumping in the line-outs and forceful pushing in the scrum, continued to put the pressure on Bexleyheath.

But it was not until well into the first half that Groundhogs were given their reward. With a scrum down five yards from the Bexley line, and with Bexley to put the ball in, the forwards were determined to push over the line. After winning the ball it was kept in the scrum and the forwards pushed towards the line, the No. 8 took the ball out and ran on to the line but was brought down, the Groundhogs pushed the loose ruck over and the wing forward touched down, although there will always be a dispute as to who actually scored. All this happened near the corner flag, and J. Oliver came very close to converting the try.

For the rest of the first half Bexley played more determinedly, despite more pressure from the Groundhogs' forwards. Half-time was blown at 4-0 to the Groundhogs.

The second half started all wrong for the Groundhogs with the forwards apparently resting on their laurels. Eventually with the Bexleyheath threes doing some excellent running they scored a well deserved try, but failed to convert. The Groundhogs' forwards continued to push forward but were not winning as many scrums, were very shoddy in the line outs, and were slow to support. After a small incident when the Bexley No 8 was in loss of temper the Groundhogs' forwards began to find the form that they had in the first half. After a long hard struggle they were awarded a scrum down five yards from the Bexley line. The Bexley rack were pushed convincingly over the line and the No. 8 touched down a good try, with A. Barrow converting easily.

With the forwards in full form Groundhogs continued to dominate the game, but still wasted a lot of possession. Bexley were awarded a penalty in front of the Groundhogs' posts, due to early pushing by the forwards in the scrum. The kick was taken well and notched Bexley up to 7 points, 3 behind the Groundhogs. The Groundhogs continued the pressure in the scrums and line outs, and after winning convincingly a ball in a line out the ball was fed to the centres, and the Captain touched down on the Bexley line right next to the posts, with J. Oliver converting well. For the rest of the game Groundhogs played solidly, and stayed in the Bexley half, coming close to scoring often. With the time out the final score was Groundhogs 16, Bexleyheath 7.

Men of the Match definitely goes to the forwards, and the full back played a marvellous covering and running game when Bexley were in the break.

Tries - D. Browning; J. Ayling; M. Coomber : Conversions - J. Oliver; A. Barrow

SOCCER

MERCHANT NAVY COLLEGE 10 : ERITH TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL 6

At long last yesterday afternoon the M.N.C. Soccer Team managed to fit another fixture into their very tight academic schedule. Having the home advantage they entertained Erith Technical High School in what proved to be a very entertaining match. After a very scrappy first half in which neither the midfield nor the defence managed to settle in, the visitors were deservedly leading by 6 goals to 3.

At half time a few necessary tactical changes were made and after a great second half performance in which the home team scored 7 goals and didn't concede any, the final score was 10 v 6. On the whole the game was played in the best of spirit and eventually the outcome proved that the best team won.

TEAM: N. Dolan, D. Harris, I. Hambly, A. Russell, T. Corben, L. Cooper, C. Foster (A. French), T. Rajakuma, D. Khan (Capt.), A. Collins, S. Khan.

SCORERS: S. Khan, 5; D. Khan, 2; T. Corben, 2; A. Collins, 1: Man of the Match S. Khan.

Hopefully, the next fixture will be on Sunday, Dec. 9th, against the Sea Training College, Gravesend.

these extracts. It should have been in the issue of the 1st November.

EARLY DAYS IN THE RADIO SERVICE by T.D.S.

Part 4 An Important Ship

Little time was wasted after I had obtained my "ticket" before I was off again, this time in charge of a ship after only two short Atlantic crossings as a junior. I could well have done with a little more experience but men with "tickets", I was told, were valuable.

After telling the staff clerk that my last ship was the FRANCONIA I learnt that I was to be appointed to a much more important ship than her and in my youthful ignorance promptly visualised some giant ocean greyhound with four funnels and as many masts. With so little previous experience this rather put the wind up me but the only alternative appeared to be a cattle ship which did not sound too promising but I was left to think it over for 24 hours.

In the end I was told I had to go on this "important" ship and just make the best of it so at 10.50 I left Marconi House with instructions to proceed to the Royal Albert Dock and sign on the P. and O. NYANZA at 11.00, see the inspector, get my stores down to the ship and be aboard myself with all my gear by midnight. A tall order, perhaps, for an 18-year-old but I managed somehow.

Locating this large liner took some time but in the end I discovered the NYANZA to be an intermediate ship of about 7,000 tons which was more to my liking and she carried the standard 1½ k.w. set on which I had been trained, so I had no difficulty with the equipment.

