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"Totem Inn" Officially Opened by C.O.



The Commanding Officer officially opens the Airmens Mess with the act of cutting the ribbon while the PMC, LAC Fred Bryan and well-wishers look on.

"Hank the Hobo" Entertains As Press Well Represented

A large crowd of patrons and well-wishers was welcomed to the official opening of the new combined mess at 8 p.m. on December 3rd by the Commanding Officer G/C R. F. Miller, and the PMC LAC F. Bryans.

Among the attendants were personnel from CBUT and CHEK TV stations and representatives from every newspaper in the district. News coverage was country-wide, and the opening ceremonies were given coast-to-coast broadcasts on television. Visitors to this mess received snacks prepared in the new kitchen, and sampled beverages on tap in the "Totem Inn" portion of the airmen's canteen.

The mess itself, a \$100,000 creation designed to meet the social needs of the airmen and senior NCO's was described by G/C Miller as being equal in cost to the airmen, an evaluation which points out clearly

ultimate worth of a well trained man to the service.

Half time entertainment was provided by Hank the Hobo and his troupe who performed to the enjoyment of the spectators and the opening ceremony, the cutting of the official ribbon, provided the necessary stamp of formal approval on the new facilities. News and television operators professed themselves to be very favourably impressed by the remarks of the CO and appearance of the combined mess itself. It is felt that the addition to station facilities will result in RCAF Station Comox being given full recognition to the title "Garden Spot of the Air Force".

Astral Players Busier Than Ever

Astral Players are half way through the busiest season since inception with one major production and a one act play under their belts. The future promises to be even busier.

The club scored a theatrical success—although few saw it—with the comedy "To Be continued" and last week the actors pulled their weight in a Courtenay Little Theatre studio night with the one-act drama "The Valiant."

Most ambitious project of

the club—or any amateur club north of Duncan—is a spring three-act play "Teahouse of the August Moon," scheduled for presentation in March.

"To Be Continued," a gay comedy, directed by Mal Hogarth, assisted by Lee Ramsdale, was a well-paced bit of theatre with actors making the most of humor.

In the cast were Ruby Cowan, Gordon Murdock, Sylvia Baillargeon, Marie Rickwood, Wanda Murdock, Randy Rickwood, and Corrine Barton.

In the studio night, "The Valiant" literally suffered because of illness of one member of the cast.

Director Bob Clark was forced to take over the warden's role from Pat Derby when the latter, after many rehearsals was forced to with-

draw from the cast. R. Ramsdale withdrew owing to illness one week before the production date and Maurice Van Londerzel took over the part of the guard. Others in the cast were Cathy Killoran, Duncan McLaren and Roy Walker, who was particularly sensitive at the end when he delivered the Shakespeare lines.

Companion play was the comedy "Harlequinade" directed by Joy Watson for the Courtenay club.

January 4 and 6, the Astral Players will conduct casting meetings, for "Teahouse" and the club hopes as many actors, would-be actors, and stage workers as possible will attend. The play calls for a cast of at least 20 with a number of scene changes.

Director is Ted Gaskell.



Photo by Pierson

Rec Council Now "Bon a Fide"

Word has been received from Victoria that the Station Youth Recreation Council has been accepted as a bona fide recreation commission under the Community Programs branch of the Dept. of Education, province of B.C.

This association will make available to the recreation council the facilities of the communities branch which includes extensive films, courses in recreation leadership, handicrafts, cultural activities and many more useful services. Most important is the availability of trained personnel to assist in any recreation problems as applied to a community.

They also will receive a monthly grant to assist in any expenses incurred in community projects.

In keeping with the regulations of the parent body, it is conceivable that the present council will change its name and become the PMQ Community Youth Recreation Commission.

Banquet Speaker From China

The Knights of Columbus of the Dr. T. Briggs Council sponsored a Father and Son Banquet on December 1. The attendance was from the four parishes in the Comox Valley community, including Courtenay, Comox, Cumberland and Station Comox.

Our guest speakers were Reverend Father Peter Jen of the Disciples of the Lord from the mainland of China, and Father Bulloch, Vocational Director for Vancouver Island, who, for reasons of health was not able to attend. Other guests included Reverend Fr. Tunner, Reverend Fr. Bourque, Grand Knight Andrew Harvie and the Protestant Chaplain from Station Comox, Padre F. Johnson.

The theme for the occasion was Foreign Missions and the

These topics were well covered by our guest speaker.

Father Jen, who was ordained thirteen years ago in North Eastern China, has not returned to his country since his unwelcome exit ten years ago, when the Communist regime came into force. Since then, he has spent most of his time in Canada and presently resides in Toronto.

Very recently he was asked to return to the island of Formosa to reorganize his order which was founded thirty years ago.

The response to Father Jen's address was made by Dr. James Garrity. Everyone was quite interested in the speaker's talk, judging by the question period which followed. The need for Religious Vocations.

"Fantabulos" Bingo Success

The members of the Corporal Club played host on Saturday, 10 December, as over 650 station personnel, their dependents and friends attended their "Fantabulos" benefit bingo game, with proceeds going to help many orphans enjoy Christmas.

A total of fifteen games were played and all prizes won were donated by generous local merchants, and other organizations in the Comox Valley area, including some donations from the corporals on the station.

The grand winner was Cpl. Lorne Vollick, who is shown above being congratulated by Cpl. Pat MacKenzie, chairman

of the entertainment committee.

Following the bingo and for the balance of the evening, a dance was held. The music, which was also donated, was supplied by a combination of four local bands, The Top Hatters, Ken Reeves Orchestra, Al Dickson's Orchestra and the Country Club Group. As an added attraction, a floor show was performed by two professional showmen from Vancouver.

The proceeds from this benefit bingo and dance, over \$700, are to be delivered to the Victoria Protestant Orphanage on December 15th.



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Christmas Greetings

Many years ago a man and woman journeyed to the little town of Bethlehem which nestles on the soft rolling hills of the Holy Land. They sought sanctuary and a place to bring their expected child onto the world in hope and peace.

On a night, some time later, when a lone star shone brilliantly in the heavens, the baby Jesus was born. He brought into the world a new light, a fresh hope, and a promise to mankind. By way of Christianity and the fulfillment of its religious convictions future generations would honour this day of days and call it Christmas.

Since that time Christmas has been celebrated in one way or another by countless generations. It has affected social structures, shaped men's goals and destinies, attributed to war, and as we know it today, is fundamental to our democracy.

Democracy is the proof of our religious convictions. The Canadian way of life, being democratic, evolves around Christmas, for at this time of the year our brotherhood, morality and dedication to God and country gets a shot in the arm.

It is the hope of the Editor and staff of the Totem Times that we in some way will attribute to spreading the message of goodwill for Christmas to everyone.

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F/L J. F. BOURQUE
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PROTESTANT CHAPEL
F/L W. C. HEWITT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Divine Service at 11 a.m. conducted by Padre W. C. Hewitt. Sunday School Christmas concert at 2:30 p.m. in Station Theatre. Children are requested to bring White Gifts with them.

7:30 p.m.—Candle Light Choral Service in the Chapel.

Christmas Eve, 11:30 p.m., munion.
December 24, Choral Communion.

Christmas Day, December 25, 10 a.m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

Padre and Mrs. Hewitt wish all service personnel warmest Christmas greetings.



