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EDITORIAL

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy is when men are afraid of the light."

So said Plato, many years ago, and how right he was. Now I don't profess to be a philosopher, and I'm not going into deep and profound studies here, but why must people the whole world over go around with their eyes shut.

How many millions of pounds does it cost to send three men to the Moon and bring some dust back? How many people, anywhere in the World could be given even a crust of bread to ease their pain - for the same amount. AN AWFUL LOT.

Science is a wonderful thing - when put to good use. Does it, or will it ever benefit mankind by proving we can go to the Moon and back? The technology and engineering associated with a project of such magnitude is truly awe-inspiring, and people connected with it hasten to inform us that we will all benefit ("spin-off", they call it). Have you bought your gold-plated, air jacketed indestructable space suit yet?

Next time you pick up a paper and read about a moon shot, spare some time, thought and energy for those less fortunate than yourself.

Have a good month, and enjoy your B.T.

TRULY HUMOROUS

HOW TO MAKE A DEEP IMPRESSION WITH YOUR FUTURE IN-LAWS

A young man went to an engagement party given by a good friend of his. While he was there he got talking to a girl, and decided he wanted to take her out. So, because he had to leave the party without the girl, he obtained her name and address and arranged to meet her the following Saturday. With the address came the instructions, "turn into the service road alongside the first block of flats past the roundabout".

Came the Saturday and the fellow set out, clean and tidy, in plenty of time to be with the girl. He did as he was instructed, and drove into the service road. Driving along the road he saw the two entrances to the flats, so, pulling nearby he attempted to read the numbers, as he wasn't sure which entrance he wanted.

All of a sudden there was a resounding bang, and crunch - the car stopped dead, with its offside front wheel below ground level and the car balancing on the edge of a huge hole in the ground. A much shaken young man climbed out of the car to find that the entrance he was heading for was sunk two feet below ground level - the door being reached by three steps leading down. The reason this mishap occurred was because the road led straight alongside the entrances, without a pavement or step to indicate the edge.

So, the clean young man rapidly lost his groomed appearance in jacking the car up to ground level and placing planks supplied by amused onlookers from the flats under the suspended wheel.

Eventually he got the car out, and asking an onlooker where the flat he was looking for was, he was told: "that's in the next block, just down the road".

Fortunately the story has a happy ending, because the couple are now engaged and are getting married fairly soon, and the story never fails to get a laugh between them.

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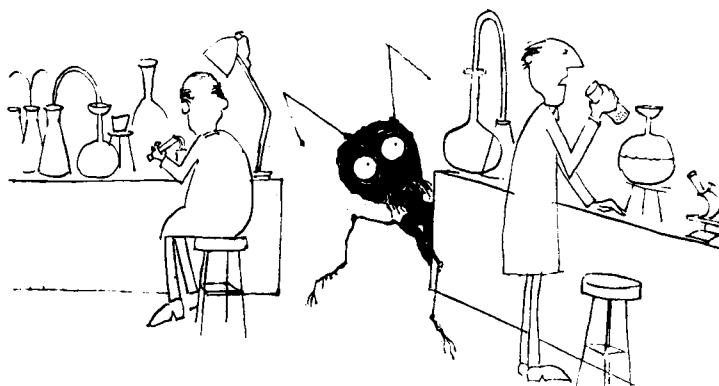
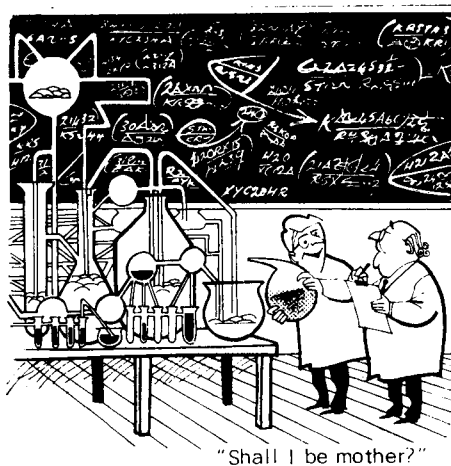
A passenger with British Rail, writing a letter of complaint to a Stationmaster started off with:

"As a passenger with British Rail of many years standing"

Survey

The response to this particular item was not exactly overwhelming, but it must be put on record that one completed sheet was received.

Anyway, after that resounding flop, it looks as if the format is going to continue along the present lines.



"9, 10, 11 . . . seems to be one bug, missing, Professor!"

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1971 MARCH (EN ROUTE FOR PROGRESS)

Did you know, that in approximately 3 years time we are going to change our system of writing the date? Contrary to popular belief, we are not having decimal days, months and years - such as a standard 10 day month, a standard 100 month year - and then sleeping for the next decade to recover. Instead, we are going to write the date with the year first, followed by the month, with the day written last.

On the same subject, turning to units of time in the booklet "Changing to the Metric System", we find:

"The units week, month and year are also in common use"

You never know, it might catch on.

BE BRIGHT, BE A NIT!

Also in "Changing to the Metric System", you can see for yourself that the term "nit" is not quite as derogatory as we have been led to believe.

