



WINNERS OF THE "A" EVENT during the recent bonspiel sponsored by Station Comox, and wearing their well earned curling sweaters, are Wayne Aikenhead (skip), "Tiger" Munroe (third), Paul Koulter (second), and Ed Mullaney (lead).  
(Full curling results on page 8)

## Dangerous Playthings

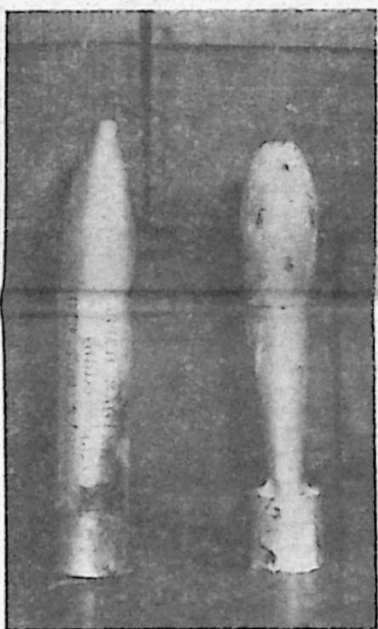
By Q. WIGHT

The explosive safety programme on the Station has resulted in a welcome parade of weird and wonderful explosive objects to the doors of the Armament Section. Among the objects, however, two of the most common cause the most concern. These two, shown at right, are the Marker Marine Mark 7 and the 11½ lb. practice bomb. Both were turned in by local residents and as can be seen in the photograph, both were in deteriorated, hence dangerous, condition.

In the last edition of the Totem Times, mention was made of the sudden and often unpredictable ignition habits of the Marker Marine. Anyone happening to find one of these washed ashore (they are in constant use by 407 (M/P) Squadron) is advised that the pointed end (which may also have metal fins attached is the point of greatest danger, and should on no account be approached).

The 11½ lb. practice bomb, on the other hand has no fire risk but great danger of flying fragments. This bomb contains a detonator burster large enough to spread shrapnel over a wide area with lethal effect. The slightest jar may be enough to initiate explosion.

The danger inherent in these weapons cannot be emphasized too strongly. In the case of these two weapons the persons who picked them up were very lucky indeed to escape unscathed. Explosive items are worthy of deep respect — remember that the Armament Section has trained personnel to handle these items. Ten fingers and ten toes are worth a lot more than a moment's bravado. Parents should warn children not to touch any objects on the beaches this summer.



... live weapons found



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Thursday, April 13, 1961

# Cadets Compete at Comox

## Rifle and Drill Competition Highlight Two Day Tour

Three hundred and sixty air cadets from six Vancouver Island squadrons were guests at Station Comox on April 7 and 8. The tour and competitions were held in conjunction with the annual air cadet officers' conference which was also held here.

The 35 Air Cadet Officers represented only a small portion of the administrative and training staffs of the various units. Distinguished guests present for the ceremonies and competitions were Mr. B. O. Mayne and Mrs. B. Large, the chairman and secretary of the Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada.

The familiarization tour of the station included visits to 407 (M/P) Squadron, 409 AW (F) Squadron, Station photo section, safety equipment, tower and RAPCON. The cadets also had a first hand look and inspection of the various aircraft on the station which were on static display.

To add interest to the visit, an inter-squadron competition was held in drill and small bore firing. Both competitions were won by No. 89 Squadron of Victoria, while No. 205 Squadron of Nanaimo placed second in each event.

There was a treat in store for some of the cadets as a selected number from each group were chosen to go for a familiarization flight with 407 Squadron. For the majority of the boys lucky enough to get airborne, it was their first time in the air.

To climax the tour, the

cadet squadrons combined to form an impressive Wing parade, commanded by Cadet WO1 Forrest of the Victoria group.

Following a "general salute", the cadets were addressed by the Commanding Officer, G/C RF Miller, who expressed a sincere welcome to the visiting guests, the air cadet officers and to the cadets, on behalf of the officers, NCO's and men of Station Comox. He spoke encouragingly to the cadets, expressing a desire that the visit be repeated again next year.

Mr. B. O. Mayne then addressed the Wing, and on behalf of the Air Cadet League and the visiting squadrons, gave a sincere thank you to G/C Miller and the personnel of this station for a most enjoyable and productive stay.

Following the speeches, came the highlight of the parade as Cadet Corporal D. G. Nickolin of No. 609 Squadron, Port Alberni, was to be presented with his wings for completion of an Air Cadet Flying Training Scholarship. The wings were pinned on Cpl. Nickolin by his mother.

The Wing then marched past in column of route with G/C

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See Air Cadets

## PMQ By Election Results

By elections were held in Wallace Gardens last night to fill positions of council men that have occurred due to transferred and expired terms.

The results were as follows:

- Ward 1: Sgt HK Armstrong
- Ward 2: Sgt HG Scott  
Sgt. JL Batt
- Ward 3: FS HE Jones  
Sgt RW McClelland
- Ward 4: Sgt GW Nitschky
- Ward 6: S/L DF Heakes  
F/L WG Standing
- Ward 9: WO1 RC Parker

## Medals Awarded Station Edgar

Eight Canadian Forces decorations were presented to personnel by the Commanding Officer, W/C JH Dempster on March 28.

In his opening remarks, the Commanding Officer stated that the men to be presented with the awards represented well over 100 years of devoted service to both their country and the Airforce. He went on to say: "As I am asked to present more and more Canadian Forces Decorations, it is indicative that many young officers and airmen are choosing the RCAF as a career and this is very gratifying."

## 'Copter Used in Snowstorm

A state of emergency with priority to medical cases was declared during the recent snowstorms in the Maritimes.

An Airforce helicopter made three mercy flights in one day, taking doctors to patients isolated by blocked roads, and returning with two of the patients to the hospital in Charlottetown.

S/L J. E. Ledbetter of the Search and Rescue Unit at Greenwood, flew to Charlottetown in an H-21 'copter in response to a call from the Provincial Highways Minister, Philip Matherson, who had received an emergency call from an area where it was believed that no plow could reach in time. The minister described the situation as "grim."

City doctor, J. H. Maloney, one of the three doctors who eventually made use of the helicopter, stated that such a service during the winter

months was greatly needed because of the isolation caused in many rural areas by snowstorms. He suggested that such a service possibly be provided as soon as possible on a permanent basis.

## "Alouettes" Win Steinhardt Trophy

The coveted Laurence A. Steinhardt Memorial Trophy, has been awarded to 425 "Alouette" Squadron stationed at St. Hubert, Quebec.

The award is made annually to the "most efficient all-weather squadron in the RCAF."

Last year the trophy was held by our own 409 AW (F) Squadron of Station Comox.



THREE OF THE THREE HUNDRED air cadets who toured the Station during the past week view a T-33 at first hand. In the rear cockpit is John de Waal, in the front seat is Andrew Vallee, and on the ladder is Edward Breth, all of the Port Alberni contingent.





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## Chapel Chimes

### PROTESTANT CHAPEL

F/L W. C. HEWITT, C.D.

CHAPLAIN (P)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY,  
16 APRIL, 1961

Service of Holy Communion  
8 a.m.

Junior Sunday School—9:30  
a.m. Wallace Gardens School  
8 a.m.

