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New Mess Opens Dec. 3

Sergeants and Airmen to Share Modern Facilities of Building

On November 21, Station Comox officially took possession of the new combined mess. The handover, though unceremonious, was a long awaited event by the airmen of Station Comox for it marked the end of some obsolete and inadequate buildings and ushered in a spacious building designed to meet the needs of personnel, both in messing and entertainment.

The new combined mess is designed to provide both messing and entertainment facilities for the senior NCO's and airmen. In this divided building adequate space has been allowed for meetings, recreation and dancing.

The lower floor of the mess is divided roughly into three parts, one being the senior NCO's dining area, another the airmen's dining area and the remainder devoted to the kitchen and mess hall staff.

On the day of occupation few regrets were shared by the members of the messing staff as they abandoned the old combined mess. Once in their new quarters, which are fully equipped with the most modern cooking facilities, the mess hall staff quickly resumed their schedule without a hitch and served their first meal to the divided dining areas.

Upstairs, the groundwork for moving in by the senior NCO's was well under way. Throughout the day a band of NCO's quickly moved furnishings from their old mess and

set up housekeeping in their new quarters. That evening they carried on as usual by holding a highly successful movie showing.

It is expected that New Year's Eve will be the official opening of the senior NCO's mess and a gala evening has been planned.

This coming Saturday night will mark the grand opening of the airmen's canteen. The old Totem Inn is only temporarily abandoned and plans for its conversion to a central warehouse are well under way.

The members of the Corporal's Club have moved into the former senior NCO's mess. Their move was greatly assisted by Comox Moving and Storage Co. who contributed a truck for the move.

The new combined mess and the subsequent moves from the old buildings represents the progress being made at Station Comox in the welfare of its personnel. All such additions and improvements in recreation, station services and general entertainment is brought about primarily by the support of the station personnel in their messes and institutes.

BOTTLE DRIVE

The Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs of the 2nd (RCAF) Comox Group are planning to hold a bottle drive, commencing at 1000 hours on Saturday, 3rd December. All residents of PMQs are requested to make a pre-Christmas clean out of all types of empty beverage bottles and have them ready for pick up on Saturday. If you plan to be away from home please leave your "empties" with a neighbor. Not only will you make room for your Christmas stock but also you will be giving considerable financial help to the group. All PMQs will be canvassed.

All Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs are requested to be in uniform at the Scout Hall on Saturday at 1000 hours.

Everyone's co-operation will be very much appreciated.

UGN Contribution Double This Year

Personnel of Station Comox contributed \$3,210.50 in cash, cheques and pledges to the Comox Valley United Good Neighbour Fund Appeal.

This amount more than doubled the amount collected last year.

This year's campaign was directed on the station by F/L J. J. Lewis.



The Commanding Officer, G/C R. F. Miller, lays a wreath at the Cenotaph in Courtenay, following the Remembrance Day parade.

Romantic Triangle Theme for Comedy

When a man's wife and mistress get together, there's bound to be trouble for the man involved but trouble for the man means delightful fun for the audience when the triangle behaves as they do in "To Be Continued," the comedy with which the Astral Players open their 1960-61 season tonight in the Station Theatre.

Mal Hogarth, who directed "Picnic" last year is again at the wheel in the club's current presentation. Assistant director is Lee Ramsdale who will be remembered for her leading role in "The Ghost Train" and in "Love From A Stranger."

In the cast of "To Be Continued", which is presented tonight and tomorrow, are Ruby Cowan as Dolly Vanneman; Gordon Murdock as Claude Franklin; Sylvia Baillargeon, Annie; Marie Rickwood, Sylvie

Martineau; Randy Rickwood, Ted; Colline Barton, Janet; Wanda Murdock, Ethel.

This production heralds the start of an active season for the club.

December 10, the Players are presenting "The Valiant", directed by Bob Clark, for the Courtenay Little Theatre Studio night.

The spring three-act production, to be directed by Ted Gaskell, is still to be chosen and the club will probably enter a play in the Upper Island Drama Festival to end the season.

Under consideration is a play by the teenagers.

Air Force Cross Awarded Twice

The Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Hugh Campbell, announced recently that two RCAF officers from Toronto had been awarded the Air Force Cross for the courageous part they had played in two widely separated incidents earlier in the year.

F/O Charles Maxwell Alexander, 29, a navigator with 433 AW(F) Squadron at North Bay, Ontario, was instrumental in saving the life of a pilot and the aircraft in which they were flying last May.

F/O Clive Charles Batcock, 25, a pilot with 422 Squadron based at 4(F) Wing in Baden-Scellingen, Germany, was credited with attempting and successfully completing a forced landing at his base in Germany after experiencing a total engine failure, thus saving the lives of persons who might have been endangered by a failure aircraft.

Training Command Chief Retires



Retirement of A/V/M John G. Bryans, chief of training command with headquarters at Winnipeg, was announced by AFHQ. A/V/M Bryans, who joined the RCAF in 1929, will retire effective December 1, when he will be succeeded by A/V/M Henry M. Carscallen, Chief staff officer of 4th Allied Tactical Air Force, Ramstein, West Germany.

Coaches Needed

With the forming of a juvenile soccer league which takes in the towns from Lantzville to Courtenay the need for coaches to train available boys teams in Courtenay and Cumberland is desperate. Anyone interested please phone Mr. A. Mellis at 327R, Courtenay.



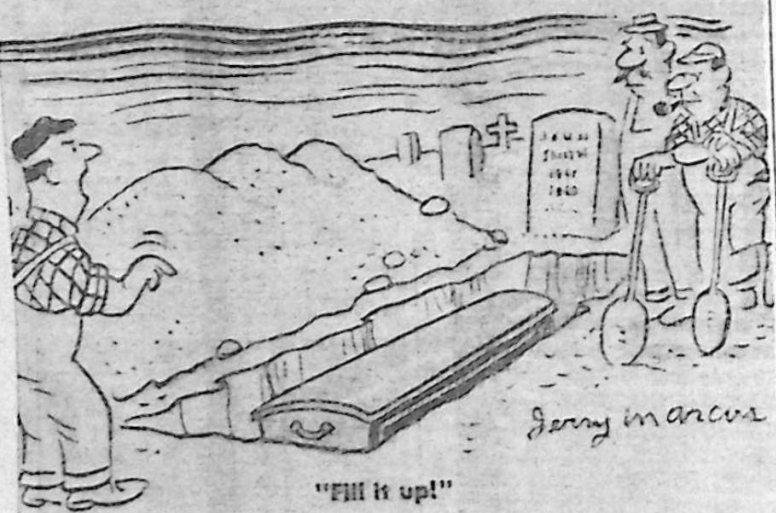
One of the donors from the station, shown giving blood as the pretty assistant stands by to give moral support. The Blood Donor Clinic was held in the Recreation Centre, on Tuesday, November 29th. The station contribution amounted to 148 pints.