The Editor,
Totem Times,
Station Comox.

Dear Sir—How could you make such an error on the front page of the Totem Times 10 Nov. 60? Spelling the ex-Mayor's name wrong?

Many are named Canning but so few Cannings.

Yours truly,
Sgt. Robert Cannings
(Ex-Mayor)

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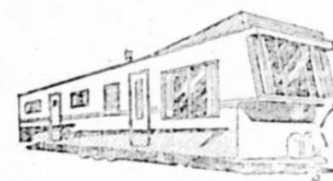
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Model Railroading

by JACK NOBLE

The Model Railroad Club is at present facing a great loss with the departure of WO2 Bill Bishop. Bill was not only one of the original members but perhaps the person most instrumental in the formation of the club. When a small group of railroad enthusiasts got together to try and form a model railroad club at Station Comox, it was most natural for them to elect Bill as their first president.

A long time modeler and one with a gregarious nature, Bill had modeling friends on both sides of the border and thus spear-headed many visits to other clubs and pikes in this area. His extensive knowledge of model railroading and club operation has guided us on through the embryonic stages of the club's life and now in our rapidly growing adolescence the loss of our father is sharp and painful!

Perhaps in a fitting and analogical manner we might describe Bill as a large, heavy, puffing engine (Egad! what accuracy!) and our club as a long, tolling freight train. To add to the analogy, the tender behind the engine must be our hard working secretary, F/O Roy Thompson who certainly supplies much of the fuel for our forward motion. Close behind the tender we use to have a first class baggage car that carried our bullion but somewhere back along the track, our treasurer, S/L Stevens, was cut out of the train and shuttled over to France. At this time, after a short unscheduled stop-over, we picked up a new bullion car named F/O Garnet Brace, who is now handling our finances. Held in reserve in the roundhouse during this period was our vice-president, Sgt. Brian Lannan who on the last elections was rolled over to the "boneyard" and dismantled. A newly reconditioned loco named Brian Golds is now the vice and he has been brought out of the engine house to "double head" the train for an increase in service and to aid the heavy puffing, wheel-spinning locomotive of doubtful origin and unknown vintage that is called the president.

The original short train of 7 or 8 box cars has now grown to 24 and the membership continues to grow. Along the route we have dropped off the odd box car which by now have been picked up by other companies. These included in addition to S/L Stevens, cars by the name of F/O Hawkins, Marty Plumstead, Fred Forget and Fred Warwick, all of which are missed from the consist. (Sounds like Yoki Bear). In the near future, Keith Jones leaves the train to try and travel on European rails. We know from experience that the European trains travel much faster than ours Keith, so try and keep on the rails and watch out for those streamlined baggage cars!

In previous columns we have lamented the loss of old steam locomotives as if they were human, now we have reversed this and are lamenting the loss of a human (or is he?) as if he was a steam locomotive! Well, wherever Bill goes I know he will head up a good consist and all the members of the Comox Union Railroad wish him "good chugging" and a decent roundhouse!

To any of you railroad modelers that haven't got your ear to the rail, a quantity of model railroad kits and accessories are now available in the dry canteen and if the turn-over is good I'm sure the stock will be enlarged for your convenience. (On TV this is called PAYOLA and I'm sure this plug should be worth a couple of rail spikes from the canteen!)

Every year, from a few weeks before Christmas to the week following New Year's, a plague of fires rages up and down the country. Many of these fires result from the extra hazards which exist only during the holiday season and from carelessness that would not be tolerated at any other time. Little careless acts—that seem so unimportant at the time—cause these holiday fire tragedies.

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Airforce News Across Canada

Winnipeg . . . ALDERMEN ACCEPT INVITATION

City council accepted an invitation to tour Winnipeg's Station, inspecting equipment and aircraft. No date for the visit has been set. Arrangements were left by council in the hands of Mayor Stephen Juba.

St. Hubert . . . MOCK WARFARE STARTLES CITY

The practice warfare which has gone on over the heads of Canadians for years now was brought home to Montrealers when the Air Force used civilian radio facilities to direct an exercise. CBC facilities at Montreal, Chicoutimi and Quebec were used after normal broadcasting had ended, to control the exercise. Late listeners suddenly heard messages on CBC's wavelength here giving the location of attacking aircraft. Hundreds promptly telephoned newspapers and police for an explanation. Civilian listeners were startled by the realism of the messages. They were in fact, the normal sort of messages broadcast daily on military radio facilities during the constant aerial exercises that have gone on over Canada since the beginning of the cold war.

Namoo . . . LONG RANGE PLANES

Four C-130B Hercules transport aircraft have been delivered to 435 Squadron at St.

Defence Minister Visits Washington

Defence Minister D. S. Harkness will fly to Washington for talks with US Defence Secretary Thomas Gates. Though the visit is primarily a courtesy call, one of the more likely topics of conversation is a new jet interceptor for the Airforce. One year ago today, at a press conference at Upplands Airport, Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, chief of North American Air Defence Command, said the RCAF needed a new manned interceptor "at an early date". Informants said a decision now may not be reached until February though an earlier one is not ruled out. A complicating factor has been the US presidential election and the constitutional delay before the January 20 inauguration of President-elect John F. Kennedy and his administration. The proposal now is that Canada acquires 66 Voodoos in exchange for U.S. purchase of 32 Canadian-built transport planes for the U.S. Air Force with this country possibly meeting the \$120,000,000 cost to it by taking over operation of some U.S. manned radar stations in Canada.

tion Namoo. The four-engine turbo-prop heavy transport planes give 435 the capability of airlifting freight and personnel on non-stop Canada-to-Europe flights. Preparation for the arrival of the C-130B, purchased by government contract from Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, began last spring. Five complete aircrews and more than 60 aircraft maintenance airmen have completed conversion training. The speed, payload, range and short landing and takeoff capabilities of the Hercules make it an excellent helpmate of the Fairchild Flying Boxcar for domestic and northern transport and of the soon-to-be-in service CC-108, the trans-oceanic transport version of the sub-hunting Argus.

North Bay . . . QUEEN APPROVES OFFICIAL BADGE

The Air Force announced that Her Majesty the Queen has graciously approved an official badge for 414 Squadron, based at North Bay. This OF-100 Squadron, known as the Black Knight Squadron, has chosen as its badge a cloud and a mounted knight in armor, with black shield, surcoat and trappings. The knight symbolizes the nocturnal role of the squadron in interception and attack.

North Bay . . . ROCKET SHOOT CHAMPION TRANSFERRED

Air Force headquarters has announced the transfer of W.C. E. Wilson from Station North Bay to Station Edgar. He will be vacating his post as CopsO in charge of the two squadrons 433 and 414 stationed here, and will take over as Deputy Sector Commander of the NORAD Ottawa sector.

Moosefaw . . . THREE HEAVY RADAR STATIONS FOR SASK.

The three stations—to be located at Oreaia in eastern Saskatchewan, Dana in central Sask., and Alsask near the Alberta border—will be part of the Pinetree radar warning defence line. Plans and specification are now being prepared and tenders will be called by federal agency, Defence Construction Ltd. The first tender is likely to be for the station at Dana. The second will follow within a week or two for Oreaia and third after that at Alsask.

