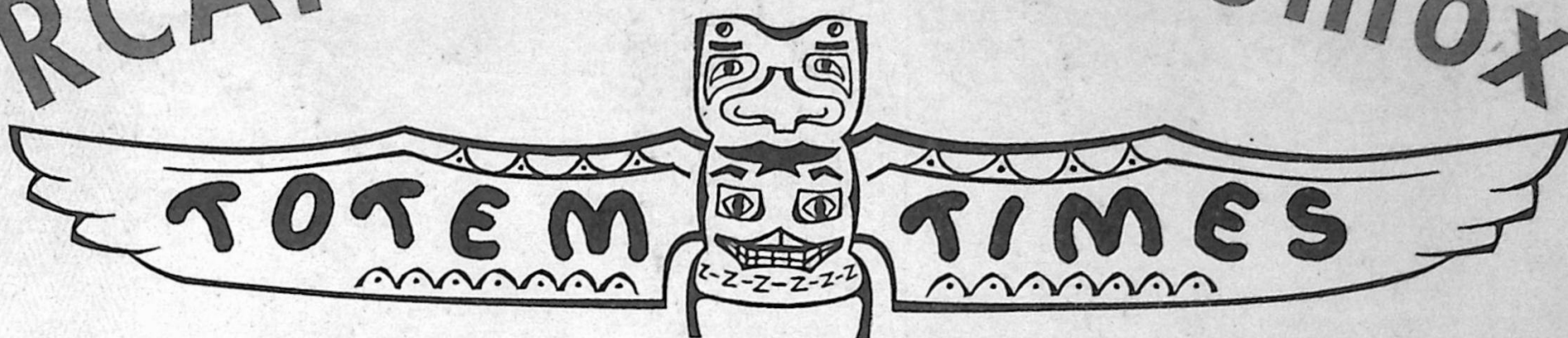


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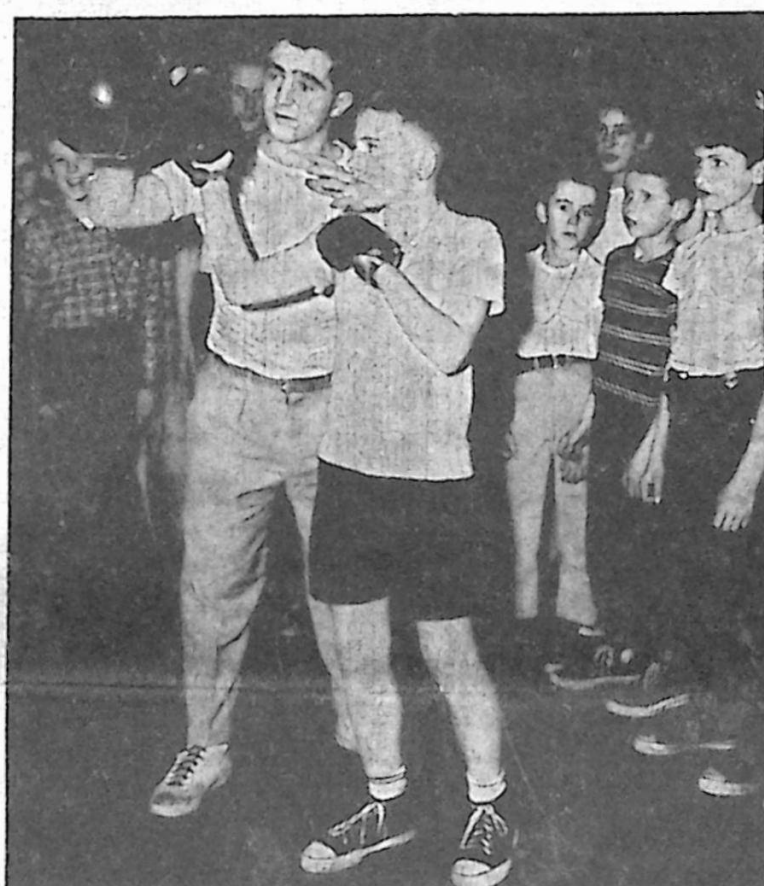


Photo by LAC B. E. Folkard

LAC J. B. Porkolab, boxing supervisor of the Youth Recreational Council, instructs Gary Gibson, son of F/O Gibson, PMQ, in punching bag techniques while other boys wait their turn.

### A GREAT DAY FOR GREAT THINGS

by ST. PATRICK

Ah, sure an' it's a great day for the Irish! And what better day would we be pickin', what with the shamrocks bustin' out all over, the very air full of liltin' Irish songs, an' the Little People peepin' from the hind of every bush an' boulder, to be comin' forth before all the populace with a journal as filled with blarney as though it had been written by the blessed Saint myself, and put to press on the Sacred Stone of Castle Blarney, back in the land of the beginning, and of the end, so it was, so it is now, and ever shall be—County Cork.

'Tis a happy day, indeed, to be makin' an appearance before the world, or, at least, this little corner of it, and well do I know, what with my knowin' the how of searchin' men's souls, that if the deeds of the staff be as good as their intentions, the "Times" will do harm to no man, but will strive, in every way, and all manners of persuasion, to better, an' lighten, an' brighten, each corner an' cranny into which it reaches, an' if you should be findin' a smile, a chuckle, or mayhap a little knowledge within these pages, then 'tis a blessed day indeed.



## YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM PROGRESSIVE

By "GERRY" NAUGLE

The discerning visitor to any RCAF station will soon note, in this "young man's air force", an increasing prevalence of grizzled and receding hairlines, and other signs of decay which can only be attributed to the toll of advancing years. The same visitor, if he should happen to drop over to the married patch would discover that here too, the march of time is producing predictable, but largely unforeseen results. In short, the kids and toddlers of the 50's are now being supplanted by a small but rapidly growing wave of teen-agers. The figures for the teen-age population of PMQs of this unit will read something like this:

1960	— 73	teen-agers
1961	— 165	"
1962	— 207	"
1963	— 207	"
1964	— 282	"

Now anyone who goes to the movies or reads the newspapers knows that the undirected energies of a large group of teen-agers can be lethally disruptive to the ordered serenity of our days, and the question "What are we going to do with all those teen-agers?" is being passed from furrowed brow to furrowed brow.

