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407 Arm't Scores Again



Cpl. G. E. McMullen

Suggestion Award Pay Off Airmen

The Armament Section of 407 Maritime Patrol Squadron, a section which has been having its suggestions and ideas accepted with a regularity almost monotonous, has twice more proved that initiative and effort have their rewards.

Letters of Commendation and cashable tokens of appreciation have been received by two of 407 Sqn's Airmen: Cpl. C. E. McMullen for a suggestion concerning the clearance during flight of any jammed rounds from the areo IB retro launcher; and LAC J. Brown for the provision of a permanent static line fixture. Both ideas, of course, are for use on Neptune aircraft.

An excerpt from the Commendation reads: "Suggestions of the type that you have made for the improvement of aircraft maintenance contribute immeasurably to the progress and success we achieve in our daily tasks. It is a great credit to our service that you give willingly of your thought and effort, both on and off the job, in order that all may benefit."

Congratulations, gentlemen.



LAC J. L. Brown

Clinton Council Urges Liason

Better public relations with neighbouring Station Clinton, cleaner town streets, additional street lighting and drainage improvements were among projects put forward for consideration at the inaugural meeting of the Clinton Town Council.

As one councillor stated, "The Station is the best industry that this area has." He went on to say that every effort should be made for closer co-operation in the fields of community recreation and business.

Ceylon Officials Visit Station

Three members of the Department of Local Government from Ceylon toured Station Comox on Friday, 6 January.

These gentlemen, Oliver Gurusinghe, Roger Kapukotuwe and S. Kandiah, are studying the many aspects of local government in Canada as part of the Columbo Plan.

They have travelled to many communities across Canada, and before spending a day in Comox, they visited Victoria for a week and spent three days in Nanaimo.

They were accompanied on their tour by S/L S. H. Foye (Ret.), who is now a councillor with the village of Comox, and Mr. R. Ellis, also with the municipality.

STATION AYLMEYER TO CLOSE?

A delegation from Aylmer and neighboring municipalities will meet Defence Minister Harkness, January 23, to make a plea for the government to keep open the RCAF station here. The government announced in 1958 that the station would cease to be operated as an air force ground and technical training school early in 1961. The closing would put 250 civilian employees out of work and affect the economy of this Elgin County area.

ADC Officer Inspects Works

Senior Technical Staff Officer from ADCHQ, G/C W. Grant, flew to Comox on 18 January for the purpose of looking over the technical facilities and operations at this base, and to hold a staff liaison conference.

Of particular interest was the Winter Works improvement program which is now in effect. With the CTSO, W/C W. Quinn accompanying him, G/C Grant toured the station and viewed the various projects now undergoing renovation and improvement. He commented that the progress with which this station was proceeding was very satisfactory.

The STSO is responsible for all technical services in Air Defence Command, including Construction and Engineering, Mobile Equipment, Armament, Aircraft Engineering and Supply, but excluding Tele-communications.

CF-100's Return from Missile Alley

A group of airforce personnel and scientists returned to Quebec from Ascension Island after spending a year recording radiation from rocket nose cones re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

Seldom is the airforce called upon for such a delicate operation as was "Lookout", a missile minding job at the business end of Cape Canaveral's "missile alley."

While Lookout's two CF-100's and crews wrote a memorable niche in the airforce's history book during their year on the island, their return trip was a "leap-frog" transport job second to none. The problem was to recover and bring back the aircraft, personnel and equipment from the remote island.

EVEN TROUT COME BIG UP HERE!



Even in mid-winter the fishing is good. So claims Sgt. H. Moorecroft as he holds his prize, a 36", 19 1/2 lb. steelhead, taken from the Puntledge River near Meatle. The fish was taken in a 30-minute struggle on spinning gear, using fluorescent red wool as bait.

Canadian Players Here Soon

The Canadian Players' presentation of "The Tempest" will be at the Station Theatre at 2000 hrs. on 9 March.

The Canadian Players take to the road each autumn, returning to Toronto, the home base, in the spring. Hundreds of thousands of miles are travelled, and millions of theatre-goers see their performance. Performances of Shaw, Shakespeare and Ibsen are played in areas which have little chance of seeing production of plays by these great playwrights performed by a professional company. They were the first group to interpret literally the recommendation of the Massey Report "that a National Theatre should consist not in an elaborate structure, but rather in a company or companies of players who present the living drama in even the remote communities of Canada."

All seats for their performance will be reserved, and tickets will go on sale in mid-February. The first two days the tickets will be sold exclusively on the Station to Airforce personnel and their dependents. On the third day, the sales will be open to every one.

The price of the tickets will vary from one dollar to two dollars and fifty cents. Since

the theatre only seats 476 people, and the district school board has already requested 200 tickets for students studying Shakespeare in their curriculum, it is advisable to get your tickets early.

Valuable Stamp Found by Two

Two stamps with a total value of \$115 have been discovered by Youth Recreation Council Stamp Club members in the last two weeks.

Bob Lannan had a collection dream of a "find" come true recently when he discovered a 1913 £1 Australian stamp valued at \$85 tucked in the pages of a stamp catalogue bought in a second-hand store in Vancouver. Bob's father, Sgt. Brian Lannan, bought the book for \$2.50.

Derek Reeves, 11, discovered he owned a rare mint copy of an early Prince Edward Island stamp more than 100 years old. The stamp, valued at \$30, was found in his schoolboy collection during a stamp club meeting last week.

