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Thursday, February 16, 1961

## Associate MND Visits

### Familiarization Tour of Comox Includes New Installations

The Honourable Pierre Sevigny, Associate Minister of National Defence, with his wife, paid a friendly familiarization visit to Station Comox on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

A/C G. Truscott, Deputy Maritime Commander Pacific, accompanied the Associate Minister as the party toured the Winter Works Improvement projects, 409 and 407 Squadrons, and the new messes and installations on the Station.

The minister commented on the growth and improvements to the station, and stated that there was no proposal of any changes for the role of the Station at the present time. He also stated that reports on the reduction of CF-100's here was purely speculative, and that there was no plan to replace the Neptunes, presently based here, with the Argus.

After a luncheon in the Officers' Mess, the Minister and his party flew back to Vancouver.

### BOTTLE DRIVE

The 2nd RCAF Comox Cubs and Scouts are having a bottle drive during the morning of Saturday 18th February. All PMQs will be canvassed and residents are asked to have all available empty beverage bottles ready for collection. If you plan to be away during that morning please leave your empties with a neighbour.

This is a good opportunity for our community to assist our boys financially and at the same time give Dad an excuse to leave the dishes for Mom while he cleans out the basement.

Wolf Cubs and Scouts are requested to be at the Scout Hall at 1000 hrs on the day of the drive, dressed in uniform.

## CF-100's Squadrons To Be Disbanded

Disbandment of CF-100 squadrons in the Airforce will begin this fall.

One of the two squadrons at Uplands will be among the first to go, according to a news dispatch from the Ottawa Journal.

It has not been confirmed,

however, that there will be any replacement with another interceptor. Should this happen, senior officials stated that the plane would be used more for identification than interception and in this role, not as many planes are required.

Accordingly, costs can be cut by reducing each two squadron station (Uplands, North Bay, St. Hubert and Baggotville) to one squadron per station.

### 'Tempest' Tickets On Sale Monday

The long-awaited production of "Tempest" by the Canadian Players will be staged at the Station Theatre on March 9.

Advance tickets will go on sale in the Rec. Centre office on Monday, 20 Feb., for three days. Following this, tickets will go on sale for the general public at M&M Music in Courtenay.

The advance sale on the station is limited to station personnel and they are requested to purchase only enough tickets for themselves, as there is a limitation of seats due to a 200 seat reservation for the students of the local area.

The cast, including many Stratford actors, is directed by George McCowan, who is slated to direct another Shakespearean play, "Henry VIII" next year at Stratford.

The play, with spirits and magicians, has an intriguing plot, and promises much delight as ancient wrongs are reconciled in a happy ending.



### Highest Award For Girl Guide

At a banquet held in her honor, Donna Morris was presented with her gold cord by District Guide Commissioner, Mrs. D. Baird.

To open the occasion, Mrs. L. Short, president of the local association of Wallace Gardens welcomed the guests on behalf of the 1st and 2nd (RCAF) Comox Guide Companies.

Following a humor revue of her life in a skit by the other guides of the company, Donna gave a brief summary of the work involved in order to complete her challenge for the Gold Cord.

### Weatherman Forecasts Future

Mr. P. D. McTaggart-Cowan, Director of the Meteorological Branch, Department of Transport, visited Met personnel here on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

The main purpose of his visit was to familiarize the staff on the new policy of administration concerning the career plan of the Met branch.

Mr. McTaggart-Cowan also invited comments and constructive criticism on the proposals that were put forth.

### Mothers March Raises \$200

Twenty-seven PMQ mothers have the heartfelt thanks of the Kinsmen Club of Courtenay for their efforts in raising \$200 in that area during the Mothers' March campaign on Monday, January 30.

With the help of Mrs. Vera Gold, the Kinsmen were able to enlist three times the number of marchers from other years and this resulted in a 100 per cent increase in collections over 1960.

The average yearly sum realized in the Comox district is \$2,700. The average cost of a patient who is afflicted by polio is \$4,000. This district has averaged two patients per year for the past four years.

### RETIREMENT AFTER 25 YEARS' SERVICE



Happy smiles mirror the occasion during the presentation of a parting gift to WO H. K. Thompson at a Mess Dinner held in honour of his retirement. Making the presentation is F/L B. W. Nicholson, SARMO, and lending a helping hand is WO H. E. Ostrander, Honourary PMC of the Sergeants' Mess.

### PTA Addressed by Regional Rep.

On Wednesday 8th February a number of parents were on hand to hear Mrs. Ruth McKellar address the Comox Airport Parent-Teachers Association.

Mrs. McKellar was introduced by Mrs. K. Reeves, British Columbia Parent-PTA vice-president. She outlined the objects of the British Columbia Parent-Teacher Federation and the services available from it to the local associations. Mrs. McKellar emphasized the value of "strength through unity" whereby the members through the medium of the organization, can gain a hearing for their feelings and suggestions that is denied to the individual. She also outlined the Federation organization, explained the operation of the annual convention, and described her duties as regional representative.

An informal question period followed the address. S/L C. B. MacDonald, chairman of the program committee, thanked Mrs. McKellar.

### Dental Staff To Increase

During his recent inspection of facilities at Comox, Col. I. A. L. Miller, Command Dental Officer, stated that he hoped to employ another dentist and dental technician at Comox by the summer.

This would solve many of the problems now faced by the present staff.

