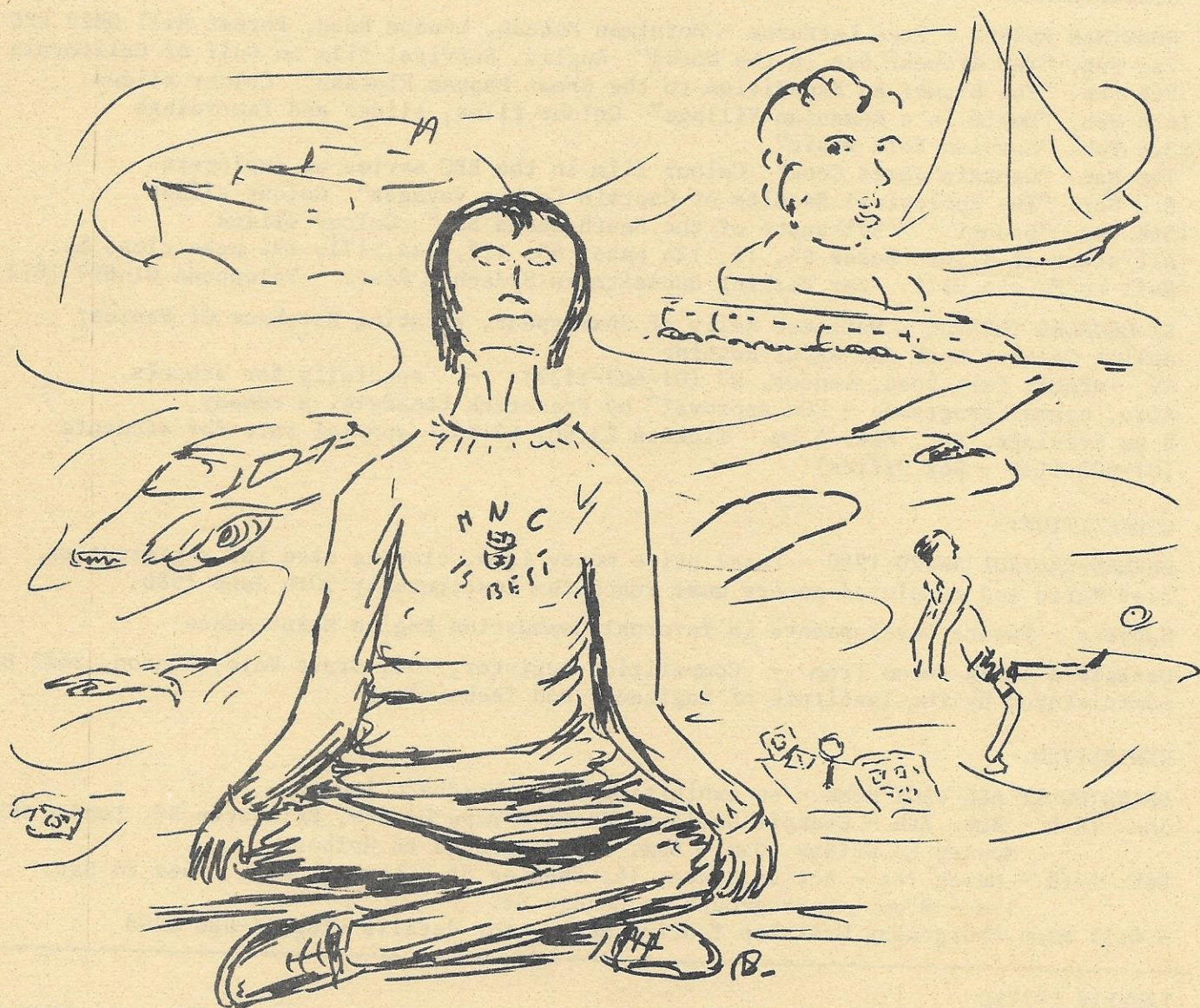


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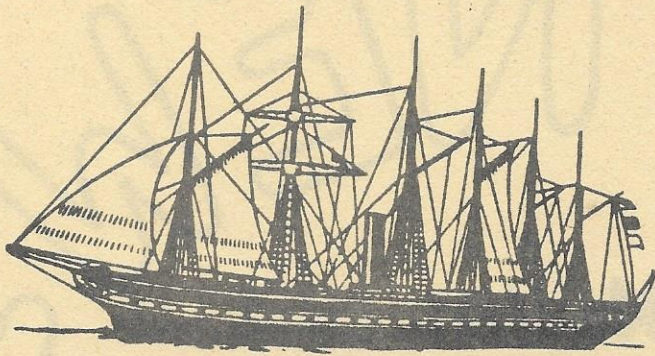
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M.N.C. Student contemplating what he is going to write for NEXT WEEK'S 'NEWS'!
(if he wants a 'News' next week!)

