

# RCAF Station Comox

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## Goodwill Visit Huge Success

### Youthful Artists Highlight Show

The Comox District Art Group spring show was held on the 28th of April this year and included works from various points on the Island as well as that of local residents. However, one of the best exhibits was entered, not by any of the recognized painting groups on the Island, but by the members of the art classes held at the PMQ school of RCAF Station Comox.

This exhibit consisted of a number of assorted charcoal and pastel sketches and some very interesting water colour interpretations. Mention was made in particular of the interpretive abilities of Ken Hutt in water colours and of the strong delineations and unique colour sense displayed by Viola Crebo in her pastel sketching. The remainder of the group let their talents bloom through an effervescent showing of still life in charcoal and animal studies in water colours and pastel. The animal subjects ran the gamut from leaping trout to mountain sheep and proved conclusively that the work of the teachers, Mrs. Lefcoe, Mrs. McFadden and F/L A. V. Robinson, has borne greater fruit than anticipated.

The adult members of RCAF Station Comox were also represented at the showing. At least five canvases were entered by RCAF personnel (F/L W. J. Johnson and F/O Q. Wight) and a large group of



Photo by Sgt. G. M. Nitschky

paintings by Mrs. Chapman, secretary of 409 Squadron, and Mrs. McLean of the station duplicating services were displayed. Special mention is made of an original cherry wood carving submitted by F/L W. J. Johnson.

At the end of the second day, the success of the entire show was established. Not a little of this was due to the support and help of the PMQ drawing classes, and in the light of their efforts serious consideration is being given towards the formation of a senior art group of station personnel.

### AIRMAN WINS THREE AWARDS



Photo by Nitschky

### Severn Scores "Hat Trick"

It was only about six weeks ago that a story appeared in The Totem Times regarding two 407 (M/P) Squadron airmen who had twice received recognition for their suggestions from the Suggestion and Award Committee. Now LAC A. B. Severn has done it again. For the third time in less than a year Hap has received a cash award and Certificate of Merit

for an original idea, this time for a Bomb Bay Release Circuit Tester.

We don't know what the record is for this sort of thing, but surely if this isn't a record it is pretty close to one. Not only is the squadron proud of Hap, but the Severn family think that Daddy is one pretty smart fellow... the Totem Times concurs.

### Dinner Honors Commander

On Tuesday, 10 May, the officers and wives of this station gathered to attend a mixed Mess dinner in honour of A/C A. D. Ross and his wife, on the occasion of his impending retirement from the Airforce after 32 years of distinguished service. The receiving line, A/C and Mrs. Ross, G/C and Mrs. Miller, and the PMC S/L Kobierski and wife, greeted the attending personnel and their wives. During the evening the AOC and his wife were presented with a silver tray and a complete outdoor barbecue set from the Officers of RCAF Station Comox, as a token of their esteem.

### Youth Rec Display Planned

All personnel are invited to the Youth Recreational Activities Display which will take place Wednesday, May 25 from 1900 to 2130 hrs. in the Station Recreation Hall. You will actually see the participation of your youngsters in our Youth Recreation Program. We can assure you of two hours of continuous entertainment. There will be boxing matches, group dancing, model aircraft flying and static display of art, stamp collections and photography.

We hope there will also be an exhibition basketball game between the B.C. Midget Champions and a local team. The B.C. Midget Champions as you know are made up of girls from PMQ area. Parents and friends are urged to support the youngsters in this display.

### American Guests Heartily Entertained

On Friday, May 6, this station was host to Major-General Muehlheisen, and 90 American officers and NCO's from Paine, Whidbey and McChord.

On their arrival, the guests were conducted by their RCAF escorts through an Indian teepee village which was erected for this occasion. Here they were served appropriate refreshments, while loinclothed "braves" decorated in the native war paint, mingled with the crowd and collected scalps from those unfortunate enough to relax their vigil.

This was the beginning of a program of activities which was to keep our American friends entertained every minute until their departure at 1000 hrs. on Saturday, May 7. Leaving the Indian village, they were taken for a tour of the station on colourfully decorated flat cars led by a 13-piece brass band. Later they attended mixed cocktail parties in the respective messes and had the opportunity of meeting some of the wives.

At 2000 hrs. our American guests were treated to a full scale military mess dinner with a complete 6 course meal. There were several speeches and an exchange of plaques with the various squadrons and units represented.

At the Senior NCO's Mess, Mr. Stalworthy, retired RCMP Staff Sergeant, delivered a speech on his tour in the Canadian Arctic, which was followed by a 40-minute variety show. Meanwhile at the Officers' Mess, both Squadrons staged hilarious skits for the benefit of their guests. These skits, cleverly MC'd by F/L Bill Johnson, concerned a spoof at USN flying (by 407) and "This is Your Life, Col. Shaeffer" by 409. They were enjoyed by all present, including Col. Shaeffer, CO Paine Air Base.

Breakfast was served the following morning prior to their departure, to a tired but satisfied group of guests who were extremely generous in their praise of their hosts, the Officers and Men of RCAF Station Comox.



Photo by Carew

Col. Shaeffer meets long lost friend "George", whom he befriended during Korean war.

