



S/L C. C. Hazlett, Detachment Commander, 407 Sqdn., presents a 40-pound salmon to Cdr. Parker C. Cooper, on arrival at NAS Alameda.

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RCN Today Commissions New Submarine "Grilse"

The Honourable Pierre Sevigny, Associate MND, will be guest of honour at the commissioning of the HMC Submarine Grilse at the USN submarine base, New London, Conn., today.

The Associate Minister will inspect the submarine on board.

SACLANT Sees Maritime Might

Two Argus of 404 (M/P) Squadron, Greenwood, flew to the USN Air Station at Norfolk, Virginia to demonstrate their capabilities to Admiral R. L. Dennison, Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic and his senior staff officers.

The demonstration given by A/C WI Clements, AOC, MAC, S/L DE Clarke, Rad Staff and W/C AM Halkett, OC 404 Sqn.

A/C Clements briefed Admiral Dennison on the history of Maritime Air Command and the employment and capabilities of the Argus. W/C Halkett presented briefings on the weapons load of the aircraft and an outline of the operational history of the two Argus squadrons based at Greenwood.

Baseball Opener

The newly-formed station baseball team, the R.C.A.F. Hawks, is scheduled to hold its first home game on Sunday, 14 May at 1400 hrs.

This game may be cancelled subject to the completion of the field by the CE section, weather permitting.

The Station team will be using the PMQ sports field for all home games this season. A full schedule of all games to be played by the team will be found on the sports page of this edition.

With Lt. Gayle Braesicke as coach, and F/O "Scotty" McAskil as manager, the team promises to present much action this year. All fans are urged to turn out and support the team.

half of the Canadian Government and Mrs. Sevigny will name her HMCS Grilse. The Grilse will be commanded by Lt.-Cdr. EG Gigg. While on loan to the Royal Navy, Lt.-Cdr. Gigg previously served as commanding officer of two Royal Navy submarines. The officers and men selected for the Grilse have been undergoing training at the US Naval Submarine School at New London and on board US Navy submarines since November, 1960.

Following workups, the Grilse will depart and head for her home port of Esquimalt, via the Panama Canal and San Diego.

With the exception of two surrendered German U-boats operated briefly by the RCN following the Second World War, HMCS Grilse will be the first submarine to be commissioned into the Navy since 1922.

Something New For "Oldtimers"

Two hundred Canadian World War II fighter pilots gathered on April 29 in a mass reunion at Station St. Hubert. The men compared notes on what they had done since the war's end, but the biggest surprise for them was the show put on by the station in their honor.

High point of the show was a formation display by the Golden Hawks that left the former fighter aces in awe.

The first reunion of the RCAF fighter pilots took place last year in Toronto at the instigation of a few men who decided that they should get together with former comrades. Every pilot remembered

the names of a few others with the result that this year's gathering could really be called a representative reunion.

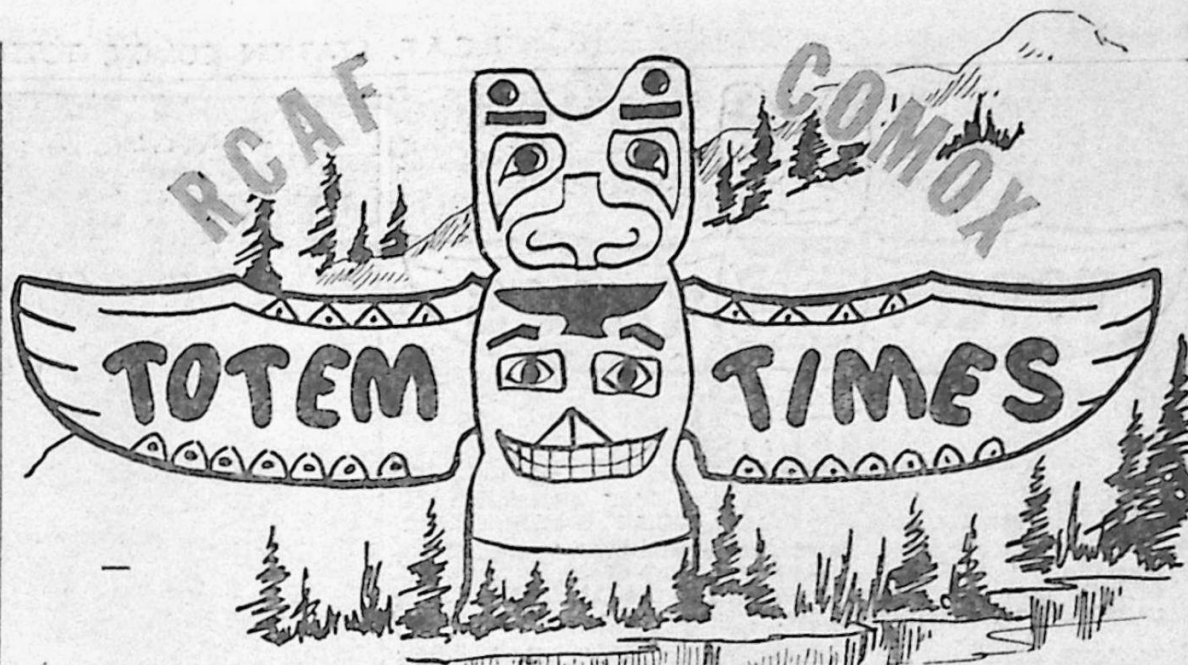
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Superintendent Addresses P-TA

Chant Report Recommendations Affecting Airport School Discussed

Addressing the Parent-Teacher Association of the Comox Airport School last evening, Mr. C. T. Rendle gave an informative talk on the changes that would occur by the acceptance of the recommendations of the Chant Report.

The superintendent introduced by the principal of the school, Miss Beveridge, started his talk by saying that there was only one major change in the Report that would affect this school. That change would be the return of Grade Seven students to an elementary level.

This move, he felt, had been brought about by the parents who did not favour the association of their children in the lower grades of the Junior High Schools with some of the older students.

He went on to state that this was the only school in the area with the facilities to bring about this transition at the present time.

No radical change had been planned in the program of these students, with the exception of deletion of Home Economics and Industrial Arts courses. He felt that this was not a stumbling block, although a disappointing feature. The additional time previously used for these subjects will be filled with further studies of other academics.

Since Kindergartens have now been approved by Provin-

cial Recommendations, steps have been taken to set up an organization of this problem in this area. At present, it is anticipated that there will be 64 pupils attending Kindergarten next term, so two teachers will be appointed for the teaching.

A brief outline was then given on the staff entitlement of this school for the next school term. At present there is an entitlement for one teacher for every 39 pupils, a ratio that Mr. Rendle hopes will eventually reach one for every 35.

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See Chant Report

Records Broken In Arctic Airlift

The spring airlift of cargo and replacement personnel to Arctic weather stations, delayed four days by inclement weather, has been completed.

The operation, which began April 14, set two new records in volume and time. The 1,700,000 pounds of supplies delivered represent the greatest cargo weight ever shipped on one of these semi-annual operations, and the time required to complete the airlift, eight days, has never been equalled.

These records were due mostly to the use of two C-103 Hercules aircraft which have recently been acquired by 435 Transport Squadron based at Nainao.

Curling Trophies Presented

The final wind-up of the year's curling activities took place on Tuesday, May 2, as close to one hundred curlers gathered at the Elk Hotel in Comox for a closing banquet.

The president of the Station Comox Curling Club, F/L Geo. MacPherson, acted as Master of Ceremonies. Following dinner, he called upon the Commanding Officer, G/C RF Miller, to present the various trophies, including the Station Championship Trophy, presented to the Aitkenhead Rink.

