

Castle. In his 34 years with the company George has only served on three ships. He was awarded the BEM for meritorious service in 1970.

#### Bosun Wheeler

Edwin George Wheeler retired in April from the position of bosun aboard *SA Vaal* after a career of 49 years. He joined *Balmoral Castle* in 1923 as a deck boy and served in several of the company's vessels in the deck department until promoted to bosun of the dry cargo vessel *Drakensberg Castle* in 1947, later joining the mail fleet and serving for many years as bosun on the *Garnarvon Castle*.

He was presented with a gold watch by Capt. R. Hart and received several gifts from the deck department *SA Vaal* and the ship's officers.

#### Clan MacIver visit

A party of staff and pupils from the Eastwood Junior School, Leigh-on-Sea, visited the *Clan MacIver* at Albert Dock, London on Saturday, May 13.

They were shown round the vessel—including a trip to the engine room—and then given tea. One pupil from the school wrote on behalf of the other children thanking everyone concerned for a most enjoyable and interesting visit.

#### Open University

If merchant seafarers clearly identify themselves as such when applying for admission to the Open University, the University staff will do their best to solve the problems that face such students. This was one outcome of a recent meeting.

It was also made clear at the meeting that the master's and first-class engineer's certificates are likely to be accepted by the University as entitling an applicant to one credit exemption. In other words, to obtain their Open University degree such candidates will have to obtain only five and not six course credits, reports the *Seafarers Education Service*.

The Open University's academic year



■ Above: Studying some of the painting on display at the Seafarers Education Service 'Art and the Merchant Navy' exhibition, held at the Royal Exchange, London: a group of trainee stewards and their instructor from the National Sea Training School, Gravesend. Members of this school cooked and served the refreshments at the official opening of the exhibition. Picture: Seafarers Education Service.



■ Above: Shelley Barkham and James Turbfield were married on March 4 at Reigate Parish Church. The couple met on board Windsor Castle where the bride was a physiotherapist and the groom a third radio officer. They are seen here cutting the cake at their reception held at the Mill House, Salford, with a model of Windsor Castle in the foreground.



■ At left: Union-Castle and Ocean Travel Development were hosts at a luncheon party on board Pendennis Castle in Southampton, to honour the winning teams of this year's All England Women's Lacrosse Association's Schools Tournament. Winners, in a two-goal draw, were Godolphin School, Salisbury, and Newbury School, Berks. Here, some of the girls set off on a tour of the ship. Left to right: Nicola Loader, Judith Kendra, P. C. William Pritchard (staff commander), Carol Thompson, Helen Knox.