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Commendation Awarded 407 Pilot



F/L HUTCHINSON AND HIS CREW receive the CAS's commendation from the CO, 407 Squadron, W/C JC McCarthy.

CAS Congratulates F/L A. J. Hutchison

On Friday, the 24th of March, the officers and men of 407 (M/P) Squadron formed a hollow square to witness the presentation, by W/C J. C. McCarthy, Commanding Officer 407 (M/P) Sqdn., of a commendation from A/M H. Campbell, Chief of the Air Staff, to F/L A. J. Hutchison.

The award was made, to quote from the words of the Commendation:

"... on 27 October, 1960, while captain of a 407 (M/P) Squadron Neptune aircraft, you were instrumental in saving a valuable aircraft and prevented a hazardous ditching that could have resulted in loss of life or serious injury to your crew. Your leadership, tenacity, and flying skill displayed throughout this emergency are indeed worthy of praise. I wish, therefore, to commend you and extend my personal congratulations."

The incident occurred at an altitude of 6,000 feet, ten minutes past the critical point on a transPac flight from Alameda NAS, California, to Barbers Point NAS, Hawaii. A diversion to General Lyman Field, Hawaii, ninety miles shorter, was determined upon by F/L Hutchison, and a successful landing was completed after flying 1,070 nautical miles on one engine.

W/C McCarthy added his own congratulations, saying that the entire crew should be included, in full measure.

Airforce Eyes Supersonic Trainer

Representatives of the RCAF were on hand in the United States to see the USAF's newest aircraft, the Northrop T-38 Talon, go into service.

This twin-engined jet is the world's first supersonic trainer, and is capable of out-flying many of the front-line jets now in operation.

S/L A. W. Appleby, Assistant for Plans and Programming, was on hand at USAF Training Command Headquarters at the Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, for the official first flight.

Two other officers, W/C E. L. Bandoux and W/C R. Middlemss are of Operational Requirement Division, AFHQ are at the Northrop Corporation plant in California studying the new aircraft, and its possible use in the RCAF.

PROMOTIONS

STATION

TO WARRANT OFFICER
CLASS 2:

FS JER Kirk

TO FLIGHT SERGEANT:

Sgt. GE Hibberson

Sgt. RJ Wilson

Sgt. JL Batt

Sgt. PA Hunter

TO SERGEANT:

Cpl. LD Mason

Cpl. C Young

Cpl. DG Morgan

TO CORPORAL:

LAC DL Hiliyer

A/Cpl. RG Ball

LAC S Holowaychuck

LAC JRR Longmuir

LAC A Shigehiro

LAC RC Goff

LAC WJ Ravnborg

LAC AE Madden

LAC JE Fulljames

LAC AJ Thomas

LAW MGH Deraiche

407

TO FLIGHT SERGEANT:

Sgt. JBG Boyle

Sgt. R Mountford

Sgt. H Savill

Sgt. RA Teale

Sgt. LC Lapeer

TO CORPORAL:

LAC RW Sowerby

LAC VJR Smith

LAC CC Reddick

LAC GN Pollock

LAC WF Curtin

Nighthawks Play Western Finals

On April 8, Station Penhold will visit Comox to play the 409 Nighthawk Volleyball team for the Alberta-B.C. championship.

The winner of this series will go on to Station Trenton later in April for the final RCAF championships.

WO HORTON COMPLETES RCMP COURSE



WO1 A. G. HORTON receives a certificate from D. Sim, Deputy Minister of National Revenue, after successfully concluding a 10-weeks course in advanced police work at the Training Division of the RCMP, Rockcliffe, Ottawa, Ont.

Trees Honour N.Z. Airmen

Stanley Park is to get a gift of 50 pohutukawa trees and 50 kowhai trees from New Zealand.

They are to be shipped here soon by the Vancouver Island Reunion Committee of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

They are meant as a memorial to New Zealand airmen who trained in Canada and were later killed in the Second World War. They are also meant as a tribute to the hospitality and kindness extended the airmen while they were in B.C.

NOTICE

The Recreation Centre will be closed all day on Good Friday, March 31.

Opened at Clinton

A \$220,000 arena at Station Clinton, was officially opened March 18.

Construction of the arena was started last summer. The Commanding Officer, G/C J. G. Mathieson, congratulated station personnel on the opening of the new arena.

Mercy Flight

Two aircraft from Search and Rescue, Greenwood, were used to airlift a woman from the Magdalen Islands to Victoria General Hospital in Halifax.

The aircraft, a helicopter and an Albatross, were necessary since there is no landing strip on Entry Island. The helicopter flew to Entry from Greenwood and airlifted the patient to Grindstone Island where the Albatross was waiting to fly the woman to HMCS Shearwater.



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Editorials

Airforce Anniversary

On the 1st of April, 1924, the Royal Canadian Air Force came into being.

There are no parades or special services held to commemorate this date: it seems to have been forgotten. The big annual event now celebrated by personnel is Airforce Day, which does not come on any specific date.

Even so, it is felt that some form of remembrance should be held for the founders of the RCAF. Perhaps two minutes silence as we remember the people that served and are no longer with us.

From us at any rate, comes a toast. With pride in our heritage and history, happiness at our present, we wish success in the future for that inanimate object called the Airforce.

Promotion Day

This time of year is certainly significant to all airmen. This is promotion day; the day in each year when between 1,500 and 2,000 airmen start out in a new rank.

It is also, however, a day that brings many questions. "Why didn't I get promoted?" is the most common one. Sometimes the ways and workings of the policy makers and the people in Ottawa may seem mysterious, or unexplainable, but we can rest assured that they have made their choices through careful examination and thought.

To enlighten the subject and possibly by way of further education to Promotion Policy, we have devoted a feature to it, found on Page 10.

It's Not Always True

that the highest trade-in offer is the best bargain. Consider also — are the cars you are considering of equal value — with equivalent extra equipment — is the reputation of the dealer good for follow up service — and perhaps the most important — which car will be worth more in two or three years when trading time rolls around again. Careful investigation into these facts may prove that the largest allowance offered is really not as good as it might seem.

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CATHOLIC CHAPEL

F/L J. F. BOURKE
HOLY THURSDAY EVENING
MASS - 7:30 P.M.

Good Friday Ceremonies 3 p.m.
(Way of the Cross 7 p.m.)
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
11 p.m.

Easter Masses: Midnight
9 a.m.
11 a.m.

