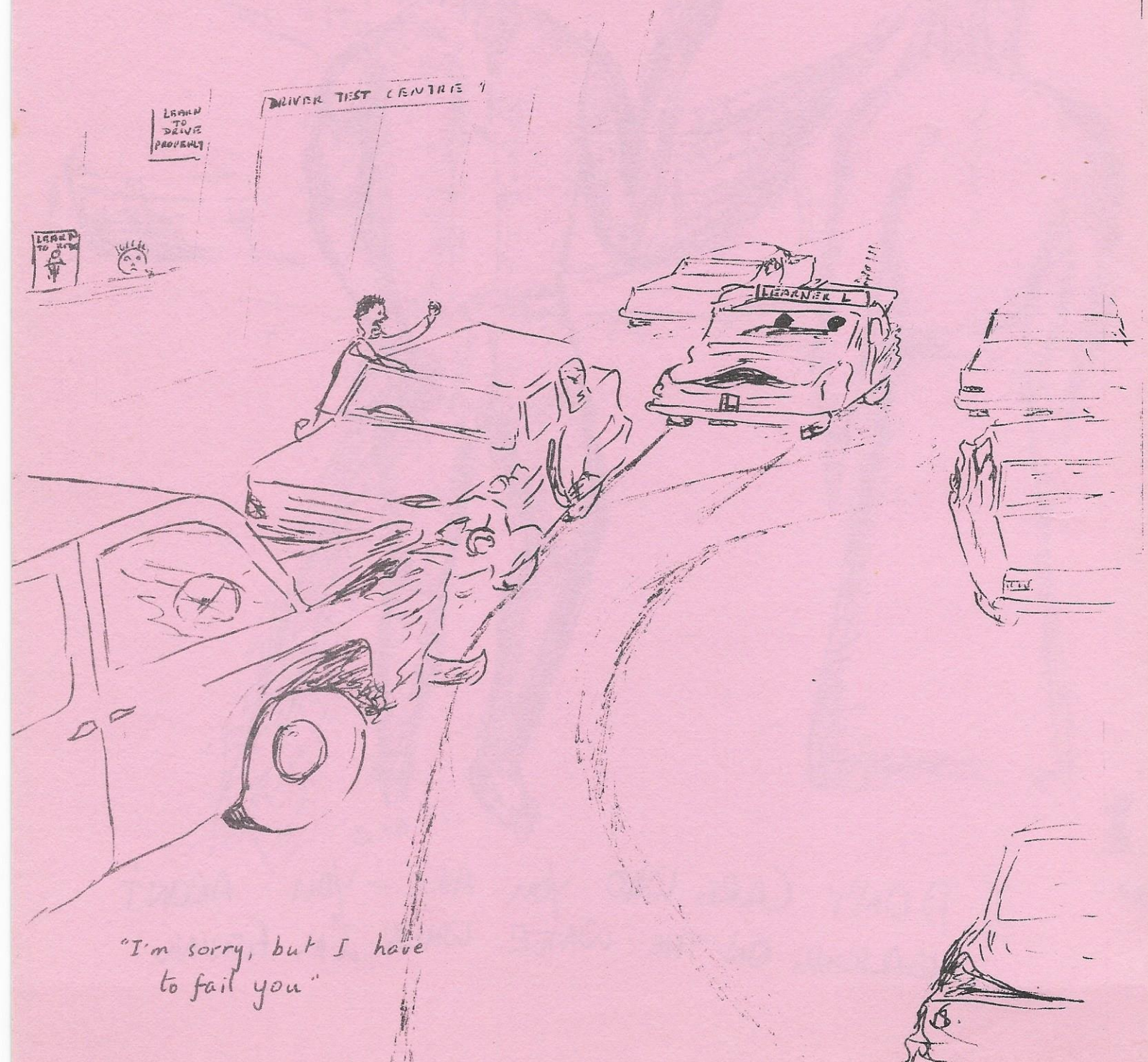
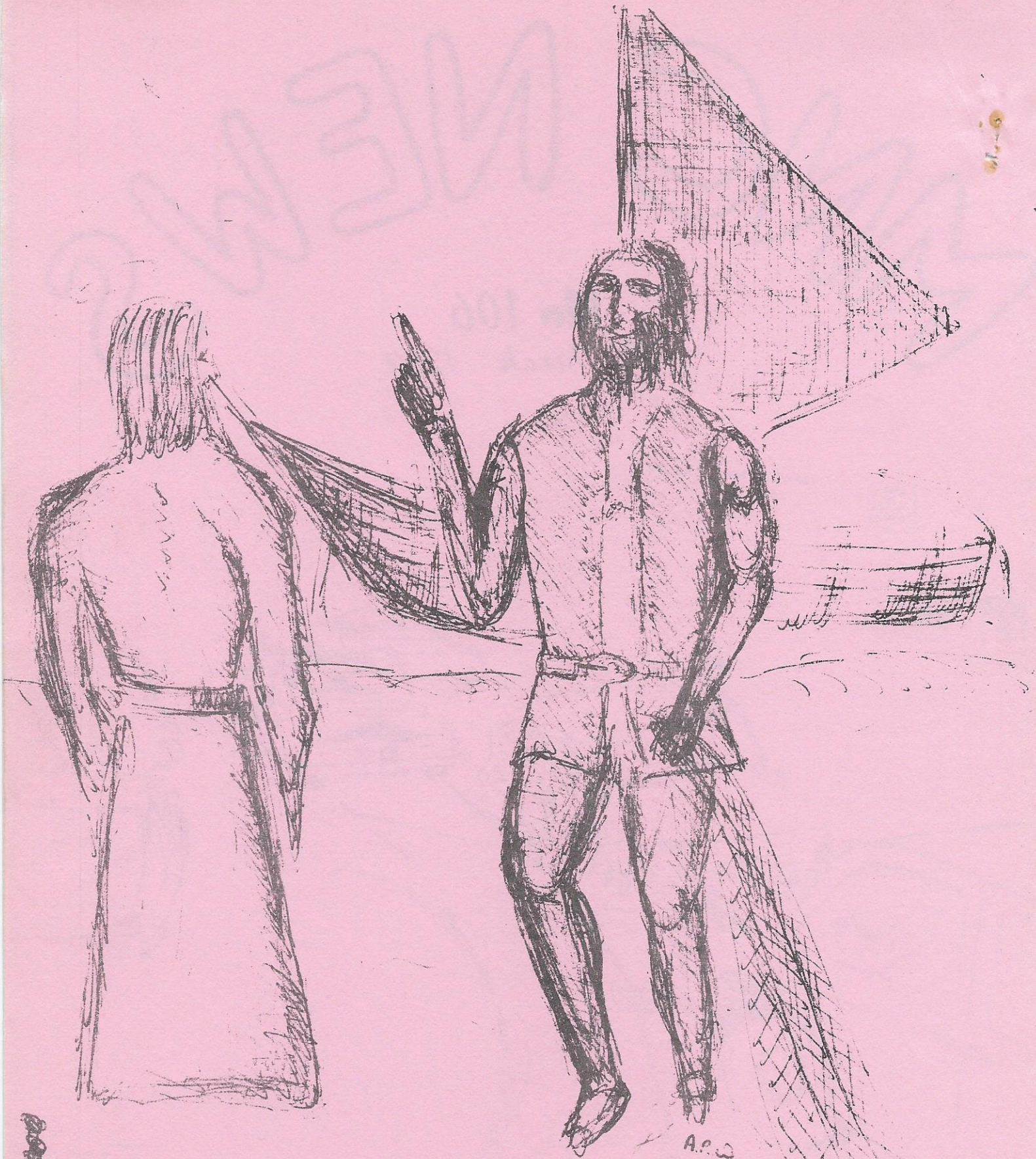


