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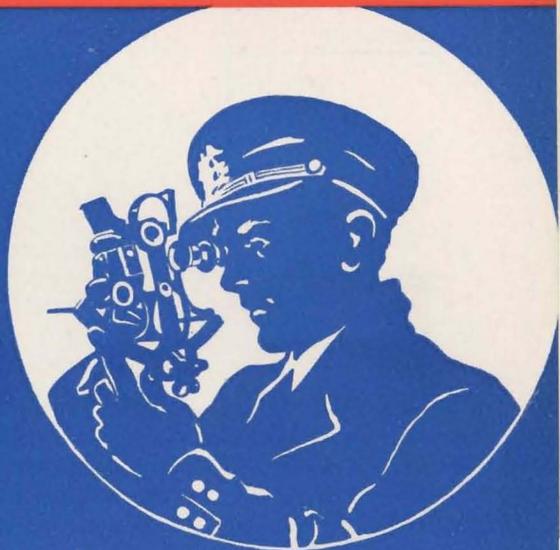
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SEAMEN'S VERSION OF THE 23rd PSALM

The Lord is my pilot; I shall not drift. He lighteth me across the dark waters. He steereth me in the deep channels. He keepeth my log. He guideth me by the star of Holiness for His Name's sake. Yea, though I sail 'mid the thunders and tempests of life, I shall dread no danger. For thou art with me; Thy love and Thy care they shelter me. Thou preparest a harbor before me in the homeland of eternity; Thou anointest the waves with oil; my ship rideth calmly. Surely sunlight and starlight shall favor me all the days of my voyaging and I will rest in the port of my Lord forever.

Captain J. Rogers

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AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE INSTITUTE

The Seamen's Church Institute of New York renders to merchant seamen a variety of services. It welcomes them, between voyages, to an attractive club house; it receives their wages for safe-keeping or transmission to relatives or to banks; it protects their luggage; it handles their mail, reunites them with friends and relatives; it finds employment for them; it provides reading rooms, game rooms, entertainments without charge; it maintains a slop chest with used clothing to equip those in need; it conducts a Merchant Marine School; it offers meals of a wholesome nature and variety at moderate prices; it has lodgings for 1,600 ranging from 50c for a dormitory bed to \$1.50 rooms for officers. It maintains a Credit Bureau which tides over seamen in temporary financial distress; it maintains clinics; it sends visitors to ships to welcome crews and to receive deposits of wages; it sends chaplains to marine hospitals to visit sick and convalescent seamen; it aids seamen with immigration and naturalization problems. It provides space for Allied Club Rooms. The Institute has a library; sends books and magazines to ships; provides clothing and knitted articles for seamen; assists with spiritual problems and has a Chapel for inspiration and worship for seafarers of all nationalities and creeds.

Seamen are self-respecting and pay for their beds, meals, and personal services. For the entertainment, educational, welfare and religious work, funds must be raised by appeals, voluntary contributions and benefits.

THIS MONTH'S COVER symbolizes the old and the young merchant seamen who are carrying the cargoes to help defend our Liberty.

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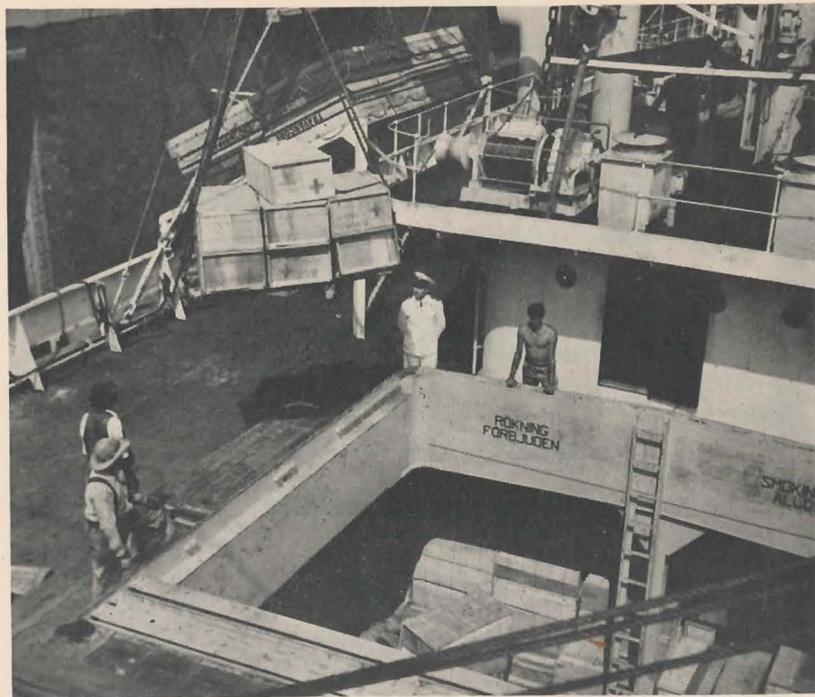
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(111th ANNUAL REPORT)

Based on the Report of the Director at the Annual Meeting
January 25, 1945



"25 South Street"



Courtesy, American Red Cross

Plasma and Medical Supplies
Loaded Aboard a Merchant Ship



Official U. S. Navy Photo

"The Merchant Marine brought us our life blood. They have maintained the flow of supplies so vital to a war."
— General Douglas MacArthur.