409 Nighthawks Win Volleyball

The right to represent Station Comox in the 5 Air Div Volleyball tournament was well won by the 409 Nighthawks.

Last week a playoff was held with the top four teams participating. The winner of this

tournament between 407 Navigators, Station Telecom, Flying Control and 409 was determined by elimination.

In the first game, Flying Control defeated the Navs., while the Hawks whipped Telecom. For the final, 409 took

three straight games 15-3, 15-3, and 15-11 in a best of five game series.

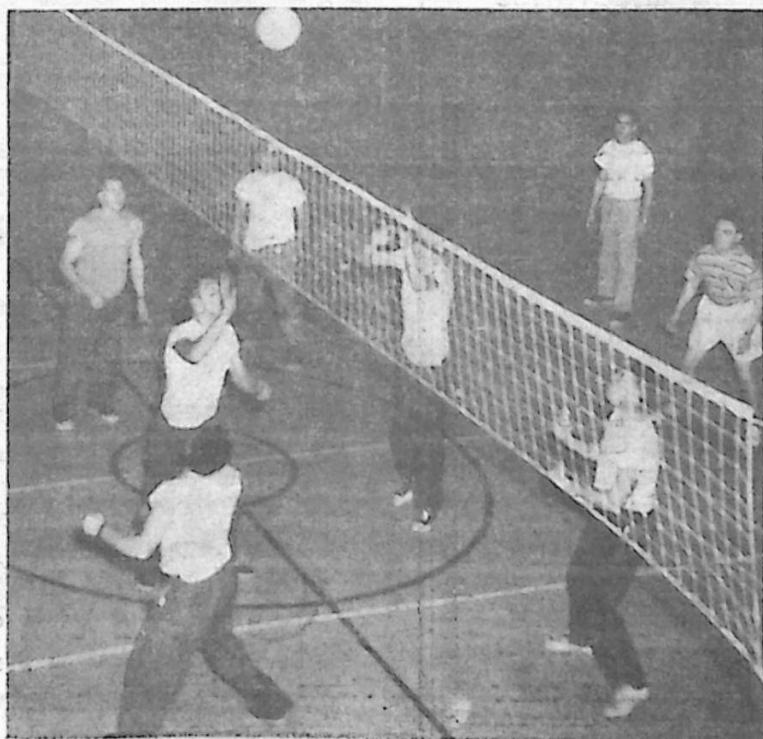
The forthcoming tournament to be held in the Rec Centre at Station Comox on Friday and Saturday, January 28 and 29, will involve Stations Holberg, Sea Island, Comox, and 5 Air Division. The winner will represent the Airforce in the Tri-Service Competition also to be held at Comox.

Crew Fixes Wheel While in Flight

The skill and foresight of a pilot and a Caribou crew were combined to save the aircraft from crash landing at an Egyptian air base.

Piloted by F/O A. I. Umbach, the aircraft was on a flight from El Arish to the UNEF air base near Gaza. Just before landing at Gaza, the captain noticed that the nose wheel failed to lock in a down position. This was rectified when one of the crew members climbed out and placed a locking pin in the wheel, insuring that it was locked.

The aircraft was landed with no further trouble.





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Editorials

This Mist, a threshold for mystery..

Fog represents a great hazard to driving. This simple statement is well known to everyone, yet does everyone take necessary precautions necessary to avoid accidents during this climatic condition?

Accidents are all too common and invariably the most over-worked comment used as an excuse is, "Gee, I didn't see you!"

It is especially so in this area since the combination of temperatures in the air masses and the nearness of the ocean make fog a frequent occurrence.

Probably the best advice one can give is to leave your car at home unless it is essential that you drive. Since most people have to drive some distance to the Station, this would seem inapplicable. Therefore, since people must use their cars, here are a few factors to remember.

Put Your Headlights On — To leave them off just because you can see the road is foolishness, since the main purpose for doing this is so that other motorists can see you. Only putting on parking lights is almost as bad as having no lights at all.

Drive At a Reduced Speed — Some people are of the opinion that since they know the road "like the back of their hand", that they can cruise along at their normal speed. This is all very well, until unexpectedly, an unfamiliar sight such as a turn, or a tree, or another car, or a pedestrian suddenly appear in view with the consequence that the motorist has to stop quickly, not only endangering himself, but any cars that may be following him.

These are simple, common sense factors, and most people will comment that they usually comply with them. If this is indeed true, why then are there still so many accidents during fog conditions?

More care and consideration for other motorists must be taken, not only during fog, but at all times. Why be selfish, IT'S YOUR LIFE!



CATHOLIC CHAPEL
F/L BOURQUE

Sunday Masses: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Week-day Masses Monday thru Friday, 4:35 p.m. — Saturday 8:30 a.m.

By now most of our Catholic families have received a copy of our Chapel Calendar. It's the beautiful Sacred Pictures Calendar, with our special RCAF Comox imprint on every page, giving in clear print the official name of our Chapel and the times of Masses, both Sunday and week-day Masses.

Your Chaplain has insisted on taking these Calendars personally to every Catholic home, whether one or both parents be Catholic. One reason for this first short visit to each home is to help us get our Chapel Office Records up-to-date.

Any Catholic family who has not yet received the Chapel Calendar, please contact the Chaplain's Office and we will rectify our listings.