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I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE - YOU AREN'T
WALKING ON THE WATER WHEN I'M FISHING

HEY, MAN

It's not only the Atlantic Ocean that separates the UK from the USA. The American language, consisting of Masonic catch phrases and "hippier-than-thou" terminology, is guaranteed to reduce the hardiest non-American to blighted incomprehension.

Here, then, for all un-initiated souls, is a short but invaluable glossary of American hip-phrases - plus their English translations - for those (un)lucky people who may, in time, have the (mis)fortune to visit their wonderful country.

LAY IT ON THE LINE CRAZY MOMMA	- Put the washing out, mentally defective mother.
I'M GONNA BUST YOUR GODDAM ASS	- I'm going to blow up your donkey.
LIKE REALLY SPACED OUT	- Like a British Rail timetable.
JACK ASS	- Jack Nicholson's bottom.
HE'S HIPPED ON ASTRAL CONSCIOUSNESS	- He is awake.
STAY COOL, STAY LOOSE, HANG OUT	- To remain cool, take your trousers and under-pants off.
THAT SURE WAS HOT CRAP	- I recommend the Vindaloo.
O'YA ROCK'N ROLL?	- Have you found your sea-legs yet?
LET'S MAKE WITH THE U.V.'S	- Do you fancy a spot of sunbathing?
MEANER THAN A POLE-CAT WITH CRABS	- He has a wicked temper.