Our recent mission was certainly a great success, and that goes for all three sections, the men's mission, the women's mission and the children's mission. The attendance by far exceeded our expectations. We are grateful to Father Lambert of the Redemptorist Fathers and to all the personnel who co-operated to make this a well appreciated mission. I truly believe it was one of the best I've seen in the Service. Here's hoping that Holy Week ceremonies will be as successful as was the mission.

While the attendance at Holy Week ceremonies is certainly optional, the Church does stress a very special invitation to all the faithful to join in these solemn celebrations.

The Holy Thursday Evening Mass is a most lively enactment of the Last Supper Eucharistic Mysteries. On Good Friday the death of Christ for the salvation of all of us is lovingly and beautifully recalled, the unweaving and veneration of the Cross takes place, Holy Communion is distributed in a realistic union to the Crucified Lord.

On Holy Saturday the blessing of the Paschal Candle is followed by the blessing of the Baptismal Water, the solemn renewal of the Baptismal Promises crowns the Baptismal Liturgy; then follows the glorious celebration of the Paschal Vigil Mass, or the Midnight Mass. Thus after the commemoration of the passion and death of Christ in union with the Church, we usher in the glorious Easter festival of the Holy Mass of the Easter Vigil.

TIMES TO REMEMBER:
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 3 p.m.; Saturday evening, 11 p.m. Father Penfold in Comox and Father Turner in Courtenay have announced the same hours for their Churches, for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

PROTESTANT CHAPEL

F/L W. C. HEWITT, C.D.
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SERVICES FOR EASTER
SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
(First Communion Service for those confirmed at last Wednesday's Service.)

10:00 a.m.—Please note there will be no Sunday School on this Sunday.

At 10:00 a.m. there will be a CHILDREN'S EASTER SERVICE held in the Chapel. Children, teachers and parents are invited to this Special Easter Service.

11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAY.

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BACK STAGE AT "ICE PALACE"



Leading Aircraftman Guy Langlois, goal tender of No. 4 Wing Raiders, an RCAF Air Division hockey team, shows his equipment to his German friends who have come on the ice after a crucial game to congratulate him on some good plays. The Raiders are in a hockey league made up of RCAF Air Division and European teams in the area. Left to right, LAC W. R. J. Langlois, Montreal, P. Q.; Dieter Kawa and Detliph Rowland of Rastatt, Germany.

Care of Fishing Tackle

by ILES

In order to keep spoons bright for salt water fishing, a great many fishermen carry a can of fresh water in their boats, and when the spoon is not in use it is suspended in the fresh water, which keeps it from tarnishing.

A line used for salt water fishing should be rinsed out in fresh water after using and not allowed to dry on the reel, as it loses its strength rapidly unless carefully dried. It should be run off the reel and allowed to dry in the air.

CARE OF FISH

First of all, kill your fish

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BY DEADLINE

by a blow on the head, as soon as possible, and wash off any blood, if there is any. Then if you are going home the same day, let the fish drain off, and pack it in moss, rushes or ferns.

If you are not going home at once, it is better to clean the fish as soon as possible. When you do, remove the gills as well as the inside, and, above all, scrape off every particle of the black substance lying along the backbone. Do not wash the inside but wipe it carefully with a damp cloth or damp moss or grass. The only washing you should do is to wash off the blood.

If the weather is hot, a little salt sprinkled along the backbone and in where the gills were, will be a great help, but the main thing is to pack the fish carefully in damp moss and keep them in a cool place.

LISTEN TO THE

AIRFORCE SHOW

with
Airman Ai Burden
on CFCP - Dial 1440
Sunday at 1215 Hours



The SWO Says...



For those that received promotions, my heartiest congratulations. For those that didn't, keep working. If you're doing a good job, you'll receive recognition.

AIRMEN TOUR OIL PLANT
Imperial Oil Refinery was host to 17 officers from Station Aymer, as part of an RCAF supply training course. The student supply officers and supply staff instructors under Flight Lieutenant W. J. Cameron were shown a film on refinery operations taken on a tour of the package filling and shipping department and heard an explanation on handling and control of storehouse materials.

Search & Rescue Busy People

Another day, another rescue. That appeared to be the slogan of Greenwood Search and Rescue unit as they set out on the third mercy mission in three days.

At 11:55 a.m. the Halifax Rescue Centre received a call from Dr. J. A. Melanson, deputy minister of health for New Brunswick, requesting airlift for a woman suffering from complications of labor. The woman was on Miscou Island, approximately 75 miles north-east of Chatham, N.B., where ice and snow conditions prevented boat transportation and only one Red Cross nurse is present.

Testing Ice Thickness

The Defence Research Board is seeking a means of determining from the air the thickness and strength of an ice sheet, officials disclosed.

More experiments now are being conducted before a decision is taken to award a development contract for the appropriate equipment to be fitted in aircraft.

If the project is successful, planes would be able to land on lake or sea ice determined in advance to be safe.

This would have wide military and civilian application in northern Canada and provide a new advantage to RCAF research and rescue service.

ELK HOTEL

Bob Stanley Comox, B.C.



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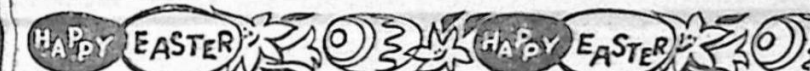
MENU FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 1st

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Herring in Beer Sauce - Herring in Lemon Sauce
Shrimp Salad - Chicken Salad - Rolled Baby Pike
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Roast Beef - Pickled Tongue - Roast Pork
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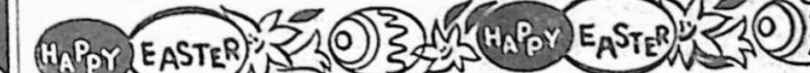
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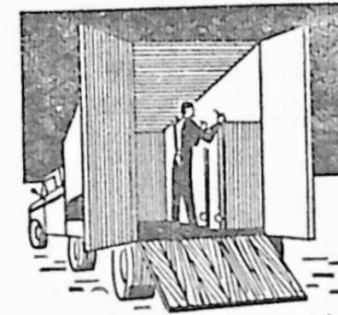
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Teachers and Conservation

The entire philosophy of protecting and using resources falls within the realm of values which people as individuals are willing to place on them and no two individuals use the same measuring stick.

Angling Effects On Steelhead

Here are a few facts presented by the Chief Fisheries Biologist and passed to be by LAC J. M. Arbuckle.

