

# HAPPY NEW YEAR 1961!



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## Santa Visits Comox 1000 Kids Entertained With Popcorn and Pups

By MRS. V. GOLD

Have you ever organized a Christmas party for approximately one thousand children? If you haven't, let me say that at first, it is rather a frightening thought.

You start by bringing it up in the New Business section of the community council meeting. (P.S.—If you intend being the next Publicity and Social Events Controller, may I suggest you bring this subject up at the November Meeting rather than the December Meeting, to prevent the S Rec O from the possibility of a heart attack!) However, F/L Wheeler came through with flying colours and was always handy with suggestions and right answers throughout.

The day preceding the party, the Rec Centre looked just like Santa's workshop, where twelve female volunteers plus about six male "overseers", packed bags and more bags of popcorn and candy treats.

Cartoon projected by Cpl. Zarecki started off the program on Wednesday the 21st. Great amounts of popcorn were being munched simultaneously. (May I take this opportunity to thank the Station Treatre Janitor who must have had a bumper crop of debris, including 1000 popcorn bags!)

Cpl. Bail and F/L Robinson led the carol singing, accompanied by S/L Crossfield on the piano.

Sgt. Wiener, as Master of Ceremonies, went ably about his job introducing the first attraction, 12-year-old Shelby Morris in her unicycle act. Shelby's variations on the unicycle including juggling and skipping, brought much applause, as the children sat fairly spellbound.

Then came forty trained Scotch terriers. The doggie Santa Clause in his sleigh with his doggie reindeer all in harness pulled him on a complete tour of the theatre, returning to the stage to do more tricks and daring feats on high ladders.

It is hoped that "Santa Claus" Topping didn't melt away completely before finishing his four-hour session on his throne in the theatre lobby. I imagine even a small "ho ho ho, Merry Christmas" was getting to be a major effort at the end of nearly 1000 children.

Do you know that before the last child left the theatre Wednesday, approximately 55 people had aided in the planning and completion of this Christmas party? I have never seen more co-operation on any one

project before, and I would like to say a great big thank you for making this job a comparatively simple task. Besides those I have previously mentioned, there are always those "behind the-scenes" types, who may seem forgotten, but really were appreciated. They included our artist who made the handbills, the decorating committee, the CE people who cut and erected the trees, the volunteer candy packers, the airwomen who handed out treats, the electricians with their spotlights and special lighting, and the Service Patrol who directed traffic around our young ones.

There were approximately 100 bags of treats left over at the end of the party, and I think you will be pleased to know that they were gratefully accepted by Billy Brown for his Christmas Cheer Fund to go into Christmas hampers, for the local district.

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See Christmas Party

### Airport Teen Town To Hold Dance

Tonight, Thursday, Dec. 29 is the big night for the Airport Teentowners, as they swing into the festive season with their semi-formal dance starting at 9:00 p.m. in the Airport School gym.

Permission has been granted for the Teentown to use the old Corporals' Club building for future meetings and dances until such time as it is torn down.

Parents are invited to attend the dance tonight, and with luncheon being served, and music by the Trendstyles, it promises to be a lively and enjoyable evening.

### Bishop Dedicates Catholic Chapel

At an impressive ceremony recently, the handsome new Roman Catholic Chapel of Our Lady of Fatima was formally dedicated at Station Falconbridge. His Excellency, Most Reverend Alexander Carter, DD, of North Bay, head of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault St. Marie officiated, and praised the way in which the armed forces try to care not only for the physical needs of their numbers, but of their spiritual welfare as well.



Santa listens patiently as one of the many children attending the Children's Christmas Party, tells him that she has been good, and what she desires for Christmas.

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### School Inspector Addresses P.T.A.

Mr. E. E. Hyndman, Chief Inspector of Schools, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Airport Parent-Teachers Association held on December 14. Mr. Hyndman, accompanied by Mr. C. T. Rendle, inspector for this district, was representing the Honourable Minister of Education who was unable to attend.

Following a short business meeting, Mr. Hyndman gave a talk on the problems of moving from province to province and the effect of these moves on children's education. He also explained and compared the educational standards of British Columbia to that of the other provinces.

After his talk he held a question and answer period. As service personnel are continually moving across Canada, the guest speaker was kept busy answering the many and varied questions.

To conclude this portion of the meeting, Mr. Rendle urged all parents to come to him with any specific problems in this regard. Following this it was decided that pamphlets would be issued to all incoming personnel giving them pertinent information on placing their children in school upon arrival at Comox. It was felt that in this manner many problems would be avoided, especially for children in the higher grades.