"Units of luminance are expressed as candela per square metre, after referred to as the "nit"."

Decibelisation:- Putting the currency on a sound basis.

The Southern Electricity Board, in a note to consumers wrote of Decimal Currency.

"Although the Decimal Currency Equivalent Value to enable you to become accustomed to Decimal is now being shown on your Bill, this is only intended Currency."

Quite! And the current currently supplied will continue to be in the current currency except where two concurrent currencies are quoted when it will be in both currencies.

Posistively the final comment on the subject, from the Daily Telegraph.

"If God had meant us to go decimal there would only have been 10 Apostles"

the FILM column

OUR NEXT SHOW

The next Film Show will be held in the Lecture Room at 6.30 pm on Wednesday, 10th March. The main film will be 'The Tenth Victim', which is a satirical account of the way in which the warless world of the 21st century works off its latent aggressive instincts. Violence remains in fashion, even though war has been abolished, and, as an outlet for hostility sporting citizens get licenses to kill. Marcello Mastroianna and Ursula Andress meets in a lethal battle of the sexes: as victim and huntress - programmed for murder by computer - with an alarming arsenal of futuristic weapons at their command. The film is in colour and also stars Elsa Martinelli.

The supporting film is 'The Plank' which was written and directed by Eric Sykes. This is the same style as the popular 'A Home of Your Own' and stars Tommy Cooper, Eric Sykes, Timmy Edwards, Grahame Stark and Jim Dale.

Georgina (Alperton) is collecting silver paper in Aid of The Blind People's Society, to enable them to purchase a trained dog for a blind person.

All contributions of silver paper will be kindly accepted.

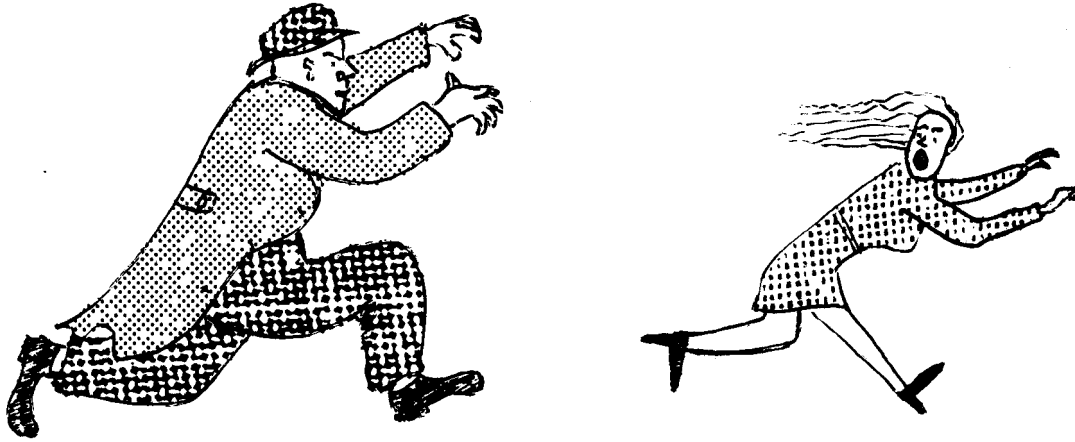
Thank you

FOR SALE - AGAIN!

Graham Taylor having successfully disposed of his Triumph Vitesse (advertised last month) now wishes to sell the car radio. This is an Elpico Model CR575 Mk III positive earth, fully transistorised medium and long wavebands complete with speaker - £8. Hurry folks! Jack Blisset has already been heard making offers of around £10?

Wednesday March 10th at 6-30 p.m. in the lecture room

A Double Feature



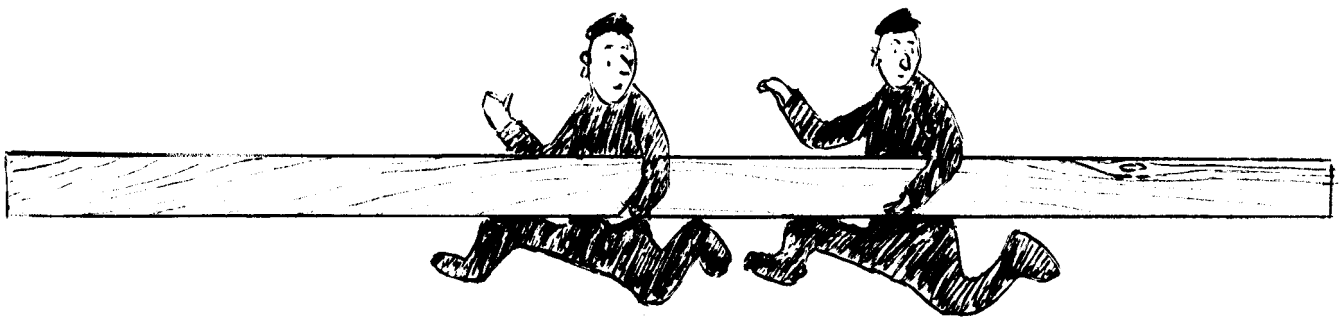
THE TENTH VICTIM

featuring URSULA ANDRESS, MARCELLO MASTROIANNI

and ELSA MARTINELLI

And

THE PLANK



with TOMMY COOPER and ERIC SYKES

The Page 8½ Column

A monthly miscellany.