South Street — 1945

BLACK, finger-like wharves jut into the river
Holding, but briefly, the gray ships of war,
Lying at anchor at their South Street piers
Tugging at their mooring lines, eager to be gone.
The Liberties, Transports, C-1's, 2's and 3's;
Proud to be named for famous Americans:
Patrick Henry, Walt Whitman, Will Rogers,
Wendell Wilkie, Alfred E. Smith,
Men distinguished for gallant deeds and glorious words,
Tribute of steel, forged in their memory
Welded and riveted in war-hurried shipyards.
There is a ship all ready to sail, her hold
Is loaded with precious, life-giving cargo—
("They brought us our life-blood" said General MacArthur).
This ship is the Janet Lord Roper
Honoring a gracious lady revered by men of the sea,
Finder of lost seafarers. Here is a rust-streaked ship
With jagged hole midships, just returned
From Murmansk; dodged subs and mines and bombs
To get her cargo through. This tanker is laden
With high octane gas, and a skeleton deck for planes.
On this pier where once was loaded scrap iron for Japan,
The Coast Guard holds daily signal drills
And the Navy, gunnery practice.
South Street has gone to war. The Army trucks
Scurry like beetles across the pavements
The freighters' hatches are open, the booms
And kingposts are ready. Here come the boxes
Marked T N T. The red flag of explosives flies.
The longshoremen's sweat, the seamen's blood,
The wives' and mothers' tears
(Amphibious street of heartless departures).
Thus is the lifeline kept strong.
And so the story of South Street goes on.
And so the story of the seafarers who
Complete their arduous assignments anonymously,
(Who find Safety, Comfort and Inspiration
And journey's end at "Twenty-five South Street")
Continues, as they write glorious new chapters
In the history of the Merchant Marine.

M. D. C.



U. S. Coast Guard Photo

During 1944 Merchant shipping received greater protection from enemy submarines. "There She Blows!", but it's not Moby Dick, the whale. It's an exploding depth charge just dropped by Coast Guardsmen.



Official U. S. Coast Guard Photo

D-DAY was the Big Event of the Year 1944. These American troops are shown in "chow" line reaching around the transport deck shortly before Zero hour.

The Year 1944 In Review



THE year was extraordinary in many respects. It was marked by Allied victories in Europe and in the Pacific. It opened up the sea lanes thereby making it possible for some merchant seamen of Holland and Belgium to visit their homelands for the first time since the Nazi invasion and occupation in 1940.

From the viewpoint of merchant seamen, the attacks on merchant ships by German and Japanese submarines abated, but the menace has not entirely been eradicated. With increasing emphasis on the war in the Pacific, supply lines grew longer, and seamen signed on for much longer voyages than earlier in the war when the "Battle of the Atlantic" was fought. It became the "Battle of the Pacific", with the Merchant Marine enduring the same boredom and loneliness, experiencing the same dangers, attacks and victory as the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, in this titanic struggle.

Scientific Progress

Progress can be reported from the point of view of life-saving devices and comforts for seamen. Two methods were devised for making sea water palatable; penicillin was included in life-boat medical supplies; also light rations and shark deterrents. Waterproof wallets to protect seamen's papers were introduced and supplied by the Seamen's Church Institute of New York. A device to aid the lookout in eluding torpedoes was perfected; a radio direction finder for liferafts was made practical. A new type liferaft received official approval. The Victory ship was introduced as a faster and more stream-lined successor to the Liberty ship. The custom was inaugurated of naming Liberty ships for merchant seamen who had been killed by enemy action in this war. More than 7,000 boys from 16 to 17½ signed up for the Merchant Marine when the age-requirement was lowered. Distinguished Service medals were awarded to 98 seamen, and Mariners' Medals

to 2,824 seamen, wounded as a result of enemy action. Pursers were required to take pharmacist mate's courses, thus enabling them to give medical aid to their shipmates in emergencies.

Mission Accomplished

From the viewpoint of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, the flyer's expression "Mission Accomplished" best summarizes the year 1944 which concluded a "century of progress." It marked the completion of 100 years of service to seafarers of all races and creeds; the beginning of a new century free and clear of its building debt, and with a reserve fund for the modernization of the 25 South Street headquarters as soon as war-restrictions permit.

Coincidences enhanced 1944, marking the centennial of the Institute's incorporation, the 20th anniversary on the Board of Managers of Clarence G. Michalis, President; the 10th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Harold H. Kelley, Director, and the 10th anniversary of the Conrad Library.

Centennial Celebrations

The Centennial was celebrated by a series of special events beginning with the 100th Anniversary Service in the Chapel of Our Saviour on April 12th, with addresses by Bishop Manning, Clarence G. Michalis and Herbert L. Satterlee. On April 18th a maritime exhibition "Shipmates Ashore" 1840-1850 was opened in the Museum of the City of New York with interesting loans from Board members and from New York families. This exhibition was continued through September 15th and drew large crowds. It portrayed in graphic manner the dramatic transition from sail to steam in maritime history. The Institute's part in this history was displayed in a replica of its original Floating Chapel built in 1844. Dioramas depicted a packet ship on the ways, and the shanghaiing of a sailor in a South Street saloon in the 1840's. The more formal closing of the Centennial celebration was in the annual Sailors'

Day service, held in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on November 5th at which Bishop Manning paid tribute to the Merchant Navies of the United Nations and also to the Seamen's Church Institute of New York.

Paying Off Building Debt

From the financial standpoint, the year 1944 will be remembered as the year in which the Institute at long last became free of a debt which had encumbered it since the Annex structure was begun in 1925. Each year, thanks to generous friends who have contributed to the Building Fund, this debt has been gradually reduced. In 1929 the debt to the banks was \$1,375,000. By 1934 it was reduced to \$810,000 and now, at the conclusion of 1944, the debt was completely eliminated. For this we thank our contributors most heartily who gave so loyally and so generously through the years and also during 1944 to make this possible.