The executive were pleased with the attendance at this meeting and hoped that the parents would continue to take interest in and support future P-TA meetings.

The chairman of the Airport P-TA, F/O R. H. Osborne, then moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Hyndman and Mr. Rendle and with the serving of refreshments, the evening was concluded.

### OLD FRIENDS REUNITED



On behalf of the Corporals' Club, Cpl. Hugh Barber presents a cheque for \$700.00 to the Victoria Protestant Orphanage. For Cpl. Barber it was a reunion, since he lived in the orphanage for seven years, and when the Corporals' Club were deciding on a charitable organization to donate the proceeds of their "Fantabulous" Bingo, he suggested the orphanage. Pictures here with him are (left to right) Mr. Williams, Mrs. Woodrow and the matron, Mrs. Barner.





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## Editorials

### Drinking and Driving

A cause of many accidents is the drinking driver. Drinking and driving spell T-R-A-G-E-D-Y! The drinking driver often fails to realize the seriousness of his condition. Consequently even a small amount of alcohol can slow driver reaction enough to bring tragic consequences. National Safety Council figures show that drinking is in:

One fatal adult pedestrian accident in four.

One out of every six accidents involving the death of a driver or his passengers.

Drunk drivers are among the highways deadliest enemies. It is wise to adopt the attitude that it is your social duty to keep drinking persons out of the drivers seat.

On this station, this duty is left up to the AFP's at the gate. Please remember that they are only doing their job, and it is for your own safety that these precautions are taken.

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### Chapel Chimes

#### CATHOLIC CHAPEL

F/L F. J. Bourque  
NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Epiphany Friday 6th January  
MASSES 10 a.m. 4:40 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.  
Senior Choir: Parish members -  
Men and Women, directress:  
Mrs. Mary MacDonald, Organist:  
Mrs. Beryl Sheard, Rehearsals:  
Thursdays 7 p.m.  
Junior Choir: Girls from the  
PMQ's Directress: Mrs. Beryl  
Sheard, Organist: Robert  
Sheard.

Whenever a Church I pass  
I always make a visit,  
So that when I am  
carried there at last,  
The Lord won't say  
"Who is it?"

#### Big Party Held At Great Whale

At Great Whale River, on the eastern shore of Hudson Bay, 700 miles north of Montreal, the Airforce and a number of civilian companies held their third annual party for the Eskimos and Indians of that district. Part of the festivities included a Miss Eskimo and a Miss Indian contest. "It's probably the first such contest in Northern Canada," said S/L Tom Goldring, CO of Great Whale. Clothes, not always important in ordinary contests unless there aren't many of them, will be all important in the Great Whale contest. Approximately 400 Eskimos and Indians attended.

#### PROTESTANT CHAPEL

F/L W. C. Hewitt  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1961  
Instead of Sunday School on New Year's Day, the children, and parents, are invited to a FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE to be held in the chapel at 10 a.m.

#### WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR

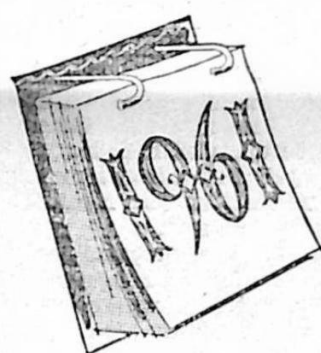
Once William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, said at the time of a prominent wedding, "We all wish you happiness, but our wishes cannot give it." So the wish comes to you—"A Happy New Year"—but the wish alone cannot give it.

But what are some of the insights that makes for happiness? First the happiness must come from within. Unless the inward spirit is right there can be no Happy New Year—Pray like the Psalmist—"Search me O God and know my heart, try me and know my reins—and see if there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way everlasting." Any ingredient for true happiness is so to live that the memory of our days will always be a joy—no remorse—no misgivings. Make confession to God in your daily prayers and receive and know His Divine forgiveness.

Finally, you will not go wrong if you plan your happiness according as you read God's word—"It is the lamp unto your feet—and the guide unto your path." One of the first things you may read in the New Testament is a great

guide to happiness—"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness," said Jesus and all these things including happiness—shall be added unto you."

I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I might tread safely into the unknown," to which he replied — "Go out and put your hand into the hand of God—that shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."