Sea Island . . . CHOPPER MAKES DARING RESCUE

Guided by the flickering lights of fishboats, an Air Force helicopter made a hazardous night landing on a sandbar in the Fraser River and rescued two injured survivors from the wreckage of

a light plane. Pat Matthews and F.L. Ted Harris took off from Vancouver International Airport and headed for the twinkling lights of the fishboats clustered near the wreckage of the Cessna aircraft in the south arm of the river, one mile west of Steveston.

Metz France . . . AUSTERITY PROGRAM HITS 1 AIR DIV.

No. 1 Air Division is tied to the U.S. Air Force's logistics net in Germany and France. Canadian airmen depend on the Americans for most of their amenities—post exchange and commissary supplies, auto parts and gasoline and school facilities. The Air Force procures its PX and commissary supplies through U.S. Air Force purchasing channels. This gives the Canadians the benefit of the vast American procurement apparatus in Europe at a fraction of what it would cost the RCAF to procure independently. The cost of replacing the services curtailed or suspended would be prohibitive for the Canadian Air Division. Therefore, except in the case of school facilities, the Canadian service families will be shunted onto the local economies—French and German—for most of the items soon to vanish from the American establishments.

SAGE Perfect by 1962

By late 1962, the North American air defence system against the manned bomber will be about as perfect as human ingenuity and resources can make it. It won't be foolproof, far from it, but experts say it will be effective enough to make the Soviets think not once twice but several times about making and premeditated bomber attack on this continent.

New radar equipment, much more powerful than the original, has already been installed in the 34 Pinetree radar stations in Canada. Seven new heavy radars to cover the Prairie gap and to strengthen the network far north of Montreal will be installed. Contracts for two of these bases have been let. Some 45 gap-filler radars to detect low-flying bombers are being installed now.

Radar, of course, is only a passive weapon. But the experts feel that by late 1962, with deployment of the Bomarc-B throughout the system, there will be enough weapons to back up the radar complex. At the moment, the Airforce still does not know definitely whether it will get the F-100 (Voodoo) to replace the CF-100.

Airforce Radio Show

You have probably heard the Airforce show which comes to you every Sunday and regard it as a normal thing, especially if you have been on a station that boasts its own radio station. At Comox however, this is far from normal, in fact it is unique. This is the only Airforce show of its kind run by an airman for the airmen.

It is exactly one year ago that Corporal Al Burden first thought about a show for the Airforce. There were many obstacles to overcome before this dream became a reality and before the show became airborne last February.

First the CAGO was approached and gave it his full support. Then, with Cpl. Burden, he had an interview with the Commanding Officer who also was pleased about the whole project.

All set?—not quite.

The radio station had to be approached, and Billy Browne (head of the CFPC organization) listened as Al explained his plans. At first he was a little dubious, but finally he gave the show his full support.

Shortly after a happy Airman Al Burden went on the air with "The Airforce Show, dedicated to the men and

women of the RCAF." We hope that everyone will continue to give Cpl. Burden



"Airman Al"

their support by sending in requests or just by listening. Such a good effort deserves worthy praise, so we say, lots of luck Al, keep up the good work.

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MOTHER TALK

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

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"There really isn't a Santa Claus, is there, Mommy?" Six-year-old Peter regarded his mother hesitatingly.

Mother searched for a moment. She had known that this day would come—but still—questions about Santa, like questions about sex, often pop up when we're not quite prepared for them. She decided to tell the truth.

"No, Peter, there really isn't any Santa Claus."

"That's what I thought," replied Peter comfortably. "He's just a man dressed up, who goes all over the world and comes down the chimney and gives everybody presents."

Thus, as you can see, most children—for Peter is quite typical of others—do not find out about Santa Claus all at once. They take from a skeptical environment only as much as they are ready and able to accept.

Two other 6-year-olds, a little further along the road to enlightenment, were overheard in the following conversation:

Jetty: "Do you think Santa Claus is real?"

Timothy: "No."

Jetty: "Santa Claus used to be St. Nicholas and then St. Nicholas died, so they just took a man as Santa Claus and put a beard on him."

Perhaps these two anecdotes will help to answer the question: "Should we allow children to believe in Santa Claus?" An inevitable question heard every year as Christmas comes inevitably around. Most

families don't worry about the problem. Their youngest children believe in Santa. The older ones don't. And the transition from belief to disbelief is in most quite painless. But every year a few parents worry about what will happen when their children FIND OUT that there is no Santa.

The year that if the child finds out that something he's been allowed to believe really isn't so, this will undermine his faith in other things that they tell him. It is our experience that only the extremely fragile child will be harmed by such a "disillusionment." Certainly thousands if not millions of people have believed, and then not believed, and have still been left with a warm spot in their hearts for the whole idea.

Perhaps one of the main reasons why most children are not too much disturbed by the discovery that Santa Claus is not "real" is that, as the preceding anecdotes show, this discovery does not come about all at once. Most children do not believe it the first time that somebody tells them.

They are so far from ready that they probably do not even "hear" the bad news. Later, when he does "hear" it, it means that he is on the verge of being ready to accept. If he is unhappy and fearful and denies the truth, that too, usually means that he is almost ready to accept. And even when they do finally hear and can even repeat that there is no Santa Claus, most of them believe only as much as they are ready to believe. This is a comforting thing to know about children — that the human being normally has great powers of self-protection.

Age Differences in Attitudes Toward Christmas

Christmas means very little to the extremely young child—or at least usually means something quite different from what his parents have anticipated. Your 9-month-old baby, instead of being delighted with the large woolly dog which you have provided with such expense and anticipation may merely howl in fright every time the toy is brought near him. Your 2- or 3½-year-old, instead of being the little angel you had expected, just

sits by greedily, and every time a present from the tree is offered to anyone else, selfishly inquires, "Anything more for me?" Here as in all fields of behaviour, if we know what is reasonable to expect and do not expect too much, we are less likely to be disappointed.

Many 2-year-olds are not ready yet for Santa Claus. They are not interested or may even be frightened by him. The tree is the important thing to Two, who gazes at it and its lights starry-eyed. There is also some interest in presents, but not much in the giver.

The 3-year-old has grown up a lot. His interest in Santa may be rather vague and he may be a little hazy as to details, but he is interested. And he is usually pleased and excited by the presents he receives.

Four, as a rule, believes in Santa Claus in every detail. And he is deeply interested in every detail (we were informed the other day that we would have to buy a "chimbley" for him to come down).

But five and six are the real Santa Claus ages, when overwhelming interest and great delight and unshakable belief are expressed. The joy which most children experience in Santa at these ages is surely worth any little disillusionment which may come later. The average 5-year-old has an extremely realistic approach to Santa. He definitely thinks of him as a real man living in a real house and having a real wife. He often makes plans to visit him, and likes to write (or at least dictate) letters to him asking for the things he wants. Six does the same. The first letters he writes, or prints, may be to Santa with lists of the presents he wants to receive. Most 6-year-olds are very firm in their belief about Santa Claus—insistent and emotional. They will often fiercely deny any hint that he is not real.

However, as in many things, this fierce denial may just precede a beginning of skepticism. Some 6-year-olds and many Sevens are at least a little bit skeptical and may deny some aspects of the myth, such as that he comes down the chimney. A few 8-year-olds still believe, but a good many children at eight and nearly all by nine, are able to substitute a concept of a spirit of Christmas or a spirit of giving for a purely physical Santa. And most make this substitution with only a few pang and with little real difficulty.