On so many of our cards the address is either too vague or perhaps a change of address was not brought to our notice. A call to our office will straighten our records and also get the Calendar to your home. Mrs. Chapman, the Chaplain's Secretary, is very anxious to get all our records, both for the Catholic Chaplain and the Protestant Chaplain, up-to-date and then keep them up-to-date, and your Chaplains are certainly happy to have the efficient help of Mrs. Chapman. While Mrs. Chapman is sharp and efficient at her duties, it takes time to make up for the months when either there was no secretary available to the Chaplains or only a fill-in was temporarily granted.

We would greatly appreciate your phone call to our secretary please, to straighten out our listings if any Catholic family has not received the beautiful Chapel Calendar. We still have a few copies left and single persons also who call for them will be granted the calendar on a first come basis.

MOTHERS' POLIO MARCH

The Mothers' March will take place on Saturday, January 28 between the hours of 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Please support this worthy cause when a marching mother calls at your home Saturday night.

Chapel Chimes

PROTESTANT CHAPEL
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(Chaplain (P))

Holy Communion—8:30 a.m. Junior and Senior Sunday School—9:30 a.m.

Primary Sunday School—11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon—11 a.m.

Junior Confirmation Class—1 p.m., Thursday
Senior Confirmation Class—2 p.m., Sunday

Service of Holy Baptism—3:30 p.m., Sunday (Will those wishing to share in this Service of Baptism, please contact the office, local 53.)

CONCERNING THE DATE OF EASTER

Someone said to me recently: "Padre, when is Easter this year?" and I replied, "April 2nd", they said, "Oh, it's early this year, isn't it?"

Why is Easter sometimes early and sometimes late? This is a Church matter which concerns what are called moveable and immovable feasts. Of the immovable feasts, the best known is Christmas—always—on December 25th. It means this anniversary is fixed to a calendar date and never changes. The movable feasts, however, are all dependant upon Easter, which has no fixed calendar date. Due to some

prejudices in the Early Church, the date of Easter was a matter of some contention, and finally a compromise was arrived at, whereby the date of Easter became determined by the Full Moon. So we arrive at this definition—Easter, is always on the first Sunday after the full moon which is on or after the 21st day of March, but if this full moon happens on a Sunday, then Easter Day is on the Sunday following.

Sounds complicated, but this is the rule. So we speak of Easter being early or late.

In 1964, it is on March 29th, early, and in 1965 it is on April 18th, late. If you look in the front of the Prayer Book you can find the date of Easter up to the year 2,000 A.D.



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Physical Fitness Programme for Ladies

Some queries have been received with reference to a dependent ladies' physical fitness class. This class would be held in the early afternoon one or two days a week from approximately 1130 hrs to 1500 hrs. The class would take the form of light callisthenics 15-20 minutes, followed by physical recreation activities, varying according to interest, but covering such things as badminton, volleyball, bowling etc.

It is realized that children might cause a problem but no doubt some arrangement could be worked out whereby one room in the Rec Centre could be set aside for the children. The ladies could take turns baby-sitting or no doubt one person could be found who would look after the children on a regular basis for a small fee.

To make such a class worthwhile and to tie up the gym floor plus the time of an instructor for this activity it is felt that at least ten ladies are required. If you are interested

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P-TA NEWS

Abolition of Tax on Childrens Clothing?

The Comox Airport Parent-Teachers Association have put forth a proposal to the Provincial Federation on the abolition of the 5% sales tax on childrens' clothing. The following is an extract of a letter from Mr. John Stanton, the chairman of the resolutions committee, Provincial Federation of the P-TA.

"... I have for acknowledgement your letter in which you express strenuous disapproval of my committee's decision that your resolution on the subject of the tax on childrens' clothing was outside the scope of parent-teacher work."

Your letter was read at a recent meeting of our board of directors, and I have been asked to advise you that, in view of representations made by other associations on the same subject, a resolution concerning this tax will be placed before the 1961 convention. A copy of the proposed resolution follows."

WHEREAS the 5% sales tax is presently imposed on childrens' clothing beyond size 15 for boys, and size 14 for girls, and on shoes beyond size 6;

WHEREAS these sizes do not correspond to ages, and parents of young but large children (including some under 14 and in Grade VI) are thus obliged to pay this tax;

WHEREAS this tax imposes a hardship on many parents, especially those with large families and those of average means who are attempting to keep teenagers in school; and WHEREAS food and shelter which, like clothing, are necessities, are not subject to this tax;

WHEREAS abolition of this tax would assist in promoting the welfare of children and youth, and in raising the standards of home life;

BE IT RESOLVED that the British Columbia Parent-Teacher Federation requests the Government of British Columbia to exempt from the 5% sales tax all articles of clothing and footwear purchased for use by all children and students who attend any school or university, such exemption to apply only to articles actually fitted to the child or student and upon production of a valid certificate of school or university attendance.

The next meeting of the Comox Airport P-TA will be held in the auditorium of the

school at 8 p.m., Wednesday, February 8th. Following a short business meeting the association will be addressed by Mrs. Ruth A. McKellar, regional representative of the P-TA Federation.

Mrs. McKellar's topic will be "The Role of the Parent-Teacher Federation and why we should remain with the Federation."

Your executive feels that

there are advantages and disadvantages in belonging to the Parent-Teacher Federation. The P-TA meeting will afford you an excellent opportunity to express your views in public on this topic.

