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Totem Times Microfilmed For New Bank Building

Front Page Sealed In Corner Stone

At the end of last year, we received a very interesting request from Mr. Neil McKinnon, president of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. He asked if we would provide him with the front page of one of our editions, so that the bank could have it microfilmed and sealed (along with others from the national press) in the cornerstone of the new Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Building in Montreal—a 600-foot skyscraper and the tallest building in the Commonwealth.

This we did, and although a local strike forced a change in the date of the official foundation-laying ceremony, it finally took place this year on February 2.

We are sure that all our readers will be interested in seeing the photographs which the Imperial Bank of Commerce kindly sent us showing the completed building and the corner stone being laid. If any of you are ever in Montreal, we are certain that this beautiful, new skyscraper will serve to remind you that a part of Station Comox is represented in its structure.

Gov. Investigates Dollar Value

A team of government investigators is in Europe at present studying the factors which have contributed to the dwindling value of the Canadian dollar overseas. It is claimed that the Canadian dollar's comparative decline against the US dollar combined with the re-evaluation of the German mark has resulted in a 12 per cent decrease in the value of the pay of Canadian servicemen abroad.

New Chaplain General

AFHQ recently announced the retirement of the Protestant chaplain general, Air Commodore Frank MacLean. He is being succeeded by Rev. Dr. Ernest G. B. Foote of Barney's River, N.S., chaplain of the fleet since 1945. Dr. Foote has been deputy chaplain general since 1958.

Canadian-U.S. Ice Study

Aircraft from ATC and the United States Navy will be flying reconnaissance missions together this month to take photographs of the Gulf of St. Lawrence ice. The US Tiro IV weather satellite will also photograph the ice at a height of some 400 miles. The result of the data obtained from these operations will assist the interpretation of ice conditions registered by the satellite photographs.

RCAF to Monitor U.S. Astronaut

When the U.S. astronaut, John Glenn, finally orbits into space from Cape Canaveral, many members of the RCAF detachment at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, will be engaged in collecting classified data made available by the rocket's flight. The Air Force group includes scientists, technicians and aircrew who work jointly with U.S. counterparts on research projects.

My, That's A Comfortable Fit!



"Hard hats are more comfortable than they used to be," was the opinion of Mr. Reginald Leonard as he donned the dome hat of his son-in-law, F/O "Herb" Karras, when he was taken on a recent tour of 409 Squadron. Mr. Leonard, who is spending a month here at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, is a veteran of Vimy Ridge and a former member of the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders.

ARE YOU IN GOOD SHAPE?

For those who wish to lose all the extra pounds you gained at Christmas, our experts in the Rec Centre have organized a daily programme of callisthenic exercises.

The class is being held (from Monday to Thursday) in the Rec Centre between 4:30 and 5:00 in the afternoon and consists of approximately 20 minutes of exercises. This will give you all time to take a shower, change and be on your way home at 5 p.m.

So come out and help put yourself in fine shape for the spring. It will do wonders for your morale if you are beset by the rainy-weather doldrums!

Sentimental Touch

At a street corner in Point Pleasant, N.J., is a sign "Dear Crossing." It is no mistake in spelling. It's a school sign which tells how the town feels about its youngsters.

New Sound Coming to Comox

Within the next few weeks the first arrivals of the new CF101B aircraft are expected at Station Comox. The 1,200 mile an hour interceptors will replace the CF-100 aircraft being phased out of service with the 409 All-Weather Fighter Squadron here.

In order to meet today's operational commitments, it is imperative our interceptor crews fly higher and faster. To accomplish this, more powerful aircraft and engines are being inaugurated into service to do the job. The CF-101B Voodoo is designed to carry its pilot and navigator team to their assigned missions at a speed of 1,200 miles per hour and to altitudes in excess of 50,000 feet.

The afterburner incorporated in the engines of the Voodoo, is designed to give the heavy interceptor the extra initial thrust necessary to acquire a safe take off and climbing speed. This device is also engaged by the pilot when he wants acceleration to fly faster than the speed of sound. The horsepower development of the Voodoo during take off and climbing period, is equal to that of ten diesel electric locomotives. The noise accompanying these aircraft during their departure can be considerably greater than that which we are used to from the CF-100.

Every conceivable means of minimising any public discomfort from the noise are being considered by Station Comox technicians and aircrew. The monitoring of aircraft departures as much as possible from built-up areas will be in effect. Also careful selection of ground run up areas on the airfield are in process. Climbing angles of the aircraft on departure will be controlled as much as possible to offer the lowest return echoes from the engines.

The sonic boom accompanying the interceptor's transition from speeds below to greater than the speed of sound will be aimed near areas causing a minimum of discomfort to populated areas.



The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce building in Montreal as it looks today. The 600-foot skyscraper, tallest building in the Commonwealth, will be ready for occupancy in May of this year.



Neil J. McKinnon, president of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce lays the corner stone of the new 43-storey bank building in Montreal. John S. Proctor, vice-president of the bank looks on.



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Editorials

And It All Started with Eve

The evolution of mankind has long been attributed to a variety of prevailing factors — ethnological, theological and geological. The rise and fall of the human species has been the subject of controversy ever since man discovered that two opposing ideas could form the basis of an argument.

As we look around our world which seems to be fairly bursting at the seams with social and moral complexities, it is hard to believe that it all started with Eve.

Now Eve, as you know, started off as a rib. History does not record which rib, but we can only assume that it must have been a spare rib. (Which dates the recipe of the same name way back into the suspect past of the monolithic cooking pot.)