ENGLISH AS SHE IS SPOKE (1971)

From a report in Educational Research on the ability of children aged 11-18 to absorb new words, the following:

Acidity	Not on purpose
Cloister	A congregation of oysters
Quadrant	The fifth child of four born all at once
Puce	A peace between two fights
Eider	This or that
Amphibious	Wanting to get on
Hymnology	A study of marriage
Adulteration	Strict parents

Real mistakes, or acidity on purpose?

THIS MERRIE ENGLAND

Advertisement in The Times,

"House of Commons Library requires conscious Part Time Typist from 22nd February 1971"

DELIBERATE HEADLINE OF THE MONTH

From the London Evening Standard.

"Arms Deal: Heath sticks to his guns"

NOT NEEDED (OR NOT?)

The President of the World Wildlife Fund, reported the final issue of Science Journal, sent a message to the heads of government of all countries in the world. In it he

"urgently requested them that their governments should take every step to stabilize their populations at their present level as soon as possible by whatever means are not acceptable to their people."

War? Plague? Starvation? Hot Pants??

Brew it yourself

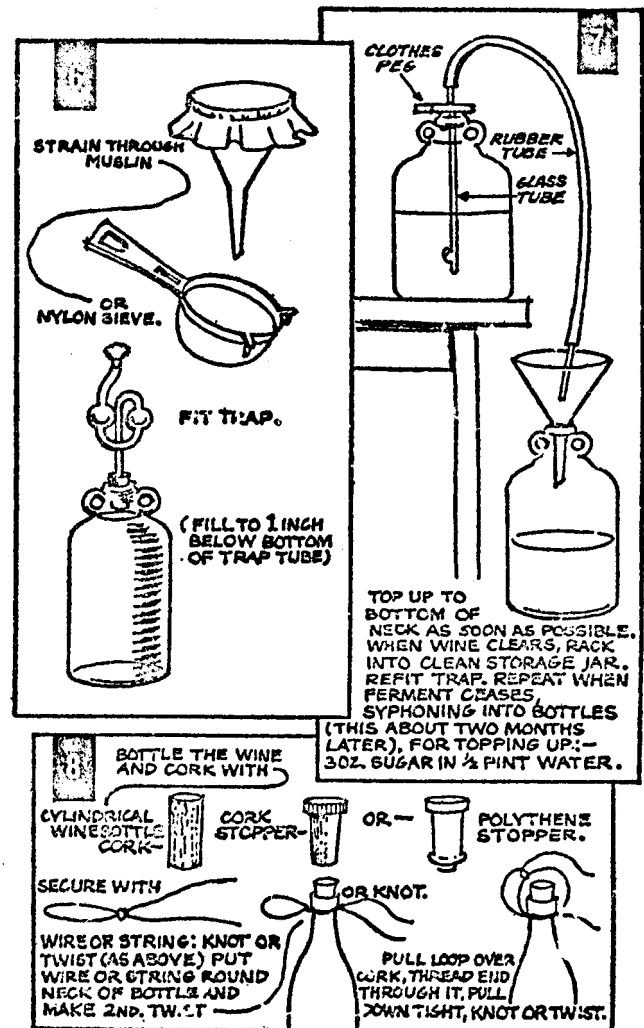
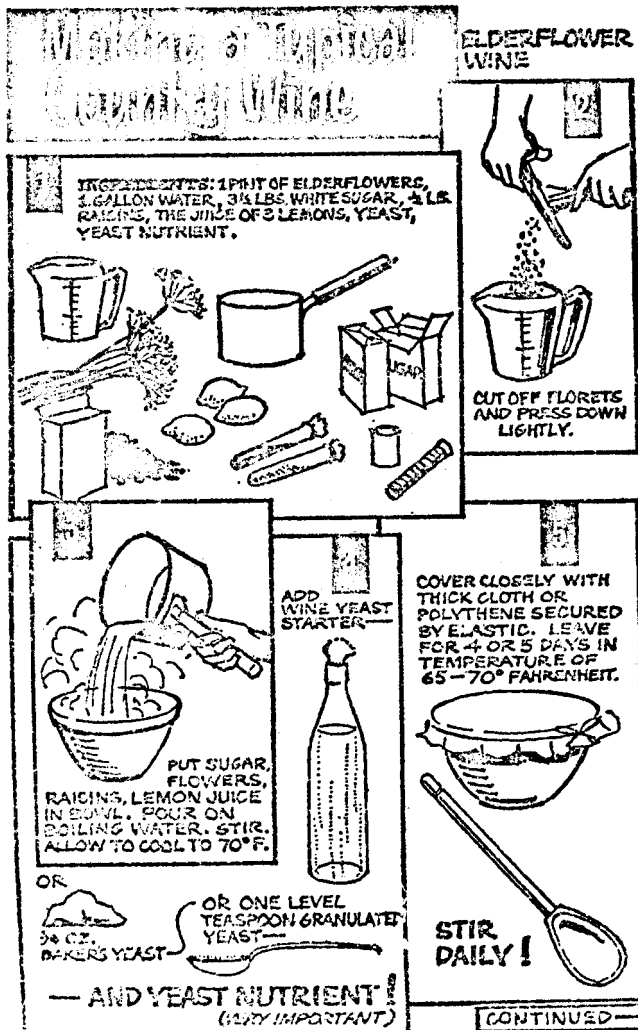
by Terry Watkins