### Station Theatre to Feature First Run Movies

Commencing the weekend of May 21 - 22, the Station Theatre will be showing a number of top quality features for the first time in this area. These films, made available on an experimental basis by 20th Century Fox, will be shown for three performances on the weekend, with one showing on Saturday at the regular time, 2000 hours, and two showings on Sunday. The first at 1900 hours, the second at 2100 hours.

This is an experiment, and because of this it is hoped that Station personnel will support this venture. The regular price will be raised slightly during these first release movies, but entrance is still restricted to service personnel, their dependents and DND employees.

All "special" first run films will be designated as such in

the Theatre Schedule and none of these films has been shown in this district before. They are all recent releases. A few may be expected to appear through the week on a normal showing basis, and some, suitable for children, will be played at a Saturday matinee.

Remember that your support is required for the success and proposed extension of this venture. Get more out of life... go to a movie and support your Station Theatre.

### PAdO Music Festival Winner

F/L A. V. Robinson was awarded the coveted rosebowl at the Nanaimo Music Festival, Saturday, when he was named first in the baritone solo class. He also topped the folk song class.

## ATTEND THE STATION YOUTH RECREATION ACTIVITIES DISPLAY





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## Editorials

### An Anecdote...

The parish had just welcomed a new minister to the local church, and on the first Sunday after his arrival an unusually large turnout occurred to hear his sermon. As it developed, the new man of God had a good, strong, forthright message, dealing with Sins of Omission and Commission, Christianity and the True Christian. It was well prepared, and strongly delivered, and on their way homeward the parishioners congratulated themselves on acquiring so good a man. The second Sabbath the congregation was equally large, feeling sure the sermon would be on a par with the first; to their amazement, however, the Word was an exact repeat of the first Sunday's and they returned home in some bewilderment. Considerable speculation took place that week, and every last member came out for the third Sunday to see what would be offered them. Again the identical Sermon flowed from the pulpit, as strong and declamatory as the first time. After the Service, the congregation, in more than a little anger, requested one of the Church Elders to take issue with this Minister and his tiny repertoire. The Elder did so, informing the Man of God that this congregation was used to having a different Sermon, not only once in a while, but every Sunday, and why were they being subjected to so much repetition?

The good man answered in these words: "The first Sunday I spoke here I told you all that was expected of you AND SO FAR YOU HAVEN'T DONE A DARNED THING ABOUT IT."

### And an Editorial...

#### "Into The Valley of Death Rode the Brave Six Hundred"

To some our readers the title of this opus will suggest a poem. To others, drivers who must daily travel the roads and streets of Wallace Gardens and Tyee Park, the lines bring to mind not cavalry, but children. Kids on bikes, trikes, wagons, roller skates; kids running, walking, crawling, into and across the path of oncoming traffic, with the reckless abandon instilled by an upbringing in the relatively protected precincts of service married quarters, and in our present situation, in a province where the pedestrian is king. It is realized that because of our lack of sidewalks, children must of necessity play with wheeled toys, bicycles, trikes, doll carriages, wagons, roller skates, and so on, on the only hard surfaced areas available, the roads. It follows, however, that this necessity does not excuse the monopolizing of the streets by children not engaged in this type of play nor does it mean that trikes, etc., should be left on the roads long after play is over and the children are in bed.

A child playing with blocks, or paper dolls, or sketching on the pavement with chalk, or playing hopscotch, can do all of these things on the driveway, the front sidewalk, or in the case of the very small, in a playpen, with no loss of enjoyment of the play, and to the benefit of those who must use the roads for the purpose for which they were intended—the safe and orderly passage of vehicles.

Although parental and community discipline are alike involved in this matter, the main consideration must remain, and rightly so, the safety of the children. In order to ensure this safety, it is hoped that the vehicle operators in Wallace Gardens and Tyee Park will do their part by observing all of the speed limits and other regulations laid down for their control, and by patiently taking avoiding action when confronted by a street full of children.

It remains for parents to do their part by instructing their children in proper conduct while on the streets, by supervision of the smaller children to ensure that they do not play on the roads, and in particular by seeing to it that the roads are cleared during rush hours, alerts, and fire alarms.

We have been indeed fortunate that so far we have not had any serious accidents or fatalities as have occurred in other PMQ areas. Only serious attention to the principles of traffic and pedestrian safety will ensure that the title of this editorial remains a joking reference and not a tragic fact.



## Chapel Chimney

### PROTESTANT CHAPEL

by F/L W. C. HEWITT

HOLY COMMUNION — 8:00 a.m.  
First Sunday of the month — 11:00 a.m.  
MORNING WORSHIP — 11:00 a.m.  
SUNDAY SCHOOLS — 9:30 a.m., Junior and Senior — 11:00 a.m. Primary.  
CHAPEL GUILD MEETINGS Every 3rd Tuesday at 8 p.m.

### REUNION SERVICE

Past and present members of 409 Squadron will attend the 11 a.m. service, Sunday, May 22, at the Protestant Chapel.  
The Chaplain and Chapel Committee welcome these visitors to our service of worship.

### CATHOLIC CHAPEL

F/L R. G. MacNEIL

Masses  
Sunday—0900 - 1100 hrs.  
Monday—1200 hrs.  
Tuesday - Friday—1640 hrs.  
Saturday—0830 hrs.  
Rosary and Benediction Sunday—1915 hrs.  
First Holy Communion for Boys and Girls Sunday (May 29) at Mass—0900 hrs.  
May Procession Sunday (May 29) at 1930 hrs.