Primary (Children 3-6 years)  
—11 a.m., Wallace Gardens  
School.

Divine Service—11 a.m. Chapel  
Choir Practice—8 p.m. Tues-  
day in the Guild Room

### CATHOLIC CHAPEL

F/L J. F. BOURKE

SUNDAY MASSES: 9 a.m. and  
11 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday  
through Friday, 4:35 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION  
for school children up to  
grade 6: Mondays, 4 p.m.,  
Wallace Gardens School.

Sundays: 7 p.m. High grades  
at Wallace Gardens School.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:  
Saturdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Adult  
Choir, Thursday 7 p.m. Jun-  
ior choir, Saturday 6:30 p.m.

BENEDICTION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT: 7  
p.m. Sunday.

The Holy Week ceremonies  
were certainly well carried  
out by all concerned. The at-  
tendance was numerous and  
very attentive and active in  
their participation. We do be-  
lieve that the advantage of a  
commentator made a great  
difference in the comprehen-  
sion and active participation  
by the personnel present.

The commentator was F/L  
Bill Johnson. His mastery of  
dramatic arts, all the voice  
training and other advantages  
he gained by regular rehears-  
als for "Teahouse of the

August Moon"—F/L Johnson  
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Our thanks to Bill Johnson  
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for us.

We had told Bill Johnson:  
"As of this moment you have  
volunteered as commentator  
for Holy Week". He generous-  
ly accepted the challenge.

Rumor has it that F/L Bill  
Johnson is posted to Junior  
Staff College? Right? Well  
the best of luck and success  
to F/L Bill Johnson.

Now that we have seen how  
practical a commentator can  
be, we are hoping for others  
to follow the lead.

Don't hesitate to inform your  
Chaplain, please, if you feel  
you could imitate the one who  
initiated the procedure in our  
Chapel.



"Welcome Comrade... Is planning to stay long?"

## MOTHER and DAUGHTER BANQUET



A mother and daughter banquet was successfully held at the Combined Mess on Tuesday night, the 11th of April. Attendance numbered 134. Guest speaker was Kay Cronin, of Vancouver, and M.C. was Ron Herget.

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## PMQ Council Report..

The recent meeting of the Community Council was mainly concerned with the organization of baseball and softball teams for the children for the coming season.

An amount of \$50 was voted toward the juvenile team, while \$100 was voted toward the development of a Pee-wee and Midget baseball team for the station. An additional \$100 was voted for the on-station softball league. A greater endeavor will be made to encourage new softball players this season.

Still dealing with sports, volleyball equipment received a vote of \$30 and volleyball nets are to be erected in the PMQ area in the near future.

Controller Horton stated that the dog situation was receiving closer inspection. In future, anyone having received three warnings regarding their dog will have the matter turned over to the Commanding Officer for further action.

Controller Piltz, who regularly goes away from council meetings with a long list of "things to do," reported the following:

Potholes and low spots in driveways are being fixed as soon as possible, dependent on weather.

The balance bar for the ballet classes has now been installed in the school audi-

torium;

The one-way street is now in effect in the new PMQ area, and further signs will be erected to make the clock-wise pattern more obvious;

Screens in the new PMQ's are to be modified so that they may be put on from the inside;

The boardwalk will soon be laid behind the school to join the old with the new PMQ;

Approval has been granted to erect fences along the front of the new PMQ's. Details of the type of fence may be obtained from the C.E. Section.

## Just Arrived!

Rose Marie Reid  
Swimsuits!!

**Ann's** Ladies' Wear  
(Opposite Overwaitea)



THESE WERE ONLY THREE of the many dresses that were shown during the Officers' Wives Club fashion show. The models, left to right, are: Louise Straub, Joyce McMartin, Erica Gritter and the commentator, Lee Ramsdale.

## Officers Wives Fashion Show

Wednesday evening, the Officers' Wives Club featured a spring fashion show sponsored by Anne's Ladies Wear, of Courtenay. Chic handbags were with the compliments of The Continental Hair Stylist, Mr. John Gouliash.

Midst a setting of spring blossoms the models went smartly through their paces, displaying a wide variation of swim suits and sportswear through to afternoon dresses and evening attire. The formal were introduced by Vera Gold in a feminine moss green shirtwaist of silk organza. Rae Jean Burgess was a vision in teal blue sheer organza. A mushroom-beige shade was attractive on Joyce Osborne in a brocade sheath with jacket. Marilyn Tuft's "Mother-to-be" outfit featured a white and blue embroidered net top with plain black skirt. A beautiful shade called "Blush Coral" accented the charm of Joyce McMartin in her nylon sheer. Norma McAskill was sophisticated plus in a cream coloured wool jersey which featured an embroidered satin midriff

band. A champagne-toned silk organza complimented model Louise Straub. Pat Dahl was attractively sedate in a coffee shaded silk organza maternity gown. Layers of monotonized silk chiffon in beige-to-brown highlighted Velma Nicholson's creation. Virginia Forgie was stunning in her draped sheath of purple satin and chiffon. Erica Gritter brought a delightful ending to an exciting evening in the ultra-feminine midnight - black chiffon swathe.

## Pre-Natal Classes

The staff of the Courtenay Public Health Unit will be conducting classes Wednesday nights in the PMQ school auditorium and gym.

Residents of PMQ's are invited to attend for the eight weeks of the program which starts Wednesday, 12 April, 1930 to 2130 hrs.

The first class will consist of discussion only, so no gym dress will be required. Husband and wife are welcome.

## Senior NCO's Wives Club

A well-attended meeting was held in the Senior NCO's Mess lounge on Monday, 10 April, at 9:00 p.m., with the new president, Mrs. G. Vilven, in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Schiller.

Entertainment for the evening was bingo for cups and saucers, followed by an Easter Bonnet contest. Judges for the proceedings were Mr. Fisher and Mr. Thompson.

Winners of the contests were: Most Original, Mrs. Chapman; Funniest, Mrs. Collins; Most Practical, Mrs. Ferguson.

Bingo winners were: Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Wentzel, Mrs. Liddle, Mrs. McCuley and Mrs. Barne.

The evening ended with lunch served in the dining room.