However, in those far off days, ribs were hard to come by — harder than dinosaur eggs in fact, and the loss of one of these lateral supports left Adam at a distinct disadvantage. Eve (being rather smart), very soon realized that Adam was caught off base and used his cloud of perplexity to mask her period of orientation.

As you can imagine, poor old Adam was amazed at this creature who had come to share his life and was at quite a loss to know what to do about her. He would willingly have traded her back for the rib he had lost, but she was there, and, worse still, there to stay. There was no one with whom to argue the question and no one to enlighten him, so he decided to let her remain and share his existence.

This marked the epoch of domesticity. We do not know whether the primeval housewife ever found out about dinosaurburgers, but eating became a more regular habit and she did keep the home fires burning. Life was certainly more comfortable. Eve, for her part, was so busy getting settled in and making herself thoroughly indispensable that she scarcely noticed the time pass.

Some centuries elapsed before man took stock of his position and realized he had lost prestige. He had done himself a mischief by letting woman stay, for she had turned out to be such a complex bundle of contradictions that he could no longer handle her at all. He knew, too, that he couldn't get along without her either (and so did woman). So, in self-defence, he seconded her, which although not entirely satisfactory, certainly gave him a sense of superiority. After all, he was the first one on the scene at the dawn of civilization and seniority in time must count for something!

And so it was that the fundamental problems of society were hashed over and beaten down with a stone-age cudgel.

It took more than a thousand years for the great, revealing light to shine through the chinks in man's brainbox and for him to perceive that, while he had spent so long trying to resolve the basic problem of life with this paradoxical creature, she had created amongst his kind complexities, problems and demands which were so intricately interwoven that they would provide work for everybody for generations to come.

However, it must be remembered that although we would never had all these troubles without woman's influence, it was her very presence which brought about progress at all and without it we would never have developed a social and political economy to stimulate the development of the human race.



Chapel Chimes

PROTESTANT CHAPEL

F/L S. M. PARKHOUSE

DIVINE WORSHIP—1100 hrs., Sunday.

Nursery—1100 hrs. Sunday (Chapel Annex, up to and including 2 years)

HOLY COMMUNION—1200 hrs., the second Sunday of the month.

HOLY COMMUNION (Anglican)—0800 hrs., the first Sunday of the month.

HOLY BAPTISM—By appointment.

LADIES GUILD—2000 hrs., the third Tuesday of the month.

CHOIR PRACTICE—2000 hrs., every Thursday, junior—1545 hrs. every Thursday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Wallace Gardens School.

Pre-School Age Group—Beginners: 1100 to 1200 hrs. Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior: 0930 to 1040 hrs.

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP—2000 hrs., alternate Sundays.

YOUNG PEOPLES' GROUP—1900 hrs., alternate Sundays, in the Chapel Annex.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We read in the daily press that our government is going to investigate juvenile delinquency or crime amongst young people. There has been considerable reaction, both favourable and otherwise, to this proposal from several quarters.

Centuries ago the sage said: "Bring up a child in the way he should go; and, when he is old, he will not depart therefrom." This axiom holds true still. This governmental inquiry into youthful crime if it probes deep enough, will find that the non-observance of this law of life is one of the biggest contributing factors to juvenile delinquency.

It can be said that urbanization, following the industrial revolution and the subsequent break-down of home life and loss of social pressure and identity are the back of a lot of youth's rebellion against life.

This is only partly true. Many homes in town and city have not broken down because wise parents have valued the spiritual side of life more than the material, the eternal more than the transient.

Now all this is by way of saying that we need ADULT teachers in our Church School to assist our homes in bringing up our children in the way they should go. If you are willing to give an hour on Sunday and two or three hours during the week for preparing lessons, please contact either Mrs. Outhouse at PMQ 14, phone 947L1, or this chaplain.



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CHOIR REHEARSALS—Senior 7:00 p.m., Thursday. Junior 6:30 p.m., Saturday.

CATECHISM INSTRUCTION—Wallace Gardens School, Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Classes for High Grade students, Sunday evening.

Comox & Tyee Park youngsters - Comox Church Rectory, Saturday 10 a.m.

NEW CHAPLAIN'S ARRIVAL

F/L (Rev.) H. Thomas, the new chaplain (R.C.) is to be expected on his station between the 5th and the 8th of March. So he should be here to take over on Sunday the 11th. He will be leaving RCAF Goose Bay on February the 13th and is taking some annual leave on his way to Comox.

SPECIAL MENTION FOR THE ADULT CHOIR

We would like to congratulate former members for their remarkable, constant persistence to build up this choir. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the new members for responding so willingly to our appeal for new members.

We must admit that the new acquisitions have really improved our adult choir and we would like to be able to say the same thing for our junior choir in the near future.

SECTION NEWS
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Courtenay Round-Up

By CAL SMITH

During the first two weeks of February, animals were highlighted almost constantly in local news.

Cougar hunter, Hunter Babcock, announced that cougar are so plentiful in the district that he can get a cat faster than most hunters can shoot a deer.

Alderman Harry Harris made almost the same claim for rats. He said there are a million of them in the Comox Health District.

Preparations for a July rodeo got under way, with members of the Comox Valley Riding Club, riding a bull bareback. The bull was accepted for rodeo competition when he won all preliminary matches.

The Chamber of Commerce announced support for the city's war on stray dogs. Ald. Harris, however, said that local dog control laws were adequate and only needed enforcing.