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NEARER HOME:-

HORNIMAN MUSEUM - Free Lectures - Horniman Museum, London Road, Forest Hill SE23 2PQ
2nd Feb. "The Richest Sea in the World" Anglia, Survival film on Gulf of California
9th Feb. "The Biarni: An Expedition to the Great Papuan Plateau" Colour slides
16th Feb. "Music in a Romanian Village" Colour films, slides and recordings
23rd Feb. "Latvian Folk Music"
1st Mar. "Captain James Cook" Colour film in the BBC series on explorers
8th Mar. "The Zoological Results of Captain Cook's Voyages" Colour slides
15th Mar. "Brunei - A Sultanate of the South China Sea" Colour slides
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ST GEORGES THEATRE - Matinees daily of Shakespear, rotating Merchant Of Venice; Julius Caesar; Much Ado About Nothing
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COMPETITION:-

BURMAH-CASTROL AWARD 1980 - total prize money £250, closing date for registration 31st March and completed papers must reach the Institute by 30th June 1980.

Subject - Future Developments in Internal Combustion Engine Maintenance

Details & entry forms from - Competition Register, 100, Grove Vale, London, SE22 8DR
Administered by The Institute of Engineers and Technicians

EXHIBITION:-

BRINGING IT ALL BACK HOME - an exhibition about Northern Ireland.

Jan. 15th - Feb. 7th - Cockpit Gallery, Drama & Tape Centre, Princeton St. London WC1
Monday to Friday 10am - 8pm. Underground to Holborn

Feb. 12th - March 1st - Action Space, 16, Chenies St., London, WC1. Tues to Sat.
11m.- 8 pm. Underground to Goodge St.

A Half Moon Photography Workshop Touring Show. for details ring 01-980 8798

TRELLIS PUZZLE

Last week's words:- It seemed a good IDEA to aim the ITEM at readers from the CHAPel, and when I EDITed it, it was with the mind to pITCH it thus, but since I PAID so much attention to them IT followed that though keeping those EDified I CEASEd to appeal to my other readers.

This week's puzzle on back page

A PING DING IN A FIX

"Number 1.2.3. cargo ship. Terribly urgent. Request instruction."

"Vessel under extraordinary circumstance. Sailing Bermuda for relashing."

"Please safety out life. Permission call Bermuda. Unload number 1.2.3. cargo on hatch cover. Terribly shift to each side. All crew members with pale face."

"Proceeding to Bermuda for unload and reload. None chart available."

The following afternoon:-

"Regret to inform you that unfortunately vessel aground position 32°27'N, 64°49'W," and had been so for the past eleven hours!

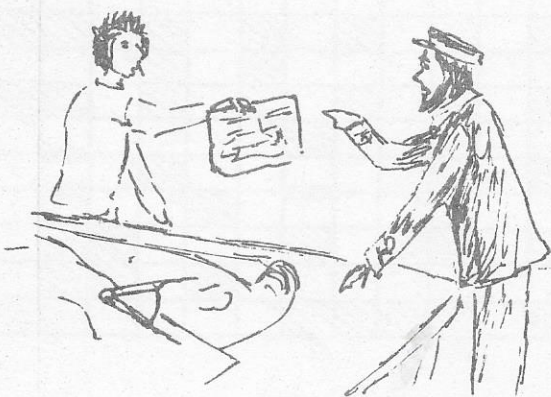
Thus did the American Agents of the Liberian registered ship MARI BOEING, Captain Kuo-cheng, chief mate (on watch) Ping Ding, hear of the misadventure of their ship on Wednesday and Thursday 27th and 28th December 1978, according to the report printed in the Winter 1979 edition of Furness Withy Groups "Log", available in the Library.

MARI BOEING, the report goes on to state, was only four years old, and well equipped with all the necessary electronic navigational aids; she should not have come to grief, but she had. Reference to a chart will show that she was on an extensive reef which stretches out for as much as 12 miles from the island of Bermuda, and she had, moreover, steamed into that uncomfortable berth at a speed of about 8 knots, which meant she had got herself well and truly stuck, and the Dutch salvage firm of Smit thoroughly confounded all the local experts when they succeeded in pulling her off again some two months later.

The findings of the public enquiry, called by the Liberian Bureau of Maritime Affairs, are reproduced below.

1. At the time of the grounding, chief mate Ping Ding was on watch, the captain was on the bridge, and all the ship's radar, radio and navigational equipment was in good working order - but the latter was not switched on.
2. There was no chart of Bermuda on board, but there were 30 pages of sailing directions on how to approach Bermuda - which remained unread.
3. The first time that the captain was aware of the extensive reefs off Bermuda was when he hit them.
4. The ship never called up Bermuda Harbour Radio to ask for a pilot or navigational help.
5. To find his way into Bermuda, the captain was plotting his course on a chart index, which is used for ordering charts and which shows nothing but the outline of the island, with the area of each chart superimposed on it.
6. Not only had the ship "none chart" but the chief mate Ping Ding had "none chief mate's licence" either, as his Liberian licence had been issued on the evidence of a bogus Taiwanese one.