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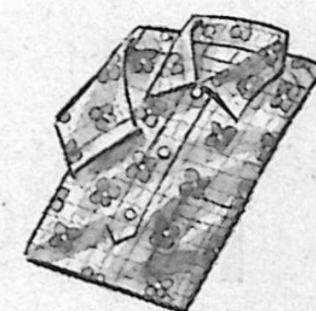
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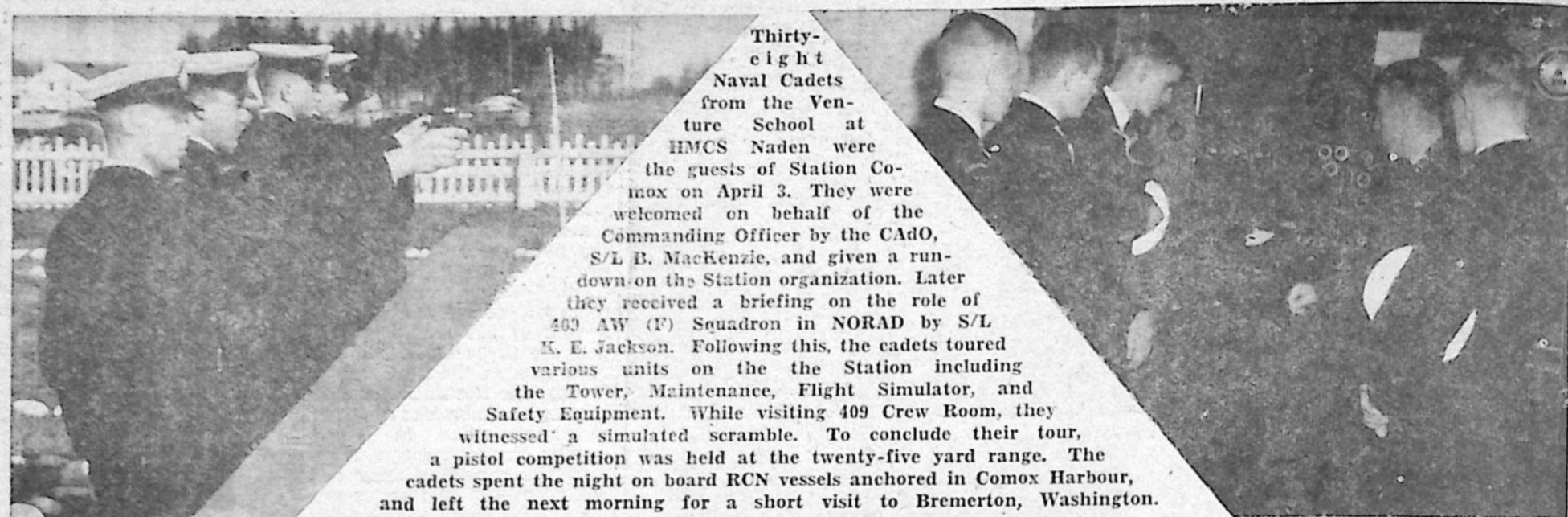
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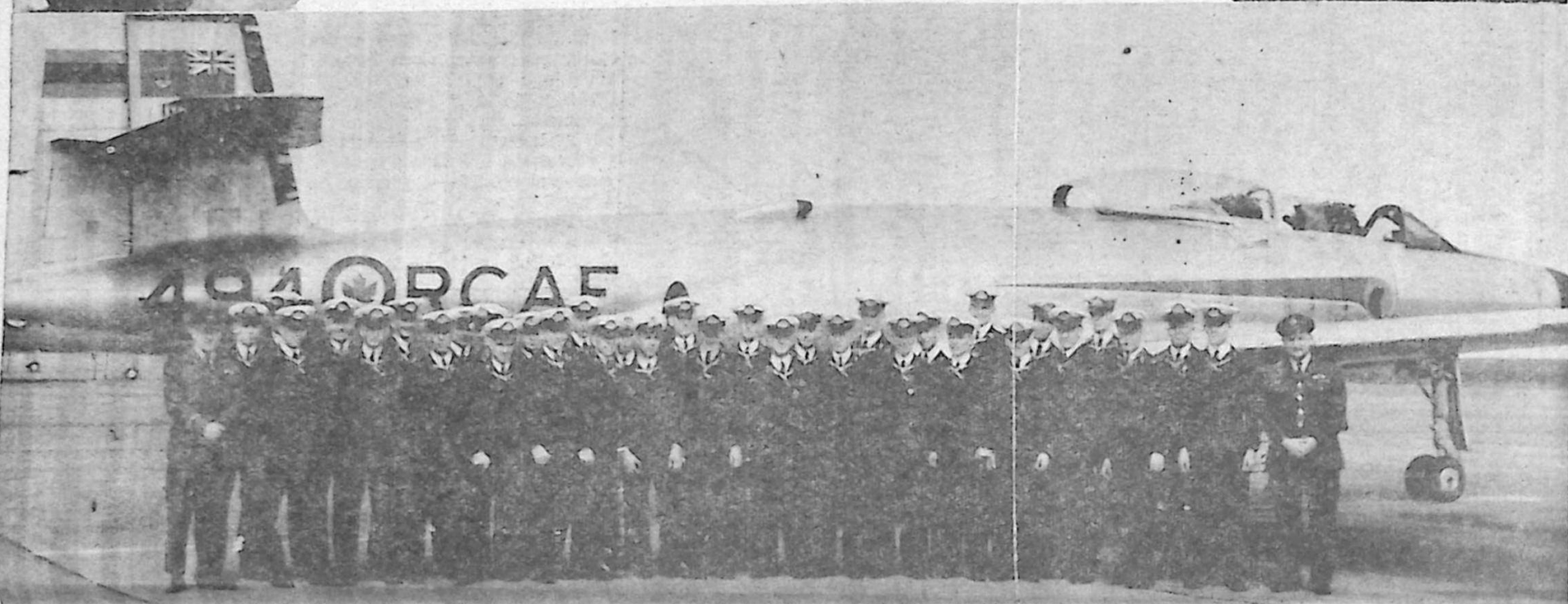
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# HMCS Venture Cadets Tour Station Comox



Thirty-eight Naval Cadets from the Venture School at HMCS Naden were the guests of Station Comox on April 3. They were welcomed on behalf of the Commanding Officer by the CAdO, S/L B. MacKenzie, and given a run-down on the Station organization. Later they received a briefing on the role of 409 AW (F) Squadron in NORAD by S/L E. E. Jackson. Following this, the cadets toured various units on the Station including the Tower, Maintenance, Flight Simulator, and Safety Equipment. While visiting 409 Crew Room, they witnessed a simulated scramble. To conclude their tour, a pistol competition was held at the twenty-five yard range. The cadets spent the night on board RCN vessels anchored in Comox Harbour, and left the next morning for a short visit to Bremerton, Washington.



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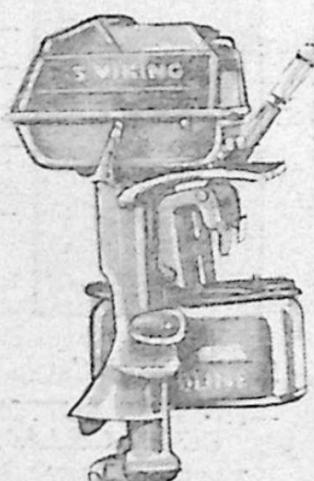
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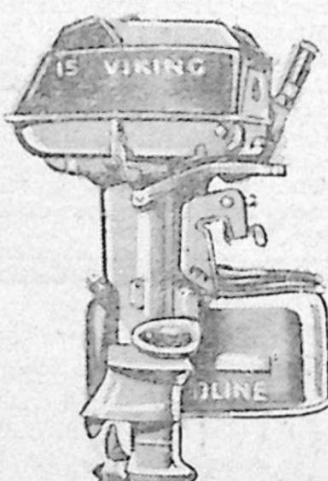
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## Harry Blather

HIS OCCASIONAL DIARY

This week past did spend considerable time in pondering the lack of discrimination of the generation, this with emphasis upon the literary taste, and occasioned by Ye Editor commanding that the Diary of last edition be again foisted upon your innocent heads.