Official funds and official policy are understandably con-

centrated on operational problems so there has been no provision for this situation at government level. At unit level we find neither the normal community facilities or the means of producing revenue to provide them. We therefore face the problem of creative outlets for teen-age energies from our own resources.

This is the story of what we are now doing at RCAF Station Comox. Under the aegis of the PMQ Council a Recreational Council has been formed and a variety of activities has been started which, it is hoped, will satisfy the recreational and social needs of our teen-agers.

The main objective of the Council is to give youngsters, aged 10 years and up, an interest, which will keep them busy in the early evenings and, at the same time not interfere with any other organization such as Scouts and Cubs. Activities have been arranged into three categories; social and cultural, sports and hobby crafts. The proposed fields in which instruction will be given are, stamp collecting, photography, art, amateur radio, volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball, boxing, soccer, badminton, tennis, bowling, archery, ball-room dancing, glee and drama clubs, fishing and boating, wood-working,

leather crafts, copper work and model aircraft building.

In existence for little more than a month, the Council has secured over 60 parents to volunteer as leaders and assistants, and some classes are already underway. These are, model aircraft building, instructed by F/L N. F. Copping, art classes under the direction of Mesdames McFadden and Barber (with advanced instruction being given by Mrs. J. Lefco, a noted Comox Valley artist); stamp collecting under the guidance of F/L J. C. Paterson and Cpl. B. Smythe; ballroom dancing taught by Mrs. Wentzell; photography taught by F/L G. B. Wood, and boxing being taught by LAC J. B. Porkolab, an airman with an excellent amateur rating in the east. In all, over 150 youngsters are now participating in these classes.

These activities are however, not entirely without costs. A nominal fee of 50 cents is charged to each family with members participating, regardless of the number, and the children are required to purchase their own supplies such as paints, brushes, wood, etc.

The classes will cease during the summer months and will be capped by a hobby show at the close of the school term. However, sports will continue during the summer months and the council hopes to hold rallies and field trips this year.

STATION SPEED LIMIT  
20 M.P.H.

## "PICNIC" SMASH HIT

by MAL HOGARTH

The ASTRAL PLAYERS' latest production "Picnic", was acclaimed a huge success.

William Inge's play was well received by all those who saw it. The play concerns the effect a young vagabond has on a small Kansas town. He manages to upset two households and fall in love with the town beauty. This play, written in 1953, won the Pulitzer Prize for drama that year. Some of the other plays written by William Inge are "Come Back Little Sheba", "Bus Stop" and "The Dark at the Top of the Stairs." The play itself offered a fine vehicle for the actors and was one admirably suited to their talents.

This play was a first in many ways. One of which is that we were able to obtain the services and not unconsiderable talent of a civilian not connected with the Air Force, for the first time. We certainly hope this is an indication of future support from the people in the local area. One other first was the sending of the show "on the road". As well as the two performances at the Station Theatre, the play was performed in Courtenay and Campbell River. Both these performances were sponsored by the Upper Vancouver Island Shrine Club. The considerable effort involved in transporting sets and erecting them in strange auditoriums was more than reconciled by the additional experience the act-

ors and stage crew obtained from these performances.

Through the effort of the actors who willingly gave up three or four nights a week for rehearsals, the time and work put in by the director, producer and stage manager the play was produced for the enjoyment of all.

Not letting grass grow under their feet, the Astral Players held readings March 4 for the next production "TEN LITTLE INDIANS". The casting is now complete and director Bill Vradenburg has set May 19 and 20 as our performance dates. This engaging mystery by Agatha Christie we hope will be as well received as our last mystery "Love From A Stranger" by the same author.

The Astral Players in commencing rehearsals for Ten Little Indians are completing their first full season of active theatre. In future we hope to continue this plan of producing three plays during the season. We trust our audience will look forward to these plays and that they will stimulate an ever increasing interest in the club. There is always more room for aspiring actors and actresses and in particular backstage workers. The work varies from painting to lighting, from hammering a nail to sound effects. Anyone interested can come to the Station Theatre any Monday, Wednesday or Friday commencing March 21st.





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## Editorials

### BABY'S FIRST WORDS

A wise old saw states: "Fools rush in where wise men fear to tread." It was, therefore, with blithe and cheerful spirit that talk of a station publication first occurred.

It was no more than a way of easing the tedium of passenger flight in a C-119 that the egg was first laid. After discussion with the higher echelons of the station, the first fluttering of life became evident, and the tiny cracks of the pressure of inner promise appeared in the shell. An appeal for interested and talented personnel to attend a meeting brought forth enough journalistic neophytes to hatch the chick, and even added a few feathers to the wildly beating wings.

From there on it was just a question of working a channel between all the hidden reefs, and these were many: the problems of production, circulation, contributors, advertising (this was a real HOT one), layout, art work, banner design and title, section and column titles, ad infinitum.

And so, here it is, the not yet quite fully fledged RCAF Station Comox Totem Times; but we still need your help to raise that little chick up to be a fine, husky rooster with a good, strong voice.

By the way, if you bought that egg routine, that isn't how this baby really came, and F/O Tom Fielding had the birth pangs to prove it.

### Fire Prevention and Protection

This station can be compared with any other community — the social services and safety facilities are similar and in many respects, of a higher order.

The role played by the Fire Hall, is however, slightly more important than its civilian counterpart, the accident being Fire Prevention and Protection.

The RCAF policy is to give a serviceman adequate opportunity to learn to protect himself, others and important and valuable equipment from the ravages of fire. To this end the staff of this fire hall endeavour to maintain good liaison with all sections and personnel throughout the station area.

The station fire prevention committee ensure that a thorough inspection policy is carried out each month to eliminate hazardous practices and maintain safe working conditions for all personnel. A training programme has been instituted to further the knowledge of the serviceman in fire prevention and protection and to make him aware of his importance as a citizen in the community in which he lives.

Operationally, the fire fighters are keenly aware of their position in protecting aircraft and flying personnel along with the covering of installations, homes and families. Efficiency is their keynote at all times. Backed by modern equipment and stringent training their services are of high order.