At present, appointments are approximately four weeks apart, which does not allow for the flexibility necessary on an operational station due to shift workers, aircrew, etc. This lack of flexibility makes it difficult when emergencies occur. The frequent international trips which demand all personnel concerned to be in top dental condition and be inspected before they leave, add to the busy schedule. Also, there is the possibility that Station Holberg will become a dental responsibility of this station.

By increasing the dental staff, not only will waiting periods be shortened, but the range of dental work available will be widened. With the increase of another dentist, there will be sufficient prosthetic work for a dental technician, the fabrication of dentures, presently done in Vancouver, can be done locally.

### New Leader For "Hawks"

F/L Jim McCombe has now become the leader of the Golden Hawks, succeeding S/L Fern Villeneuve.

The famous aerobatic team has now become a permanent unit within the Airforce with its home base at Station Chatham, New Brunswick.

The team will start on its extensive 1961 tour early in May, and will probably be seen in Comox during August.

## Grand Old Lady Gets Face Lifted

Things just won't seem the same around 407 Sqn hangar any more. The word has come down from the great brass-bound hats at Ottawa that the familiar, big Blue Birds of

the Maritime Patrol family are to be 'standardized'. One at a time, each of the Squadron's P2Vs is to be subjected to the indignity of having her exterior, posterior, protuber-

ances, curves and convolutions; all her most intimate crannies and bumps, ravished by a paint gun in the hands of complete strangers, as 30 gallons of enamel change her from a respectable lady to a painted Jezebel.

24116, the first of the new paint jobs to arrive back is shown below, in her new dress. The top is a virgin white, the lower portion a light grey, and from nose to tail cone runs a fiery lightning bolt. And now that we look at her again, it's pretty snappy at that; guest we always did have a suppressed preference for painted Jezebels over respectable ladies.

And just incidentally, F/L Freddie Andrews, who ferried her back from Edmonton, logged his 5,000th hour en route.







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## Chapel Chimes

### PROTESTANT CHAPEL

F/L W. C. HEWITT

(Chaplain (P))

### SERVICES FOR SUNDAY,

FEBRUARY 19th, 1961

Service of Holy Communion—

8:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Worship

11:00 a.m.

BADEN POWELL ANNIVERSARY

and THANKING DAY for Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies. These young people will attend chapel this Sunday, remembering their founder and the great principles of their world-wide movements, in a service of re-dedication. Senior Confirmation Class—

2:00 p.m.

Adult Confirmation Class—

4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: February 22nd, 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

A THOUGHT AS THE LENTEN SEASON BEGINS:

WHAT SHALL IT BE?

Out of this life I shall never take things of silver and gold I make.

All that I cherish and hoard away after I leave this earth must stay.

Though I have toiled for a painting rare to hang on the wall, I must leave it there.

Though I call it mine and boast its worth, I must give it up when I leave this earth.

All that I gather and all that I keep I must leave behind when I fall asleep.

And I often wonder what I shall own in that other life when I pass alone.

What shall they find, and what shall they see in the soul that answers the call for me?

Shall the Great Judge learn when my talk is through That my spirit has gathered some riches too?

(From an old manuscript)

RE USED CLOTHING—A collection will be made in the PMQ's by the Guild Members, assisted by the Brownies, for your DONATIONS OF USED CLOTHING and RUMMAGE, for the sale on the 24th in Courtenay. This will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

### 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.

SUNDAY MASSES: 0900 and 1100 hours.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Mon-Fri. 1635 hrs; Sat. 0830 hrs.

Benediction: Sundays, 1900 hrs.

Religious instruction: for school children up to Grade 6: Mondays at the Wallace Garden School 4 p.m. High grades: Sundays at 7 p.m.

Choir Rehearsals: Adult choir: Thursday, 1900 hrs. Junior choir: Saturday, 1830 hrs.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays: 1900 — 2000 hrs.

The Mass schedule will be without change during Lent—Monday thru Friday 4:35 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be held Fridays and Sundays at 1900 hrs.

Lent is meant as a time of special and intimate union with the Crucified Master. It is certainly rather difficult and annoying to consider that

## Fire Hall Comments

### Fire Prevention Contest Results

Recently released from the headquarters of the National Fire Prevention Association, were the RCAF results in the Annual Fire Prevention contest. They were as follows:

Grand Award — Stn. Uplands

Large Class—

First — Stn. Uplands

Second — Stn. Summerside

Third — Stn. Chatham

Honourable Mention—

Stns. Moose Jaw and Trenton.

Medium Class—

First — Stn. 5 SD

Second — Stn. Aylmer

Third — Stn. Clinton

Small Class—

First — Stn. St. Margarets

Second — Stn. Senneterre

Third — Stn. Falconbridge

Honourable Mention—

Stns. Holberg, St. Sylvestre and Stn. Sydney.

This station was in competition with the Medium Class, but was unplaced.

The Fire Hall wishes to record its appreciation for all the assistance received from Personnel and Sections during the year. Special thanks are in order for the directors of the Comox Flying Club, whose gift of flying hours for the children who won prizes in the school competition, was the highlight of the Year's Fire Prevention activities.

This year, a greater effort is called for and new ideas must be forthcoming to improve our year-round Fire Prevention program. If YOU have an idea, please submit it to the Fire Hall as soon as possible so that YOU can play YOUR part in this national competition.