"One conclusion drawn from various research programs is that (in 1957), the angling pressure on steelhead adults allows more than a sufficient escapement for maintenance of stocks in the various rivers of the Lower Mainland. Work with steelhead and the similar Pacific salmon has shown that from 80% to 90% of a run may be harvested and that the remaining 10% to 20% is sufficient to repopulate a river to its productive capacity. A drastic curtailment of commercial and sports fishing for steelhead would not necessarily mean that there would be any greater return of steelhead, 3, 4, or 5 years hence. This situation arises from the fact that any river has a limited carrying capacity for young fish. If there has been any decline over the past 50 years in the numbers of steelhead on Lower Mainland streams, it is mostly due to decreases in the quantity of young fish which the rivers can raise and not to overfishing of adults."

There are many factors which reduce the production of steelhead in rivers: water fluctuations, removal of natural cover by logging and agri-

What one man values another disdains. In weighing values some would forego paved roads, TV, and bathtubs to preserve wilderness and wetlands for ducks. Others would make no sacrifices to preserve some of the primitive elements of the universe.

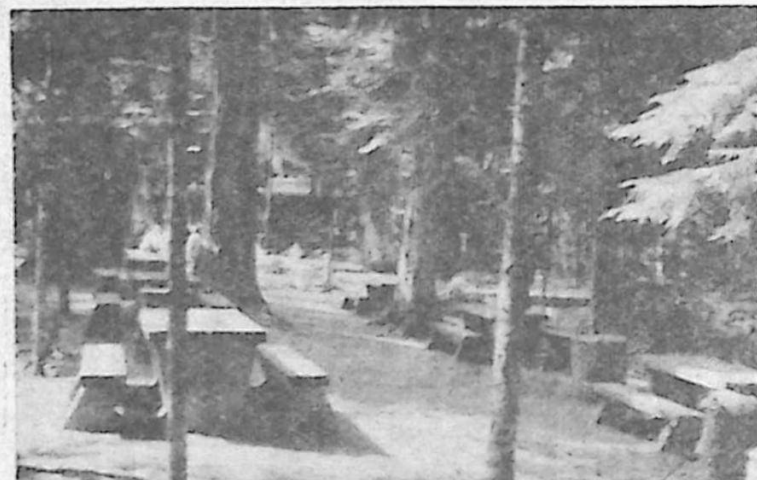
A vast majority are stupid enough to believe we can go on manhandling our resources and retain the Americana of 1492. This last element of mankind poses the greatest danger in the effort to preserve a last segment of native America. If there is any solution to this involved subject, that solution is in the field of education, and it commences with the child. Educators hold the destiny of this nation in the hollow of their hands. Not only to teach a basic appreciation of resources but all other values to which we subscribe.

—Ernst Swift,
Executive Director,
National Wildlife Fed.

cultural practices, pollution, lack of protection normally afforded by the eight inch size limit on steelhead streams.

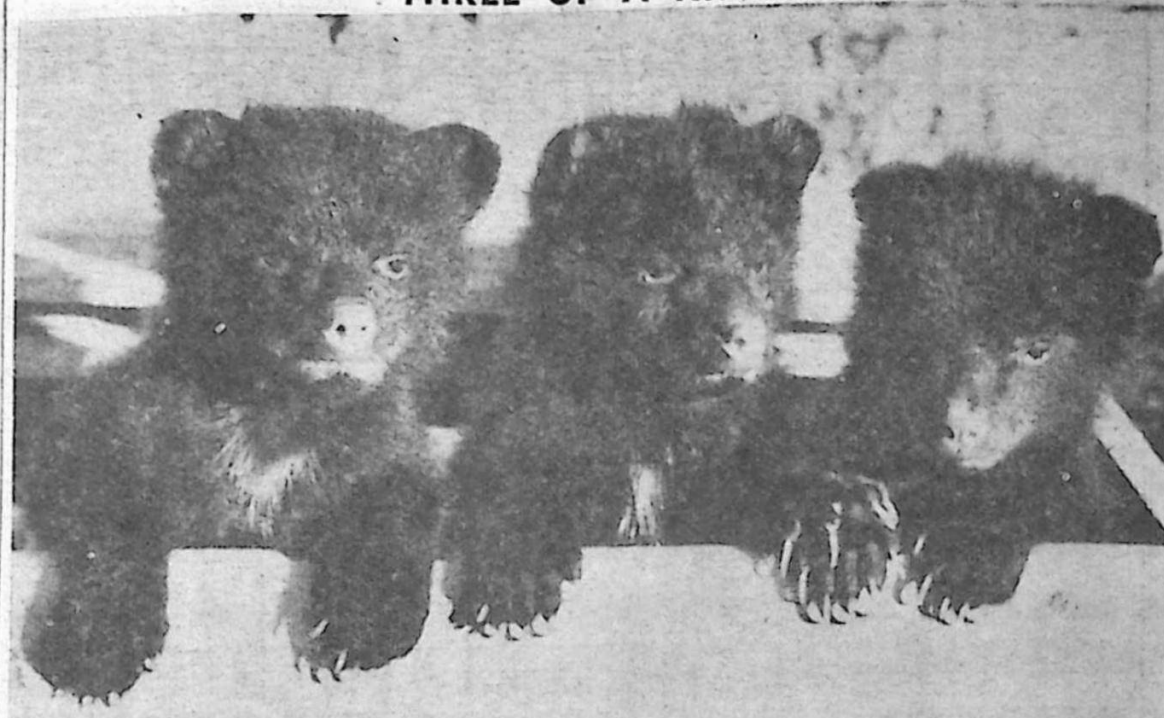
BUTTE LAKE PRODUCING?

I have heard faint rumors of trout catches at Butte Lake. Let's hear from some of you who have tried it this year. THERE IS NO SIZE LIMIT FOR TROUT except in streams of Vancouver Island. This is a statement which will come as a surprise to many ardent fishermen, but it's true. Check your regulations.



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"THREE OF A KIND"



—Picture by C. E. Estlin from Wildlife Review

BOATING SAFETY

In spite of the abominable weather we've been having, we can be fairly confident that good boating weather in various stages of repair, manufacture and overhaul.

How many, in their feverish haste to meet the oncoming season, have given thought to inspecting or of purchasing that safety gear they operated without last season?

Much thought and discussion ensued at a recent station safety council meeting on boating safety and some decisions were made.

While it was agreed that no control could be exercised over service personnel using civilian off-unit docking facilities, service representatives can and will exercise strict control over boats using on-unit service facilities. A safety committee was formed to work in conjunction with the officials of the RCAF boat club, to ensure that no boat be allowed to leave the Air Force Beach dock unless fully equipped with approved safety equipment.

Boats launched from off-unit civilian docks or government docks will be carefully scrutinized by the RCMP.

