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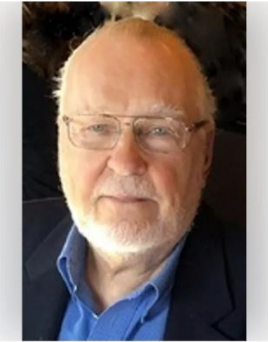
I would like to take this opportunity to offer our grateful thanks to Bill Maling for his being a significant contributor to our Sun Ship history. His first contact with SSSH was in 2005 and he continued to enhance our history from that point on with his supplying details on many wide-ranging subjects being researched and his occasional 'Yard' stories.

Dave Kavanagh
SSHS

2025.05.04:

Received this copy of Bill Maling's obituary from his wife Marla Jeane Maling.

Obituary: William Bell Maling



William Bell Maling "Bill" passed away at home in Green, Ohio on April 9, 2025, at the age of 91. He was born on May 23, 1933 in Jamaica Plain, MA to the late George Crowell Cressy Maling and Marjorie Bell Maling. Bill graduated in 1951 from Glen-Nor High School in Glenolden, PA. He served in the Naval Reserves and began work at Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. in Chester, PA and J.J. Henry Co. in Philadelphia. He earned his degree in Mechanical Engineering, attending night school for eight years at Drexel University while raising his family. During his career at Sun Ship, he held several senior management positions including founding CEO of Totem Ocean Trailer Express, now TOTE Maritime, in Seattle, WA. He then became a Vice President at Sun Company in charge of Corporate Planning. He finished his career in Ohio as CEO of Sunohio Company (eventually ENSR), a Canton-based electrical/environmental services company.

In retirement, Bill returned to snare drumming, a life-long passion he began as a child. He played for 29 years with the Civil War-era Camp Chase Fifes and Drums of Columbus, OH and 25 years with the Revolutionary War-era Lanecraft Fife and Drum Corps of North Haven, CT. He was a life member of Sons of the American

Revolution, where he drummed in the local Color Guard, and The Company of Fifers and Drummers. He was also a fund raiser for several organizations and is a life member of the MAPS Air Museum in Green, OH. Bill was an active golfer, skier, tennis player and loved yardwork with his cats, especially Fergus. His best love was family, who will remember him for a lifetime of summers in Avalon, NJ, sand sculpting, eating crabs and lobsters, drum corps events and family gatherings. He produced an extensive genealogy record as an enduring legacy for his family.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Dr. George C. Maling Jr.; first wife of 39 years and mother of his children, Ruth Paul Maling; and beloved granddaughter Rebecca A. Maling.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Marla Jeane Motter Maling; children, Susan (Larry) Zarbo of Rocky Hill, CT, Sherry (Lee) Weersing of Kennett Square, PA, Leslie Lunsford of Greenville, SC, Glenn (Dale) Maling of North Canton, OH, and Steve (Sara) Maling of Landenberg, PA. He dearly loved and was proud of his 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren who knew him as their "Sir." He is also survived by many Motter relatives including 12 special nieces, nephews and Godchildren.

At Bill's request there will be no service. Please consider a donation in Bill's memory to Lanecraft Fife and Drum Corps, 62 Clark Ave., North Haven, CT 06473-0028. To leave a special message for the family, visit our website at www.schermesserfh.com.

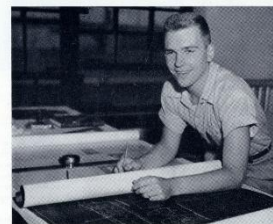
Bill Maling's Sun Ship Thumbnail History

1951:

Bill's tenure with Sun Ship started in the Mold Loft in 1951, which was intended to be a summer job between high school and college. However, he opted to stay at the Yard and in less than a year, he transferred to the Structural Drawing Room. During this period, his talent for drawing manifested itself and he did 'Sketches' for Arthur Hotzbaur's ABS book's welding section and cartoon's for 'Our Yard' magazine.

Following from 'Our Yard' magazine's Sept. 1953 edition.