Dr. Gesell has commented on this subject: "Usually a child can assimilate, adore, and in time deny the concept of Santa Claus without suffering any scars of disillusionment."

Christmas Invitation



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MARINE KNOTS

By The Ancient Mariner

Things have been pretty quiet down here on the shores of beautiful Comox Bay and news is pretty slow, but we will do our best to keep you informed of all new developments regarding Marine.

The contract for the new planking on our wharf is rapidly nearing completion and we expect to have things back to normal sometime before Christmas. There are rumors that an extension is to be added to the Marine Section building. We hope this proves true. With 14 men in our establishment we find ourselves cramped for space.

Once again our Marine boy came to the aid of Station Vancouver when "Operation Christmas Tree" was put into effect. On December 8th, it was up axes and off to the woods. This operation proved to be a success, once again proving the versatility of the Marine Section.

The MV Black Duck proceeded to Nanaimo and Vancouver recently for some modifications, giving some of our boys a tour of the bright lights. The installation of some different injectors has raised the speed of this vessel by 3 or 4 knots.

We of the Marine Section would like to take this opportunity to extend the best wishes to all on the station, particularly those whose cooperation and assistance had been of invaluable help to our operations. We would also like to extend our best wishes and thanks to the Cape Lazo Marine Radio operator. This gentleman's assistance in maintaining radio communication throughout the year is much appreciated.

CORPORAL'S CORNER

by "Chas"

Everyone seems to be walking around on a cloud these last few days in the club and no wonder! The Corporal's Club "Fantabulous Bingo" and dance was a huge success and every Corporal that helped in any way has a right to congratulate his or herself. A special mention to Cpl. MacKenzie and Cpl. Brown who thought up the idea approximately a month ago and put dreams to reality through hard work and lots of planning. \$700 has been raised to give to the Victoria Protestant Orphanage. This donation will make a pleasant and happy Christmas for these unfortunate children.

The PMC wishes to thank all Corporals that helped in all ways, and on numerous miscellaneous jobs. A special thanks to all local merchants, garages, hotels and other organizations including some Corporals on the Station who generously donated prizes for the bingo. Also a vote of thanks to the Top Hatters, Ken Reeves Orchestra, Al Dickson's Orchestra and the Country Club for donating the music for the dance following the bingo. Thanks also to the two professional entertainers from Vancouver who helped make the evening successful.

Don't forget this coming Saturday evening, Dec. 17, at the club. There is a "turkey bingo," members only. A good chance to get your Christmas turkey.

Fifteen games and the prize for every one is a 12 to 15 lb. bird. Food supplied. \$1.00 per person followed by dancing to the Platters. The big event, Dec. 31, "New Year's Frolic"—\$5.00 a couple. Final plans have not been completed for

this Frolic so keep checking the club bulletin board for further details.

The PMC wishes to announce he will be visiting the club often over the festive season and no one need be without refreshments.

COMM-CHATTER

by ROBERT A. CLARKE

Well we actually have a reader. Someone asked me last week, what happened to my column in the last issue. The answer, I was on leave so just didn't bother. You know how it is, but isn't it thrilling to know somebody cared?

With Christmas and New Year's leave coming up a few of our chaps are knocking off the remaining few days of their annual as well. Among these are Cpl. Marshall, Cpl. Baillargeon, LAC Wright, LAC Neill and FS Dyrdar.

Cpl. Anderson got his two deer during the season. Yours truly drew a blank. Wait till next year. Cpl. Mobley is back from his second hitch in Camden, N.J., and is still not converted to an American citizen.

The Telecom Ground bowling team didn't do too well last week but Telecom Air is in top position, leading by one point. Cpl. Janssen arrived back from Clinton last week. We are proud of the fact that he was top man on the two week course. Telecom Air also greeted a new member last week, a British Columbian, Al Billwiller.

On looking over my shoulder while typing this Moe Brabbin informed me that he got his deer too. I'm beginning to feel more and more ashamed.

Ed Mullaney, as most of you probably know by now, is to be transferred to Churchill, Man. Well, Merry Christmas everyone and do take it easy during the party season.

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DEMON DOIN'S

by GOSH

Of course, the big news this week is that another bingo jackpot went to the Squadron Orderly Room, Cpl. Lorne Vollick taking in all the assorted loot offered by the Corporal's Club Victoria Orphanage Benefit bingo. Since most of the prizes were car or boat supplies, and since Lorne is careless and boatless, he has since remastered to Cut Rate Peddler, and is busy converting said goods to the hard and ready. Another of our clerical clan, however, was not so fortunate at the same "do." LAC Spud Keenan unwittingly donating a gift of one white car coat to some "you know what son I mean's" personal charity. The Squadron spreads the welcome mat for another chauffeur, S/L C. E. Goodwin, from MAC; the same "Glad to have you aboard" sign winks as hospitably for a signaller, F/L H. R. Hook, and a star gazer, F/O G. S. Kindon, both from the OTU Red Dust Bowl Game. Congratulations to LAC and Mrs. D. D. Wardrobe on the birth of a little commode, to be named Richard. LAC J. G. Fortin suffered the first of married life's hardships, when a few days after the wedding bells pealed, the newly acquired father-in-law put a nine hundred dollar dent in J. G.'s car, nudging a crane on the Comox wharf. The three stray Technocrats, the Wingco left in Halifax, F/L George Ponlos, F/L Wild Bill Cannings, and F/O Frank Burgess made it back to the old homestead the easy way, via CAL (Note to printer: omit all mention of CAL on copies for Ottawa). Understand that George somehow managed to get snowed in, in Montreal, and Frank went visiting in Toronto, a sister, he said, but he didn't say whose. As for Wild Bill, he says he figured discretion was the better part of valor and wouldn't stay with the other two at Stad, but remained in lonely seclusion at Anderson Square.

It didn't take LAC Brian Wylie long to get broken in to household chores; hardly any time at all after his wedding, which we reported in last edition. He wound up in Naden with housemaid's knee. Sgt. and Mrs. Ron Broderick celebrating the birth of a third son. Imagine, three boys and no girls for a guy who just got an award for an original idea. It's what's up front that counts, Ron. Also, a salute to LAC and Mrs. Don Maitland on the birth of a son. and to LAC and Mrs. T. F. Slimming on their newest production, Dawn Marie. Off to fight the wars of No. 1 Fighter Wing goes LAC K. R. Jones, one of our servicing type AETechs. 9 FTU Greenwood bequeaths unto our I&E section a three-striper, one Charlie Mothershead

he was dere . . .

