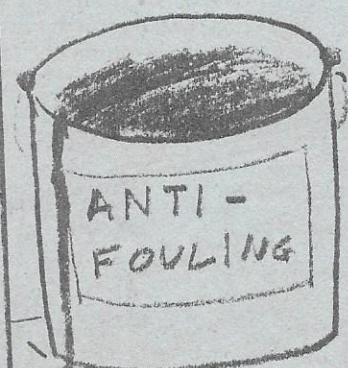
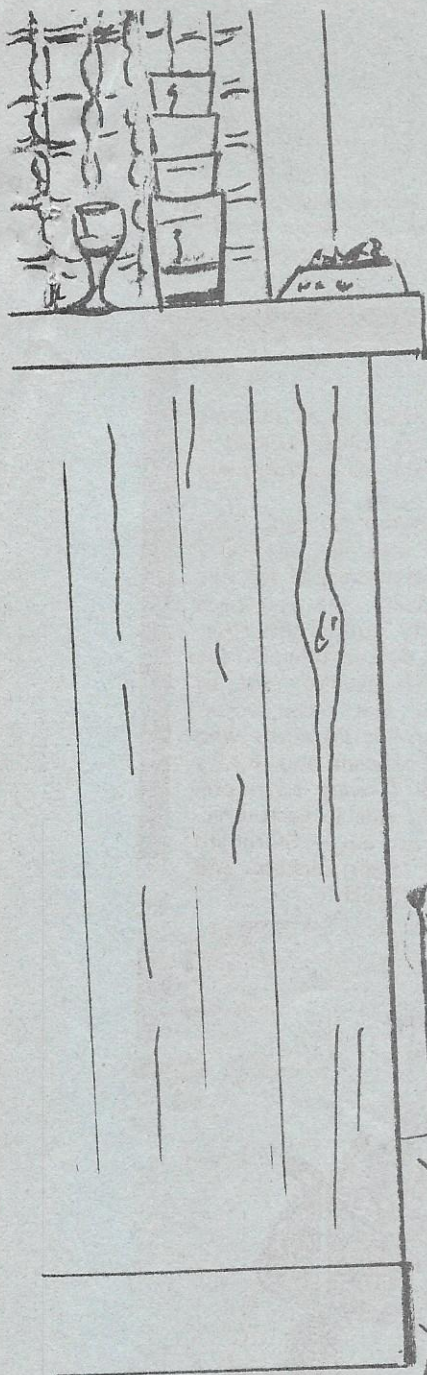