YOU AND YOUR COLLEGE

On 14th December 1979 an ILEA sub-committee approved an estimated capital cost of £74,000 for a project to provide a library extension here at the College. The original scheme for the existing College premises included provision for a larger library than was ultimately constructed. The need for increased catering facilities was met by a reduction in size of the library area to 193 square metres, considerably below the recommended minimum standard for a college of 375 square metres. In fact, use of the library is greater than might be expected for a college of about 300 students, owing to the specialised nature of the courses and the high proportion of residential students. The extension proposed is a single-storey construction of 160 square metres.

OVERHEARD IN RECENT M.O.D. LECTURES

On Chemical Warfare: "The officer gets a three-colour code book. So if he gets gassed, he just turns to the back page and finds out which gas is going to kill him...."

When irritated by a fiddling student: "Don't do that because it gets me irritated, and when I get irritated I get a pain in the chest, and when I get a pain in the chest I collapse onto my back, and when I'm on my back I get a terrific erection which sends the blood running from my head, and when the blood runs from my head I faint, and when I faint I spend the rest of the day on the floor."

As is well known, the Universe has many problems; one of which is the nauseating noise caused by the basin lights in the accommodation blocks, which manages to broadcast itself to the FM wave-band.

Due to the above problem, the following facts will now be revealed:

From De Broglie-Riblets theory of Relative Polarisation (which is very simple, but will not be revealed so as to keep the reader in perpetual suspense) it has been agonisingly calculated that the interference is caused by horizontal polarisation, and therefore to reduce the interference one's aerial should be vertically polarised.

To summarise:

Keep your aerial straight up.

(John Peel will never be the same - ED)

HOW TO KEEP YOUR SPARE TYRE IN TRIM

"To compensate the influence of uneven stress and wear to which the tyres are subject in service, interchange the wheels as shown in the diagram. No fear that the spare wheel will no longer be 'fresh from the shelf' when needed - on the contrary, this will prove most useful: When not in service, rubber tends to ageing, and driving with such an unmatched set of tyres - one badly worn, the other brand new - by no means belongs to motoring delights."

from a "Skoda" handbook

OVERHEARD IN PHYSICS

These lectures are so boring - all he ever talks about is Physics.

CHOW-MEIN OR SPAGHETTI?

Crystal Palace Kung-Fu Club present a Kung-Fu Exhibition on 13th March, 8.pm
at the Lewisham Concert Hall. Tel. 01-690-3431

Tickets: £1.00 on the door.

The Eldorado Operatic Society presents: "Land of Smiles" by Franz Lehar
from 14th - 19th April at 7.30 pm.

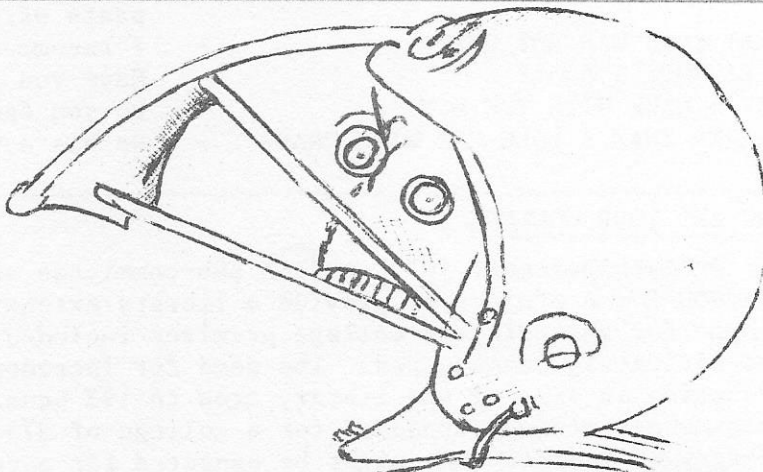
All seats bookable from Mrs I. Johnson, 20 Court Lane Gardens, SE21 7DZ

Tickets: 60p, 80p, £1 & £1.20

STOP PRESS!

His Holiness the Pope mingled informally with the crowds in St. Peter's Square this morning, after his balcony had collapsed.

The man who tried to break the World cornflake-eating record has died of sunstroke.