goes into effect this week with the arrival of 105, the first of Summerside's aircraft sent here for maintenance. New portable floodlights for our Arming Area. Reckon it's so the boys can take better aim at the Concrete Palace. LAC RC Joyce in Shaughnessy undergoing an empennage modification. Sgt. "Dennis the Menace" Webb, on TD at Noris, proved the effectiveness of the Station Ghost Gestapo, getting picked up for driving too slow on the freeway. Our Sqn. Armo finds he is moved up into the higher brackets in his absence, returning to find he has acquired an Associate of Armsment. Sgt. Len Lapeer, our new Sqn Bridge expert, exponent of the "Lapeer System," and sometime disciplinarian, has moved himself into the boating fraternity, having acquired sixteen feet of yellow and black floating stripes. He also sells boots in his spare time. LAC Mike Chu counted among the missing; he's off in Clinton learning something or other. The M&W Section gain a mountain of experience with LAC Reg Fearon, just in from 2 Wing, who's had over 13 years in the RAF. Sgt. Geo. Wiener's eyes lighting up like tilted pinball machines with the rumor that MP aircraft will become airborne photo studios, with cameras in every rivet hole. F/O Hugh Standing, who claims to be the squadron's most upright citizen—he's always standing— took enough time out from leave to come into the office and write himself out another seven days worth. Don't know what he's doing that's so interesting, but it sure isn't good golfing weather. In the meantime F/L Yole is most capably managing the routine of "No, you can't take three days of leave between Xmas and New Years." F/L Wally Fink gets himself chairborne, taking over in the Ops & TrainOps den of inspiration, and trying to get the status board, the flying programme, the leave roster, sick parade, the leave forms green to mesh. We thought Compulsory Release Age had these things under control, but it seems LAC Ole Oelrich is celebrating his second childhood with the chicken pox. A good evening to all, and especially to local orators trying to put our wives on the payroll.

FLYCON FLASHES

by FROMMAGE

Well, the past Saturday night was quite an affair, but gad! why does Sunday morning have to come so fast and last so long? Bromo Seltzer! please don't fizz. We must congratulate all concerned for their efforts as from comments received, everybody enjoyed themselves and had a real ball. Special mention to the bar staff of F/L Bob MacKellie, Cpl. Frank Hutchins, Cpl. Frank Sutcliffe and AC1 Dave Bews. A fine job fellows.

The Met skit was one of the finest ever witnessed. Skits in the past and future will really have to be something to top it.

You've heard the expression "King for a day"? Well, I was for a couple of hours. Nothing but decisions, decisions.

With all the name plate changing, it would be interest-

BASHER'S COLUMN

by NIL STOCK

I look around every once in a while to assure myself that I'm not in the morgue. The truth of the matter is, this place is dead. . . at least as far as news is concerned. When we first started this column we established six people through the Section to act as news monitors and relay any newsworthy item to the writer of the column but in the last week or so not one call on the telephone. So I call and plead, "Sure, your right," I say, "but is there any news for the paper?" "Look," they say, "Don't bother me right now I have too much to do." "But, but . . ." I plead, "Listen," is the reply, "If you have all your Christmas shopping, presents, toys, turkeys, cards mailed and all that goes with it, that's fine, but it just so happens that I haven't started yet so please for this time dig up your own news, I've only got a week left." I snarl as I hang up the phone, "Leave it to George" is the slogan, not "Merry Christmas". So, here I sit alone in front of this terrible office machine with neither talent nor thought as to what to write, not even a hint. So a brilliant thought strikes, "Tell the people why you have no news. . ." "Tell them you had no help from the others and had to carry the ball yourself." "Tell them they all let George do it . . . tell them that." . . . I did. May the Supply Section take this opportunity to wish one and all of our readers a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

A good holiday to everyone and especially to party goers. . . Putting the Quart Before the Hearse.

ing to know if everybody made it to the right homes.

Section wise, not too much has been happening lately. RAPCON was off for a week's maintenance. Ah! peace. They are now back in the swing of things and admiring their new layout. GCA's only news is that Cpl Ron Griffiths will be departing shortly on a transfer to the land of ten-cent cigarettes. Griff will be completing one of the longest overseas transfers on record, been in Canada 16 years and finally getting repatriated. Well, folks, that's about it for this issue.

A Merry Christmas to all the station from Flying Control. Remember, if you drive, don't drink and if you drink, driver. You know I'm sick and tired of waking up every morning sick and tired. P.S. Happy New Year's too. OUT!

OBSERVING OPERATIONS

By HANK

The Ops section was well presented at the S Air S O's party on Saturday last, and from all reports, they had an enjoyable time.

F/O Mart Kenny has just returned from his trip down east and is planning to stay with us for a little longer. LAC Dave Savoury is in the hospital now, but we hope he gets well soon. Welcome to Cpl. Nick Lussier who comes to us from Holberg. Glad to have you aboard. Cpl. Jack Moorehouse, after many farewell parties, has finally torn himself away and off to Holberg. It's hard to imagine this place without him, he's been here so long. LAC Hank Belton is off to Winnipeg to see his wife and have his first look at Hank Jr. Hank will be returning with his family early in the new year, at which time the section have planned a small house-warming (or is it lease-breaking) party for them.

Operation "Santa"

An RCAF cargo plane left Station Namao, December 2, to airlift seven thousand lbs. of Christmas supplies to eight arctic posts. Dubbed "Operation Santa Claus," the drop of Christmas trees, food, mail and supplies to the isolated arctic weather-reporting sites is an annual occurrence for Namao-based 435 Transport Squadron.

A C-119 will use RCAF Detachment Resolute Bay on Cornwallis Island, 1352 nautical miles northeast of Edmonton, as its main base of operations. All parapad flights to the isolated sites will be made from Resolute Bay, where the plane will be serviced and fueled.

AIRWOMEN'S NEWS

by LAW ANONYMOUS

Christmas cheer is beginning to liven up things around BB 6. The Cocktail Party held Wednesday, 7 Dec. was a huge success.

The Airwomen welcome AW2 Nicky Lortie from Station St. John and AW2 Karon Leffer from Portage la Prairie on contact training. Also we wish all the best to "Scotty" Lawson on her course at Rockcliffe and "Dee" Pope on her transfer to Bagotville—we hope you both don't freeze in that neck of the woods.

Agnes Blichon is back from leave at Chilliwack. Dolly Maas wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Airwomen in appreciation for their thoughtfulness and sympathy in the passing away of her mother.

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Recreation Ramblings

Our congratulations to the Corporals Club. Not only did they raise over \$700 for the Victoria Protestant Orphanage, but they also provided station personnel and their guests with a most enjoyable evening. The local merchants are also to be congratulated for supporting this worthy cause. Their prizes were out of this world for the small admission price, not to mention the dance and the fine entertainment presented free of charge by the performers.

Speaking of bingos, the final bingo of 1960 is tonight at 2000 hrs in the Rec Centre. Jackpot \$500 and it must go. Be sure to come out early and get your favorite seat.

The poor old soccer team has been running into some unfortunate breaks. The fields have been too wet and the weather too bad for their games the last few Sundays and they have had all games cancelled. With Christmas coming up they will be getting out of shape.

The hockey players have been making their weekly trek to Nanaimo every Sunday and although they are not winning many games, the ones they lose are close, exciting ones. Some of you TV sports addicts would be well advised to go for a drive any Sunday afternoon to Nanaimo, and see two hockey games in the flesh. You'd be surprised, and the fresh air doesn't hurt a bit.

The kiddies' Christmas party is all lined up now. This party is sponsored by the PMQ Council, and the four messes are all chipping in. This year we are actually having two parties in one. One party at 1300 hours on Wednesday, Dec. 21 for the pre-school children, and the other at 1830 hours for the older children—school age up to 12 years. The party will consist of treats, movies, minicircle and juggling act, a trained dog act, and of course a sing song and visit from old St. Nick. Come on kids—let's see you all at the Station Theatre on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

The Intersection rifle shooting has been held up with the renovations to BB 22, but the shoots will start early in the New Year. Team shooting will be on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights, with Wednesday night being held open for the Station Rifle Club. Anyone interested in competition shooting should contact WO2 Veitch at Local 106.