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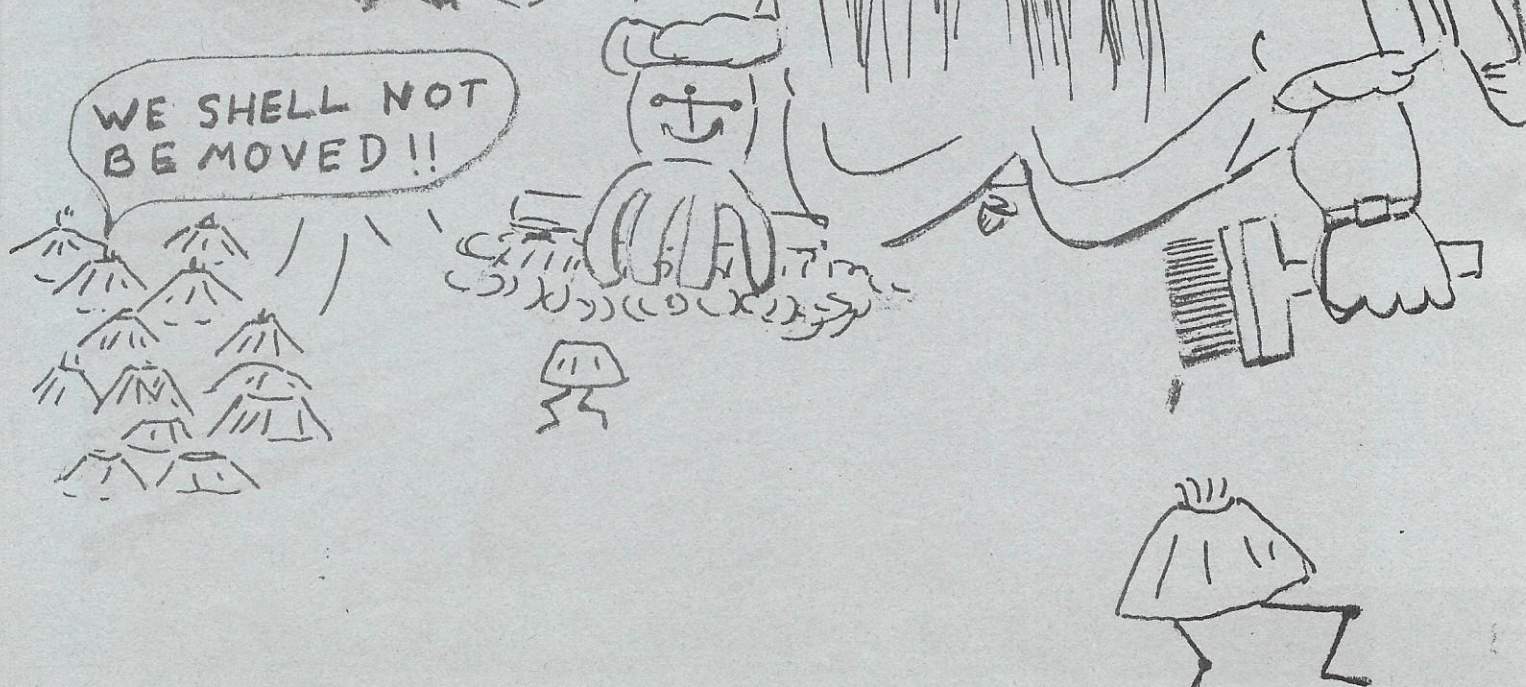
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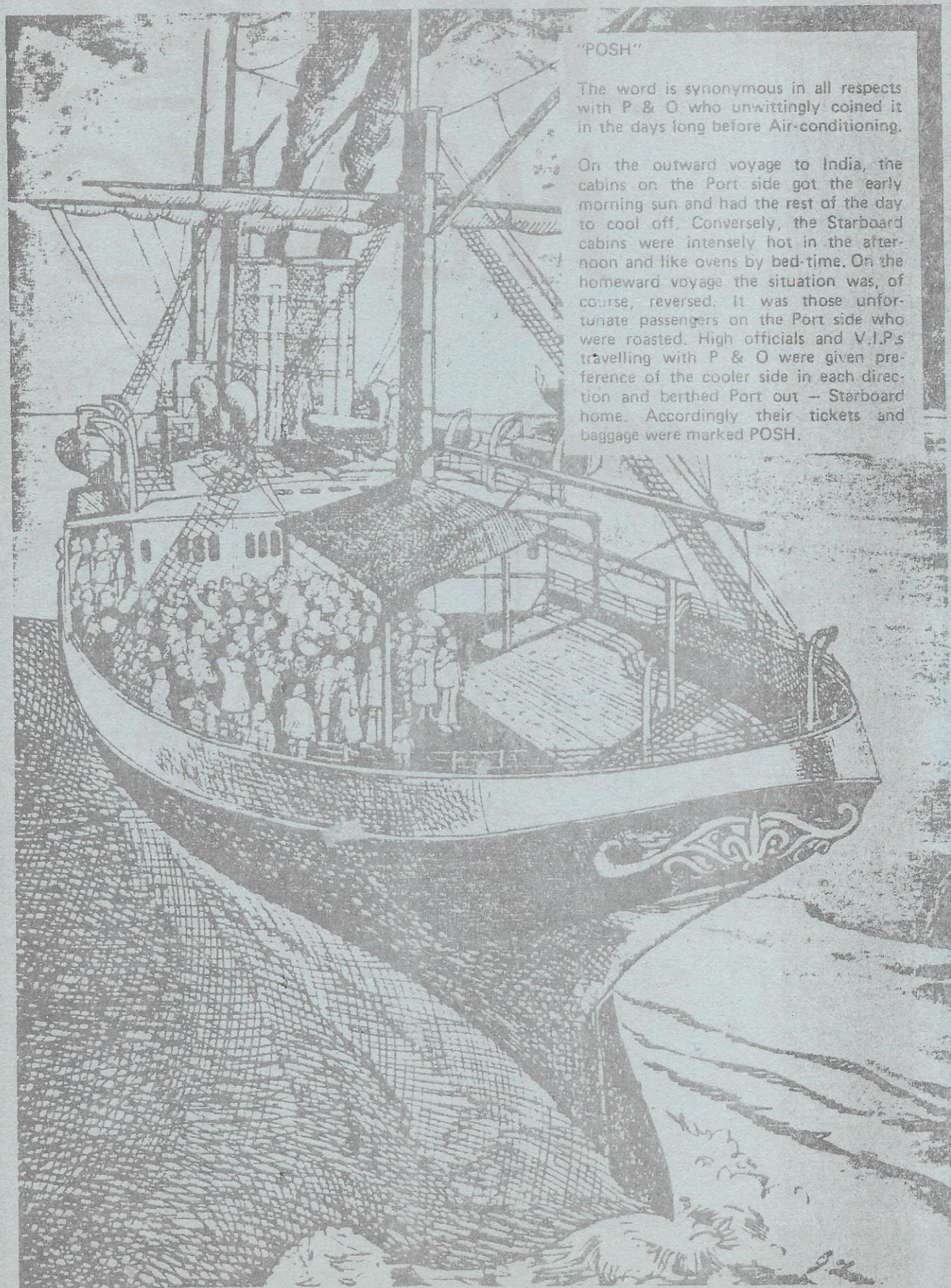
DAMN THESE
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WE SHELL NOT
BE MOVED!!