### RECEIVED WITH THANKS

The art of gracious acceptance is a blessing to possess. I am talking about the cheerful receiver, the kind who hates cleaning trout, and who

is not especially fond of eating them and still loves his neighbor a little more for a gift of trout.

The gracious receiver can make something special of a gift of lettuce or radish, even though the fridge may be full of the stuff. Without overdoing it the receiver manages to make the gift an occasion for happiness that spreads to include both parties.

We spend so much time teaching our youngsters to be generous—to be cheerful givers—that it is sometimes very late before we realize the need for training in the art of gracious acceptance.

God loves a cheerful giver. He probably loves the cheerful receiver just as much. I am sure everybody else does. It may be more blessed to give than to receive because most of the time it is easier.

### SUPPORT STATION ACTIVITIES

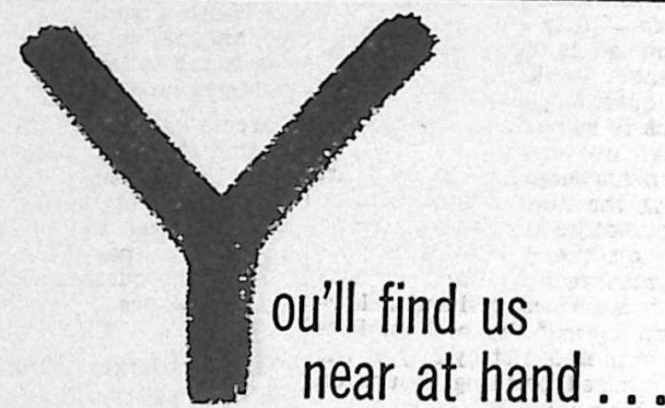
## And a Letter...

Dear Sir:

Your Editorial, published in the last edition of the "Totem Times", expressed sentiments which have lain dormant in me for quite some time now. As a resident of Tyee Park, this "Urchin in the Streets" situation is one which I face daily, and often have I wondered what the mothers of these children are thinking of... It is not unusual, while driving on Aitken Road, not only to slow down to a crawl, but to come to a full stop, sometimes as many as three or more times, while children under two years of age stare blankly at the car, too young to know that they are expected to move out of the way. This, obviously, is not the fault of the children, but the mothers... who evidently have more important things brewing, probably coffee three doors up. The worst aspect of this situation is that it is so unnecessary. Each house has an ample lawn in the front, and for play purposes, practically unlimited space in back, which should obviate the necessity of children, particularly small children, crawling over the public streets, like crawdads in a shallows.

There is no solution apparent for this situation, unless the police can be convinced to issue jay-walking tickets to the parents. Possibly a fine... might hit them where it hurts, and make them realize that the safety of their children is primarily their responsibility, and should not be left to the conscience, alertness and sobriety of every Tom, Dick and you know who, driving a car.

—Daddy of Three



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## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Mother Talk

by "MOMMY"

A small child asks questions from morning 'till night or hadn't you noticed? His growing intelligence prods him to try to find out about everything he is meeting in this strange world. Around three his questions show how deeply he is thinking (although at times, one can't help wondering if his deep thinking is more along the lines of how he can most bother his parents when they are the most busy) "What is lightning made of?" "Do animals talk?" "Where does milk come from?" "Why are you washing the clothes?" "Well, why are they dirty?" Or the one that stopped me, "Where does the washing machine live?" (He could see with his own eyes that it lived in the laundry room with the cat.)

The child's questions can be amusing, irritating, embarrassing (and sometimes downright impossible!) No matter how the parent may feel about the question, an honest, simple answer should be given (if you know the answer, that is!) You will be adding to his information, enriching his mind and, most important, establishing a bond of confidence between

your child and yourself. To consistently brush a child's questions impatiently aside may so discourage him that he will stop trying to find out new things. He may even carry this attitude toward learning all through his life. (I doubt, however, if the occasional frustrated scream of "How should I know?" will do any irreparable damage.)

Because of the parents' own childhood experiences with questions on "the facts of life," or death, and because of their own feelings on the subject, they are usually bothered when their children start wanting information. Very young, a child can sense that such questions are forbidden, that there are some things he can't talk over freely with his parents. Once a youngster is denied answers to his questions he is bound to lose a lot of his confidence in his parents.

Parents of young children will find these tough questions easier if they prepare themselves to expect the questions and to answer them casually and briefly (particularly the latter if the question is asked in a loud voice on a crowded bus.)

Before I forget—be sure to stop in at Laver's for your free copy of "Your New Baby." You will find it worthwhile and helpful, I'm sure.

### Protestant Chapel Guild to Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Protestant Chapel Guild will be held on Tuesday, at 8 p.m., in the guild room. This is the final business meeting for the term. Program will consist of an address by Padre Hewitt.



### SCOUT CORNER

By BRIAN SIMMONS

On Friday, April 29, twenty boys of the troop travelled to Oyster River. Four patrols were formed and the boys hiked into the campsite selected by the leaders.

For the first time in many camps it didn't rain. The nights were very warm and all slept well.

During the latter hours of the evenings two excellent campfires were led by Scouter Toft. The boys learned a few new songs and enjoyed singing a few of the old ones.

The same amusing incidents took place during the camp, but Scouter Stephens and the other leaders present would like to congratulate the Patrol Seconds on the efficient way they conducted the patrols without the presence of the patrol leaders.