For those of you who are constantly drunk, here is a cheaper way of obtaining the desired effect - home-brewing of beers and wines. For reasons of space I can't go into too much detail about the art of home wine-making but if you wish to find out more "First Steps in Wine-making" by C.J.J. Berry (30p) is one of the most comprehensive books on the market, if not you can just "chuck it in and chance it". You will need:-

1½ gallon polythene bucket
 1 gallon glass jar
 1 bung to fit the jar
 1 fermentation trap
 1 bottle campden tablets
 1 bottle citric acid

1 fine nylon sieve
 1 funnel
 4 ft rubber or clear tubing
 yeast nutrient
 yeast
 patience

Making wine is summarised in diagram form below. Although it is for elderflower wine, the method is applicable to nearly all wines. The fermentation trap shown in diagram 6 is half filled with water and plugged with cotton wool, this is most important as it allows the escape of carbon dioxide from the wine but prevents contamination by spoilage organisms.



You can obtain your wine-making equipment and ingredients at most Boots stores, Heath and Heather stores, or Elliott Godfrey's at 161, Goldhawk Road,

Before you proceed with the recipe, it is important to make sure everything is clean, and to rinse out the equipment with cold tap water just before using.

As oranges are fairly cheap at the moment I have given a recipe for an orange wine (with a bit of a kick!).

ORANGE AND WHEAT WINE

Ingredients

6 Jaffa oranges	(2½p each)	7 pints of water
1 lb Wheat	(6p)	Yeast (Wine or Granulated)
1 Lemon	(2½p)	Yeast nutrient
3 lb Sugar	(12p)	Cost-approximately 5p per bottle
½ lb Raisins	(3p)	

Method

Cut all the oranges and the lemon in half, squeeze the juice out, and transfer it to the bucket. Cut up the remnants of the fruit (including the peel), place in an aluminium saucepan (if not aluminium, wine may not clear) and cover with a known amount of water (say 2 pints). Bring to the boil and simmer for quarter of an hour. While the peel is simmering place the wheat in a nylon sieve and wash with cold water, chop up the raisins and place both in the bucket along with the sugar. Strain the liquid off the peel into the bucket and add the rest of the water (5 pints). When the "must" is cool add the yeast and nutrient, cover the bucket with a polythene sheet and tie down firmly. Keep the bucket in a warm place for ten days stirring the must daily. After this time strain the wine into the fermentation flask, and fit a fermentation lock and leave to ferment out. When no further apparent fermentation is taking place rack the wine in to a clean flask, top up with sugar solution* and leave to clear. When no further sediment deposited rack the wine off the sediment, add two campden tablets to the gallon and then bottle.

* Details of sugar solution for topping up are given in Fig. 7 in the diagram.

PALE ALE

You will probably like to try something you can make easily and quickly and drink soon after making, so you might like to try brewing some beer. You can try one of the beer making kits that are sold in Boots or you may like to try this recipe for pale ale:-

Ingredients

1 lb malt extract	(15p)	1 gallon water
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb sugar	(2p)	2 teaspoonfuls granulated yeast
1 oz hops	(8p)	
(or $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ oz hope extract)		

Method

Boil hops with 1 pint of water for about 15 minutes, (or pressure cook with malt extract and $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon of water for 30 minutes at 5-10 lbs steam pressure) then strain over the sugar and malt extract in a polythene bucket. Hop extract can be used instead of hops in which case it is added straight to the bucket without boiling in water. Add the rest of the water and the yeast. Cover closely with a polythene sheet and skin and stir vigorously for first three days. When fermentation is apparently finished i.e. beer beginning to clear (about a week), siphon into beer bottles and add a level teaspoon of sugar to each bottle. If the bottles have not got screw stoppers cork and tie down or use plastic beer bottle caps. Stand bottles in a cool place until clear (about another week). The beer is then ready to drink. When serving the beer pour out in one continuous movement otherwise the sediment will be stirred up and cloud the wine if the bottle is tilted back.

"I hear the men are striking"

"What for?"

"Shorter hours"

"Good luck to them. I always did think sixty minutes was too long for an hour."

WHERE MUSIC'S AT

by pete higgins

Take a bow, mister music man, we was right about the George Harrison album and single, both outselling everything else in the land, and what with BBC2 showing a Saturday night programme devoted entirely to Shawn Philips. All that's needed now is for someone to recognise Roberta Flack, and I'll think all of me birthdays have come at once.