NAUTICAL TERMS

Produced below is the third of a series of six artist's impressions with brief descriptions of how some well known sayings may have originated. *This series is published by courtesy of P & O (Passenger Division).* (and a spot of piracy)



"POSH"

The word is synonymous in all respects with P & O who unwittingly coined it in the days long before Air-conditioning.

On the outward voyage to India, the cabins on the Port side got the early morning sun and had the rest of the day to cool off. Conversely, the Starboard cabins were intensely hot in the afternoon and like ovens by bed-time. On the homeward voyage the situation was, of course, reversed. It was those unfortunate passengers on the Port side who were roasted. High officials and V.I.P.s travelling with P & O were given preference of the cooler side in each direction and berthed Port out - Starboard home. Accordingly their tickets and baggage were marked POSH.

EDITORIAL

About 2 Editions ago the old "Ed" noted that a new "Ed" was required. Various sources for his procurement included Durham Prison and the Back Door of Mayfair Publications. Well, this one has come from a much higher (lower) establishment - TEC 1B. He seems to have all the right qualifications - "O" Level English, a complete lunatic ("I must be to take on this job") and strong signs of rigormortis!

Tuesday saw the man from the M.O.D. come down to give his annual talk to the first year Sparkies; his message was most joyous, "If you are at sea when war is declared, who will be sunk". Nothing like inspiring confidence!

Thursday saw two unusual events; first, Robbie's yearly "wash", least said about that the better (comment by Robbie elsewhere). Secondly, two Engineers showed their appreciation of the evening meal by spooning it over each other, well, it added some dinner-time entertainment!

Apparently nothing else happened this week, or if it did nobody bothered to write about it. There is nothing quite so discouraging to a new editor as finding he only has one article on which to produce a news letter. Come on - it's your newsletter. You read (joke!) it, so write something for it!

SWIMMING POOL

Staff and students are asked to note that on Saturday 22nd November, the Swimming Pool attendants will be on duty from 6 pm to 9 pm and not during the afternoon.

HAVE YOU HEARD - A college had a "communications problem". Apparently there was a meeting called to discuss the matter. Only the Principal and the Vice-Principal turned up the others had not heard about it.

LONDON BOAT SHOW

If anyone is interested in going to the Earls Court Boat Show on Saturday 17th January, could they please put their names on the list next to the poster on the notice board in the entrance hall. If enough people are interested (10 or more), then party rates will apply.

The approximate cost of the journey to and from the show and entrance fee will be about £4.00, subject to confirmation.

