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# 407 Hosts US Navy

## Regular Exchange Program Brings Patrol Squadron VP19

The US Navy Patrol Squadron VP 19 from Alameda NAS arrived at Station Comox last week on an exchange visit with 407 M/P Squadron.

The American aircraft, commanded by Cmdr. C. P. Cooper, are on a regular exchange program between 407 Sqd. and various other V.P. squadrons on the west coast.

Patrol plane commanders, Cmdr. Jerry Smith and Lieut. Cmdr. Maury Boyack, explained that their squadron performs a similar type operation

to that of the RCAF Maritime units.

During their stay, an informal Mess Dinner was held, at which Cmdr. Cooper presented 407 Squadron with a set of wings to commemorate their visit.

Only four sets of these particular wings were made to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Naval Aviation, and the other three sets were used at the Grand Ball held in honor of that occasion.

The Navy personnel extended thanks for the Canadian brand of hospitality.

## Aid in Battle To Save Crops

The airforce began airlifting 70 tons of insecticide from Station Downsview to Regina to help combat a serious outbreak of grasshoppers on the prairies.

Five flights carrying 5,800 gallons of dieldrin and 400 gallons of phosdrin were unloaded early last week in answer to a request by the Saskatchewan government.

back and forth on operation "Hopper Stopper", were three C-119's, one C-54 and a C-130. Leaking fumes from the phosdrin in one Flying Boxcar forced the crew to wear oxygen masks during the trip. No other mishaps have occurred on the emergency airlift.

The Provincial Agriculture Department when appealing to the Federal Transport Department for help to relieve the emergency, described conditions as the worst since 1934.

## Marine Patrol Possible Lifesaver

The airforce has added aircraft safety patrols to its repertoire of devices designed to make sea travel safe for pleasure mariners.

Reserve pilots from Sea Island made the first low level reconnaissance flight over waters adjacent to the Vancouver area in early June.

The "marine patrol" will continue each Sunday or final day of a holiday weekend throughout the summer.

Rescue Co-ordination Centre officials said the patrol didn't save any lives the first time out, but probably will before the summer is over.

## Photo Contest, Airwomen Only

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Women's Division in the Airforce, a special amateur Photographic Contest has been opened to all serving airwomen.

The subject can be the photographer's choice, the entry fee is nil, and the closing date is September 30.

The SRecO, F/L Wheeler is acting as co-ordinator, and entry forms may be obtained from his office.

The only conditions stated are:

All photos are to be 8"x10" in black and white only.

All entries are to be submitted unmounted.

Each photograph must be taken by the contestant.

Processing and printing need not be the work of the contestant.

Judging, which will take place in December, will be by a panel of three selected by AFHQ.

Four cash awards are being offered for the best submissions. First prize is \$25.00, second \$20.00, third \$15.00 and fourth prize will be \$10.00.

All entries will be mounted by AFHQ and placed on exhibition in Ottawa. Following the contest, all photos will be returned to the exhibitors.



AS PART OF AN ECM training film for the USAF ADC, four RB-57's visited Station Comox. Pictured above are the crews of the aircraft. Top (left to right): Capt. Casey Holland, Capt. Robert Patterson, Capt. J. R. Davis. (Below) Capt. L. B. Rice, First Lieut. R. E. Steiner and their guide F/O Terry Neill.

## Burnt Vessel Towed Clear

The M.V. "Black Duck" towed the remains of a gillnetter to a beach on Hornby Island to clear shipping lanes after it had burned to the water line.

On Monday, June 19, the 40' Westcoast trawler, "Shane", exploded and burned about four miles south-east off Hornby Island.

The RCMP at Qualicum immediately notified RCC in Vancouver who sent out a general marine distress broadcast to all vessels in the area.

Various boats in the area responded and the two men on board the stricken vessel were quickly evacuated.

An Albatross from 121 Search and Rescue in Vancouver enroute to Comox from Holberg was despatched to the scene. The aircraft landed in the water beside the burning boat and ensured that all the crew members had been taken off.

The crash boat "Black Duck" hastened to the scene after receiving word from the tower.

When it arrived, the "Shane" was completely destroyed and burned to the water line.

The airforce vessel then took the remains in tow and beached it in order that it would not be a hazard to shipping in the channel.

## Airman Wins Suggestion Award



Corporal A. C. Fehr

Again 407 Squadron has come up with an award winning suggestion, from the National Defence Suggestions Award Committee.

This time it was won by Cpl. A. C. Fehr of the Photo Section, for his suggestion concerning a mount for the MIA-3C camera used on the Neptune.

We haven't kept count of the awards given to 407 during the past year, but it's almost a safe bet that no other unit in the RCAF has contributed as many.

## 'Copter Aids Fire Fighting

High praise for the work done by an airforce helicopter and crew was given by the supervisor of forest fire control in Northern Alberta recently following a serious fire at Grasse Lake.

The helicopter, a Sirkorsky H-34, is being rented from the Airforce at Cold Lake under a recent scheme of co-operation worked out with the armed forces to assist in suppression of forest fires.

In one instance, when the 'copter was held up for repairs parts were flown in by T-33 in order not to impede fire fighting operations.

Two severe accident cases occurred during the Grasse fire. The Sirkorsky picked up the injured men from the fire line and deposited them at the Nipawin hospital within half an hour, a trip which would normally be at least a day by any other means.



A WARM WELCOME is given to Cmdr. P. C. Cooper, Commanding Officer of US Navy Patrol Squadron VP 19, by the CO of Station Comox, G/C RF Miller, as the CO of 407 (M/P) Squadron, W/C JC McCarthy is also on hand.