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The importance of the Auxiliary forces is aptly demonstrated by the presence on this station of F/O Jan Quinlan, RCAF Reserve, and Sub/Lt. Trudy Vik, RCN Reserve. Both nurses were temporarily employed to alleviate personnel shortages. N/S Quinlan has left for Station Holberg, while Lt. Vik will be returning to HMCS Naden shortly.

### P-TA NEWS

## Survey on Clothing Tax Conducted

The monthly meeting of the PMQ school P-TA was held in the school at 8:00 p.m. on February 8th. The association decided to defer voting on separating from the provincial organization until the annual meeting in June.

A copy of the Chant report has been obtained and is available on loan from the executive. Flying Officer Osborne and Mrs. Cora Reeves were selected to represent this association at the British Columbia Parent-Teachers Annual Convention in April. Mrs. Ruth McKellar, regional representative of the B.C. P-TA, spoke to the meeting. The next meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. on the 8th of March. It should be noted that the next meeting occurs during Education Week. All parents, teachers and anyone interested in education are urged to come out and support the P-TA. Our turnouts are still small! We need you. Spare a night a month for your child.

The Comox Airport PTA will be conducting a survey Monday, Feb. 20th. Members of the Association will be calling on you in PMQs. The purpose of this survey is to obtain information for the provincial convention of the organization in April. This association will be presenting a resolution advocating the abolition of the 5 per cent sales tax on children's clothing at that time. A copy of the questions that will be asked is reproduced below.

1. Do you pay tax on any clothing for your children?
2. If so, how many of them?
3. What are their ages?
4. What grades are they in?
5. Approximately how much per year do you pay in tax on clothing for children under the age of sixteen?
6. Approximately how much per year do you pay in tax on clothing for children over the age of sixteen?

## — TEEN TOWN NEWS —

As this is the first piece since the Christmas dance, we would like to thank all those that attended. The dance was a great success and everybody enjoyed themselves.

The first half of the bowling season terminated before Christmas, and we've started on the final half of the season. The spread in points between the teams, especially in "B" League was very small, two

points between the four teams, and the championship is still very much in doubt. With averages of 197 and 192, Bob Bradbury and Glen Franzen seem to be in the lead, but there are several "keggers" who are determined to join this select group.

As you may know Teen Town has been granted the use of building 22, The Social and Youth Recreation Centre, and we're looking forward to many good times ahead, but we need more adult supervision. We should have at least a couple at every function. If you would like to help please contact one of our councillors, Mrs. Aikenhead P.M.Q. 5, or Mr. or Mrs. Hunter (phone 106311). Of course all parents are cordially invited to attend any of our Teen Town functions.

To celebrate the official opening of the Teen Town section of the Social and Youth Recreation Centre, we have planned a Valentine dance to be held on the night of Friday, February 17. Refreshments will be served and there will novel-

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## DEMON DOIN'S

by GOSH

Our LAC Harry Hopkinson picked up a few extra shekels last week for an original idea submitted to the Suggestion Award Committee for a bomb shackie adaptor for the release of torpedo breakaway suspension bands. Obviously, there's no need to mention that Harry's an Armament type, what other section ever connects with an idea? ... Seems we've been hiding of couple of very modest champions in our midst: Sgt. Denny Webb came up with the Comox Valley District Cribbage League's Individual Doubles Championship, playing, of course, for the Comox Legion, since that club is the one with the readiest access to refreshment, no doubt; and then there's F/L George McPherson, whose rink won the 5 Air Div Bouspiel in Vancouver, to collect the G/C Miller Trophy (Not our G/C Miller, t'other one). With a name like McPherson skippin' the show, it was a setup.

Cpl. Hawley moving about these days with a pronounced list to port as he favors a stiff neck. After LAC Bruce Hunter gets a look at that poem Mr. Hawley wrote about him, we are afraid Herr Hawley will have more than a stiff neck. Our Bruce, by the way, is down in Naden Dry Dock undergo-

ing refit to the bowsprit. One must entertain a modicum of respect for the medical profession, but it would seem that they are stepping more than a trifle into the Padre's territory by making Bruce into an unorthodox Jew.

Cpl. Glen Moses and LAC Ralph Brown hid themselves off to Clinton on course. Our Commanding Officer beat them to the punch, getting to Clinton U. a week ahead of them, while the Wingco's away his out basket is under the capable guidance of S/L Red Hazlett.

Congratulations to LAC and Mrs. Hugh Cutler on the birth of a son; and to LAC Ollie Oelrich, whose wife, a Mrs. Oelrich by name, presented him with a little girl. F/O Mal Hogarth undergoing the gravest difficulties these days trying to decipher his better half's Japanese, which she's learning for her lead role in the Drama Club's play "Teahouse." The grapevine has it that the club's going all out on this production. Seems someone heard an old Nipponese saying and insists on authentic fur-lined tea-pots.

LAC George Love's a-coursing at Borden. Can't imagine what they teach a guy with a name like that. FS John Perusse, having extended his TD as long as humanly possible, finally gave in to the inevitable and rejoined us, after his sojourn at Greenwood.

Sgt. Mac McLellan chases off down-Island in search of a tailor made raincoat. Not that he needs a raincoat around here, of course. He just wants something with non-leaking pockets to wear into, and out of, that Chinese smorgasbord joint in Vic where you get all you can dispose of for a buck.