Apparently, after consideration, the bar committee has decided that if glasses are not being returned; cigarette ash and ends are being put in glasses, etc. then the whole of the top floor will be closed for an evening, not just the bar. That means no Pinball, no Pool and no T.V. As one of the committee put it, "We are sick of having to clear up everybody else's mess".

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

Dear Fellow College Members,

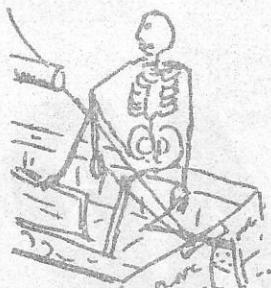
I wish to thank you all for the 'annual' bath administered on Thursday, both the external one in the pool (grr, gnash, drip), and later the internal bath in the bar (slurp, hic!).

After this one last day of youthful, carefree follies, I shall now retire into desolate old age.

I hereby apologise to those I may have offended on Thursday (ignorance is bliss!!).

Thanks, all, for a lovely day.

Robbie



Lots of ideas for captions to last week's skeleton cover, mainly from the N.S. Students (and some of them printable). Front runner for the prize so far.....

"Where do they issue our 'Survival at Sea' attendance certificate?"
any more

PERCY THROWER IS SHOT BY A PHEASANT

Audrey, with her blonde hair, brown eyes and doll-like figure—she is just 5ft 3in—closely resembles tiny

Test-tube babies are with us now. The next breakthrough is babies

Parents will be able to watch the baby take form, kick and suck its thumb. Then the hatch will open

Puppy wrecks a car in 100ft plunge

TV GARDENER Percy Thrower was in hospital last night after a horror shooting accident.

The 67-year-old celebrity was hit in the face and arm by shotgun pellets on a weekend pheasant shoot.

POLL CLIFF-HANGER

AS IRAN OFFERS A HOSTAGE DEAL

WORRIED about your sex life, scared to leave the house, depressed about your job? Soon you will be able to tap out those anxieties, depressions and hang-

10 months Credit on every item

SHOCK! REPORT! NEWS EXCLUSIVE!

My bid to stop the rot by steel Mole

M.N.C. NEWS REVIEW!

NEXT WEEK — ALL THE FACTS BEHIND ALL THE STORIES TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT AND MONSTROUSLY DISTORTED!

WATCH THIS SPACE!

SCHOOL LUNCHES GO POP-

JOKE!

NOT THIS ONE, THAT ONE!

A squid was feeling ill after a night on the beer. A friendly whale came along and gave the poor squid a lift on his back. But the whale tossed the squid into the waiting jaws of a killer shark. As he did the terrible deed the whale said to the shark: "Here's the SICK-SQUID I owe you!"

BOOM AHEAD!

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF ALCOHOLISM?

The following questions will help a person learn if he has some of the symptoms of alcoholism. He might use the questionnaire as a rough checklist to determine whether he or a member of his family may need help.

1. Do you occasionally drink heavily after a disappointment, a quarrel, or when the boss gives you a hard time?
2. When you have trouble or feel under pressure, do you always drink more heavily than usual?
3. Have you noticed that you are able to handle more liquor than you did when you were first drinking?
4. Did you ever wake up on the "morning after" and discover that you could not remember part of the evening before, even though your friends tell you that you did not "pass out"?
5. When drinking with other people, do you try to have a few extra drinks when others will not know it?
6. Are there certain occasions when you feel uncomfortable if alcohol is not available?
7. Have you recently noticed that when you begin drinking you are in more of a hurry to get the first drink than you used to be?
8. Do you sometimes feel a little guilty about your drinking?
9. Are you secretly irritated when your family or friends discuss your drinking?
10. Have you recently noticed an increase in the frequency of your memory "blackouts"?
11. Do you often find that you wish to continue drinking after your friends say they have had enough?
12. Do you usually have a reason for the occasions when you drink heavily?
13. When you are sober, do you often regret things you have done or said while drinking?
14. Have you tried switching brands or following different plans for controlling your drinking?
15. Have you often failed to keep the promises you have made to yourself about controlling or cutting down on your drinking?
16. Have you ever tried to control your drinking by making a change in jobs, or moving to a new location?
17. Do you try to avoid family or close friends while you are drinking?
18. Are you having an increasing number of financial and work problems?
19. Do more people seem to be treating you unfairly without good reason?
20. Do you sometimes have the "shakes" in the morning and find that it helps to have a little drink?
21. Do you eat very little or irregularly when you are drinking?
22. Have you recently noticed that you cannot drink as much as you once did?
23. Do you sometimes stay drunk for several days at a time?
24. Do you sometimes feel very depressed and wonder whether life is worth living?
25. Sometimes after periods of drinking, do you see or hear things that aren't there?
26. Do you get terribly frightened after you have been drinking heavily?