RECOMMENDED READING

An excellent book which I have recently had the pleasure of reading is "Maclean's Canada". This book is loaded with illustrations of Canadian culture and many stories of Canada, all of which were written by Canadian authors.

While some may feel that such a book hardly comes under the heading of "Outdoors", I am convinced that a true Canadian outdoorsman has a deeper interest in this great country of ours than merely gathering the fruits of its lakes, rivers, streams and forests.

This book is available from the station library and I highly recommend it.

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Station Comox needed a haircut in 1951, as the picture above, left, shows. Standing by the sign with his son, an air cadet, is Commissionaire Robert Adye, one of the three original "keepers of the gate", hired in 1949. Commissionaire Adye, an ex-RCMP staff sergeant, has survived strikes, drunken loggers and assorted crises associated with the growth of the Station to the present day and stands in the picture above, right, guarding a much trimmer unit — with a much faster airline.

1961



Harry Blather

HIS OCCASIONAL DIARY

Did chance this day to walk into the building that is known as Headquarters and did wonder that the confusion for which it has so long been recognized has now become so apparent. While it has long been a matter of doubt that the denizens thereof knew what they spoke, it now would seem that they now know not in what office whereof they should speak it; and while therein, did spend some time watching one of the Guild of Carpenters cutting into the wall a square hole, the reason being apparently that he required a place to insert a patch, which he had previously fashioned. And in the midst of the great refurbishing upheaval which took place, did note among the beauties of the new Bar of Repasts, the fine insignia of The Force emblazoned upon the floor thereof, and did puzzle as to why the motto "Per Ardua ad Astra" had not been included therein. Mayhap the artist did conclude that the fare hawked in this place does, in all cases, eventually journey in the other direction. The sun did shine the day past, and while walking the Hangar Road there was seen a soldier of the Queen, a cloud-reader by trade, and, judging by his garb, a maiden, sent out to peer into the little box wherein the Chief of the Cloud People doth brew his

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Mother Talk

By "Mommy"

EFFECTS OF COMICS, MOVIES, TELEVISION: Unfortunately no one REALLY knows what the deeper effects of the customarily heavy diet of comic books, movies, radio and television may be on the growing child. For all the allegations, dire predictions and warnings that have flown around of late, no one has produced satisfactory evidence that comic-book reading or television watching has or has not produced in children serious problems where none before existed. Several careful studies have shown that they have no apparent effect on schoolwork. And as someone recently remarked, "Juvenile delinquency has been with us a long, long time. Television is very recent."

Most children are NOT highly fragile objects, super-sensitive to every aspect of the environment and likely to be permanently scarred by any and every event in life. Children, for the best part, are tougher than this. Time and again they show a capacity to bounce back after a difficult real-life situation, let alone after reading a comic book. Bad dreams after a gory comic or scary movie are frequent —

but not ultimately damaging. The "self-repair" capacity of the child is outstanding. Children are active — not just passive and receptive — in taking in life. They SELECT out of the environment what it is that they will respond to. Thus a comic that is to be the adult horrible or blood-thirsty or sex-laden may be seen quite differently by the child. Many of the adult's reactions — complex and based on a wealth of past experiences and learnings — may be quite absent in the child's simpler response. So it is through the child's eyes that a comic or movie must be viewed before we can measure its effect.

All this is not so much a defence of comics and television as a defence of the parents who — though sometimes feeling guilty about it — give in and let their children read or watch or listen to these "dangerous" devices. Admittedly there is a negative side to them, too. All of these entertainment media, the comics especially, do, sometimes or often, overdo themes of violence, gore and sex. If nothing worse, they often show bad taste. Efforts to improve them are certainly to be encouraged, and social legislation concerning the worst of them can be made workable.

Not all children are fully able to resist the impact of these media without help. These children are vulnerable, not only to comics, etc., but to many other forces in life, and will need support and help all along the way.

Actually, more effective than any amount of regulating or prohibition is the substitution

of more desirable and interesting activity — especially of more appealing reading matter.

There is one especially dangerous thing about comics and television which has been too rarely mentioned. This is that they make handy scapegoats on which to blame any difficulties a child may be having. And blaming is quite a different matter from understanding and helping. The understanding parent or teacher will realize that his children's world is bigger than comics and that their response to this world are far too individual and far too complex simply to be blamed on comics, movies, radio or television.

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FLYCON FLASHES

by FROMMAGE

With promotions out the same day as this issue it is next to impossible to find much news around at present. Everybody is sitting quiet and behaving like little angels (of course in this section they always do). A couple of lads though, got away to Vancouver for a farewell party for "Capt." Andrews, the Civil Marine Advisor to the RCC and from all reports they had a fair ball. The two being Cpls Tom Patterson and Airman Al Burden. F/L Doug Ewart was also invited but couldn't make it as was F/O "Pop" Gunn who was SIQ. If you think he was sick then you should have seen the others when they got back.

Presently we have the S/L on leave polishing up his boat or do you call that a ship, for the coming fishing season. If you didn't get a chance to see him all winter that's too bad as he's gone now until the fishing's finished.

We see F/O Gunn digging a large hole these days on a lovely corner lot in Comox. I don't know what the house is going to be like but do know that he is going to have a huge basement.

Out on the golf course the other day noticed a big broad smile on the face of W/O Jim Donald. No he didn't beat F/S "Shorty" Cruikshanks but just got news that he was being shipped across the pond. Attention; le femmes, beware he's single.

F/S "Crisco" Kerwin has found a new food for his dwindling diet. A double order of baked Alaska pudding yet!

Look out for F/L Bob McKelvie these days as he's been going around with a portable tape recorder in his hip pocket getting people's views on the experimental shift he has all made up. Next thing you'll be hearing is "Pull the tapes."

Well folks all for this issue and for those that make it, congratulations. And for those that don't, we will listen to your sad tales Thursday night at the bar. Out.

PILLS AND CHILLS

by T. E. McCLAFFERTY

Well, here we are again with a bit more news about our hospital. There have been a few changes in staff: Cpl. McCafferty transferred overseas (second time, the lucky character). F/O Bamber transferred to Chatham N.B.; LAC Thomas was posted to Holberg, however, managed to wiggle off the hook and out of the posting. Major Pyne has been transferred to Goose Bay. With all these transfers in the most we can say is "we're sorry to see you all go."

LAC Thomas spent a few days in Sunny Saskatchewan on leave. Also away were Sgt. Aitken and Cpl. Golds; one gardening, the other boat building.

Cpl. Russell has a home project which is giving him a rather bad headache, he wants to build a carport for his car. However, if anyone has seen the size of his car they can see his problem. One solution has been given to him so far, it was suggested that he park his car under his porch steps. He reply was unprintable.