Modernization Fund -



HE building has long needed renovation for the wear and tear during the depression and war years has taxed all its facilities. During 1944 and indirectly as a result of the Centennial campaign, the steamship industry undertook to raise \$250,000 for modernizing and improving the Institute. Estimates indicated that it would require at least this amount to bring the building up to modern standards both in equipment and in appearance. The necessity for this became more apparent each year, for seamen as a group have experienced a great change in shipboard standards, and because of their earnings have also had the opportunity to enjoy shore accommodations which they never could have afforded in the past. The number of seamen has expanded so greatly that the new men far exceed the old (the latest figure is 190,000), and this new group consists of those drawn in many cases from good homes all over the United States who have been used to better things. As this



DANCES in JANET ROPER ROOM



Marie Higginson Photo

Lieut. Wm. C. Hicks, U. S. Maritime Service, is sketched by Mrs. Helen H. Lawrence, volunteer artist.

was a challenge which could not be ignored, the shipping groups were appealed to to assist the Institute in establishing a fund of \$250,000 to meet this condition. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Emmet J. McCormack, the campaign was launched in November at a luncheon at which Vice Admiral Emory S. Land spoke about the Institute and its needs. The maritime industry and allied interests rallied to the cause, contributing a total of \$302,000. War conditions and the shortage of labor and material will prevent immediate entry on the actual reconstruction program. But, in the meantime, the Board and staff will make plans and will also invite suggestions.

Financial

To meet the expanding demands it was necessary to increase all our activities with the result that 1944 showed an operating deficit of \$20,180.40. We are deeply grateful to those who, by their gifts to the Ways and Means Fund through Red Letter Days, annual contributions and benefits each year help to offset the cost of maintaining the recreational, educational, social service, religious and health services which the seamen appreciate and need so much. We are also grateful to those who have remembered the Institute through legacies, thereby affording a greater stability to the program.

Renovations

DURING 1944 it was possible for the first time since 1929 to renovate the Baylies and the main lobbies, the walls of which were attractively decorated, the woodwork refinished and the ceiling sound proofed—all of this making for a more cheerful atmosphere and in line with the policy of the Board of Managers of improving the building as changing needs require.

Also undergoing a renovation and a renaming, was the Apprentices' Room on the fourth floor, now called the "Janet Roper Room" in honor of the late Mrs. Janet Roper, supervisor of the Missing Seamen's Bureau. A colorful mural map by George and



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At the Snack Bar—Janet Roper Club
3 East 67th Street, Seaman and
Hostess, Mrs. T. Ryan



Main Lounge,
Janet Roper Club



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Coffee Time in the SEAMEN'S LOUNGE.
Mrs. Carrick F. Cochran, one of the hostesses.

Mary Stonehill is on the east wall; bright chintz curtains, boxes of geraniums at the windows (the gift of the City Gardens Club) contribute to the friendly, homelike atmosphere where hostesses welcome young seamen. "Songfests," traditional dancing, square-dancing, concerts, games and portrait sketching by volunteer artists are part of the program in this popular room. It reported an attendance of 18,314.

Recreation Activities



THE Institute's welfare program is the heart of the work. It has been changed from time to time, the relief emphasis of the thirties having been shifted to meet the social requirements of men who are in funds but who need wholesome contacts and recreation.

Fortnightly dances for trainees of the U. S. Maritime Service Station at Sheepshead Bay and Hoffman Island were held in the Auditorium preceded by dinner in the dining-room, and followed by refreshments in the Janet Roper Room. A total of 10,557 trainees and seamen enjoyed these parties and became acquainted with the Institute and its services.

The *Seamen's Lounge* on the third floor, which was refurnished largely through a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Iselin, continued to be a mecca for older seamen who enjoy bridge, gin rummy, cribbage and music. A corps of volunteer women served as hostesses, and refreshments were served to a total of 46,133 seamen.

The *Janet Roper Club* at 3 East 67th Street, established in September 1943 as an uptown club for seamen and their families, equipped and furnished through the generosity of the grandchildren of the late Thomas Fortune Ryan, continued to attract seamen who enjoy a cozy, quiet atmosphere with good music, books, a cheery fireplace, friendly hostesses and a charming garden where dances were held outdoors throughout the Spring and Summer. There was a total attendance of 24,158.

The Janet Roper Club uptown and the Janet Roper Room downtown have supplemented the established programs, such as the Seamen's Lounge, and

Allied Club Rooms

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The BELGIAN SEAMEN'S HOME
attracts many who regard it as their "home away from home."

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The HOME FOR NETHERLANDS SEAMEN
established in November, 1940, is a popular meeting place
for Dutch merchant seamen.

the dancing, moving pictures and other entertainments which have long been a regular feature at the Institute.

The *Berwind Memorial Auditorium* on the 4th floor of the Institute continued to show moving pictures of the best quality on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, with special dances on Thursdays and vaudeville entertainment on Tuesday evenings. A total attendance of 108,168 at 321 entertainments is recorded for 1944.

The *Third Floor Game Room* where the majority of those who use it are American seamen is equipped with pool and billiard tables which are busy all day long, and in addition, checkers, chess and quoits are played here. The room also attracts seamen of other nationalities, from the Allied Clubs, who enjoy its hospitality. The total number of players during the year was 25,342.

Allied Club Rooms for British, Belgian and Dutch seamen continued to provide home-like meeting places for nationals of these countries. Financed under committees of the respective countries, they add to the international flavor of the Institute. Alterations were begun in the Fall for a Danish Seamen's Club where more than 2,000 Danish seamen sailing Allied ships may find a "home away from home" until the Nazi occupation of their homeland is ended. The club was officially opened on February 9th, 1945.

Events of The Year

A NUMBER of special events marked 1944. Liberty ships honored the memory of three Institute leaders: ARCHIBALD R. MANSFIELD, named for the Superintendent of the Institute who devoted 38 years to the service of seafarers (1896-1934); CHARLES S. HAIGHT, a Vice-President of the Institute and a member of the Board of Managers from 1933 to 1938; KERMIT ROOSEVELT, also a member of the Board of Managers, from 1923 to 1940. We trust that God's blessing invoked at the launchings will prove an earnest of ever-useful and safe voyages for these vessels.