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# Editorials

## School is Out...

Children in the streets of the PMQ area have always been a problem. Now that school is out, it becomes a bigger problem.

It is not enough to warn drivers to slow down while proceeding through Wallace Gardens. This has been done countless times, and even at a speed of 5 miles per hour, the problem is not solved.

It is a joint responsibility. The education of traffic safety for the children rests in the hands of parents. With the spacious playground area, back and front lawns, and sidewalks available, children should not be allowed to play in the streets. But they still do.

Although parental and community discipline are involved in this matter, the main consideration must remain, and rightly so, the safety of the children. In order to ensure this safety, it is hoped that drivers will do their part in observing the speed limit and watching carefully for the "little people".

It remains for the parents to do their part by instructing their children in proper conduct and, if necessary, by ensuring that they do not play on the roads, particularly during rush hours, alerts and fire alarms.

Remember, school is out, more children will be out playing, and their safety is your responsibility.

# Our MILK

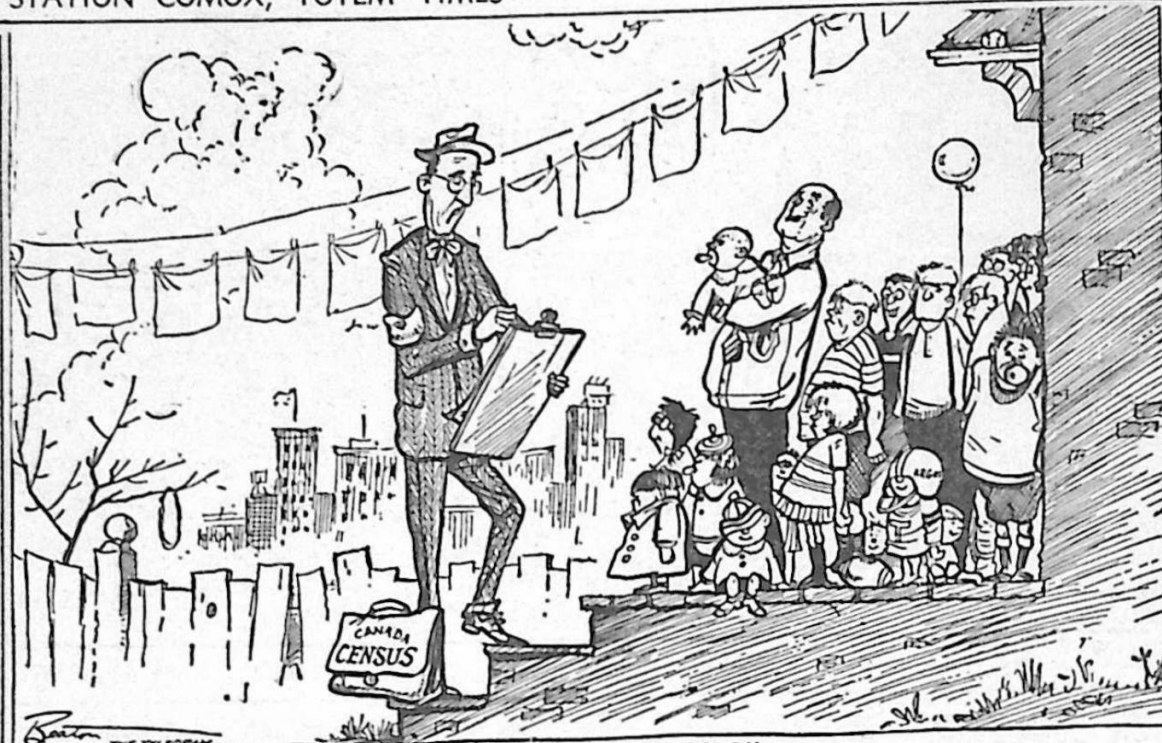
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PROTESTANT CHAPEL
F/L WC HEWIT, C.D.
SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, JULY 2nd, 1961
8 a.m.—SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
11 a.m.—FAMILY SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
PARENTS, teachers, and children are invited to this service which will be a preparation for the Vacation Bible School which opens on Monday, July 3rd.
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION will follow this morning worship.
3 p.m.—SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM.
THE DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Where Held—WALLACE GARDENS SCHOOL.
Date—MONDAY - SATURDAY, July 3rd to 8th inclusive.
CLASSES?
Beginners ..... ages 5 - 6
Primary ..... " 7 - 8
Junior ..... " 9 - 10
Intermediate ..... " 11 - 12
The teaching staff is as follows:
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Barbara Adams
Joyce Sonderquist
Donald Colburn
Ralph Bobo
REGISTRATION — MONDAY, 9:30 a.m. - SATURDAY, JULY 2nd, at 11 a.m. in

## Chapel Chimes

CATHOLIC CHAPEL
F/L J. J. CASTONGUAY
SUNDAY MASSES: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday through Friday, 4:05 p.m.
SATURDAY: 8:30 a.m.
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturday, 7 to 8 p.m.
SUMMER SCHOOL: 2 weeks starting 17th July.
FIRST COMMUNION: 8 a.m. Mass on July 30th.
This is the second year I have had the privilege to replace the regular RC Chaplain of this Station during his annual leave. May I take the opportunity of this publication to let the Commanding Officer, and his staff know how happy I am to be here again this year. The whole organization of this station—including, of course, the religious one—inspires and stimulates everyone who has the chance to come here.
I would like also to assure all the people of the Catholic Chapel, that I will be at their entire disposal until the 23rd of July and this with a real pleasure. Whenever they may need my help I will do my best to answer their hopes and desires with promptitude.
The Chapel. The above teaching staff are from the Marine Medical Mission, Thetis Island, B.C.