LAC Gordie Edwards has switched cars now and drives an Austin.

PS Adams has taken the temporary opening in the Pharmacy due to the illness of F/O Bamber. Speaking of the pharmacist, he hits our headlines with an addition to his family, this time a little girl.

Well I guess this ends our edition to this Times and we'll see you in the next.

Waisting Away

A crisis has arisen it is indicated that It has now become illegal to be overweight or fat The brass is most unhappy when their airmen are obese So in future it's an order being fat has got to cease The problem's getting out of hand so you must realize It's relative to intake when it has to do with size And if eating is your pleasure then you must try very hard To prevent your total intake from turning into lard As for those who in the evening like to drink a bit of cheer I bring you woeful tidings for you'll have to cut out beer And they say that even liquor which you drink in little sips Pack the beef and lard in bunches on your ever loving hips And you aircrew types remember, it applies to you I think On your toes, alert and eager ever staying in the pink If you slip up on your diet, gaining weight in the excess The MO he will ground you and you're really in a mess And they'll joe you for a desk job you'll be sitting on your pratt There you'll end up doing nothing just relaxing getting fat It's sure tough to take the beef off in a job where you just sit And it all can be avoided if you just try keeping fit.

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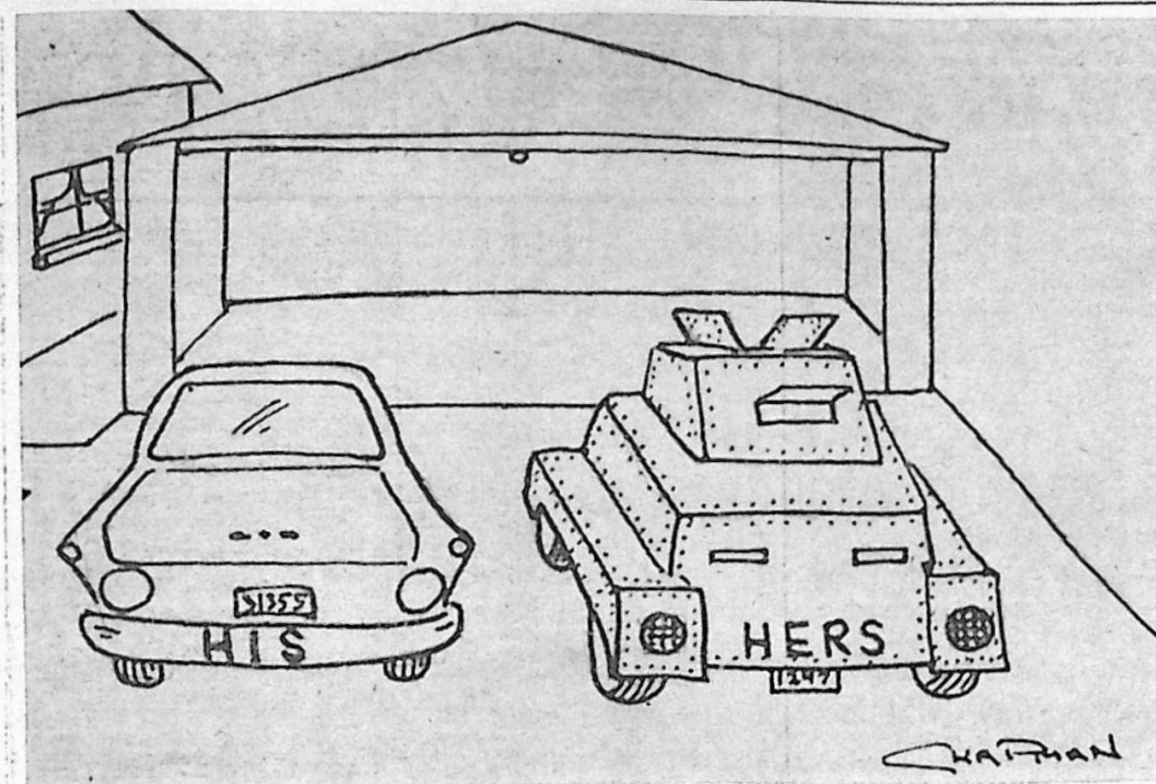
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COMM-CHATTER

by ROBERT A. CLARKE

I was asked to phone all contributors and ask them to have their clippings in by noon today. Have you ever had the frustrating job of trying to phone ten different people at the same time? You try one number and they all tell you to try another number and there is what seems to be interminable delays at the switch board. However, I got several people and I can only hope for the best.

The station hockey team is doing its best to make a bare-faced liar out of me. In my column in the last issue on the events that have happened since the first issue of the Totem Times, I said, and I quote "The station hockey team hasn't won any championships etc., etc." unquote. Well you know what has happened don't you? They are now in the finals. But I say go to it chaps. Go ahead and make me out to be a liar.

I wish to correct an error made in the last Comm Chatter column. I did not have Sgt. MacArthur hoping to come back from leave as a Cpl. I had LAC MacArthur hoping to come back as a Cpl.

As we have had so many days off, and only a short week this week, the only news I can give is my own. I hope it will be forgiven this issue and I will try to do better next issue. My little daughter Valerie had her tonsils out over the weekend. On top of that my Shetland Collie bit a little girl so I have taken him to the Doggie Hotel for sale. Any takers out this way?

Well, as I said, nothing much is doing and I haven't time to think up any more. If I don't get fired by the editor I will see you next issue.

Technical Problems of Space Flight

A problem of major concern for manned flight beyond low earth orbits is that of radiation in space, including that in the Van Allen radiation belt, cosmic radiation, and solar flares. The trapped radiation in the Van Allen belt is of high intensity but of sufficiently low energy to make shielding feasible, if a manned vehicle merely passes through the belt without orbiting it continuously. Concern is felt in some quarters for the possible effects of the very small fraction of heavy particles.

The energies of cosmic radiation are so high that shielding becomes impractical. However, the peak intensity is sufficiently low to permit the five day mission of circumlunar flight. For longer periods this exposure may be dangerous.

The most serious problem apparently arises from solar flares whose energy is so high as to require heavy shielding. Studies are in progress on the frequency of their occurrence and the possibilities of prediction.

The radiation problem requires a great deal of study before manned spacecraft can be employed for circumlunar flight. Many of the characteristics of the radiation will be supplied through the scientific satellite and probe programs, but the biological effects of the various types of radiation remain to be more completely determined.

(From a speech by Hugh L. Dryden, Deputy Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration)

— TEEN TOWN NEWS —

Well there's not much to report this week as most of our activities have been curtailed to allow our members to study for Easter exams. We hope everybody passed these important exams.