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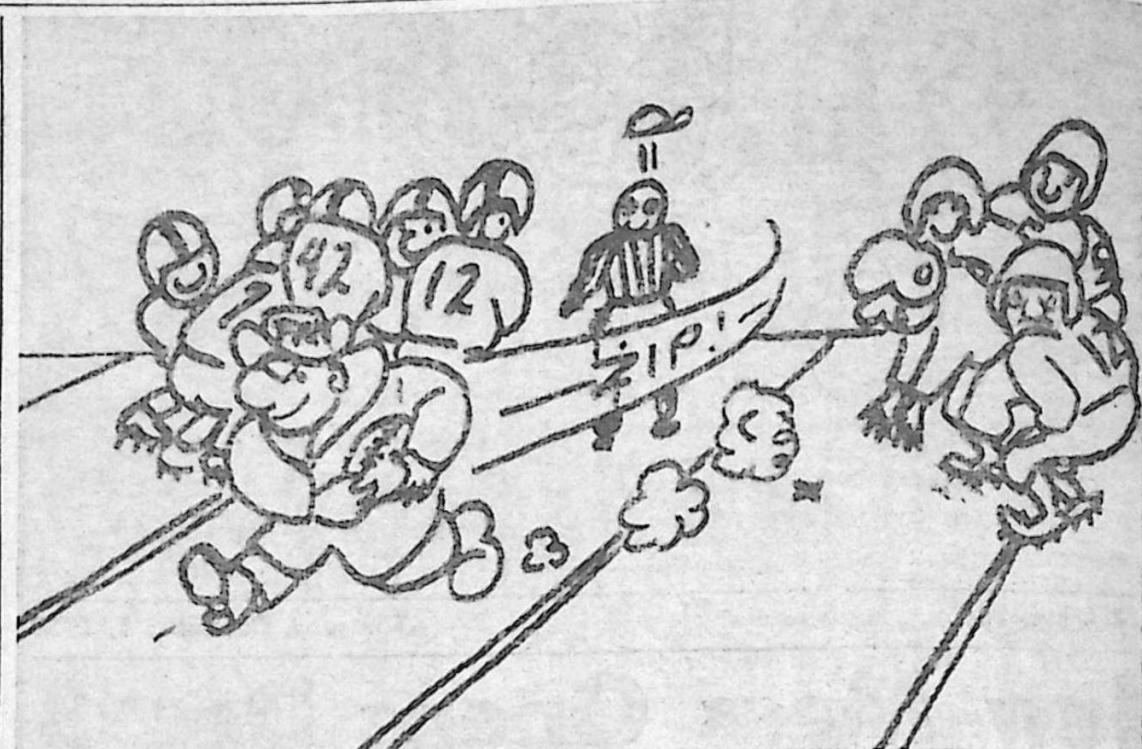


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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Divine Service at 11 a.m. followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered according to the custom of the United Church of Canada.

Junior Sunday School: 9:30 a.m., Wallace Gardens School.
Primary Sunday School: 11:00 a.m., Wallace Gardens School (Children 3-6 years).

Padre Johnson wishes to thank all at Station Comox who have shown him kindness and given their support while he has been here on T.D.

Next week the service on December 11th will be conducted by an RCN chaplain from Esquimalt.

Padre Hewitt is making satisfactory progress and expects to be home from hospital soon and has sent us the following message:

"Every day is Advent in the Christian Church. Our spirits overflow in thanksgiving for Christ's coming to Bethlehem. Our lives are sustained by the assurance of His coming into our hearts every day, and our hopes soar in the knowledge that one day He will again come to be seen of all men.

He whom the heavens could not contain chose to abide on earth with men. This is the faith that endows our otherwise repulsive round with towering meaning.

We are children of the age of science where the formula of cause and effect threaten to imprison all life in mathematics. Psychological tests reduce man himself to a complex of stimuli and response which make us audacious to predict unerringly in a child of ten what he will be at 80. makes all things wondrously unpredictable. If God is abroad, anything can happen! He takes residence in a man's heart, and the ill which environment and heredity would have predicted suddenly takes a strange turn and man becomes a radical new being in Christ. The Lord strides unseen into the issues of parliaments, and history's path makes an unexpected turn. The world of mathematics and all other things becomes the world of God, and life is filled with awe and wonder. This is what the Advent of the Lord means!

In the swift, crowded days that rush on toward Christmas, we will need to resist the avalanche of happy duty and detail to be captured by the wonder of God's presence. The joys of family and friends will then be hallowed by the One who long ago brought song and poetry to earth."

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you're glad to have Him there, That serving Him in your home is joy beyond compare, But—when you saw him coming

would you meet Him at the door, With arms outstretched in welcome

to your Heavenly Visitor, Or would you have to change your

clothes before you let Him in, Or hide some magazines and put your

missal where they had been, Continued on Page 3
See Catholic Padre



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Guild Bazaar Successful

A highly successful bazaar and tea was held in the Wallace Gardens School auditorium on November 16, which marked another chapter in the industrious activities of the Protestant Ladies Guild.

Those who attended were met with a number of booths laden with generous contributions from local merchants, items of handicrafts and foodstuffs, given by the ladies of the Guild and other PMQ residents.

Mrs. B. W. Nicholson, convener of the bazaar, and president of the Protestant Ladies' Guild, was aided by her two co-conveners, Mrs. W. J. LaTour and Mrs. Mason, in preparation and organization of the bazaar.

As the evening approached for the bazaar, approximately 40 local merchants offered their support which included

articles of clothing, Christmas cards and many other fine gifts. Many ladies, both within the guild and others, gave their support by contributing foodstuffs, books, dolls, clothing and a host of other attractive items.

On the night of the bazaar, two attractive silver tea sets were provided for pouring tea for the guests. The ladies pouring included Mrs. W. C. Quinn, Mrs. J. Topping, Mrs. Lansdale, Mrs. Foye, Mrs. R. F. Miller and Mrs. W. C. Hewitt.

Door prizes were awarded to Mrs. Jones, Mrs. McFarlane, Miss Royer, Mrs. G. Mitchell.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

NOW hear this, all ye Demons, and mark ye well these words, for verily do they foretell of an event of such magnitude it may well be written into the great stone tablets of history as the modern point of demarcation, whereby all happenings will be affixed with the suffix 'BF' or 'AP', denoting that space in time of their occurrence. Before or After Party. For in all truth, he who sits on the High Throne of Demondom, the greatest of all the great hunters of the Ghosts of the Deep, has decreed that on the Sixteenth Day of the month which is called December, there will foregather in the Hall of Recreation, all the bearers of the triple lined trident, both they who lead and they who follow, altogether with their wives and handmaidens, that they may join together in joy, merriment, and all kinds of

festal frolics, in celebration of the Yuletide Season.

Be it also known by these presents that there will be at hand, that group of minstrels led by he who is called Al Dixon, that they who are so moved may perform at their discretion that choreographic undulation which may be native to their place of origin and suitable to their particular state of disorientation. The hateries of the Kingdom have been combed to bring to the festive board only the finest and most succulent of the peacock family, they are named Leghorn, so that all the Gladiators of the Joust of the Jive, may have sustenance, and be of strong arm and limber elbow, and last the nite with strength and fortitude.

So come ye one, and come ye all, can ye not hear God Bacchus call?

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P-TA Invites Minister of Education

Since this is the first item from the P-TA for this season we would like to open it with a hearty invitation to attend the December meeting. For those not present at the October meeting here is a brief resume of happenings to date.

At the October meeting the following executive was voted in:

President, F/O R. H. Osborne; vice-president, Mrs. K. J. Reeves; secretary, Mrs. J. Kolisnek; treasurer, S/L E. J. Hudson.

The committees were as follows: Programme, S/L C. B. MacDonald; membership, Mrs. E. Valliers and Mrs. E. J. Hudson; social, Mrs. Jackson; publicity, Mrs. M. Comar.

We feel we have a good executive this year but we need your support to make the P-TA the going concern it should be. Your programme committee is busy lining up a programme that they feel will interest all parents. For instance, a letter has been sent to the Minister of Education inviting him to attend one of our meetings and answer questions regarding Air Force children and their place in the B.C. school system. This will also be of interest to those who have children attending school in Comox and Courtenay. Your children will be

Bookmobile Used As Public Library

The Vancouver Island Regional Library Bookmobile was once a frequent visitor to Station Comox, but recently through loss of patronage through transfers, etc., its scheduled stops in this area have been reduced.

At present there is only one stop which is located at the Airway Service Station where the van stops every second Tuesday at 1:30 hrs.