Marie Higginson Photo

Library in DANISH SEAMEN'S CLUB



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Chinese checkers played by Danish seamen. The mural, by Boris Luban, is of Kronborg Castle, Elsinore, Denmark.



Laurence D. Thornton Photo

Tea-Time in the BRITISH MERCHANT NAVY CLUB

Among the *Distinguished Visitors* to the Institute were: the Crown Princess of the Netherlands, Princess Juliana, January 11th, on a return visit to the Dutch clubrooms for seamen, and the Archbishop of York, Dr. Garbett, escorted by the Bishop of New York, Dr. Manning, on February 28th.

In Recognition of Services

The conferring of a decoration upon Mr. Michalis, President and Dr. Kelley, Director, by decree of Queen Wilhelmina in recognition of their services in behalf of the Dutch seamen who have found hospitality in the Institute since the war. They were made Officers in the Netherlands Order of Orange-Nassau.

Conrad Library's 10th Birthday

The 10th anniversary of the Conrad Library was celebrated in August by a reception and luncheon to Merchant Marine authors and other sea writers. Christopher Morley, friend of Conrad, delightfully presided and presented to the Library a cherished memento of the great seaman-novelist—a cigarette case personally inscribed by Conrad to Morley. Sir T. Ashley Sparks, who was chairman of the Committee which raised the original funds for the Library, made the principal address. The library received over 35,000 books from friends in response to letters in the press, one of which, an eloquent appeal by Seaman Frank Laskier, brought a large quantity of excellent books. Its permanent collection of 9,000 volumes was used by a total of 19,168 readers during 1944. It sent over 20,489 books to sea and 69,000 magazines were distributed.

Special Chapel Services

SPECIAL services were held in the Chapel on April 12th (100th Anniversary); June 6th (D-Day); September 27th (Victory Fleet Day); November 1st (All Saints Day); November 23rd (Thanksgiving); December 25th (Christmas); in addition to mid-day Lenten services, special noon-day music recitals and regular Sunday morning and evening services.



Marie Higginson Photo

Bo's'n Herbert Colcord teaches knots and splices in the
MERCHANT MARINE SCHOOL



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CONRAD LIBRARY



OTHER events of the year included a *Marine Poetry Contest* sponsored by the Institute for merchant seamen of all nationalities. William Collins, a British fireman, won first prize for his poem "The Lookout". Franklin Folsom, an American seaman-trainee won second prize for his poem "Hoffman Island" and Kenneth Johnson, an American A.B. (now a third mate) won third prize for his poem "Torpedo." The judges, who so kindly served in the Contest, were William Rose Benét, A. M. Sullivan and Ted Malone.

Portrait Exhibition

An Exhibition of Portraits of merchant seamen by volunteer artists was held from October 24th to November 8th in the Janet Roper Room. Gordon Grant, S. J. Woolf and Thomas Craven judged the portraits and awarded first prize to Mrs. Helen H. Lawrence; second to Allen F. Terrell and third to Miss Fay Kosuck. The seamen voted a portrait by Miss Irene Johnson as their first choice.

Station Wagon Presented

An additional station wagon to be used by the Institute's ship visitors was presented by the Women's Organization for the American Merchant Marine, Inc., a welcome and greatly needed gift.

Encouraging Thrift

The spectacular development of the Institute's *Ship Visiting Service* with its six visitors is well known to regular LOOKOUT readers. It is thrift in action for seamen. The year 1944 was a record year for its activities. Extended throughout the port of New York and beyond at the request of the seamen themselves, visitors now cover the pay-offs of merchant vessels in other ports, (as ships now do not regularly return to the same port as they did in times of peace.) They cover the waterfront in station wagons, and like the faithful Postal Service employees, "neither snow, nor rain, nor heat nor gloom of night can stay these swift messengers from their



Photo by Marie Higginson

Station Wagon Transports Ship Visitors.



Lawrence D. Thornton Photo

Third Floor Game Room

appointed tasks". They totaled 3,493 ship visits, sold Travellers' Cheques to 17,051 individual seamen as protection against loss and robbery; sold 5,809 War Bonds; received 10,897 deposits or allotments for banks; opened 1,298 new savings accounts. They distributed 68,468 items useful to the seamen: games, wallets, booklets, calendars, books, magazines and victrola records.

The Seamen's Funds Bureau in the Institute on a 24-hour schedule, was entrusted with sums of money for safe keeping or transfer to banks through 5133 separate transactions, and in addition sold 213 War Bonds.

The U. S. Post Office on the second floor of the Institute also sold War Bonds, a total of 1800. Thus, a total of 7,822 War Bonds were sold through the Institute to merchant seamen, many thousands of whom also purchased bonds through their home towns.

Three *War Bond Rallies* were held by the Institute, cooperating with the War Loan Drives: on February 8th at the Janet Roper Club where seamen's wives and mothers served as saleswomen; on June 30th in the Seamen's Lounge where Mrs. Jonathan Wainwright V, wife of Captain Wainwright of the American Merchant Marine, sold bonds while boys and girls from the Society for Seamen's Children were guests of honor; and on December 2nd in the Janet Roper Room the girls from the International Telephone and Telegraph Company were hostesses.

Merchant Marine School

On September 3rd, 1944 the School completed five years of war-time service and the records showed that it had prepared for service in the Merchant Marine, Navy, Coast Guard, Army Air Corps and Civilian Air Service a total of 8,931 individual men. In July of last year the progress of the war terminated the large Coast Guard enlisted classes, and the faculty was proportionately reduced. However, enrollment for Merchant Marine officer grades increased steadily. A grant from the Charles Hayden



Paul Parker Photo

The Credit Bureau extended aid in the form of non-interest-bearing loans to 6,306 seamen.

Administrative Departments of the Institute

COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT:

Accounting Bureau: Serves as Institute Accountant and Cashier.
Seamen's Funds Bureau: Receives seamen's wages for safekeeping and transmits to relatives.