We are planning a dance for Easter on April Fool's Day, April first. So gather up all your snakes, frogs and salamanders and come and have a good time.

Bowling is progressing very well into the final part of the season, and play-offs should start within the very near future. Visitor to Teen Town bowling, Bob Titus, bowled a real solid 300 average last week, but our regular members couldn't seem to get unwound.

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Prophecies Aeronautical

Wilbur Wright, at a dinner tendered in honor of the two Wright Brothers by the Aero Club of France on November 5, 1908, is reported to have said "I confess that in 1901 I said to my brother Orville that man would not fly for fifty years. Two years later we ourselves made flights. This demonstration of my impotence as a prophet gave me such a shock that ever since I have distrusted myself and avoided all predictions."

Scientists did not have good records as prophets of the future of aeronautics. Willis L. Moore, chief of the U.S. Weather Bureau, stated in an address opening the International Aeronautical Congress of 1907: "Commercially very little is to be expected from either balloons or flying machines. For passenger traffic the number carried will be so small and the cost so great that no competition is possible with existing modes of transit."

Simon Newcomb in 1908 reported: "The writer cannot see how anyone who carefully weighs all that he has said can avoid the conclusion that the era when we shall take the train belongs to dreamland."

The developments of the first fifty years gave the lie to the pessimists and far exceeded the expectations of the optimists. It is not meant to imply that optimists are always right in every field. For example, in spite of optimism and hard work, the diesel engine never became successful as an aeronautical power plant.

However, it may be concluded that today amid the great confusion of voices of would-be prophets with their wide range of predictions, some prophecies are bound to be right and with hindsight their authors will in future be regarded as men of vision.

Civil Defence Inspection

Group Captain Douglas Keddy, chief instructor, Canadian Civil Defence College, visited provincial civil defence headquarters at Halifax and then accompanied by deputy coordinator Raef Douthwaite visited Liverpool, Middleton and Truro where he will view the civil defence organizations.

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SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The draw for the soccer tournament to be held at Lewis Park, Courtenay, over the Easter weekend is as follows:

FIRST ROUND — GOOD FRIDAY

RCAF	vs	Frame's
Westview	vs	Elk Falls United
Cape Mudge Tyees	vs	Sliammon Braves
Port Alberni 54's	vs	Saanich Thistle

These games will be played at two hour intervals, in the order as set out above, commencing at 1000 hrs. on Friday, March 31.

The semi-finals will be played the following day, Saturday, between the winners of the first and second games, kick-off time at 1 p.m. At 1600 hrs. the winners of the third game will face the winners of the fourth game.

The final game will be held at 1440 hrs. on Easter Sunday. All games will be sudden death with 30 minutes extra time allowed in case of a tie.

Immediately preceding the final game on Sunday, there will be a juvenile soccer match between Cumberland Legion and Courtenay United in the first round of the Upper Island Juvenile Championship.

Encourage your Station team by coming out to support them in this tournament.

Hockey Team In League Finals

By defeating the Nanaimo Ramblers in the semi-finals, and continuing its winning streak to down the Port Alberni Luckies, the Station Hockey team took a commanding lead in the Upper Island Hockey Final.

In the last game of the semi-finals against the Ramblers, the Airforce boys trailed 2-0 at the end of the first period, but came back strong in the second to take the lead, 3-2. John Hunter picked up the first goal for the airmen on a solo rush, while Don MacLeod duplicated this feat five minutes later for another. Jones and Walter teamed up with 30 seconds remaining in the period to give the RCAF the lead.

Early in the third period the Nanaimo team evened the score when Warwick took a pass from Guedoe. The airmen retaliated as Jones picked up his second goal of the game. Tom Slimming increased the lead halfway through the period. Following a face-off in Airforce territory, Murphy of the Ramblers beat the Airforce goalie, ie. Irvine, for the fourth goal of Nanaimo. John Hunter and Dixie Walker rounded off the scoring for the boys in blue with one apiece to win the game 7-4, and earn the team a berth in the finals against the Port Alberni Luckies.

The Airforce team scored once more in the third as Tom Slimming took a pass from John Hunter, to give them a two-goal lead and a win in the first game of the finals. This tourney will be a best two out of three games series, and the winner will be the league champions. Next game is scheduled for 2030 hrs. Saturday, April 1 at Nanaimo. There is a bus for interested spectators.

The first game against the Luckies was played on Sunday, 26 March, during which the Airforce boys once again showed their prowess by victory. No further scores by either

Station Hoopsters Take Island Final

The Vancouver Island Senior 'B' basketball championship was won by the Station team with their win over Cowichan in a two-game total point series.

The first game, played at Comox on March 18, put the Station squad ahead by 21 points.

The game played at Cowichan on Friday evening, March 24 was hard fought from start to finish. The final score of 68-54 for the game is not indicative of play.

High scorer for the Airforce boys was Joe Jochemech with 15 points and close behind was the "Gray Ghost", Don MacLeod.

With the Island championship under their belts, the next step will be to challenge the winners of the Mainland for the B.C. championship.

Badminton Team Wins Tri-Service

HMCS Naden in Victoria on Friday, 24 March, was the scene of yet another RCAF Victory. The RCAF team, consisting of Sgt. Don Hear of Sea Island, LAC Bill Stykel of Comox and LAC's Don Ramsey, Mike Kusner of Holberg made a clean sweep to rack up 40 points to end up in first spot followed by the Navy with 26 points and the Army with 12 points.

The individual championships were also won by the RCAF, with Don Kerr and Bill Stykel going through the doubles undefeated as did Don Ramsey in the singles. Thus the RCAF copped all three trophies, grand aggregate, individual doubles and individual singles.

RCAF Bonspiel Results

Sixteen RCAF rinks from all across Canada were hosted by RCAF Station Winnipeg over the last weekend at the RCAF (Canada) curling bonspiel. The finals saw RCAF Mose Jaw win over Station Greenwood in a very close and well curled final.

RCAF Station Comox rink, the representatives of B.C., consisting of F/L McPherson, Andrews, Fink and Petch, met Station Sennett in the first round and won easily 14 to 1.

In the second round they met Station Rockcliff and lost out in the 10 ends 7 to 6. The next game was against MACHQ and again in a hard-fought game the local boys went down to defeat on the last rock in an extra end.