One supposes that congratulation are in order, although who is to be congratulated one is not sure, in that this year becometh the 20th year of participation by the weaker sex in the bearing of arms in Her Majesty's Service, and the tenth year since the deed was again perpetrated, with the reincarnation of the WubDub in '51.

And still another cause for thinking lieth in the reasoning whereby one who spendeth his days in the classroom acquiring, one supposes, the rudiments of the three R's, he who calleth himself Tom Fielding, is considered to have sufficient education in yet more considerable directions, to be elevated to the imposing and important position of Judge of Beauty at the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority beauty contest to be held on the 13th instant of May in Ye Legion Hall of Nanaimo.

The leaders of the legions, they who take the forefront in the attack and are called by the collective appellation "Sir", do prepare for their Club Sanctorum a revel of the type termed "Beachcomber Party." It does come to mind that there are those among their ranks who need not remove, nor change, their everyday apparel, and yet will not be improperly dressed for the occasion.

The seventh day of April did visit upon the Station uncounted numbers of Cadets of the Service of the Air, and they did parade about, and back and forth, and one did wonder as to where the verve and vigour, interest and effort

with which they did obey the commands called forth to them evaporated into the lackadaisical performance which may be elicited from any similar gathering of their grown-up counterparts.

Two of our most distinguished signers of papers do shortly leave our ranks: The Commander of Wings, he who is called Bill Quinn and is known as the Oldest Officer of Technology, does betake himself to Bagotville, wherein he will practice his arts, after three and one-half years of good and faithful service in this encampment; and the Lieutenant of Flight who calleth himself Al of Robinson does hie himself off to St. Hubert, wherein to sing the Psalms for which he has so long been renowned in these parts, one infers, too, that he will also Administrate the Personnel.

Flo onward, sweet Wallington, even unto the far reaches of McChord, wherein one hopes will be gathered the requisite knowledge whereby may be served bigger and better repasts in the messes of the forlorn celibates who owneth not a spouse to prepare for them food to their liking; and forget not, in thy quest, that those who fly, like the birds, and yet even longer, do require sustenance which not only buttresses their vigour, but mayhap may even tempt their appetite.

Salth a maid whose writings are not unknown, "A rose is a rose is a rose." But at the officers' mess, the roses arose, and did depart, and were seen not again, but remaineth a thorn in the side of one who demandeth a full investigation as to their whereabouts, and he does demand that their presence be found, wagging their tables behind them.

A good evening to all. And especially to all Sons of Beaches, who have not a comb, nor yet hair to pull it through.

## Missile Town Keeps Calm

Underneath a hillside sloping down to nearby Trout Lake, men and machines have mucked out a vast cavern.

This will be the nerve centre of Canada's first Bomarc missile base. Beside a main highway nearby, 28 structures that look like small barns have been erected — the launching bins for the supersonic missiles, whose purpose is "to defend large areas of United attack by aircraft and airborne missiles."

The SAGE (Semi-Automatic Ground Environment) centre, which is entirely underground, is a top secret project.

It is known that beneath the contours of Reservoir Hill there is a series of caverns; one of them big enough to hold a four-storey building.

Local citizens aren't too worked up about the fact that the base might make North

Bay a prime target for enemy attack. You won't find a bomb shelter in the community.

Recent successful firings of the Bomarc-B have quieted the ruckus about the ability of the missile as a defence weapon.

Actual installations of the missiles is slated for June of this year.

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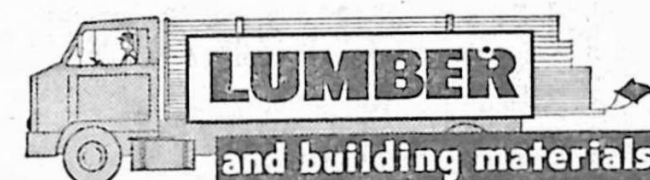
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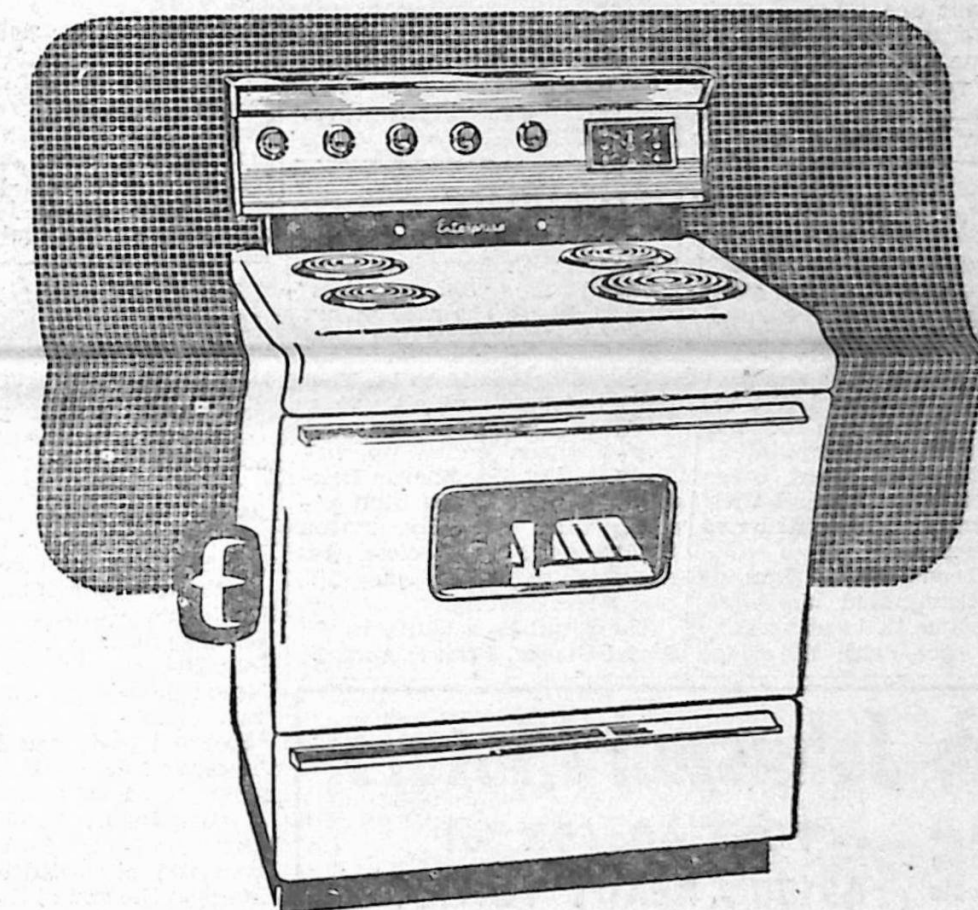
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## FLYCON FLASHES

by FROMMAGE

Promotion day 1961 has passed. There was no sobbing or wailing to be done around the section just stunning silence. The defence budget must have hit an all time low it seems with zero promotions in our trade at Comox. With sweat, grey hairs and nervous breakdowns donated to the cause it seems they still want something else. Oh! well, 61 nary a one, 62 could be for you.

