

A CREED FOR THOSE WHO ARE HANDICAPPED  
(Howard A. Rushk, M.D.)

The Schreiber-Terrace Bay Association for the Mentally Retarded submit this poem as their Christmas presentation to you -

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey ...  
I asked for health, that I might do greater things  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things ...  
I asked for riches, that I might be happy  
I was given poverty, that I might be wise ...  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God ...  
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things ...  
I got nothing I asked for, but everything I had hoped for  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered  
I am among all men, most richly blessed.

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Kissing Under Mistletoe

The word "mistletoe" derives from the Anglo-Saxon word "mistleltan." It is a parasitic plant which grows on evergreen trees, with small yellowish-green leaves, yellowish flowers and waxy white, poisonous berries.

Under a sprig of mistletoe men are by custom privileged to kiss any women standing under it. The man is supposed to first remove one of the berries and present it to the woman. When all the berries are gone, this kissing game is over. It is thought this custom comes from an early pagan marriage rite.

Mistletoe was considered sacred by the Druids in ancient Britain and they performed elaborate ceremonies around it at the winter solstice. Because of these pagan associations, it is seldom used in church decorations.

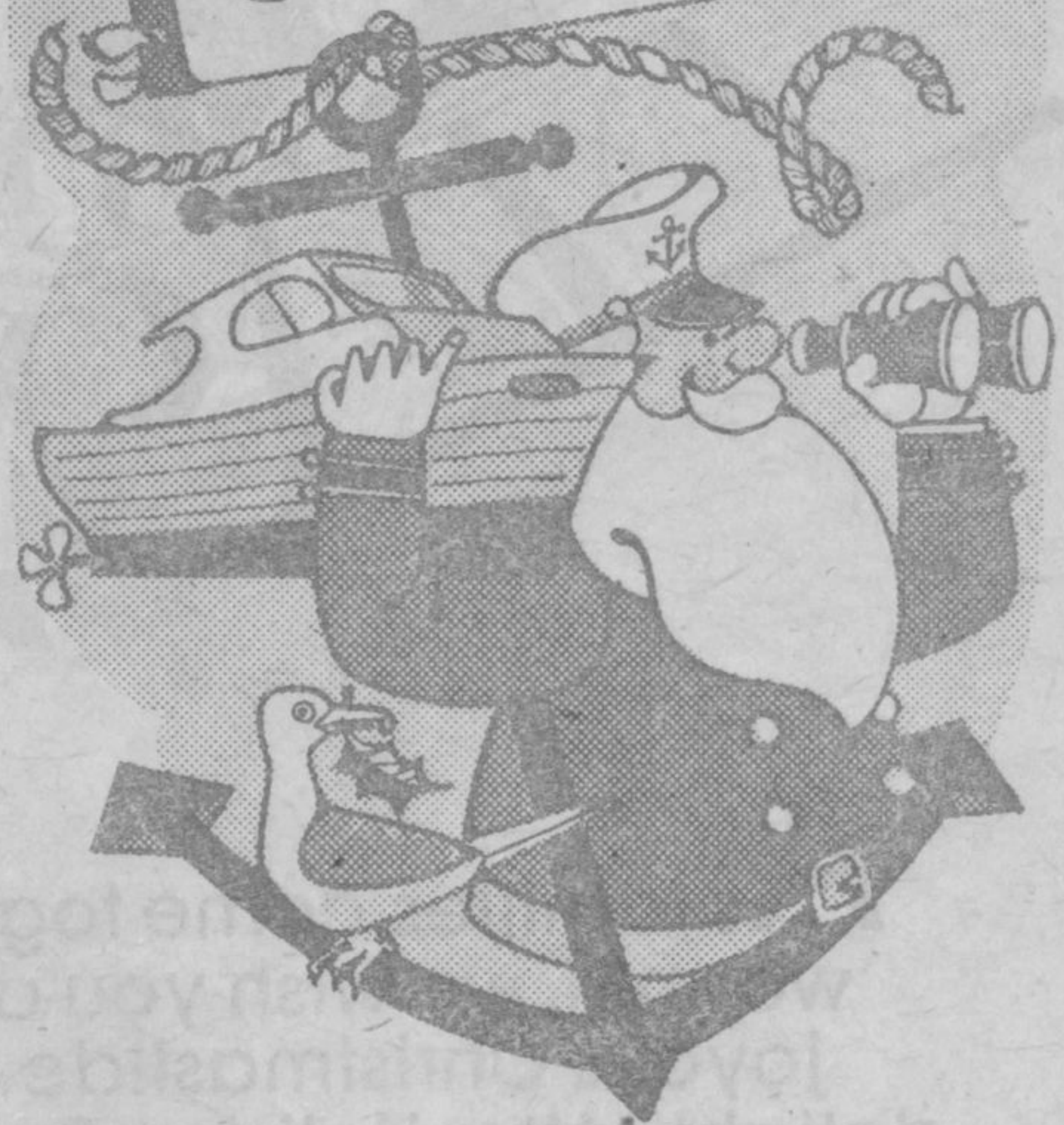
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