On the same weekend the patrol leaders attended a pre-Camporee Camp on the district level. They all picked up a few helpful hints from each other and from Camp Chief, District Commissioner Yaeger.

Bob Bradbury, Ken Hutt and Brian Simmons joined other boys from the Courtenay district in Victoria on April 20, the occasion being to receive their Queen's Scout Certificates from Lieutenant-Governor Ross. While in Victoria, the boys were taken on a conducted tour of the points of interest in the city. Since the summer months

are upon us and the fire season is on, it is suggested the the patrol leaders obtain a fire permit from the fire hall as soon as possible.

### Badge Presentations

Camp Cook and Winter Sportsman badges were presented to David Hunter. Brian Simmons received his Landman and Chemist badges.

### SCOUT BOTTLE DRIVE AND LIGHT BULB SALE

To assist their fund raising campaigns the 2nd (RCAP) Comox Boy Scout Troop are holding a bottle drive and light bulb sale on Saturday, May 14, commencing at 1000 hours.

The Cubs will be collecting bottles so please hunt around the corners of the basement and have all old bottles ready for collection, and also assist the troop by purchasing your supply of light bulbs from the lunch committee will be calling on you. Your patronage will be very much appreciated.

### MOTHERS...

Don't forget the Guide and Brownie banquet, 1845 hours, Monday, May 16 in the Combined Mess.

### CATHOLIC LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

The Catholic Ladies' Altar Society held its May meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Royer with 17 members attending.

One hundred dollars was received from the chapel committee for the refugee fund. The sum of \$10 was voted to fill the hospital basket under convenship of Mrs. D. Hinderks.

The meeting of June 6th will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Hazlett, Comox. Transportation will be available at the PMQ school at 8:15 p.m. The lunch committee will be Mrs. J. Lussier and Mrs. W. Cannings.



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## Nighthawk News

by "ANDY"

409 Squadron is justifiably proud of its role as a fighter squadron both in World War II and following its reactivation in 1954. Here is the 409 story — Part I.

409 Squadron was one of three night-fighter units which the RCAF formed overseas during the Second World War. It originated at Digby, Lincolnshire, June 17, 1941, under the command of S/L Peterson, and was initially equipped with the single-engine Defiant nightfighters. After initial organization the squadron moved a short distance to Coleby Grange where it remained for the next 19 months. In August, 1941, the squadron began conversion to the more modern twin-engine Beaufighter. On September 2 W.C. Peterson was killed in a flying accident and was succeeded by S/L Davoud to

whom the honor fell of recording the squadron's first kill—a Dornier 217 on the night of November 1, 1941.

At the end of February, 1943, the squadron moved from Coleby Grange to Ackington in Northumberland, at the same time W.C. Reid took over from S/L Davoud who had been injured in a flying accident. After ten months in the north, 409 returned to Coleby Grange for three months thereupon returning to Ackington where the squadron was re-equipped with twin-engine Mosquito night-fighters. At the end of April, 1944, the squadron moved to the more active southern zone in readiness for D-Day and it took up station at Hunsdon in Hertfordshire for two weeks before moving to West Mallory in Kent, on May 14.

When D-Day came the squadron was almost three years old.

During this first period the squadron had been employed primarily on the night defence of the east coast of England and due to the lack of co-operation from the enemy it received little trade (even then 409 was a feared name).

Seven enemy aircraft had been destroyed, four had been

claimed as probable and a further ten had been counted as damaged. On intrusions into enemy occupied territory to attack targets on the ground, 409 had damaged seven locomotives and several vehicles.

During this time the fighting 409th adopted the nickname the "Nighthawks" and its appropriate motto became "Media Nox Meridies Noster" (Midnight is Our Noon). This motto appears on the 409 Squadron crest which is a crossbow against a cloak background.

Next issue: D-Day to the end of the war.

**CONTRAILS:** F/O Bert Sanders and F/O Ken Morris are on exchange to the "Tusker" Squadron at Bagotville. F/O Barney Hagen and F/O Steve Stevens are at WPU, Cold Lake. 409 has selected its representatives for the annual rocket meet at Cold Lake. They are: F/O Dick Bentham and F/O Bob Burnie, crew No. one and F/O Bill Brown and F/O Tom Platt crew No. two. The exchange crew from Bagotville is F/O Enns and F/O McWilliams.

## ARMOURER'S ALLEY

by "Q"

The station armament section has been offered proof of the coverage of its safety programme over the past few weeks. Reports of unexploded weapons have come in from as far afield as Kelsey Bay and Hornby Island and personnel from the section have been kept busy retrieving sundry objects from these and other places.

One item which causes a

great deal of rush and action is an innocuous looking aluminium painted wooden cylinder with a point at one end and a metal base on the other. It looks rather like a thick pencil (about 19 in. long by 3 in. wide), has Marker Marine Mk 7 stencilled on the side and 7 stencilled on the end and at length. Many of these are cast up on beaches after exercises, and one of the diplomatic tasks assigned to armament personnel is that of teasing these attractive looking items from clutching little fingers. They are very dangerous in inexperienced hands and an easy way to a heart attack is to watch some cheerful little tyke casually heaving one from hand to hand.