"The grounding", it was concluded, "was caused by the failure to equip the vessel with adequate charts."



"And that's the London Underground!"

Advertisement in a Yorkshire newspaper:

"Part time clerk required, able to type and with some knowledge of PAYE, VAT and general cooking."

Heard at Heathrow:

"Would Mr. Seymour of Mars please go to the British Airways information desk."

Who said there's no-one out there?

Card in a Lancashire shop window:

"Reluctantly forced to find good home for a large shaggy mongrel dog. Disobedient, impossible to house-train, gluttonous and has filthy habits, but has bitten a shop steward."

"Aries is a point on the celestial equator which a star passes every 24 hours. It is constant and does not move."

Clues Across

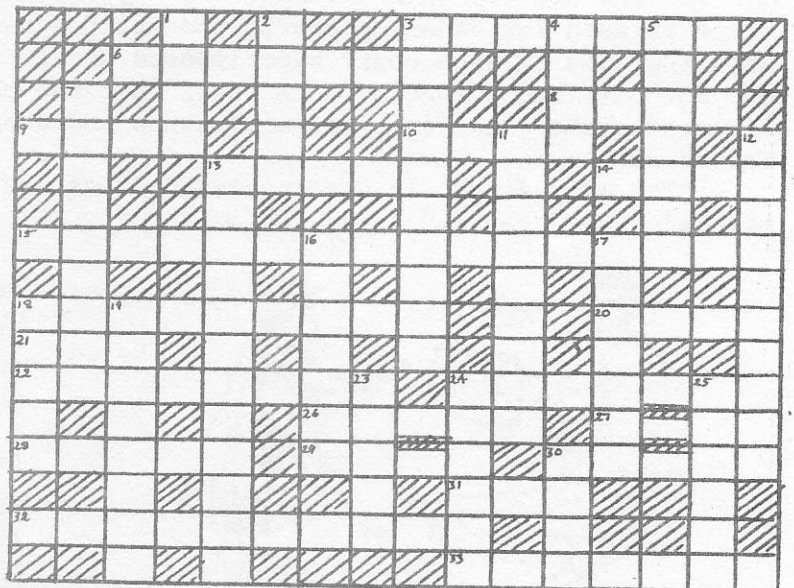
3. (7) Unshaven after harvest.
6. (7) Pipe from letters I'd count to take power or water perhaps.
8. (4) It's uncommon half cooked.
9. (4) Pain that keeps it up.
10. (4) She sealed the fate of old Scandinavians.
13. (5) Identical result of multiplication by division.
14. (4) Part of leg with little meat.
15. (6,5-5) Little beetle, short in the wing, toils in Infernal harness.
18. (5,4) Bars the way, to river-craft, maybe.
20. (1,1,1,1) Initially ladies in the ranks.
21. (3) Alternative to a sail?
22. (4,2,2) Hurry up, like a gardener with a snail.
24. (3-4) Basic essential for stone-age furnishing?
26. (5) Attempted to prove crime does not pay.
27. (4) Boy up East to Yorkshire valley.
28. (5) Badger, it says, with sweet tooth in South Africa.
29. (4) Met by Hindu beyond the Grave.
30. (5) Carbonised remains of English cricket, or something.
31. (3) Tear, a fierce tide.
32. (3-7) Brought from a distant place - a likely story!
33. (7) Could be guilty? That is possible.

Clues Down

1. (4) Unexciting, but best rifled.
2. (5) To put a brainwave before a learner makes it just the thing.
3. (5,5) Presenting adamantine exterior.
4. (4) Where the tithe may be held, or the whole crop.
5. (7) Uncertain crossbred taken poaching.
7. (9) Innocently takes the blame by old custom --
11. (3,6) - but plainly guilty of painting the town.
12. (5,5) Eaten with afternoon tea in Heaven?
13. (4,8) Spurn mutton the next day.
16. (7) Love, should not be cold.
17. (7) Direction to proceed, nursing no doubt.
18. (5) One who evidently missed the winning streak.
19. (8) Ask cure rate for any living beast.
23. (5) Rubbish! - particularly in America.
24. (6) Lower parts of full sets to cover chins.
25. (6) A man of the cloth possibly sounds useful in the office.
30. (4) Bull for Pharaoh.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

W I N D O W D R E S S E R S
 H I A O L Q E
 E L S P R U E G E R U N D
 E L E C T I O N G M E I
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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"

PEST, STOP OPEN

As, zestfully, I shaped my new gate-post with grandfather's adze, stopping every so often to open bottles of SALE-price pop, little did I dream that I would one day star in a leading part in an Ensa show.



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