Meanwhile though, there's the odd treat or two floating about, not least a new album from Love, guested on one track by the late Jimi Hendrix. Coming soon too will be a new one from Spirit - The twelve dreams of Dr. Sardonicus, - surely one of the most musically confident and casually explorative bands in music at this present time.

Talking about present time maybe this will be the copy of WMA that doesn't have any print errors, it's tricky enough following my convoluted thought processes, even with everything spelled write; viz last edition.

Compulsory education: now there's a phase to juggle with.

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If I can't get phase printed without an R in it, I'm going to split to the country and take up milking rabbits, or whatever it is that rural folks do, when they're not watching cows being inseminated by the man from the ministry.

False Start

* * *

Love's sixth album, packed as ever with Arthur Lee goodies, both vocally and instrumentally, in a sound structure not substantially altered since Four Sail, when, (like the Beatles after Sgt Pepper) their overall sound was simplified, relying more on the strength of the songs and good playing; rather than the use of studio effects.

That isn't to say that False Start lacks effect, any more than for example Abbey Rd., just that effects are used sparingly, and the 227 piece symphony orchestra is conspicuous by its absence.

In fact the only addition to the bands basic line-up, is that of the late James M. Hendrix on the first track.

After that, the lead guitar is the talent of Gary Rowles whose playing runs along similar lines to Mr. Hendrix (try Slick Dick Side 2 Track 2, to see the resemblance).

All in all, this is a very heavy album packed with good advice for surviving in the seventies; its lack, if anything, is the gentle touch of Bryan Maclean.

The last word then, to Arthur:

You killed Jesus
You killed Abraham too
You killed Martin
What are you here to do?

Released on the Harvent Label.

Who's a capitalist? dept.

Maine Museum USA.

Maine Museum have recently acquired an excellent satellite photograph of the State of Maine together with a large chunk of the eastern seaboard.

They had a bit of a job getting it though; first they went to NASA. "Sorry our satellites only photograph clouds" said NASA.

Oh well there's always the air force: "What! divulge top secret photographs, to a museum, all our satellite photos are secret".

Having exhausted the resources of the worlds biggest capitalist nation, the museum officials were ready to give up, when someone said "I suppose we could try the Ruskys". "Certainly said the Russian embassy in Washington "We can do you a large blow up of the eastern seaboard including Maine - mind you, it'll cost you a hundred dollars.

And that, dear reader, is how the State of Maine Museum got it's photograph; while NASA kept it's head in the clouds, the USAF flopped in public relations, and the communists taught the capitalists a short lesson in how to make a fast buck.

Information: Daily Mirror 8th Feb.

Copies of the new Russian book 'Scenic views of the USA' will be given away on the Moscow TV programme 'Double Your Roubles'. Losers win a decade for two in a condiment quarry in Siberia.

*

Nicks hand shook a little as he pulled the still quivering arrow out of the tree.

The forest was very quiet a hot, still, forest day, even the birds were silent, watching in the sun.

The scabbard snagged as he squatted with the arrow and the sword handle dug in his side; he kicked aside a rusty coke can, and untied the folded paper from the arrow.

The paper had the appearance of great age, the writing on it faint with time; he could just make out the lettering:

Nick,

A good teacher passes on a lot of knowledge a great one just the seed of wisdom and love.

*

Shawn Philips new album has been rave received in the musical press. Next month all being well, we'll disembowel it together.

till then

Due to the overwhelming popularity of my poems last month, I am suffering from shock and through this I have been unable to write any poems for this month's edition of the BT. But never fear there is always another month.