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## Wanted, One Goat, One Jeep ... and Lots of Actors

If anyone has even had the ambition to co-star with a goat and a jeep, then the Astral Players will provide that chance in the near future with the



production of "The Teahouse of the August Moon" which is scheduled for a start next week.

Casting for the production of the John Patrick stage and screen success is scheduled for Wednesday and Friday, January 4th and 6th, in the station theatre. Presentation date is March 2.

The play, most ambitious to be undertaken by the airforce group—and probably the most ambitious production for any amateur group north of Victoria—calls for a cast of 20 characters plus some extras to make up a family and the Women's League of Democratic Rights in the Okinawan village where the action is set.

A good many people will be required for the elaborate set which calls for four different sets with ten scene changes. The play also calls for a goat which has an important, although brief part, and a jeep.

The goat should be easy to come by but the jeep has set the executive of the Astral Players scratching its collective head but they are confident that a jeep will be there.

Director of the play is Ted Gaskell who is well known locally as actor and director.

In festivals, Mr. Gaskell has won a number of acting awards plus a best director's award for his own adaption of part of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." He also produced "Blithe Spirit" for the Comox Valley Drama Club before leaving to join the Astral Players.

More recently he was drama director and set designer for the



The touring Fire Prevention Team visits the PMQ area during the week prior to Christmas. Fire fighters, with station electricians inspect tree lights and extra installations for fire safety. Each household was given a NFPA pamphlet explaining the Christmas hazards and how to avoid disaster by fire during the festive season.

one-act opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors" for the Co-Val Choristers.

## Looking Back on 1960

#### MARCH

First edition of Totem Times off the press on March 17th Youth Rec. program off to a good start.

#### APRIL

407 returns from Noris after successful exercise with US Navy. F/L W. Smith wins Station Bonspiel.

#### MAY

Protestant Choir performs Easter Cantata "Olivet to Calvary". Maj. Gen. Muehlheisen, and 90 American officers and NCO's visit for a combined mess dinner. 409 has a huge and successful reunion.

Youth Rec Council shows achievements with an "Open House" night.

#### JUNE

Official opening of the new sports field. 409 Ground Crew top rocket meet with near perfect record. Construction started on airforce marina.

#### JULY

Station Comox plays host to 15,000 people on airforce day, July 9th. Work begins on new entrance gate and perimeter fence.

#### AUGUST

WO, Yaegeer, SWO, leaves for Ottawa. RAF Aircadets visit station.

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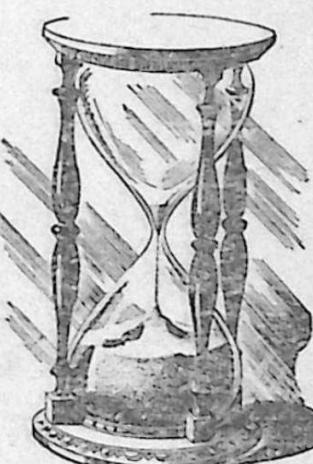


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# The Dance of the Demons



W.C.J. McCarthy

Now look here, Mr. K., you keep your cotton pickin' submarines to heck out of my ocean, or you'll get your Christmas goose for free.

On the evening of Friday, December 16, the Station Recreation Hall staggered under the impact of 407's annual Christmas Dance. In the belief that one picture is worth a thousand words, herewith pictorial erratum of the occurrence. Photos by Zarecki.



## DEMON DOIN'S

by GOSH

Can't find anyone around the old Demon Corral at this time of year from whom we can glean a little gossip, those who aren't on Christmas leave are either stood down, or just plain elsewhere. So we won't even try.

However, we'd like to say to our Brother Demons, to that other Squadron, to all Station personnel, in fact to everybody: "Hope you had a Merry Christmas, and wish you one and all, a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, with a great many more in store".



LAC W.A. SALTER &amp; W.C.J. McCarthy

Last year when he told me this one, he at least had ONE engine left, now he's gliding from Potsdam to Dover with no power, and he's just had a wing shot off. Hope he makes it before "Good Night, Ladies".