## LOOKING BACK...

JULY 1920
Air Board Stations were established at Halifax, Roberval, Rockcliffe, Morley and Vancouver to carry out flying operations for the government; the primary role was forest patrol and experimental aerial photography.
2 JULY, 1941
The formation of a Canadian Women's Auxiliary Air Force was authorized (later renamed Women's Division).
31 JULY, 1942
Eastern Air Command scored its first kill in the Battle of the Atlantic when a Hudson sank a U-boat southeast of Cape Sable.
27 JULY, 1950
426 Transport Squadron began operation on the airlift to Japan following the attack on South Korea.
22 JULY, 1957
The "Iroquois" jet engine was officially unveiled by Defence Minister G. R. Pearkes.

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# Trip to Toba Inlet Offered

The increasing number of small boats making extended trips over water is causing grave concern for the safety of personnel at this unit. In many cases those undertaking these trips are unaware of the perils which exist and are totally unprepared to cope with the many emergencies which may arise at a moment's notice. Also in many cases these trips are impromptu and are undertaken without making anyone aware of their intentions, their course nor their destination.

The Strait of Georgia is a treacherous body of water and heavy seas often build up within a very short time. Commercial fishermen with many years of experience on the open seas treat these waters with great respect.

There are personnel on this unit who have been taught to show the proper respect for the Strait only after suffering harrowing experiences and causing grave anxiety to members of their families.

Changing tides, sudden fresh winds, unexpected storms, riptides, the presence of hidden rocks and shoals at high tide which can rip the bottom out of huge steamers and certainly can make short work of a small boat, are some of the many dangers which are ever present.

When small boat owners insist on taking long trips over water unprepared for every emergency they not only endanger their own lives but the lives of those who are dispatched to search for them when they fail to return. Sometimes notification comes too late, only because they failed to advise anyone of their intentions or of their intended route.

Check-in facilities have been offered to all through the guard house but very few have been taking advantage of this free insurance and are venturing out long distances over water without notifying anyone of their whereabouts.

One such excursion which many are taking, often in small boats ill equipped for such extended trips is to Toba Inlet. No small boat, and this includes those up to 20 feet or more, should undertake this trip alone. Such a trip should be undertaken only in the company of other boats and then only after careful planning. This flotilla should also include experienced seamen thoroughly familiar with the waters and the many dangers present.

Since it is apparent that more and more personnel are becoming aware of the fabulous fishing in the Toba Inlet area prompting many who are inexperienced on the high seas to ignore the dangers which exist and to venture out on their own, the Commanding Officer has approached responsible individuals on the unit to plan two organized expeditions to Toba Inlet.

This was suggested in an effort to satisfy the urge of many to visit this area and to discourage individuals in venturing out on their own.

The Commanding Officer stressed that this offer be open to all interested parties possessing the equipment considered by a selected group of responsible people to be necessary to ensure safety on such a trip.

Two such expeditions have been organized. One will leave Comox Dock at 0600 hours the 15th of July, and return at approximately 2100 hours on Sunday the 16th of July. The other will depart at 0600 hours the 22nd of July and return at approximately 2100 hours Sunday the 23rd of July. Both

trips are dependent on favorable weather conditions.

Many have expressed their desire to join such a flotilla and it is felt that many more who have been contemplating a Toba trip this summer will avail themselves of the opportunity of doing so in comparative safety.

For safety reasons certain minor limitations have been set. Your boat and motor must be of adequate size. You must carry adequate safety equipment, passengers must be limited to a number consistent with safety etc.

It is also advisable to carry marine chart number US HO 1454 — which is available at Simpson's Marine in Courtenay at a total cost of \$2.25.

Those interested in joining this flotilla must register at the guard house where special forms containing pertinent questions must be completed. This is necessary to assist the co-ordinator in making special arrangements to assist you in your trip. Also posted in the guard house will be a chart

with the selected route outlined. Personnel will be available to answer relative questions and to carry out an inspection of your equipment.

The lures recommended for Toba for springs are large Gibb's spoons, Lucky Louies, or Alaskan plugs and for trout, salmon eggs or any common trout lures.

### Personnel Are Urged to Register Before the 12th of July

Personnel are advised that they must register at the guard house if contemplating a trip to Toba Inlet or any other extended trip over water whenever in a flotilla or on their own.

