



■ *Left: After the speech day and prizegiving ceremony at the Southampton School of Navigation on December 14: Capt. A. J. R. Tyrrell, sea staff manager, deck cadet R. C. Plumley and engineer cadet G. Upham (who received book prizes for best duty watch), engineer cadet P. J. Stearne, engineer cadet P. W. Self, Mrs. Tyrrell, engineer cadet M. P. Crane and Mrs. W. K. Mabbett.*



■ *Below left: engineer cadet P. W. Self with his parents at the speech day. And below right: engineer cadets admiring their completion, from castings and forgings, of an auxiliary steam engine, in the workshops at the College of Technology, Southampton. Pictures: W. K. Mabbett.*

Awards

I. R. Robertson of the sea staff catering department was awarded the Higher Certificate of Competency in Nautical Cookery at the South Shields Marine and Technical College course held from November 27 to December 22, 1972.

At the Southampton School of Navigation speech day and prizegiving on December 14 cadet G. Upham and cadet I. A. Ramsay were awarded prizes for the best duty watches. Engineer cadet M. P. Crane was awarded the Schermuly Prize for the best ropework of the autumn term; the

Alderman Thomas Lewis Prize was presented to engineer cadet K. P. Hislop for all-round ability and progress.

R. C. Plumley, R. J. Swatton (deck cadets), and P. J. Stearne gained prizes for the best duty watches. Deck cadet E. Cooper gained the Chief Executive's Prize, deck cadet J. R. Harris, the Marine Society Prize, awarded to the Ordinary National Diploma cadet presenting the best thesis. Deck cadet G. Watson-Wood gained the Blue Star Line Prize for class work and deck cadet D. F. W. Bradley was awarded the School of Navigation Prize for the

officer cadet displaying the best professional competence aboard the training vessel *Someret*.

Golfers at sea

A new venture in the way of B&C sport began on Friday November 17 when a number of golf enthusiasts got together to form the *Podennis Castle* Golfing Society. Capt. H. Charnley, master of the vessel, kindly consented to be its first president and golf captain. The following officer bearers and general committee were elected:

Chairman: Bill Fleetwood (second purser/catering); secretary: Jack Britton (musician); treasurer: John Little (first class deck steward); John Smith (assistant barman) and Len Sykes (first class smokers room steward) complete the general committee.

While the vessel was in South Africa the new club played itself in with a friendly golf session in East London (see picture).

Vaal gives new twist to Jack and the Beanstalk

SA Vaal's deep-sea panto production was reviewed for *CLANSMAN* by Robin Diamond, 3rd radio officer, who writes:

"On January 24 I saw three shows of the *Vaal's* version of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. People who went along to laugh at the ship's officers making fools of themselves did laugh, but *with* the players and *not* at them. It was a very professional performance under difficult conditions.

"Perhaps the part requiring most courage was that of Widow Twankie, played by Colin Dawkins, second purser/catering, who opened the show. With a few discreet prompts from Sheila Macdonald (heard throughout the cinema) Colin took a cold audience and put them into the mood to enjoy themselves with his unscripted asides

■ *Bosun Leslie Walker (left) came ashore in January after his last trip with the Union-Castle flagship Windsoe Castle. Aged 63, he has been with U-C for 47 years and in that time served with all the mailships except the Athlone Castle. A special retirement presentation awaited him at Southampton. Below: Capt. R. Hart (right) congratulates him on his long service; looking on is Commodore Wright. Picture: H. J. Wood.*