Sergeant Major Danny O'Neill picked himself up a nice 19 pound steelhead up at the Powerhouse last week. LAC Philip Barnard, who took his release not too long ago from this squadron, couldn't have found the upholstery on Civvy Street too soft. At any rate he is back in again, and posted to where? You guessed it, 407 Sqn. Comox. Charlie Mottershead learned an old Cumberland game which involves pitching empty cigarette boxes into a can (tin type can, not john type can). Claims it's a most interesting pastime, win or lose.

Cpl. Wendell Frank should really appreciate that boat when he gets it finished. The making of it cost him two fingers caught in the jointer. Still, it could have been worse, if it had been vice versa. A happy sojourn to WO2 Fred Zaruk, who leaves us to join the celibates of Churchill.

The F/Os Dave Pettit and Rex Sutcliffe (a 409 type, if

you'll forgive the expression), back from a spot of leave down Frisco way, and other points south. Evidently had a really good time; dropped in on the Trade Commissioner for Australia, in Chilliwack, on the way home (What's the Australia Trade Commissioner doing in Chilliwack, anyway?), where they met two allegedly beautiful gals from Down Under. Don't know what they had to trade, but Dave and Rex sure hated to leave.

Cpl. Pat McKenzie sure must have something on the ball. Someone made him a present of a black Volkswagen. Pat certainly seems to think an awful lot of it, carries it around in his pocket, but refuses to discuss it. LAC Phil Shore must really expect to get more than his fair share of fish and game this year. When the Renault couldn't hold it all last year he has since traded the little upholstered French roller skate (we're speaking of his car, not his wife) in on a truck.

Sgt. Bob Davison has deserted wife and family while he takes his drainage problems down to Naden to have the Navy, who, after all, are the real experts on watery subjects, see what they can do for him. WO2 Iles, he who writes Trail Treasures, evidently spends too much time in the field. Can't see any other explanation for his letting LAC Dave Abel carry off his good looking daughter. The wedding is set for March 4. LAC Amirault: Welcome back.

## COMM-CHATTER

By ROBERT A. CLARKE

I'm afraid I misread the schedule for last issue, and even though I passed in some copy, it wasn't in time. As a matter of fact, two hours after I had passed it in, I had a copy of the paper in my hands. My apologies.

We had quite a personnel changeover too. Our former boss, F/O McDavid, is now the Maint Tel O Air while F/O Ernst is the boss of Comm Gnd. F/L Dunn is slated to go on an 18-week SAGE course in the USA. While he is gone F/O McDavid is filling in for him. Steve Holowaychuk is back out of the hospital now and is cheerfully carrying out his duties at Rx Site. Our ranks have been increased by two new additions. A few weeks ago AC1 White arrived, and next week he expects to be joined by his wife. Last Friday AC1 Miller (no relation to the CO) arrived, and LAC Lylyk is expected shortly.

On Saturday night we are holding a smorgasbord for F/L Dunn. Watch that weight lads. They tell us from the Air side that Cpl. Tiny Collins is in the hospital for a long stay. He has had a lot of trouble with his leg. We understand that rebreathing and bone grafting is necessary. Our sympathies go out to you, Tiny, and we hope you get it over with soon.

That's all for now. See you next issue.

## Grade III Wins P-T A Award

A feature of last Wednesday evening's meeting of the Comox Airport P-TA was the award of a book to Miss Jill Colombo's grade three class for the best attendance of parents and teachers at the meeting. This award is based on a point system; five points if the room teacher is present, two points for a father, and one point for a mother. Come out and attend the monthly meetings and help your child's classroom increase its library.

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Frogs Legs - Rolled Baby Pike  
Shrimp Salad - Chicken Salad - Smoked Salmon Salad  
Elk Hotel Special Potato Salad  
Roast Sliced Turkey - Baked Virginia Ham  
Roast Beef - Pickled Tongue - Roast Pork  
Assorted Fancy Sausage - Cracked Queen Charlotte Crab

**HOT DISHES**  
Barbecued Spare Ribs - Swedish Meat Balls  
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## FLYCON FLASHES

by FROMMAGE

Well, the fog has finally lifted and we find most of the section still intact, except it seems the Boss took a wrong turn one morning on the way to work and ended up at Number One Tower at RAPCON and liked the peace and quiet for a change so much that he's decided to stay for a couple of weeks.

With the Qualifying Exams over now, we see quite a few happier faces around and also understand the day after they were over that the bromo and amphetol sales increased tremendously.

F/L Doug Ewart has finally caught the Comox bug, understand he came back a day and a half early from Vancouver because he just couldn't stand being away from us. Boy! such devotion to duty. LAC "Don" Chapman has been seen passing out cigars lately. Understand he followed the pattern perfectly and wife Jean gave birth to a bouncing baby girl. Congrats to both of you from all of us. F/O Jerry Frewen on strength at the Tower for two days, is now on a month's leave. Guess the pressure and strain proved too much, eh Jerry?

F/L Don McRae has a new appointment these days. He is going to be the Mess Manager for the Officers' Mess. Leaving us this week is Cpl Wayne Culp going to the Far East to attend a GCA course. Hurry back Wayne, as the controller situation is always on the short side. Have a section thrash coming up shortly, believe it's on the 3rd of March. We haven't got too much on it yet but will try to get something for next issue. Also, this Friday—17 February—is Open House to all NCOs and officers at the Cpl's Club. All Flying Control personnel are urged to come out and enjoy the free beer, lunch, and also to partake in the numerous games of skill and chance that these few words "If you insist upon being a real good sport, then buy a round." OUT!