The chamber also protested the high price of gasoline on the island. Apparently, gas here is 10 cents per gallon higher than in Vancouver, and the cost of transportation accounts for less than two cents of the difference. An oil company representative told the chamber that competition with American companies in Vancouver forced lower prices there. In effect, we of the island are subsidizing Vancouver's low gas prices.

The death of a miner outside a local cave resulted in three men being charged with manslaughter. They will appear in court today (February 15) for (Continued on Page 4)

Peace River and the Future

Late last fall in a lonely log cabin near the site of Portage Mountain Dam in Northern British Columbia, a trapper's wife suddenly dropped her dishrag, picked up her husband's rifle and sent two shots crashing through the kitchen window.

The surprised trapper investigated, and found his good woman had knocked off their early winter's meat supply—a curious young moose which had been snooping around the cabin.

The lady used the initiative that Peace River folks hope is instilled in many North American business and industry leaders—people who will come to the Peace and help develop her riches.

The Peace River area of B.C. is growing steadily. And the addition of 3,150,000 kilowatts generating capacity in the initial Peace Hydro scheme will add further impetus to the economy over the next two decades. But realistically, looking at the area's huge resources potential, it is still a new frontier.

Farms in the Peace are producing lush grain crops in the potent growing season; and its forests are being harvested in continually growing amounts.

Production in the natural gas and oil fields of the Peace is growing rapidly and reaching to wider markets.

But a period of growth has never come to the Western end of B.C.'s Peace Country.

Possibly, over the next decade, the addition of huge blocks of electric power and creation of a 270 miles long waterway in the storage reservoir of the Peace River power project, will provide new rungs in the ladder to economic development and prosperity.

Alexander McKenzie was the first white man in the Peace country, passing through on his historic trip of 1793, the first crossing of the continent north of Mexico.

His steps were followed by other great explorers such as Simon Fraser and John Finlay. From their efforts grew the fur trade, the original "business" of the Peace River country; a business that still operates today.

The rugged Scots of the Northwest Company first harvested the rich furs of B.C.'s Peace country. Later the Hudson's Bay Company made the area part of its fur kingdom.

Just about a century ago, the fur traders were joined on their journey to the Peace by gold miners; men like Bill Cust and Edward Cary, Twelve Foot Davis and Banjo Mike.

The cry of "gold" echoed through the northern valleys and reached the ears of impatient men with the gleam of riches in their eyes.

Many who panned and dug for gold along the Peace, Finlay and Omineca Rivers, were veterans of the California and Cariboo rushes, following the lure of gold into the Peace country.

A few men made good panning the creeks and rivers in the Peace watershed; others died, their bones littering the rugged trail to the diggings; many left with broken spirits and empty pockets.

Gold fever swept through the area with varying intensity until the early 1900's. But the gathering of gold left no major permanent contribution to the development of the Peace.

The travels of the gold miner and trapper did, however, result in the recognition of the rich farm lands and the discovery of other minerals.

Main economy of the Peace River area has historically been woven around its grain fields and forests. Development of petroleum and natural gas resources of the Peace, which played an important role in the 1950's, will be the key to Peace River economy in the 1960's.

Petroleum and gas deposits are in sufficient quantity to make the Peace one of the world's petroleum rich areas.

Since 1957 natural gas has been flowing 650 miles from the Peace to the Lower Mainland of the province and into the Northwestern U.S. The Westcoast Transmission Company's 30-inch diameter line is capable of delivering over 650 million cubic feet of gas per day.

Early this year a 12-inch oil pipeline was completed from Fort St. John to link with the Trans Mountain pipeline near

Kamloops, a distance of 505 miles. The 75,000 barrel per-day Western Pacific pipeline feeds British Columbia oil to Pacific Coast refineries for the first time via the Trans Mountain line.

Plans are afoot also, to build another major natural gas pipeline further north into the Fort Nelson area to bring more gas fields into production.

Historically, the problems of adequate transportation have hampered Peace development. During the railway building boom days in the early 1900s, more than 20 charters were granted for railways through the region. Not one was built.

Until the last decade B.C.'s Peace district was closely tied to Alberta—virtually isolated from the Pacific Province.

Most of the Peace district's farm products and other exports were shipped via the Northern Alberta Railway from Dawson Creek to Edmonton.

Since World War II, however, the Peace River district has been "brought closer to other areas of B.C. through increased highway, railroad and air routes.

The Alaska Highway, the U.S. wartime strategic supply road, provides an all-weather link from the Peace Block to the Yukon. The John Hart Highway was completed early in the 1950s, providing a link to the central B.C. interior and Vancouver; Pacific Great Eastern Railway was pushed through to Dawson Creek and Fort St. John in 1958.

There are regular air line runs linking Fort St. John with Edmonton, Vancouver, and Whitehorse.

But even the great increase in road and rail facilities has done little for the major metallic mineral resources in the area, mostly located west of the Rocky Mountain Trench, out of reach of existing transportation.

Large deposits of coal located in the foothills of the Rockies remain undeveloped because of meagre local markets and transportation problems.

West of the Rockies, in harder rock formations many minerals have been found including lead, zinc, mica, gypsum, chromium, mercury, copper and molybdenum. Iron deposits are located on the B.C.-Alberta border.

Many people in the province are wondering if mineral development will become feasible with inexpensive Peace power, plus the possibility of cheap transportation to the railhead over the huge storage lake in the Rocky Mountain Trench.

Inexpensive power and transportation will not, by themselves, assure mineral development. But these, combined with favourable economic con-

ditions and sufficient world markets, could well bring large scale mining operations into the area.