In his remarks, the Commanding Officer paid special tribute to George MacPherson, Bob Sherratt and Gord Fillman, the club executive, for their outstanding job over the past season and their efficient organization of the whole schedule. He also paid tribute

to Eric Chayko, manager of the Comox Valley Club, whose kind and co-operative assistance greatly attributed to the success of the curling season.

G/C Miller then introduced the guest speaker for the occasion, Mayor Bill Moore of the City of Courtenay. During his amusing talk, the mayor emphasized the benefits that are derived from such activities as curling where civilian and air-force personnel get to know each other better. He also pointed out that this closer intergration leads to a better understanding of one for the other. He expressed the hope for closer and continued relations for the next season.

Later, a film of the 1959 Quebec Brier was shown to round out a very pleasant social evening.



RECEIVING THE CURLING TROPHY from G/C Miller at the recent curling banquet are skip Wayne Aikenhead, "Tiger" Munroe, Ed Mullaney and Paul Koulter.



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Help Wanted...

Several times in the past the call has gone out for volunteers to act as instructors and supervisors for community projects. Many people have expressed an interest and thought it was a good suggestion.

Unfortunately this interest disappears when the words "work" or "give up free time" are used.

Sometimes these are the same people who are sitting at home in the yard when a volunteer instructor brings their children home from a hike or a swimming lesson. Or they are the people who sit back and say "nice job, keep up the good work."

The human race is a gregarious society, and as such is reliant on communal or co-operative effort by all members. If people don't work together the resulting dis-harmony can only end in hard feelings.

So it is on this station, or in any community. Usually it is left to a few people. The standard becomes "let George do it" but heaven help him if he makes a mistake.

The PMQ Council and the Youth Recreation Commission have proposed a sports program for the children of this station that is very commendable. To make it a success, it is necessary to have people in the capacity of coaches and supervisors.

If you can spare a few hours a week, you are needed. Your services will be invaluable in the final analysis of the success of this project.

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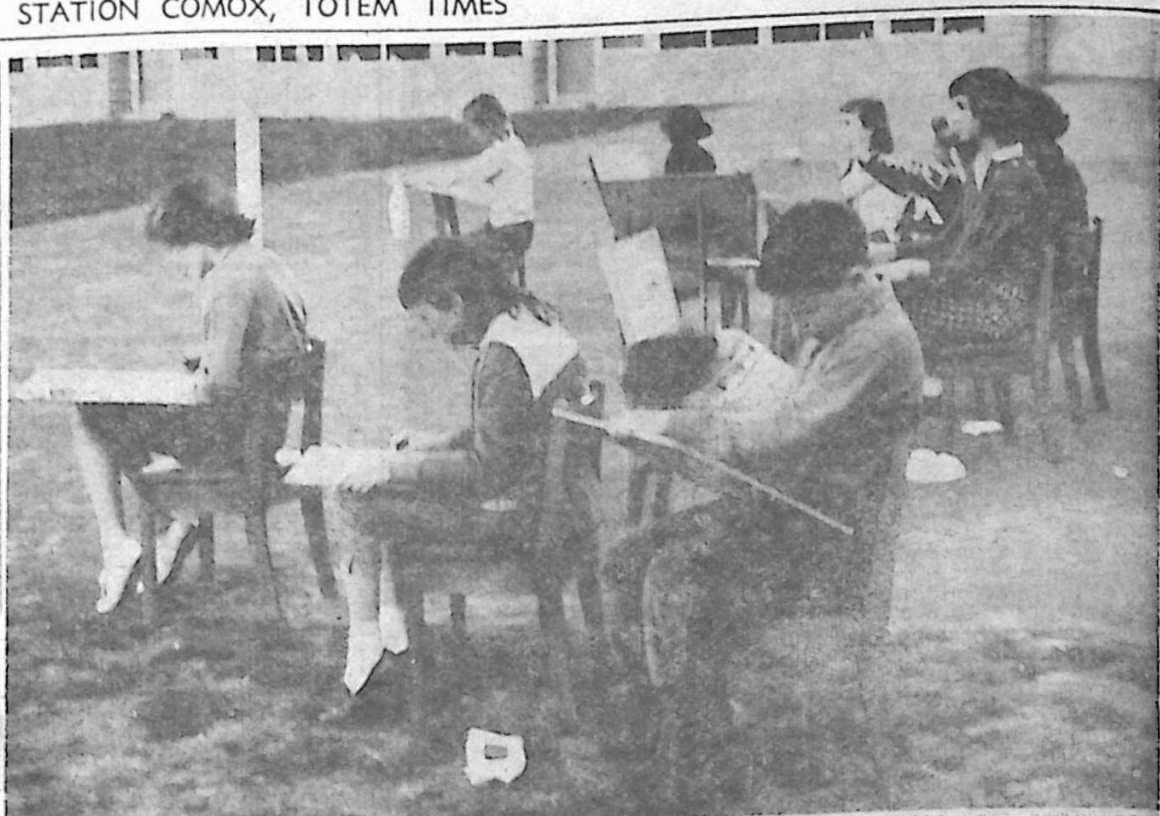
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THESE SKETCHES, made during one of the outdoor classes of the Youth Recreation Art Classes, will be part of a display to be held in the Station Dry Canteen next week in conjunction with other displays of Youth Rec during the past season.



CATHOLIC CHAPEL

F/L J. F. BOURQUE

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

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday through Friday 6:30 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.

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

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Adult Choir Thursday 6:30 p.m., Jr. Choir, Saturday 6:30 p.m.

The recent visit of the AFHQ Chaplain and the Command Chaplain, Father Davignon and Father Gallagher, was most cooperative in extending to our guests a sincere and hearty welcome—the ceremonies were performed nicely, everything was well organized and well executed.

Father Davignon met with the Chapel Committee in the morning. A short tour of the Station and visitation of a number of sections was arranged by the Commanding Officer.

The children's Catechism Class was presided over by Father Davignon, the children then attended the Mass celebrated by Father Gallagher, the Junior Choir sang the Gregorian Mass No. XVI. The evening ceremonial gathered the adults. At this meeting Father Davignon addressed the congregation, and distributed awards for the Religious Instruction series of the Junior High and High School religious instruction periods. The two top awards were two beautiful plaques, prepared by the Knights of Columbus. A copy of Kay Cronin's "Cross in the Wilderness" was presented to each of the six top award recipients: Patrick Dyrdra, Fern Ann Vachon, Robert Sheard, Larry Batt, Mary-Lou Killoran, Suzanne Royer.

The chapel ceremonies ended with the High Mass celebrated by Father Davignon, accompanied by the Senior Choir.

After the Mass an informal gathering was held at the Parish Hall where entertainment was supplied by such experts as Albert and Ludger Royer and Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury. At this informal gathering Father Davignon offered himself to a "question period" during which the parishioners had the opportunity of firing questions, while he humorously fired back the authorized answers.

Our secretary, Mrs. Chapman, displayed lovely art in the embellishment of the Chapel Bulletin published for the occasion. On the cover of the Bulletin she drew a lovely bouquet of Kerria Japonica, Tulips, Bluebells, Yellow

Chapel Chimes

PROTESTANT CHAPEL

F/L W. C. HEWITT, CD

SERVICES for Sunday May 14, 1961 "MOTHER DAY"

Service of Holy Communion—8 a.m.

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

Primary—(children 3-6 years) 11 a.m.

DIVINE SERVICE—Mothers' Day - Family Service 11 a.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE—Thursday 8 p.m.

CHAPEL GUILD pot luck supper, Tuesday, May 16th.

LET'S ALL GO TO CHAPEL THIS SUNDAY AS A FAMILY.

Candytuft, etc. and typed in the appropriate text: RCAF Station Comox - G/C R. F. Miller, Commanding Officer, "Where Flowers Bloom the Year Round."