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## AIRWOMEN'S NEWS

by LAW Anonymous

Everything seems to be very quiet around BB No. 6 these days with only 18 living in. Several transfers are due to Comox in the near future.

Caron-Simard (Pee-Wee) left on Wednesday on re-embarkation leave then Overseas to No. 2 Wing. Joey Sakon has taken her release and plans on working in Vancouver. Marilyn Burritt is sure living it up these days as she will be joining Pee-Wee in No. 2 Wing early in the spring.

The Airwomen would like to wish Helen Wonnemberg all the best on the 18th of February when she will marry LAC Ronald Stewart. Poor Helen. "Wonder what those girls are up to now?" Forget it and just make sure you take your nerve pills Helen.

Freda Neville and Karon Lefler are back from leave on the Mainland. Our Wee Peter Perrault has been on leave busy planning for the big day.

Rehab leave sure must be nice, as Miss Marg Foley was back visiting Comox sporting off a new 1961 Volkswagen.

## MARINE KNOTS

by The Ancient Mariner

As we take pen in hand to give you the news and views from the Marine Section, we can gaze out our office window and look upon beautiful sun-drenched Comox Bay. The water is dotted with various small boats in search of spring salmon. Some of our boys are working outside in shirt sleeves and painting the outer decks of our crash boats. Imagine doing this in any other part of Canada in the middle of February. (I imagine this is enough bugle blowing for the local tourist bureau).

Cpl. Swinomer is the proud daddy of a 7-lb. 7-oz. boy. A new playmate for Valerie and another seaman in the family. Congrats to Dutch and the Mrs. ... Cpl. MacFarlane is currently spending a few days in the station hospital and is expected to return shortly. Sgt. Killoran is now on leave and in his absence Cpl. Robinson is wielding the whip with vim and vigour. M-848 "Albatross" was recently in

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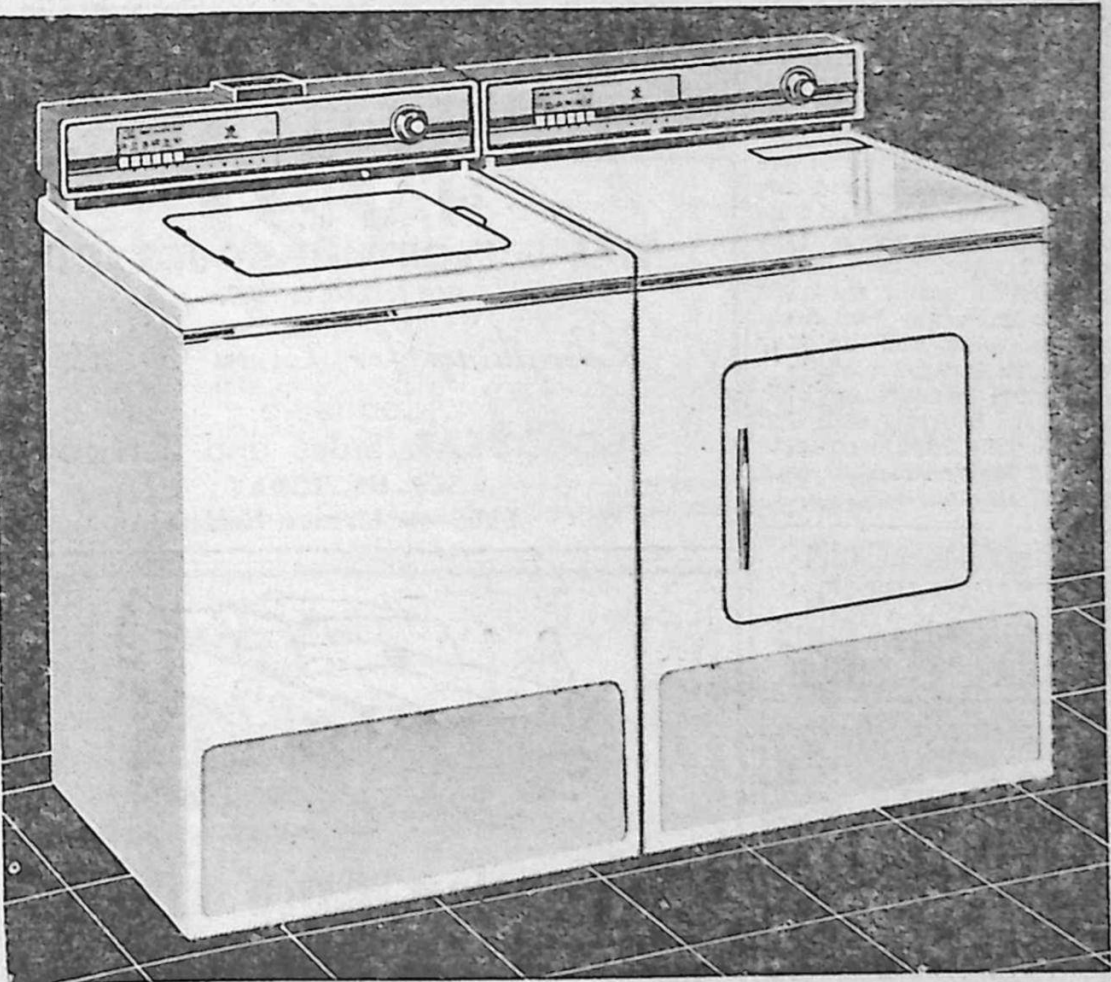
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Representing Comox in the Inter-Air Division tourney, the 409 Nighthawks took 12 straight games to defeat Station Vancouver and Sea Island. This win gave them the right to represent the Air Force in the Tri-Service Meet.