Several Canadian companies hold mineral claims in the Rocky Mountain Trench region. The most intensive studies of mineral deposits were carried out over the last few years on behalf of the Wenner-Gren B.C. Development Company.

Over 600 claims filed by the Wenner-Gren group and \$2,000,000 in surveys have been turned over by this company to four private mining firms which are now continuing the investigations of mineral deposits and providing a preliminary assessment of their worth.

This year another \$500,000 will be spent tunnelling, drilling, and assessing the most promising mineral deposits. Explorations to date have shown substantial deposits of various minerals which the quartet of mining companies state they intend to develop.

Thousands of acres in northern B.C. are covered in mature timber, mostly spruce, including the area to be flooded by the Peace reservoir.

Transportation problems have hampered development of these forests.

A full Peace River reservoir could, however, provide a choice waterway for lumber and pulpwood logs and largely solve the transportation problems connected to forestry development. Cheap power is promised from the Peace project.

Will the forests be developed? Will markets absorb production? Can developers of northern forests compete with others located closer to main rail lines and tidewater?

Only the future can provide definite answers to these questions. But Alexandra Forest In-

dustries Limited — a private firm which has acquired the \$500,000 forestry studies carried out by the Wenner-Gren group—says development of timber resources in and around the Rocky Mountain Trench is a reasonable venture.

They back this up with a feasibility report on a forest industries complex including a sawmill, plywood mill, pulp mill and ultimately, a newsprint mill.

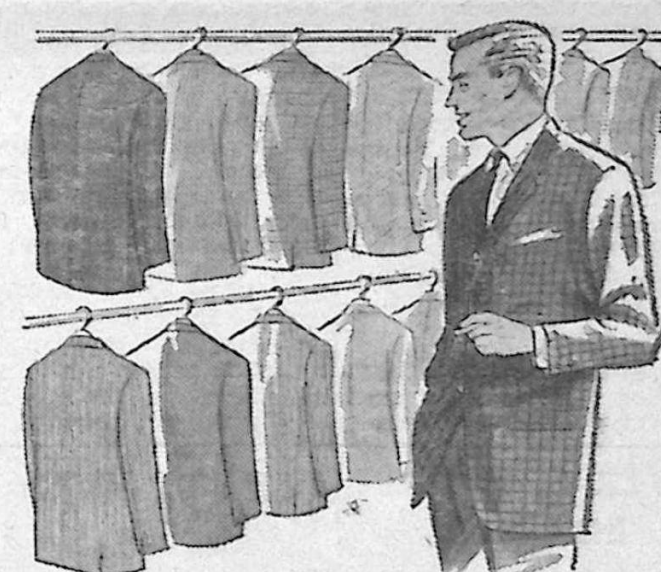
Their existing plans call for three mills to be completed by the time Peace Power is available in 1968. The paper mill would be brought into being as early as 1970 or as late as 1976, depending on the conditions of world paper markets.

Alexandra officials say they will take their plans for a \$130 million forest industry complex to the provincial government later this year seeking a forest management licence.

Basic plan calls for a lumber mill cutting 250,000 board feet per day to be in operation by 1963. The following year, the plywood mill is scheduled for operation. Both mills would operate on thermal generating equipment until Peace Power is ready in 1968.

A 500-ton-per-day bleached kraft mill would be brought into service when Peace hydro power is ready. This would be followed as world markets dictate, by a 500-ton-per-day newsprint mill.

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Youth Recreation News

By BOB PARKER

RCAF DEPENDENT YOUTH COMPETITION

The big news this week is all about the RCAF dependents' competition known as a Basketball Free Throw. This competition is open to all RCAF dependents from 13 to 18 years of age. There are two groups for boys and two for girls, with prizes for the top competitors in each group. The prizes offered are lapel pins or crests and the winners names and scores will be passed on to the Air Force Headquarters for inclusion in the RCAF post scoring list.

The practice dates are Monday and Tuesday, 19th and 20th February with the qualifying throws on Wednesday, 21st Wednesday 23, each day except Sunday. For all the rules contact LAC Fenton in the Rec. Hall on or before Monday, 19 February.

TEEN TOWN

This week end we have the Teen Town executive visiting the City of Port Alberni to attend the North Vancouver Island Teen Conference. They should pick up some valuable information concerning the organization and the work of "Teen Towns" throughout the Island. Don't forget you Teen Towners, the Teen Meeting in the Social Centre on Friday, 19 February for the regular meeting. We want that constitution amendment passed and we need you ALL out to do it. Let's get behind the executive committee and show them we support their work.

RIFLE CLUB

Membership is slipping a bit but we have good competition. F.O. Eastman reports about 12 people come out and he can handle a few more. The club is trying to plan a "HAM SHOOT" at Easter for the club. If this can be arranged we will let you know.

ART CLUB

This activity is enjoyed by fourteen persons each Thursday night in the Art Room of the Social Centre. Mrs. Lefcoe assisted by Mrs. Lanyon and Co. (LTD.) provide the know how and the others are having a real ball and learning too.

BADMINTON

The badminton club are still providing instructors each Wednesday evening to teach

the teens the rudiments of this game. For any information on these classes contact WO2 Yeoman at the Fire Hall or FS Hetman at the Marine Section. They are the "wheels" of this activity.

SQUARE DANCE GROUP

Still going strong under WO Horton and his worthy crew from the "Co Hoe Downers Dance Group." According to Mr. Horton the kids are doing fine and they enjoy the dances each Friday evening.