### Inter-Mess Fastball

Team	Win	Lose
Airmen	2	0
Corporals	1	1
Sergeants	1	1
Officers	0	2

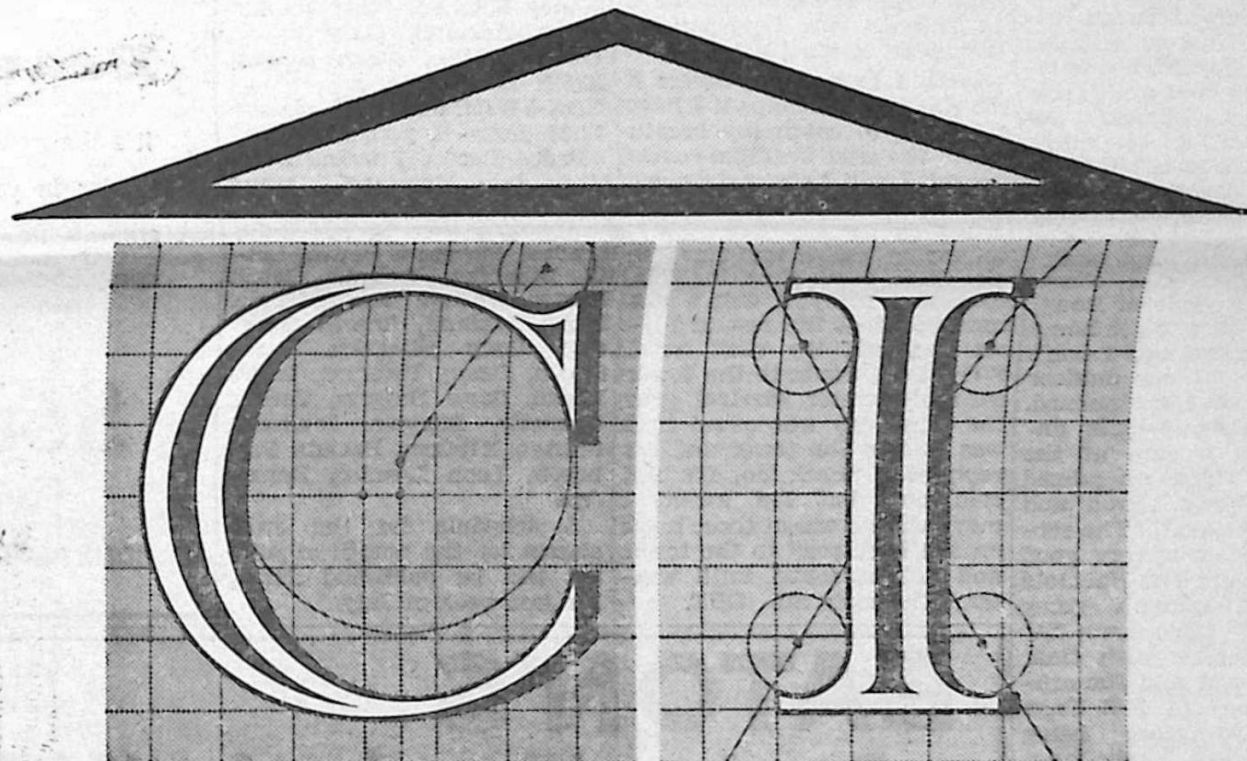
Come out each Wednesday and support your mess.

### GIFT TO CHAPEL



PRESENTATION of two velvet lined collection boxes were made to the RC Padre, F/L RF Castonguay by F/L DJ MacLean at a recognition night held by the Knights of Columbus of Station Comox on June 24. Similar presentations were made to Father Tunner for the Courtenay and Comox churches.

SECTION NEWS ON DEADLINE WILL ENSURE PUBLICATION
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FLYCON FLASHES FROMMAGE

Well here we are back from leave that was cut short by a couple of weeks due to the ever increasing personnel shortage at Flycon. It was either ground two squadrons or else come back early. Had a real good trip though, and made it all the way to Courtenay and back without one bit of trouble with the car.

"P" Branch is going to have to slow down on transfers out as the remaining few are having one heck of a time keeping up to the going away parties. The latest popular phrase heard around the section is, "I'm sick and tired of waking up sick and tired."

F.L. Geo. Mealing led his Rebels of "A" crew up to Buttle Lake last week for a three-day survival trip and believe it or not they all made it back with fish yet. Sgt. "Hamburger" Paradis was the supply officer for this trip and must be congratulated for all his efforts as there was nothing forgotten that was needed except the Bromo and he has already been awarded his "Boo Boo" pin for this misdeed.

Cpl. "Weiner" Culp gained at least six pounds on the trip as there was six pounds of one food that everybody denied eating except Wayne. Bill "Bork" Taylor and Dave "Beich" Bews our campfire boys thought tents were for sissies and decided to guard the fire one night while being serenaded by "Mario" Grouette. F.L. Dale Steward decided to hitch a tow with his row boat one day from a passing motor type boat and to his dismay found himself six miles down wind of camp when they set him adrift, but "ole Homer" found his way back after about seven hours of back-breaking rowing.

Oh, by the way, Dale slept very well that night. Our other Stewart by the name of Doug, I believe, was glad to get home as from all indications I don't believe he found our outdoor facilities up to his standard. The trip back was quite uneventful with a stop at the Fisherman's where we missed our escort Gordy Vilven and his old pal Muskrat. The rebels hit camp at a very good time to interrupt F/O Hal Gold and Don Chapman's going away thrash. Once again "A" stole the thunder with their rousing entrance and the official "adoption" of F/S Duke Schiller took place being knighted with a lovely trout in the hands of F/L "Great White Father" Mealing, the Duke was officially dubbed with the name Chief "LETUS KNOWWHENHE'SCOMING."

The going away skit was enjoyed by all and we were pleased to have S/L Kobierski and F/L Lafferty as guests.



GRADUATION CORSAGES



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COMM-CHATTER by ROBERT A. CLARKE

Boy, the time sure rolls around between issues. It seems like it was just yesterday that I wrote the last column. SO, as usual I am under pressure of a deadline again.

Last week we bade farewell to F/O McCrae, who was here on TD as the acting M Tel O. During his four months we managed to keep him pretty busy, what with the reorganization and all. He left for leave, after which he will return to Mont Apica.

We expect to be saying hello to F/L Dunn any day now. However, within a month after his return from USA he leaves on transfer to ADCHQ.

F.S. Hank Dyrda is leaving on the 3rd for a couple of weeks' leave, during which he will be camping at Sproat Lake. What is going to happen to the ball team during that time, Hank? Marty Jarosch, who successfully passed his group two, is taking 25 days during July. Ray Ponto is taking his second batch of leave for this year, a 14-day period from 3 to 16 July. For this same period WO2 Nutt is taking his, but I imagine he won't be resting. He is busy working on his new house.