This station is an associate member of the National Fire Protection Association of North America and annually enters in competition with all military establishments, to further the cause of fire prevention. Your efforts to keep our station safe from fire are recorded and presented to the association. Thus, in your hands rests the success of this station to offer the best possible protection to your work and home.



### Letters TO THE EDITOR

#### Aircraft Overflow?

Dear Editor:  
I hear around the hangar that you guys are starting a station paper and I thought maybe you'd stick this in "Letters to the Editor". Course you won't, but I'm writing it anyway.

What I'd like to know is why the devil a guy can't find no place to park his car around here. If they didn't use up all that room leaving airplanes lying around all over the place things would be OK. First they put them in a hangar, then they move them to the apron, then the tarmac or runway, and every darned one has four

or five different places to park, when one or two even, ought to be enough. If each aircraft only had one or two different places to park then there would be plenty left for us guys to park our cars.

Yours truly,  
—LAC Austin Healy

The opinions of our readers are earnestly solicited. Anonymous letters cannot be printed, however, the identity of a writer who wishes to use a "nom de plume" will be kept confidential.

DRIVE SAFELY  
AND COURTEOUSLY

### Commanding Officer's Message

It is a great pleasure to witness the first publication of the Totem Times at RCAF Station Comox, and I am happy to welcome this new addition to the activities of our Station. I know of the many difficulties that were surmounted before this newspaper could be inaugurated, and, on behalf of the Station, I wish to thank the Editor and his staff for their cheerful persistence and ingenuity in the face of many worrisome delays and discouragements.

I think it can now be said that Comox is coming of age as an air force station. There is every reason to be proud of the operational record of both squadrons based here. To support these squadrons and to build a genuine service community, we have made notable progress in providing facilities to encourage the development of worthwhile recreational, social and cultural pursuits. Our new messes, built or nearing completion, the refurbished recreation centre, the Motor Club and Hobby Shop, the Station Band and the Drama Club, and now the Station newspaper, all provide essential outlets for the social needs and creative energies of our personnel. I think we can be proud of the fact that we have contributed a great deal toward the organization of these facilities.

I hope that all sections will do their share to ensure the continuing success of the Totem Times, and will give every support to the few hard-working people who brought it into being.



While it takes a great deal of study and practice to become an outstanding player on any instrument, the beginner will make much faster progress on some instruments than on others.

Generally speaking, reed instruments are difficult to learn, an exception being the saxophone, the fingering of which is very simple despite the awesome complexity of the mechanism. The oboe (an ill wind that nobody blows good), is particularly difficult. At a cost of \$1500 few people will find it difficult to stifle the urge to learn the bassoon.

The accordion is fairly easy to learn, sounds good alone or in company with other instruments, and can be easily taken to corn roasts, beach parties, orgies and so forth. The guitar is fairly easy to learn, the ukelele, banjo or mandolin even more so. The violin and similar instruments, however, require an excellent sense of pitch if one expects to remain on good terms with the neighbors.

Brass instruments are quite easy, but the trombone, like the violin, demands a good ear. Anyone desiring to play a brass instrument could do worse than to join the station band.

Most of the skill needed to play, say, a trumpet, can be developed on a bugle. A beginner in the station band learns to blow a bugle and to read music. At first he is given a simple part to play and as his skill progresses he is moved to a more difficult and therefore more interesting part.

Now is the best time to join, at the beginning of the season, when this year's band (which, it is hoped, will be the best yet) is being developed. Sgt. Crebo, the bandmaster, would be glad to hear from you. He can provide the musical knowledge you need to become a successful bandsman; bring your own enthusiasm and effort and you will make fast progress.

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### Chapel Chimes

#### CATHOLIC CHAPEL

F/L R. G. MacNEIL

Masses—

Sunday - 0900 - 1100 hrs.

Monday - 1200 hrs.

Tuesday - Friday - 1640 hrs.

Saturday - 0830 hrs.

Stations of the Cross—

Sunday - 1915 hrs.

Wednesday - 1900 hrs.

Children need a spiritual foundation

Canada is a Christian nation proud of its freedom of religious expression. Prayer opens the parliaments and courts of law accept the veracity of a witness based upon the Bible oath.

We zealously guard our freedom of religious expression. Here lies our strength and paradoxically, our weakness. The determination of the people to maintain this freedom in our schools demands that the Department of Education lean backwards to eliminate religious opinion from the program of studies.

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# SQUADRON AND SECTION NEWS



## DEMON DOIN'S

By GOSH

Even a demon in hades would have a tough nut to crack trying to get a column out around here these days. What with walls being torn down, walls being put up, telephones being ripped out by the roots, half the furniture out in the halls, and all the personnel somewhere else, mostly San Diego, a fellow can't find anyone to talk to and even if you can, they won't talk anyway. It would seem that the first item on the agenda should be the fact that, with the Wingo away in Tequila Town, the feet on the CO's desk belong to S/L Hudson; and while we're Hudson-thinking, a note of warning to the wise... don't beard the lion in his den, having saved his shillings for four months in preparation for southern exposure, and northern import, he will be in no mood for hatless visits... and still speaking of Herr Hudson, now that he's driving a new car, what-ever happened to the old green Hornet? Did it just disintegrate and disappear, like the Bishop's Shay, or did someone actually get stuck with it? I & E claim the only reason they're being moved downstairs is to make room for the radio officer's dashboard... In looking back we find men-

tion in the first sentence of cracking tough nuts. It has been whispered in this ear that a certain LAC Oley Oelrich has a youngster who has his Group 4 in the trade... Nominated for president of the "Lunch at the Lorne Club" LAC Joe Missaubaie, long time charter member, had to refuse the office. Seems his present commitments in that direction are almost more than he can handle... Wonder why the big brass wheels of Treasury are so interested in the uniforms LAC Georg Love wears, doesn't wear, or perhaps where and how he gets them... F/L Al Morton gone from our Hades Horde to fly for the Winnipeg team. Good luck, Al...

... And in the travel brochure for this week we note that Cpl. Paul Chapman has flight engineered his way to Summerside (that's behind the Red Dust Curtain)... and Sgt. Jim Baker and co-worker LAC Dennis the Glennis Lawley are on their way, individually and one at a time, to tee up, gen up, and shake up the electronic division at Camp Boredom... Lt. Cdr. Kennedy, CO USS Sea Fox and staff came aboard last week to take on ballast. We understood the operation was a complete success, and full submergence was effected. Our CO, however, wily old campaigner that he is, only issued the ballast on a loan card, and figures on getting it back on the Diego deal...