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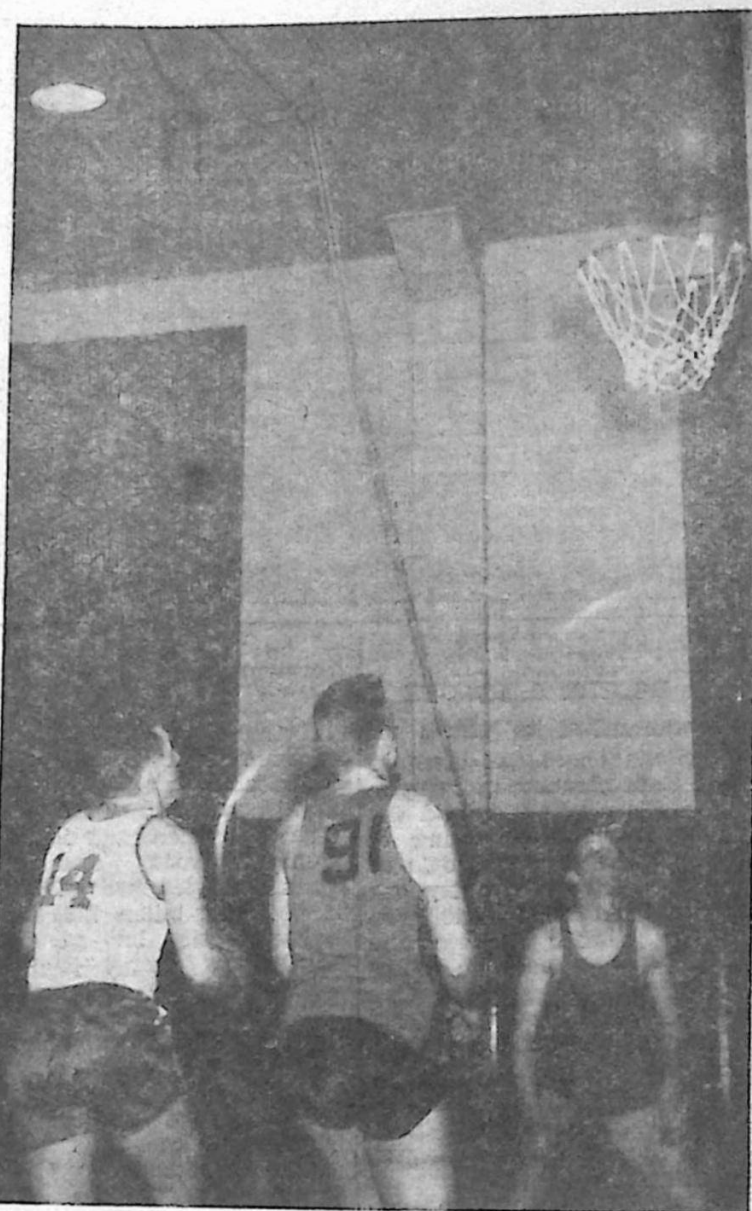
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Explosive Safety Education

During the past year, the Station Armament Section has been waging a thorough campaign for armament safety. At times they have reported, through the medium of this newspaper, results which have borne out their hopes, and, occasionally their fears. Several of these incidents have been funny, several have been awkward and one or two have been a hairs-breadth away from tragedy.

In a previous column, the danger of approaching marine markers washed up on the beach was covered in some detail. These slim silver-painted, pencil-shaped flares appear quite innocuous, but can be deadly if handled by unqualified personnel.

In a recent incident observed here, an M&W technician, assigned to an explosive demolition crew disposing of quarantined and dangerous explosives, picked up a marine marker which had been fired but had failed to go off. He intended to place this marker in the incinerator pit so that it could be destroyed safely, but as soon as he had touched it the weapon gave its characteristic sputtering hiss and burst into flames!

This man was an experienced explosives crewman who was well acquainted with the potential and limitations of the instrument with which he was dealing and he carried through with routine demolition in a safe manner. What however, would have been the reaction of a child who had picked up one of these markers on the beach and brought it home? A young child faced with such a sudden, roaring flame would be lucky to escape unscathed.

The second recent incident involved a perennial foe: dynamite. Dynamite, first invented by Nobel in 1870, has a base of liquid nitroglycerine de-sensitized with sawdust, kieselguhr, and various oxidizing and carbonaceous materials. Fresh from the factory it is one of the most versatile of the commercial explosives, and finds application in a thousand community jobs.

However, since it is a mixture, the nitroglycerine has a tendency to settle out of the additives and, depending on storage conditions, a condition known as "leaky" dynamite develops. In this case, beads of liquid nitroglycerine stand out in the dynamite cartridge and in the floor of the container. This of course, defeats the purpose of the de-sensitizers—since nitroglycerine in the liquid state is one of the most hazardous explosives known, and is liable to detonate at the least excuse. The pathway used by the men of the CIL plant at Beloeil Quebec to transport nitroglycerine between buildings is known as the "Angel's Walk" for just this reason.

In the case mentioned, the armament section accepted half a case of leaky dynamite for disposal from one source and three sticks from another. The half case had deteriorated to a dangerous point, but offered few difficulties to our trained personnel. The remaining three sticks, however, caused some consternation by arriving as a packet of soggy sawdust and a half gallon can containing a couple of cups of free nitroglycerine!

This called for special handling. The material was loaded onto the bomb truck and moved slowly to the demolition site. Here, a pit was dug

Scouting In The Air Division

Canadian Scouts in France... Carrying on the tradition of scouting thousands of miles from home under conditions that are new and unusual to most Canadian youngsters, are the more than 850 boys of the Maple Leaf Region of the No. 1 Air Division's Scout organization. The Canadian boys practice scouting in France, Germany and on the island of Sardinia wherever their fathers are based on duty.

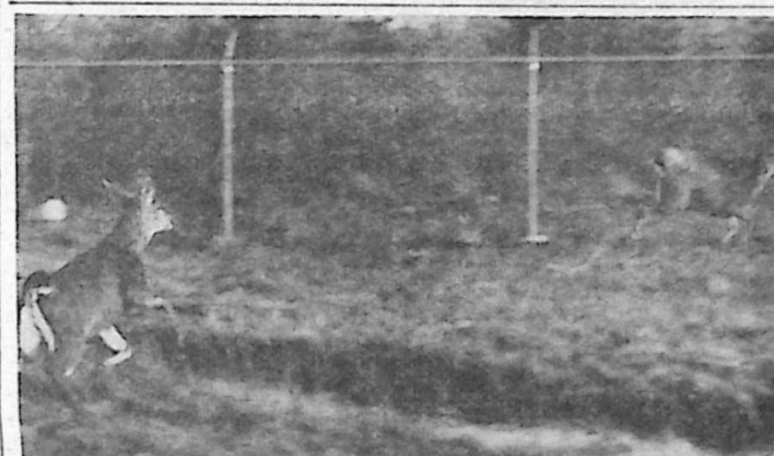
Heading the division's Maple Leaf Region is F/L Ted Millar, a former Cub Scout and scoutmaster in Saskatoon. F/L Millar is presently serving as a staff officer in No. 1 Air Div. headquarters in Metz.