## BACKFIRES FROM MSE

Don't let anyone say the MSE section hasn't been busy lately. What with comings and goings, hello's and good-byes and the like, this report hasn't even had time to catch his breath. Among the newcomers are FS Colvin, just in from Summerside and Cpl. Burger and LAC Skeene who have just arrived from the wilds of Holberg. Unhappily, every time we go all out to welcome someone we are aware of the fact that we also have to wish someone bon voyage. So best wishes and a happy journey to Cpl's. Boles and Gorzen, and LAC Frost who have gone to Holberg; LAC Hawkins to 4 (F) Wing; LAC Stephenson, to 1 (F) Wing; LAC Nutbrown, to Whitehorse; LAC McLean, to Goose Bay, and last but not least, LAC Ninos, who is off to Stn. Parent.

With all the goodbyes we almost forgot to say congratulations to FS Colvin on his recent promotion.

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With fond memories, we will soon be bidding adieu to Cpl. Gingras. "Andy" will be making his way back to Montreal, as a civilian.

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## DEMON DOIN'S

By GOSH

At this writing, probably the most worried person aboard is la petite Corporale Françoise Shore, who, to be quite frank about it, doesn't know for sure if she's going or coming. In the interim of a message posting her to St. John's on a Wudub Cpl. Course, and a request from the squadron for a deferment, she is frothing around the hangar, torn between joy at visiting the Motherland, and anxiety at leaving her Phil. . . . Formal handing over ceremony has taken place as LAC Sully Cutler replaces LAC Joe Missaubaie as captain of the sqdn. 3-tonner On Joe's transfer to Torbay, a mug presentation took place at Joe's erstwhile home-away-from-home, the Missaubaie Room of the Lorne Hotel; we doubt not that the mug will find good use in Newfoundland as the recipient explores the possibilities of that country's best known product, Serech. . . . The recent USN/USAF visit had many side-lights undoubtedly of interest, but few of printable nature; possibly the most startling incident was when the Honky-tonk pianist in the Sgt's Mess opened the lid and out flew two Night Hawks, one of which, in true squadron form, promptly left his calling card on the piano. Another quotable feature of the jollities in the same

Mess was the wandering bow-tie of Sgt. Ring Teale, this, however, was difficult to follow, as due to the appropriateness of the tie's Selected Place of Residence, it was sometimes hard to know just who was wearing the tie at any particular time. . . . F/O Pete Philip wandering around these days in a most dejected fashion, what with all his buddies off in Slumberside, what a lonely life this is. . . . LAC Bert Hebron joined the ranks of the landed gentry with the purchase of a small farm on Anderson Road. Says he's going to raise children. . . . We would advise any one with an account at the Bank of Nova Scotia to keep a wary eye on it. What with LAC Geiger (The Gouger) driving a brand new Falcon, there's just no accounting for the price, except the fact that Mrs. Geiger works in an establishment with access to unlimited funds, and an Eastern Canadian name. . . . Two LACs this week trade the rank in for the title of Mister; C. G. Clarke, for one, leaves the RCAF and Comox in favour of a place called Gibson's. Understand it's in B.C. but further than that we can't go; then G. Hartnett, he of the brogue, forsakes the squadron, the Air Force and the country, as he returns to his native Emerald Isle; and how are things in Ballinacura? . . . Question for S/L Chisholm: with all this fuss recently about the worth of US coinage, what is the Rate of Exchange on US Officers? . . . We understand perfectly well that FS John Perusse has been feeling poorly of late, but what is the real secret behind the very obvious loss of weight? If it's all due to the 'flu he has our sympathy, if it's due to any more interesting activity, he has our envy.

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with a name like Umphrey the natives up there will think it's another instructor arriving. . . . F/O Johnnie Gwyne, in true Navigator fashion, figured out an excellent ATA on his new baby boy, just in time to give the Summerside trip a miss; and while we're offering our congratulations to him let's extend them also to Sgt. and Mrs. R. B. Gardiner, on the birth of Richelle Lemore; LAC Joe Peters, who, with some small help from Mrs. Peters, came up with little Jo-Anne Marie; LAC and Mrs. Lummerding and their new son, William; F/O and Mrs. Ken Garland who came up with a little boy (now we know why he needed that new little station wagon); also LAC and Mrs. Hap Nelson who have increased the family 50% with the addition of a little daughter. . . . Having opened



## Recreation Ramblings

As you good people will note from reading elsewhere on this page, a number of the spring and summer activities are underway. The golf, baseball and fishing enthusiasts are hard at it. The fastball is still not underway as the volunteer work on the diamond is lagging a bit. Has your team a free night? Let us know at Local 87 and we will fix you up with the tools.

The baseball team had its baptism under fire last Sunday in Campbell River where they dropped both sides of a double header 7 to 3 and 5 to 2. The boys seemed to be suffering a bit from the jitters in their first outing and failed to show much power at the bat. After a week or so when the team settles down, and limber up their muscles, they should be a contending team in the league. We understand they have the snappiest defensive team in the league.

The golfers were out in force on April 29 with 70-odd out for the Spring Tournament. Some of the scores in the tournament came very close to establishing a new record of some sort. Nevertheless a lot of fun was had by all, and there were no casualties.