Our congratulations to the Queen, who managed to have her baby on the same day Cpl. Lloyd Hawley came up with a fifth son and seventh heir. Guess Lloyd lives on his baby bonus and just uses his pay for pin (safety type) money... Also busily engaged in increasing our collective income tax, Cpl. Bill Walton fathered a bouncing baby girl, Linda Jean; and let's not forget to

report that Cpl. Ed Zacher came up with an addition to the clan. We are given to understand that it is outboard rigged... Leap year caught up with LAC Doug Reich who entered himself on the 20th. G.C. Roberts, Deputy Commander Maritime Specific was a welcome visitor last week. Paid us a little liaison visit and got in a little fly time at the same time... Welcome aboard to: ACI P. J. Cohoe (Not in season yet, fellows), a SETech from Aymer; LACs G. D. Godfrey and W. F. Bedwin, a couple of photo-plasms from Borden; also an old in-and-out LAC A. E. Beal, an AFTEch from R.U. Winnipeg... F/O Roy Thompson having the hall-pacing, fingernail-chewing fidgets while waiting an ATA on the Stork Special... There couldn't have been any warmed up cars leaving Tyee Park the other morning; F/L Ken Petch was observed arriving on the station in a strange green and black sedan, rumored to be his own... And so, like the south end of a north-bound cow, thereby hangs my tale.

## THE FIX-IT SHOP

by

### THE MERRY TINKERS

It is a lucky reporter indeed, who can depend on so many interesting characters for a source of material.

Some of our guys are just normal people, but a good many others ooze more colour than comes out of Pablo Picasso's paint factory when he is jolted by a flash of inspiration. Now you take Don Hallam, for instance. How many people do you know that would put up with two rooms in Kye Bay, own two cars and neither will run, consistently "get the queen" when playing hearts with the boys, get a dunking



## Nighthawk News

by "ANDY"

Congratulations Station Comox on the actual publication of a station newspaper, and especially to those individuals who made it possible.

Sceptics note: Certain station personnel (notably 407) have the mistaken opinion that 409's days are numbered. Let all note that new crews continue to arrive, the latest being F/O T. Neill Air/P and F/O R. Thatch-er Air/Obs who reported in on the 8th of March. Welcome to 409, Canada's finest all-weather fighter squadron.

As part of 409's program of raising the overall standard in Air Defence Command F/O D. Stewart and F/O J. McGuire left last weekend for two weeks of exchange duties with 414 Squadron North Bay. F/O Hen-nig and F/O Murphy from North Bay are presently being indoctrinated while on exchange here so they may spread the gospel when they return home.

The usual quiet of Comox Friday afternoon was suddenly disturbed March 4 when four CF-100s returning from a fly-past over Vancouver made several low approaches over Station Comox. Rumour has it that controllers in the tower were visibly impressed

when he opens his locker door and still manage a smile for everyone? That takes gumption, son.

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as they dove under their tables after the formation came over the tower. When asked afterwards the cause of their haste to flatten themselves they replied that someone had dropped a penny and they all jumped for it.

A pleasant good day to all from 409 and especially to duck hunters who mistake whales for submarines and vice versa.

## AIRWOMEN'S NEWS

by ENID SARTOR

It must be Spring! That's the only way we can account for all these weddings. First it was Isobel (now Mrs. Relch), Jill Oliver and Vicki Kyca will be following in April.

Leaving us soon are Beverley Gilmour who is going to Foymount and Madeline Fillon to Bagotville. "Alvin" Wright, "Smitty" Wontoway and "Rosie" Rosedahl are transferred to radar stations back east. Chris Flore is trying civilian life at the end of this month. To fill in some of the gaps are Marg. Foley from the Victoria Recruiting Unit and Clare Stark also a clk-admin from Parent.

Cpl. Johnny Walker missed Comox so much she came out here on leave.

Are we seeing things or do we have a new red-head and a blonde in supply?

Next month we hope to have the Wrens of HMCS Naden pay us a return visit, some of the airwomen having spent a weekend at Naden for a bowling tournament. Speaking of tournaments the airwomen's volleyball team came 7th in the league. At least we weren't last.

That's all for now. We hope next month to have news of another dance.

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## The Fix-it Shop

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Then take Jack Savill. The "Barber" puts in a day's work that would strain a horse, rushes home for dinner, and is then seen working on "The House That Jack Built" until the wee hours. Nevertheless, Jack is always first at work in the morning, flashing his gold tooth at you when you come in. Ulcers be darned.

Now let us tell you about Tom Silming. "Young Tom" put in for leave and travelling time to Hank Snowville with full intentions of sneaking back a bride without our knowledge. Things sort of backfired on him when he rented the apartment next to McCready's, and Murray spilled the beans. So we gave Tom an appropriate send-off over at the Courtenay Legion.

Tom took it like a man, missed his show but made the altar. Our heartfelt congratulations "Young Tom" and Dot, and may your happiness be everlasting.

Next issue, we shall introduce you to a few more of the guys we are blessed to work with.

## Our Recipe For Happiness

Take four couples, four bottles of red wine, four bottles of saké, add ice and soft music, mix thoroughly.

We call it "wacky". Try it sometime.

Au Revoir

## FLYCON FLASHES

by BARNEY DUNLEVY

Although Comox has one of the largest Flying Control staffs in the RCAF, you wouldn't know it when it's news time. It would take Mike Hamner and a group of inquisitive commissars to extract any (printable) news from this outfit.

How about, fellows? Let's

## OBSERVING OPERATIONS

by "MAC"

Have you ever been in a place where there is about 15 dozen people running around all at the same time? That's just what it's like around the Op's Room lately. If it isn't a carpenter or an electrician or a telecom tech, it's one of the operations staff.

It seems that every time you come on shift, you've come into a different office. There is a surprise waiting for you, anything from scaffolding to a new large console or a new board to be filled in. It would appear that someone has decided to lower the ceiling. Quite a change from the normal which is raising the roof.