I'm convinced that the parishioners gave that impression to our visitors, in the spiritual picture of the Station—"Where flowers bloom the year round."

A special thanks to the Commanding Officer and the CAdO and to all section heads, who certainly granted our visitors a most cordial welcome.

PROTESTANT CHAPEL GUILD

The last meeting of the season of the RCAF Protestant Chapel Guild will be held in the chapel at 7:30 on Tuesday, May 16. This will be a POTLUCK SUPPER at 7:30, with a brief business meeting to follow: ALL MEMBERS OF THE GUILD, regardless of whether or not you have attended regularly.

NON-MEMBERS, prospective members and friends—PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE—GET IN TOUCH WITH MRS. G. W. EDWARDS, PMQ 34, Phone 1206-L-1 AS TO WHAT TO BRING—and COME ON OUT FOR FINAL "DO".

Officers Aid Russian Flights

About a dozen RCAF officers have made a total of some 60 flights on Russian commercial aircraft during the past five years. These officers have served as "courtesy crews" on Soviet planes flying over Canadian territory or landing in Canada as Russian diplomats and government officials shuttled between Moscow and North American cities.

When the Russians start using their TU-114 turbo-prop passenger aircraft, the trips for the RCAF personnel will start and end in Moscow.

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"In The Heart Of The Comox Valley"

Ethics, Cricket and Politics

By S. A. HOLMES

Yes, Mr. Fielding, there are some people on this Station who are interested in cricket; they not only appear to be so affected, but are willing to take to the field, white flannels, school tie, 'Arry 'Awke, old uncle Tom Cobby and all.

Naturally, most of these bodies are recently displaced persons but with only a little less seniority than those who choose to call themselves natives. They are in no way attempting to make some corner of a foreign field forever England since no casualties are expected on the field of play. However, they do consider that this noble sport has its own rightful place in any civilized community. By implication, one may assume that this rural spot has at last arrived.

IN ORBIT

Cricket is a game enjoyed by millions of discriminating people in this Commonwealth; it is acclaimed as the national summer sport of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the British West Indies, India and England.

Central Intelligence (CIA) reports that the Russians are training thousands of cricketers behind the Urals and that soon they will be unleashed wearing red flannels upon the free cricket world. Be that as it may, and the chances are that it may not be, so long as one plays with a straight bat, freedom will prevail on the hallowed turf.

This game, then, is an international sport enjoyed by both peasant and king, and possibly of course, by worker. Indeed, this writer believes that a certain Mr. Gagarin was playing cricket for Omsk (Central Siberian League) at the very time this mythical space flight was reputed to have taken place; and that a cricket ball, not a space capsule, was propelled into orbit, driven by the mighty forearm of this stolid son of the Soviet Union for the sake and for the honour of the glorious Communist party. This Socialist cricket ball is probably at this moment orbiting in all its Slavic glory while Mr. Gagarin is still running between wickets, scoring run after run in the sunshine of Mr. Khrushchev's paternal peasant smile, proving to the cricket world that Soviet cricketers are superior to other cricketers.

SLIPS AND SQUARE LEGS

But let us get back to cricket. Like the baseballer, the cricketer attempts to hit a ball with a bat and to score runs. He approaches this problem in a different way, however—if one may say, in a more dignified manner. He dresses in white flannels, white shirt, white boots and wears a cricket cap; he wears specially designed batting gloves which he dons as he walks out to the table (square of turf in the centre of the larger cricket field) but never before. He stands in his crease almost in front of the wickets and asks an umpire, a person in a white coat, sweater ited around his waist and trilby hat, for his guard. He may ask for centre, middle and leg or just one leg and of course the referenced umpire will oblige.

Once he has his guard the batsman will stare hard at silly mid-on, cast a warning glance to point, almost ignore mid-off, quickly turn and dismiss square leg, and before settling down to receive the first ball wave his bat imperiously and almost contemptuously at the slips. The bowler bowls and the game has begun; in fact, the game may go on for three days.

Incidentally, if the batsman does not score any runs at all, in other words, if he is put out, he has got a duck and must walk back to the pavilion from whence he came, again taking off his batting gloves as he walks. Since he has got a duck, the spectators, who often sit in deck chairs, and who until this

time have shown only courtesy to the unfortunate sportsman, will acknowledge his new status and say, "Quack, quack, quack!" and then return to their former state of somnolence.

The game progresses thus in its inimitable manner; players and fellow-travellers partake of tea at 4 p.m., at 4:30 p.m. the game goes on; over after over until one side declares or is all out.

CHINAMEN

At this juncture, in some countries at any rate, the players retire to the local and quaff a few pints of ale or cool bitter beer. They talk about the runs they have made, if not today, in times gone by. They may remonstrate with the umpire on his LBW (leg before wicket) decision and congratulate a bowler on his day's bowling analysis.

The talk is of the giants of yesteryear, of Hammond & Verity; of C. T. Studd, cricketer turned missionary, who, some say, tried to teach the Chinese the game. He may have succeeded up to a point or else how did the term Chinaman find its way into cricketer's jargon.

On the other hand, there are possibly 600 million people in China today, and one would venture to say not a cricketer amongst them—a falling which most likely accounts for the perverse form of political development in that country. Oh that Mao Tse Tung were a cricketer, or that Chou En Lai were a spin-bowler; imagine, a Chinaman bowling a Chinaman!

But then, cricket is a game in which one is forced to lose face gracefully when, for instance, the stern finger of the umpire is raised in utter finality signifying that one is out, and that the humble path to the pavilion beckons the dismayed batsman. Neither tears nor anger, nor any other display of emotion is acceptable.

"Chinaman" or wrong 'un (Yorkshire) is a carefully concealed ball which breaks or turns in the opposite direction to that expected—Not a googly.

VITAL LAMPODA

Somewhat this game has found itself linked with a certain code of ethics; and sportsmanship, honesty and fair play are ostensibly synonymous with cricket. Hence, the sickening quip, "that's not cricket," when some reprehensible action has been or is about to be committed. Again, the game may be associated with Victorian prudery and priggishness—do you remember "Vital Lam-

Adjudicator Lauds Astral Players

Astral Players need not be ashamed of their showing in the Upper Island Zone Drama Festival last week.

The play "Two Gentlemen of Soho", directed by Lee Ramsdale, was one considered by the adjudicator for presentation on the honor night but just failed to be selected.

Consolation came in an award for Ted Gaskell who was named best actor in the festival and two honorable mentions for Rex Sutcliffe and Phyl Gaskell for their performances.

Mrs. Eleanor Hewitt, Victoria adjudicator, said the play was a howling success but that it was a little slow. She praised the quality of the difficult Shakespearean style of the lines and said she liked the set, music, movement and gestures of the actors.

Also in the cast were Sally Feedham, Marie Rickwood, Ray Ramsdale, Mitch Mitchell and Vic Wheeler.

Plays presented on the honor night were Campbell River's "Devil Among the Skins", which will go to Victoria for the B.C. finals; Courtenay's "The Barrier"; Alert Bay's "April Dawn" and Beaver Cove's "Undercurrent."

poda" (Kipling possibly)?

There's a breathless hush

in the close tonight,

Ten to make and a match

to win;

A bumping pitch and a

blinding light,

An hour to play and the last

man in.

But it's not for the sake of

a ribboned coat,

Or the selfish hope of a

season's fame,

As his captain's hand on his

shoulder smote;

Play up, play up, and play

the game!

This inspiring verse goes on to tell how the sand of the desert was sodden red, red with the wreck of a square that broke; how the galling was jammed and the colonel was dead—when all of a sudden the voice of a schoolboy was supposed to have rallied the ranks with, "Play up, play up and play the game!"