STAMP CLUB

The phrase "Take me to your leader" is impossible for this group. Their leader LAC Prokop is still on TD down east but we have a real substitute who comes up each Wednesday evening to take his place. We hope to have LAC Prokop back soon.

SOAP BOX DERBY

As yet we have no books for the 1962 classic but we have heard from the committee in Mission, B.C., at the Soap Box Derby headquarters, and they say to go ahead using the '61 information booklets until the new ones arrive. So, any boy between 11 and 15 who wants to get the rule book and find out how this sport works can contact WO Parker in PMQ 111A to pick up a book. We plan, if enough boys are interested, to run off a contest here on the station, pick the winner and the Council and Rec. Commission will make arrangements to have the winner compete on July 2 at Mission City, B.C. Boys, it's up to you! The winner's prize at Mission this year is \$500 dollars, and other prizes for the runners-up. If you win at Akron this year, there are six scholarships that range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, plus nine other major prizes.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The Rec Council and the Town Council members have been busy painting teeter totters and getting ready for spring. We have the timber for three, new, four-swing units and have ordered the chain that is necessary. Sand boxes are dependent upon how much cash we have left after we get the new swings made and the older swings and teeters repaired. If you see a group of people out working, how about you lending a hand setting this equipment up?

SILVER STONES FOR BONSPIEL

Fashioned by Cominco craftsmen from silver mined and refined in the province, the miniature silver stones provide a fitting prize for grand aggregate champions in the B.C. Curling Association Bonspiel, this year which was held at Penticton from February 5-11. The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company has been making and giving the famous silver rocks since 1925. In the early days they were presented every fourth year when the B.C. Spiel was held in Trail. Later, the silver stones were awarded to B.C.'s grand challenge champions and more recently to the grand aggregate winners. Stones are 3 1/2 inches in diameter and weigh approximately 1 1/2 pounds each.



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On Humor

The deep background that lies behind and beyond what we call humour is revealed only to the few who, by instinct or by effort have given thought to it. The world's humour, in its best and greatest sense, is perhaps the highest product of our civilization.

One thinks here not of the mere spasmodic effects of the comic artist or the black-faced expert of the vaudeville show, but of the really great humour, which, once or twice in a generation at best, illuminates and elevates our literature.

It is no longer dependable on the mere trick and quibble of words, or the old and meaningless incongruities in things that strike us as "funny." Its basis lies in the deeper contrasts offered by life itself; the strange incongruity between our aspirations and our achievements, the eager and fretful anxieties of today that fade into nothingness tomorrow, the burning pain and sharp sorrow that are softened in the gentle retrospect of time, till as we look back on the course that has been traversed, we pass in view of the panorama of our lives, as people in old age may recall, with mingled tears and smiles, the angry quarrels of their childhood.

And here, in its larger aspect, humour is blended with pathos till the two are one, and represent as they have in every age, the mingled heritage of tears and laughter that is our lot on earth.

—Stephen Leacock.

COURTENAY ROUND-UP (Continued from Page 2)

preliminary hearings. One of the men, Peter Day, was convicted of car theft while he was being held without bail on the killing charge. Gary Parkinson, also being held for the killing charge. Gary Parkinson two weeks earlier for the same charge of car theft. Parkinson's brother, Keith, is the third man held.

In city council last week, it was announced that city workers had been granted a 10 cent per hour increase in pay, with 60 days sick leave per year at half pay. It was also announced that increased teachers' salaries accounted for more than 75 per cent of the \$136,000 increase in the \$1,500,000 school board budget.

'62 Mother's March P.M.Q.'s

by DOUG FOSBROOKE

(Treasurer, Kinsmen's Club)
The 1962 Mothers' March was held on Thursday, February 1st in the P.M.Q. area.

The drive this year was very successful. Over \$170 was collected in P.M.Q.s. This was more than twice what was collected last year, and we would like to thank the marching mothers who were so helpful in making the drive a success: Mrs. Barne - Mrs. Boyle - Mrs. Burgess - Mrs. Harkness - Mrs. Cowan - Mrs. Hyde - Mrs. Johns - Mrs. Kobierski - Mrs. Nicholson - Mrs. Ostrander - Mrs. Richardson - Mrs. Trew - Mrs. Thompson.

Our particular thanks to Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Hyde, who were so helpful in organizing the mothers.

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Europe as We Saw It

By BOB BARLOW

A VISIT TO PISA, ITALY

Driving up the coastal road from Rome, my wife and I were understandably excited as we neared the approaches to the city of Pisa. Having read about this place as children and observed pictures of its Leaning Tower, we were very anxious to find out for ourselves as much as possible about the history of the city, its buildings and its people.

The friendly Italian people soon put us at ease and we were able to learn a great deal. Once a Greek colony, an Etruscan city and a Roman Settlement, Pisa became in the year 1300 a mighty Maritime Republic with a population of 120,000. Today, the main town stands on the coastal road between La Spezia and Livorno with the River Arno flowing by to the sea as in the days of old. The seat of one of the most ancient universities in Italy, Pisa is also active in industry and trade. The present 66,000 people enjoy a pleasant and mild all-year-round temperature. The town has many monuments of great renown, some of which are . . . "The BATTISTRO" or the Baptistery, begun by DIOTISALVI in 1153 and finished in 1300 A.D. Nicola PISANO, who worked at the building, also built the beautiful altar within.