Also up for discussion is whether we, the parents of children attending Comox Airport School, should represent

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DEMON DOIN'S

By GOSH

Anybody wondering who the stranger sitting in the PADO's chair is, stand easy, it's the upstanding gentleman himself alright; the difference is the fact that he's quit smoking and just doesn't look himself these days, without a cheroot projecting from his visage. Another who is chewing pencil ends on the same kick is F/L Bill Vradenburg, who also stands '61 right by giving up the weed. . . . Something most ambiguous about our Armament Section when it collects all the Original Ideas Awards; yet has to send FS John Perusse to Greenwood to learn about torpedoes. . . . F/L Dave Grief finds himself in the centre of the service's fastest whirlpool, having gotten himself appointed USecO, and being responsible for D26's, that's the code name for a monstrous nightmare dreamed up by some character with a long nose and a deep curiosity about the skeleton in everyone's closet, and a desire to put same in the soup. This fog is pretty tough on the aircraft, since they can't be flown, the servicing moguls are wearing them out with D's, P's and scrub brushes. . . . The Winco drops the reins of responsibility for a short course in something which is probably unmentionable (security-wise, that is) in Clinton, around the tenth or eleventh of February. . . . Coincidental with the US election and inauguration of a new President, Sgt. Bob Davison is transferred to Washington to lend a bit of assistance to Jack K. until he gets a little experience. . . . This being F/O's QE week, furrowed in deep meditation as they all figure how well named this particular week's Weepers will be. . . . F/Ls McNabb and Fink, due for a short journey to Port Angeles, and were to be picked up in Victoria by a Naval craft for the trip over, had to cancel out when the Gobs didn't make it; not sure whether the craft went u/s or got lost in the fog. . . . Welcome aboard to the higher ecelon, namely: G/C Dagg, DMO, AFHQ, G/C Burgess, CStaffo MACHQ, and W/C McCallum, who this nite arriveth via Greenwood Argus. CANCOMARPAC is included in the visiting itinerary as they

plan a quick trip to Vic tomorrow. . . . "Teahouse," the Astral Players' effort scheduled for early March, has strong squadron support, wasn't previously aware we had any actors around, just bad actors. . . . A few new faces around the Demon corral: F/L H. R. (Bob) Hook, a radioman just in from OTU, and two SETechs: ACs 1 Ken Tappay, and Gene Stronski, both fresh off course. Glad to have you all. . . . F/O Vic Furney leaves us to join the Hallagonian staff at MAC; F/O Kev Garland in the Peg on SORI, while the Garland family spend the duration in jolly

"Copper Man" helps in RCAF tests

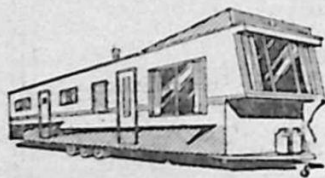
In their never ending research program aimed at developing better protective clothing for members of the armed forces, personnel at the RCAF Institute of Aviation Medicine have found a valuable ally, a copper man.

The copper man was developed in response to the need for a simple reliable device to replace human test subjects in cold environment experiments. Previously, the insulation qualities of a fabric were determined by dressing human subjects in the new clothing and exposing them to cold.

In a typical experiment the copper man will be dressed in a flying suit, sleeping bag or some such item of protective clothing and set up in any room where the temperature reasonable limits. Using the copper man, cold weather clothing may be tested in relatively warm environments, since the energy required to maintain his temperature is a function of the temperature difference between him and his environment.

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olde England, via air, of course. . . . F/O Jack Lafferty rattling around the Arctic Bush, on a mushroom and baneberry course. . . . Cpl. H. Bell off on a transfer to Penhold. . . . Our congratulations to F/O and Mrs. Eric Radcliffe on the birth of a daughter, their first, Theresa Anne; and to Sgt. Bob Bromley and his better half, who also increased their ration strength by one girl.

OBSERVING OPERATIONS

By HANK

Well, here we are again with another edition. F/O Tom Fielding had a wee accident over in Vancouver at the weekend. . . . no serious injuries, but the car's a real mess. F/O Hank Gritter is on leave writing QE's. . . . real exciting. F/L Harv Carnahan is taking a well-earned rest with F/O Fielding taking over as OC in his absence. There are strong rumors of a new body posted in but nothing of anyone out. I wonder who the lucky one will be? The rest of us are doing our usual good job working as hard as usual. That's about it for this edition. See you later!

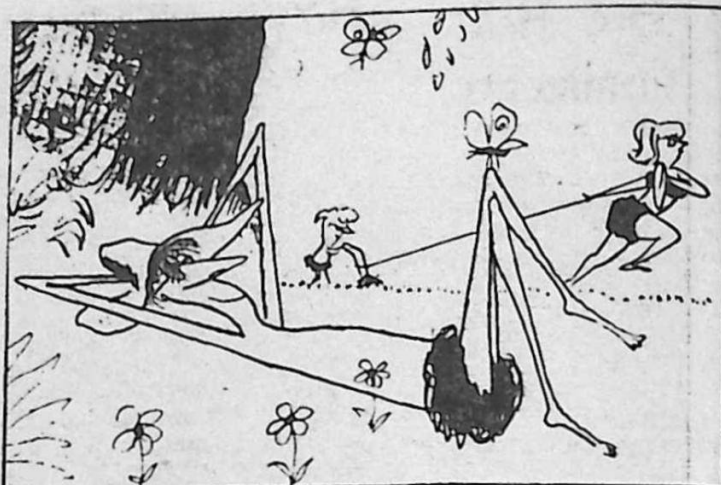


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Fire Hall Comments

A motorist on a muddy road pulled alongside a rural fire truck which a chief and his men were digging out.