## Station Bowlers Sweep Tourney

The Station Comox bowling team defeated the other 5 Air Division teams in two days of bowling to represent the Air Force in the Tri-Service competition. They then went on to defeat the Army and Navy to sweep the championship.

In the Air Division bowling tournament, held at Comox on Friday and Saturday, 27 and 28 January, all teams rolled 15 games. The three high bowlers of this competition were Cpl Ray Ball, LAC Vic Smith and Sgt. Jack Bailey, all of Station Comox, which gives an indication of why the Comox five won.

The following weekend, Station Comox hosted the Inter-Service Tournament, and the Comox squad repeated its previous performance by taking top honors.

Both RCAF teams were out in front with the two Army teams following, and the Navy twosome in last place.

Individual honours for high scores went to Army with Sgt. Boucher with high aggregate total and Major Freeborn with the high single.

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## McPherson Wins Curling Trophy

The Pacific Curling Club in Vancouver was the scene of the annual 5 Air Division Curling Bonspiel held last weekend.

The George McPherson rink of Comox walked away with the championship, the Miller trophy, and the right to represent the west coast at the RCAF championships to be held at Winnipeg in March.

The McPherson rink, consisting of a quartet of 407 Flight Lieuts, McPherson, Petch, Mitchell and Andrews, won all the six games, winning their division and disposing of Nygren rink of Stn Vancouver in the final 12 ender with McPherson up 9 to 7 coming home.

The Aikenhead rink of Comox, consisting of LACs Aikenhead, Hooper, Munroe and Mullaney, ended up in third place to make up the second Comox rink to represent the RCAF in the Tri-Service Bonspiel to be played later this month in Vancouver.

The 3rd Comox rink in the bonspiel, the McNabb rink, ended up in 5th spot just missing the fourth spot and also the right to participate in the Tri-Service Bonspiel.

In all, the Station Comox squad took 13 games to give the top honours, and the Brigadier Bishop Trophy.

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# NEWS IN Sports

## DOWN BUT NOT OUT

The Station hockey team, all but counted out of the mid-Island Commercial Hockey League, bounced back to life on Sunday, Feb. 5, to defeat the league leading Nanaimo Comets 6-5 on a last minute spectacular goal by John Hunter. Tom Slimming, who continues to lead the team in goals and assists, also played an outstanding game. Jim Thorpe, the netminder for the locals, made his debut by making 25 saves.

Nanaimo started the game with a fast pace by scoring at 7:55 in the first period. The airmen retaliated with two goals; the first by Stu Stewart unassisted, the other by Tom Slimming on a pass from John Hunter.

In the second period, the Comets again came out fast, with Zolob twice picking a hole in the airforce defence to pick up two goals, both assisted by Maguire. Adding to this scoring was Wilson, assisted by Place, to give the Comets a 4-2 lead. This action seemed to spark the airmen as Stewart continuing his hot pace, scored on a pass from Campbell and later Hunter, on a pass from Bill Fraser, shot the puck into the net to tie the score.

The Nanaimo team came back strong in the third period when Bob Wilson, set up by Mullins, scored to put the Comets ahead.

A short time later, Ray Jones found the range for the airmen to once again tie the score.

Both teams then went on the defensive. With less than two minutes remaining in the game, a face off was held at



mid-ice. The puck was dropped back to the airforce defence, slipped across to Slimming on the right wing who crossed the blue line, went through the Comets' defence, passed over to Hunter, who faked out the goalie and slipped the puck into the lower left hand corner for a beautiful goal. This final goal gave the airmen the win with a final score of 6-5.

## COMOX LADIES' CURLING LEAGUE

Comox Valley Ladies' Curling Club has started ladies' curling each Monday and Thursday afternoon for those unable to attend evening curling. It is hoped that a league will be formed and regular schedules will be arranged. Those wishing to curl are asked to contact Mrs. R. Kobierski, phone 860Y3, for further information. Baby sitting service will be provided at the rink with a charge of 25c per child.



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"Out Fishing"

While researching for an article for "Hunting and Fishing in Canada", an interesting item was sent to me by Mrs. P. W. Ogden of Lac La Hache, B.C. It seems that at one time in the past, the local residents of that area had a somewhat strenuous, hazardous, he-man method of catching lake trout. They called it "skating a fish".

Briefly, this is the method they used. Right after the first freeze-up (about the end of November usually), when the ice is only about 1½ to 2 inches thick, these stalwart types proceeded onto the lake armed with skates and a spear made from a 3-prong pitchfork with an 18 foot handle. This 1½ or 2 inch layer of ice is crystal clear as is the water beneath. The bottom of the lake and all the fish in it are clearly visible. The men, working in teams of 3, selected the largest trout and proceeded to chase it back

and forth, somewhat in the manner of a cattle round-up, until eventually they corralled it in a shallow part of the lake. The fish eventually tired and dug its nose into the soft mud bottom.