MORE EATING

This week's Dartford and Swanley Chronicle tells us that Dartford could soon become a gourmet's paradise; but only on week-day lunch times. The North-West Kent College of Technology run a 3-course lunch and glass of wine for only £1.00. It is planned to extend the place to accommodate 60 - 80 people in one sitting. For details see Page 14.

Dartford's first Arts Festival takes place from March 18th to April 18th, details from same paper - Page 2.

IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW

When you sail from the Atlantic to the Pacific through the Panama Canal, you are travelling in an easterly direction. The Canal is located at a curve in the isthmus of Panama and the Atlantic entrance is farther east than the Pacific entrance.

The State of Maine is the World's largest producer of toothpicks and California is the World's leading producer of prunes, but it's illegal to hunt camels in Arizona.

SEEN IN MONDAY'S TELEGRAPH

As a likelihood of a Mugabe victory became more apparent, one incredulous white business executive ordered a large whiskey and muttered:

"A Communist Government in Rhodesia? Supervised by a British Tory Government? Full Marx to Lord Soames!"

A SERMON FOR CONTEMPLATION

"There is a timely warning in the parable which Bishop Leslie Hunter once used: 'As the threats of war and the cries of the dispossessed were sounding in his ears, Western Man fell into an uneasy sleep. In his sleep he dreamed that he entered the spacious store in which the gifts of God to men are kept, and addressed the angel behind the counter, saying: "I have run out of the fruits of the Spirit. Can you restock me?" When the angel seemed about to say no, he burst out, "In place of war, afflictions, injustice, lying and lust, I need love, joy, peace, integrity, discipline. Without these I shall be lost." And the angel behind the counter replied, "We do not stock fruits, only seeds."'"

THIS WEEK'S PROBLEM

Frog Hopper is a strange sort of bug. He can and cannot do the following things:-

1. He can jump in only four different directions, north, south, east and west. He cannot jump diagonally (e.g. southeast, northwest, etc.)
2. Once he starts in any direction, that is, north, south, east or west, he must jump four times in that same direction before he can switch to another direction.
3. He can only jump, not crawl, fly or walk.
4. He can jump very large distances or very small distances, but not less than one inch per jump.
5. He cannot turn around.

Frog Hopper has been jumping all over the place getting some exercise when his master places a pile of food three feet directly west of him. Frog notices that the pile of food is a little larger than he. As soon as he sees all this food he stops dead in his tracks facing north. After all his exercise he is very hungry and wants to get to the food as quickly as he possibly can. He examines the situation, and then says, "Darn it, I'll have to jump four times to get the food."

THE PROBLEM : Frog Hooper was a smart bug and dead right in his conclusion. Why do you suppose he had to take four jumps, no more and no less, to reach the food? Now you try to solve the problem.

DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED

buy your tickets for the R.N.L.I. BARN DANCE

Friday, 14th March 1980, NOW for a GREAT NIGHT OUT.

Barn Dancing to a Live group, Good Food, Cheap Beer, and Raffle.

Tickets are selling fast but some are still available at £1.50 each, in the General Office or Duty Office.

QUARANTINE (Adapted from BP Cadets' Newsletter for 1970)

The word "Quarantine" is derived from the French for 'forty', forty days, or years, marking, to the Ancients, the limit of human misery.

It all started in the great merchant state of Venice, which made its fortune during the crusades and became the Christian bulwark against the invading Turks, but discovered that whenever the saints gave Venice a victory they also smote the City with plague when the armies returned in triumph with the spoils of war. Eventually the penny dropped and they realised that the plague was the result of contact and infection and in 1403 an island in the Venetian Lagoon was set aside for the reception of ships arriving from the Levant where cargo and persons were "aired" for forty days until risk of infection was passed.

In 1663 Holland was ravaged with plague and London made Hole Haven, near Thames-haven, a quarantine station. Then in 1665 came the Great Plague of London, 1666 the Great Fire, and in 1667 the Dutch arrived in the Medway, and quarantine was forgotten until 1709 when Poland was smitten and the question was raised again. In 1741 Stangate Creek was made a quarantine station for vessels arriving uninfected from suspect ports. Here ships were moored and their crews quartered ashore and cargo brought on deck a little at a time, to be exposed to the magic dew for six days before being transferred to hulks moored nearby. Ships with infection on board were either burnt or sunk at the Nore, their owners being compensated, while black rats and other carriers of disease evacuated themselves to the marshes, and malaria was not finally eradicated from the Grain district until about 1920.