From the Air side we have LAC Billwiller on leave. LAC Alcorn returned from leave last week in possession of a Volkswagen. This makes the fifth owner of that popular car in Telecom Air. They tell me they plan to start a club.

Well, I guess that covers it for this time. Perhaps if I have a chance to catch my breath before the next deadline comes around, I will have more news for you. See you next issue.

Bon voyage chaps and have a ball. Well must close for this issue and sorry I didn't get more in about the rest of Flycon but will try next issue. F/O Gold enroute to the tower with his winter survival gear the other day was asked if it was cold in the tower and his reply was "Heck no, it's not cold now but I'm afraid I may fall into one of those holes on the back road to the tower and not be found until winter. Cheers to all. OUT.

Youth Recreation News

CRA Memorial Pool Red Cross Swim Classes

RCAF schedule - July 1961: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Start July 3rd, test July 26th.

BEGINNERS - 2 Classes, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Ronald Short, Duncan MacDonald, Dennis Curry, Colleen Girard, Keith Cowan, Tony Murdoch, Billy Ackland Myrna Aikenhead, Paul MacDonald, Kathy Burgess, Wendy Bridges, Debra Webb, Susan Smith, Leslie Richardson, Finlay MacDonald, Stephen Kerr, Gail Gibson.

INTERMEDIATE - 10 - 11 a.m. Brian Burgess, Bonnie Webb, Wendy Horton, Jack Nicholson, Michael Girard, David Peterson.

SENIORS - 10-11 a.m. Penny Horton, Lloyd Aikenhead, Gerry Girard.

JUNIORS - 2 classes, 11 a.m. - 2 Noon.

Valerie Burgess, Ricky Gold, Linda Curry, Beverly Short, Jane Bridges, Patricia Webb, Donovan Girard, Katherine Peterson, Linda Kerr, Jane Heakes, Colleen Short, Judy Parker, Ronald Armstrong, Lynn Kobierski, Susan Bridges.

BEGINNERS: 12:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bonnie Martley, Joy Dunbar, Nancy Kitchen, Patty Stamm, Larry Ackland, Gary Smith, Glenda Grice, Alexa Stamm, Keith Ledley.

NON-SWIMMERS - 3 classes 12:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bruce Banks, Douglas Bush, Mary Lou Kobierski, Donna Smith, Barbara Fluery, Georgine Kling, Ian Ledley, John Kendall, Margaret Smith, Linda Nitschky, Donald Grice, Donna Fluery, Kathy Yole, Ricky Ackland, Arnold Grouette, Gary Nitschky, Ricky Smith, Penny Peterson, Laura Borne, Drew Burgess, Corona Grouette, Kevin Jonasson, Clinton Kitchen, Brenda Ferbuson, Leon Lasnier, Donald Orr.

A schedule for the swim classes for the month of August will be published during the last week of July.

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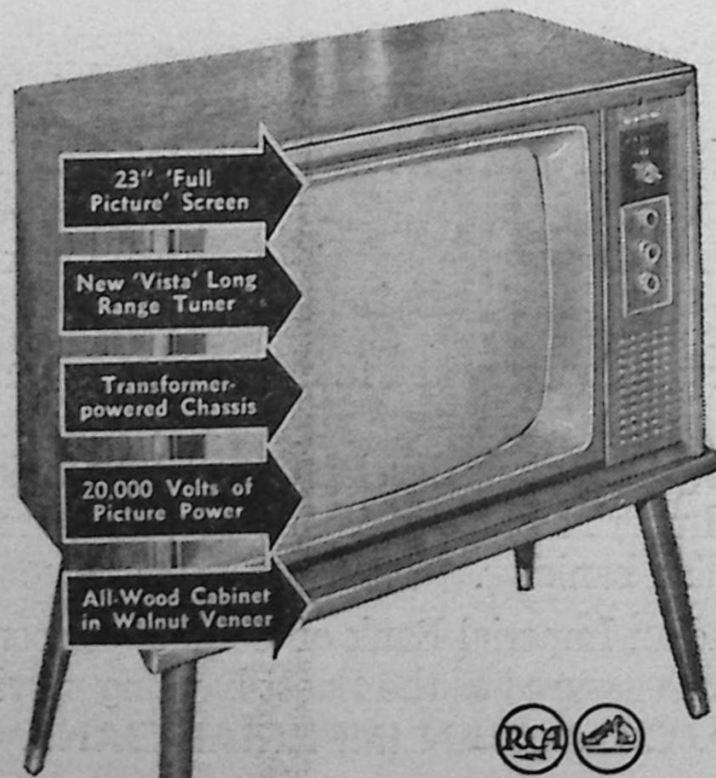
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Station on Dial Phone System

On June 5th Station Comox cut over to the new dial system giving the station an additional 65 locals and all the conveniences of automatic dialing.

The planning stages for the new dial system go back to 1957 when it became apparent that the manual system on the station had the disadvantages of having only 160 locals and no room for expansion. At this time, and up to June of 1961 the 160 locals had almost 100 extensions installed on them as a means of providing service to both 407 Sqdn. and Station personnel. Overcrowding wasn't the only disadvantage.

Due to the manual operation of the board and the need for switchboard operators to answer and place calls, it proved slow and inconvenient during heavy operational periods when a number of calls had to be placed simultaneously. Now with each phone equipped

with a dial rapid communication by all personnel is possible without any delays.