These cowboys, or fishermen (or what have you) chopped a hole in the ice above the fish, speared it and there they were. Sometimes, she points out, the fish moved on at just the crucial moment and another hole had to be dug. This probably could have gone on until the lake was covered with holes.

This method of course, is not recommended to chronic sufferers of heartburn or short windedness. Trout up to 42 lbs. were caught in this manner. When the first snow fell this ruined the ice and put an end to the fish rodeo for that year.

This spring I hope to do a great deal of fly fishing. With this in mind, I have bought myself a new rod and reel. I am now busy reading every available article, magazine, brochure and etc. in an attempt to find out what type of line and lure are most suited to my requirements. Believe me the more I read the more confused I become.

There are more types of line than I had ever imagined; and flies—well, this just about leaves me dumbfounded. However, I do not intend to give up until I've given it a fair try.

Some say fly fishermen are of a breed apart from all other fishermen. If this is so then there must be something very intriguing about it. That which intrigues me most is the light tackle, line and rod used in this style of fishing. Even a small trout should be a lot of fun.

I have been told that fly

A fellow isn't thinking mean,  
Out fishin',  
His thoughts are mostly good  
and clean,  
Out fishin',  
He doesn't knock his fellow  
men,  
Or harbor any grudges then;  
A feller's at his finest, when  
Out fishin'.

The rich are comrades to the  
poor,  
Out fishin',  
All brothers of a common lure,  
Out fishin',  
The urchins with the pin and  
string  
Can chum with millionaire  
and king;  
Vain pride is a forgotten  
thing,  
Out fishin'.

A feller gits a chance to  
dream,  
Out fishin',  
He learns the beauties of a  
stream,  
Out fishin',  
An' he can wash his soul in  
air  
That isn't foul with selfish  
care,  
An' relish plain an' simple  
fare  
Out fishin'.

A feller has no time for hate  
Out fishin',  
He isn't eager to be great,  
Out fishin',  
He isn't thinkin' thoughts of  
self;  
Or goods stacked high upon a  
shelf,  
But he is always just himself,  
Out fishin'.

A feller's glad to be a friend,  
Out fishin',  
A helpin' hand he'll always  
lend,  
Out fishin',  
A brotherhood of rod an' line  
An' sky an' stream is always  
fine;  
Men come real close to God's  
design,  
Out fishin'.

A feller isn't plotting schemes,  
Out fishin',  
He's only busy with his dreams,  
Out fishin',  
His livery is a coat of tan,  
His creed—to do the best he  
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A feller's always mostly man,  
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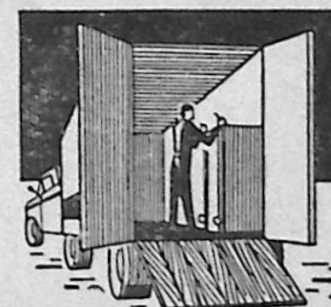
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## Geisha Girl Gift Starts Storm in a "Teahouse"

Most people like to receive gifts, even strange gifts like cricket cages, chopsticks, turtle eggs and Japanese sandals. But how would you like to be presented with a doll? Not a doll that says "Mama" or sleeps or even wets, but a real, livin' breathin' doll. Japanese.

That's what happens to Captain Fisby in "Teahouse of the August Moon" the John Patrick comedy which opens at the Station Theatre, March 2 for a three-day run, presented by the Astral Players.

The gift of the doll, or more properly geisha girl, is really the start of Fisby's troubles. In the play, Fisby is sent to teach the natives of an Okinawan village democracy and to build a pentagon shaped school.

There he receives many gifts including the geisha and in return teaches the natives the first principal of democracy. Everybody is equal and the will of the majority rules.

True to democratic principles, the majority decide that, having a geisha means they must have a teahouse and not a school.

The will of the majority prevails and results in Fisby being placed under the watchful eye of an army psychia-

### CRICKET CAGES ANYONE?

Cricket cages and getas are among the unusual props that are being assembled for the Astral Players' production of "Teahouse", March 2, 3 and 4.

Getas are open sandals that Okinawans wear in their mild climate, in preference to shoes. Their acceptance as footwear by an American Army officer sent to govern a remote village on the island is one of the hilarious steps by which the native customs overwhelm the American instead of the process being reversed, as the Pentagon had directed.

Assigned to help the disorganized village establish itself, this officer finds that the only native industry that he can develop is the manufacture of cricket cages. The village head man had given him such a cage in welcome to the community, saying it was a good luck piece. The captain notes that the cage is empty, and then he is told "Your luck starts when you catch your cricket."

Anybody have a cricket cage to lend the Astral Players for its performances of the "Teahouse"?



Pre-production check on make-up styles is made by production manager Tom Fielding and director Ted Gaskell.

trist (which soon closes), becomes the moving force in a wholesale liquor business, is threatened with court martial and disgrace when his irascible colonel finds out what he has done, and is eventually vindicated.

Gordon Murdock plays the role of the captain while Bill Johnson is his interpreter, mentor, guide and friend, Sakini.