There is a small registration charge of \$3.00 a year for their service, since the Station does not come within the tax paying region of the Bookmobile. However, for this service, a borrower will receive a wide choice of adult and juvenile material, or in short, complete access to a public library service. In some cases, they have ordered books that have been requested by customers.

If you are interested in this service, meet the Bookmobile at the Airway stop on 13 December, or write to Mr. W. R. Taggart, Regional Librarian in Nanaimo. They will provide this service, and if the demand warrants it, will set up new locations for stops.



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for just a day or two,
Would you be glad to have Him

meet your closest friends,
Or would you hope they would stay
away until his visit ends?

Or would you be glad to have Him stay
forever on and on,
Or would you sigh with great relief

when He at last was gone?
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If Jesus came in person, to
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WO Welsh Off to Congo

WO2 Tom Welsh has acquired the position of the legendary "nine-day wonder" on the station by the simple expedient of filling out an application form. Without malice aforethought or indeed, any real expectation of a favourable reply, he applied for a position as a guiding hand in setting up a telecommunications system for the United Nations in the Belgium Congo. In near-record time, his application was answered by a cable requesting an equally prompt and decisive answer to terms which left the majority of the station with jaws agape or teeth gnashing in envy. Tom accepted with an enthusiasm which has remained undiminished and unconquerable despite the multitude of sly remarks and intelligent suggestions offered by the many who, prompted by the daily increasing reports of violence from the Congo, are deeply concerned for his welfare in Lumumbaland.

Tom, a man of many vocations and abilities, has been employed at Comox as Warrent Officer in charge of Telecommunications and lately, in anticipation of the possibility of obtaining a similar position on retirement, he has been acting as manager of the Officers' Mess. One of his secondary duties included the use of his stern countenance, bushy eyebrows and, when necessary, a very gruff and commanding manner developed by many years' service in three different uniformed organizations, to shape and discipline one of the best Guards of Honour to present arms for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on her visit to Victoria.

Tom Welsh is even better known on this station for his story telling ability and the

manner in which he "pilots" his big black Mercedes, a souvenir of an overseas posting. His story telling is of a high calibre, and can hold any given audience in suspense during a lengthy discourse on his attempt (singular) to learn the game of golf or perhaps, how little green men got that way. Seldom is he stumped for a "topper". He will also, with almost no provocation, launch into a discussion of the relative merits and performance data of foreign cars with the inevitable result that his conversational partner will agree that of all the fine cars on the market, nothing in the same price range can quite come up to a Mercedes, and of course, American-built cars should, in all good taste, not be mentioned in the same breath.

In line with his story telling, Tom has also written many articles for this paper. His columns were received with much interest and a mixture of reactions, depending on which persons were momentarily "under attack". Perhaps his most appreciated column was the one in which the attack centred on that "Godlike creature", the Senior NCO.

Many farewells have been said already, officially and unofficially. The Senior NCO's, partly to show their appreciation of the aforementioned column, "seed their duty and done it noble" in presenting Tom with a mug and a much-appreciated lined billfold. The Telecom section presented him with a shock mounted travel-clock for use in the wilds.

With clearance all signed, Tom awaits only travel instructions from the U.N. Farewell, Tom, and the best from the boys.

Airforce News Across Canada

North Bay . . . VARIETY SHOW ENJOYED BY PERSONNEL

More than 1,000 RCAF service personnel, their wives and friends enjoyed the 11th annual O'Keefe Variety Show at the Station. Stealing the show from the glamorous girls was the male quartet called "The Buccaneers". G/C R. L. Denison, the Commanding Officer, congratulated the cast and thanked O'Keefe's, who had arranged the show.

Kingston . . . ALBATROSS LANDS HERE

The new Grumman Albatross Amphibian paid the first visit to Norman Rogers Airport on Friday afternoon. The first of 10 aircraft purchased to replace the aging Canbros, the Albatross belongs to Search and Rescue Squadron, Trenton, Sea Island . . .

GIFT BY HELICOPTER

A \$1,500 cheque delivered by helicopter helped bring the Red Feather appeal to 61.8% of its objective. The cheque was from personnel at Sea Island. The helicopter landed at Jericho and the cheque was handed over to a Red Feather volunteer worker. It helped raise the total pledged and collected to \$1,699,000.

Namoo . . . OFFICER POSTED TO GERMANY

S/L Jack Whitehead of Edmonton has been transferred from RCAF Station Winnipeg to the 4th Allied Tactical Air Force Headquarters at Ramstein, Germany.

Ottawa . . . ATLANTIC TO BE ALLIES' LIFE-LINE

"The main submarine threat to North America will come in the Atlantic," said A/M Sir Edward Chilton, chief of Britain's RAF coastal command. "In any future war, the Atlantic 'life-line' will be the chief target of enemy submarines as it was in the Second World War." Sir Edward said Airforce Maritime defences in the Atlantic against submarines were in "jolly good shape."

Halifax . . . MINER FLOWN TO HALIFAX

An Otter was called in Friday night to fly critically injured Glace Bay man Daniel Murphy from Sydney to Shear-

water for emergency treatment at Halifax Victoria General Hospital. The injured man received severe head injuries while travelling up the slope at No. 26 colliery on a trip of coal trams.

Ottawa . . . AIRFORCE CARRIES AID TO ESKIMOS

An RCAF mercy flight headed into the Arctic to bring aid to a remote Eskimo village where three persons are reported dead and three critically ill in an epidemic of whooping cough. A Dakota from Search and Rescue at Ottawa carried Dr. A. H. Stevens of Ottawa to Resolute Bay, Northwest Territories, on the first leg of the mercy mission.

Beaverbank . . . NEW CO

S/L E. A. Heggteit officially took over command of Stn Beaverbank from W/C R. C. Wilson. S/L Heggteit has been stationed at Beaverbank for one year as COpsO and served overseas with the Air Division prior to his arrival at Beaverbank.

Chatham . . . CRASH LANDING

S/L Fern Villeneuve, a member of the Golden Hawks' precision team, narrowly escaped death yesterday when he brought his Sabre to a crash landing. The aircraft developed engine trouble while flying over Newcastle, N.B., on a routine night flight.

Ottawa . . . NEED FOR SPACE AGE EDUCATION

Highly qualified men in tomorrow's space age will be needed to provide pilots, engineers, biologists, and metallurgists, the commander of Uplands' 41 Squadron told the Optimist Club. W/C John McClure told the group at the annual father and son night at the Chateau Laurier that educational standards must be raised to provide these men. His topic was "Adventure in Space".

Saskatoon . . . FLIN FLON GETS FLY-PAST

Arrangements were jointly made by S/L H. T. Giles, Commanding Officer of Cranberry Portage and F/L D. Hindson, Commanding Officer, Stn Flin Flon for a flight of three T-33

aircraft to make a fly past over the Flin Flon Remembrance Day parade on Nov. 11. The flight operated from Station Saskatoon with local radio control provided by Stn Cranberry Portage.



With the new school term and Hallowe'en behind us and the wild melee that is Christmas ahead of us, let's look about and take stock of things. Have you noticed the bite in the air, the crisp smell of early mornings, the red roses in little cheeks and rosy noses on little faces? As you haul out woolly socks and mittens (none of them matching of course) consider the changes in diet the old bear winter brings. All of a sudden it's hot chocolate and porridge time. Thick soups and tangy stews are welcomed heartily at dinner tables the province over and in general it's time for the good wholesome foods of winter.

A favorite around our house is oxtail stew. No don't frown, oxtails have a rich, savory flavor to tempt the fussiest eater. The meat is tender and cuts with a fork and all in all, makes up into one of the most mouth-watering dinners ever. Try it and see!