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions, you have some of the symptoms that may indicate alcoholism. "Yes" answers to several of the questions indicate the following stages of alcoholism:

Questions 1-8 - early stage : Questions 9-21 - middle stage :
Questions 22-26 - the beginning of final stage.

From "Esso Mariner", Sept./Oct. '80, in which there is an article on Alcoholism.

A SHORT RAMBLE (or MS Will be Heard!)

Hello, Hello, Hello, and Hello again! Yes, word has it (BBC 'Nationwide' yesterday) that today is World Hello Day. Say "Hello" to ten total strangers and make the World a better place (You'll probably get yourself arrested - but what a wonderful cause - American, of course!).

Also, I seem to recall hearing on TV last night of the World's first female sea captain. She studied at Plymouth, I think, and they didn't give the name of her ship, but I'm going to guess it's 'Pinafore'.

Ooops! Careful Maggie, you'll have the Women's Libbers on your tail! Touchy lot, the Women's Libbers, make us appear nearly as petty as the men! Did you hear ('Nationwide', Wed.) of the trouble 'Cherwell's' in? 'Cherwell' is the magazine of Oxford University students, so I suppose M.N.C. News could claim kinship, and apparently it printed something - I missed what as I was feeding my terrapins and trying to convince one that it (sorry, she) was not supposed to be eating my finger - that offended certain ladies about the University to such a degree that it has been banned altogether from certain colleges: however, sales have never been better, so perhaps the ban is not being that rigorously enforced. Maybe it should be - body searches carried out on all students entering a college, to be conducted, of course, by large, well-muscled females, and anyone found transgressing to be instantly sent down and banned from all protest movements for life.

On a more serious note (particularly to those of you from 'Small Ships'), and also on 'Nationwide' ("Doesn't she ever watch anything else?") Trinity House has decided that anyone taking virtually any vessel on the Thames (except GLC Sludge Boats!) will have to employ, or become, a licenced Pilot. The cost, to small coaster owners and captains who have been running up and down river all their lives and know the way like their own garden paths, will be such as to force them out of business wholesale. True, they will be able to apply, and pay, to become pilots themselves, but if the result is too many pilots, in Trinity House's estimation, they will be the first to lose their licences. Someone must have shares in a lorry firm.

Finally, one little grouse before I go, and one that has nothing to do with anything that has gone before - but is there any rule which says my subjects must be connected? An advertisement that I saw yesterday (not on 'Nationwide'), for a piece of office equipment, advertised that one could make labels with it "for less than half a pence per word". Yesterday evening, I heard someone talking about "several peas (p's, pees?). Can anyone explain this curious phenomenon whereby plural has become singular, and singular - well, that has happened to "penny"?

"THE WAR GAME", the film shot in Rochester, Chatham and Gravesend in 1965, creating the supposed effects of a nuclear attack in North Kent, is being shown tonight at 7.30 at the Friends' Meeting House, Northgate, Rochester.

As a film: it's an example of the style of "faction"; the creation of pseudo-documentary. The director also made the film "Culloden" in similar style, which you may have seen on BBC. "The War Game" was never allowed on the national TV screen (though some snippets were shown only a few weeks ago) for fear of causing too much distress to the population.

WIDOW 46 would love to meet
sincere male 46, 50ish with
wheels;



Newspaper "Personal" Ad.

As a political statement: it claims, by virtue of its style, to be "neutral". It's now back in North Kent under the patronage of the Medway Branch of C.N.D.