The installation of dial at Station Comox was planned by the RCAF and B.C. Telephone Co engineers with an eye to the future for the time when all Vancouver Island will be converted to dial and long distance dialing between outposts on the Island and Mainland will be possible. Courtenay and Comox are expected to have large dial exchanges installed in the near future which will be tied into the station switchboard by trunks thus linking Station Comox into the Island's automatic exchange.

At the present time, the numbering block for the dial numbers on the station are from 200 to 424. Of these only the first 19 numbers can dial directly to the Courtenay exchange, the remainder having to dial the switchboard and

ask for a trunk connection. Only six trunks are available to Courtenay at the present time due primarily to the shortage of cable pairs between the Station and Comox, a problem soon to be rectified when the exchange is installed at Comox.

Station Comox has expanded greatly since the original planning for the new dial system which is apparent by the fact that there are no spare locals remaining and a few users have to be satisfied with an extension off another local.

The dial system in use at present is a rented facility of the B.C. Telephone Co. Local telephone installers and Central Office maintenance men are on immediate call to service, move and instal equipment on the Station. Station personnel are reminded that they have no authority to move in any way the telephone facilities on this unit.



SCOUT CORNER

On the week end of June 10-11, the annual Comox Valley Camporee took place at Oyster River on the property of Mr. Oakes, one of the leaders.

The first patrols started arriving at the campsites about 9 a.m. and camp was set up all morning by the 25 patrols participating. These included patrols from Powell River, Campbell River, Nanaimo, Cumberland, Courtenay, Port Alberni and Comox. The campsites first appeared to be dense undergrowth but soon were cleared out and replaced by tents, tables and other camp gadgets. The flag break was at 1:00

p.m. and the projects started directly after this under the direction of Mr. Al Horton. The patrols doubled up and build projects which they were specified to do. These included swinging bridges, monkey bridges and signal towers. This continued for the remainder of the afternoon until 5:00 p.m. when supper was started. After supper a campfire was held and patrols performed their skits. At this time also, Scouter Hunter of 2nd Comox was awarded his Gillwell beads and neckerchief for six years training and taking courses in Scouting.

Next morning the cooks rose at 6:30 and started breakfast. After much complaining the rest of the patrol was up by 7:00 a.m. After breakfast, each patrol made a ladder 10 feet long. The ladders were then lashed together up a cliff side which was about 250 feet high.

After lunch the patrols started packing and cleaning up camp. When the final inspection of the camp site and the Scouts had been completed, the marks were added up and the final horse shoe was held. Much to the surprise of the leaders, each patrol leader presented a hero badge carved out of wood to each leader for their courage in trying out the patrol projects. The patrol awards were then given out. The only "A" award was earned by the Nighthawk Patrol of 2nd Comox RCAF under P. L. Jack Albrecht. The other two patrols from here tied for the other highest award, the Baden-Powell staff for the patrol with the most spirit throughout the camp. The Antelope patrol under Patrol Leader David Hunter finally won.

With 2nd Comox taking all of the highest awards we can be assured of much stiffer competition next year. All the Scouts would like to thank the parents who either brought up or returned the Scouts to the Camporee. Without them many patrols could not have participated. The Scouters would also like to thank the two service Scouts, Danny Robson and John Edwards, who helped and worked in the leaders camp site. The VIP's of the camp were the two cooks for the leaders, Les Readman and Pat McKenzie. Many thanks for a job well done.

Plans are well under way for the summer camp at Morton Lake from June 30 to July 9. Advance letters have already been sent to the parents and more information such as medicals for each Scout attending and equipment required will be forthcoming. Remember Scouts, your summer camp is the highlight of the season where your Scouting knowledge can be put to the test.



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# NEWS IN Sports



## Hawks in Mid-Season Slump

The Station Baseball Team hit a slump as they lost their last five league games.

The Hawks hosted the Naval Vets Club from Victoria in a double-header on Sunday, 18 June. The Vets won the opener 15-9 on a barrage of hitting power from Parker who hit two home runs, and Hodge and Cozier getting one apiece. A total of 16 hits were picked up by the Victoria club off Hawks' pitchers Smith, Helegson and Toppay.

The Hawks also displayed hitting power picking up 13 hits off the Victoria pitchers Carter and Todd. Home runs for the airmen were by Scotty McAskill, Church Halexton and Ken Toppay. Dixie Walker continued his hot pace with four hits in five times at bat.

The second game ended with

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an 11-11 tie. Since the league rules do not permit ties, this game will be finished in Victoria commencing with the 11th inning. Due to darkness the umpire declared the game at the bottom of the 10th. This re-play is scheduled for July 9, prior to a double-header in Victoria.

The game on June 21, saw the Hawks again suffer defeat at the hands of the Courtenay Arbutus, as the latter won the game 10-0. Timely hitting was the key to the win as the Arbutus club belted three Hawks pitchers for a total of 11 hits. Bosomworth was the winner for Courtenay, giving up only six scattered hits.

Last weekend also spelled disaster for the station team as they lost a double bill to the Union Bay Braves by scores of 11-2 and 9-7.

Bill Taylor, newly acquired pitcher for the Braves, turned in a top performance in the first game allowing only five hits. Radcliffe was the starting Hawk pitcher, relieved by Ray Helegson.

The second game of the twin set proved more exciting than the opener. The score was tied 4-4 at the bottom of the fifth inning. The top of the sixth proved to be the turning point of the game as the Union Bay boys pushed across five runs. The airmen retaliated with only three runs in the remaining innings, not enough to make the grade.

Mosdell was the winning pitcher for the Braves, going the full nine innings. The Hawks used Doug McPherson, Ken Toppay and Berry Sadler.