BUSINESS: Acts as purchasing agent and supervises the following services: Lodgings; Restaurant; Soda Luncheonette; General Stores; Engineering; Building Maintenance; Barber Shop; Tailor Shop; Laundry; Baggage Room.

RELIGIOUS: Chapel and Hospital Ministrations.

SPECIAL SERVICES: Promotes the physical and social welfare of seamen through the following services: Clinics; Relief; Entertainment; Missing Seamen's Bureau; Ship Visiting; Janet Roper Room; Seamen's Club Rooms; Janet Roper Club.

EDUCATION:

Merchant Marine School: General Nautical instruction—First Aid, Lifeboat, Seamanship, Marine Engineering, Navigation, Aeronautic Astronomy.
Conrad Library: Provides 9,000 volumes for reference and general reading.
Employment Bureau: Secures ship and shore jobs for seamen.

WAYS AND MEANS: Raises funds for maintenance of Institute. Informs public as to Institute activities through THE LOOKOUT, press and radio.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS: Coordinates women's groups assisting the Institute chiefly through contributions, knitting, sewing, supplying clothing, books, etc.

Foundation enabled the School, as well as the Conrad Library to carry on. The School continued its courses in seamanship and navigation for high school boys. Cadet and Merchant Marine enrollments totaled 1,008 and Coast Guard students 1,451.

Department of Special Services

Seamen are still men with the problems which their calling always brings—hardships at sea and exploitation on land. The Institute has been a pace-maker in its social and welfare program.

The *Personal Service Bureau* is something like an Adjustment Bureau in a department store. Headed by a veteran employee, it is a "trouble-shooter" for seamen, as witnessed by this quotation from the 1944 report:

"Trouble, trouble, trouble comes marching to the Bureau promptly at nine each morning: Trouble about ships that have sailed without the seaman who was a member of the crew; trouble about confiscation of baggage; trouble about letters, packages or telegrams which are expected but not received; trouble about withheld wages or bonus; trouble about inadequate compensation for injuries; trouble about medical care; trouble about income taxes; trouble about ration coupons; financial troubles; family troubles; transportation troubles—some of them self-made troubles—they all present the battlefield for the day." A total of 45,697 personal interviews were held during the year, all handled in the wonderfully friendly manner in which the late Mrs. Roper was past master, and who passed this on to her associates on the staff.

The *Credit Bureau* extended aid in the form of non-interest bearing loans to 6,306 individual seamen. An indication of the self-respect of the majority of seamen is the large number who borrow and repay small loans in preference to relief. The staff member in charge of this Bureau sums up the problem as follows: "In the Credit Bureau the war has been brought close to us through its realistic effects. Scheduling of convoys due to war conditions causes fluctuation which sometimes means that men must



Lawrence D. Thornton Photo

The Institute's Eye Clinic continued on its fine preventive and curative course. Eye glass frames, sent in by friends, are fitted with correct lens, and given to seamen shipping out in a hurry.



Dental Clinic



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Good Vision is essential to seamen.
Eye glasses correct defects.

wait for sailings, and consequently their funds run low. Men with physical injuries or psychiatric disturbances have constituted a large number of our credit cases. Young boys come down from the Lake district, in from the West, or up from the South, with a desire to join the Merchant Marine and they find it takes time, a birth certificate, parental consent if under age and other requirements, and they often run out of funds before these details are completed. Former seamen sometimes arrive in New York without funds and have a waiting period before receiving 'stand-by pay'".

Other Bureaus rendering vital service are the *Missing Seamen's Bureau* which continues in the fine tradition of Mrs. Janet Roper, its founder. New cases totalling 527 were carefully handled and 387 seamen were restored to contact with their families. The *Information Desk* at the entrance to the Main Lobby, answers innumerable questions and guides seamen to the facilities within the building and to the "sights" of New York; advises about railroad and bus transportation. The total number of Information Desk contacts was 41,270.

The Clinics, Dental, Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat, Medical and Foot Clinics continued their fine preventive and curative courses and gave a total of 5,224 treatments during 1944, thereby making the seamen healthier and more employable. The Clinics received commendation from the official inspectors from the State Department of Social Welfare. For the continued support of these essential services the Institute is chiefly indebted to the John and Mary R. Markle Foundation and to the Charles Hayden Foundation.

Chaplaincy Corps

The Chapel is the soul of the Institute. Religion in action is the chief service the Institute can supply to seamen beyond the facilities of a good hotel or club. Of the Chaplains, one serves principally in the 400-bed Marine Hospital at Ellis Island and in the 800-bed Marine Hospital on Staten Island. Sunday



CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOUR
showing reredos painting by Gordon Grant.



Marie Higginson Photo

Institute chaplains visit regularly in the Marine Hospitals
on Staten and Ellis Islands.

services are regularly held. A barometer of personal response to the Chaplains' influence is the large flow of letters and cards sent to them by seamen from all over the world. Another Chaplain ministers chiefly in and about the Institute building, conducting the services in the Chapel of Our Saviour, the daily Litanies and the Sunday services. He officiates at most of the Chapel funerals, 38 of which were held during 1944. He holds many pastoral conferences, visits with the men in the various social rooms, and visits in the prisons when needed. Both chaplains are available for day or night duty. There was an attendance of 13,620 seamen at 701 religious services.

Central Council

The Central Council of Associations of women volunteers knitted *a ton and a half* of wool into sweaters, socks, helmets and other articles needed by seamen, and packed a total of 7,120 Christmas boxes valued at \$3.00 each which were distributed by the Institute, in the building, hospitals, and on shipboard. Our thanks to the thousands of friends who thus paid tribute to the Merchant Marine and their essential part in winning the war.