Rick Meader appears as the psychiatrist who goes more than half way towards making East and West meet; Lee Ramsdale is the geisha, Jackie Hogarth, the villager whose idea of democracy and equality for all is to have the right to learn to become a geisha (despite the union dues and closed shop system); Al Burden is the colonel whose idea behind the spreading of democracy is partly duty, partly promotion to generalship; Bob Clarke is the colonel's assistant, Sgt. Gregovitch.

Villagers include Stan Shigehero, only English speaking Okinawan; Ray Walker, Ray Ramsdale, Randy Rickwood, Tom Fielding, Marie Rickwood, Wanda Murdock, Sally Feedham, Carmen Schulz, Ardyth Pearson, Heather McDonald, Kerry Killoran.

Also in the cast is a goat, Snowball, loaned for the production by Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke, Cumberland.

Director is Ted Gaskell.

## Introducing...

Al Burden finally made it. Twice Al almost made his stage debut but both times the plays he started in didn't see opening curtain, through no fault of his own, but this time he'll be on stage as Colonel Purdy in "Teahouse."

Bill Johnson, playing Sakini had the leading role in "Picnic," his first station appearance, as Hal Carter, the vagabond, a very different role from the happy, coniving Okinawan he plays in "Teahouse."

Female lead is Lee Ramsdale as the geisha. Lee is well known to Astral Players audiences. An original member, she played principal roles in "Ghost Train" and "Love From a Stranger." She is scheduled to direct the club's one-act play for the Upper Island Festival and is also the club's make-up artist.

Gordon Murdock makes his second appearance as Fisby in "Teahouse." His first acting chore was the lead in the club's last three-act play "To Be Continued."

Rick Meader, as Captain McLean, played the detective in "Ghost Train" to make his debut with Astral. In addition to his McLean role, Rick is working in partnership with Mal Hogarth on stage management.

Hogarth, plays quite a different role from the sweet young Madge in "Picnic," and the young wife in "Ghost Train". Jackie, who started with the RCAF Winnipeg Drama Club, boasts she is the only Okinawan with a French accent.

Appearing as Gregovitch, is Bob Clarke who was recently seen in the one-act play "The Valiant" which he also directed.

Stan Shigehero plays an old Okinawan in "Teahouse" and naturally enough, is the only villager in the play to speak English. (He is the only member of the cast to speak Japanese words used in the play.)

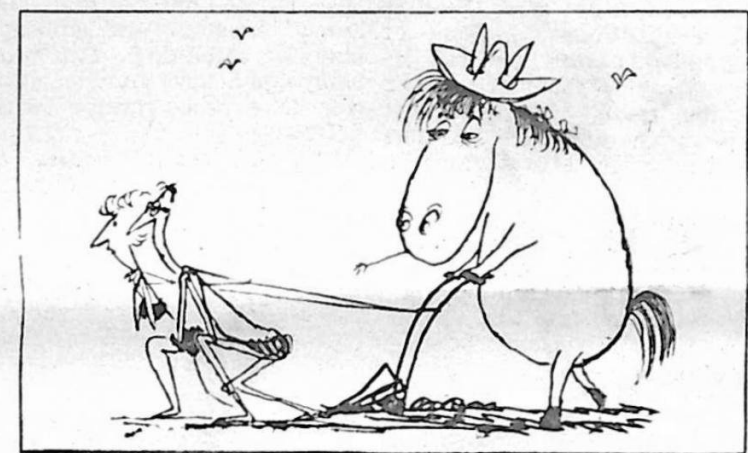
Tom Fielding, in addition to taking a small part in the play, is production manager, a chore he handled for "Picnic."

Director Ted Gaskell, invited to join the club by the executive to stage "Teahouse", is handling his second three-act play. The first was "Blithe Spirit" for the civilian group in Courtenay. He has a number of one-act productions under his belt, including his own adaptation of a shortened version of "Twelfth Night" which earned him an award

## "LEAVE MY FEET ALONE"



EAST MEETS WEST and not too happily in this scene from "Teahouse" in which Lotus Blossom (Lee Ramsdale) tries to remove shoes from Captain Fisby (Gordon Murdock) who doesn't take kindly to the un-American act. Pleased with gesture is Sakini (Bill Johnson).



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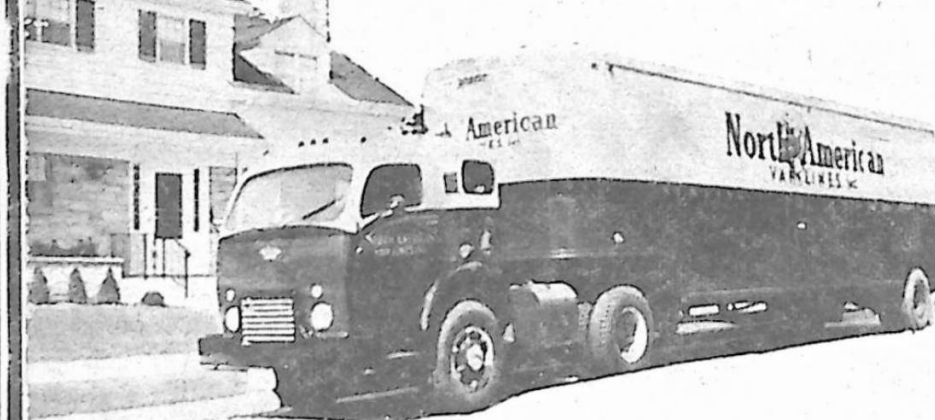
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## TEEN-TOWN

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