GCA is finally going to get crew quarters installed, with indoor plumbing yet. This should eliminate the occasional "stand by one" on the R/T as the controllers make a frenzied dash to the tower. Spring, and the fishing bug has struck. Cpl's Tom Patterson and Dave Hoveneghel seem to be the first to be bitten and are quite hard to find on days off. F/L George Mealing and F/O Orv Gibson are also giving their off-duty address as Comox district with no phone.

We welcome back Sgt's John Dunbar and Harry Ennis from Borden where they both successfully completed being brainwashed on the SSTs course. Also three new arrivals in the tower with LAC's Gunn and Wallis off course and LAC Taylor in from the Cool Pool. Hope your stay is a pleasant one fellows. Well folks that's about it for this issue and would appreciate any volunteers to take over the column after the end of April as Frommage will be

## COMM-CHATTER

by ROBERT A. CLARKE

F/O Wes McDavid received a very sudden transfer to AMC and left last Sunday. Due to the shortage of time we couldn't pull off a very big splash for him, but, such as it was, I understand that many did manage to enjoy themselves. Wes was presented with a very nice travel bag. He arrived here 16 months ago, and during his short stay made himself very popular with everyone. Someone estimated that, from the tone of the message, he might be sent on to the Congo. Bringing his sense of humour to light, Wes said that another officer was on the same transfer and "He has no meat on his bones at all."

To replace him we were happy to greet F/O George McCrae, here on a two month TD tour. We sincerely hope he enjoys his stay.

Tiny Collins is back at work in Telecom Air but is still sporting a cast. Congratulations are in order for Steve Holowaychuk, who got his hooks this time.

LAC Billwiller, from whom I get the news from Telecom Air, tells me he is getting out of the STATS end. I wonder who I will be bothering for news from now on.

WO2 Nutt is busy getting a construction gang going on his new house. He is building in Comox. FS Noble is back from a week's holiday, while Mike Ninkovic is planning to take off the same amount of time on the 17th.

away on leave shortly thereafter. OUT.

## PILLS and CHILLS

Since the last edition there have been many changes in personnel, and many noteworthy events happening. Congratulations go to LAC Thomas, who received his hooks; FS Adams enjoyed a pleasant week in Victoria during his leave; and LAC Stewart bagged a deer in a most unorthodox fashion. Tom's unique method does not require a rifle, it just involves driving down Ryan Road in your car. It was found to be a very expensive method (approx. \$150 too expensive), and it appears that the Game Warden frowns on this way of hunting.

Cpl Russell no longer will have the problem of building a carport for his "bomb" since he has been transferred to Station Falconbridge. We had given him a few suggestions on construction of his project, and although he passed them off with a few well-chosen words, we will still be sorry to see him go.

Although Major Pyne's transfer to Goose Bay has been cancelled, Cpl McCafferty is still going ahead with his overseas planning. With all these transfers, the whole staff is becoming apprehensive.

From the navy at HMCS Naden we have Leading Seaman Hank Slots getting a taste of airforce life, Comox style. At the same time, he is helping us out in exchange for Cpl Al Thomas who left for Naden last week.

We extend a welcome to Nursing Sister Nona Ramsay to the staff to join our other recent arrivals, F/O Eunice Brown and F/O Peg Flannigan. Nursing Sister Jan Quinlan, who was with us for a short time, leaves to attend university in Vancouver.

## AIRWOMEN'S NEWS

by LAW Anonymous

The Airwomen would like to congratulate Marie Deraiche for promotion to Corporal, one good LAW lost, but one new Corporal gained. Sgt. Jessie Easton, just back from sick leave, is sure happy, Marie, one new BB Corporal coming up.

New arrivals at Comox from St. Jean's, Quebec, are Rene Henson, Norma Howard and Beth Roberts. All the girls at Comox hope you enjoy your stay.

Farewell party was held last Thursday for Lorna Anderson, going to 4 (F) Wing and Marilyn Burrit 2 (F) Wing. They are on Embarkation leave and will both depart by Comet at the end of the month.

Peter Perrault will marry LAC Harry Van Sikle on 15 April. Peter has her sister Andre here, from Montreal, to attend her wedding. The Airwomen wish you all the best Peter.

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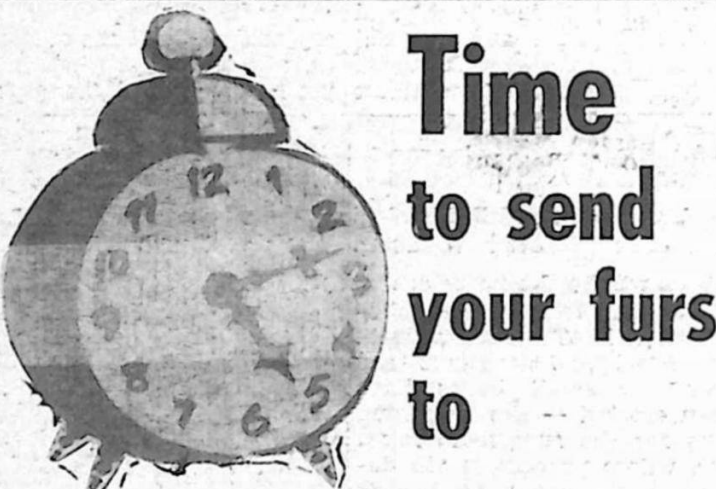
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## DEMON DOIN'S

BY GOSH

It would appear that the big deal, newswise, about now would be Alameda; but closer inspection shows that those who haven't just come back, or aren't there now, are just about to go, and since what everybody's doing isn't news to anybody, so what? ... Our travelling Wing Commander is off to Halliux, cramming the cranium with facts and figures on some course or other; and LAC Wayne Sawlor, in some manner, managed to squeeze aboard the aircraft. The poor fellow is off to Dartmouth to try to talk the girl friend into putting a ring in his nose. ... And while we're on the subject of rings this Saturday is the day petite Pete Perrault applies a full nelson on LAC "Van" Vansiekle. Pete is the littlest Demon of them all, but it didn't take her long to put Van down for the count, but then, who wants to count? ... And still with the marriage bit, F/O Barry Gordon tied the Gordian knot in cover last Saturday, since he's due back today from the honeymoon today, guess he didn't go far: Just out of sight.

Cpl. Paul Zarecki was overheard lecturing Cpl. Vic Smith on the wonders of judo. Said he could kill Vic, or maim him for life, since Vic didn't know how to fall. Wonder if he considered whether or not Vic knows WHEN to fall. ... Cubicle No. 9 has it that an ex-Demon, FS Lorne Lichtenwald, is now a Flying Officer. ... Notice LAC Nick Nicklas running around sporting free issue dark glasses. ... Couple of the boys taking a little leave and driving down to Alameda to join the squadron there, along with the wives; LAC Gordon Geiger, for one, and F/O Al Brabant, going to try to make it in that little kiddycar. Might be alright, but kind of seems like taking a knapsack of dried cod along on a fishing trip. ... Big transfers in for FS Ron Trew, he's moving from Servicing to Repair. ... We always knew F/O Jacques Godon was worth a second look, evidently the Rad Leader thinks so, too, since he's got Jacques' name down twice on the RO board. ... LAC Pete Cohoe made a poor deal when he traded eight days travel time for 14 days non-travelling time. ... Photo Section wondering why the Electricians challenged them to a bowl-off, then chickened out on the deal. ... Cpl. Norm Westfall seen spending considerable time in mechanical diagnosis, wondering why his power drill would buzz beautifully, then quit the instant he touched the tip to the wheel he was drilling; at long last found the answer lay with two gremlins, Messrs Geiger and Hebron, pulling the plug at the vital instant. ... After doctoring many hundreds of claims, LAC Spud Keenan at last found the one he was looking for, Spud takes off tomorrow for MACHQ. We'll miss your happy face, Spud, but bon voyage. ... F/L Wilf Gammie back from Jr. Staff Course in Toronto, long enough to say goodbye, before he leaves us for London's fogbound, but jammy, pastures. ... Congratulations to LAC and Mrs. Hank Rickman on the birth of a son. ... LAC Jack Newman reverses the usual procedure, instead of fishing for his release, he's found he's released for