By implication, the sophism which asserts that many a battle was won on the playing fields of Eton, may have some validity. This type of logic suggests that if cricket were played at Comox the operational effectiveness of this station would consequently be increased.

A final word—You, reader, may add to your moral stature by playing this game; again you may lose two or three unwanted pounds from your physical stature. The qualifications are meagre: an interest in the game, good character and the ability to bend down



IN A SCENE from "Two Gentlemen of Soho", are; the waiter, "Mitch" Mitchell, Topsy (played by Marie Rickwood), Plum (Ted Gaskell) and Lady Laetitia (Sally Feedham).

and pick up a ball. Fixtures are invited to contact F/L S. A. and Island teams, equipment Holmes (Local 40), F/O R. Ramsdale (Local 130) or F/O committed to field a cricket V. Wheeler (Local 159).

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Mother Talk

By "Mommy"

I thought perhaps that it might be of interest to some of you if we began a series of columns on the various angles and stages that a child (and his parents!) goes through from infancy to ten years. This column will be an introduction only; then we will proceed with the different "ages and stages", with sub-headings of General Behavior, Eating Behavior, Sleeping and Dreams, Elimination, Tensional Outlets, Fears, Intelligence, and Sex Behavior and Interests. The information will be condensed from a very handy little book from the Gesell Institute of Child Development; this book has been a godsend for myself and many of my friends. It is somewhat reassuring to discover, just when you are beginning to tear your hair out, that the current abnormal behavior ("he's always been such a nice child") is really "normal" after all and that all is NOT lost. I hope to be able to pass on some of this reassurance through this series of columns. Heaven knows most of us need some occasionally (if not frequently!)

CYCLES OF BEHAVIOR

As succeeding age levels are described, you will note that the same general kinds of things seem to be happening over and over again. Careful analysis of behavior in the first ten years of life—supplemented by later studies of the years from ten to 16—make it

apparent that a distinctive sequence of behavior stages seems to occur repeatedly as the child matures. Thus the first cycle occurs between two and five years of age, repeats itself from five to ten, and occurs once again between the ages of ten and 16. Some of you may find it helpful to think of behavior in this somewhat abstract way. Others will find it quite enough to consider one age at a time.

Two, five and ten years of age constitute focal points at which behavior seems to be in good equilibrium, the child having relatively little difficulty within himself or with the world about him. Each of these relatively smooth and untroubled ages is followed by a brief period when behavior appears to be broken up, disturbed and troubled, and when the child shows himself to be in marked disequilibrium. Thus the smoothness of two-year-old behavior characteristically breaks up at 2½; 5-year-old behaviour breaks up at 5½ to 6; and 10 breaks up at 11, the 11-year-old child characteristically showing himself to be at definite odds with his environment and with himself. Each of these ages is followed, once more, by a period of relative equilibrium at 3, 6½ and 12 years respectively when life's forces seem to be in good balance. The child is happy both within himself and in his environment.

These are followed by the ages of 3½, 7 and 13, when there is a very pronounced in-warding or drawing in of out-warding impressions and experiences, to be mulled over, thought about and digested within. At 3½ this inner process often has disturbing side effects of general emotional instability, a variety of fears, poor spatial orientation, hand-tremor, whining and high-tremendous voice, stuttering and stumbling. Seven and 13 are

more stable ages and better ready to stand the strain of this inwardizing period of growth. The side effects are more apt to be expressed in marked sensitivity and touchiness, excessive withdrawal and moroseness, and a pessimistic attitude toward life in general. All three of these ages are followed by periods of extreme expansiveness. Four, eight and 14 are all times at which the child's behavior is out-going in most major respects. He is even in danger of expanding too much. He wanders from home and gets lost at 4; he demands to ride his bike in the street at eight and may get hit, and he gets all tangled in his multiple and conflicting social plans at 14. The next three ages (4½, 9, 15) are ones about which least is known but certain similarities are recognizable. In each of them, behavior is less out-going and in less good equilibrium. These stages are frequently described as "neurotic" though they may each represent perfectly normal stages of growth. And then once more, we come to ages of stability and relatively good equilibrium (5, 10, 16).

In infancy, changes are very rapid and show up clearly at weekly intervals. As growth progresses, these changes are clearer at two-weekly intervals. The 6-week-old smiles spontaneously, but the 8-week-old smiles in a social response.

With increased age (12 weeks to 1 year) monthly increments are readily defined. From 1 to 2 years the intervals of change lengthen to 3 months, and from 2 years to 7 years, and from 7 to 10 (and on to 16) these changes appear to take place less frequently—at about yearly intervals. It is probable that this spiral of growth slows down even further during the twenties and thirties, but it seems quite possible that predictable age

BOATING NEWS

Regulations define only the minimum basic equipment necessary for safe boating, and make no suggestion of extra helpful items. For instance, it is unwise to go cruising about for any length of time without a good first aid kit, even though it is not required by law.

Following is a list of additional safety equipment that should be seriously considered by the boatman and adapted to his particular needs. Although not required by law, all of this equipment will pay off in an emergency.

Small open boats: bailing device, light anchor, portable spotlight, extra anchor line, boat hook and paddle. If the boat is equipped with an outboard motor, keep an extra

changes are continuing to take place, though less clearly defined, during these and the succeeding years and through-out human life's span.

(To be Continued)
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propeller aboard; also a compact outboard motor tool kit, extra spark plugs and a sharp, sturdy pocket knife.

EXTRA ANCHORS

Cruisers: two anchors heavy enough for the particular boat, and a third if the boat is over 30 feet long; extra line; flares; compact, inflatable raft; battery-operated, portable searchlight; charts; broadcast receiver; extra mechanical bilge pump; extra spark plugs and critical engine parts; tool kit, and assorted fastenings.

Sailboats: long-range auxiliary sailboats should carry the same equipment as cruisers, plus extra sails and line as might be needed in case of emergency; a day sailer should be treated as a small open boat and carry a paddle, bailing device, some type of convenient distress signal, and possibly a light anchor.

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Model Railroading

By JACK NOBLE

On Sunday, the 23rd of April, six members of the Model Railroad Club attended the spring meet of the 7th Division, Pacific Northwest Region of NMRA, in Nanaimo. Two wives went along for ballast.

The club members took down three major exhibits and many small structures and rolling stock. An exhibit by Cpl. Brian Golds, depicting a terminal yard scene, shared top honors with a beautiful array of scratch built passenger cars submitted by a modeller from Langley, B.C., and the two other Comox exhibits received much attention from the 164 modellers who attended the meet.

An entry by Sgt. Reg Griffiths modelled a string of ore cars being pulled along an embankment by a small 0-6-0 locomotive. A tiny waterfall tumbled down the mountain-side after passing under a small bridge and the resulting river emptied into a little mountain lake. This exhibit suffered from a last minute paint job that dried a little on the light side, otherwise I am sure it would have received many more votes.

The third exhibit from members of the Comox club was a joint effort by F/O Roy Thompson, his wife Carolyn and LAC John Monks. This model was built in one day and received many favorable comments from the crowd. It showed a small wayside station with a Budd commuter car awaiting passengers. A siding had a mixed freight train of a refrigerator car, flat car and box car. The whole exhibit was scratch built excepting the Budd car and the telephone poles.

Although most of the meet took place in the Hotel Malaspina, perhaps the most exciting highlight of the day was a side trip to Elmer Blackstaff's 1½-foot gauge, live steam railroad which is located on the north side of Nanaimo. Two locomotives were in action during the visit and the huge crowd of spectators thoroughly enjoyed the explosive puffs of steam and the sharp blast of the whistles as the locomotives chugged out over the curving trestles and entered into the small park-land forest through which the track is laid. At the far end of the line and deep in the forest, the strolling crowd found a small reversing lay-out of track and here they gathered to witness the nailing of the last spike in the Nanaimo and West Coast Railway.