"Stuck in the mud?" the motorist called to the sweating firemen. The chief gave him a withering look. "No," he snarled. "Our engine died here and we're just giving it a decent burial."

NO BUTTS ABOUT RISK WITH TOO SMALL ASH TRAYS

by Fran Myttenar

All housewives should be told to get rid of small ornamental ash trays. They may look pretty but they're potential killers. The problem is if someone sets a cigarette that they're not deep enough down on the ash tray and leaves it, it burns down a ways and then tips out of the ash tray and upon the chesterfield. Smoke from a burning chesterfield is often highly toxic and very thick because of disinfecting chemicals used in manufacture.

The smoke from a burning chesterfield downstairs can kill a person upstairs before they have a chance to get out of the house.

Ashtrays should be no less than one inch deep for safety. Diameter is unimportant, as long as they are not allowed to get so full that smouldering cigarette butts might spill over the edge.

AIRWOMEN'S NEWS

by LAW Anonymous

A going away get-together for Caron Simard, Joey Sakon, Marg Foley and Dot Wilson was held on 16 January. A nice time was had by all. Marg Foley is on rehab leave now, best of luck in Civvy Street, Marg.

Marilyn Burritt is on leave in the Fraser Valley. Karon Laffer, in New Westminster, hope Karon doctors up that limpy foot of hers while on leave.

The Airwomen would like to congratulate F/O Carson on her engagement—best wishes for the future.

Sgt. Easton is back off leave, well rested etc. Although she says, "head of the WANT ADS New BB Cpl." "We all love you Jessie and promotions are coming soon," remarked one of the Senior LAWS.

Not much doing nor much to come this issue, so Cheerio! from the happy 18 and reporter LAW Anonymous.

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FLYCON FLASHES by FROMMAGE

Well, here we are back again after an unscheduled's holiday. Seems I have an awful time trying to figure out deadline times. We have a couple of departures coming up in the near future, with Cpl Ron Griffiths heading for 4 Wing and FS "Shorty" Criukshanks going to Churchill. There should be a set of left hand golf clubs for sale shortly, eh Shorty. It seems a shame too, with the CE-Section spending so much time making GCA their own private golf course.

Inbound to our little KING-dom are F/L Steward from Downsview and Cpl McKnight from 4 wing, also Cpl Paul McLean from 1 Wing. Believe Paul is already around-but he's keeping pretty scarce until official reporting-in time. It's nice to have F/L Bob Lavin back from the hospital and by the look at the size of the waistline he brought back, I think the food agreed with him. Also, a couple of old but new faces around, these days in the Tower owned by F/O Hugh LeBlanc and F/O Gerry Frewen. The two 409 boys have been so happy with Flying Control the past couple of years that they both volunteered to do their ground tours up in the "Glass House". Gray hairs are just around the corner boys. Understand they are going to have the Tower shift checked for over "G" stress. They seem to pull more "G's" than an aircraft (Gibson, Gunn, Gold).

Not too much news around the Radar sections this issue, seems everybody is too worn out from all their Xmas activities.

Sports wise, FLYCON got to the volley ball finals again this year and then got beat out of their trip by the 409 bunch. Understand everybody put forward an all-out effort but just ran out of steam. Better luck next year, fellows. Well, that's about it this time folks. See you all at Trade Advancement. OUT!

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Weather Notes by MET

The south coast region of British Columbia has been plagued with fog since the middle of last week. This fog has been unusually persistent. It has brought air and sea transport to a near standstill. It is apparent that the usual winter conditions are not prevailing in this region.

What conditions do we have and are needed for this type of fog situation along the south coast?

One requirement is a stationary upper ridge line over the area to keep the sky clear by preventing weather systems moving onto the British Columbia coast. With the sky clear at night there is considerable cooling of the layer of air near the ground by radiation. This causes a surface inversion, that is the air near the ground is cooler than the air aloft. With a warm air mass such as we have over coastal British Columbia, the inversion formed is very pronounced.

The warm waters of Georgia Strait introduces considerable moisture to this layer of air near the surface. The inversion prevents the moisture from being convected upwards and dispersed. Hence the air near the surface becomes saturated and eventually continued cooling causes the moisture in this layer to condense into droplets which we see as fog.

This fog will persist until there is a change in the conditions that caused it. The start of the change will be the breakdown of the upper ridge line or its movement eastward.

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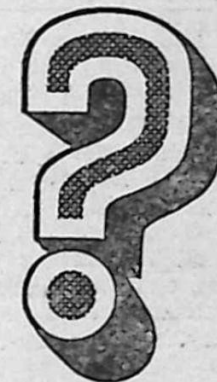


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Sports News from Eastern Canada

By DON CHAPMAN
RUSSIAN CHALLENGE?