Our two French painters have completed their latest masterpiece, "Jacques" Mercer and "Jean" Moorehouse have called it "Le Board Readiness". They are now working on a new one which it is rumoured they will call "Le Board Status."

We are happy to see F/O Gunhouse return from his recent trip to Ottawa. It appeared for a time that we would lose him to the RAF, however, for the present, he's still with us.

We haven't seen much of F/O Fielding lately, but we hear he's working on a hush-hush project. Careful sir, the secret has leaked out and we know it's called the "Totem Times".

So, if the editor hasn't used his blue pencil too much on this copy, that's the news for now.

make an effort in future issues to tie up the Radar Rumours, the GCA Garbles and the Tower Talk into one interesting and informative column that

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## C.E. NEWS

In this first edition of our own station newspaper, may we welcome two new arrivals to the section. First meet our new SCEO, F/L E. E. Piltz, who comes to Comox from RCAF Stn. St. Sylvestre. Happy days, their loss is our gain. A new broom sweeps clean and already the "Boss" has started to take out some of the kinks. We wish also to congratulate F/L Piltz on his recent marriage and wish him and his bride good health and happiness.

Next meet our Operations Superintendent, WO2 J. G. Hopkins, who was previously stationed at Sydney, N.S. — "Hoppy" brings us a wealth of experience (you can't fool this fellow), and a whole new outlook.

With a strong new hand on the wheel and with the capable assistance of the Heads and Sub-heads, CE is off on what looks like a good and very busy year.

Now to close this column on a note of levity, we present— Overheard in the Electrical shop: "Oh, yes sir, we'll send a man over right away."

## PILLS and CHILLS

By TOM

Since this is the first issue of our station paper, we will introduce the recent new arrivals to the staff. F/L Garrity from Officers' Training at Centralla, Nursing Sister McNulty of Saskatoon, also recently enlisted in the Air Force. Cpl. "Brian" Golds our lab tech from Saskatoon, and last of all, myself, Cpl. "Tom" Mc-Clafferty from Chatham, N.B.

F/L Jones returned to Cold Lake this week after some weeks T.O. at Comox. F/L Burgess is still on the FPMO's course, and we hope to see him return next month.

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On TV last month they showed clinics giving polio vaccine by mouth. Hope no one is wishful thinking. The air force still uses needles!

I have been asked to say a very grateful "thank you" to all those personnel who have been so generous donating blood. The staff and patients here appreciate this. Keep up the good work.

In closing the staff extend our sympathy to F/O and Mrs. Bamber on the recent loss of their infant son.

## SNERVICING

by ROBERT A. CLARKE

This column will be devoted to Servicing and Log Control. We have a lucky guy just putting in time before going across the pond. He is Cpl. Bengert. will be Benny's second hitch. He was in France the first time and is now going to Germany.

A couple of news items in the sadder vein, now. Sgt. Don Hinderks was called away suddenly on compassionate leave to be at the bedside of his father who died shortly after. All in Servicing express their condolences. Don LAC Styran had a bad accident the other night while working on his house. He cut the tendon of his thumb with an axe. He will be spending three weeks in Naden Hospital.

LAC Follack will be going on a crewman's course at Camp Borden in the near future.

I was told we were a little cramped for space in this, our first issue so I will end with this introduction. I understand there are to be two Bob Clarkes on this paper so I will go on record as saying that I am not, REPEAT NOT, the Bob Clarke that suggested we pull the plug out of Vancouver Island.

## HEADQUARTERS HAPPENINGS

by CPL. PAT DERBY

The past week was spent with a hopeful ear cocked for some interesting or news-worthy items for the first issue of our Station Newspaper. However, the soul-shattering news failed to materialize in the solid wall of routine, and the first issue is put to bed with the only sound from Headquarters being the steady tramp of feet as all those lucky people who have leave left come in to pick up their passes.

Between people on leave and so many of our neighbours from Number One Hangar away in the sunny south, the next week bids fair to be more quiet than the last—horrible thought.

So that's it for this time from the Headquarters building. The Managing Editor said one word—"Brevity". How brief can you get?

See you on Pay Parade.

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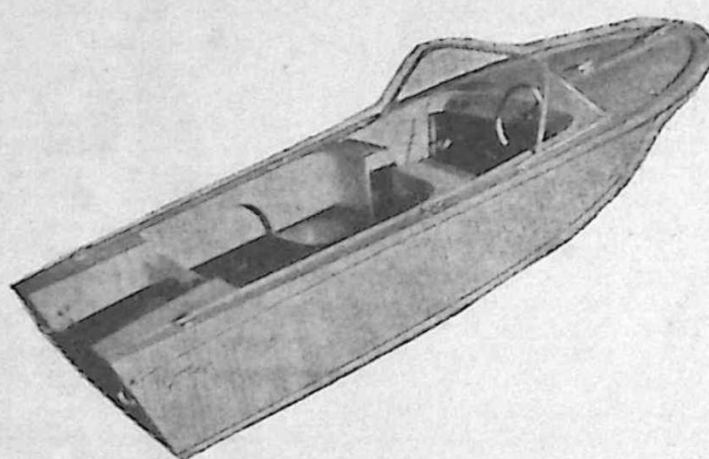
By "MARIE"

Here we are making our first column in the Station newspaper, trusting that you find it as interesting when reading it as we have found writing it.

In the Monday night service bowling league the Supply "Misfits" ended the season in fifth place. We certainly had fun and hope to place higher next year, so all you other teams - beware. The Supply Section volleyball team deserves a handshake for putting up an extremely good show during the season, although we were edged out by Station Telecom in the playoffs.