Although perhaps not recorded in the manner of Lord Strathcona nailing the last spike in the CPR line, Elmer's last spike left some memorable

impressions. The two puffing, hissing locomotives faced each other like two excited great danes straining at their leashes. The sharp note of the steam whistles shrieking loudly through the forest accompanied by the bubbling chatter of the crowd. The sight of CBUT-TV's lady photographer rolling on the ground a few feet from the gurgling, hissing engines and some ten feet above the scene another photographer wildly shooting the event while clutching onto a rotting tree limb for support. After Elmer had driven a spike he called on two other spike drivers, Ross Heriot, our 7th Division secretary and Gerry Welburn, who has the Deerholme train museum. About this time the photographer hanging in the trees inquired gently: "Hey! Elmer! How many LAST spikes have you got?"

Back at the Malaspina Hotel much time was spent in viewing the exhibits and it is worth noting now, the beautiful model of a mine-head building on display by a real maestro of modelling, Jack Work of the Nanaimo Club. Jack generously refused to enter his work in competition with other exhibits at the meet and that was just as well. The model of the mine buildings was a prime example of his fine craftsmanship. It is possible that other modellers could build a good replica of a wheelbarrow smaller than a dime, some would put a small shovel in it, but only a perfectionist would put a small skimp of sand in the wheelbarrow!

Other modellers could build this same structure but would they weather it in the same manner? Would the pile of debris at the end of the building have not only large and small rocks, but also broken, jagged planks? This is truly a modelling masterpiece!

The banquet supper was followed by a comprehensive talk on mine railroading in and about Nanaimo. The guest speaker, Mr. Gerry Welburn, showed detailed knowledge of this subject and read many amusing anecdotes from newspapers dating back to earliest railroading days in Nanaimo. All in all, a most inspiring meet for all model railroaders.

The Comox Union Railroad and the Nanaimo Club are planning a joint meet in the near future.

410 Re-union

410 COUGAR SQ. holding a reunion at RCAF Uplands for former officers period 1945 to 1961. Personnel interested in attending contact OC 410 AWF Sqn., Uplands, Ottawa.

Airmen's College Training Sponsored by Airforce

With an ever increasing need for well trained personnel of advanced educational level, the Air Force is interested in obtaining university graduates with engineering degrees.

Many airmen are probably unaware of certain provisions whereby an airman may be sponsored and subsidized by the Air Force for university training.

Under these plans, any airman who can qualify for entry without condition to the first, second, third or fourth year of a four-year university course, or the second, third, fourth or fifth year of a five-year course leading to a degree in electrical, mechanical, civil, chemical or aeronautical engineering physics, electronic engineering or architecture, may be sponsored and subsidized for a maximum of four years.

The Air Force will pay the university training costs for the airman selected and will provide him with pay and allowances while he is attending university. In return, the airman on graduating is expected to make the RCAF a career and is granted a permanent commission.

QUALIFICATIONS

To be accepted for Air Force sponsored university training, an airman must meet the following basic qualifications:

Must have completed 12 months RCAF service.

Can be married or single. Shall not have reached his 30th birthday.

Must have completed senior matriculation.

Must pass A1B or A3B medical category for aircrew, or A4B for technical candidates.

APPLICATIONS

Application forms may be obtained from the Station Orderly Room together with a university acceptance form. This latter form must be completed by the registrar of the university that you wish to attend and stating your acceptance.

These forms are submitted to the Station CO for consideration and recommendation to Command Headquarters. After reviewing the application, CHQ makes recommendations to AFHQ, who will direct the airman to appear before the Personnel Selection Unit for Officers for processing. A final selection board is held in AFHQ twice a year to make final decisions on a competitive basis.

FINANCIAL ENTITLEMENTS

If the airman is selected, he will be promoted to the rank

of Flight Cadet and all tuition, fees, books and instruments will be paid for by the RCAF.

In addition, he will be entitled to the following pay allowances:

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In the case of F/C promoted above sgt., at sgt's rate.

Upon promotion to Flight Cadet, the airman will be entitled to the Clothing Credit Allowance of that rank.

SUMMER TRAINING

During the summer months, the candidate will be given training in an officer branch

related to his university course in which he is specializing. If he meets the age, medical and aptitude requirements for aircrew training, he will be given an opportunity to train as a pilot or an observer.

Additional information on this plan can be gained through the Station Ground Training Officer, F/L JC Paterson, local 52. He can advise those who lack junior or senior matriculation requirements on how to correct these deficiencies and can assist with pre-university studies in maths and science.

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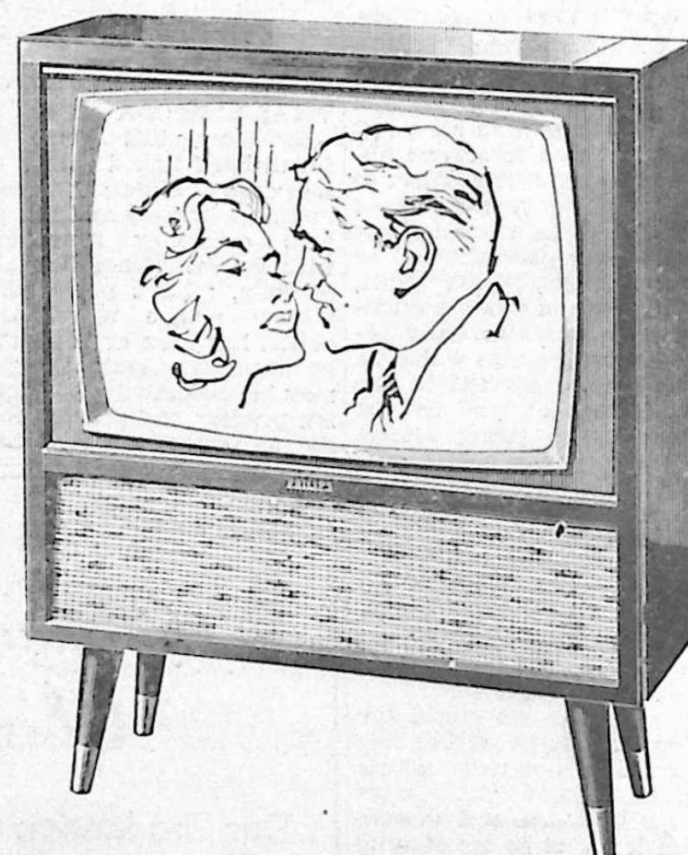
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DEMON DOIN'S