LAC Vic Smith (407 Telecom) has been distinguishing

himself on the bowling alleys. About 20 lads from the station entered the Sportsman Master 3-pin World Bowling Tournament. Vic, in the 20-game roll-off to declare the Western Canada Service entry, came up with a 256.7 average. In an extra five game roll-off Vic was very hot with a 1350 for a 270 average to be declared the Western Canada Service representative. He is now on his way to Toronto, on an all-expense paid trip to compete in the world championships and a few thousand dollars in cash.

The last bingo of the season is coming up on Tuesday, May 31 with a \$600 jack pot. There should be a big crowd out as the jack pot will go.

The messes and clubs on the station had some excellent entertainment on April 30 with three professional night club

## NEWS IN Sports

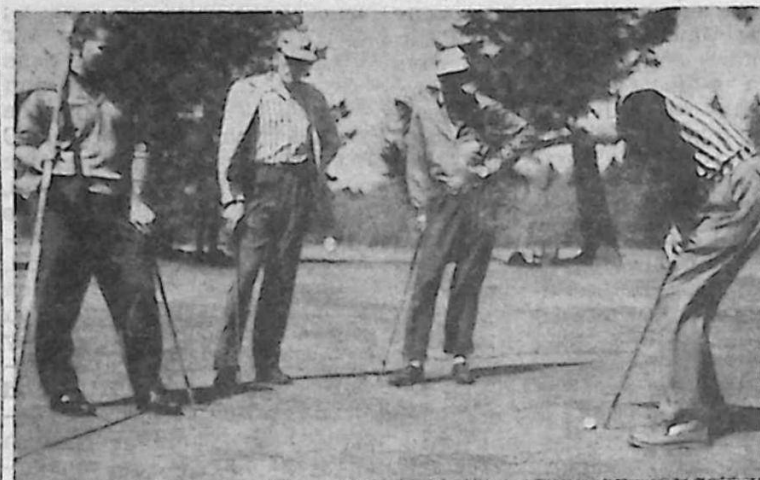


Photo by Pierson

### Sgt. Scott Tops Golf Tournament

The spring golf tournament got underway Friday, April 29, with a total of 74 golfers chasing the little white ball up and down the fairways.

In the low gross race at the end of nine it was a close race. WOII Herby Thompson was out in front with a 38, followed by Zaruck and Scott with 40's, close behind them were two 42's turned in by Craig and Davison, and next came a trio from 407 with 43's — McCarthy, Mick and Fink. Coming home in the last nine Gordy Scott came up with a

38 to go with his 40 in the first nine to take top money with a 78. Thompson fell off the pace with a 45 as did Zaruck with a 44, to come home with 83 and 84 respectively. Paul Mick was hot with a 39 for a total of 82 to come home in second place four strokes back of Scott.

In the low net score with registered handicaps, F/O Steller put together a 45 and 42 for an 87, this was a hot round for a 23 handicapper and this 64 led the field. W/C McCarthy had a pair of 43's for 86 with a 19 handicap for a 67 and ended up tied for second place with Sgt. Scott who had an 11 handicap to come off his 78.

To pick a winner in the Galloway Handicap section was more difficult, as a net of 74 was turned in by Ernst, Hudson and Brabant. The latter was given the nod as he had a lower gross of 90 with a 16 handicap.

Due to a large number of entrants it was decided to have two hidden holes, the

prize going to the player who had the highest score on these two holes. The holes selected were the 2nd and 16th. Cpl. Kannegesser apparently ran into the most trouble on these two and carded a total of 21, to take the hidden hole.

The most honest golfer on the course was F/O Leslie, who evidently ran into trouble on every hole; his gross score is classical and classified.

### STATION TEAM SLOW STARTERS

The Comox District Senior Baseball League opened the season on two fronts Sunday, 8th of May. The Campbell River Braves hosted the new RCAF entry, while Courtenay were at home to the Campbell River Cougars.

The airmen got away to a bad start and suffered from stage fright in their opening game. Three errors gave the Braves four first inning runs which were enough for a 7-2 win. Pitching was predominant in this game with Stan Smith of the Air Force allowing seven scattered hits and striking out 8, while only walking 3 men.

Woodcock of the Braves gave up 5 hits, 3 walks and struck out 7.

The evening game of the double-header was a better played game, although once again the Air Force errors plus the inability to hit the offerings of the Braves' pitching, resulted in a 5-2 victory for the Campbell River boys.

The local team has a lot of very good material with at least 25 players faithfully turning out for practices, resulting in the coaches having a problem in cutting down the number of registered players to the league limit of 20. The lack of a home field has seriously handicapped work-outs, as the boys have to travel to Union Bay and then only get two practices a week. It is hoped that rapid completion of the PMQ diamond and installation of a regulation backstop will give the local lads the opportunity to work out regularly.

The team is strong defensively, with the pitching duties ably taken care of by Stan Smith, Red Dagley and Ray Helgeson. Chuck Hazelton and Ed Mullaney are reliable backstops. The regular infield has Bob Deneault at first, Gerry Munro at second, Dixie Walker at short and Jim McEwan at third. Utility infielders are Danny Daniels, Scotty MacAskill and Bob Swimm. No less than 12 outfielders have displayed ability to cover ground. The first two games saw Wilder, O'Neil, Chapman, Woods, Stewart and Lester, all seeing action.

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A heavy spring run of Springs hit Comox Bay the week of the 25th of April. The poorest day of that week was Thursday. Friday heavier catches were again reported.