his fishing; celebrated the occasion by walking down a flight of stairs on his head. ... Hear the squadron got an extra promotion that wasn't on the April list, when LAC Red Peters jumped to FS. ... FS Len Laper off to instruct the instructors at St. Jean. We feel confident that if his pupils keep a close eye on our Len they'll learn more than shows on the syllabus; in the meantime Sgt. Garth Bevan-Pritchard gets to press the buzzer. ... Sgt. Bob Davison getting a little envious of the publicity we have given S/L Ed Hudson in this department and is sporting another new car, a meatier Meteor with automatic drive so Marg can drive the lazy cuss to Washington. ... And while we're browsing around the Orderly Room here, a hearty welcome to a much-needed new clerk from Greenwood, LAC Benny Routhier. ... F/L Bill Hedges finally recovered from his very moving problem, with the belated arrival of his furniture from wherever he was; Sleepy Hollow can now get back to sleep from a little TD in Edmonton, looking all starry-eyed. Jumps whenever the phone rings, thinking it might be long distance for him, and half the time he's right. ... Fran and Phil pulling out for Summer, via truck, tent, and sleeping bag, set a very interesting precedent, making it Shore to Shore from Coast to Coast. ... FS Charlie Mottershead due for a surprise when he gets his Mess bill and sees the damage caused by his table-thumping method of de-dashing a cigarette. ... Warrant Officer Danny O'Neill claims to be pretty spry, then proves himself wrong by being able to jump one foot at a time. ... Cpl. Pee-wee Bremner to 3 FWG. ... LAC Buck Arbuckle to SU. ... FS Jack Savill dug down, way down, into that sock to buy his first dish of Chinese food, then wished he'd stayed home and had bacon and eggs. ... F/O Roy Thompson thinking up new expletives after parking his new paint job in front of the house for all to admire. Neighborhood kids promptly showed their appreciation by using it for a dance floor. ... Sgt. Garnet Stoen had better get himself some pretty cute legal angles if he's going to wriggle out of that traffic accident. The other car was driven by a lawyer. ... F/L Dick Yole takes a trip down Vicar's in an effort to explain the Air Force viewpoint on ECM to the Navy. We wish him Waves and Waves of hospitality.

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## Interest In Surrounding Area

By Q. WIGHT

It seems at this time of year, when the hunting seasons are over and the fishing not really into full swing, that Station personnel are apt to find the local area uninteresting and rather barren of profitable enterprises. Let us hasten to correct this impression.

A cursory glance reveals that within a few miles of the Station lie vast, unexplored Indian mounds, full of relics of the life of the pre-European inhabitants, and half a mile from Courtenay itself, rich fossil beds have been uncovered by the Puntledge River. However in this issue we shall confine ourselves to a third topic — that of the famous Vancouver Island Rhodonite.

Rhodonite, a form of manganese silicate, is a pink rock with black streaks running through it in a sort of marbled pattern. It is valued quite highly by rockhounds and lapidaries as a gem stone for pendants, or for fine polished slabs which have a very decorative effect, and Vancouver Island Rhodonite from Hill 60 at Duncan is among the best gem grades in North America.

The Hill 60 location itself is an abandoned open pit mine at the 2,600 ft. level behind Paldi on the road between Duncan and Cowichan Lake. Originally a commercial operation for manganese, it was abandoned when continued operation proved to be economically unsound and has since become a favourite collecting spot for rockhounds.

The writer recently made an attempt to reach the mine, which proved unsuccessful at the time, but was of great interest in general exploration. As previously mentioned, the mine lies behind Paldi, a town of some interest in itself. It not only features a logging shanty having three vertical cylinders with bevel gear drive to each wheel, both on the engine and the integral tender for the railway enthusiast, but the population is largely Indian (from India) and there is a large Sikh temple, not usually found in a Canadian town.

From Paldi the road becomes in short order a gravel path which wanders away to the left along the side of the mountain then a rutted track bearing all the earmarks of a creek bed. Four miles along the track is a small space to park the car, and from there, a two or three mile trek uphill leads to the mine. Our expedition traversed the first few obstacles with few difficulties. (bull-low gear in the Morris comes in very handy over these "roads" but ran into an obvious, but neglected snag later on. Half-way to our goal we re-

alized that the patches of white stuff we had been passing were getting thicker, and shortly there after, standing up to the knees in snow, we decided that perhaps a sunnier day was in order for the climb.

However, the day was not wasted, since the view from the road up is very good and the party came across a series of interesting botanical specimens, including a fine stand of "Devil's Club", a charming plant unfamiliar to most easterners which grows on the slopes of local mountains and fills the innocent passer-by with an assortment of spikes and prickles.

On the way back to Comox we dropped in at another local attraction. This was the reptile zoo, three miles south of Duncan. Here, the owner who specializes in personal tours, displayed many of his prime animals, most of which are extremely tame. The zoo

holds a fine collection of lizards and snakes as well as a couple of large alligators and a few spectacled caimans. In addition, there are a couple of immature bald eagles and a sprinkling of the more common fauna. His flying foxes are especially interesting, and allow themselves to be handled for demonstration purposes.

Scarcely a day goes by without the appearance of a new attraction in the Island region. Future articles in this newspaper will cover as many of these as possible, hoping to keep alive the interest of personnel in the ground under their feet as well as in the air above their heads.

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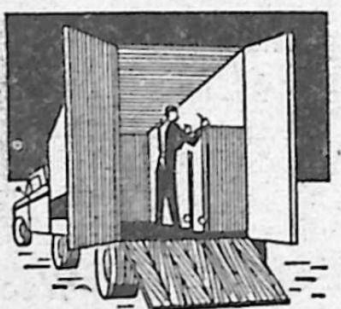
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## Hockey Team Loses in Overtime

First place finishers in the Mid-Island Suburban Hockey League, the Port Alberni Luckies, proved their supremacy by defeating the Station hockey team in two games and winning the league championship.

On Saturday evenings, they downed the airmen by a score of 5-2, to even the series at one game apiece. In a hard fought game on Sunday the teams went into overtime, with the Luckies taking the game and series with a final score of 4-3.

Goal-tending stole the complete show in the series, as both goalies made spectacular save time after time. Throughout the series, Irwin, the airforce netminder, made a total of 64 stops, allowing only 10

goals, while his opponent, Don Whyte, made a total of 77 saves, and gave up nine goals. Although the airforce team



faceoff during the finals

did not win the league championship, they proved to be one of the strongest contenders during the latter part of the season.