OXTAIL STEW

2-3 lbs. oxtails
Potatoes
Carrots
Peas
Onions
Celery
1/2 cup barley or lentils or
1/4 cup of each
Cornstarch or Flour
Any left over vegetables

Brown chopped onion in large stew pot or electric frying pan. Add 1/2 cup water and oxtails, simmer for 30 minutes adding a little more water if needed. Remove from heat and add chopped or whole vegetables (potatoes last) and salt and pepper to taste. Add water to cover and let mixture bubble for two or three hours, again adding water as necessary. About an hour before serving add barley or lentils or both and thicken either with cornflour or starch, whichever you prefer.

Remember, any vegetable is good in a stew so feel free to drop in any leftovers you may have on hand. Don't be afraid to use seasonings or sauces. A few dashes of Worcestershire or Catsup or Barbecue Sauce can do nothing but add to the flavor of your stew.

As a final touch, pop fat dumplings on top or serve with fluffy steamed rice. If you prefer to leave the potatoes out, have a small mountain of them mashed and waiting to be smothered with hot juicy stew.

One last note . . . wait for a real chilly night when hearty appetites will match the fare . . . I guarantee you'll be doing repeat performances all winter.



B.C. HYDRO



Comox Prepares for Air Space Age

Modern space vehicles are the result of many technological improvements in recent years. One of the greatest contributors to improved space vehicles is the transistor. This little device which in many cases replaces the vacuum

tube and which is appearing in the common transistorized receiver is thousands of times more efficient and reliable than the vacuum tube. However, this little device operates on a different principle than the vacuum tube and to help prepare the personnel in the

electronics trades for the future, several courses running for six weeks have been prepared. The instructors for this course will be: F/O N. Ernest (Telecom), FS H. Dyrda (Telecom), Cpl Porter (407 Torpedo Shop), Cpl Reid (Armament systems).



SCOUT CORNER

by BRIAN SIMMONS

During the "Bikers" meeting of October 26th last a "Going Up" ceremony was held. The principals of this event being Dennis Royer and Kenning Albrecht of the 2nd Comox (RCAF) Red Pack. News of this event was inadvertently missed from my last report.

Patrol Leader David Hunter and the Antelope Patrol have been flexing their leg muscles lately. The complete patrol organized and completed a hike around the Seal Bay area a few weeks ago. The patrol leaders are reminded that they should organize and participate in a hike, along with all members of their patrol, before this Christmas.

All Scouts and Wolf Cubs have received their Boy Scout

Probe on 'Competition' by RCAF

Transport Minister Balcer says he'd have no objection if the royal commission on government operating methods was to check whether the RCAF is taking away work from commercial airlines. "I have no objection to the study," he told an impromptu press conference following the annual banquet of the Air Industries and Transport Association. "I am convinced it would do excellent work on this subject." The recommendation, by R. G. Lefrancois, executive vice-president of Nordair Limited, Montreal, asked the royal commission to study to what extent operations now carried out by the RCAF could be handed over to commercial lines.

Association registration cards

covering membership in the organization until 31st October, 1961. Remember — you are to endorse the card by signing your name in the space provided and above all, endeavour to live up to and keep the laws and promise printed on the back of the cards.

Badge Presentations

Jack Albrecht was presented his Gardener and Naturalist badges; Bob Albrecht and Gordon Allsopp received their second class badges. Gordon Allsopp also received the Swimmers badge, which he passed during the summer camp.

Food Services Officers Lecture

Food service officers from Airforce units across Canada will depart on lecture tours to Canadian universities and colleges this week to interest home economic students in careers in the RCAF. Theme of the lectures will be the importance of sound nutritional planning in keeping the nation's airmen in top flying—and fighting—condition. Also to be stressed are the excellent Air Force career opportunities open for women in this field. Speaker for the Maritime area will be F/L F. G. Christie, staff officer for food services at MAC headquarters in Halifax.

The Dental Corner

Oral health influences not only general health, but also one's appearance. The mouth and teeth are vitally important to personal appearance. The mouth forms the lower third of the face. The attractiveness or unattractiveness of the face depends mainly upon the shape of the jaws and their muscles, and upon the teeth and gums.

As the teeth erupt and come into use they give form and symmetry to the child's face. The exercise of using them in chewing helps to develop well-formed, strong jaws and muscles. If they are neglected and lost prematurely, the growing child is unable to chew his food properly. Consequently, the development of the jaws and muscles will be impaired. Hollow sunken cheeks, a pointed face, or a flat appearance of the lower part of the face frequently results from the early loss of the back teeth.

The first thing that is usually noticed about anyone is his smile. The impression it creates will be remembered by others, long after other details of personal appearance have been forgotten. A smile that reveals firm, pink gums and even, well-cared for, sparkling teeth creates a pleasing and attractive picture. It signifies that its possessor takes pride in his or her appearance. But a smile that shows spongy, puffy, inflamed gums and stained neglected teeth, convey a dismal picture; one that tends to create an unfavourable impression. Many otherwise capable people have been retarded in business life and socially because of an ill-appearing mouth. In addition to detracting from an otherwise attractive appearance, decayed, missing or grossly irreg-

ular teeth frequently are a cause of speech defects. Loss of front teeth may result in lisping, and the premature loss of teeth sometimes results in a thickening of speech due to the broadening of the tongue. Defective speech can be a serious handicap in many ways.

The effects of oral ill-health on appearance and speech may become reflected in personality changes. It is important to remember, however, that most dental conditions affecting one's appearance can be prevented or successfully corrected by early, regular dental care.

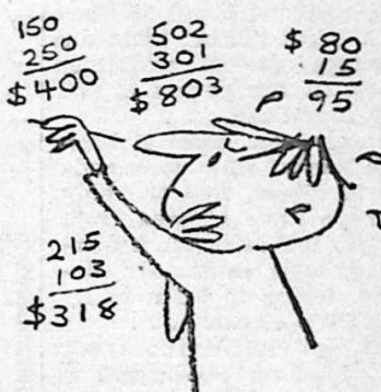
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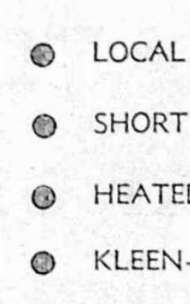
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DEMON DOIN'S

by GOSH

One of our upper echelon, S/L Bob Chisholm, who has so capably held down the chair of the Ops&Trng office, leaves us shortly to join the Directorate of Maritime Tactical Training Requirements at AFHQ. That's DMTR's good fortune, and we wish you all the best, Bob. TAT left their TATing long enough to throw a farewell party for S/L Chisholm at their Kye Bay Bin, under the auspices of the F/Os Bob McPhail and Wayne Fisher. This was a particularly well organized affair and the gentlemen responsible are to be congratulated; that is, it was well organized until the good S/L Ed Hudson snuck behind the bar and filled all the open mixer bottles with something the editor won't let me mention because it has an alcoholic content, but it starts with a V, has three blanks, and ends with A, is consumed principally in Russia, is reputedly tasteless, odourless, and VERY effective.

Speaking of S/L Hudson, how can a man be rich enough to own three cars, yet so poor he can only get one running?

LAC Phil Shore leaves home and wife for a bit of TD in Alameda, but doesn't quite make it home in time to wish Fran a fond farewell as she goes back to Shaughnessy for a minor operation. In his absence, Fran, "GOOD LUCK!"

The squadron stag on the 5th proved a good do, especially for the "Lady in Red" who had her measurements taken; turned out to be 36 here, 30 there, and just about 54 there. A MAC visiting team due in brings an old ex-Demon with it in the person of S/L Rudy Rochelcar.

The squadron made it back from Hawaii with no casualties to report, and the only item we have gleaned from the trip is that F/L A. Hutchison is now constantly airborne, trying to learn to fly with TWO engines.

We've all heard the cracks about hunting two-legged or four-legged deer, but Sgt. Bernie Jackson actually did shoot a three-legged doe, guess that's something in between; but then the following day, with Pat Blizard's capable help, he missed 4 four-legged ones.