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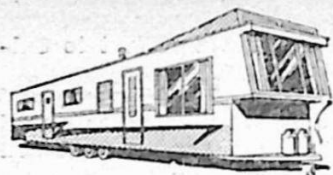
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The Corporals' Club Annual Christmas Bingo came off with its usual success. Here, the big winner of the night, Cpl. Don Malloy, left, is shown having his winning card checked by Cpl. Brown, Vice PMC, centre and Cpl. Ken Edlund, right. Photo by Zarecki

## The Dental Corner

### Fluoride in Drinking Water

Fluoride compounds of many kinds are among the commonest components of the earth's crust. All of these compounds are more or less soluble in water. Hence most water which has been in contact with the earth for any considerable length of time contains more or less fluoride, depending on the variations in the extent and the solubility of the fluoride deposits. There are few well-waters which do not contain a measurable amount. All sea water contains about 1.4 parts per million. Distilled water, rain and snow are almost the only absolutely fluoride-free waters. The City of Courtenay and Comox contains no measurable amount of free fluoride ion.

More fluoride is ingested from water than from any other source. It has been known for more than a quarter of a century that the water-borne fluorides have a highly selective action upon the developing of teeth even when the water contains such an infinitesimal concentration as one part of fluoride to one million parts of water. A quart of such water, which is about the amount consumed by an average person in a temperate climate in one day, provides an intake of about 1.2 mg of fluoride.

It is also derived from many common foods. Fish is a particularly rich source. It is found in fowl and other meats, and in such cereals as rye, wheat and rice. It is present in so many foods that some are eaten every meal. The average intake from all food sources is about 0.1 to 0.3 milligrams per day. This makes a total of

about 1.3 to 1.5 milligrams daily from all sources in communities which have one part per million of fluoride in their water supplies. This is within the range found to be effective in reducing the incidence of tooth decay by about 65 per cent if consumed regularly during the total period of tooth formation. The resistance to caries acquired in this way, during the formative period of the teeth, carries over into adult life.

A child who has lived during his enamel-forming years on a fluoride-free or nearly fluoride-free water supply, such as we have here, and is then exposed to a fluoridated water supply will, even then, acquire a useful degree of caries resistance. This has been shown to happen in a case of teenagers who have moved from a place having a fluoride-free water supply to one having water fluoridated from a geological deposit of fluoride, or having it added by mechanical means. This phenomenon has been observed on a large scale in native teenagers present in places at the time mechanical fluoridation began. A reduction of about 20 per cent in the caries attack rate occurs within about one year of exposure to the fluoridated water.

Fluorides have the effect of rendering the teeth less soluble (but not insoluble) in the acids derived from the action of certain oral bacteria on sugar. Teeth which have been completely formed under the influence of an adequate amount of fluoride are much

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## THE SWO SAYS...

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In addition to their responsibilities for the supervision of the individual trade functions outlined in CAP 471, RCAF Trade Specifications, all NCO's, regardless of trade, are responsible for performing certain service supervisory activities.

In general terms, NCO's are required to support their superior officers in all matters related to the efficient operation of their sections. In addition all NCO's must recognise and practise their responsibilities with respect to the discipline, deportment, and general welfare of junior airmen.

More specifically, the service supervisory responsibilities of all NCO's are:

#### Section Supervision

Planning the workload and organizing the resources of time, space, material.

Directing the work of tradesmen.

Ensuring that procedures employed in their section conform to orders and regulations.

Enforcing security, fire, and safety regulations.

Ensuring that work areas are maintained to a satisfactory standard of cleanliness.

Promoting high standards of section efficiency, morale, and esprit de corps.

Reviewing work progress and other records and submitting to higher authority constructive ideas for the improvement of procedures or equipment, and ensuring that section duty analysis charts are available and current.

#### Administration

Co-ordinating activities with other sections.

Ensuring that all section supplies are properly procured, maintained, and accounted for.

Ensuring that orders and regulations are current and available.

Maintaining an interest in the general welfare of subordinate personnel with respect to working and living conditions.

Ensuring the maintenance of the prescribed standard of airmen's dress, deportment and discipline.

Ensuring that grievances are considered and the appropriate action taken.

Assessing tradesmen in practical proficiency and assisting superior officers in the completion of confidential personal assessments of subordinate airmen.

Preparing narratives or other reports concerning the experience and ability of tradesmen for presentation to higher authority in connection with recommendations for promotion, selection for courses, or Special employment.

Planning leave and duty rosters and parade states.