The BATTISTRO is located in the PIAZZA DEI MIRACOLI (Square of Miracles) along with the cathedral begun in the year 1063 by BUSCHETTO and opened for worship in 1118. My wife and I saw many famous works by the sculptures of old, notably GIAMBOLOGNA. We also saw in the BATTISTRO the well known and famous "Lamp of Galileo".

Of course, within the PIAZZA is the most famous of all landmarks in Italy, "The CAMPANILE" or the Tower famous over the centuries because of its leaning. It's building began in the year 1174 by BONANNO and was finished in the year 1350 by TOMMASO PISANO. Such architecture of magnificence and beauty meant utilizing the most costly marble in existence at that time and in great abundance, to say nothing of the long and costly work of the craftsmen

employed under the designers.

As we walked about this quaint and beautiful city, evidence of the damage caused by World War II is noticeable and was at the time of our visit being repaired. Much has been said about the famous leaning tower and the reasons for its inclination. During the past centuries we were told, two hypotheses have been suggested; one holds that the slope was intended by the builder, the second that it is due to the movement of the ground in that area. Perhaps the most convincing proof of this latter theory is that other Pisa monuments such as the Bell Tower of the Churches of St. NICOLA, ST. SISTO and ST. NICOLA DE'LE SCALZI have inclined to some degree to the instability of the ground. It was interesting to learn that the Tower leaning toward the south has an average depth of sinking of 7.9 feet and that the average deviation from the vertical is approximately 13.8 feet. The Tower stands 181.2 feet in height in the north and 177.3 feet high in the south. The building is continually under surveillance by picked Italian technicians and it is noted that the inclination continues at a rate of approximately 8/10th of a millimetre every year.

The interior of this famous building is cylindrical in form, and it may be climbed by means of a spiral staircase. It was by this means that my wife and I reached the terrace on the top floor where the old bells are kept. Beautifully carved, these bells are a much photographed part of the Tower. From this vantage point atop the Tower we had a magnificent view of the entire area, from the APUAN ALP along the River ARNO and thence to the MARINA DI PISA seven miles away, the busy seaport. Coming down through this building after admiring the view from the terrace we noted that the exterior is composed of sparkling white marble. Cylindrical in form and marvellous in its bulk it is composed of a series of galleries one above the other

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DEMON DOIN'S

by JOHNSON

Calling all Demons—or as the crew that stayed at Ballykelly last fall will recall, "Standby for broadcast". This attention getting phrase blared through the barracks at 0630 daily announcing, "rain showers over Northern Ireland, clearing by mid-afternoon". Today's broadcast is more important. Demon Doin's is under new management. Prototype Gosh and Mark II are to be congratulated for their chatty Winchelsea type topics. We will try to give Totem readers a complete picture in the future.

But the quality of news depends on the contributors. We are therefore inviting all Demons to drop us a line whenever some newsworthy item comes to their attention. The squadron OR has a mailbox for this purpose. Don't be too concerned about the English construction in these submissions. It will be our job to meet editorial standards. Here's your chance to get your favorite section anecdote into print where everyone can enjoy it.

Speaking of stories, this makes me think of the young officer who was given the job of organizing a station intelligence library. After much scrounging and chasing around, the library was completed to the satisfaction of the CO with one exception. There were no bars on the window and the walls displayed classified "gen". Bars had to be installed—and fast. The AOC's annual inspection was the next day. And there they were the following day, bars



BOY SCOUT AND WOLF CUB HANDICRAFT DISPLAY

February 22 is Lord Baden Powell's, the founder of Scouting, birthday. The week, February 18-25, has been proclaimed Boy Scout Week. During this period the Scouts and Cubs from the 2nd Comox RCAF Group will display some of their handicrafts at the B/A Service Station (just outside the Station gate on Ryan Road) and at the Dry Canteen in the Rec Centre.

The items which will be on display were hand made by the boys with little or no supervision and mostly original ideas. They were manufactured, constructed or originated to fulfil a requirement of a test, to earn a proficiency badge or in competition with other groups of boys.

On February 22 the Scouts and Cubs will be wearing their uniform to school in honour of Baden Powell.

on the window, steel grey bars. The AOC was duly impressed. The fact that broom handles painted grey were used for bars was never realized. They might still be providing security. By the way, that same inventive type is a Demon now. Let's hear from the section. This is your column.

Cold Lake Microwave

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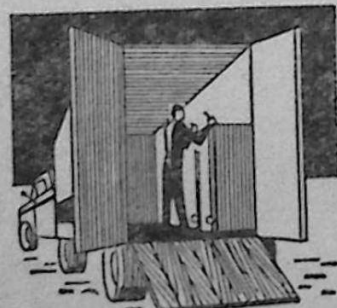
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Flight Line Business

by J.W.L.

Thus far I haven't had to retract anything I said in the last issue. And, probably, by the time a retraction should be forthcoming, the subject will be so much ancient history that it won't be worth while exhuming it. And that disposes of that without the vestige of an apology!

Looking back on the past issues of the "Totem Times", one aspect of the contents stands out clearly. The Great Outdoors receives ample coverage in every issue by our able and mutual friend Warrant Officer Iles. And rightly so, as we have plenty of it on this end of the Island. Every month of the year has something to offer in the way of outdoor recreational activity.

And both indoor and outdoor sports get an airing in proportion to their seasonal interest, being adequately catered to by a number of zealous correspondents.

But no one has thought fit to compose a dirge to the misfortunes of the Vancouver sporting fraternity... Commercial I mean. No, to allay any sneaking suspicion to the contrary, let me say right here and now that I have no money invested in either the B.C. Lions, the Mounties or the Canucks. In fact, I haven't any money—period. So that's out. All door-to-door salesmen please note.