Those who saw it years ago on limited release WERE generally shocked: I remember the foyer of Gravesend's cinema looking like a casualty station with St. Johns' men tending the fainted, every night. Students who have seen it at M.N.C. over the last decade have, gradually, shown less shock. Perhaps we're too used to the thought of it now - for good or bad; perhaps, also, we've seen too much realistic blood on film to be concerned by a grainy black and white film.

Mid-Kent C.B. plan a convoy of vehicles demo., in Maidstone, probably November 29th. Obviously in aid of legalising C.B. as outlined in this year's Green Paper.

OMENS AND SUPERSTITIONS

A book* published last week looks like being a possible Christmas present for your "absolutely-impossible-to-think-what" friend. Superstitions, after all, intrigue most of us because we - being too intelligent - don't have them. Still, Frances Bacon did comment: "In all superstitions, wise men follow fools". Read on

The book tells us that women in the Midlands often trip down the aisle without wearing underwear. (That's lucky? For who?). If a girl's underwear falls down, it's a sign that she's thinking about her well, it couldn't just be broken elastic, could it? One might begin to suspect that some of these "Omens" are the product of over-heated, male, apologies-for-minds. (Frustration - friction - heat).

If you want a good day's sport - shooting - get a virgin to jump over your gun. (So that's what "Happiness is a warm gun" means). Virgins also cure (men) of those Veritable Disasters that flesh is, in some cases, heir to; but they don't offer Virgins at the Seaman's Hospital, so don't trust it. How do you recognise a virgin? They can stare at the sun without blinking. (Ladies in shades have their own reasons). If a girl forgets to put out the salt cellar, she's just stopped being eligible for sun-staring. (Keep your eyes open, lads, she might just be a good cook).

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No, we're too intelligent for Superstitions. And Seamen are particularly level-headed. But they do have just the odd superstition about things, including women but that's another story. This one is true.

"We were discharging in Sydney, slinging trays of ingots of tin: 20 ingots of 1 cwt each per tray. Incidentally, tin was then worth £2 a lb, when the master was getting £1,000 p.a. **. The old winches failed just as a tray passed over the gunwhale - ACCIDENT ONE - one whole tray into the harbour.

"Later, we were loading 6" steel plate and railway iron (rails to you). First the plate went down onto the tank top, then the iron was lowered in threes vertically into the hold. The same old winches failed again, as the lower ends of the iron passed over the hatch coaming. You can guess the three rails went straight through the steel plate and into the double bottom: ACCIDENT TWO.

"What was going to be the third? Shortly before we left for Brisbane and Townsville, a rat was seen going over the side, leaving the ship

"But the voyage to Brisbane, the stay and the subsequent voyage to Townsville were uneventful. But the third caught up with us there. A Chinese crewman fell down the forehold from the upper 'tween deck for no very good reason, and was D.O.A. In threes? Well, you believe what you like.

"Anyway, there's a couple of twists to the last accident. One early morning I had to go to identify, formally, the corpse in the morgue. Job jobbed, the mortuary attendant slid back the cadaver into the fridge, turned to me again, and said 'Fancy a beer, mate? and started to slide open It's the only time I ever refused a beer, I think.

"Some of the Chinese crew had to attend the Inquest, too. They got paid for it. They took the money to the local abattoir and bought offal for a magnificent feast to celebrate their mate's departure to a better world. They also bought firecrackers to chase his ghost out of his cabin.

"Superstitious lot, these Chinese."

(Students might like to hazard a guess at which M.N.C. lecturer has "been known to refuse a beer" after finishing a job.)

*"Dictionary of Omens and Superstitions", Philippa Waring, Magnum, £1.50
** There's 2240 lbs in a ton, for you modern fellows.

(Incidentally, typing this was the very devil - all the letters went down in the wrong order, right from "OESMN" in the title)

Lecturer seen leaving College with copy of "Assessing Problem Children" wishes it to be known that it is nothing to do with his TEC students - yet.

Nautical student's idea of cool "chatting-up" of talent who had just informed him that her aged relative had just been buried.....