W/C Joe McCarthy back from the CO's Conference at Halifax. Don't know for sure just what went on there, but if it was a horse-trading deal we're afraid the Winco got taken, since he came home shy three Tech Officers, namely F/Ls Poulos, Cannings and F/O Burgess. On the trip down the crew were warmly welcomed on touchdown at Trenton by Pete Philp.

F/L Howie Norquay back to duty, u/s knee and all, hobbling around the Ops shack like a veteran of the Riel Rebellion. . . . Cpl. Stan Mosley bought himself an Overland to go hunting in, but spent so much time dolling it up that he hasn't been able to use it. . . . LAC Joe Porkalab, who got himself all married up, is back from his honeymoon at Niagara Falls; took 13 days to get there and five to return, says he enjoyed himself. Incidentally Joe got two deer last weekend, one a big buck, shouldn't be short of meat

now. . . Two crews on exchange with the USN: F/O Forslin to Alameda, and F/L Bray et al, at Noris. . . Well come aboard to F/O T. Geo. Leask, an Armament type. . . the FE Section also got a leg up from MOTU, taking on strength one, Sgt. Bob Legge.

Something new has been added to the Discip's office, where an import from Centralia, Sgt. Len Laper, takes over the onerous duties of Sgt. Ed Harder. Len appears to be a musical type who just can't wait for time for coffee break to play Chopsticks on the buzzer. . .

F/L Ross Curry hies himself off to Jr. Staff School. . . F/L Jack Rozon took our little WD in the Orderly Room, AWI Pete Perrault on a familiarization flight to Vancouver to other day. Didn't say who was familiarizing himself with what, though. . . LAC Dave Bailey takes the plunge this weekend with Accountable WD - Bev Gilmore, guess he just added his credit to her debit and lost his balance. . . Anybody looking for lost F/L's lately can guess where they are by taking a look at a picture that's presently on circulation, said to be that of F/L "Cobie" Coburn; he's using them for a cover-up. . .

If there seems to be a dearth of officers around the Demon Hangar these days it's because they're all skull-cramping for the up-coming Staff College Exams or QEs. . .

WO2 Fred Zaruk congratulating himself on his transfer to Fort Churchill. . . S/L Red Hazlett said to be equipping his car with a fire warning light so that the next time he rents a trailer he'll have time to bail out before he burns it up quite so completely. . . F/L Dave Grice and F/O Butch McKenty enjoying the comforts of a winter vacation at Jarvis Lake, kooik or not kooik, that is the question. . .

Another of our young stalkions picked himself a cut filly to trot in double harness with, as LAC B. S. Wylie took the vows. . . Sgt. Bob Davidson trying to subsist on pills these days, but as I understand his trouble the MO is making a mistake, what Bob really needs is a cork. . . Photo Section's Paul Zarecki taking up Judo, but after only two lessons wound up with a hurt hand, he's still

Well, that's about it for now, so until next issue we'll say "See ya."

making with the cameras, however, so it couldn't have been his shutter finger. . . LAC Bill Bedwin has found the answer to successful bowling, just get looped first; then you see twenty pins and it's a cinch to knock down ten and get a strike. . . I&E Section have themselves a mascot. Under the sponsorship of LAC Fred Rosadiuk they've adopted a cat. Inquiries as to whether it was Instrument or Electrical elicited the information that very definitely this is an Instrument cat, but not entitled to Group 3A, since he does not seem to be aware of his responsibilities.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

The twin girls of F/L and Mrs. Vradenburg on their acquiring a new brother, Thomas "Tommy" Philip. . . Cpl. and Mrs. Jack Watson, on the birth of a boy. . . Sgt. and Mrs. Russ McAnuly on the birth of their daughter, Erin, in Winnipeg. . . LAC and Mrs. G. A. Hill, on the arrival of little Brenda Jane. . . F/O and Mrs. Mal Hogarth on the birth of a girl, Heather Monique. . . and LAC and Mrs. Moister-Hitehen, who maintained the girlish trend with their cute little Ellen Joan.

OBSERVING OPERATIONS

By HANK

Here we are once again with the latest from Ops. An old timer around here, Cpl. Jack Moorehouse, is getting ready to send his wife and family down East, in preparation for his posting to Heaven, if Holberg can be considered such. There was a farewell party for Jack last Saturday at F/O Hugh LeBlanc's home with most of Ops and their wives in attendance.

We welcome an ex-Sabre jockey, F/O Hank Gritter to our ranks, fresh from 3 (F) Wing, Zweibrücken.

F/O Tom Fielding was one of the more fortunate people who got down to Vancouver for the Grey Cup weekend, and from all reports had a good time.

LAC Doug Burr is at present spending a couple of weeks leave down in sunny Vancouver — hope he comes back soon.

Well, that's about it for now, so until next issue we'll say "See ya."

AIRWOMEN'S NEWS

by LAW Anonymous

On behalf of the airwomen I, LAW Anonymous, will keep you up-to-date with the happenings around BB No. 6. "Torchy", former reporter, will become Mrs. Bob Smith on 17 December. Best of luck in your new life, Anne, and hope you don't forget to read the column.

First the headlines: "Dee" Dope is headed for Bagotville. Wonder if she will name tag a stool in the "Marbol Room"? Caron-Simard, "Pee Wee", is in her glory. Dreams of Paris have now come true, 2(F) Wing here she comes. They must have thought the cold weather at Cold Lake wouldn't agree with St. Jessie Easton, since her transfer there has been cancelled.

The Accounts Section seems to be losing many girls these days. Bev. Gillmour and Lee Soady are saying "I do" in December. Anne Duval is going to try civilian life. Marilyn Burrit is on leave in the big city of Vancouver.

Personals: Lorna Anderson, that tall, dark airman's favorite Met Observer, is back off leave and is not on the list of wives-to-be. Betty Clargo says she is glad to be back to

BC's liquid sunshine after three weeks in snowy Northern Ontario. Betty has been transferred from the Padre's office to the SARMO's. Lou Stoney is back from enjoying a week's leave, Spokane seems to be next best to Comox. Scotty Lawson is also back from a month's leave in Ontario.

Past Events: The dance held in the Airwomen's Lounge on the 17th November was a success. Everyone had a good time, but will the Airmen please take their coats and shoes home or the Airwomen's Club, with new PMC Mona Yeager, will start a Used Clothing sale.

Social Events: The Airwomen are paying their Christmas respects to their superiors on December 7th with a combination cocktail party and bosses' nite. The Airwomen are looking forward to an enjoyable party.

Due to life behind the locks of BB No. 6 more should be mentioned but there is always a next time.

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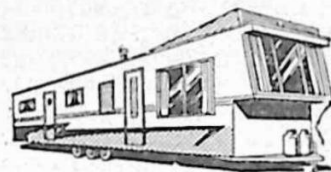
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FLYCON FLASHES

by FROMMAGE

Is there anybody interested in another Bridge Tournament? The results of the last one ended up as follows: 1st—F/O Geo. Mealing and LAC Doug Stewart, 2nd—Cpl Frank Sutcliffe and LAC Frank Gavin, 3rd—F/O Hal Gold and Mr. "Met" Hyde. Really, do not know whether they were the best or not but they were the only ones left standing at the end of the evening so goes the prizes.

Flying Control has come up with another first. On Friday, 2 Dec. 1700 - 2000 in the old Cpls' Club, we are having a "Gone Away" party. It's in honor of Jim Anton and Ron Caverley who tolled so willingly for FLYCON the past couple of years and departed a couple of months ago for Vancouver. Hope the boys can make it up for the free food and refreshments. Also, we have another DO coming in the near future. Don't forget the SAIRO's Xmas Party on the 10th of Dec. at the Social Centre.