Think I'll try light tackle this year. A 20-lb. salmon on light gear should prove interesting. Trout fishing continued to be good with limit catches reported from the Upper Campbell. Wolfe Lake also came into the picture over the weekend of the 23-24 April with heavy catches reported. Access to this lake however, was cut off April 30th.

**CAMPING**  
The 24th of May generally marks the opening of camping, not only on the Island but practically all across Canada. Vancouver Island, as well as the whole of British Columbia, is a most pleasant place to begin your seasonal camping tours, particularly if this is going to be your first endeavour at this sort of thing.

Even if you are a veteran camper your first camping trip of the season should be in one of the many nearby provincial camp sites, which offer pleasant surroundings and the best of facilities. In spite of a supreme effort on your part to keep your camping gear

in order over the winter months, you invariably find on your first camping trip that you have forgotten something which you removed one time last winter and intended to put right back, or the tent, which was perfect when you put it away last fall, has suddenly developed a leak, or the Coleman stove seems to have developed a stubborn streak over its long layover and is reluctant to begin its seasonal work. It is always a pleasant feeling to know that if this first camping trip isn't turning out well that you can get a meal at a nearby restaurant or find a dry place to change or even quickly return home if need be. Call this a shakedown cruise if you like, but it is essential that you make a dry run before you start out on an extended camping tour.

Your first step in your campaign to tour British Columbia by car is, of course, to procure the necessary maps. This you can do by dropping a line to the British Columbia Government Travel Bureau, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. Then stand back! You will immediately be swamped with maps, folios, pamphlets and booklets expounding the glories of this "Evergreen Paradise".

One, a brightly coloured British Columbia road map, symbolizes the camp and picnic sites by numbered red circles giving the geographical location of each. The reverse side of the pamphlet names the many Provincial and National parks in British Columbia, lists the highlights of each and supplies a great deal of additional valuable information. A study of this map will show that there are 10 official camp and picnic sites on Vancouver Island and one provincial park. All of these camp sites are located on the east coast with the exception of those near Port Alberni. The reason for this is, of course, the lack of public roads on the west coast and in the interior. Eventually more and more of the private roads will be turned over to the public and additional camp sites will be built along these roads.

It cannot be stressed too strongly that the urge to "rough it" must not be taken too literally. Even the early Indians did not underestimate mosquito and the possibility of a 2 days' rain turning what could have been a restful weekend outdoors, into a nightmare of misery and even hardship—all for lack of proper equipment.

When planning your first camping trip, keep in mind that a fly-proof, rain-proof tent is essential for a good night's sleep, while a large fly and rain-proof tent for meals, lounging around, playing



by C. SMITH

### Spearfishing Competition

Our first spearfishing competition was held on Sunday, 1 May 60, at the home of Bill Mee on Denman Island. Bill was kind enough to allow a dozen or so cars to park in his front yard, and to let the women and children trample his lawn, to say nothing of the visitors who stopped in to see what was going on.

The water was milky and the visibility poor, making spear fishing difficult. Any fish taken were found after diving to 30 feet and looking around after reaching bottom. Needless to say, there were few fish taken.

The winner of the contest was Graham Fillman with a 16½ lb. ling cod. He will be presented with a trophy at our next general meeting. Con-

cards, reading, etc. is also just as essential for comfort on rainy days. Both may be combined in one of the many large tents now on the market.

The essentials for camping are not expensive, as a matter of fact I believe what appealed most to Canadians was that one could begin this activity at a most nominal cost and leave it at that, or one could build it into as large an investment as he wished.

### HAPPY CAMPING

gratulations Graham.

Ken Draper and I had the good fortune to be taken to the south end of the Island in a boat by Bill Mee and his daughter, Brenda, where we located and searched a wreck that went down in 1900. We brought up two brass port holes, one of which we gave to Bill, and the other will be kept by Ken as a souvenir.

A couple of the boys prepared a feast for the newest addition to our flock, Gordy Tilley, who, with all the grace and poise that can be mustered by any Newfoundland, refused the meal and retreated to the safety of the water in his new "wet" suit. Gordy is still not convinced about "wet" diving. Talk about a bored participant! Bill Dawson could find nothing exciting to do (he only

got 2 or 3 of the 8 fish taken) so he took to cruising under the surface reading a paper he had found on bottom, pausing now and then to chase away some curious fish who came to stare at this educated, two-tailed creature.

Frank Burgess' son, Brian, put the other divers to shame by catching a ling cod without even entering the water. The monster was taken alive with bare hands and weighed at least 10 grams.

As evening drew near, the mournful howls of the children could be heard above the shrill screams of the tormented wives and the harsh guttural growls of angry males, and a caravan of motorists streamed westward to wait, impatiently, for the next ferry to the mainland.

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# "Relay" Chatters

Godlike Creatures?

To reach the editorial office of the "Totem Times" you proceed up the concrete path leading to the main entrance to the Administration Building, casting an appreciative glance at the daffodils lining each side and noting that the tulips seem to be coming along nicely. Entering by the main door you make a sharp left turn, take twenty-two sharp regulation paces of thirty inches, make another left turn and proceed along the hall, passing, in turn, doors marked "GENTS", "LA DIES", and "S. INT. O." Should you proceed directly ahead you will once more find yourself out on the roadway which is precisely where the editorial staff would like you to find yourself. But if, on the other hand, you pause about ten short paces from this door and make a sharp right turn you will find yourself face to face with the editor's door.