To take these unfortunate aggregations in rotation, let's first consider the B.C. Lions. "In '62 the Lions'll mew". Or, maybe, "In '62 they might win two". (I wonder if there's anything to be made in the slogan game?) After much profound cogitation we are rapidly approaching the conclusion that the Lions would do infinitely better if they were to field their ex-coaches and leave the players on the sidelines. They have gone through enough coaches and managers to be able to play in two leagues simultaneously. Last year, they changed their spring training centre to Courtenay with the idea, no doubt, that a change of climate might, accidentally, give the team a much needed rejuvenation. If they had only decided to come a little earlier, they could have indulged in water polo, if the present condition of Lewis Park is any indication.

The Mounties, Vancouver's baseball pride and joy, also seem to have been in the doldrums during the past season, and were also afflicted with

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coach and managerial trials and tribulations. They didn't win enough games to satisfy either the fans or the directorate. And, if a team isn't winning, the gate receipts appear to have a habit of dwindling, which is where the powers that be suffer most. A blow to their pride they can take in their stride, but don't hit the pocketbook. That is the most unkindest cut of all. Nothing for it but to raise the price of hot-dogs!

I know there are numerous explanations for the team's position last year, but why enumerate them and spoil a grouchy column!

Most of the above remarks would seem to fit the Canucks' hockey team also. It would appear that the bodies have been kept on ice too long, if you'll pardon the pun... or even if you don't. Anyhow, changing coaches doesn't seem to be the solution in this case either. Maybe they miss the threats of dismissal that used to be a weekly nightmare when Coley Hall held the purse strings.

In my opinion all three teams ought to retire from active participation in their various fields and form a mutual Tid-dley Winks League. On second thoughts, however, that might tend to increase the unemployment situation, as the various sports writers would have to turn in their press-cards and go on the bread line.

In conclusion, let me state that the opinions expressed above are not necessarily those of the staff of the "Totem Times" nor even of this correspondent.



"Isn't it thrilling? An office romance!"

Flying Club Flash

A general meeting was held recently in the Comox Flying Club to elect the new board of directors for the new year. The elected members are: president, Peter Bremner; vice-president, Don Mitchell; secretary, Roy Robertson; treasurer, Ralph Metzler; Civilian Representative, Sandy Hunchuck; manager, Barney Dunleavy.

The club is happy to announce that the year 1961 was a good year. 13 students graduated from the club's government approved course and a total of 815 hours flying time was recorded. A new government approved course will be starting at the beginning of March. An additional aircraft will be flown in from B.C. Aero Club for this new course. As the end of this course, the club is planning to purchase a 4-place aircraft.

Preparations for the Fly-In Crab Feed will again this year be handled by Mr. Eric Franklin who did such a fine job last year.

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Nuclear Defence Lecture

By BOB CLARKE

Sixty-five residents of PMQ's showed up on the 6th of February at a lecture which should have attracted 300 hundred families, because of its extreme importance. There is so much confusion these days about nuclear explosions, radio-active fallout, etc., because everyone from a college professor to a cement mixer has expressed his or her opinion in the papers, TV, radio and every kind of medium. Many of these have deplored the minds of the military for their opinions on these matters, but this writer believes that people engaged in military service should know more about nuclear defence than anyone else because they have actually experimented with the explosives in question and have proven their theories many times. F/O Parsley, ably assisted by his colleagues Cpl. "Doug" McNeely and Cpl. "Fred" Wilson, put on a film and performed experiments with a geiger counter and phosphor powder to prove the point of their lecture.

They showed how even paper or wood provided a shield against a certain amount of the radio activity, and Fred Wilson even dipped an unpeeled banana into the powder, washed it off in water and showed how clean it was with the counter, and then ate the banana.

The film which was shown aptly demonstrated the confusion which could exist and showed the three different types of explosion and the type of damage to expect from each.

The militarists are the first to admit that a nuclear war would create the greatest havoc in history, but they maintain that people living

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Rinsing with water will be just dandy.

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Are bad for your teeth and this is why
Sweets in your mouth are used as food
By the germs in your mouth and that's not good.

For they make acids, and that is what
Causes people's teeth to rot.
If you want to keep your teeth like new
Don't eat sweets that's Rule Number Two!

Take your teeth to the dentist to check and clean! Whether or not there are holes to be seen.
Every six months go and see Your dentist... and that's Rule Number Three!

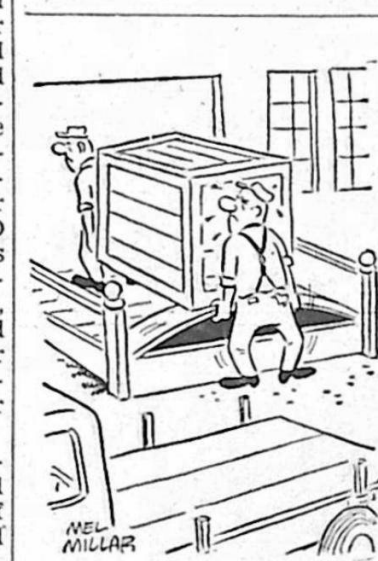
If cavities in your teeth appear
You really haven't a thing to fear.
If you go to the dentist right away,
He can fill them without delay.