Promises, Promises

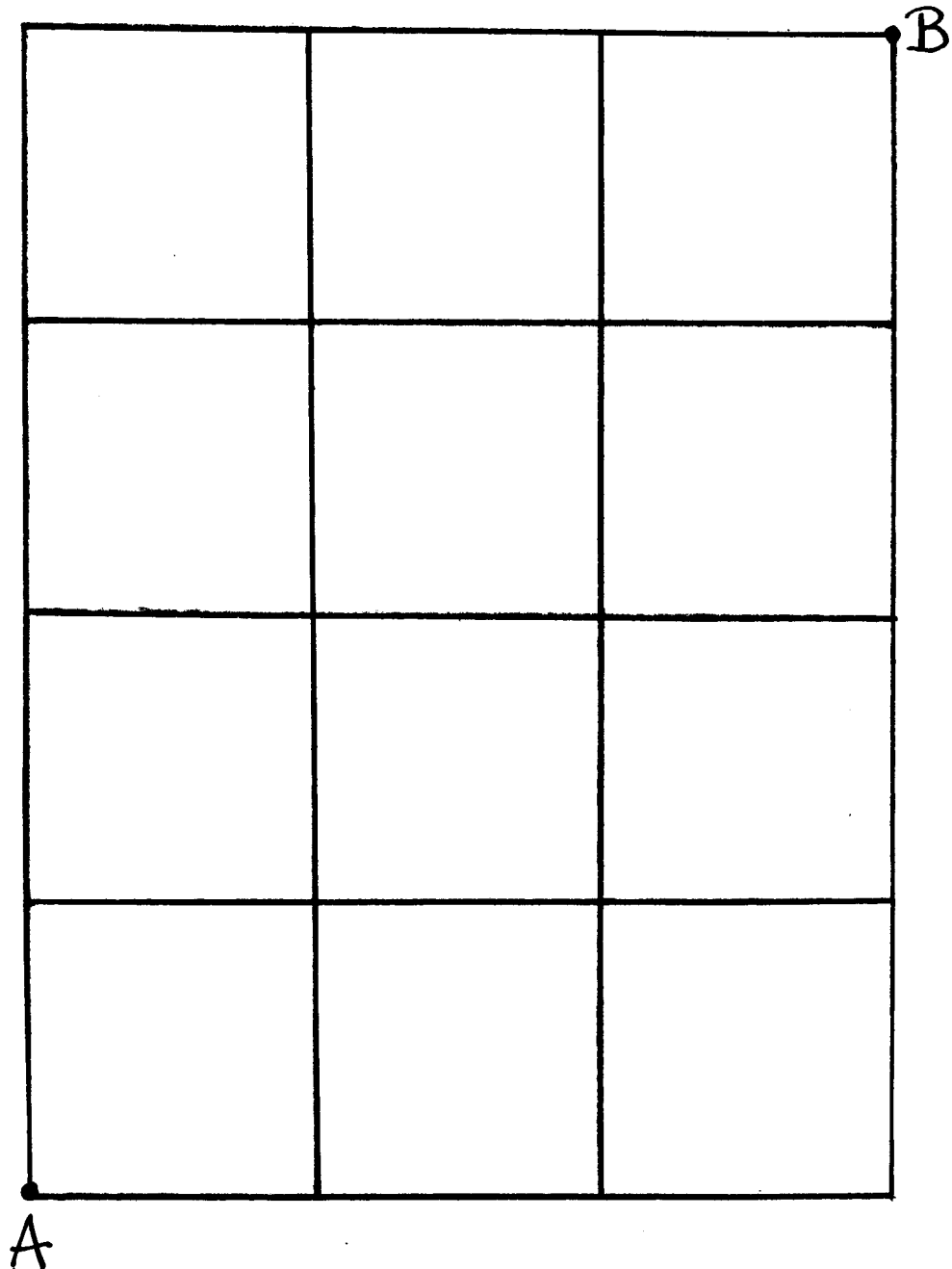
SIGNED YOUR Budding Poet



PROBLEM PAGE

A man is in New York at point A and wishes to go to point B. He may turn only at junctions and can only travel North or East.

How many possible routes are there from A to B?



