

Greetings from Bill Goffey

Sir,

I would express to all my friends the regret I feel that I was not able to say cheerio in the traditional manner as I retired. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them for their grand present of a clock and cheque and to wish them all the best for the future.

Ramsey GOFFEY,
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Off Amy Lane,
Chesham, Bucks.

we have staying with us Mr. & Mrs. Sam Jones—Sam, the recently-retired manager of Liverpool's marine department.

Incidentally, they didn't know, when they arrived out here, that they would have a house-moving job on their hands. We are moving back to the sea and to village life. We have just bought a lovely house set between the mountains and the sea at Hout Bay (12 miles outside Cape Town) and, of course, we hope our many friends will continue to visit us and write to us there. The address is below. Unfortunately we have no telephone as yet, but we keep hoping.

Capt. A. M. KENNEDY,
The Bolney,
Perrault Road,
Hout Bay, Cape,

looking—prepared to go home. The second one, hardly distinguished looking, started to hail the passing nurses, demanding food.

"Are you John Angel?" called the staff nurse. Before the hungry one had time to reply, the distinguished patient asked: "Jack Angel? Jack, I'm Frank Mosey" and that is how two former Union-Castle Line cadets, who last saw one another more than 50 years ago, came to meet again.

Both men swallowed the anchor many years ago. They were getting round to cracking old ships and arranging to get the sun over the foreyard at one bell, when Mrs. Mosey arrived to collect her husband and take him home to Leigh, where he has always lived.

J. H. ANGEL,
7, Prittlewell Sq.,
Southend-on-Sea,
Essex.

The woods are getting worn!

Sir,

I should like to take advantage of your columns to thank all my shipmates on the *Clan Macnab* voyage (July/October 1972) for the splendid present they gave to me on the occasion of my retirement. They can rest assured that it is being put to good and regular use: the woods are now getting slightly worn and taking on a definitely professional appearance.

From time to time we have the pleasure of entertaining members of the sea staff when they call at Cape Town, and currently

Chance meeting after 50 years

Sir,

Two grey haired men sat by their beds in the day ward of a southeast hospital waiting their turn to be taken to the theatre for minor operations. From time to time they glanced up from their newspapers. Their eyes met but, as is usual with the British, they never spoke a word: just went back to their reading.

Eventually they both went down to the theatre and were brought back to the ward to recover.

The first one—tall, slim and distinguished

Clues across

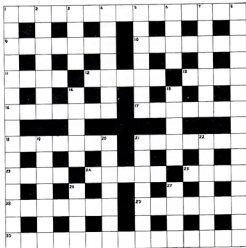
- Always in Cornwall, but sometimes in Southampton! (9,6)
- Thespian's place shows male deer in singular state (2,5)
- The mock-orange is angry with this genus of plants (7)
- Infrequently underdone? (4)
- If this anchors in this, it should not be for long! (5)

- Intuitive skill, musically? (4)
- Long haired, domesticated arctic dog (7)
- Waste away in wild den (7)
- Conveys from a foreign country (7)
- Ancient vessel (holding about 6 Roman gallons) (7)
- Confederate of boy playing in street gutter (4)
- Small W. Indian tree, doubtless of use to Ted Heath (5)

- Greek philosopher, 5th Century BC, of a disordered zone (4)
- Cause flagrant disaffection by fragrant disinfection? (7)
- The Tyrrhenian Sea laps here; so does it lap Rome (7)
- Alf's year of disaster in Mexico (8,7)

Clansman Crossword

by
Malcolm
Smith
(Greenly
House,
London)



Clues down

- A putting off (15)
- Duck's gargle consisting of inefficacious medicine? (7)
- Unfledged hawk (4)
- Upset by the injection (7)
- Put off the hanging until a later date (7)
- Visionary (4)
- Three legged parliament (7)
- The study of eruptive fevers; they gloom a Texan (15)
- Wise men's resin (5)
- Lady in waiting at former tea parties (5)
- Bird that can pile the fish in (7)
- Having all the sides and angles of a triangle unequal (7)
- Takes what is offered (7)
- To change the disposition of types, and carry those of one line into another (7)
- The speed of 6080 feet per hour (travelled by a small sandpiper over the sea?) (4)
- An eastern European (4)