

## Fond Farewell to Mr. Cannon Thanks and Bon Voyage to Dr. Parker

On July 11, Mr. Carl Cannon of the St. Mary's faculty will join the Education Department of The Marine Historical Association, Inc., at Mystic, Connecticut, as Associate Director of Education for Mystic Seaport. Dr. Richard Stone has recently accepted the resignation of Mr. Cannon from the faculty.

Against a background of seafaring history, the descendants of the ship-builders and mariners created Mystic Seaport to exemplify the importance of our seafaring life and traditions and to perpetuate them as a part of our American heritage. It is a reconstructed New England port of the Age of Sail, an authentic replica of the mid-19th Century. Mr. Cannon will, within a short period time, become the Director of Education, one of the three executive positions of the Association. Last summer Mr. Cannon was appointed as one of the twelve National Trust scholars and took special training at Colonial Williamsburg in the field of historical administration. His new position will be in this field.

The Education Department at Mystic Seaport handles many facets of the Association in the use of its facilities for educational purposes. Over 500,000 visitors visited the Seaport last year and it is the purpose of the Education Department's program to educate each visitor. Although the educational program at Mystic is a year around program, much of the glamorous part is concentrated in the summer months between June and September. There is during this period the Youth Training Program for Girl Mariners and Sea Scouts in which the teenagers live aboard the *Joseph Conrad* and learn the rudiments of seamanship by actually living and "working ship." The *Conrad* cadets are taught the elements of navigation, ship routine,

and the handling of small boats. The beautiful 61-foot schooner *Brilliant* cruises the southern New England coast each summer between Cape Cod and New York teaching its cadets the practical aspects of sailing.

The summer-time activities of the Educational Department also contain the showing of the town itself with the hosts and hostess who carry on a variety of activities typical of a whaling community of the mid-19th Century. The Seaport also has a junior museum for small children and a large modern mariners' museum filled with ship models, scrimshaw, and arts connected with the sea.

There is also the Frank C. Munson Institute of American Maritime History, unique summer course affiliated with the University of Connecticut. Taught by a distinguished faculty, it is the only course of its kind offered in summer session on the University level.

During the summer and the winter the Education Department not only directs the visitation and orientation of school groups to the Seaport, but sends out lecturers, slide and movie programs, sea chest exhibits, and school publications designed to aid the teacher in observing the great contributions that the sea and shipping have made to New England life. During the year, one of Mr. Cannon's problems will be to seek endowment funds to create a large caravan exhibit to visit the schools of Connecticut, New York, and Massachusetts. The "Seaport Adventures" are a series of lectures at the Seaport designed for adult and family groups. And the recently opened new planetarium will be used to teach special courses in astronomy and celestial navigation. These are just a few activities of the Education Department of Mystic Seaport.

### Summer Plans For the Faculty

Not only all the girls at SMJC have summer plans, but so do many of our illustrious teachers. These teachers after sitting up all night to grade exams, so we can finish school and go home, are then "heading for the hills." Though we've heard of no "OD" house-parties, or extensive trips to "Nags Head," vacation-time for our profs is sure to be varied and enjoyable.

Mrs. Bailey, after recuperating from May Day, is planning to visit New York City for two weeks and then go home to Texas for the remainder of the summer. Accompanying her will be her three "men."

Miss Eggert has no definite plans, but will spend some time in Kansas and the rest of the time in North Carolina.

Dr. and Mrs. Broughton, and Miss Tucker, are journeying to California to play in the National Bridge Tournament.

Mr. Peery left to spend ten days in Orlando, Florida, where

he was a judge in the National Guild Piano Auditions. He will return at the end of May for Commencement. Sometime in June he hopes to conduct a clinic for piano teachers here at St. Mary's.

Madame Smith is leaving Raleigh by plane, June 2nd. She will arrive in New York City the same day. Then she will go on to her homeland of France by jet plane. Most of the summer will be spent visiting relatives in such cities as Chalons, Nancy, and Mayenne. The remaining portion of the summer will be spent traveling in southern France, with possible excursions into Italy and Spain.

Mr. Meeks is joining many St. Mary's students in summer school at Carolina, where he will be working toward his Doctorate.

Mr. Shellans, also working on his Doctorate, will be engaged in Reading and Resource Courses at Carolina. He's also planning some trips into the mountains to add to his repertoire of folk ballads.

To the Editor:

In reply to your kind inquiry regarding the report that Mrs. Parker and I are planning an extended trip to Europe, I am happy to confirm the report.

In view of uncertainties, especially the prevailing political situation, the execution of the plans is subject to a large D.V. (Devovente).

We expect to sail Aug. 26 or September 2 on the Dutch Line and land in Southampton. From then on our schedule is elastic, since we shall stay in any place till we are ready to move on to the next inviting spot.

After a couple of weeks in the British Isles we move on to Northern France for a week, then a week in Germany followed by a week in Switzerland with Geneva as our headquarters.

Then about three weeks in Southern France with trips out from Aix-en-Provence to Nîmes, Arles, Marseille, Les Baux and the other many points of historic and scenic interest nearby. That will take until about Nov. 1.

In Italy we anticipate a pleasant and varied three weeks in Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples and possibly Sicily.

Heading north again for a week on the French Riviera, probably Nice, will bring us to December and we move on to Barcelona for a few days.

By boat to Mallorca for a week, then back to Valencia, followed by three or four weeks near Malaga, with side trips along the Mediterranean and to Spanish Morocco. Granada or Seville seems like a good place to spend Christmas, then a visit to Palos de Moguer whence Columbus set sail in 1492. Then on to Madrid, where we have some good friends. From there we shall visit Toledo, Segovia, Avila and other places.

From there northward to the Cid's old home in Burgos, and perhaps Santiago de Compostela.

The rest of our time (and money) will be spent in France and England, details depending on matters which are impossible to anticipate. Return is scheduled for March, April or May, as the case may be.

I already anticipate the pleasure of getting home to work my west 40 m strawberry time.

An advance message to you from "over there": "Having a wonderful time; wish you were here."

Eugene F. Parker



Ring out the old  
and ring in the new

Many thanks to  
the old officers  
and welcome to  
the new officers