Behind The Scenes Services

Many services of the Institute are rendered quietly and inconspicuously. The *Baggage Room*, two stories below the street level, checked and handled 154,092 pieces of seamen's baggage at a cent a day rate. The *Engine Room*, three stories below street level, generates the heat, light and power for the great building. The *Business Department*, the *Accounting Bureau*, the *Service Division*, the *Laundry*, *House Patrol* with a multitude of labor-shortage problems, carry on, unseen, but their influence definitely is felt by the seamen and reflected in the splendid condition of the building. The barber and tailor shops served 36,528 customers.



Paul Parker Photo

A Total of 337,027 Lodgings were recorded for 1944.



The Baggage Room handled 154,092 pieces of luggage during 1944.

Employment Bureau

The Employment Bureau cooperates fully with the Recruitment and Manning Organization of the War Shipping Administration, under which most of deep-sea employment is now centralized. The securing of personnel for harbor tugs and barges was turned over by them to the U. S. Employment Service, who, in turn, after inspecting the Institute's methods and records in this field, new to them, asked the Bureau to continue. A total of 6,203 jobs were obtained by seamen through the Bureau.

Commissary

The Commissary including the Cafeteria, Dining Room and Soda Luncheonette, under the supervision of a graduate dietitian, but handicapped by the usual labor and food shortages, reported a total of 1,223,414 meals served during 1944.

Communications

The Telephone Switchboard handled 205,813 incoming and outgoing telephone calls efficiently and cheerfully, a service appreciated by seamen and their friends.

Staff

Institute friends will join with the Report Committee, in an expression of thanks to the employed staff of the Institute. Nearly 300 employees are required to meet the multitudinous needs of the "city within four walls"—the largest in the world for merchant seamen. In 1944 a luncheon was given for 42 veterans of the staff who had served from 15 to 32 years. Staff patriotism is evidenced through War Bond and stamp purchases, and a record-breaking employee group contribution in 1944 to the Greater New York Fund.



Daily Mirror Photo

1,223,414 meals were served in this cafeteria and in the dining room during 1944.



Paul Parker Photo

DINING ROOM

Bedrooms and Dormitories

That the Institute is busy is all too well demonstrated by the daily waiting lines of hopeful room registrants of whom scores are turned away by nightfall. The removal of storage and shop activities to the newly acquired property at 26 South Street has made available additional dormitory and bedroom space. Lodgings for 1944 totaled 337,027.

The Future

In conclusion, the Board, the Staff and the Director are facing the new Century of Service with high hope and confidence, with prayers for an early Victory and an abiding Peace. Like the Naval "Sea Bees" we say "Can do, Will do, Done."

Surveying the year 1944, and the century of achievement behind it, and scanning the future, we shall continue to serve the men of the sea inspired by the companionship of God and that of our fellowmen.

REPORT COMMITTEE

EDWIN DET. BECHTEL, *Chairman*

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FROM THE INSTITUTE'S NIGHT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

It is my duty and privilege to mix with the seamen all the time and I think that I get acquainted and come in personal contact with more of these men than any one member of the staff. At night, I have to take the place of the department heads and members of the Special Services Department. In the early part of the year as men left the building to ship out, a good many would come to say good-bye. The spirit that these men displayed in going out on an unknown journey was wonderful. There was no fear of self, there was a job to be done and they were off to do it. Some of these men have not returned from these trips, but I know that if they could have looked into the future and could have seen the dangers and tragic end, none would have turned back or even hesitated. Others have returned and some of these men are crippled for life. All talk about their terrible experiences in a jesting manner and some even laugh at the dangers they have been through. They are all carrying on who are allowed to do so and I count it as a great privilege to serve these men as best I can to make the Institute a comfortable home-like haven for their safe return.

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1944

Gross Income from Operated Departments		\$ 881,660.92
Institute Operating Expenses		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 541,668.43	
Food and Merchandise	292,402.60	
Supplies	44,885.59	
Heat, Light and Power	42,364.63	
School Books and Certificates	1,012.68	
Legal and Auditing	1,863.09	
Repairs, Renewals and Equipment	19,786.36	
Insurance	15,968.85	
Publicity and General Printing	20,259.85	
Telephone Service	4,982.33	
Special Appropriations	7,413.68	
Miscellaneous	39,332.65	
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	\$1,031,940.74	
Interest on Notes Payable in Respect of Building Annex.....	1,237.51	
Religious and Social Service Department		
(Salaries, Expenses and Relief)	163,966.06	1,197,144.31
Excess of Expenditures Over Income from Operated Departments		\$ 315,483.39
Deduct Income from Endowments, Bank Balances, Etc.		
General Purposes	\$ 15,328.96	
Religious and Social Service	2,134.18	
Social Service	8,891.04	26,354.18
Deficit from Institute Operations		\$ 289,129.21
Contributions for General Purposes:		
General Contributions	\$ 115,801.66	
Special Contributions and Income from Estates	114,095.85	
Proceeds from Benefit Performances	3,586.80	
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	\$ 233,484.31	
Social Service	24,405.00	
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	\$ 257,889.31	
Transfers from Special Funds to Cover Clinic Expenditures....	11,059.50	268,948.81
EXCESS OF OPERATING DEFICIT OVER CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS FROM GENERAL (UNRESTRICTED) AND SPECIAL FUNDS TO COVER CLINIC EXPENDITURES		<hr/> <hr/>
		\$ 20,180.40
To the Board of Managers, Seamen's Church Institute of New York, 25 South Street, New York, N. Y.		

We have examined the accounts of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York for the year ended December 31, 1944. In our opinion, based upon such examination and the information furnished us, the above statement of Income and Expenditures sets forth correctly the results of the operations of the Institute for the year.