Seems the FS Gord Vilven and LAC Don Chapman got in the Xmas mood early this year. What happened to Toronto, Don? The receiver of these early presents was none other than FS Jim "Ottawa" Kerwin. A welcome home to Sgt. Chuck Paradis from SSTs. Really believe he's glad to get back. Honest Chuck, nobody stole the gate while you were away.

Also F/O Bud Gunn is back and should have some rousing tales for us from ye olde Approach Course. Also F/L Doug Ewart is due back shortly from the same course.

Cleanest floor in the camp now located in the Tower of office. Washed and waxed three times in one weekend. Come now! We will sign off with a thanks to whoever was responsible for Sgt. John Dunbar's delay on going on course over Xmas and New Year's. Maybe there really is a Santa Claus, eh! John. OUT!

Fire Hall Comments

CHILDREN AND FIRE

Each month almost 100 children die alone and helpless in fires, because their parents left them unattended or in the care of baby sitters too young or not competent to cope with an emergency.

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3. Keep your home free of fire hazards by regular check-ups. Your fire department will help you find and recognize hazards.
4. Train children of all ages how to get out of the house to safety in case of fire. Plan at least two escape routes from every room, and be sure youngsters are drilled in the use of these routes.
5. Make sure baby sitters have specific instructions in case of fire. These include orders to get the children out of the house the instant smoke or gas is noted, the location of at least two escape routes from every room, and how to get in touch with the fire department, parents, doctor and police.

CORPORAL'S CORNER

by "Chas"

The happenings around the club these days have been so plentiful that it would take a complete edition of the paper to discuss them. So, we'll elaborate lightly on the coming and past highlights.

On 24 November, the official word was received for "Operation Move" to our new club, the old Sergeants' Mess. The move was practically completed the same day. Final touches were completed the following day and the club was ready for its "first weeping hour" Friday night. Many thanks from the PMC to all members that helped in the move.

At our last monthly meeting it was voted by club members that the bar be completely renovated. This will take place early next year and the planned renovations will make the club second to none. So, to any member wondering about the vote, around the first of the New Year, the noises from carpenters, etc., making renovations, will deafen you.

Saturday afternoon, "Grey Cup" day, was celebrated by a full house at the club as a good turnout dropped around to watch the yearly classic. A big congratulations to "Brownies" hot dog stand which kept hungry members returning for seconds. Cpl. Brown states he sold over 39 dozen hot dogs. (No wonder half the club goes to morning exercises).

The entertainment for the club during coming season has been completely booked. December 3, Twirp Nite, Platter Party. A chance to get the wife to buy for a change. Females only allowed at the bar, 25c per person, food supplied. . . 17th December, Turkey Bingo.

members only. A chance to get your Xmas turkey cheap, 15 games, everyone for a 12 to 15 lb. "bird". Food supplied, \$1.00 per person, followed by dancing to the "Platters".

Final event of the year 31 December, New Year's Frolic, to be held in the Club—\$5.00 a couple. Come out and have yourself a ball and get a good look at your new club.

Remember to keep this date as this year's frolic should be a memorable one. Check your club bulletin board for further details. A complete run-down will be given at the next general meeting so wives ask your hubby what's new!

Also, a coming attraction to the station sponsored by the club, that should meet everyone's approval, the "Corporals' Club Fantabulous". This is a charity merchandise bingo on 10 December. All proceeds from this bingo go to the Victoria Orphanage. Prizes for this bingo will be of a large variety. From an airplane ride to a \$10.00 credit note for groceries plus many others, all donated by generous merchants, clubs, hotels and garages in Comox, Courtenay and surrounding districts. This bingo is open to all that are allowed to attend regular station bingos, and as the proceeds will mean so much to the Victoria Orphanage let's see a large turnout. The list of prizes and honors is available at the Corporals' Club and we hope to get these lists circulated around the Station. A dance will follow the bingo.

BASHER'S COLUMN

by NIL STOCK

We had intended to pass a few comments about last Saturday's game, but after reviewing the fact that this section is predominately westerners we decided to let "a sleeping dog lie". What with Christmas just around the corner we all need our health and strength and besides the new government medical plan only covers our dependents, so that's that.

This will probably be the last column submitted by this writer since after just about

n't let us look into it. Although it sure must be fun with all the nice warm water.

Over the last month or so our novice divers, myself included, were introduced to the interests of the deep at Comox Lake and again last week at Denman Island. Each dive was preceded by a lecture on water safety and scuba hazards.

Now that the bad weather season is upon us, diving has slowed down, but is far from stopped. A break in the weather, and we'll meet in Davie Jones's Locker trying out some new piece of equipment. It is a sure bet Doug Jones will be there with his camera.

Our public relations man, Earl Geddes, has done a good job on getting movie films in the past and has great hopes for the future. We are getting two more for December. These pictures will be open to anyone interested. (This is a plug for new members).

Finally, the King Neptune Divers would like to extend their thanks to the writer of "Free Diving" for assisting us in emphasizing the importance of safety and knowing the laws concerning skin diving.

six years on this station, he is at last transferred to a place called Beaverbank, Nova Scotia. On the other hand a recent arrival to the staff is Cpl. Cy Kennedy after an extensive tour of Falconbridge.

F/L Armstrong, our Supply Control officer has just returned from London, Ont., where he and his family spent their leave.

Webb Pearce, Stu Stewart and Gerry Potter paid a visit to Vancouver last weekend to see the game and report they had a wonderful time climaxed by their favorite team taking the cup.

After more than five years with 407 Supply, Wally Curtin has finally seen the light and moved to the R&L Operating our forward supply section. Wally says a change is as good as a rest. Stu Stewart replaces him in our number four group. Other changes are: Wayne Aikenhead and Ken Gregory in No. 2 sub group replacing Bill Welgan and George Orbell.

George is now employed in Clothing and Bill on the Stock-taking Board. Bob Dawson moved from the ten desk to Major Equipment and Tony Bradbury to P.O.L. Confused yet?

A good evening to everybody and especially to Eskimo fans flogging the budget to pay off the Roughriders.

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NEWS IN Sports

First Win for Hockey Team

By CHUCK

The hockey team backed by some fine defence and hard skating forwards received their first victory in the Mid Island Suburban hockey league as they defeated Port Alberni Luckies 4-2 in a hard fought, fast skating game on November 13.

It was the team's first victory in four games and judging this last performance it should set off a spark for the remainder of the season. Backed by two sizzling goals and one assist of Bill Fraser, the air-men were behind only once in the game for 10 seconds when Dixie Walker blasted in the first goal to tie up the score. This was the turning point of the game as the air-men stayed on top of the scoring for the rest of the game.

Port Alberni scored the first goal of the game in the first period when Saunders took a pass from Yesewick. The air-men immediately tied the score as Walker scored unassisted. Fraser, assisted by Hunter and Hughes put the air-men in front with another goal to end the scoring of first period with the station team leading 2-1.

The second period saw the Luckies defence crumble as the air-men rushed in on a power play with Fleming scoring assisted by Fraser. At the 7:10 mark, it was Fraser again for the air-men as he picked up his second goal of the game assisted by Hunter and Fleming.

Port Alberni made a strong bid in the 3rd period to tie the score. Irvine, the airforce goalie, played another outstanding game. The last goal was scored by Findlay assisted by Foreman to make the final score Port Alberni 2, RCAF 4. With the one victory to their credit, the station team on November met the league-

League Standing

GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pt
Ramblers	6	4	1	1	35	30
P. Alberni	6	3	3	0	16	20
Comets	6	3	3	0	25	19
RCAF	6	1	4	1	16	23

Sports from Eastern Canada

It's all over now but far from forgotten. The Ottawa Roughriders arrived home on Tuesday and with them the coveted Grey Cup.