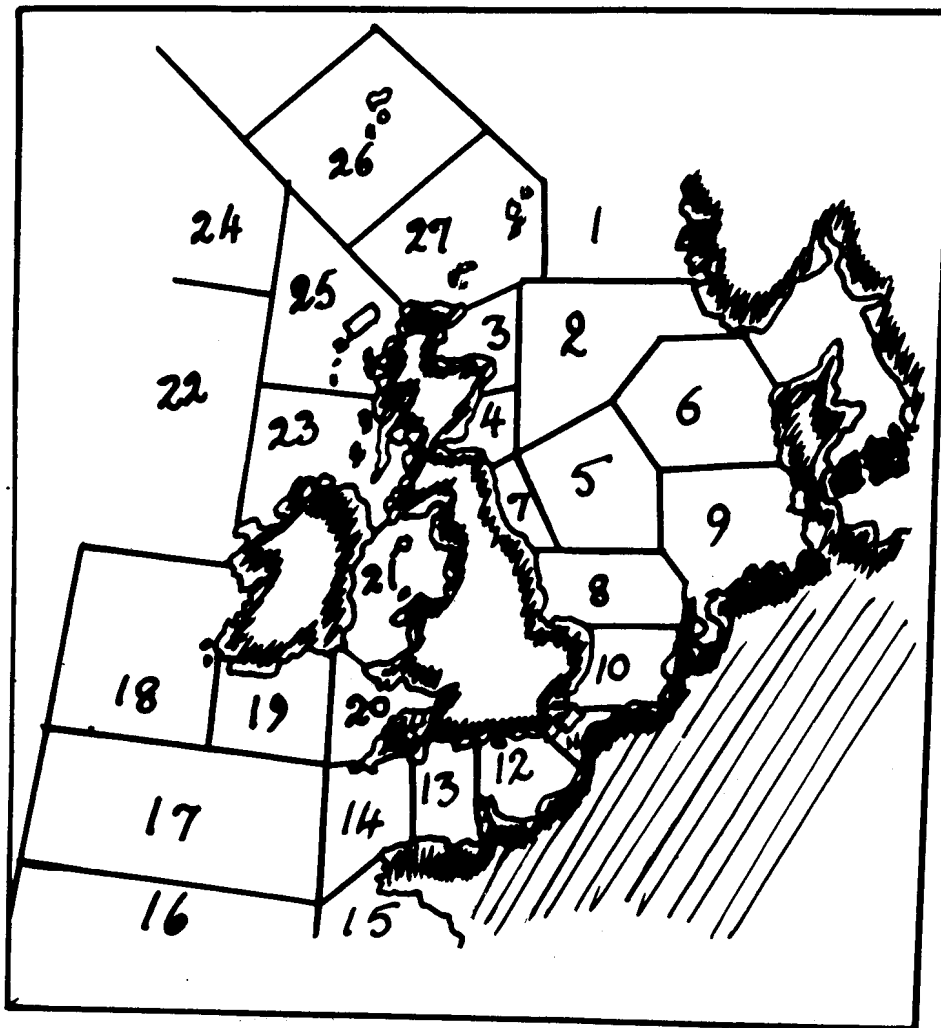
Answer on Page 21

BOATING PROBLEMS

We hope the boating problems selected this month will find more general interest.

1. Fill in the shipping forecast areas on the sketch.
2. Our weather men on television talk of high and low pressures areas bringing rain or sunshine. Is a low pressure area
 - (1) a cyclone or anti-cyclone?
 - (2) An area in which the wind travels in a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction?

Answers on Page 21



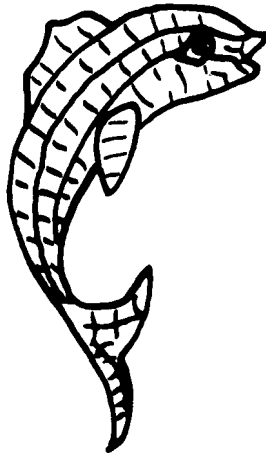
FOR MATHEMATICIANS

Would the differential of tan be "old fashioned morals"?

Answer on page 16

Star of the month

March



Pisces

You will probably have a birthday between February 20th and March 20th, as Venus is parallel to Neptune.

During this month you will probably have to go to work, but do not let it worry you. There will be 8 good days this month, 4 Saturdays and 4 Sundays - you will just have to put up with the other 23 days.

Near the end of the month, money matters take a turn for the better.

This is a particularly bad month for travelling. Excursions to or near Bishopsgate should be avoided.

For women - a good month for romance, beware in particular of tall, dark men who may try to catch you in their net.

Men this month must also be on their guard not to be hooked.

Pisces people are very hot tempered, but be careful not to let things upset or worry you - especially if you are married, when your children could play a big part in destroying your home.

Lucky number: 1 000 000.5

Answer to Mathematician's Problem on Page 15 sec^2

MISUNDERSTANDING

To the sender of

"no offence meant to the above mentioned"

please will you explain?

FOR SALE BY AUCTION

A unique copy of the February edition of the Bush Telegraph.
Comprising 2 page 9's and 2 page 10's.

The chance of a lifetime.

The trouble with being best man at a wedding -
you never get the chance to prove it.

As from this month, the award for a photograph chosen for
the cover of the Bush Telegraph is being raised to £1.00 (240 o.p.).
We do hope that lots of budding young David Baileys will now start
loading up their cameras.

What happened to the tap dancer?

He fell off and drowned.

The current single by Gladys Paxolin and The Insulators
is called "Flip-Flop" - ought to be quite an oscillator.

HEADLINE FOR QUEEN

The other day we received a letter from A. Naimanadresuplide (who we can't find anywhere in the Internal Directory) enclosing 8 possible headlines.

The word "possible" is used because of the somewhat obvious lack of social conformity expressed in most of the headlines.

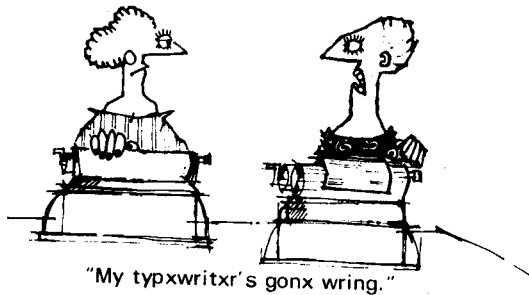
How about

"Queen injured as Gunners assault Palace"

or even

"Queen's ***** let in rampant pensioners"

Nice of you to make the effort A. Naimanadresuplide. A small token of appreciation is on its way.



The absolutely final date for contributions to the April Edition is Monday, 22nd of March.

Badminton

Next month is April and once again the most popular tournament on the Wood Lane calendar will be with us. The tournament of course is the Handicap American.

This year is the seventh year of the tournament and looking back amongst the records one can see why the tournament is so popular. The tournament gives everybody a very fair chance to win, whatever their standard. The scores in the past have been very close and in fact nobody has won the tournament more than once in the past six years.

Several people have commented 'How do you run an American Tournament?'. 'What's involved?'.

Basically an American Tournament is a pool of players in which each player will play against all the other players in the pool.