It may not be far off in the future as sports types have begun to speculate what would happen if Russia decided to challenge the top NHL team for the Stanley Cup, emblematic of world supremacy in professional hockey. NHL president Clarence Campbell said the challenge would be accepted provided the Russians prove they were of the same calibre. The Cleveland Barons of the AHL failed in their effort years ago to prove they were worthy of Stanley Cup hockey. Another team from the Yukon tried it — the result? A 20-0 defeat.

Back to the present to find the standings much the same with Chicago still going strong and seemingly embedded in third place. Saturday night the Hawks dumped New York 5-3 and exploded for an 8-3 triumph Sunday night over Boston. Bobby Hull scored his 22nd and 23rd in a four-goal spree in the 2nd period that killed the Bruins. Detroit edged Montreal 3-2 in a hard checking game at Montreal and returned home Sunday to drop a 5-3 decision to New York in a game which saw Rangers Dean Prentice fire 3 goals while Pat Harrigan added the other 2. Gump Worsley blocked a total of 49

shots, a grand total of 90 over the weekend to become most shot on goalie in the league. Toronto had Sunday off after losing 3-1 to Boston at Maple Leaf Gardens, Saturday. The Big M for Toronto has been held scoreless for the past few games and appears stuck at the 37 goal level. Centre Red Kelly however has taken advantage of enemy defencemen watching No. 27 and is busy adding a few goals of his own.

	W	L	T	F	A	Pt
Montreal	27	12	6	163	120	60
Toronto	24	14	8	151	120	56
Chicago	20	17	9	131	126	49
Detroit	17	18	11	127	139	45
New York	13	24	8	127	151	34
Boston	10	26	10	117	158	30

Hockey News



Defenceman Bob Denault
The Station Hockey Team have lost their last two games in the mid-Island Commercial League. On January 15 the league-leading Port Alberni Luckies outscored the airmen 8 to 6. In the next game on January 22, the Nanaimo Ramblers walloped the station team 7 to 1.

The Airforce boys, long on desire but short on goals, out-shot the Luckies 25 to 18, but could not come up with a combination to score. Bob Denault the husky Airforce defenceman scored two goals. Slimming added two more to retain his lead in the Airmen's individual scoring race. Singles were scored by Campbell and McLeod.

The defeat by the Ramblers was the worst that the station team has suffered this season. "Dixie" Walker made the lone tally for the airmen, scoring on a pass from "Stu" Stewart.

This game was one of the most rugged played in the league as head referee Ross Valliere handed out 14 penalties, 3 for misconduct. Again the airmen outshot the opposition 30 to 17, and once again they could not score on Dave Thein, the Rambler goalie.

NEWS IN Sports
Recreation Ramblings

This week the Station is hosting both the 5 ADRA Bowling and Volleyball Championships. The games start on Friday evening at 1900 hrs. and continue through on Saturday morning and afternoon. The same routine will be repeated on the following weekend when we host the Tri-Service Bowling and Volleyball Championships.

Therefore if you wish to see volleyball and bowling at its best be sure to drop around to the Rec Centre on Friday evening or Saturday. (Youngsters please note—No gym or bowling on Saturday morning, the 28th Jan. and 4th Feb.)

In volleyball, Comox will be represented by the 409 Hawks. This is a greatly improved team and they disposed of 407 Nav., 407 Telecom and Flying Control, in an elimination tournament to decide this unit's representative team. S/L Jackson took his team in hand a few weeks ago, and due to his coaching we feel we have a contending team in the tournament and should give a good account of themselves.

The Station bowling team consists of WO2 Nutt, Sgt. J. Bartley, Cpl. R. Ball, LAC D. Bailey and LAC V. Smith. They all have averages well above the 200 mark and should give a good account of themselves in the tournament.

We who work in the Rec Centre are most pleased with our new offices. We have been lobbying for them for the past year or so. Our thanks to the CE section and the winter works programme. We trust we will be able to serve you better in the future.

The first of the 1961 Pay Day Bingos will take place on Tuesday, 31 January in the Rec Centre at 2000 hrs. \$500 in prizes, including a \$200

jackpot in 50 numbers and a \$100 consolation prize. Due to the renovations you may find it difficult to find the gym. The south fire door will be open as well as the east fire door facing Station Flight.

There seems to be great confusion with reference to the curling draws — it is all quite simple.

If you curled at 0900 hrs., you curl next week at 1100 hrs. and the following week at 1300 hrs. and the week after that at 0900 hrs. again. Quite simple if you can remember the time you curled last week.

Speaking of curling, the 5 ADRA Curling Championship is coming up in Vancouver on the 9th and 10th February. The Station will have three rinks in the bonspiel, competing against Sea Island, Holberg and Station Vancouver. The executive decided on a very fair way to select the three rinks. The three rinks in the "A" and "AA" division that have the best won and lost record as of the end of the second round (4th February), will be this unit's representative team.

May we draw the attention of the inter-section rifle shooters that the schedule that appeared in last week's Rec Bulletin is incorrect. You will be getting a new schedule in a few days.

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Part 2

The following morning at dawn as I walked down to the water's edge, my eyes suddenly focused on an object a short distance away. There not more than 1,000 yards away, was a huge bull moose, the first I had ever seen in its natural habitat.

At that point the shore was marshy and the weeds grew quite high to a distance of about 40-50 ft. from the shore. The moose was about 30 feet out from the edge of the and completely unconscious weeds, up to his belly in water, or any intruders and contentedly feeding with his head submerged. He would occasionally raise his head and gaze around the lake before dropping it back into the water.