HORWATH & HORWATH

SUMMARY OF SERVICES TO MERCHANT SEAMEN

by the

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK

From January 1 to December 31, 1944



337,027 Lodgings



154,092 Pieces of Baggage handled



1,223,414 Sales at Luncheonette and Restaurant



353,595 Sales at Newsstand



36,528 Calls at Barber, Laundry and Tailor



13,620 Total attendance at 701 Religious Services at Institute, U. S. Marine Hospitals and Hoffman Island



45,697 Personal Service Interviews



13,676 Credit Loans to 6,306 Individual Seamen

5,875 Pieces of Clothing and 1,516 Knitted Articles distributed



5,224 Treatments in Clinics



108,168 Total attendance at 321 Entertainments, such as Movies, Concerts, Lectures and Sports



387 Missing Seamen located



6,203 Jobs secured for Seamen

18,314 Visits to Janet Roper Room

24,158 Visits to Janet Roper Club

46,133 Visits to Seamen's Lounge

3,493 Visits to Ships by Institute Representatives



13,008 Transfers of Seamen's Earnings to Banks

19,168 Attendance of Seamen Readers in Conrad Library; 20,489 Books and 69,000 Magazines distributed



41,789 Total Attendance of Cadets and Seamen at 3,694 Lectures in Merchant Marine School; 2,459 new course enrollments



15,243 Incoming Telephone Calls for Seamen

7,120 Christmas Boxes, 1,883 Bon Voyage Packages and 1,060 Comfort Bags distributed



Drawings by Ed. Randall

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUST FUNDS

Year Ending December 31, 1944

Summary of Assets

Bonds	\$ 364,028.01
Stocks	499,162.81
Mortgages	13,420.66
Cash on Deposit	118,986.09
	\$ 995,597.57

Summary of Funds

A. Unrestricted Fund	\$ 213,262.27	
B. Endowment General	366,656.78	
C. Religious and Social Service	86,315.91	
D. Social Service Relief	329,362.61	\$ 995,597.57

Details of Above Funds

A. UNRESTRICTED FUND: PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST AVAILABLE FOR THE GENERAL USE OF THE INSTITUTE		\$ 213,262.27
B. ENDOWMENT FUNDS, GENERAL AND FUNDS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES:		
Anonymus	\$ 10,000.00	
Mrs. S. R. Bartholomew, Pottsville, Pa.	500.00	
Estate of Mary W. C. Bayard	5,000.00	
Estate of Ellen W. Brown, in memory of her father, Captain David S. Babcock of the Clipper Ship, "Young America"	1,000.00	
Mrs. B. P. Cole, Cleveland, Ohio	200.00	
Frances Goodhue de Peyster Fund	6,000.00	
Estate of Amelia P. Dixon	300.00	
Gift of Wilson Farrand, in memory of Mrs. Farrand	1,000.00	
Captain Radcliffe Hicks Fund	3,067.00	
Henry Lee Hobart Memorial Fund	1,000.00	
Helen F. Hubbard Fund	10,500.00	
Henry E. Kummel and Anna Titus Van Nostrand Fund	16,000.00	
Estate of Sophia E. Lee	420.00	
Estate of Anne E. Mahnken	1,900.00	
Mrs. George H. Martin Memorial Fund	500.00	
Nellie Keeling Mills, in memory of her father, Samuel Miller Mills	4,931.78	
Estate of John A. McKim	10,000.00	
H. C. Munger Fund	8,609.81	
Fanny Norris (Income to provide for Red Letter Day) in memory of her father, Joseph Norris.....	12 522.49	
William Decatur Parsons, in memory of parents William H. Parsons, and Anna Pine Decatur Parsons	10,000.00	
William D. Quackenbush, wife and daughter, Janet....	500.00	
Rathbone Fund	15,000.00	
Kate S. Richardson	50,000.00	
Estate of Ellen N. Robie	100.00	
Estate of Mary C. Scrymser	11,690.00	
The Frank Sullivan Smith Memorial Fund	100,000.00	
Charles H. Tissington	100.00	
Estate of Nathaniel L. McCready	1,000.00	
"C.A.R." Memorial (Income to be used for some needy object)	554.03	
Frederick M. Dearborne Memorial	28,238.30	

Carried forward \$ 310,633.41 \$ 213,262.27

Brought forward \$ 310,633.41 \$ 213,262.27

Charles E. Potts, (For maintenance of the rooms designated as the Isabella Potts and Philip Ruprecht Room.)	22,337.24	
Charles E. Rhinelander, (In memory of his wife, Matilda F. Rhinelander.)	26 317.29	
Fund given by Col. and Mrs. Arthur Frederic Schermerhorn, (in memory of his parents George Stevens Schermerhorn and Julia M. Gibert Schermerhorn, toward the maintenance of the Cross surmounting the Institute.)	7,368.84	366,656.78

C. RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL SERVICE:

William Waldorf Astor Trust, for the support for a Missionary employed by the Institute.	53,768.41	
Gerard Beekman, (In memory of his brother James William Beekman and for the use of the room dedicated.)	17,880.37	
Chapel Flowers (Income to be used for Altar and Hospital Flowers.)	7,991.44	
John Davenport, for books for seamen.	2,193.09	
Roxy M. Smith, (In memory of her husband, W. V. R. Smith, for entertainment of seamen on the birthday of W. R. Smith.)	2,193.09	
Estate of Madeline S. Krischker	500.00	
Estate of Bonnie Wallace LeClear	1,789.51	86,315.91