By GOSH

The East is east and West is west, but now the twain shall meet; what with a F/L AR Smith bringing a crew out here to kick off a round of vice versa visits, and our F/L Earl Smerdon and F/O Cal Firslin retaliating for our side by invading Greenwood, the deed is accomplished; but not by twain, by pwane... I-ther of E-ther section (we're not sure which) welcome a new hand just in from Borden, one LAC Wayne DiLabbio by name, but not for too long, he's off again almost before he turns in his Reporting-In Form, for the hinterlands of Montreal, specifically St. Hubert, to attend a wedding, his own. And in all verity, the bride-to-be's name is Marilyn Munroe. While we doubt it's the same gal who invented calendars, this is one contest where any reasonable facsimile should do... And while we're speaking of The Great Conflict, our F/O Jim Corner got himself cornered, put his name on the dotted line and moved out of single quarters last Saturday. Thinking that pun over; a corner is an angle, to angle is to fish, to fish is to lie, to lie is a sin, to sin is to be, Sinbad was a sailor, and if Jim is a sailor, what the heck is he doing in the Air Force? We note that we exchanged... To crews to Whidbey Island, while we haven't seen the deed yet, it sounds like a better deal than the Indians made for Manhattan... LAC Gouger drove down to Alameda for that particular do, taking a few days leave and also his wife. Just so nobody would get bored along the way, he also took along a corporal from (if you'll pardon the expression) 409 Squadron... Our congratulations to FS Johnny Perusse. The house he built in Courtenay with his own little two hands is just about finished, and he's moving in any day... S/L "Big Ed" Hudson made it from a few days TD in Canada's Metropolis all in one piece. We asked him if he'd had a good time but he just closed the circuit that lights his eyes up like parachute flares, and walked off without a word... Every so often there's a request to remuster to Flight Engineer, but Sgt Slim Taylor is the first remuster we've seen out of the trade. He's gone in for pilot; made his first solo 't'other day, off Comox Hill... Cpl Tilley forever modifying that boat of his. He decided it would be a good idea to run the exhaust out the side, which he did. It's back pointing to skyward now, after getting caught in a bit of a blow and finding that every time the boat rolled the pipe carried more water in that it did smoke out... Better butter up F/O Cam Copeland, fellows; now that he's transferred to TSE Trenton, he gets a final look at all the Trade Exams before they are shipped out... F/L Hugh Standing leaving his car at home these mornings and pedalling a bike to work. Probably works fine at saving gas, but wonder how miles he gets to a bowl of corn flakes... Sgt "BP" Bavan-Pritchard gives up the office of Interim Discip at the end of this week, not only because our regular Dissipaterian is returning from St. Yawn, but

also since he takes off for Command's Halliground... Another strange, but familiar face is due to leave us for the tribulation of Command procedure with the transfer of F/L "Wild Bill" Cannings... LAC "Pierre the Painter" Leblanc packs his spray gun in his duffel bag for the journey to 4 Wing... We note F/O George Leask's smiling face back prowling Armourers' Alley after going Eastwards to learn to compute, and he obviously found the right answer for he was hardly back here long enough to add two and two before taking off for Vancouver with his problem.

A good evening to all, especially Harry Blather, who couldn't work up enough steam to make this edition.

AIRWOMEN'S NEWS

by LAW Anonymous

A very enjoyable weekend of sports was attended by the airwomen of this station with the Wrens of HMCS Naden.

The Wrens challenged our girls to games of softball and volleyball, and it pleased everyone to note that our girls played very well, although it took a while for them to loosen up all the stiff joints accumulated over the winter.

Following the sports activities, a wiener roast and sing-song was held to top off a wonderful day.

The next day, Sunday, both groups of girls attended the Battle of the Atlantic church service.

Once again the welcome mat is out for a newcomer. This time it's Diane Connaghan, a Met Observer from St. Jean.

To calm the excitement of the news of her posting to the Air Div., Lil Wasczuk has taken two weeks' leave for Edmonton.

SQUARE NOTES

by a CO-HOEDOWNER

Nine couples from the Comox Valley Co-Hoedowners' Square Dance Club went to Port Alberni Saturday, April 29 for the Bob Osgood dance.

This popular caller, from Los Angeles is perhaps best known as the editor of "Sets in Order" the square dance magazine.

On this occasion, over 300 couples gathered in the Port Alberni Athletic Hall to enjoy an evening of peppy squares and relaxing round dances.

HARRY BLATHER ON LEAVE

The next weekend, May 6, saw a crowd of enthusiasts from the Upper Island together with some eager-beaver types from Nanaimo, the Albernis, Victoria and Vancouver, dancing in the Campbell River Community Hall. This dance was the First Annual Upper-Island Square Dance Round-up and featured a variety of local callers.

The Co-Hoedowners will be holding a graduation party on Saturday, May 20, for two new groups of neophytes. One group trained in Courtenay, and the other in Comox.

Committee members Jean Horton, Teddy Hughes, Buddy Stewart, Flo Mainse and Gordon Scott are hard at work planning the entertainment.

Teen Town News

As the year of Teen Town activities is ending for the year, we would like to take an opportunity to thank Teen Town's executive: Mayor, Gary Bourque; Secretary, Marny McCulloch; Treasurer, Faye Debert; Entertainment, Frances Hoult; Marjorie Knight, Gordon Barber; Sports, Glen Franzen, Linda Aikenhead;

Adult Committee, Mrs. Aikenhead, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter.

A few of our year's activities included - Weekly bowling, weekly dances in the Social Centre, and several large dances in the School Gym.

The concluding activity for the year will be a school end dance, with a band and all the

trimmings. This should take place sometime in late May or early June. Please watch for announcements regarding this in the Totem Times.

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407 Crews Aid USN

On April 18th, six aircraft and crews of 407 (M/P) Sqn. deployed to U.S. Naval Air Station Alameda to join with Naval Patrol Squadron 19 in a combined Anti-Submarine Exercise.

As usual, the operation proved of considerable training value to all concerned, and the ten-day visit cemented another block in the arch of understanding and co-operation between the two services.

This was the first occasion on which the personnel of NAS Alameda have seen our new point job, and the light grey Neptunes were the object of many second looks.



On joining the detachment at NAS Alameda for the Exercise "Washup," W/C J. C. McCarthy, Commanding Officer 407 Sqn. is met on landing by Cdr. Parker C. Cooper, Commanding Officer, Patrol Squadron 19.

Golf Club Plan Proposed

The management of Sunnydale Golf and Country Club have offered to make a special concession for airmen to join their club. The membership to the club is \$45 and the green fees are \$1.50 on weekdays and \$2.00 on weekends.

This new plan open to airmen (WO1 and below) is that instead of paying green fees at the usual rate you will pay 50c extra each time you play—e.g. \$2.00 on weekdays and \$2.50 on weekends until such time you have paid a total of \$45.00 then you have your membership paid for that year.

It is up to the individual to save his receipts and when he has enough receipts to total \$45.00 he presents these to the management who will then award him a fully paid-up membership from the date of the first receipt.

If interested contact the Manager Sunnydale Golf and Country Club.

Observe Care Backing Trailers

One of the secrets of backing up is to operate your automobile and trailer just as a truck driver does. When he wants his trailer to go left, he turns his steering wheel to the right. Practice turning and backing up before driving in heavy traffic.

Balance your boat properly on the trailer, placing most of the weight on the wheels.

Celebration Planned For Airforce Day

Commemoration of Airforce and VE Day will take an added meaning and significance in Cornwall this year, with a giant week-end celebration of the occasion on May 5, 6 and 7.

The celebration, organized by the Cornwall 424 Wing of the RCAF Association, will include, among other things, a giant parade, concert and airshow all scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 6.

Attending the round of events will be A/M Hugh Campbell, CAS. An added attraction in the parade will be the USAF rifle team.

However, the real show-stopper of the day will be the afternoon air display. Stellar attractions in the show will be the Golden Hawks and the USN's equally famous Blue Angels aerobatic teams.

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NEWS IN Sports



Winners of the Service League Bowling pose with their trophies following presentation by S/L C. B. MacDonald. Rear row: (left to right), Cpl. B. Crabb; Cpl. R. Ball; Sgt. J. Bartlett; Front row: LAC L. Thompson; Sgt. H. Keating; FS G. Sheard.

Twin Loss For Ball Team

The Campbell River Cougars last Sunday showed that they haven't lost any of their winning touch developed last season.

The Cougars, defeated last year in the finals by Union Bay, trounced the airmen 12-6 in the opening game of a double-header, and went on to win the second game 6-2.

Winters was the winning pitcher for the Cougars in the first game allowing only seven scattered hits. Third relieved him in the eighth inning and gave up two hits, one of them a home run by Bob Denault.

Starting pitcher for the Hawks was Stan Smith, with Doug McPherson coming in to relieve in the seventh. Between them they gave up a total of 15 hits.