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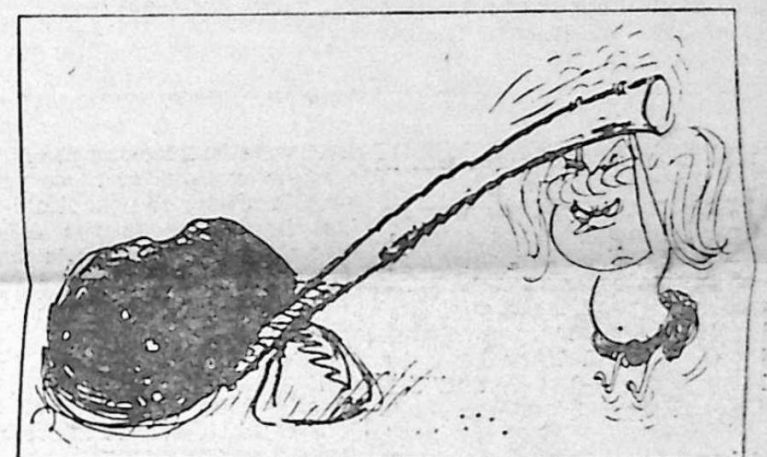
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## NEWS IN Sports

### Recreation Ramblings

No doubt the majority of you good people have been, and still are rambling from one party to another. This activity we wish to point out, is all part of our recreational life. What is recreation? There are many definitions but through them all runs the theme, and we quote an RCAF publication: "Activity engaged in voluntarily during leisure time for the sheer satisfaction and pleasure which is derived from it." Need we say more — Let's have a party.

Speaking of rambling — We hear our editor set some kind of record in that in one 12 hour period he went to some 8 parties over the night of the 26 and the morning of the 27 December. Can anyone beat that?

Recreational activities have been concentrated in the main on social activities of late and as such activities make poor copy, we feel enough has been said.

Before we wind it up for 1960, we would like to tip our hat to WO1 Horton and his service policemen and commissioners at the gate. Their task at the gate at this time

of year is anything but easy. Undoubtedly they have saved many of us from being in far worse trouble than having a rather cool reception at home. Our thanks to them all.

### COMM-CHATTER

by ROBERT A. CLARKE

The biggest news item this issue is that Mike Ninkovic's wife presented him with a 9 lb. 8 oz. baby girl on the 27th last. Congratulations to both. That is all the news, period.

I will fill out this column by extending our CO's caution that he expressed at our last meeting in the Airmen's club, and also by both Service and Civilian Safety Councils. That is the caution of driving during the holidays.

It has been estimated that a trained Airman is worth \$50,000 to the RCAF.

That's a lot of hay for our government to lose in a traffic tragedy. Along more personal lines we must also think of the sorrow and losses brought to relatives and dependants. In a two car crashes recently nine lives were lost, leaving 33 children without one or more parents. Don't try to pass it off as just happening to the other fellow, either. Accidents can and do happen to anyone, and are often caused by the "other fellow".

The Safety Council has also estimated that 50 to 60 percent of all accidents are caused by intoxicated drivers. Therefore the CO and the AFP's are most justified to prevent anyone from driving off the station who is unable to control their car.

So leave your cars at home, League Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Albani 54's	11	10	10	72	12	21	
Tyees	11	6	32	30	23	15	
RCAF	9	42	3	11	13	10	
Courtenay	11	3	17	23	53	7	
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## Sports from Eastern Canada

by Don Chapman

Midway through the festive season the standings are much the same as far as the hockey scene is concerned.

Christmas didn't appear to be much of a holiday for NHL players as two games were slated for Christmas eve and all six teams were at it the following night.

Montreal is still holding top spot with Toronto next and gaining slowly, followed by Detroit, Chicago, New York and Boston.

Boom Boom Geoffrion failed to set a record of goals in consecutive games, however he gets a big A for effort as he nine.

At this writing I have unconfirmed report that Big Frank Mahovlich of the Leafs scored his 31st on Sunday night. If this is true, he will also be drawing close to the record mentioned above.

### HOCKEY HEARSAY

... Billy Hicke of the Habs was unaware that his skate injured Leaf's Allan Stanley to the extent of a broken

fella, it just costs too much money when you consider that besides paying at least \$135.00 fine, you could be sued for thousands, spend time in jail, and possibly lose your car besides. So leave the old buggy at home and have a good time at the various New Year's functions.

jaw and 25 stitches. He visited Toronto's dressing room after the game to express his regrets ... rookie Bob Nevin of Toronto wears contact lenses when he play and credits his improved play to same ... Time magazine is about to do an article on defenceman Jack Evans of the Hawks ...