Central Band Presents Concert

The Airforce's Central Band from Ottawa appeared in Halifax as part of three concerts they are giving in their tour of the Maritimes.

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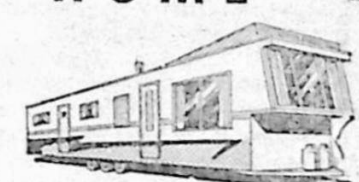
A pair of frequent visitors to the station bomb dump prepare to leave in a hurry as our photographer catches them in the act. The deer are often seen in the early morning by armours working in the bomb dump and, we suppose, are doing their bit to clear up any young trees trying to replace the old stumps which have just been removed.

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Airmen's Promotion Policy

Each year there are some 1,500 to 2,000 airmen who are selected for promotion in competition with other airmen. These airmen who have proven to their superiors that they have the ability and desire to assume greater responsibilities. Therefore, while there are reasonable opportunities available for promotion in each trade and while any airman may aspire to promotion, it is something that must be earned. In this regard, it is obvious that the conscientious airman who is constantly striving to improve his value to the service is the individual who will fare best in competition.

Promotion Quotas

Many airmen, no doubt, wonder why one trade seems to have more promotion opportunities than another. To understand why, we must first know how quotas for promotion are determined. First we consider the establishment of each trade; that is, the number of WO, FS, Sgt. and Cpl. positions which are provided in the trade for the purpose of command and trade supervision. We compare this establishment with the strength, or the number we actually have in each rank level. The differences between the establishments and the strengths provide the promotion quotas.

If we are at full strength in a trade following the 3 Apr. 60 promotions and there are no changes in establishment or strength throughout the year, then there would be no promotions in that trade on 1 Apr. 61. However, each year there are a number of personnel who are released because they have reached their compulsory release age; others fail to re-engage; and still others are commissioned from the ranks. These reductions in strength are called attrition which constitutes the main source of the 1,500 to 2,000 vacancies for promotion each year.

Another important factor affecting promotion quotas is establishment changes. Since the role of the RCAF is continually changing, so must the requirement for various trades. As new aircraft and equipments are introduced, new trades appear, others are increased in establishment, and some are reduced in number or may even disappear. If there is a large promotion list in a certain trade, then that trade has been favored with an establishment increase, or it has had a high rate of attrition, or both. In a trade with relatively few promotions, the opposite would be true.

Eligibility
With seniority being computed as of 1 Apr. of the pro-

motion announcement year, an airman to be considered for promotion must satisfy the following basic requirements:
Promotion to Cpl: have two years seniority in the classification of LAC; and hold the highest outright group in his basic trade.

Promotion to Sgt: have three years seniority in substantive rank of Cpl; hold the highest outright group in his basic trade; and have passed the qualifying examination.

Promotion to FS: have four years seniority in substantive rank of Sgt.; and hold the highest outright grouping in his basic trade. (Group 4 in the following trades: ArmtSTech, RdrTech (G) (NA), RdrTech (G) (CW), RdrTech (A), ComTech (A), ETEchA, ITech, AETech, AFTEch, FE, FITEch).

Selection Procedure
The selection procedure for promotion begins at unit level where the airman's superior originates a promotion assessment on all eligible airmen, in which he indicates whether or not, in his opinion, the airman is worthy of promotion. A Unit Promotion Board is then formed to consider all promotion narratives and finally the CO appends his recommendations to each assessment which is forwarded to the CHQ.

The Command Promotion Board, which is normally comprised of the Chief Staff Officer as president and at least three other senior officers as members, makes the final selections for promotions to Cpl. and Sgt. rank based on the Command quotas provided by AFHQ. However, when the promotion quotas to Cpl. or Sgt. in any trade are insuf-

ficient for an equitable distribution to Commands, a restricted quota is issued and the final promotion selections are then made by the Central Promotion Board at AFHQ. The CHQ Board also recommends, within a quota allocated by AFHQ, those airmen who are considered to be the most highly qualified for promotion to FS and Warrant ranks. The last step in the promotion procedure is the convening of a Central Promotion Board at AFHQ comprised of the Staff Officers Postings and Careers of each Command and 1 Air Division, with the Director of Airmen's Postings and Careers as President. This Board makes the final selections for promotion to the FS and WO ranks and also to Cpl. and Sgt. ranks in those trades with restricted quotas. The decisions of the Central Promotion Board are then submitted to the Chief of Personnel and the Air Member for Personnel for approval.

Promotion Policy—Cpl. and Sgt. Rank Levels

Promotion to Cpl. and Sgt. rank is based on permitting the outstanding airman to be promoted out of turn in relation to seniority and at the same time providing for the orderly advancement of conscientious airmen who, in all respects, are satisfactory for promotion. The promotions to these rank levels are normally made by the CHQs unless the quota is too small to permit a fair distribution to Commands. Command Promotion Boards in considering airmen for promotion to Cpl. and Sgt. rank rate them as "Not Yet Satisfactory," "Satisfactory" and "Very Satisfactory."

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Last night another successful bingo was held, and many happy people won prizes. The

biggest, \$100 in cash, was won by Mrs. Mountford. Other winners were: \$50, Cpl. Thibeau; \$25, LAC Der-oché; LAC Zwicker, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. MacDonald, and

Mrs. Sheard. Winners of less than \$25 were: Cpl. Casselton, Mrs. Abercrombie, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Hown, Mrs. Gullason, Mrs. Keating, Mr. Jamieson, Sgt. Nitschky.

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THURSDAY 6 APRIL

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Stanley Baker - Guy Rolfe

SATURDAY and SUNDAY

8 - 9 APRIL

(Matinee Saturday)

A DOG OF FLANDERS

David Ladd - Donald Crisp

TUESDAY 11 APRIL

CRY TOUGH

John Saxon - Linda Crystal

NEW TRANSMITTER READY

The new RCAF high frequency transmitter station at Parker's Pond will go into operation March 31. Although it will not be completed by that date, most of the work on the new site will have been done.

The Marconi Company of Montreal, contractors for the installation of the transmission equipment, started work last October. Adverse weather conditions have delayed the erection of antennae.

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