Wash in Soft Water at the Comox Pinky

## Golf Field Day Planned Again

Since the last outing of golfers was such a success, it has been decided to hold another. This one will be held on Friday, July 7, at the Comox Golf Club.

The rules will be the same as last time, that is, two tournaments in one with a registered handicap competition for the pros, and a Galloway handicap for the duffers.

Also included will be prizes for low gross, low net and hidden hole in both events.

In the Galloway competition, you are allowed to count every stroke taken on a hole, even if it's as high as 20!

The entry fee will be 25c plus green fees. All entries must be made at the club house prior to tee-off. Foursomes may be arranged to suit the golfers, including mixtures of pros and duffers.

Free of time will be between 1200 and 1400 hours, and refreshments will be available on the course.

## Intersection Fastball

407 Telecom is still rolling merrily along undefeated. Their closest game to date was with Station Telecom. In the fifth inning, a wild throw by the Station boys gave 407 two runs and assured their victory with a final score of 7-5.

Due to lack of pitchers, Station Workshops has dropped out of the league, so now we only have eight teams competing.

The league is running short of umpires: we now only have three regulars. Shift work and emergencies have accounted for these losses. Any interested personnel are urged to call the Rec Centre (local 315) if they are willing to take a little abuse from the fans, not to mention the players, in order to umpire.

The standings to date are as follows:

TEAM:	W	L	%
407 Telecom	9	0	1000
Stn. Telecom	6	2	750
407 Aircrew	5	3	625
409 Nighthawks	5	4	555
407 Maint	4	4	500
407 Elect	3	4	429
408 Repair	3	6	333
Stn. Wksp	3	6	333
Stn Armit	0	8	000

To close, we relate a little anecdote from the last week. On a close play at first base the runner was called out. He promptly faced the base umpire and called him stupid for calling him out. Reason? The umpire had just ruined his 1000 batting average.

Apologies to the player, but this was too good to pass up.

## Little League Baseball

The starting date for the Little League's schedule is July 4 at 10 o'clock. Teams will play two games a week. One morning and one afternoon for a total of 15 games.

At the end of the regular schedule playoffs will start and the team winning the playoffs will be awarded a team trophy and crests. There will also be an award for the most valuable player, best pitcher and the most improved player over the season. So be sure and be out for game times as teams laid down. Games will be played on the diamond in the school grounds.

Let's have a good season.

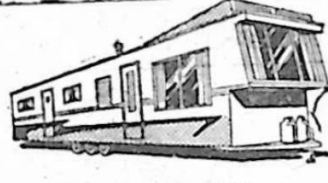


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## Where are the Blueback?

This is the question in the minds of most of us these days. If my memory serves me correctly, I and most other fishermen had little trouble locating them in 1958. I seem to remember catching a few each time I ventured out. Since then the fishing has been getting progressively worse. At least as far as blueback are concerned. However, today, the 20th of June, reports indicate a heavy run right on the surface off Little River. Perhaps by the time you read this fishing will have improved. I sincerely hope so.

Sunday, the 18th of June Laurie Nutt and I, on the strength of a report from the fishing editor of the Vancouver Sun, left Comox dock at 4 a.m. for Shelter Point. We didn't get that far. When opposite Oyster River, swarms of gulls, feed and a few leaping grise led us to try for blueback. After three hours of fishing Laurie managed to land a nice 5 1/2 lb. blueback. I caught a small cod.

Thursday, the 15th of June commercial fishing reports were good. According to the Fisheries Inspector, the best catches were made at Yellow Rock where 50 boats averaged about 82 per boat. One area was Lambert Channel, while number 3 was along the drop-off in mid-channel in a line running from Point Lazo to Hornby Island. However, when checking with the commercial boys at Deep Bay the previous week, they claimed they had moved on from Yellow Rock one week prior to that again. This report was further substantiated when several sports fishermen made the trip and returned empty handed. However, this is part of the sport and makes fishing all the more interesting - I think. Since then I have been told that this area is loaded with shrimp. Perhaps this explains why a heavy catch of salmon is consistently made in this area.

On our return from the Oyster River area we saw two whales spuming water into the air and cavorting about having a wonderful time. One commercial fisherman I spoke to on my visit to Deep Bay claims he uses either a 4 1/2 Tom Mac or a "Hotchie" which he manufactures from narrow strips of plastic frayed with scissors and attached to a No. 7 hook. Herring or herring strip catch too many dogs-

fish he claims. I might also add that he hadn't sold a spring in a month's fishing, so I'll leave it to you.

Many commercial lads are complaining about the netting of herring for use as fertilizer. They claim making use of dog-fish for this purpose would be more appropriate and they feel that since practically all sea life feed on herring this could result in a shortage of feed and a resultant decrease in salmon in this area. Right or wrong it is an interesting subject for discussion while out on the salt chuck.

Incidentally, Laurie and I took two scuba divers to Yellow Rock in a vain effort to retrieve his fishing gear which he dropped overboard on a previous trip. The divers claim the area is beautiful for diving, with the bottom clear, sandy and free of weeds. I shot some good movies which I will enjoy viewing next winter.

### TROUT FISHING

The Upper Campbell and Buttle Lake areas are still producing good catches of trout. One group, in fact, found it so good, they fed some to the ravens or crows or whatever you call them in this part of the country. While they were out fishing, the crows were helping themselves to their trout back at camp. They lost a dozen of them this way.

### TOFINO CARAVAN

FS Remus is planning a caravan tour to Tofino for the weekend of June 24 and 25. This should be an interesting trip and I wish them a very enjoyable time. I'm sorry I couldn't make it myself. I would be interested in hearing all about it on their return.