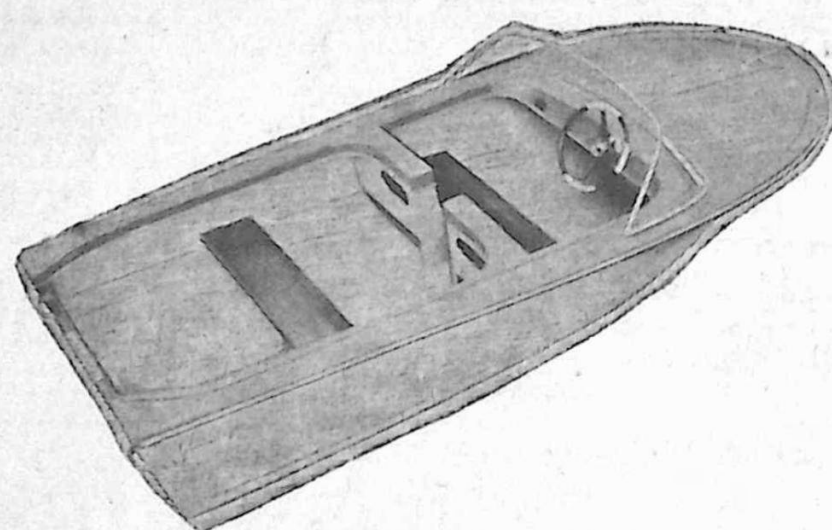
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## EATON'S Sets the Pace for Boats and Motors



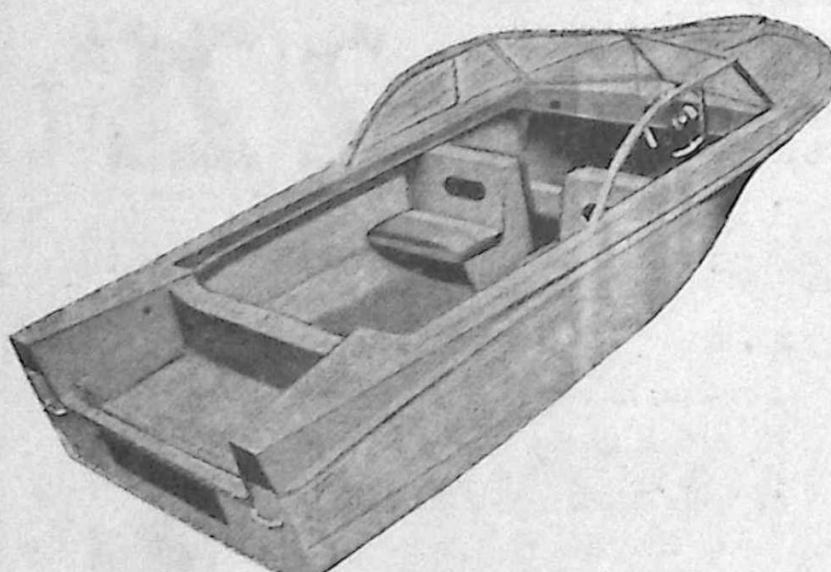
14' DELUXE

This luxury 14' runabout is complete to the last detail. This boat was built with boating ease in mind. Length Centre Line: 14'. Beam: 65". Depth: 24". Gunwale Length: 15' 2". Wt.: approx. 475 lbs.



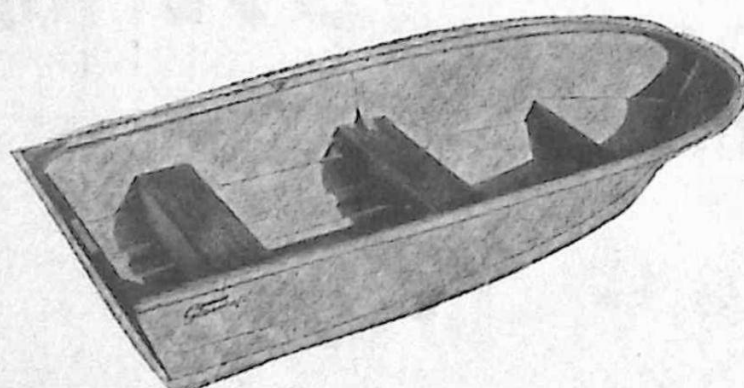
16' SIDEWING

Designed to take a convertible top, this boat features a solid frame windshield and siding unit, walk-through and back-to-back seats. Transom is designed for long shaft motor. Centre Line Length: 16'. Beam: 75". Gunwale Length: 17' 8". Depth: 40".



12' RUNABOUT

This 12' runabout has many larger boat features that will prove their worth everytime the boat is in the water. Special points are the completely moulded deck and built-in front seats. Its rating of 25 horse power makes it a minimum water-ski boat. Length Centre Line: 12'. Beam: 58". Depth: 28". Gunwale Length: 13' 1". Weight: approx. 300 lbs.



10' 5" CARTOP

Standard equipment on this cartop includes oarlocks, sockets, outboard transom pad. Length Centre Line: 10' 5". Beam: 51". Depth: 24". Gunwale Length: 11' 6". Weight: approx. 115 lbs.

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# SPORTS



Photo by LAC D. C. Willett

## Station Telecom Volleyball Victors

In four thrilling games played Tuesday evening, March 15, Station Telecom defeated 407 Telecom three games to one, winning the right to represent Station Comox in Division and Tri-Service competition. Station Telecom were the winners of "A" league, having bested Flying Control in the finals of that group March 9. This was the second play-off for these teams, a Monday night win by 407 being forfeited on the grounds of ineligible players having participated. In order to maintain eligibility, 407 played the Tuesday night games with only five players, putting up a good fight in spite of the shortage.

Although Station Telecom will now carry the Comox banner in off-station competition, their win does not guarantee them the Station championship. They must yet meet the winners of "B" league (407 Squadron), whose finals were delayed by the departure of the Demons for points South. The 407 finals and the subsequent Station Championship series should make interesting and exciting viewing. See you there!

A 30-year treaty of friendship and alliance between Russia and the then-new Chinese Communist republic was signed in 1950.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT

A baseball team from the station is on the books to be entered in the league with Courtenay, Cumberland, Campbell River and Port Alberni.

The skip of the winning rink of the tri-service bonspiel (Richardson-Navy) is a cousin of the famed Briar winning rink of the Richardson family of Regina.

A list of names taken at the tri-service bonspiel brought about the startling figures that out of 48 curlers, 33 were from the prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

### Service Bowling League

The 1959-60 bowling season has come to an end as the Wreckers, winners of the Monday night league, rolled off against the 407 Rockets. (Tuesday night winners) on Monday, March 7th, in a six-game total point series, in which the Wreckers came out on top, as Inter-Service Bowling League champs.

Trophies for the winning teams will be presented at the annual bowling banquet which will be held at a later date.