Getting my gear aboard late in the evening presented a bit of a problem but one of my colleagues from the digs filled his suitcases and between us I got aboard fully equipped. It then being the end of June, I joined the ship in a flannel suit and straw hat with never a thought as to when I should get back.

It was November when I did, in foggy, cold weather, and with no overcoat I was mighty cold. The straw hat was definitely out of fashion at this time of year. I never made the same mistake again.

The NYANZA proved to be a very comfortable little ship and I made two very interesting voyages in her to the Far East. Her next trip was to be to Calcutta, which is not the best of places to visit in the monsoon season, so I was not averse to a transfer to Ellerman's CITY OF LINCOLN. But, alas, this ship was also destined for the same port, when I had much less comfort aboard with no fan and no electric light after 10.30 pm in port. The heat was terrific, and I eventually went down with fever, but recovered in time to rejoin the ship before sailing.

The second trip in that ship was to Bombay and Karachi, when weather conditions were less trying. But on the way home the ship broke her rudder post in a gale off Cape Finisterre, and was left fairly helpless. But after a brief S.O.S. call we soon got assistance and safely into Corcubion, and later completed the voyage to Jarrow where I left the vessel to go on sick leave.

I had now been at sea for two years and at this point I will conclude my story as implied by the title. During the First World War I served in the R.N.R. at shore radio stations and in various armed liners. Between the two wars I was in various ships but too numerous to mention individually, though my happiest voyages were to New Zealand and Australia.

My longest spell away from home was five years during the Second World War mainly in the Indian Ocean. At the other extreme my shortest voyage was from Manchester to Latchford Locks, when due to high winds, it took us five days to cover 15 miles, and I was relieved there to rejoin my own ship.

For most of my sea career I was a bird of passage, having to change ships much oftener than I cared to but for the last 10 years I became settled in the Cunard cargo vessel ARABIA. In all I sailed in 90 ships in 49 years and since my retirement have sailed in 10 more as a passenger on various coastal trips, bringing the grand total to exactly 100.

As a hobby I have done a water colour sketch of all these ships, and it would be interesting to know if this constitutes a record. But it has been an interesting pastime for me, and a cheap one.

QUESTION!

Maybe somebody would explain why the Duplicating Room has been renamed as Reprographic Services. Is it to confuse the student body even more? Or is it to induce the use of dictionaries throughout? What will happen next? Will 430 be denoted as the "Enigma Theatre"?

Friday 16th November 1979

To All Supporters of the College Branch,

Firstly I would like to apologise for not writing to you all individually, but for a typist of my standard, that would take until our next Bazaar in 1980.

I would like, on behalf of the Chairman, Committee and Members of the Merchant Navy College Branch, to express our gratitude for the magnificent manner in which you supported our Christmas Bazaar.

Thanks are due to all those who provided and donated the superb display of cakes, cookies etc., to those who donated handicrafts, home made preserves and wine and also the items which were used to make up the Raffle prizes. Also to the ladies who donated their time to help run the stalls. Lastly, but by no means least, our gratitude to those who spent their money so generously.

* As you are all probably aware, it was the unanimous wish of the Committee, that the proceeds of the Christmas Bazaar be donated to the special appeal for a Medina class life-boat, to be named 'MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA'. Resultant upon this a cheque for One hundred and twenty two pounds eighty six pence has today been forwarded to Head Office at Poole.

In addition to this amount raised by the Cake stall, Handicrafts and Raffle, RNLI merchandise to the value of One hundred and seventy eight pounds twelve pence was also sold.

Thank you all for the manner in which you have supported us in our first year as a branch. In view of the imminent approach of the Festive Season, I should like to close by wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,



BRIAN DICKINSON
HONORARY SECRETARY.

* You have probably seen from the Press that the first boat of this class was launched this week and is now undergoing sea trials. Apparently it combines the best features of a solid hull with inflatable gunwhales for maximum stability and buoyancy.

A TRELLIS PUZZLE

Four-letter words hidden in the sentence below fit into the grid, as shown:-

"a dAB LEAD the LEADING CRAB



CRAB, ABLE, LEAD

An Inca who was deaf was once ordered by an Amir to make rain, but after he had juggled with a lump of iron from his medicine case and floods had twice destroyed the desert, he admitted, "I thought you asked for the sea, man!"



To help, one word is underlined.
Find 8 more.