Our tournament is a doubles tournament and partners are drawn out of the hat, or perhaps one should say two hats. Firstly the players are divided into a stronger half and a weaker half and the draw is made in such a manner that a stronger player will be drawn with a weaker player. The pairs are then handicapped, handicapping being based on past results and present playing standard. The players are then divided into pools, 4 to 5 pairs per pool. Each pair will then play the other pairs in their pool, the pair scoring the most points winning the pool. The winner of each pool then plays off a final round to decide the outright winner. Normally our tournament consists of 3 pools, with three winners and the best runner-up going through to the final round.

It sounds great fun - there's an entry form below.

7TH AMERICAN HANDICAP DOUBLES BADMINTON

TOURNAMENT 1970/71

Please indicate which days you can play by writing YES or NO below.

Tuesday 20th April	Wednesday 21st April	Thursday 22nd April

FINAL ROUND to be played on Wednesday 28th April.

Entries should be sent to M.J. Squelch (R&P) no later than Tuesday 6th April.

NAME (Block Capitals please)

Dept. Tel. No.

Motoring Section

All you folks that I have been bullying, trying to persuade you to run the next Spring Navigation Trial can relax, all your problems are over, or perhaps just beginning - Stuart Castle has volunteered to run the next one. It will, I hope, take place somewhere in the Surrey countryside in the month of April or May, probably on a weekend. So polish up your romers and keep your eyes 'peeled' for a definite date and entry forms.

A number of people have been enquiring as to the whereabouts of the "Carlift" jacking ramps and axle stands the motor section is supposed to own. Unfortunately due to a long delivery date (four weeks) which drifted into six and now a months postal strike they have not yet been delivered. I wrote to Hanstock engineering, the makers, enquiring about them just before the strike but naturally enough have heard nothing since.

Table Tennis

The 1st Team have kept up their bid to win Division 3 of the North Acton League with close wins over Rockware (6-4) and Censtorians (6-4). No league tables have been published due to the postal strike but with only 5 matches to go the team must be comfortably ahead of the field.

In the Quarter-Final of George Elsey Cup Acton T.E.C. (current leaders of Div. 5) pulled off a surprise victory over our lads, winning 5-4. Ah well, can't win 'em all.

The 2nd Team have kept up their recent improvement, drawing 5-5 with Renault II and losing 2-8 to Lowe and Brydon. They followed up with a crafty postponement against the aforementioned Acton T.E.C. and are now well placed to avoid relegation.

SNOOKER

Keith Elder kept up his winning form with a nerve-jangling lunch-time victory over Leon Panasuik in the semi-final of the Wood Lane Snooker Tournament. Keith (last year's winner) is now sitting proudly in the final again waiting for someone to topple him off his throne.

Club Diary

EVENTS IN MARCH

Monday 1st	Table Tennis Match	Lecture Room	
Tuesday 9th	Badminton Finals (Knockout Handicap)	Main Hall	
Wednesday 10th	Film Show "The Tenth Victim"	Lecture Room	6.30 pm
	Executive Council Meeting	Conference Room	3.00 pm
Wednesday 24th	Whist Drive	Canteen	7.30 pm
Friday 26th	Spring Dance	Main Hall	7.00 pm
Tuesday 30th	Social Club AGM	Lecture Room	5.30 pm

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Social Club AGM will be held in the Lecture Room on Tuesday, 30th March 1971, at 5.30 pm. All items for the Agenda must be received by Mike Dennis, in writing, by Tuesday 16th March, by which date Nominations for election to the Executive Council and Bar Committee should also be returned. Full details and copies of the Electoral Roll may be found on the Club notice-boards.

It is hoped that as many Members as possible will be present and take the opportunity of airing their views on the way the Club is being run.

If you are not a Member of the Social Club but would like to be, or if you are not sure whether you are or not, please contact Mike Dennis.

Answer to problem on Page 14 : 35

ANSWERS TO BOATING PROBLEMS (Page 15)

1. Viking
 2. Forties
 3. Cromarty
 4. Forth
 5. Dogger
 6. Fisher
 7. Tyne
 8. Humber
 9. German Bight
 10. Thames
 11. Dover
 12. Wight
 13. Portland
 14. Plymouth
 15. Biscay
 16. Finisterre
 17. Sole
 18. Shannon
 19. Fastnet
 20. Lundy
 21. Irish Sea
 22. Rockall
 23. Malin
 24. Bailey
 25. Hebrides
 26. Faeroes
 27. Fair Isle
1. A low pressure area is a cyclone.
 2. A cyclone rotates in an anti-clockwise direction.

LATE NEWS

Bridge:

The BICC team in the Hammersmith and District League is now through to the finals to be held sometime in March.



the **BEACHCOMBERS**

YOU CAN

romp, skip, jump, hop, bop, jive,
fox trot, waltz, smooch, samba, shake, twist, free form
and so much more



..... to the sound of the
Beachcombers at the Spring Social on Friday 26th March.

Sherry and Vermouth will be served between 8.00 and 8-30 p.m. and a free raffle ticket (prizes:- whiskey, gin, rum, vermouth, sherry) will be issued to everyone arriving before 8.00 p.m., so get there early!

The price of tickets including refreshments, is only 35 p single and 65 p double; It's the event of the year so get yours now!