Winner of high average—Dave Baily, 238. Winner of high three—Vic Smith, 830. Winner of high single—Cpl. McMullen, 400.



## Trail Treasures

with ILES

The steelhead season is on us again as evidenced by the many fishermen who lined the shores of the Puntledge, Tsolum and Courtenay rivers over the past few weekends. I know it and you know it, but, unfortunately, no one has thought of telling the steelhead. Perhaps we need a more active marine public relations man.

I learned one thing over the past weekend. Hip boots filled with ice cold water are mighty uncomfortable and make fishing a wee bit tougher.

Summer outdoors men who have never tried winter steelheading, are missing one of the most exciting and exhilarating of experiences in the realm of sports fishing. Wading swift cold mountain streams with the roar of fast white water drowning out the sounds of heavy traffic perhaps no more than a few hundred yards away, but out of sight around the next bend of the river, transposes you thousands of miles from civilization into as beautiful a world as your own thoughts wish to take you. Steelheading can be as rewarding to the novice as to the expert. Here's a tip for the beginner with a brand new spinning outfit.

During the winter season when the water is cold, steelhead and cutthroat lie on the bottoms of deep pools and under overhanging banks out of strong currents where food drifts naturally to them. Although spoons, bucktails and streamers are good, natural baits are perhaps the best in winter months when the water is high and flies are scarce. The fish then, are searching for heavier foods. Salmon eggs are one of the most effective natural baits for steelhead with nymphs, worms, small minnows, grubs and hellgrammites a close second. Salmon eggs can be purchased from many sport shops in the steelhead and cutthroat stream areas.

The most effective method of steelheading is to work slowly upstream casting ahead and to the sides into the current allowing your bait to drift along the bottom into the quiet pools where steelhead are lurking waiting for just such a morsel. B.C. streams and rivers are

Free diving does not refer to the cost of diving, nor do the political implications of the word "Free", have anything to do with our name.

Instead, "Free Divers" are divers unshackled by cumbersome air hoses, lifelines, and leaden boots.

The exhilaration of swimming through underwater gardens, the excitement of chasing a fish in his own element and capturing him with the most rudimentary of weapons, the spear. These are the manifestations of our name.

Our club was organized in October 1959, and since then has more than doubled in membership. A general meeting is held every two weeks in the "Little Theatre", in the Rec. Centre. Besides the various topics covered in governing a club, the proceedings are enlivened with a guest lecturer or a film.

Right now we are in the midst of competing in a spearfishing contest. This contest is open to all members and if you wish to participate, you may inquire about membership at any one of our meetings. The date set for the contest is from the first of March to the first of May, 1960. This will give everyone plenty of time to get in and draw out all those big ones the fishermen always claim, "Get Away".

We are fortunate now in having two members who have gone to Naden and taken a diving course with the Navy. Having this training they will certainly be able to help the rest of us improve our diving technique to a high degree of safety.

While we are mentioning safety, the flag that heads our column is referred to the "Divers Down" flag. Being a white diagonal stripe on a red background it is hard to miss, and it means that there are divers in the area and boats stay clear—100 feet.

That about winds up the column for this week, so we will see you out there at the meetings or keep you in touch with our activities through this medium.

crystal clear and while some pools appear too shallow to hold a steelhead of any appreciable size, every quiet pool

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# COMMUNITY NEWS PAGE



Photo by F/L G. B. Wood

## Home Fashions Modeled

Smart and attractive ensembles, made by the models were featured at a Do-It-Yourself Fashion Show, Wednesday evening, March 2.

President of the Officers Wives Club welcomed 115 members to the gathering and introduced Mrs. A. V. Robinson who was commentator for the parade of talented ladies wearing their own creations.

Hats, knitted wear, suits, coats, house coats, afternoon and cocktail dresses as well as formal gowns were greatly admired by the members in attendance.

Mrs. E. J. Hudson provided a comedy touch with her amusing version of the sack dress.

Veronica's Sewing Centre, Courtenay, had an attractive display of sewing material and finisings which was of interest to the ladies who make their own clothes.

Mrs. Inrig thanked all who had taken part in the evening's entertainment.

A souvenir spoon was given Mrs. A. O. Forget who with her husband and family leave in April for a posting to RCAF Station, Vancouver.

Models were Mesdames Hudson, P. Burnham, R. Burnie, L. G. Coburn, S. H. Foye, J. Glover, H. Gold, J. L. Gunhouse, C. C. Hazlett, J. H. Hoult, E. M. Hyde, C. F. Jensen, R. M. Kenny, R. S. McNabb, J. A. Petch, T. Platt and F. I. Stephens.

Mrs. E. W. Brooks provided soft organ music during the fashion show.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. V. F. Bamber and Mrs. J. Garriety.

At the election of officers which followed, positions were filled by Mrs. P. Burnham, president; Mrs. R. A. Sherratt, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. H. Gold, entertainment officer.

Retiring executive, Mrs. R. C. Conn, Mrs. G. M. Burgess and Mrs. B. D. Inrig served the refreshments that concluded a very pleasant evening.

## Wallace Gardens By-Election Postponed

The by-election to fill seats of five retiring councillors, which was to have been held March 19th, has been postponed to Saturday, March 26 to permit members of 407 Sqd. to cast their votes. Vacant are one seat in Ward 2 and two seats in each of Wards 3 and 6.

A PMQ bulletin will be issued regarding candidates, polling places and times, etc.

## Education Week Observed

Education Week was observed at the Comox Airport school during the week of March 7th to 11th, by an open house to parents, who could see the children at their work during morning classes.

On Friday afternoon the class rooms were open to the parents from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. while in the auditorium, tea, sandwiches and dainties were being served. Decorations were artistically arranged in traditional St. Patrick's colour and theme. Streamers were arranged by Mr. Bowbrick's Grade V girls, and attractive shamrock designs and decorations by Miss Hannah's Grade IV and V girls. Each table was decorated with a shamrock beneath a lovely bouquet of heather, moss, primroses and snowdrops.

Greeting the guests at the door were Miss Beveridge, Mrs. W. C. Hewitt and Mrs. B. Lannan.

