

THE MEN OF USS *Nereus* (AS 17) have the perfect squelch for any cigarette moochers who may be lurking in their midst. They simply refer them to the ship's electrical shop, where R. W. "Tom Edison" Pickard, EM1N, has invented a contraption to take the "free" out of free-loading.

Pickard's brainchild is a vending machine which dispenses a single cigarette, lit and ready to smoke (this cuts down on match mooching), each time a penny is inserted in the slot. The device is encased in plastic so that the customer gets about one minute of free entertainment watching the ingenious machine in action while he waits for his cigarette to pop out.

After the coin has been inserted and the customer has made his selection as to king-size or regular, the mechanical marvel goes into a complicated cycle. First, the cigarette goes through ultra-violet light for sterilization. Then, it passes through a humidifier, drops onto a heating coil, lights and falls into an ashtray—all ready to be smoked.

Pickard drew up the plans for the gadget and constructed it from discarded parts during off-duty hours assisted by Charles L. Belcher, EMFN, and Curtis L. Johnson, EMFN.

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As almost any Navy journalist will tell you, it is not good form for a JO to go around trying to get his own name into print. We had assumed that everyone on our staff was above that sort of thing, but it now seems we were wrong.

In a most flagrant violation of the JO's creed, one of our own writers has made a deliberate attempt to get his name into this magazine via underhanded methods—and to make matters worse, he tried this at the expense of nine other men in uniform in a public park practically a stone's throw from the White House.

The whole ugly business took place during a softball game between the Bureau of Naval Personnel and the Intelligence Office, Potomac River Naval Command. (Both teams are members of the Navy Combined League, made up of Navy-civilian squads from naval outfits around Washington, D. C.) The man who committed the breach of journalistic what-have-you pitches for and manages the Bureau team.

All through the game it was obvious that he was thinking of nothing but getting his name into print. In the first three innings he retired nine batters in a row—seven of them on strike-outs and two on fly balls. In the next three, he got nine more in a row—striking out six of them and getting three on pop-ups. Then, in the seventh inning, his desire for publicity unhinged him—he struck out the side on just 11 pitches.

With that obvious bit of grandstanding, the pitcher-manager-writer completed the first perfect game of his softball career. His team-mates (four of whom are also with ALL HANDS) double-checked the score book. No one had reached first. There had been a total of 16 strikeouts, and only one batter had gotten as far as a three-and-two count.

In his quest for publicity, our writer had overlooked just one thing: it would not be fair for ALL HANDS to mention the pitcher's name—just because he happens to write for the magazine—when other Navy pitchers have done the same thing and failed to get a write-up.

So, Jerry McConnell, JO1, USN, your nasty little scheme didn't work after all.

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● AT RIGHT: WHOA GAL—Seaman appearing to hold back Fleet tug USS *Towakoni* (ATF 114) is actually helping placement of a fender to warp lug into place without damage to bow or deck.

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