While Frank prepared breakfast, Guy and I decided to try for a close-up camera shot. We carefully pushed the boat away from the shore and using the oars as paddles, while keeping as close to the shore as possible, we gradually drew nearer and nearer. We were down wind from the moose and were counting on this to get near enough for a good close shot. About half way to the moose we heard a crashing in the bush on our left. In our eagerness to get a shot at the moose in the water, we had missed probably as close a shot as we could possibly get of another about 20 feet from us on the shore. We could see his tail end fast disappearing into the bush amid the crashing of timbers. We quickly turned our attention back to our original target, and holding our breath, we peered over the high weeds. Low and behold he was still munching contentedly. As we came closer, Guy stood by the motor, and I paddled, with the camera at the ready. When the moose looked up for perhaps the fifth time we threw caution to the winds and Guy started the motor in gear and at full throttle. I was immediately thrown into the bottom of the boat, but managed to right myself in time to get a fairly close shot of a moose running for his life towards shore. Before the weekend was over we had counted 16 moose and had all the close-ups we wanted. As time went on the sight of a moose feeding near shore would draw only a cursory glance from us as we passed by within 30 or 40 feet. We vowed the next fall would see us back armed for moose and duck.

When we returned to the camp site Frank produced a beautiful 7 lb. pike which he had caught casting from shore while waiting for us to return from our moose expedition. We finally decided to head for the head of the lake and up the Nighthawk river to try to those big trophy pike. Near the mouth of the river we ran across a pack of six otter who on our approach, began to brazenly push themselves part way out of the water, and, practically surrounding our boat, begin scolding us for interrupting their solitude. This indeed was a sportsman's paradise and a trapper's dream land.

The Nighthawk River, prior to being flooded, was extremely narrow, winding back on itself for mile after mile, but the flooding had transferred it into a wide expanse of water with swampy shores and a deep centre channel. As a result it was quite difficult to navigate. The deep bush came right to the shore-line and

fallen trees lay interlaced along its edge. Hundreds of tree stumps protruded everywhere except in the centre channel. This indeed was typical moose country and it later produced our best camera close-ups of huge moose.

This, then, was our fishing grounds. We wasted no time in getting our tackle ready. I decided to use a split piky which had produced excellent results in other waters. Guy, using a Williams Wabler, cast towards the shore to the edge of the weed bed. The spoon had hardly struck the surface directly beside a stump, when the still water exploded into a miniature geyser. His light spinning rod bent almost double when the fish dived beneath the boat in an attempt to pull the plug from its mouth. The fish however, was well hooked but since Guy's reel clutch was not set for such a vicious lunge, he lost a great many feet of line before he finally brought it under control. He gradually worked the fish close to the boat where I scooped a lovely 6 lb. pickerel into my net. The clear cold water of these rivers was, I think, responsible for the great fighting qualities shown in all the fish caught. Then began the most fantastic fishing I have ever seen to this day. Every second cast by either one of us produced a pike or pickerel. We had only one net and this kept passing from one to the other as fish were being landed. This was fishing such as I had seen on TV screens but had always thought such pictures resulted from mounting dozens of feet of film to leave only the fish producing casts. I tried every plug and spoon in my tackle box with equal results. Even the old plugs which in the past had lain rusting in the bottom of my box, thrown there as being useless, were finally paying their way. In all, at the end of about two hours fishing we had caught 40 pike and pickerel, the largest of which was a pike of about 12 lbs. We released all the pike as they were caught and all but eight of the nicest pickerel, some of which we gave to the fire ranger whom we had visited that afternoon. I had concentrated during that two hours on shooting movies of Frank and Guy hooking and landing the fish with excellent results. One of which I am extremely proud, shows the 12 lb. pike breaking water about two feet from our boat. The fish is clear of the water and is a picture which I will find difficult to duplicate. However, strange as it may seem, we eventually tired of such good fishing and decided to do more exploring.

Stowing our gear we made our way gradually upriver to a fork. A Northern Canada Power line shack now long deserted stood on the bank and proved to be the spot Frank had left 15 years earlier to make his way in the outside world. We took the west branch of the Nighthawk and eventually arrived at an old deserted lumber mill with its buildings slowly crumbling. Huge lumbering pointers lay rotting on shore with the grass slowly enveloping them in green foliage. We tied up at the rotting dock and carefully made our way to shore. Among the smaller shacks we came across one which was in fair condition. It was furnished with a wood stove, two double bunks and a counter suitable for a table. This shack is used by parties of hunters and fishermen and was being kept in order so that it could be used each season. A scribbled note requested that all who use it leave it in good condition so that the next party might also enjoy it.

Since time was passing swiftly and Frank still wanted to visit the Fire Ranger and procure a bush permit for the following two weeks, we decided to return and headed up the east fork where the ranger's modern little bungalow was located.