Finishing the regular season in last place, they came back to defeat the second-place Nanaimo Ramblers in the semifinals and advanced to the finals against Port Alberni.

This was the first year that the station has ever entered a team in the suburban league. Most of the credit for this year's showing goes to Bill Fraser who not only organized the club, but handled the chore of coaching, assisted by Tom Slimming. During the previous season both these airmen had played for the Courtenay Gladiators, but Courtenay did not enter a team this year.

## NEWS IN Sports

## Aitkenhead Wins Bonspiel

Last weekend was the scene of completion of the Comox Valley Curling Club's curling activities for the 1960-61 season.

Thirty-four rinks, mostly from the local RCAF station, Cold Lake, and one from Vancouver, played in the four-event RCAF spiel.

Winning the primary 'A' event was Wayne Aitkenhead and his RCAF crew. They defeated the Frank Coates rink of the Comox Valley club 10 to 7, in the final game. Playing along with skip Wayne was Ed Mullaney, lead; Paul Coulter, second and Tiger Munroe, throwing third rocks. Coates' rink had Norm Raga, lead; Keith Acorn, second; Frank Coates third, and Ole Carlson was calling the shots.

Al Hulme, an RAF exchange officer curling with one of the Cold Lake rinks, prepares to deliver a rock.

three-day bonspiel it was decided to work for next year and make this one of the biggest spiels on the Island.

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## Nighthawks Win Western Div. Volleyball

The right to represent Western Canada in the RCAF play-offs was well won by the 409 "Nighthawks" as they took four straight games to down the squad from Station Penhold.

The "Hawks", spurred on by the fine spiking of Ken Morris and good team co-operation, were declared the winners after playing two out the possible three sets.

In the first series, they took the first game 15-3 and after a short rest, came back to take the next by 15-7.

Following a short intermission, both teams once again took the floor. Although the final score was 15-5, it is not indicative of the fine play during this game. There were several good volleys, and some of the best volleyball of the series was seen during this set.

In the final game the 409 team once again proved their ability to end the set and the series with a 15-7 defeat over Penhold.

Playing an outstanding game for the visiting team was LAC Ed Czerniawsky, former Canadian Olympic swimmer, and now an I&E Tech in the Airforce.

The Canada-wide RCAF play-offs are to be held in Station Trenton on April 23. At this time, we wish the Nighthawks all the best for continued success.

## French Air Cadets Tour Canada

Quebec City played host to 77 French aircadets recently, who are on tour of North American cities as part of their training. The second-year cadets of the Salon de Provence Air Academy were headed by ten officers under the orders of General Gabriel Gauthier.

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## TRAIL TREASURES

With ILES

In the last issue I asked for reports on fishing conditions in Buttle Lake. I am happy to say the response was overwhelming. My phone rang practically all day Tuesday.

In general reports were favorable. Cpl. Pat MacKenzie reports he and Cpl. La Montague had a very successful 4-day weekend of fishing. They returned with 32 trout taken from the far end of the lake. Monday they managed to get their limit in a surprisingly short time. Most of these were Rainbow with a few Dolly Vardens. Cpl. Ralph Pineo was apparently busy hauling in cutthroat when Cpl. MacKenzie met him in the same area. F/O Ernst caught seven Dolly Varden and Rainbow from the narrows of Buttle using salmon roe and worms. He claims that roe was more effective. His catch was made from shore. A fellow fisherman brought back his limit using the same method and from the same area. Cpl. Thompson, of the Comm. Centre, was a little less successful. He was fishing the Campbell using spoons with spinning gear. He caught absolutely nothing. The answer is to fish with salmon roe or worms apparently, right on bottom.

### STAMP RIVER

I fished the Stamp River for a short half hour on Monday, April 3, and didn't click. However, I was happy enough practising with my new fly outfit. This is a beautiful stream, very picturesque with fast white water and deep pools. There is a lovely spot to picnic on the shore of the river near the highway bridge. Here the river rushes through a deep canyon. The high shore line has huge flat rocks covered with a deep carpet of green moss and a large area of grassy land. Several other fishermen including two young girls were also unsuccessful.

Good Friday, March 31, Richard (my 14-year-old son), and I visited the Puntledge just downstream and around the bend from the Condensory Bridge. I had just purchased a new fly rod and had not as yet had the opportunity of trying it out. As a matter of fact although fly fishing had always fascinated me the rapid rise in popularity of spin fishing had more or less relegated my pursuit of this style of fishing to the somewhat vague future. I remember when, on one of my many visits to Ontario's Mississippi River, after a particularly poor day of fishing and having exhausted every lure in my collection, I filed the

ing this and other parts of the river were successful either. I was wearing only light socks and wading the ice cold water, my feet were numb with cold.

We decided to rest a while, and then try a promising pool just above the Condensory bridge. On the way we paused at the car for a welcome cup of hot coffee and a few egg sandwiches.

While we were rechecking our gear, a Vancouver fisherman pulled in and reported that while the upper reaches of the river below the power house were well covered, no one had been successful in landing a fish.

Richard and I worked our way up river through fast water casting into every promising pool working the river slowly and carefully but by noon we were ready to call it a day.

As I have often said you are not successful on every visit to the Puntledge. It is not this type of river. Many top fishermen fish the Puntledge and occasionally return empty handed. It is a river, however, which is well worth fishing, for many steelhead of good size have been taken here and there is always cutthroat to try for when steelhead are off their feed.

### Fishing Tips

Under most condition, trout are "spooky" and frighten easily. Use caution when approaching stream banks. Avoid casting your shadow over the water. Use the lightest leader material that is practical.

Always make sure when fishing that all knots are securely and carefully tied. The extra time spent in this case pays off in more fish. Avoid the old story of "I would have had him but the knot slipped."

When using a boat, remember that sound is easily transmitted through water, but that it is difficult to transmit sound INTO water unless you are in direct contact with the water. This means that ordinary talking or other noises above water are seldom heard by the fish but noises made on the bottom of a boat are heard over a large area. Use caution with tackle boxes, oars and other equipment. Soft soled shoes are recommended.

For most every type of fish, it is best to have your reel spool filled with line. This is particularly true with spinning reels. Partially filled line spools will not cast as well and it is more difficult to make accurate casts.

— From Wright and McGill Fishing Catalogue, Denver, Colorado.

## Again PRO For Hawks



The famed Golden Hawk's aerobatic team will take to the air again this summer thrilling audiences from coast to coast. Appointed as public information officer of the team for the second year in a row is veteran pilot and PRO, F/L LG 'Rocky' Van Vliet.

The seven-man team, flying their gold and red Sabres were formed in the summer of 1959 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of flight in Canada and the RCAF's 35th birthday. Since then the team has performed more than 150 aerial displays for nearly 5,000,000 people.

F/L Van Vliet, no stranger to high speed jet aircraft, began his air force career in 1943 when he enlisted and was trained as a pilot at St. Hubert, P.Q. After completion of training he was posted overseas and flew Hurricanes and Spitfires over England.