Entering the sanctum you are immediately struck by the

hotly contested by the alrmen in the Telecom Section who ascribe to him a parentage, which, even in these days of scientific wonders, is a biological impossibility.

He is, of course, a cynic. Constant association with alrmen has left its mark. He is also a philosopher. Tell him that his hair is getting thin and he merely shrugs his shoulders and says that he didn't want fat hair anyway. To the alrmen he possesses all the less endearing qualities of Attila the Hun, whilst on the parade ground his voice resembles a cross between the Last Trump and a water buffalo calling to its mate. He has a steely look in his eye as an alrman approaches him with what he, the alrman, considers a very reasonable request for about four days off, and is able to tell that poor unfortunate "No" in about sixteen different languages including Arabic and Somali, at the same time wrinkling his nose as if there was a bad odour present. He is the possessor of an extensive vocabulary, but here again this statement will be hotly refuted by the Telecom Techs who will point out that a vocabulary consisting chiefly of lurid four-letter words can hardly be described as extensive.

But it is in the Mess, at informal "do's" the Telecom Senior NCO is seen at his best. Under the mellowing influence he unbends and, as the evening wears on, indulges in behaviour which, if committed in a public place, would undoubtedly result in his appearance before the Magistrate and the imposition of a stiff fine coupled with some nasty remarks from that dispenser of the Queen's justice.

Glancing over his efforts your correspondent sees that it is time to call a halt or the Editor will be faced with the unenviable task of deciding whether to omit this opus or a full page ad-and, well—money talks. The ad would win looking round!

## Railroaders Run Riot

by ROY THOMPSON

Tuesday Night 'Casey Joneses'

Any Tuesday evening at seven o'clock a group of dedicated model railroaders get together in their club room at the back of Barrack Block 22. This group, calling themselves the Comox Model Railway Club, since their organization in October, 1958, has grown from an original 12 members to a present strength of 22. This is a most interesting hobby, with a variety of side-lights designed to keep the most avid hobbyist intrigued and busy. Carpentry, scenery, painting, construction, wiring, model building, and, of course, railroading, all have their place in the picture.

Tyros joining the Club are taught the different phases by one of the Club's 'experts', either at the Club or at home, if the hobby spreads there, and it usually does. Visitors are more than welcome and on the last Tuesday of each month a conducted tour is offered. Any member of the RCAF, or DND Employee is eligible and welcome to join.

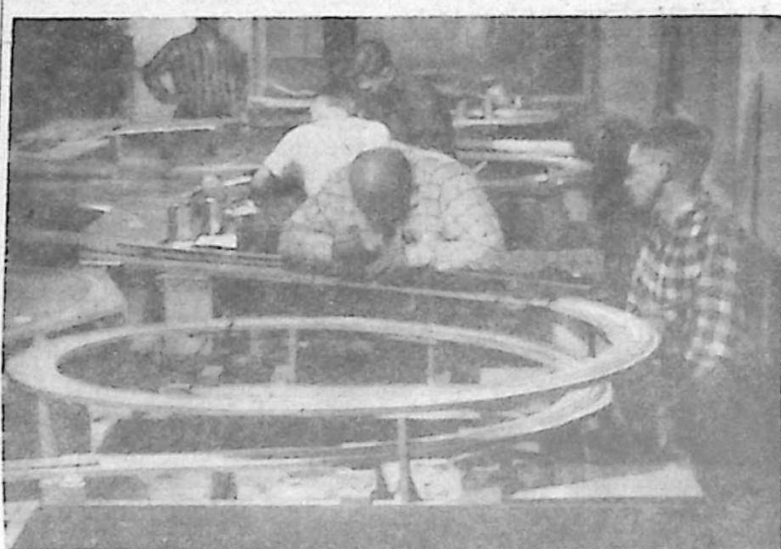
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Daschunds are prone to arthritis, due to stress on the centre vertebrae of the spine.

The Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society depends on bequests, public donations or United Appeal for its funds.

### DEBITS AND CREDITS

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Copp, AFP, has been posted to Whitehorse. (The only antidote for that is "Black Horse"). Replacing Joan, on a temporary basis, is our former Steno., Mrs. MacGregor.

By the time this gets into print Floyd Blank, assistant to the CPO, will have departed from these more or less hallowed halls, California bound, with high hopes, a suitcase and our good wishes. We'll certainly miss him. He was the only man on the station who didn't need a 'phone to call long-distance.

In case anyone is puzzled, that moaning from M & I is only Bill Moore, our worthy WO, gloomily counting American silver and trying to figure when he can take time off to visit the Dental Clinic. Testing all that coin of someone else's realm can be darn hard on the molars.



## Presentation in Memory of Nursing Sister Kerr

Dedicated in memory of RCAF Nursing Sister Muriel Kerr, who was killed while carrying out a mercy flight at Prince Rupert, a portable anaesthetic machine was presented to the R. W. Large Memorial Hospital in the small northern community of Bella Bella, 350 miles north of Vancouver. W/C J. V. Watts, Commanding Officer RCAF Station Sea Island, made the presentation of the equipment, donated by all personnel of the station.

Doctor David Preston, Administrator of the 35-bed hospital, accepted the machine along with Chief Charlie Moody, head of the local Indian band at Bella Bella.

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