Johnny Bower of Toronto and Glen Hall of Chicago are the only NHL goalies to play in all their teams' games this season ... Canada's outstanding athlete of 1960 is Ron Stewart of the Ottawa Rough Riders, second goes to Bobby Hull of the Chicago Black Hawks and Harry Jerome of Vancouver was third choice. To you and yours, Happy New Year.



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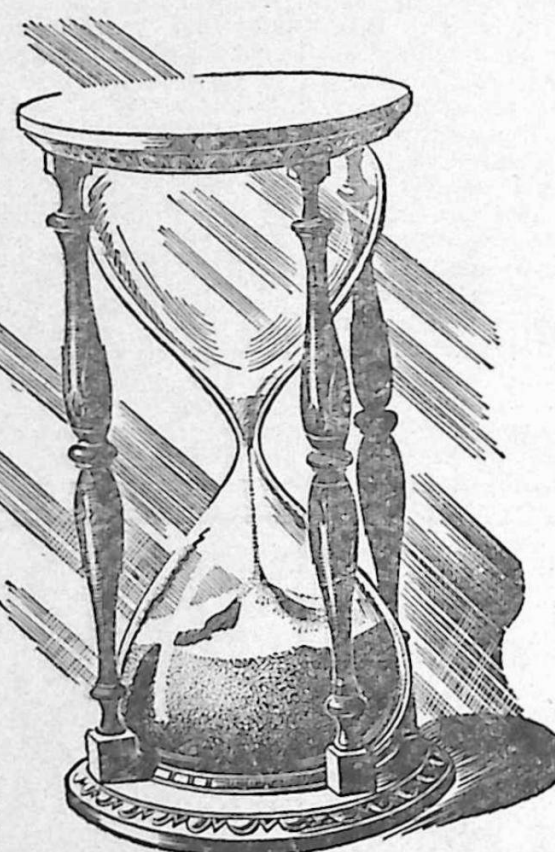
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## TO OUR FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS



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Saturday the 8th of November, I had the most exciting cruise it has ever been my pleasure to enjoy. Thursday and Friday has been beautiful sunny fall days and I fully expected Saturday to be also. However, I have since learned that two such late fall days are often followed by heavy fog.

When Laurie Nutt called for me at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday a light fog surrounded my home but at the Comox dock we broke into beautiful sunshine, although what appeared to be a light fog bank was rolling into Comox Bay.

By the time we had pumped the rain water out of the bilge and had loaded our gear aboard Laurie's 17 foot outboard cruiser a deep impenetrable fog had settled around us. So dense in fact that the main pier was invisible from the end of the King Salmon Dock.

Since we had gone to so much trouble we decided to follow through with our original plans, which were to fish Deep Bay.

We headed into the fog toward deep water in the centre of Comox Bay. After travelling to what we thought was the centre of the Bay we turned 90 degrees to port on a heading which we thought would take us out to the area of the of the Comox bell buoy.

We had travelled only a short distance when suddenly out of the dense fog (visibility was about 50 yards) there appeared a sandy beach. Although we did not feel we may not have travelled for enough we took this to be Tree (or Sandy) Island.

We immediately turned 180 degrees thinking it would return us to mid-channel intending to try a little blind navigation. We hadn't travelled far when out of the mist loomed the oil tanks at Royston. As yet we had made no effort to consult our navigation charts but were trying to clear the Bay before we did so. Our efforts at navigating by the seat of our pants was a dismal failure. However we were beginning to enjoy this. Remember, we were in no danger of being lost. No matter which direction we took so long as we had plenty of fuel and all the necessary safety gadgets aboard and we had checked into the guard house on leaving — we were perfectly safe and bound to hit either Denman Island

or Vancouver Island. We were very careful not to get out into the main channel of the Strait of Georgia of course, but even if we had, a half-hour or so of travelling would take us to land somewhere.

We decided though that our sixth sense was not enough to guide us through this blinding fog to some chosen destination so we dug out our charts, alarm clock, pencil and rule. On shore but an ordinary ruler would, we felt, be accurate enough.

We plotted a heading from the Royston oil tanks to the Comox Bay buoy, calculated the distance, set off at a set speed and low and behold we spotted the buoy at our precalculated time.

This, believe me, was a decided thrill for one who had never seriously studied a navigation chart. It's uncanny how one can cruise through an invisible blanket of fog and, using a chart, pencil, watch, ruler and compass and after a few simple mathematical calculations, arrive at a small dot in the middle of a large expanse of water.