The curlers are planning a Christmas bonspiel on December 29 and 30, and 24 teams have indicated an interest in this affair. It should be fun and we understand the prizes are of a very high calibre.

After this Saturday curling, the draw-master, F.L. Bill Smith, has the task of redesigning the whole league. By putting the six best rinks in the A league, the next six in the double A, and so on. From the winners of these, he will then have the highly criticized task of selecting the best four rinks to represent the Station in the 5 Air Division Bonspiel to be held in Vancouver in early February. The winner of this Bonspiel will

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SPORTS NEWS FROM EASTERN CANADA

FOOTBALL NOTES

Now that the "pigskins" have been safely tucked away in lockers (or stolen by fans) and the cheering or crying, depending whether you are the Easterner or Westerner, has died away, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have aided me in writing this column. First, my Eastern correspondent who has faithfully kept me advised with his "on the spot" reports of the Big Four... so thanks to my 11-year-old brother, Bill. And secondly to my wife, Jean, who carefully proof reads for me. Getting these articles past her is more difficult than writing them!

For those who have not already heard, veteran Tobin Rote has agreed to quarterback Toronto Argos in the 1961 Big Four season.

Montreal's red hot Canadians are begging to show their overwhelming power and are slowly drawing away from the rest of the pack. Apparently Detroit's pace has caught up with them as the listless Wings dropped two weekend games to the Habs. Dickie Moore joined the 200 goal club in Saturday's 6-4 win in Montreal. The only bright spot in Sunday's game at Detroit was Howe's rink-long rush with 13 seconds remaining to put the damper on a shutout for

FLASH: Latest rumor has it that F.L. Smith will be transferred in early January. Any volunteers for draw-master?

Airforce Trades School

Trades training in the Royal Canadian Air Force is a full time commitment, not only in the Regular Force but also in the Auxiliary, the reserve of fully trained air and ground personnel who give up their weekends to support the air force.

Technical training units, commonly referred to as TTUs, are established in the larger cities across Canada. These units are staffed by regular force personnel who see that the auxiliary flying squadrons are self-supporting in the way of maintenance personnel, training technicians and tradesmen to the high standards necessary to keep our aircraft flying safely.

Regular force support personnel provide a guiding hand at the supervisory level of the squadrons, but an ever-increasing amount of the work is being put on the shoulders of the part time or auxiliary airmen.

Providing this manpower in the Vancouver area is No. 3055 Technical Training Unit, based at Station Vancouver, near downtown Vancouver.

Young men and women of high school age and over are offered the opportunity of learning a trade and becoming a member of the vast body of men and women who serve their country, either as a career or as a part time job.

Selection is carried out at the recruiting units, and after medical examinations, suitability tests and interviews, successful applicants are enrolled in the RCAF Reserve.

An indoctrination course is held on weekends during April and May. Lectures during this period cover administrative procedures, RCAF customs, regulations and history, drill and discipline.

A series of tests during this period are designed to show what specific trade the recruit is best suited for. This ensures the airman will work more efficiently, find greater satisfaction in his work and progress more quickly. The training thus becomes of more value to himself and the RCAF.

Training covers the fields of aero engine maintenance, airframe construction, plus operation and repair, and also covers the many varied instruments and electrical devices used in aircraft. Girls are offered clerical training, cover-

Charlie Hodge. Final score—Montreal 5, Detroit 1.

Toronto Maple Leafs also picked up a pair of wins over the weekend downing Chicago 5-2 Saturday, and 6-1 Sunday. Frank Mahovlich picked up 5 goals to jump his total to 26 goals in 29 games. The big left winger has an excellent chance to overtake Maurice Richards record season total of 50. Frank has moved to fourth place in the individual scoring race.

New York and Boston, still battling over the cellar spot, emerged Monday morning with one point separating them. The Rangers defeated Boston Saturday 3-0 in the Bruins lair. Sunday, at New York, Boston had to put two goals together 45 seconds apart with six minutes left to manage a 2-2 draw.

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Montr.	18	7	44	113	87	40
Toronto	14	10	5	94	75	33
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New Y.	9	15	3	83	98	21
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The following morning we split up. Guy and Wally dropped us off at the ranger's cabin about four miles further up the west arm of the Nighthawk. While they continued on up the river we planned to take a trail which would lead us west away from the river.

This trail after crossing several high ridges would take us through swamp and muskeg country where there were several small lakes — promising moose country. Guy and Wally were to pick us up at the ranger's cabin at about 4 p.m. on their way back.

We shouldered our guns and backpacks and trudged on past the ranger's cabin and the forestry tower then down trails pounded into mush by moose hooves.

We passed an old abandoned Barite mine with its buildings resembling a ghost town. Every one of its hundreds of windows were smashed. The floors were slowly crumbling and giving way to the workings of weather and time. The tall framework of the mine shafts stood with their rusted skeleton-like arms seeming to proclaim their pride in the mine's productivity in years passed.

As we trudged along we were amazed at the number of partridge we saw. We came upon a beaver dam which was approximately 100 yards long. The dam zig zagged across a wide expanse of water and afforded us an excellent foothold one and a half feet wide across the swampy muskeg.

We travelled about five miles up the trail with at least a dozen side trips into as many small and large swampy lakes without spotting a single moose. If I had not personally counted 16 moose last July I would have sworn there was not a moose south of James Bay.

At 1 p.m. we started back up the trail completely disheartened. We had travelled two and a half days through some pretty rough country and now our hunting trip was practically over without seeing a moose. Our only hope was that Guy and Wally might have had better luck.

We had noticed on the way in that the partridge roosted mainly on the sunny side of the trail. This trail incidentally was really an old lumber road. We concentrated then on the sunny side of the trail on our return trip and had not

gone more than 10 yards when Frank flushed a lovely partridge which I brought down with a quick shot. This 410 was a beauty and before we had gone more than a mile we had our quota of six partridges.

We reached the river at our pre-arranged time only to find that Guy and Wally had left us skiff and motor. This meant that we had to paddle the four miles back to camp. We arrived just after dark. Guy and Wally had gone up the east arm of the Nighthawk and had not yet returned. They did come back of course, as soon as supper was nicely started, with two Mallards and three partridge, but no moose.

After supper Frank, Guy and Wally went out into the river directly in front of our camp to try their luck at fishing. I joined the hunters in the cabin to discover that they had no luck with moose either but had their full quota of ducks and partridge.

Frank and the others returned eventually with a 10 lb. pike and several pickeral.

The next day Frank and I had to prepare for our return to civilization. Guy and Wally however had not yet given up hope of getting their moose and decided to stay on an extra few days.

On their return they dropped in to my home, haggard and worn, to report they had seen no moose.

We haven't condemned this area as poor moose country. They are there. We saw them in July and I think next season we'll set off a few days earlier so that if we do run across any delays we will still reach moose country in plenty of time to spot one.

The following morning we were up at dawn. It was a bright day with not a cloud in the sky. If it had not been for the debris floating along the shore line we would have thought the previous night had been but a bad dream.