'ORRIBLE CROSSWORD

Clues Across

1. (7,6) Dawn song? 'Wakey, Wakey!' in unison, perhaps.
8. (4) Above a certain number of balls.
9. (7,2) Toast for conoeists practicing capsized drill?
10. (4) Fruit one said should be double.
11. (6) Rubbed out, taken from paper as editor.
15. (1,3,3,7) Seen overhead carrying speech in political cartoon?
17. (3) Newt
20. (5,3) Summary justice on the way to Boot Hill.
21. (5) I rent - to bury.
23. (3) Outcry for colour.
24. (3) Decimal number
25. (6) Push, hurt little saint.
26. (3) Light beer.
27. (8) Getting the craft ashore.
28. (8,4) Masons' effort to 'de-Pict' North.
30. (3) Trap Hogarth feared.
31. (3,3,5) Navigational calculations - or instructions to herring boat?

Clues Down

1. (4) Play causing some disorder to the Prom.
2. (6) Burn - only slightly!
3. (7) Fertiliser - sounds cheaper than by day?
4. (7) Service, and so to bed in the Cloister!
5. (4) A part of the ship you must know to pull your weight.
6. (4) Alkali for whisky men.
7. (7) Grind at, doing business.
12. (8,4) Sound of bugle, perhaps, bringing troops to order?
13. (5,6) Stores check as practiced by thief.
14. (3,3,5) Instruction to Eleven before Test?
15. (7) Fit sporting type.
16. (4,3,4) Give away, perhaps through sailing accident?
18. (9) A pushing in, and probably unwelcome.
19. (9) Punished and caused to regret it.
22. (8) Concerning spies - they show up by effect.
29. (3) Full stop?

TRELLIS PUZZLE

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

"STOP you PEST, it's OPENing"



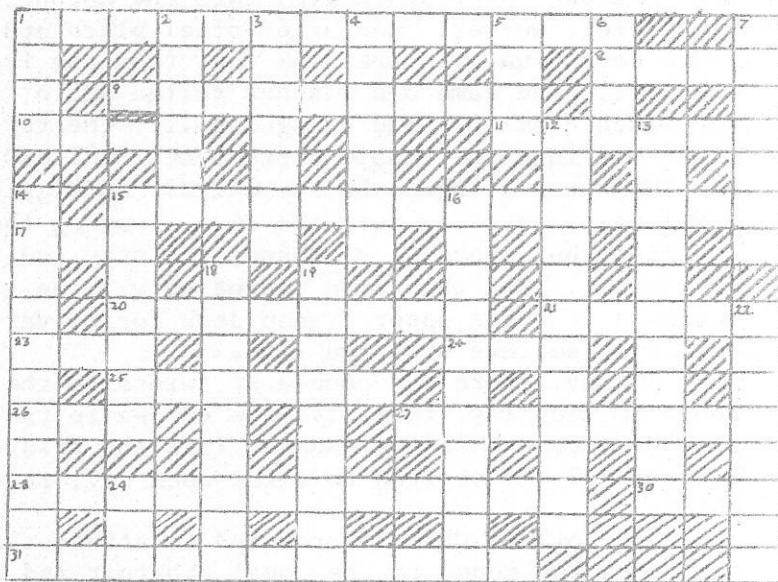
I well remember my native land, the place where the name of my family is known, a place made empty by my departure, a place deserted since was wrenched up the stem it had once nourished, which stem, pITChed so unkindly into army life, has yet proved to have a charmed power to survive all.



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

Last week's Trellis: I would back my PUP Any day againST A Greyhound to traP A Cat in a tree - the only place it can esCAPE too close acquaintance: the NEW Tom next door rAGED and swore from the EDGE of the wall, but found it too low to avoid being PESTered and treated with a GENERAL lack of respect.

£500 Prize - Donald Maxwell Award - for winning paper on theme "World Markets for British Marine Equipment" 5000 word paper, 500 word synopsis to BMEC by 15th Jan., 1981. Open to all UK residents under 30 at 31st March 1981 employed in or connected with, the British Maritime industry. Entry form, etc., from



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

GENERALSTAFF
B E E E L I
INSTILL CRAYONS
R T T O I O
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SKIFF ANT E E
C L STARBURSTS
RABID T P A SP P
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