Bill Third was the Cougar pitcher for the second game, and this time he only allowed five hits. The airforce team started Ray Helgenson on the mound and replaced him with Mescovitch in the ninth inning. The Cougars picked up six off these two pitchers, including a home run by Clarkson, his second of the day.



Being presented with trophies as winners of the Mixed Bowling League by S/L Crossfield are: (Rear left to right) Cpl. S. Sanders; LAC D. Bailey; Mrs. L. Sanders, LAC R. Lemay; Mrs. D. Pozdzik; Cpl. B. Pozdzik. Kneeling: Cpl. V. Smith and LAC D. Byrnes.

Baseball Schedule

Sunday, May 14	*Hawks vs CR Cougars (2)	Sunday, June 25	*Hawks vs. Un'n Bay Braves
Wednesday, May 24	*Hawks vs Court. Arbutus	Wednesday, June 28	Braves vs Hawks
Sunday, June 4	*Hawks vs Arbutus (2)	Wednesday, July 5	*Hawks vs Arbutus
Wednesday, June 7	Arbutus vs Hawks	Wednesday, July 12	*Hawks vs Braves
Saturday, June 10	Victoria vs Hawks	Sunday, July 16	*Hawks vs Cougars (2)
Wednesday, June 21	Arbutus vs Hawks	Wednesday, July 26	Braves vs Hawks
		Wednesday, August 2	*Hawks vs Braves
		Sunday, August 6	Arbutus vs Hawks (2)
		Sunday games start at 2 and 6 p.m.	Wednesday games start at 6:30 p.m.
		(2) Denotes double header.	* Denotes home games at PMQ Park.

409 Attends Volleyball Meet

The 409 "Nighthawk" volleyball team, representing the Alberta-B.C. division in the RCAF finals did not win any honours, but had an enjoyable time and saw some excellent volleyball.

The playoffs were in the form of a double elimination, with the Nighthawks losing to Station Edgar and Station Up-lands.

In each of these sets, 409 won the first of the three games, only to be defeated in the final two.

The championship was won by Station Edgar, who defeated Station Up-lands in the final playoff set.

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.22 Rifle Competition

The annual shoot for the Commanding Officer's Trophy will take place on the following dates: May 15, 16, 17 and 18 from 1900 hrs to 2200 hrs at the Indoor Rifle Range (Bldg. 22).

Competition is open to all RCAF personnel.
Trophy awarded to person producing best three (3) targets. ALL RANKS INVITED.

Sports Program For Children

The emphasis this summer will be on team and group sports rather than on individual "packed teams." This is the feeling of the PMQ Council and the Youth Recreation Commission, as they feel every child, regardless of ability, should have an equal opportunity to participate.

The one exception to this will be the sponsorship by the Youth Recreation Commission of the Colts Intermediate Baseball Team in the Courtenay League following last season's successful participation.

Since every child will have an opportunity to take part in the proposed activities, parents of the children participating will be expected to assist in the coaching and the supervision of them. Previous experience is not requisite, since every one can learn through playing.

The Council and the Commission will supply the expensive items necessary, but the children will have to have their own minor equipment, such as gloves for baseball.

These activities will not be only for boys. Provisions are being made for a girls' softball team and other similar plans.

A volleyball court has been okayed to be constructed south of PMQ 94. This project will not be built by the CE Section, since it is the purpose of the Council to procure the necessary materials and the job of the interested parents to complete it.

Any further information on these proposals or offers of volunteers can be given to either WO R. Parker or Sgt. Batt, or to the Mayor of PMQs, S/L E. Hudson.

YOU SAW IT IN THE TOTEM TIMES

Caiman Capers

By Q. WIGHT

While searching the Comox Valley for odds and ends of interest lately, I came across the happy solution to a long standing problem — where to buy an alligator.

These reptiles have always been among my favorite animals, and I was most happy to find that Corporal Pearson, operator of Blue Room Tropicals on Pritchard Road in Comox, not only owned a couple himself, but knew where to get more.

Alligators, if handled properly, can be fascinating pets. One of the main problems however, is to make sure that you get the correct alligator. When speaking of alligators, the usual tendency is to imagine the North American species, or, Alligator Mississippiensis (yes, one "p"), a quiet, docile creature content to lounge around all day and sunbathe. These alligators are timid and rarely attempt to bite humans.

However, the alligator generally sold in the pet shops is Caiman Fuscus, metaphorically speaking, a horse of a different color. This chap, known vulgarly as the "Spectacled Caiman", because of a small ridge between his eyes which makes him look as though he were wearing glasses, also sits around and sunbathes all day — but with a different attitude altogether. Though appearing lethargic and lazy, he can move like lightning and would gladly take a leg off if he got the chance. Fortunately, those sold for pets are rarely more than a foot long, and the bite is hardly hard enough to break the skin.

Luckily, the two species are fairly easy to tell apart. The Mississippi alligator is black with dull yellow bands, and the Spectacled Caiman is yellow with black bands. Also, if anyone feels slightly confused in picking out which is body colour and which is banding, the caiman has the specs. Another test is to poke it with your finger. If the finger is still whole when withdrawn it is probably a Mississippi alligator.

The alligator provided by Ted Pearson was in fact, Caiman Fuscus, which was fine with all concerned, since I wanted a beast with a little spirit, and Mississippi alligators are almost impossible to come by anyway. Actually, "a little spirit" is an understatement. The new arrival was a real ball of fire, seemingly composed of half temper and half teeth.

On first inspection this is not apparent, since in common with others of his kind he spends a great deal of time dozing in the water. However, the alligator is best compared to a rat trap, set and waiting. Touch the trigger and every-

thing happens at once. In this case, the animal initially refused to feed (they're temperamental) and I was forced to tease him with a worm. At first he ignored the entire proceedings, then opened his mouth and hissed to show he was annoyed. When I persisted he suddenly erupted into motion, bit the worm clean in half, showering water all over the cage and scared the living daylight out of me.

Nowadays to express disgust at being similarly disturbed he seizes the worm by a convenient end, and induces a steady sideways chomping motion. This gives the impression of ammunition feeding into a machine gun and the worm spills out the other side of his mouth looking like a piece of used ticker tape. One can achieve somewhat the same effect by jumping on a garden hose while wearing track shoes.

However, alligators require more sustenance than simple worms. A little calcium from bones is handy, so I attempted a small experiment with frogs. The first problem was catching a frog. This proved a little more difficult than anticipated. Two fruitless days of prowling around Radford's swamp turned up nothing but a tangle of snakes and a terrible din of frogs peeping in the trees out of sight. Thus it happened that a day later when a mocking chirp sounded from the ditch in front of the post office several passing peasants (Harry Blather take note) were treated to the sight of an American and Canadian team of officers in uniform chasing a minuscule tree frog through six inches of muddy water (We caught it!).

Triumphantly bearing the beast home I popped him into the alligator cage and sat back to await results. The suspense was unbearable. Alligator sees frog; frog sees alligator. Alligator stays still; frog swims over for a better look. Closer and closer came the frog, until at the eleventh hour the alligator lunged forward and grabbed it like a trap.

At this point all hell broke loose. My wife, who had been staring fascinated at the proceedings, let out a piercing scream and ran for cover. The alligator visibly lost a year's growth and dropped the frog as though it were red hot, and I did my best to spread a forkful of spaghetti all over the ceiling. After the commotion had died almost everyone came back to normal, with the exception of the alligator, who, having undergone such a

NOT A DRAGON



Harry Blather may call it a dragon, but actually it's a "Spectacled Caiman."

traumatic experience, was completely cowed, and had to spend the rest of the evening suffering such occasional indignities as having a tree frog use his head as a convenient island on which to rest while swimming in the pool.

Alligator keeping is great sport. Try it sometime. Right now I have to go and rescue mine — that frog is bullying him again.