In 1788 it was decreed that ~~ships~~ arriving from a suspect port should fly a yellow flag, and by 1823 the Quarantine service cost more than it received in dues. The whole question was therefore re-examined and responsibility for health was transferred to individual ports, with emphasis moved from cargoes to persons.

'ORRIBLE CROSSWORD

Clues Across

1. (1,7,5) Wanderer unencumbered by moss.
8. (12) Houdini was certainly one.
11. (3) Half a house but a mountain in Scotland.
12. (5) Take mental exercise.
16. (11) Words of bewitching power.
18. (4) Outpouring from eruption.
19. (4,3,6) Walk dogs? Very bad form on hunting field!
20. (4) Instrument big and brassy with deep voice.
21. (7) Word of advice, maybe, that should be heeded.
24. (6) Separated - even without sea.
28. (5) Put up, plank.
29. (4) Grass plainly not straight.
30. (1,5,4) Smut, maybe, spoiling clean record.
31. (4) Place for the grave.
33. (5) You need a nose for it.
34. (5,7) Creeps, possibly effective position for blades.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

A C M P E O
S N A K E S A N D L A D D E R S
S S N P O E M O B
A V E R A G E S C O W S S
Y M C R E T L N A V E
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S P U D E R I T S W A Y
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TRELLIS PUZZLE

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

"STOP, you PEST, it's OPENing"

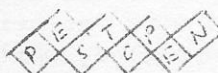
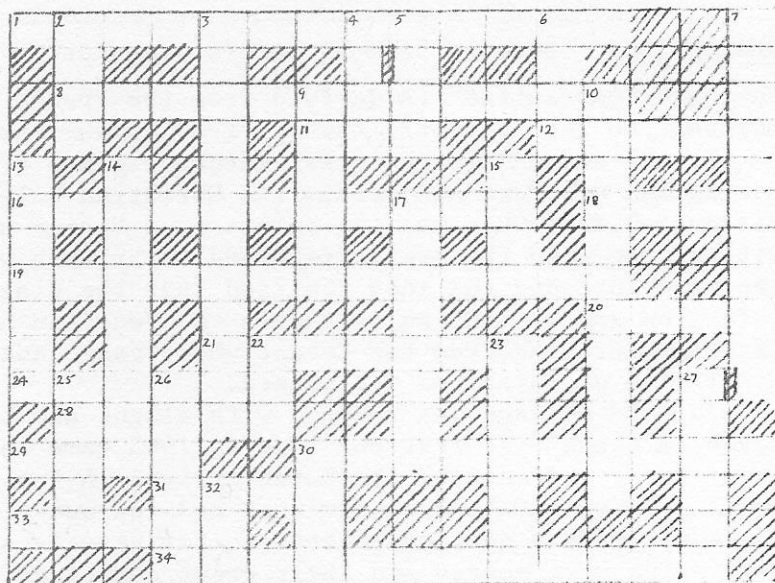
Sir is pleased, but I AM IRate, for this new laid egg had zephyrs such as to give me the idea that sometimes what you sell is less fresh than you plead, in which case ammunition is given to the argument that I should shop elsewhere.



Last week's words:- With the IDEA that we should re-CAST Gwendolen IDol in the role of Eve in EDEN, with a EWER full of caraway SEEDs representing a vegetarian STEW and all her lines in VERSE, WE ACHieved the high-point of our production careers.

Clues Down

2. (4) Show extreme unsteadiness - but should keep line tidy.
3. (7,5) Crooked source of Pisa's pride.
4. (4) No breeze, but a strongly moving air.
5. (4) In a little while.
6. (4) Place for little birds to agree - or fall out!
7. (5,1,5) What an aspiring gold-digger must do.
9. (6) To bale, globe shows distortion, but is highly religious.
10. (3,4,5) At Judgement Day, signals the end of the game?
13. (3-4) Light for light carriage - need two for spectacles.
14. (5,4) Totter's wares - he must have drip-dry shirts!
15. (4) Unknown in a little while.
17. (8) Totter's call for 14A, but without a learner, you mean the opposite!
22. (3) Something a viper can do with a little hesitation?
23. (7) Ice for cocktails? A river of it!
25. (5) One broad smile level with the ship.
26. (6) Late TT, idle chatter.
27. (6) Book never been opened, because never opened one.
30. (4) Bale? Seaman is who can, maybe.
32. (3) Never new. It was once!



PEST, STOP, OPEN

To help, the middle word is given.
Find the other eight.