Saturday's game was disappointing in many ways. The favoured, much talked about Edmonton's "best in the west" Eskimos looked nothing like the fired up ball club that beat Winnipeg earlier in the season. With 41 seconds left to play, a couple thousand idiots ended the game as the so-called "football fans" crawled, jumped and screamed all over the field. The Riders faced their toughest opposition of the day attempting to get to the dressing room.

Ottawa's victory gave the East its 24th win against nine for the West in the 33 times since the Grey Cup became an East-West final in 1921.

IN SHORT

We hear... Cookie Gilchrist made the Eastern All-Star team after all—both ways at that... Tobin Role may not

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Courtenay Beats Soccer Team

On November 13 the Station soccer team met Courtenay at Lewis Park in what must rank as their most disappointing display of the season. The game was played almost entirely in a steady downpour and the field, which had been used earlier in the day, was waterlogged and muddy. Probably due to the difficult conditions there was little good football by either side.

Courtenay took the lead midway through the first half but five minutes later Jock Brown was brought down in the penalty area. George Goodman scored from the spot kick with a beautiful left foot shot which gave the Courtenay 'keeper no chance at all.

Shortly afterwards, the Station scored what appeared to be a perfectly good goal when the goalkeeper was shoulder charged into the net, but for some reason the goal was disallowed. A few minutes before half time a 20 yard drive from a Courtenay forward beat the Station 'keeper to make the score Courtenay 2, RCAF 1.

In the second half the rain fell even heavier and the football was scrappy. The only event of note was Courtenay's third goal. A centre from the left wing curled over the Station goalie's head and went into the net off the far goal-post. Final score—Courtenay 3, RCAF 1.

Unfortunately the Station were unable to raise a team for the Tri-Service tournament as seven members of the regular team were on duty. The tournament was won by the Navy who beat the army 2-1 and 7-1, in a best of three contests.

Although the Station were all ready for the game against B.C. United last Sunday, it was postponed by the Cumberland team.

However, next Sunday, 4 December, at 1400 hrs, league leading Alberni 54's will visit the Station sports field eager to prove their 5-1, 1-0 victories over the Station were not just luck. The Station team are equally anxious to demonstrate that the Alberni 100% record (which so nearly fell last time) is not invulnerable.

Then on the 11th, also at 1400 hours, second place Tyee who drew 1-0 and lost 1-2 to our boys will pay us a visit.

Whatever the result of these games, they should be entertaining, so if you can, please come out and support your team.

First place is a little cluttered up with no less than four clubs changing places as regular as the rain in B.C.

W L T F A Pt
Detroit 12 7 5 77 68 29
Montreal 12 7 4 80 71 28
Chicago 10 7 6 67 61 26
Toronto 10 8 5 68 56 25
New York 7 13 2 71 87 16
Boston 4 13 6 60 80 14

Weekend scores: Sat. Detroit 3 at Toronto 3; Chicago 2 at Montreal 4; Sunday, Montreal 3 at Boston 0; Chicago 3 at New York 3; Toronto 0 at Detroit 2.

Gordie Howe has become the first NHL player in history to score 1,000 regular season points. Howe got two assists on Sunday night which ties him with Maurice Richard's record of 1091 regular season and play-off points.

The 32-year-old Red Wing captain has a total of 488 goals and 603 assists in 1033 games while the Rocket has 626 goals plus 465 assists in 1111 games.

Terry Sawchuk who has been getting some mighty long rests of late earned shutout No. 92 Sunday night as Hank Bassen was out with a sprained ankle. Also on the injured list is Montreal goalie Jacques Plante. His substitute, Charlie Hodge, looks good, also earning a shut-out at Boston.

TOP SCORERS
Top Scorers on Station hockey team are as follows:

Sleming	5	2	12
Hunter	4	3	11
Fraser	2	2	6
Walker	2	1	5
Denault	1	2	4

Recreation Ramblings

Well, the Grey Cup has come and gone and so has a lot of Western money. We were sorry to hear that lad who took the ball in the final minute of play lost it in the end one. This was by far the most exciting play of the game, and if anyone deserved a souvenir of the game—that lad did.

The Station soccer team has been idle for the last two weeks. Last Sunday Cumberland could not field a team so our boys won by default. The week before, they were scheduled to play in the Tri-Service, but had to cancel due to a 407 exercise, which necessitated over half the team having to work.

The hockey team is trekking to Nanaimo every Sunday afternoon to play hockey. Nanaimo is just a pleasant Sunday afternoon drive from here. We suggest you load your wife and kiddies in the car and drive down some Sunday afternoon to support the local boys. Game time 3 p.m. Let's support them.

The basketball team had two games this week and lost both. Sunday they lost 55 to 37 to Courtenay CFCP, and on Tuesday night they lost 46 to 38 to the Cumberland team. In both these matches they lost to younger and well conditioned teams.

The intersection volleyball league is now in full swing. There are some 12 teams entered in the Intersection and this league will be starting as soon as we can get the captains together and set up a schedule.

A good crowd turned out for the next to last station bingo. Don't forget the final bingo of 1960 on 15th Dec., \$500.00 jackpot. How's that for an Xmas cheer fund?

Also don't forget the Corporal's bingo and dance 10 December in the Rec Centre. All proceeds go to the Victoria Protestant Orphanage.

Our congratulations to the winners of the Stn football pool.

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Elusive Nighthawk Moose

This is not a story of Comox, but since some presently stationed on this unit may eventually be transferred to North Bay, Ontario, I thought you might be interested in hearing of one of the many good fishing and hunting spots in that area.

For those of you who may have served in North Bay this may awaken pleasant memories.

PART 1

Frank and I paused on the crest of a high ridge, carefully laid down our rifles and thankfully leaned back against a flat rock. Neither of us spoke for a moment while we gazed across the valley. The trail continued on west down a gradual slope to disappear from sight in the deep brush of a muskeg swamp. In the far distance we could see Nighthawk and several small adjoining lakes glistening in the sunlight. Nighthawk River stretched south like a long twisting ribbon forming the only break for miles in this deep northern bush.

"Where the devil could they have all gone?" I remarked. "Search me," replied Frank. This was our third day out on a moose hunting expedition and we hadn't seen even one live moose, though we knew this was ideal moose country.

On a previous fishing trip to this area in the early part of July, '56, I counted 16 moose in a 4-day weekend. A most striking fact concerning these moose was their almost complete fearlessness of man. In many instances they allowed us to approach to within 10 feet of them for close-up movie shots. In fact one merely stepped aside to avoid being run down by our skiff and resumed his feeding as we slowly drifted past within an arms length. This was completely contrary to the visions I had conjured in my mind concerning the fearlessness and viciousness of these animals. I had also heard that moose are scarce and that perhaps one moose hunting expedition in ten might prove successful. The presence of all these animals seemed to belie this fact.

I decided to impress some of those friends of mine from Ottawa. I would return during the hunting season, get one of these moose, and deposit it in my freezer. I would then serve my guests with lovely moose steaks on their subsequent visits. It all seemed so simple, and perhaps it would have been had it not been for several delays we experienced in getting to the hunting area on the opening day of the season, as well, I suspect, as the impatience of some hunters in that area who have somewhat less regard for hunting laws than they should.

Frank Holley, Guy Francoeur, Wally Slovic and I spent every spare moment planning our trip and preparing our gear.

I bought a British Lee Enfield 303 and after a few trial shots decided I had made a fair buy. It is extremely accurate and fairly light with surprisingly little recoil. The rifle had been trimmed down to a sports model and although not a thing of exceptional beauty it looks and is, quite effective. Guy had bought a 32 Winchester Special which he rates highly and a Mossberg 410 shotgun.

Frank was not interested in shooting game. He came along because this was his country. He had been raised in the Matheson-Nighthawk area and loved every foot of it.