Weather Notes

by MET
Everybody is interested in the weather and everybody talks about it, but quite often in different terms and diverse opinions. Take rain for instance, light rain to one person might be considered heavy by another. Since weather observations are collected and disseminated throughout the world, there has to be a common standard of weather terms. So, with reference to rain the following terms are standard to the weather departments around the world.
Very Light Rain—Scattered drops that do not completely wet an exposed surface regardless of duration.

Light Rain—Accumulates in a rain gauge at .10 inches or less per hour. Individual drops are easily identifiable, spray is slight over pavements, roofs etc. Puddles form very slowly. The sound on roofs ranges from a slow pattering to a gentle swish.

Moderate Rain—Collects at .11 to .30 inches per hour. The individual drops are not clearly identifiable, spray is observable and puddles form rapidly. The sound on roofs ranges from a swishing to a gentle roar.

Heavy Rain—Collects at more than .30 inches per hour. The rain falls in sheets. Individual drops are not identifiable. A heavy spray to a height of several inches is formed over hard surfaces and puddles form very rapidly. The sound on roofs resembles the roll of drums or a distinct roar.

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TRAIL TREASURES

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Facts on Pacific Salmon

The five species of Pacific salmon, although differing in length of life and weight at maturity, all follow the same pattern in their migration and spawning habits. There are slight variations in fat and protein content, although the food value of all is high.

The periods of time they spend in fresh water and in the ocean also differ.

The five species are: sockeye, spring, coho, pink and chum. Fish called blueback and steelhead also are caught in British Columbia waters. But the blueback is really a coho or on occasion a sockeye and the steelhead belongs to the genus *Salmo*, being known scientifically as *Salmo gairdneri*. The Atlantic salmon differs from that found in the Pacific and belongs therefore to a different genus. It may spawn several times during its life, while all west coast salmon spawn just once, then die. It is actually more closely related to the steelhead.

MIGRATION AND SPAWNING HABITS

All Pacific salmon are born in the fresh water of tributary streams inland, make their way to the sea (except for some races of sockeye which become lake-locked and, when the spawning impulse comes, leave the ocean to make directly for the river systems in which they themselves were spawned. All salmon may not

go back to the exact small stream in which they were born but they certainly return predominantly to the same systems of waters. The length of time spent in fresh and salt water varies with each species. Some leave inland rivers and lakes as fry, others wait one or two years.

Very little is known of the salmon's life in the ocean. There is even doubt as to whether they range far out to sea in search of food or stay comparatively close to shore.

HANDICAPS

The eggs are laid in large numbers but, of course, not all of them become fully-grown salmon. Streams may dry up in some cases, causing the eggs to rot; in other localities sudden freshets may wash the fry to destruction. From the moment they leave the spawning beds, the young salmon are in danger from predatory birds and cannibalistic fish such as Dolly Varden and Cutthroat trout, squawfish and sculpins.

On their way to the sea they may be sidetracked into irrigation ditches where they will perish, or meet doom at some power dam. Engineers give great consideration to the salmon when planning construction. There are probably enemies at sea and the mature salmon, on returning to their native streams, face danger from hair seals off the coast and, in the latter stages of their lives, from bears and eagles which find rich hunting in the mountain waters. Then, too, there is the big risk of being caught by net or hook.

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Perhaps chasing is not the best word. The aircraft actually came closer to catching the missiles after being placed in the proper position to do so. The position was near Ascension Island in the South Atlantic Ocean, about 4,700 miles down "missile alley" from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The officer who headed the CF-100 crews, F/L Murray Sweetman, seemed to feel that the toughest part of "Operation Lookout" was finding the island, both the first time and on several subsequent occasions. Compared to this he observed, missile-chasing, or catching, was easy. It was made easy, he went on to say, by the accuracy with which the missile firings were carried out.

With one of the two aircrews aloft in a CF-100, and the other operating the ground-control radar, the aircraft was guided along a predetermined course on a set schedule. With all going well, the CF-100 would be at a point seven miles beyond the point of impact and dead on the missile's track, flying at right angles to it, as the missile entered the atmosphere 260,000 above the aircraft, flying at 40,000 feet.

Instead of fuel in the aircraft's wingtip tanks were instruments and cameras, all aimed so they took visual and infra-red readings of emissions from the missile nose cone as it struck the atmosphere. Recordings of the readings were immediately checked.

Trailer Tips

TRAILER MAINTENANCE

Spring fitting out time also should include making a good inspection of the boat trailer and the repair or replacement of any worn parts.

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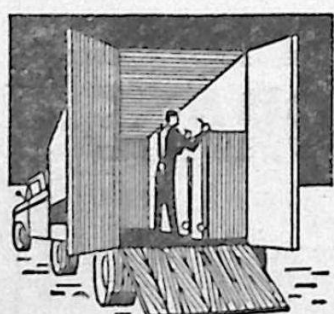
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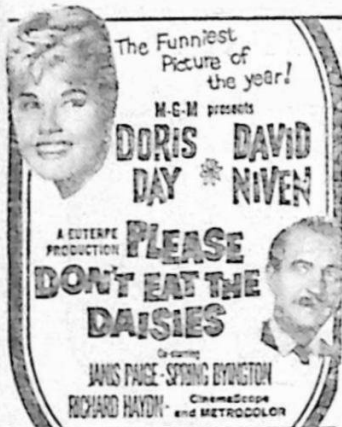
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Chant Report

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With an expected enrollment next term of 475 (including the Kindergarten) there will be 11 class-room teachers plus a remedial teacher.

In elaborating on the duties of a remedial teacher, Mr. Rendle stated that it was this teacher's responsibility to endeavour to correct student disabilities and bring them back to the normal progress. He further stated that no child would be placed in this remedial class unless parental consent was given.

He remarked on the issuance of report cards four times yearly and the recommendation by the Chant Report to return to the percentage marking system rather than the present system of letter grades. No definite decision, he went on to say, has been made in this regard.

He touched on the subject of school dress, and the right of the School Board to rule at its own discretion. No problems on this subject have arisen in this area, but if necessary, the Board has full backing. "It is not an attempt at conformity," Mr. Rendle stated, "but a method of regulation." This concluded the superintendent's remarks.

Other business at this meeting included the election of the executives for the next term. Those elected were: president, F/L J. Baehr; vice-president, Mrs. R. R. Killoran; secretary, Mrs. A. T. Stewart; treasurer, Cpl. G. Kern; program chairman, F/S G. E. Hiberson; membership chairman, F/S R. J. Wilson; social chairman, Mrs. H. E. Ostrander; and publicity chairman, Mrs. M. Comar.

A combined executive meeting is planned before the next meeting, which will be the final P-TA meeting of the school year.

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The rescue unit had received a call from the Halifax sealer "Arctic Fisher" to airlift a sick crewman. When they arrived on the scene, they were swamped with calls for supplies from the other four sealers trapped in the Gulf of St. Lawrence between PEI and the Magadalen Islands.

Competition For July 1st.

by GERRY NAUGLE

The Courtenay 1st of July Committee has extended an invitation to the personnel of Station Comox, to participate in the Loggers' Sports Competition.

There is no entry fee for these events and there will be no professional competitors. This has been done to enable the "average Joe" to have a fair chance at winning.

Events that are open for competition are: Molly Hagan Race, Chocker Race, Hand Bucking, Power Saw Bucking, Tree Climbing, Chopping, Axe Throwing, Eye Splicing.

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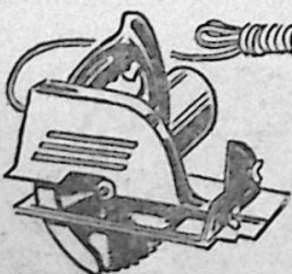
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