Duplicate Bridge

by

I. M. N. ADDICT

During 1961 a Duplicate Bridge Club was formed in the Comox-Courtenay region. Club games are played in the basement of the Elks' Club, Sixth St., Courtenay, on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of each month starting promptly at 8 p.m. All bridge players are welcome, be they experts or novices. Further information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Eric Hyde or F/L Vern Spierman.



far enough away from actual targets to escape blast and heat, would be able to survive if they knew what to do. Thousands, perhaps millions of lives depend on this knowledge, so it is strongly recommended that when this team puts on another lecture, all residents of PMQ's who can possibly attend should make an effort to be there.

The Courtenay Club is affiliated with the American Contract Bridge League so members of this league may register master points won in club games. Membership in the A.C.B.L. is available for a fee of \$2.00 per annum. Although this membership provides several privileges, it is not a requirement to play in club games.

The following is an interesting hand taken from a recent club game:

North-South vulnerable.
South deals.

N		E	
S Q-J-10-5		S 9-4-2	
H K-6-2		H Q-3	
D K-3-2		D 8-6-5-4	
C A-Q-J		C 10-9-5-4	

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S A-K-3
H J-10-5-3
D Q-J
C K-8-6-3

This hand was played at seven tables in a variety of different contracts with one pair attaining the top score by bidding 3 and making 5 no trump. South holds 14 points and opened 1 Club. North holding 16 points and a balanced hand responded 3 no trump. South passed realizing that the partnership didn't have a five card suit or sufficient points for slam. Either five no trump or five clubs can be made against any defence but five clubs is only 600 points and five no trump is worth 660.

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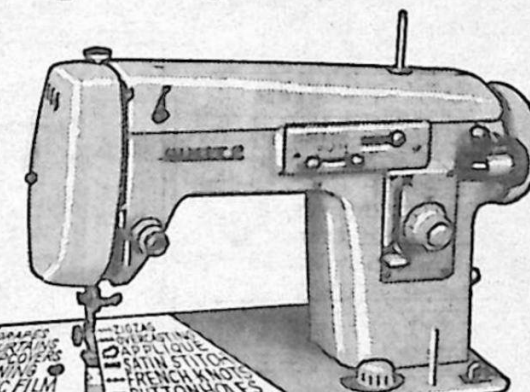
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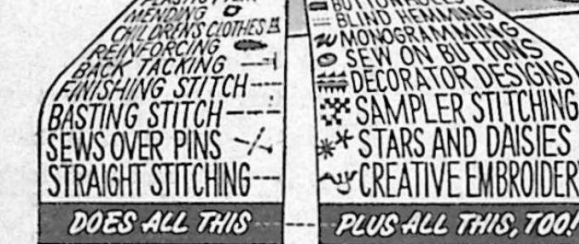
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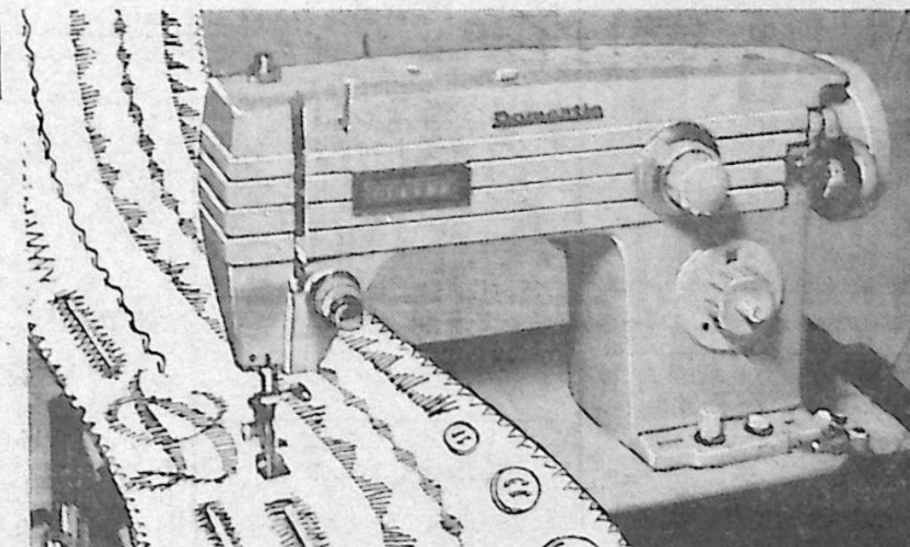
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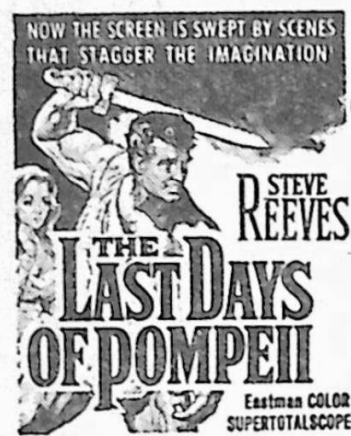


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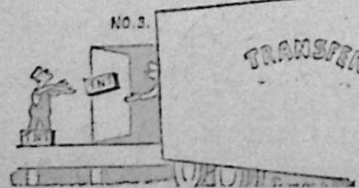
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Europe As We Saw It
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as on the facades of cathedrals. The galleries with their carved columns, rounded arches with designs and decorations, defy description. At the foot of the Leaning Tower and located in other sight-seeing areas within the city of Pisa are quaint, old, Italian gentlemen who make a living selling various types of souvenirs, replicas of the Leaning Power, Cathedrals, etc. Many other sights not described within this article are to be seen at Pisa, as many

readers know who journeyed there and who perhaps left in their car with the same deep reluctance as my wife and I as we drove northward out of this lovely old Italian city.

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