At 6 a.m., Friday, October 12, we left North Bay and after a 200 mile trip on Highway 11 to Matheson, turned west on Highway 101 to finally arrive at the Frederick House River, approximately 24 miles west of Matheson at 10:30 a.m.

On our last trip to this area

"However if you want to risk it, let's go."

A short while later there were times when I wished I had taken his tip and waited for the wind to die down before starting off.

Nighthawk Lake is well known in that area as being quite treacherous in a high wind and a great many people have drowned in it as a result of a sudden squall.

As we approached the bay leading into Nighthawk Lake, the wind was threatening it into a swirling mass of huge waves and threatening whitecaps. Each succeeding wave was larger than the previous, until the boats were pitching and tossing like corks. Our skiff would rise on the crest of one wave to be suddenly pitched forward and down where the next wave would crash over the prow, drenching us to the skin in icy water.

Frank and I crouched low behind the windshield to escape the icy blast of wind and spray which constantly enveloped us. Wally, meanwhile, was fighting to control the motor and keep the skiff headed partially into the waves to avoid being overturned.

Wally had been determined to bring his own motor and since it had no facilities for remote operation, he was compelled to control it locally. This of course, placed him in the most vulnerable position in the boat. When another huge wave struck, I glanced behind to see him enveloped in a wall of icy spray. He finally emerged spluttering and swearing but doggedly holding onto the steering lever. The canoe overtook and passed us to continue on, bouncing and twisting, only to be halted and swung sharply around on reaching the end of the tow rope.

Deciding discretion was the better part of valor, we headed directly for a small island to wait out the storm.

The wind eventually died down to a safe level allowing us to go on our way.

Time, meanwhile, had passed quickly and as we headed across the lake, darkness began to fall. We had no illusions now of reaching our original destination, but hoped only to reach a camp site which we had cleared and used on a previous trip. This camp, located mid-way between our starting point and our destination, was on a point of land which jutted out into the lake. A huge rock formed a gradually sloping platform which afforded an excellent loading ramp. From this rock the ground rose gradually to end in a flat platform of land.

While replacing a broken pin in the motor we had paid no attention to our drifting and heading off into the gathering dusk and we became lost.

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By REGINALD SEEYOU

At North Bay, Ontario, Canada's first missile centre is nearing completion after nearly two years of planning and construction. Your roving correspondent for fortunate enough to receive permission to interview F/L D. Structem, one of the originals that planned the Bomarc launching site at North Bay.

SeeYOU: "Sir, there has been considerable controversy concerning the Bomarc missile, both in the United States and Canada. In your opinion, does the Bomarc fill the role of destroying enemy or aggressor aircraft now being performed by manual interception?"

Structem: "Mr. SeeYOU, the Bomarc missile, after some initial difficulties common to any experimental missile, has now reached and soon will surpass the performance of any present day manned interceptor."

SeeYOU: "F/L Structem, you mention minor difficulties — have all of those been overcome, and if not, what problems still remain to be ironed out?"

Structem: "Well sir, there are one or two very trivial faults that the engineers are still considering, one of which is a slight tendency of the Bomarc to detonate while being launched."

SeeYOU: "But surely, F/L Structem, this would lower the efficiency of our air defence system if, when we were attacked, our greatest menace was the blowing up of a missile ON THE GROUND?"

Structem: "Now, now, sir, I am afraid I did not make myself clear. Although I said that Bomarc occasionally detonate on the launching pad, this is not meant that the majority of them take this course of action. On the contrary, tests

at Cape Canaveral have shown that only one or two out of five have this tendency, and this will shortly be corrected one way or another."

SeeYOU: "Turning more to the Canadian operations, I notice that here at North Bay there is great activity at what I presume to be the building of launching pads. Is this the major construction phase for the site?"

Structem: "Egad, no. That is one of the smaller phases of our overall operations. Did you realize that literally miles of tunnels have been excavated which the Canadian taxpayers will never use?"

SeeYOU: "I'm afraid I don't quite understand."

Structem: "It is really quite simple, Mr. SeeYOU. Here at the Bay we have honeycombed the station and surrounding district with a criss-cross of passages which makes the Maginot Line appear as child's play."

SeeYOU: "Do you mean sir, that Station North Bay is moving underground?"

Structem: "There, Mr. SeeYOU, you have the crux of the matter. Besides providing the storage space for the missiles, these underground caverns will house the station if the Bomarc has to be fired, besides filling a function which was never dreamed of until we began excavating the tunnels."

SeeYOU: "F/L Structem,

what was the other function?"

Structem: "This is all very hush-hush you realize, but you know that the North Bay area is very rich in nickel and other minerals."

SeeYOU: "Yes, I think most Canadians are aware of the potential of this area."

Structem: "Well, the Minister of National Defence, well aware of the potential, with cabinet approval sent a crew of geologists from the University of Saskatchewan to test samples of rock that we uncovered while tunneling under the station."

SeeYOU: "With what result sir?"

Structem: "The immediate result was that the armed forces received a well deserved pay raise."

SeeYOU: "You mean . . ."

Structem: "Exactly. Gold was discovered shortly after digging began. As a matter of fact, it was found under the former site of the commanding officer's PMQ!"

SeeYOU: "Wait a minute. Do you actually mean to say that gold was discovered under the station, and that this resulted in the wage increase for the armed forces?"

Structem: "Precisely, and this is why the armed forces owe a great deal to Station North Bay and particularly to the Bomarc missile."

SeeYOU: "Tell me, F/L Structem, how has this strike affected the personnel of the station and the Bomarc program?"

Structem: "As expected, most of the station personnel have been hit by the prospecting bug, and many tunnels that were not originally planned have been dug with the prospect of hitting rich veins. However, this has the full approval of the government."

SeeYOU: "Surely, sir, the

government would insist that the Bomarc program take precedence over prospecting."

Structem: "In this case the government is keenly interested in a new strike, since it has been decided by the cabinet that the next major strike will subsidize a raise in pay for members of Parliament."

SeeYOU: "F/L D. Structem, I wish you every success with your Bomarc program — or should I say with your prospecting. Whatever the case, the Canadian public, I am sure, watches North Bay with more than a casual interest and the diligence of the government in this case will long be remembered by students of good government."

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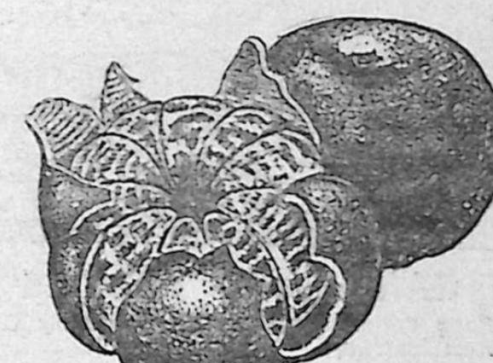
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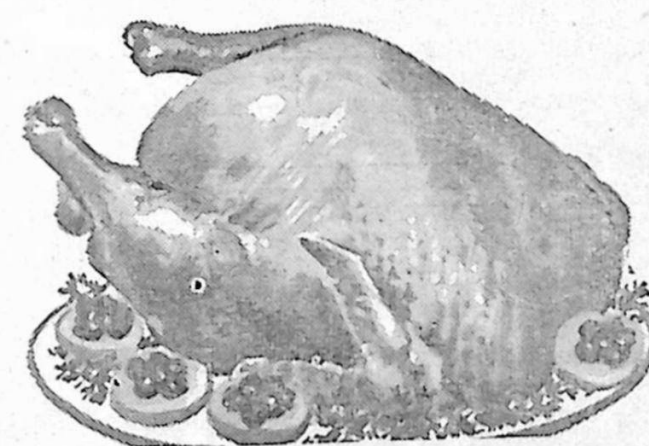
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