It must have been a fluke — let's try it again. Again I bent over the chart, swung my rule back and forth made a few measurements, a few rapid calculations and shouted a to my skipper. After another precalculated time lapse, miracle of all miracles, there was Union Bay. Another success.

Well! This was simple! Let's try a tougher and longer one. Let's try for Denman Island Government Dock.

Back to my charts — another steer for the skipper — another success.

After a cold wet ride through the fog, our faces dripping wet, our bodies chilled in spite of heavy clothing and in spite of our elation over our successes, we were in dire need of hot nourishment. We pulled up to the dock and thoroughly enjoyed several ham sandwiches and two thermoses of coffee.

Warmed after our enjoyable lunch on board we walked up the steep hill, visited the small town and viewed the lovely little cottages nestled against the rocky shore-line overlooking the channel. We picked a few dozen oysters along the shore line and investigated a deserted lighthouse which was being gradually eaten away by the ever moving tides.

Looking out to sea was an impossibility, the fog now had reduced visibility to approx. 30 yards. In spite of our recent navigational successes I had slight misgivings and was anxious to be on my way again.

We decided to head for Union Bay and while Laurie slowly moved out of the sheltered government dock, I plotted our course. This time however, we miscalculated. We had not gone far enough out into mid-channel and as we steered our course, a long jutting point of land loomed out of the fog, a

## New Year's Resolutions—Strange Animals

The Kitchen Cynic

In these waning days of nineteen sixty we are made aware by muted underground rumblings that the spawning season of the New Year's Resolution has begun.

The New Year's Resolution, for these unfamiliar with the beast, is fairly short, and though weighty, rarely reaches any great size. An average New Year's Resolution of the last breeding season ranged up to about three inches and weighed slightly over two pounds. The excessive weight proved on inspection to be a product of the food preferences of the Resolutions; a representative number of stomachs yielding on the average half a plum pudding, two legs of turkey, and the better part of a quart of the alcoholic medium which the animal uses as digestive fluid.

New Year's Resolutions, so called because their short but intensive breeding season coincides with the yearly orbit of the earth and the sun, are in the main a short lived genus. Their survival as a

lightout at its very point. We steared 90 degrees to port, then, taking a bearing from this lighthouse, steared a course for Union Bay. Another success.

Then I plotted a course for the Comox Spit. This would take us one half hour at our present speed. When 32 minutes had gone by we began to have doubts and just as we were al-caculated, the spit leaped out most positive we had again mis- of the fog dead ahead. This I think, was the biggest thrill of the trip.

Believe me we were in intense fog. So much so in fact, that we had to plot our return course through Comox Bay and to the very dock.

The only moving object on the water were a few gulls and hundreds of Brant which we startled into fright in our cruise through the blinding fog. While we cruised along I amused myself by blowing on the very practical fog horn Laurie tghuwulegradhiple mu.oerplthresidentsG Sheardmhmhhhh carries onboard and a more erie sound I have never heard. Once we went through swells of a large ship which we could not see but which must have been proceeding down the Strait of Georgia.

We returned to Comox Bay at 1450 hours and checked in at the guard house by phone ten minutes later, right on schedule.

This was an experience I shall never forget and one that I hope to repeat. Fair weather sailing? That's for landlubbers. Give me the open sea (near shore) in a dense fog. This is the life for a salt such as I (from the Ottawa River).

live in this country, two died within three months and the third bit its owner on the large toe during May and had to be destroyed. For those of you who plan to adopt a New Year's Resolution at the beginning of the season we offer three points to remember: (a) They are expensive to produce (b) They are very hard to train. (c) The fur is valueless.

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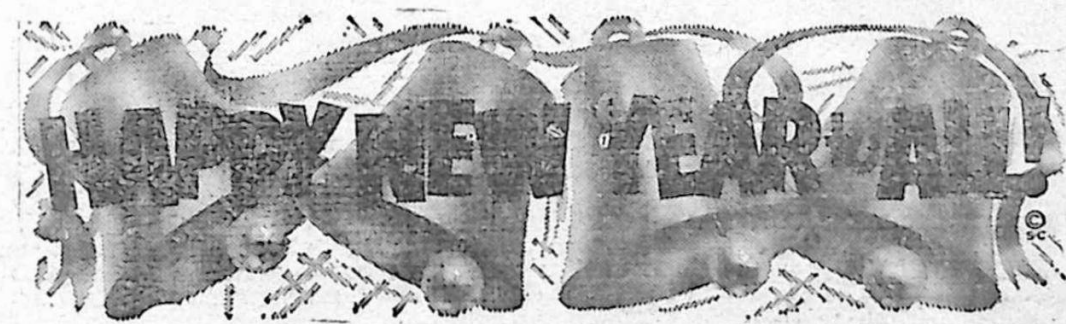


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### Christmas Party

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### Looking Back

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pays annual inspection visit. Station Comox in co-operation with local community groups contribute to "Comox Day."