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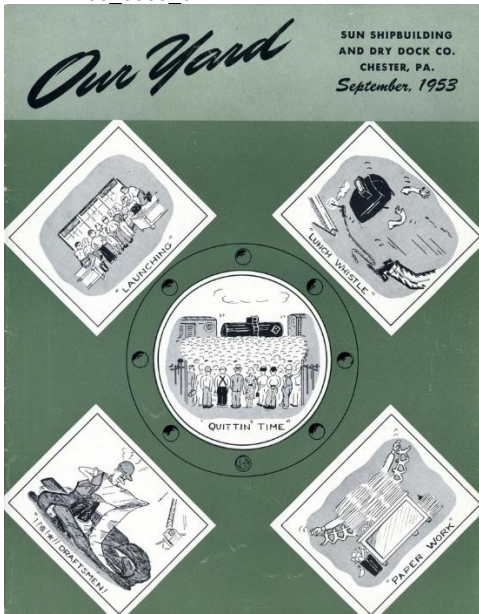
Cover By Our Yard Cartoonist

"Less than a year ago Bill Maling started drawing for OUR YARD his first cartooning. We think everyone agrees he has real talent, but he has another unusual ability few outside the Hull Drawing Room know about. It involves 26 varieties of rolls, flams, paradiddles and ruffs, with and without drops.

It appears that father George, of our American Bureau of Shipping office, was a drummer when in school and his two boys are 'slap' happy. At least Bill teaches the subject when "serious minded" students are available, and he can beat out the above basic rudiments of drumming on any convenient surface. Bill has also played the drums in: Glen-Nor High School, McCall (Am. Leg.) Post, Pa. Eastern State and Univ. of Pennsylvania Bands.

Raised in Boston, Bill, a Naval reservist recently back from a Bermuda cruise, came to Sun Ship's mold loft after graduation in 1951. He's married and the young Mailing's have a baby girl. Drexel Institute's mechanical engineering course has demands on some of his evenings-but when he gets to lesson 25 and adds a beat, he'll have a ratamacue."

1953.09: Our Yard Cover Page with some of Bill's cartoons
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1954:

During 1954, Bill was laid off from Sun Ship in 1954 and was hired as a draftsman for J.J. Henry. During his time at J.J. Henry, Bill attended night school at Drexel University graduating with a degree in mechanical - Industrial Engineering.

1961:

In 1961, he returned to Sun Ship as an engineer in the Production Control Department and moved to Department Head of New Ship Sales under Robert Galloway in 1964. Most of his work involved negotiating change orders on new ship construction with the Maritime Administration in Washington, DC. This included changes with the U.S. Lines and Grace Line contracts with automation and containerization. It was during this period that he started handling launching parties and other public relations activities.

1964:

In 1964, he was placed in charge of the New Ship Sales as Marketing Manager.

1971: William B. Maling was named Corporate Secretary.

Courtesy of SSHS
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**Company Appoints
New Secretary**

William B. Maling was recently appointed Secretary for the Company by the Board of Directors. He assumed these new duties while continuing to serve as Marketing Manager.



In 1961, Bill was named a project engineer in production control, and later held the position of department head of the New Ship Sales group. In 1964, he was placed in charge of the group as Marketing Manager.

Bill started his career at Sun Ship as a learner-tracer, and completed his drafting training before being promoted to his various positions.

1973.10.11:

Sun Ship Vice-President William B. Maling assists Sponsor Mrs. Ralph T. King during Christening ceremony for the 'Matsonia' H-664.

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1974.04.06:

Sun Ship Vice-President William B. Maling looks on as Sponsor Mrs. Hernandez christens the 'El Taino' H-666.

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1975.06.14_10

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Courtesy of the Delaware County Daily Times.

Sun Ship to launch largest trailership

...The 790-foot long vessel will be christened S.S. **Great Land** by Mrs. William B. Maling of Concord, wife of a Sun Ship vice president and newly named president of the Sun Ship subsidiary, Totem Ocean Trailer Express Inc. (TOTE).

Christening and Launching of 'S.S. Great Land'

June 17, 1975

Mrs. Marla Jeane Maling
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S.S. Great Land
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1975.06.23:

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Courtesy of the Delaware County Daily Times.



Sun Shipbuilding sails into new business waters; “

Through a new subsidiary, Totem Ocean Trailer Express Inc. (TOTE), Sun Ship became a primary stockholder in a shipping venture for the first time...According to TOTE President William B. Maling...

c.mid-1977

Courtesy: Bill Maling's Personal History

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Bill left Sun Ship for a Vice-President of Corporate Planning position at Sun Company.

(Please review Bill's obituary for further personal history)

2021.07.05:

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Photo of Bill Maling donating his Sun Ship 'Hawsepiper' pattern artifact to Dave Kavanagh of the SSHS in Concordville, PA

L/R: Dave Kavanagh and Bill Maling