A quick close check of the shore line produced no sign of moose. Guy and I paddled several miles up the lake and

back without spotting any big game.

We finally decided to push on and as we came to the marshy mouth of the Nighthawk River we startled huge flocks of duck into flight. Fearing to fire lest we frighten any moose which might be in the area, we reluctantly held our fire and pressed on up the winding river.

About three miles upriver we met a launch. Strung across its bow was a medium sized moose which some lucky hunter was hurrying to get out.

We finally arrived at the North Canada Power Lines shack, which was located on the west bank of the river. Across a small bay from this shack was a two-room house owned by the Department of Lands and Forests. Several skiffs were tied up at the make-shift dock and hunters were busily engaged at their personal chores. One lad came down to greet us. He caught our rope and pulled our boat against the dock. "How's the hunting?" Guy called. "Plenty of ducks and partridge," he answered, "but no moose."

He pointed out a spot close to the camp where, he said, they had seen three moose crossing the river the previous night. "They must be up Moosonee by now, we sure couldn't find them today."

We finally headed off up the east arm of the river toward the old lumber camp.

We still had some distance to go and as we travelled along more and more ducks made their appearance until the temptation proved too great. Rounding the next bend in the river we were ready and brought down four lovely Mallards. We didn't care to risk more shots until we had reached our destination although we were sorely tempted by the multitude of ducks constantly appearing before us.

This lumber camp shack was also filled to capacity so Frank and I set up camp and prepared supper. Guy and Wally struck off down an old power lines trail to try their luck. They returned two hours later to report no sign of moose but with glowing stories of the bounty of partridge, two of which hung from Guy's belt.

They had found plenty of moose tracks but they were all a day or so old. It was uncanny that a country where we had seen so many the previous July could be so bare of these animals at this time. Where could they have all gone? We had only seen one on its way out that morning, and we had been told that moose never strayed far from a given area, yet Guy and Wally had travelled the power line for miles through excellent moose country while we had travelled the

entire length of the lake and river without seeing a live moose. Well, tomorrow was another day.

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These were the young gentlemen of the 3rd Comox (St. Peter's Anglican) Cub Pack, and proved the enthusiasm engendered by Cub Master LAC

Arnold Chadwick, and Asst. Cub Master Walter Helm, by turning out 29 strong for the occasion, out of a full complement of 30. The little green caps bobbed four at a time through the Neptune and Expeditor as they were shown through these aircraft, and an Aircraft Acceptance Check should be so thorough as the inspection these two aircraft were subjected to. From cockpit, to nose bubble, to tail cone. Everything was peered into, under, over and behind, and one wondered whether these were future pilots or customs inspectors. Very little

was overlooked in any section, and Ground Handling had the opportunity to display their equipment. The ME Compound was fully inspected, and Station Safety Equipment came in for its share of keen appraisal.

The day was a chilly one, and the cup that cheers was not forgotten as the little visitors were served cups of steaming hot chocolate in the squadron canteen.

Having arrived at 0900 hours, the Pack wended its excited way home at noon, with plenty to talk about at recess for quite some time to come.

A Visit to Station Yuletide

By REGINALD SEEYOU

In the past four years, considerable changes have taken place at the North Pole, the legendary home of Santa Claus. At that time, the Department of National Defence established a radar site where St. Nick had previously dwelt for centuries untold. To find out what changes had occurred in the life of Santa Claus since the advent of the DEW line, your roving correspondent has journeyed to the farthest extremity of the North to give you another exclusive first for the Totem Times.

Seeyou: "Mr. Claus, at this time of the year the eyes of all the world are focused on jolly old Santa Claus. In view of the Air Force maintaining a radar site at the North Pole, have they had any effect on your life and that of your co-workers?"

Santa: "Unfortunately, Mr. Seeyou, I must confess that the traditional celebration of the festive season has lost some of its charm from former years."

Seeyou: "In what way, Mr. Claus?"

Santa: "During the reign of the last Minister of Defence, an efficiency team was sent up from AFHQ to evaluate my organization and suggest ways of making Christmas more efficient."

Seeyou: "Mr. Claus, I fail to see why the Dept. of National Defence would have any interest in Santa Claus. After all, you are not a member of the armed services."

Santa: "That is where you are wrong my lad. With the Air Force moving in, as compensation for using my property, the government granted me an annual pension and also made me the honorary CO of Station North Pole."

Seeyou: "Surely Mr. Claus, for this was done in the spirit of recognizing your position as the untitled leader of the children of the world."

Santa: "Well my lad, that is what I had thought at first, but shortly after they issued me a uniform, gave me a regimental number and issued me a drill manual!"

Seeyou: "But that's preposterous Mr. Claus! You don't mean to tell me that they actually conscripted jolly old St. Nick?"

Santa: "Not only did they conscript me, but shortly thereafter, the SWO showed me a section of QR (Air) that mentions the fact that members of the RCAF are forbidden to wear beards unless they have medical grounds!"

Seeyou: "Amazing!"

Santa: "Exactly. However, the SWO, a kindly man, made one exception. He gave me permission, after checking with AFHQ of course, to wear

a false beard on Christmas eve providing I didn't abuse the privilege and wear it while on duty the rest of the year."

Seeyou: "But Mr. Claus, surely the Dept. of National Defence would not interfere with a man of your stature."

Santa: "Mr. Seeyou, unfortunately that is only a small matter. The larger issue is that they have taken away my... Ho! Ho! Ho! (at this point, he broke into a chuckle which made his tummy, if you'll excuse the expression, shake like a bowl full of jelly)."

Seeyou: "Please continue Mr. Claus."

Santa: "The Air Force primarily objected to my wearing a red suit on the grounds that it showed sympathy to a certain political system and two months ago, DRO's laid down that henceforth my dress would be no less than a Mess Kit!"

Seeyou: "But Mr. Claus, that is impossible."

Santa: "Not only that sonny, but all letters from little children letting me know what they wanted for Christmas were to be made out in the form of a memorandum addressed to the commanding officer, Station Yuletide." For this purpose, every family was issued with a manual on service writing and the Air Force let it be known that the major decisions to give gifts would be through compliance with the proper rules of writing memorandums. To this end, ten personnel administration officers have convened a board to study these memos and advise me of the most worthy entries."

Seeyou: "Of course Mr. Claus I know you are joking. Ha, ha! I admire your delicate sense of humor and let me say it has been a pleasure interviewing you. By the way, before I depart for warmer climates—could I make one small request?"

Santa: "Well, it's a little early for Christmas, ho ho, but you have been kind to listen to me. What would you like?"

Seeyou: "Could you lend me your copy of the Manual of Service Writing?"

PMQ Council Report . . .

For the new PMQ occupants, it may be of interest to know that each three-month period, the sum of \$1.50 is deducted directly at the source, in advance. This amount goes to the council treasury (for use as they see fit). The next deduction will be on the January 15th pay (Special note—The original \$800 borrowed to get the Community Council on its feet has just been fully repaid).

The Youth Recreation Committee has requested \$130 for purchase of a record player for the dancing class, and also to establish the Stamp Club and Model Building Club. The amount of \$200 was voted to the YRC, the balance to be kept on hand for future needs.