Gen. Kuter, C-in-C NORAD, visits station, accompanied by his Deputy, A/M C. Roy Slemmon.

Station Comox wins 5 Air Div. Softball Tournament.

### OCTOBER

A/C Clements, AOC MAC, pays annual inspection to 407 squadron.

Chief Staff Officer, Coastal Command RAF, A/V/M Oulton tours 407 Maritime facilities.

Fire prevention poster contest originated by fire hall and

### Dental Corner

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more resistant to the initiation of caries and to its rate of progress within both the enamel and the dentine than

Totem Times.

Royal Roads Cadets visit station for familiarization trip.

### NOVEMBER

Wallace Gardens elect new council.

Navy frigates visit Comox Harbour and hold "Open House".

### DECEMBER

New Airmen's Mess opened officially on December 3rd.

Corporals held "Fantabulous Bingo" night.

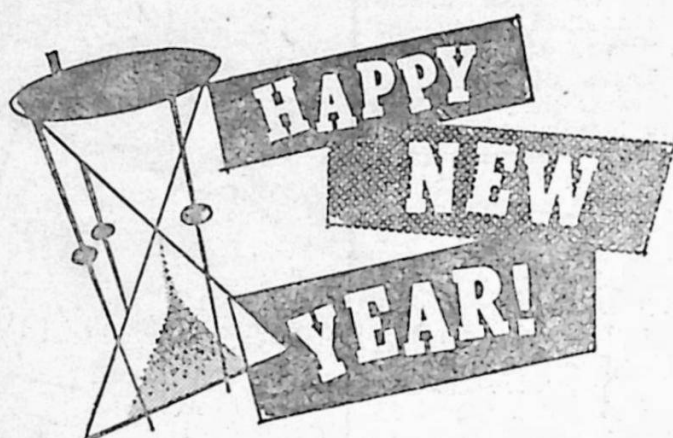
Rec Council accepted as 'bonafide' recreation commission by Community Programs Branch of Dept. of Education.

are those which have been formed in the absence of fluoride. It is possible to overwhelm the defences set up by fluorides. This can be done by the use of excess sweets, especially the sticky or hard kind, in the diet and between meals, and by the neglecting to remove food particles by brushing or washing out the mouth after eating.

Many Canadian community and individual water supplies have enough fluoride from underground deposits to reduce tooth decay by two-thirds. Some have much more than is needed for this purpose and their inhabitants have been consuming it for several generations without any effect other than the beneficial one of having little tooth decay. A considerable number of other Canadian communities, which were not so fortunate as to

select a site whose underlying geological structure would fluoridate their water for them at no cost, have begun to ship in and add fluoride to their water supply mechanically. Brantford, Ontario, was the first in Canada to adopt this procedure and now has been fluoridating mechanically for 15 years. Like some of its neighboring communities who, for generations, have been obtaining almost twice as much from underground deposits, it now has a greatly lowered prevalence of tooth decay.

Water fluoridation, a good diet, avoidance of excessive sweet sticky food, and brushing the teeth and gums after eating will prevent most tooth decay and gum disease. These four preventive measures constitute a dental care program that can be carried on at a very low cost and in the ab-



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THURSDAY - DEC. 29

ME and the COLONEL

Danny Kaye - C. Jurgens

NEW YEARS

NO SHOWS

TUESDAY - JAN. 3

THE BATTLE OF THE CORAL SEA

C. Robertson - Gia Scala

THURSDAY - JAN. 5

ONCE MORE WITH FEELING

Kay Kendall - Yul Brynner

SATURDAY - JAN. 7

THE CRIMSON KIMONO

Victoria Shaw - G. Corbett

SUNDAY - JAN. 8

MIDDLE of the NIGHT

Kim Novak - Fred March

TUESDAY - JAN. 10

THEY

CAME TO CORDURA

Cary Cooper - Van Heflin  
R. Hayworth - Tab Hunter



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