The Grade VI girls waited on the tables in attractive St. Patrick's costumes made by the girls and their parents. In charge of the girls were Mrs. B. Nicholson and Mrs. C. Boyd. At a long table decorated with iris, daffodils and candleabra, tea was poured by Mrs. R. F. Miller and Mrs. E. J. Hudson, followed the second

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## CATHOLIC LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

The Catholic Ladies Altar Society held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Forget on Monday, March 7th. Sixteen members were present including one new member, Mrs. J. Garrity.

Election of officers took place with the following results:

President: Mrs. R. G. McNabb.

Vice-president: J. S. Topping. Secretary: Mrs. H. Dynda.

Treasurer: Mrs. J. P. Lussier. Mrs. D. Hinderks is convener of hospital visiting assisted by Mrs. C. B. MacDonald. Mrs. E. Doyon asked for more volunteers for the nursery, and it was decided to have a monthly clean-up of the nursery on the Tuesday following the monthly meeting.

Mrs. W. Taylor and Mrs. A. Forget represented the Altar Society at the fact-finding meeting of local clubs to sponsor a refugee family. It was decided to aid this worthwhile project financially. Two representatives volunteered to attend future meetings. These are Mrs. C. B. MacDonald and Mrs. R. McNabb.

On behalf of the club, Mrs. D. Henderks thanked Mrs. W. Taylor and Mrs. A. Forget who are leaving on transfers, for their faithful service to the Altar Society.

It was decided to have a regular Communion Sunday for the ladies of the Altar Society. This would be at 9 o'clock Mass on the Sunday preceding the monthly meeting.

The prize for the small change box was won by Mrs. H. Dynda.

The next meeting will take place on April 4th at the home of Mrs. H. Dynda, PMQ 49.

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### COMING EVENT

Senior NCO's St. Patrick's Dance

There will be a special evening for Irish members March 19 at 2100 hours in the Lounge, with music supplied by a Courtenay group. It is intended to have "Irish" fried chicken for lunch and of course refreshments will be available.

There will be no admission charge for the Irish members and their guests. All other nationalities are invited to attend as guests.

This has the makings of a gala celebration, so gather up a group of friends and plan to attend.

Remember that date; next Saturday, March 19th, in the Senior NCO's Lounge, for the first good do since Valentine's.

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### Flycon Flashes

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will let the rest of the station as well as our pals at other units know how things are going at the Vector Farm, the Horror Box and the Glass House.

We did manage to discover that the section gathered in the Social Centre on Friday, March 11, to bid farewell to F/O Forget, soon on his way to Vancouver; Sgt. Stark, who wends his way to Goose Bay shortly and to Sgt. Grisen-thwaite, who is on his way to 4 Wing. "Gris" was unable to attend due to the pressure of last-minute arrangements in Vancouver, but he will be glad to know that in true Flying Control style the rest of the boys "covered his shift" and so arrived at an even distribution of the refreshments.

This month sees leave schedules being completed at all three Flycon sites, as well as in the SFCO's office. April will find us greeting several new personnel, all of which will be reported in this column, along with other joyful gen from the airfield extroverts.

### Education Week Observed

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hour by Mrs. R. McNabb and Mrs. E. Hyde.

Very capable convener of refreshments was Mrs. R. Chisholm. Assisting in the kitchen were Mrs. W. Faunch, C. Fox, W. Cannings, G. Fox, C.

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### PROGRESS AT STATION COMOX

by the Roving Reporter  
(LAC CLARKE)

I had never thought that I would see the day when there would be a new Combined Mess on Station Comox. However, just recently a firm was awarded such a contract. After a few minor delays the electricians, plumbers, carpenters and steelworkers all got together and started in to make a mess.

Curious as to the size of the mess, I walked over for a first-hand sight of the site.

After a brief look around it was not hard to see that they were producing a bigger mess than I had anticipated. Large as the building will be, progress has been very fast to date. Already they have two roofs up. I understand that in true mess style, one of the roofs was raised over New Year's. Now the work continues and as things begin to take shape, one realizes that what used to be just an open field will soon be a great big mess.

### Issued by Supply

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We regret to announce that several of the supply personnel will be leaving us in the near future—LAW Fillion to Bagotville, Cpl. Hingley, LAC McGregor, LAC Young, all to Station Holberg. These people have contributed to section spirit a great deal in the past. "Good Luck" at your future units. We would also like to welcome a new face, LAC Greensill.

Sgt. Hunter has been absent from us for a month. We hear he is giving the nurses a bad time in Shaughnessy. Hope he will be back with us soon.

Till the next edition — "Be suing you."

### FLAG STOP No. 1

The Station Model Railway Club is at present in the construction stage with a target date for "Air Force Day." We have 22 members at present and meet every Tuesday at 1900 hrs. in BB22 rear end, or as we say "Caboose End".

We can use more help and can accommodate many more members, so why don't you give us a try? It's a great hobby and lots of fun.

## STATION THEATRE

Coming Attractions

SAT., SUN., 19 - 20  
**THE NUN'S STORY**

Audrey Hepburn - P. Finch

TUESDAY, 22  
**NEVER STEAL  
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J. Cagney - Shirley Jones

THURSDAY, 24  
**MARK OF THE HAWK**  
Sid. Poitier - Eartha Kitt

SATURDAY, 26  
(Matinee and Evening)  
**WHITE WILDERNESS**  
Walt Disney

SUNDAY, 27  
**THE YOUNG  
PHILADELPHIANS**  
P. Newman - Barbara Rush

TUESDAY, 29  
**RETURN OF JACK SLADE**  
N. Brand - Mari Blanchard

### Trail Treasures

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should be tried before moving near it. Many times have I neglected pools thinking them too shallow only to later find them to be 3 to 5 feet deep. Quite likely I have missed many good strikes as a result of this. Cast every pool, thus only are you certain to fill your creel. Put on sufficient weight to get the bait down to the bottom, lifting the tip of your rod now and then to allow your bait to roll gently along the bottom. Most spinning enthusiasts recommend tying a sinker to the end of the line and at a distance of two or three feet above this, a two or three foot leader with a hook at the end, baited with one of the above baits.

### This Month's Recommended Reading

Wildlife Review—available on request free of charge from Fish and Game Branch Department of Rec. & Conservation, 567 Burrard St., Vancouver 1, B.C. This is a periodical devoted to conservation, it contains many excellent pointers on outdoor life.

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