The children's Christmas party is to be held on December 21, Wednesday, in two sessions. Pre-schoolers at 1:15 p.m. and schoolers, 12 years and under, at 3:30 p.m. The program is being held in the Station Theatre this year. It will include a cartoon carnival,

a live entertainment act by a nine-year-old girl from Vancouver, and, of course, Santa himself and a bag of treats. The council voted \$150 towards costs and each mess will be asked to contribute \$50.

Curling is open to the RCAF dependent children on Mondays and Thursdays in Court-enay for a cost of 25c per child. There is room for 48 children, and this will require eight adult monitors.

Leaders are required for a new pack of Cubs which is now being organized.

The parking areas in the new PMQ area will be marked and numbered as soon as the wet weather breaks. One-way streets will be in effect there soon, allowing residents to park their cars on one side of the street only. The barbed wire fence at the property line of the new PMQ was reported broken, and is being attended to.

The gravel pit behind the old PMQ is being filled in, thus eliminating the drowning

hazard for the children.

It was requested that all sand boxes be filled with new sand, excluding the PMQ School playground, which is to be moved in the near future.

Teen Towners Dance Planned

The Airport Teen Town is holding a semi-formal Christmas dance on December 29, in the Airport School gym. Guests may be brought by invitation only, and the invitations may be obtained at PMQ 4 or 5. Parents are cordially invited to attend without invitations.

Music will be supplied by the Trendstyles and the admission for adults or non-members is only \$1.00 per couple or 75c per person. Any member with a white membership card will be admitted free.

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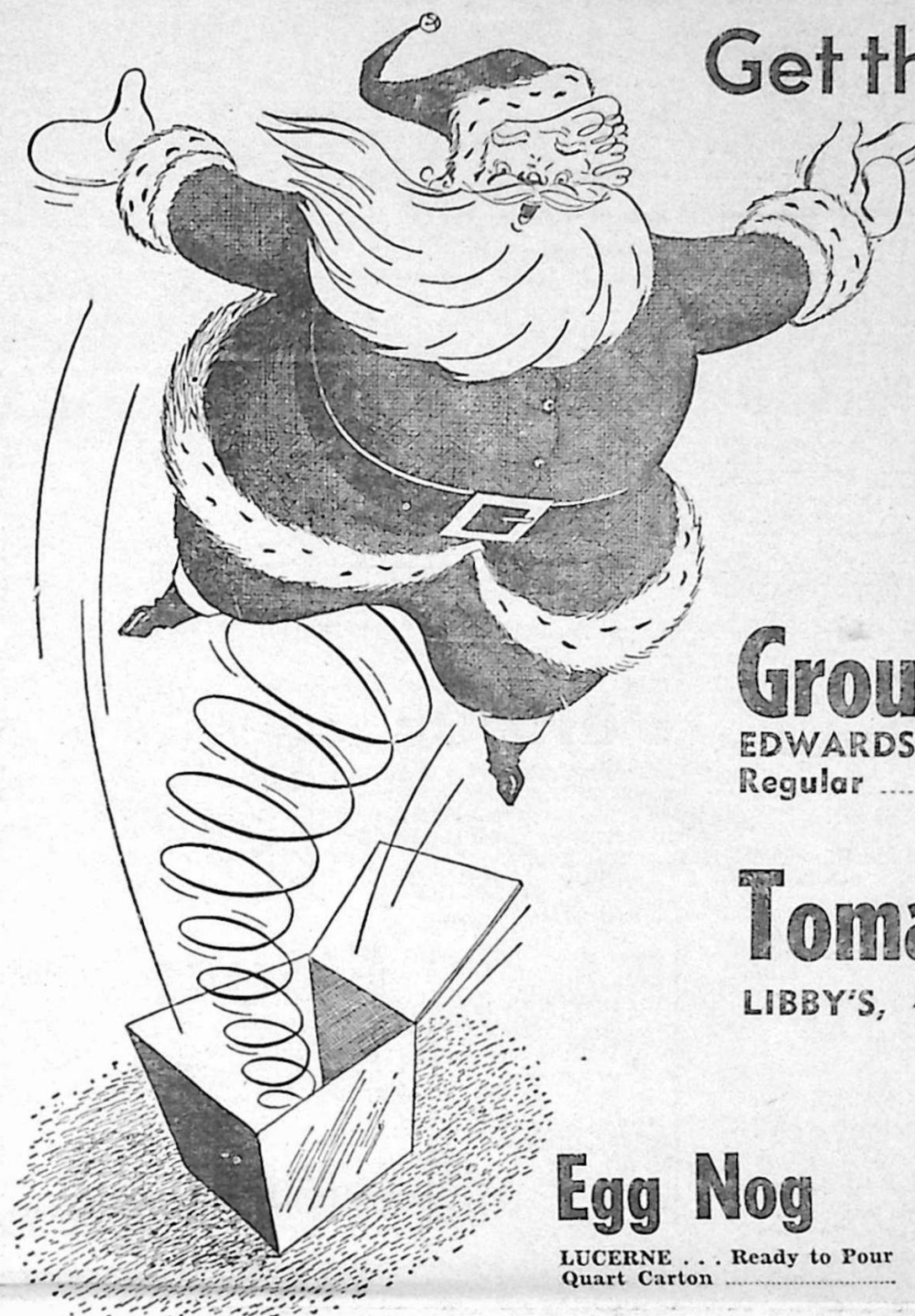
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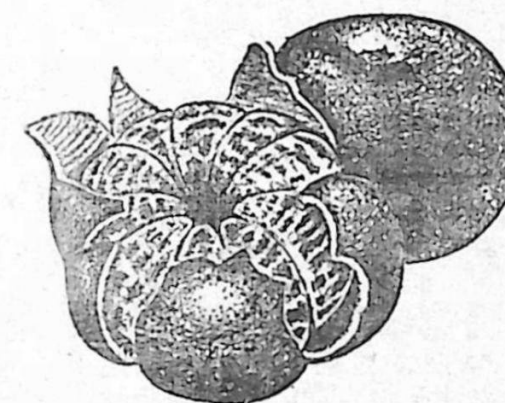
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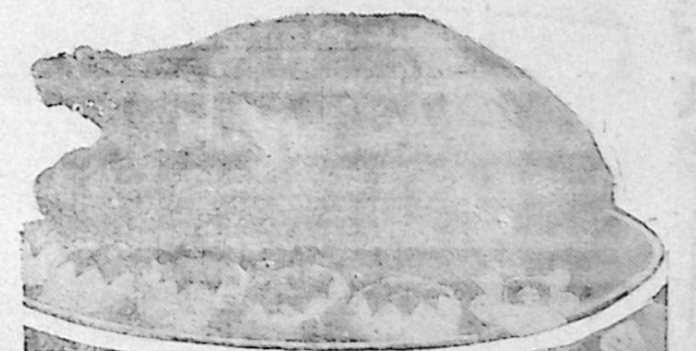
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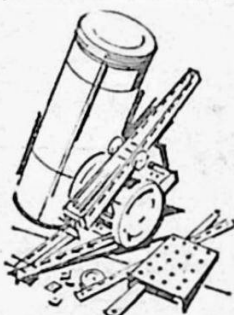
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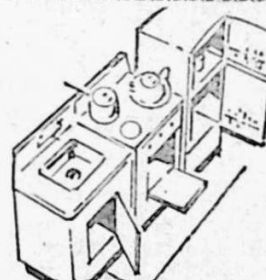
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