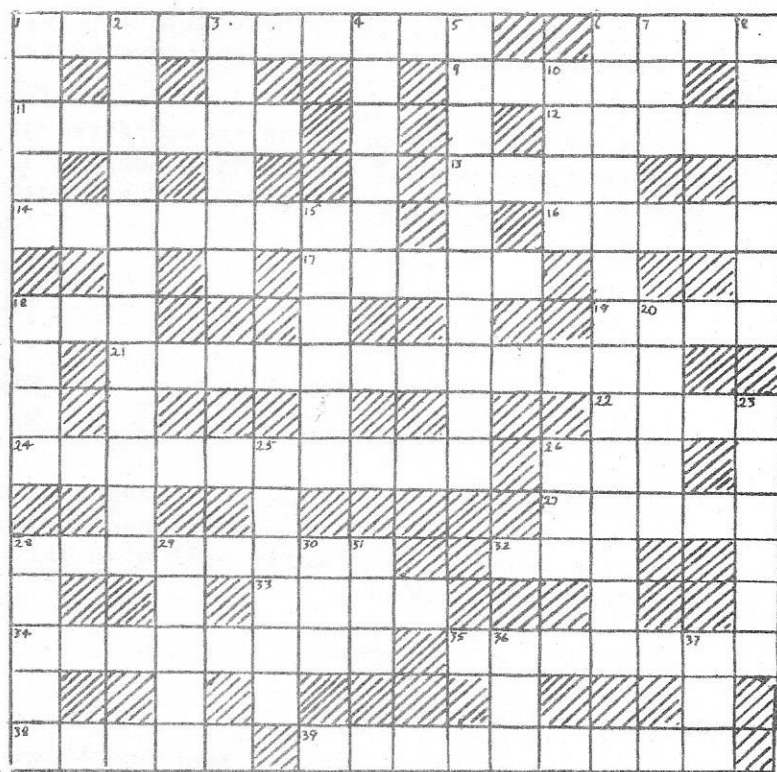
Last week's words - In top GEAR this BREED of CAR Challenges OR Excels over such Opposition as is offered Generally, but in top Allow for speed loss as the air must be Altogether TORN from before it.

Clues Across

1. (10) Does player bet on bringing home the bacon?
6. (4) Nation, maybe goes to the swift.
9. (2,3) Piped in,
11. (6) Cancer, or maybe Capricorn.
12. (5) Catch, with a quick knot.
13. (4) Fatal day in March.
14. (3,5) Scarlet petticoat betrays movement of star.
16. (5) Long for twelve months at the Pole.
17. (5) Lawyer's business? Hope so!
18. (3) Edible seed.
19. (4) He's fast, but not fast enough in the race.
21. (6,6) As a tall ship is with many yards.
22. (4) Creep; towards it could be dangerous.
24. (10) Greeting due to an officer?
26. (3) Single pip makes number one.
27. When there's "r" in the hut, tear things up. (5)
28. (8) Needed to enter country, and how.
32. (3) TV doctor working from a 'phone box.
33. A win for the waggon. (4)
34. (8) The most effective time of life for applying pressure?
35. (7) How to call up a wind.
38. (5) Overjoy, if with a hint of tardiness.
39. (5-4) The totter's home ordering metrication.

Clues Down

1. (5) Proverbially bitten without regret.
2. (5,7) Hazy bastions of dreams.
3. (6) A G.I. she delights in Japan.
4. (6) Little time, very small.
5. (10) Putting name forward, for next MP perhaps.
6. (5,3,6) Noisily cause haunting reflections.
7. Party? Y'r out, that's right! (3)
8. (7) Cane hen to intensify image.
10. (4) More than one, obviously, from both eyes.
15. (6) Little flower. One of many on head.
18. (4) Go by over the mountain.
20. (5) Numerate troublemaker from Eden.
23. (6) Rue Ned, it shall last!
25. (6) Take an oath? An admission.
26. (3) Tree left by fire.
28. (5) The beat of life, or 18A.
29. (5) "Perfectly charming!" And sugery.
30. (3) Tease - red for a bull.
31. (3) Neck and neck - and secure round both of them?
36. (3) With a cheer from the thigh.
37. (3) Boy, sounds like Alan from Hollywood.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

MAJORITY VERDICT
 P P C U E N S
 PIRATE COLLISION
 G L C A P O
 RIDING HABIT E W
 N N O A E CROP
 PALE PLAN DETAIL
 P S L G SILO
 LONGWAY ROUND L U
 K A B N E W G
 REMINDER CALASH
 E I S R MOOD Y
 CASED RYE DEALER
 A S O YEW Y I A
 LIE W T ENNU I
 L SANDWICHES E D

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Make tea, not love."

D. ESTILL ONC I

LIBRARY

Attention all "Shell" Students

A wide range of "Shell" publications is listed on pages 30-31 in the current "Shell Times" displayed in the Library. "Shell" employees qualify for approximately 33% discount on normal retail prices.

A former nautical student, COLIN SOANES, has taken up sky diving. You can read about it in the November issue of "BP Fleet News".