We had just rounded a bend in the river where the ranger's pier protruded in the centre channel, when Guy pointed excitedly towards shore at a big moose. We had not as yet reached the point where we wanted of moose, so without varying our speed lest the change in pitch startle him into running off, we steered directly for it. The moose was about 20 feet from shore in water up to its knees and no more than 30 feet from the ranger's pier. We headed straight for him through weeds in about two feet of water, Guy straddled across the prow with his camera ready and Frank trying to steer with one hand and reach his camera with the other hand. I began shooting at about 30 feet away and kept operating my camera until suddenly we realized the darned moose wasn't running as we had expected, but was standing there with a stupefied expression on his face as though wondering "what the devil is this". Frank cut the motor, but the boat kept drifting towards the moose, who still stood there gaping at us while we headed for his nose. Frank and I both grabbed an oar and shoved it into the bottom of the river, in an attempt to stop the boat before we ran into him. When we finally stopped, we were about five feet from his nose, Guy was scrambling off the prow towards the rear of the boat. The moose nonchalantly walked around us close enough for us to touch him with an oar, if we had been so inclined, and walking about 10 feet away ignored us completely and resumed his feeding. Being completely ignored by a moose was just about as much as we could stand and we paid no more attention to those we later saw other than to keep score.

The ranger and his wife lived in a lovely modern bungalow on a high clearing facing the river. We enjoyed a pleasant visit with them before returning to our campsite. The following morning we went up the Whitefish River, which proved as productive as

far as wild game was concerned as the lake and the Nighthawk River. Our catch was terrific. We caught no breathtaking trophy fish on this trip but we had the time of our lives and we are certain that if we ever want a trophy fish we know where to try for it.

After dropping Frank on the shore of the Nighthawk at the old deserted lumber camp, Guy and I waved farewell, wished him luck, and returned to break camp and head back for civilization.

As we turned into the Frederickhouse River and the highway bridge came into view with seemingly miniature cars running along its length, we slowed down to turn and gaze back over the lake, in the direction from which we had come, and with nostalgic thoughts of the past weekend, made a firm promise to return for moose the following hunting season, which indeed we did, with very surprising results as will be seen in our

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The Air-Sea Rescue organization on the West Coast received two long-needed improvements at the year end. The first important one was the new telephone and communications links long needed to improve the prime purpose of the Rescue Co-ordination Centre, the first check to find out if the people in trouble have arrived safely at their destination or are really missing.

Probably the most important was the provision of a radio link from Vancouver to marine radio station operators all along the coast to the United States Coast Guard in Alaska. While this was not the complete link requested, it should prove extremely valuable in passing emergencies and checking on other distress incidents up and down our vast coastline.

The second Christmas present was the arrival of two Albatross aircraft to take the place of the now aging Canos. These aircraft have already shown their value in extra speed and flying characteristics.

The RCAF rescue organization had one of its busiest years in handling a total of 782 incidents of all types. This included 46 calls for the flying medical team for everything from iron lungs to accidents and from premature babies to polio cases. All or part of the extensive search and rescue facilities were engaged in searches for 28 aircraft and 358 vessels.

Because of the busy year and the renovation of the RCC

there were not enough visits by members of the RCC to groups and individuals interested in search and rescue. Many people have volunteered time and equipment for this work and have a real desire for information on plans and progress.

THE RCC
The new center has been established on the ground floor of the Headquarters building at 4050 West 4th Ave., Vancouver 8. It is manned 24 hours per day by a minimum of one officer and one airman. It is open to visitors at any time (except the operations room during an incident).

The Commanding Officer is S/L J. Howarth and the Marine Advisor is Captain C. Andrews. Co-ordinating activities for the Department of Transport is Captain J. Barbour.

Problems at the Rescue Center
Many of the problems faced at the Center will be solved by improved communication facilities. But one of our biggest difficulties is getting an accurate position report of an incident can only be solved by the boat crews. We had one last month during which the ship gave his position as "Flat Rock Island." We expected to find him around Gabriola but a quick look at a pilot book showed about 14 places called

SCRAMBLE!



The standby crew from 121 C & R Flight at Sea Island "scramble" on the receipt of an emergency call. The Canos in the background will soon be replaced by the SA-16 Albatross.

"Flat" or "Flat Top" in B.C. It turned out to be well north of Port Hardy! Very often, too, names are used which are accepted locally but are not the same as those on provincial maps. Another difficulty results from names which are easily misunderstood on the radio. Merry Island and Mary Island sound the same and there are six or seven of them in B.C. There are lots of Deep Coves, too.

The important thing, then, is to get out a call as soon as an emergency situation commences and give a good position from a recognized point or community. Then, if the smoke turns out to be an uncontrollable fire and you have to take to the lifeboat, we won't have to waste an hour trying to find out the ship's position from the company dispatcher. We would rather be alerted and then called back 20 minutes later because everything is under control, than to have a hurried call or no call at all. Believe us, incidents like these have happened. In one case four lives might have been saved had RCC been called. There were a number of vessels in the immediate area but no one knew of the distress. The survivors reported that no one had thought of the radio until they were in the water.

Value of the RCC and its facilities to the people of B.C. cannot be figured in money. In human lives, a total of 50 have been rescued or evacuated by aircraft of the RCAF in the past year, each treated on its merits by competent medical authorities who decided in each case that air evacuation was necessary. Although all 50 people cannot be claimed as "saved" by RCC, in several cases it must be admitted the air evac was instrumental in saving lives.

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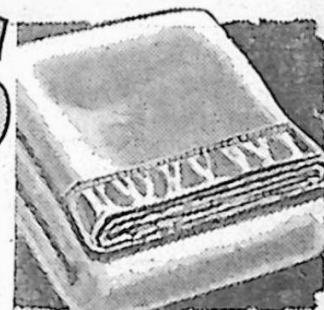
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