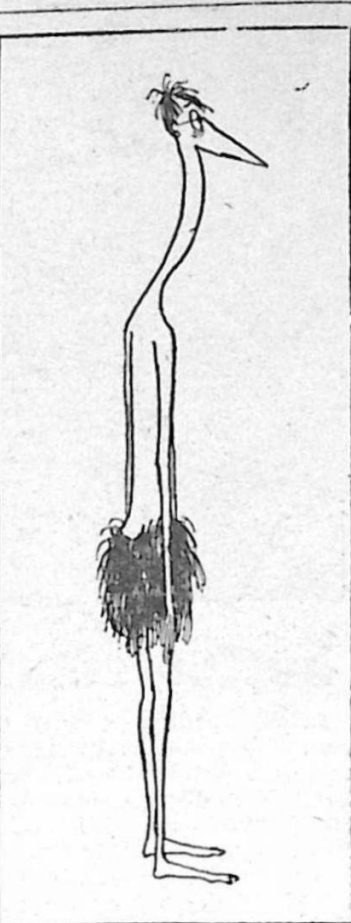
Following very short service in Germany he was transferred back to Canada and demobilized out of the air force in 1945.

F/L Van Vliet re-enlisted in 1950 and was trained on Canada's first operational jet, the Vampire. Following a ground tour of duty as commanding officer of the Recruiting Unit in Halifax he flew for three years with 434 "Bluenose" Squadron at 3 (F) Wing, Zwickau, Germany. Since 1959 he has been Deputy Staff Officer for Public Relations at Air Defence Command Headquarters, St. Hubert, P.Q.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Coho are showing up "en masse" off Nanaimo. Heavy catches have been reported over the past week. Watch for them soon in this area.

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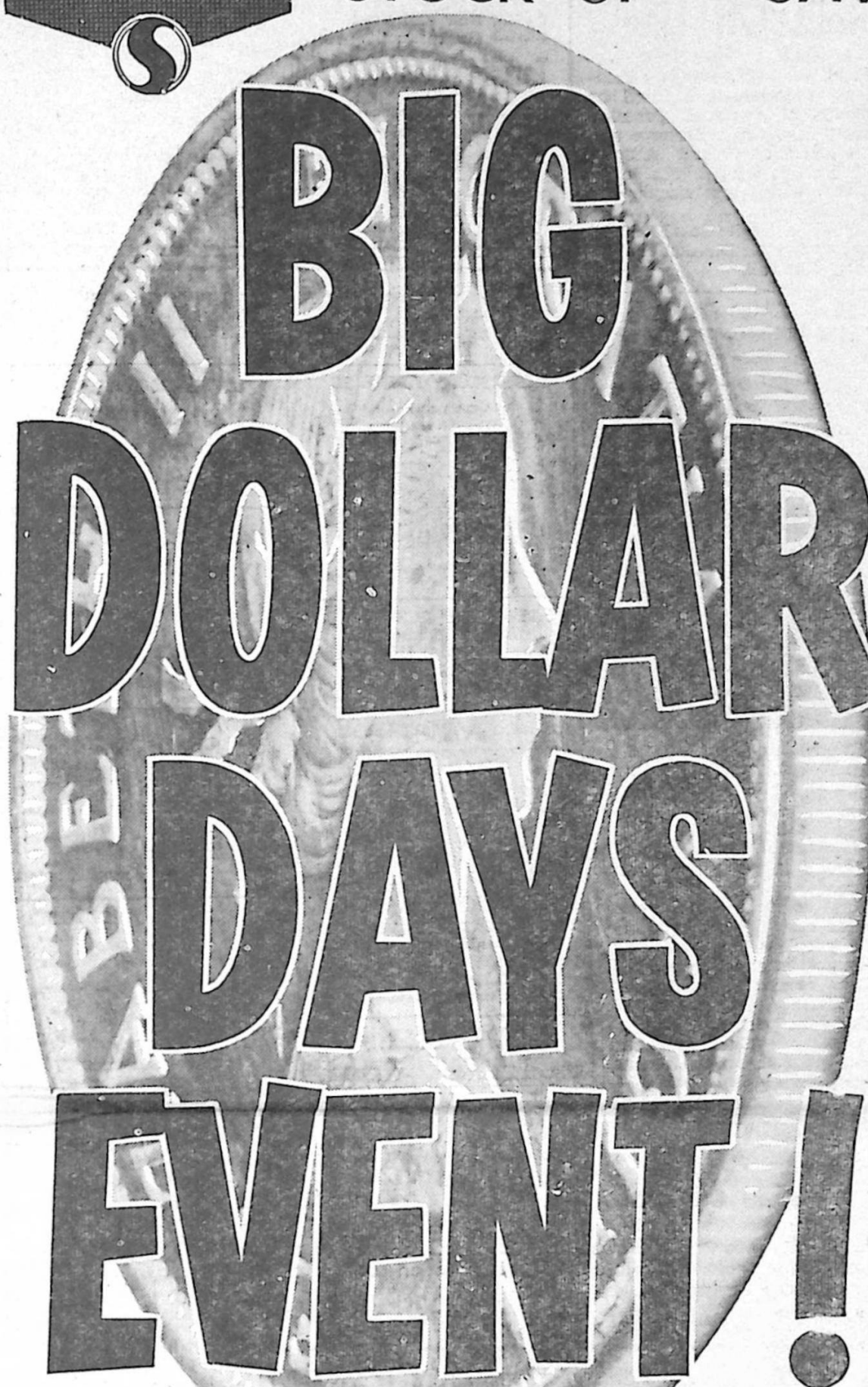
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### NOTICE

Today and Tomorrow, 13 and 14 April, ANNUAL SPRING ART SHOW sponsored by the Comox District Art Group. CRA HALL, LEWIS PARK, COURTENAY, 2:30 to 10 p.m. Admission 50c, refreshments included. Two door prizes. Showing will be Alberni Valley Art Group and Frenchmen's Creek Art Group, Vancouver Art Gallery Travelling Small Sculpture Exhibition, Local Paintings and Ceramics. Also 45 minutes of films of artistic interest.

Wash in Soft Water at the Comox Pinky

## First CF-104 Rolls Off Line

A sleek, stub-winged aircraft was rolled out of a hangar at Canadair Limited on March 27, to mark Canada's entry into the supersonic age. Government and Airforce officials attended the ceremony, which was simple and speech-free.

First deliveries to the RCAF and to the Air Division are due early this fall.

### The SWO Says . . .



Summer uniforms will be in vogue next month. Be sure yours is ready.

### Air Cadets

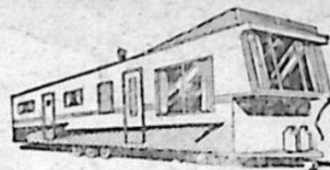
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Miller on the dias taking the salute.

This concluded the ceremonies and the visit of the little people who made such lively guests, and whose "gen" queries sometimes astounded the escorting officers. It was a day acknowledged by all to have been of great interest and value to the Cadet Squadrons, and no less to their hosts.

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SEVEN HAWKS

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(Also Matinee)

THE GIANT  
OF  
MARATHON

Steeve Reeves

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

I'M ALL RIGHT  
JACK

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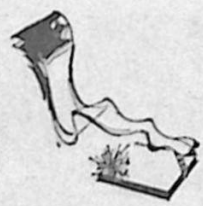
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