



The Word is Passed

On board, several discussions have arisen about the proper word to pass over the loudspeaker system. Just what is the correct word for each item? In October of 1937, Admiral F. A. Todd wrote an article in the Institute Proceedings on the subject in question. In his article he compares the word passing to the command given to infantry or to a crew of oarsmen; i.e. "Forward, march" means one thing and one thing only, it is not to be confused with anything else; Toss, oars is identical. In the same respect, the word passed should mean only one thing and have only one phraseology. Some of these have stood the test of time because they were short, to the point, and mean one thing.

"Pipe to breakfast (dinner or supper)" (not "down to")

"The smoking lamp is lighted." (not "lit")

"The smoking lamp is out."

"Lay aft the anchor watch to muster."

"Haul over hatch hoods."

"Roll back the hatch hoods." (during a let-up in rain.)

"Take off hatch hoods." (after the rain or when dry.)

"Put on all gun covers (searchlight covers)" (before the rain.)

"Make up all hatch hoods."

Deck lookouts report each half-hour with the bells: "Starboard running light and masthead light and masthead light a bright light." and "Port running light and main truck light a bright light." (Not "Burning brightly.")

FLASH!

Ship's Dance

Time: 2030 Sat. 10 June
 Place: Craven Center
 Music: Maryland "Red Hots"
 Invited: All hands
 and their ladies

Houston Loses to Classy Maryland Nine

Due to lack of practice and conditioning, the Houston Ramblers dropped a six to two decision. The Houston team shows better prospects than it has for the last five years, due mostly to new faces and steadier playing of the last years men.

The pitching staff is bolstered by newcomers, Moore, Ruddy, Hayes, and Martin, our first left handed prospect in many a year. The Maryland actually had but one earned run, the rest by costly errors, but a little more practice should see less ragged play.

Moore pitched a very steady game the last three innings, and Matthews played a sparkling game at shortstop, also getting a homerun and a single out of four times at bat.

A comparison of the box scores of the two teams shows that the Houston team did very well, making 8 hits out of 36 times at bat for an batting average of 220. The Maryland with 47 times at bat made but 7 hits, for a batting average of 170. The Maryland team play was better than that of the Houston, for the Maryland made good six of their seven hits while the Houston could make two of their eight hits good. Cox, the Maryland pitcher, struck out 12 Ramblers.

The Deep's Deepest Mystery

The MARY CELESTE sailed from New York to Genoa in November, 1872. The master was a man with a splendid reputation both as a mariner and a gentleman, and his family was with him. The ship made a good passage at first; early in December two vessels recorded in their logs that they had sighted her 300 miles off Gibraltar. Then on December 5, the captain of a British brigantine that fell in with her noted that her course was queer and sent a boarding party over to see if she needed help.

On deck all was silent. Not a living thing was in sight—nor a dead one. The visitors called out, but got no response. Every soul aboard had simply disappeared. The ship was in perfect condition. The cargo was well stored and in good order. There was plenty of food and water aboard. The cash box was intact. In the forecabin were the seaman's chests and and clothing, dry and undisturbed. Some underclothes had been hung out to dry, in the mate's cabin was a piece of paper with an unfinished sum on it. A child's dress was still in the sewing machine, and there were four half-eaten breakfasts on the table.

The MARY CELESTE'S lifeboat hung on it's davits. There was no

(Continued on Page 2.)

What Are The Following?

(Answers on Page 4.)

- Strakes
- Stray line
- Strike a mast
- Stringer
- Swallow