D. SOCIAL SERVICE RELIEF:

J. Hooker Hamersley (Income for relief pending purchase of boat.)	8,408.52	
Endowed Bedrooms, given by:		
Barber Steamship Lines, Inc., (In memory of Herbert Barber)	\$4,000.00	
Beekman Family Association, (In memory of Gerard Beekman)	4,000.00	
Walter K. Belknap (In memory of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Aldrich)	4,000.00	
Mrs. F. Kingsbury Curtis, (In memory of George W. McLanahan)	4,000.00	
William Harris Douglas, (In memory of William Erskine Douglas)	4,000.00	
Helen L. Fairchild, (For Charles Stebbins Fairchild)	8,000.00	
F. K. Hascall (In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wearne)	4,000.00	
Mrs. Edward McClure Peters, (In memory of Edward McClure Peters)	4,000.00	
C. H. Ludington	4,000.00	
Howland Pell	4,000.00	
Estate of Bonnie Wallace LeClear	4,000.00	48,000.00
Emily H. Bourne, (Income to be used in common with that of the Morill Foundation)	5,263.44	
Mary Leroy King, (Income to be used in common with that of the Mansfield Fund)	4,036.29	

Carried forward \$ 65,708.25 \$ 666,234.96

	Brought forward \$	65,708.25	\$ 666,234.96
Rev. Archibald Romaine Mansfield Memorial Established January 1926, by friends, especially the Central Council in recognition of his years of service to the Institute and to Seamen		30,134.01	
Hosier Morgan, (Income to be used in common with that of the Morrill Foundation)		1,900.90	
Morrill Foundation, (In memoriam of the late Captain Charles Mont- gomery Morrill, Income for the relief of destitute mariners and their dependents)		19,558.07	
Captain William Wilson Owen Memorial, (Income to be used for destitute Seamen)		250.00	
Ramage Endowment, (Income to be used to aid dependent Seamen)		3,316.00	
Estate of Mary A L. Newton		500.00	
Henry F. Homes Estate		4,907.46	
Captain Edward B. Cobb Fund, (Given by the Will of Augustus G. Cobb, in memory of his fat her)		197,421.82	
Janet Roper Memorial Fund		5,666.10	
			329,362.61
Total Funds			<u>\$ 995,597.57</u>

Changes in Funds during year ended December 31, 1944

Assets as per report of December 31, 1943 \$ 896,914.22

Additions during 1944—

GENERAL FUND—UNRESTRICTED

Estate of Myra Carter Church	\$ 2,000.00
Estate of Grace Isabel Colbron	5.40
Estate of Clifford M. Dolph	420.28
Estate of William T. Eldridge	5,000.00
Estate of Frank Scott Gerrish	10,000.00
Estate of Florence Walker Hall	453.46
Estate of Theodore A. Hamlin	840.67
Estate of Emily C. Hart	60,000.00
Estate of Mary G. Hodges	250.00
Estate of Willard H. Jones	346.15
Estate of Ethel J. Keeley	182.41
Estate of Adolph L. Kerker	4,814.73
Estate of Henry A. Laughlin59
Estate of Meda Burrows McNeir	1,000.00
Estate of Louise Mehl	2,000.00
Estate of Edward McClure Peters	3,957.60
Estate of Adeline Salisbury	1,768.14
Estate of Mary Ella Seeley	4,936.82
Estate of Belle J. Stewart	22,372.88
Estate of Caroline M. Taylor	1,000.00
Estate of Alethe Craig Yeandle (in memory of her father, Rear Admiral Joseph Edgar Craig	6,266.62

Carried forward \$ 127,615.75 \$ 896,914.22

	Brought forward \$	127,615.75	\$ 896,914.22
Payments against principal of mortgage interests			
Estate of Sophie Dierson	41.67		
Estate of Helen L. Fairchild	44.44		
Estate of Annie Hyatt	38.69		
Estate of Adolph L. Kerker	333.32		
Estate of Edward McClure Peters	108.34		
Estate of Olin Scott Roche	2,186.08		
Estate of Julia A. Treadwell	2,295.31		
Gifts for Special Purposes			
Centennial Fund	39,148.24		
Contributions	1,300.00		173,111.84
Endowment Funds General			
Miss Augusta de Peyster	1,000.00		
Mrs. Helen F. Hubbard	1,000.00		
Estate of Nellie Keeling Mills, in memory of her father, Samuel Miller Mills	4,931.78		
Estate of Fanny Norris, to provide income for a Red Letter Day in memory of her father, Joseph Norris	6,522.49		13,454.27
Chapel Flower Fund		5.00	
Mansfield Memorial Fund		32.00	
Janet Roper Memorial Fund		75.00	
Profit on Securities Sold		25,725.01	
			1,109,317.34
Deduct payment of Bank Loan			100,000.00
			1,009,317.34
Deduct Sundry Advances			13,719.77
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS			<u>\$ 995,597.57</u>

Dated—New York City, December 31, 1944.

Committee on Trust Funds

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Assets examined and found to agree with the foregoing account.

Auditing Committee

John Ellis Knowles, Chairman

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Memorials Available at the Institute

Chapel Chairs, each	\$ 30.	Sanctuary and Chancel	\$ 3,000.
Seamen's Rooms, each	300.	Seamen's Endowed Rooms, each	5,000.
Seamen's Rooms with Running Water, each	750.	Nautical Museum (enlargement)	5,000.
Additional Clinic Rooms:		Remodelling an Entire Floor (62 bedrooms, in Old Building)	8,000.
X-Ray Room and Equipment	5,000.	Cafeteria	15,000.
Ear, Nose and Throat Room	5,000.	Seamen's Reading and Game Room	25,000.
Dispensing Room	1,000.	Modernizing Main Lobby	50,000.
Examination Room	1,000.		

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LEGACIES TO THE INSTITUTE

You are asked to remember this Institute in your will, that it may properly carry on its important work for seamen. While it is advisable to consult your lawyer as to the drawing of your will, we submit nevertheless the following as a clause that may be used:

"I give and bequeath to "**Seamen's Church Institute Of New York,**" a corporation of the State of New York, located at 25 South Street, New York City, the sum of.....Dollars."

Note that the words "**Of New York**" are a part of our title. If land or any specific property such as bonds, stocks, etc., is given, a brief description of the property should be inserted instead of the words, "the sum of.....Dollars."