### SUPERSTITIONS

Another interesting chap I spoke to at Deep Bay was telling me of some superstitions which plague old-time fishermen. Apparently when the old-timers are in the market for a fishing boat, they not only considered the cost and the condition of the boat but also thoroughly investigated the catch record of the ship. If it was poor in this respect they would pass it up in spite of the fact that it may be a good buy otherwise. Inadvertently opening a can of milk from the bottom means throwing the full can overboard immediately, and hanging their drinking mugs with the open end facing the cabin door is strictly taboo.

Have you ever tried to pry

a fishing report from a commercial fisherman? They are literally sphinx-perhaps excusably so since they are trying to make a living in a highly competitive game. It must be tough going some years.

## Boating Tips

from Station Safety Council

### Care Assures Top Condition

Modern outboard motors and inboard marine engines almost have reached a stage of perfection but, in order to keep them in that "brand new condition," they must be given extreme care and attention by the owner.

The following list of suggestions will help save on repair bills and avoid breakdown time.

### OUTBOARD MOTORS

1. Be sure the unit is well-tuned up.
2. Remove motor cover and test spark plugs.
3. Regap 0.030 for most engines, according to instructions.
4. Lubricate cylinders by squirting oil into plug openings.
5. Ground leads and pull motor over to distribute lubrication.
6. Check spark of each plug.
7. Flush water cooling system. Do this frequently if the motor is used only occasionally.

### INBOARD ENGINES

1. Check oil in crankcase before every trip.
2. Check oil and temperature while under way.
3. Refuel as often as you have a chance.
4. Check cooling system for leaks.
5. Inspect thermostats.
6. Check battery regularly.
7. Change oil filter when necessary.
8. Pump out bilges.
9. During fitting out: Check electrical system; clean air cleaners; remove and clean flame arrestors with kerosene; wash crankcase ventilator or oil fill cap, and check fuel pumps, filters, lines, tanks, carburetors and drain.

A word of caution: Even though you have drained the fuel tank, danger still lingers. Do your work outside and do not smoke or use any kind of flame near your centre of operation.

### Spark Plug Care

Marine mechanics report that approximately 50 per cent of the engines brought in for a tune-up could have been put into tip-top condition merely

by replacing the spark plugs. In most cases this work could have been done by the boat owner who does not need a wide assortment of tools or necessarily to be a trained mechanic. All that is required is a spark plug wrench. Here are some other suggestions for the skipper who wants to delve a little deeper into tune-up for either his outboard motor or inboard motor engine:

The heat range plug best suited for your engine in brand-new condition is specified in the manufacturer's operating manual. This recommended plug is listed for ordinary, normal service. Sustained high speed or an over-amount of idling may call for sparks of different heat ranges.

### EXAMINE TIP

Examine the insulator tip, or the ceramic material housed inside the threaded end of the plug. If this is rusty-brown in appearance, then your spark plug is set right for your engine.

Evidence that there is too great a heat range is indicated if the insulator tip is powdery white and has tiny blisters or pearls on its surface.

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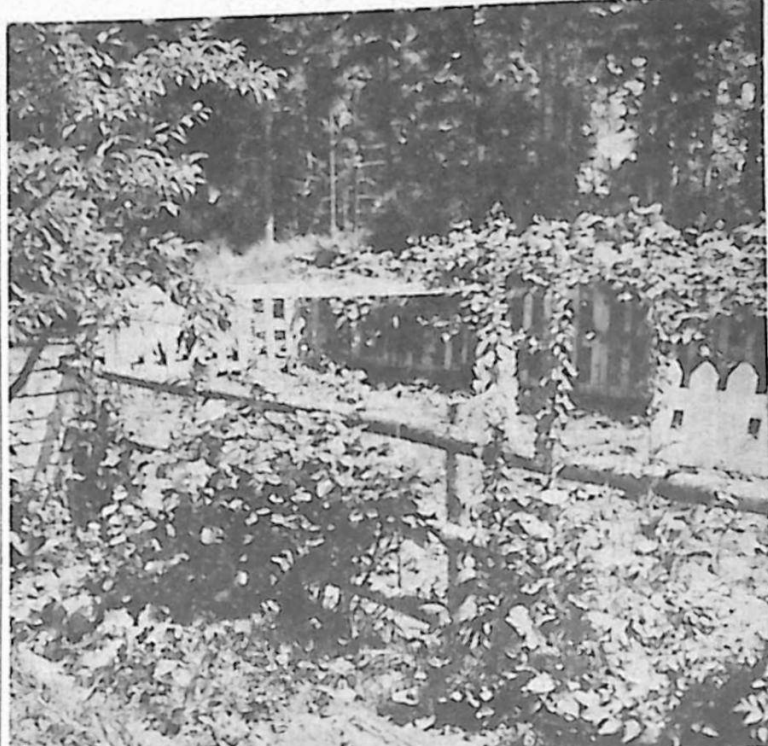
## Landscaping Emphasized

At present, the standard of care and maintenance in our PMQ's has resulted in an attractive and well kept community, but, there is still room for improvement.

The addition of flowers, shrubs and trees add immeasurably to the attractiveness of the surroundings. This further landscaping is the responsibility of the individuals and is encouraged by the council.

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## Gardening Hints Control of Moss

Many homeowners do not consider moss as a weed in their lawn. A little moss between the grass does not look bad at first but when it spreads and replaces much of the grass, a lawn gets in a poor shape. There are good chemicals on the market which kills moss without harming the lawn grasses. After the moss is eradicated some fertilizer should be applied to boost the growth of the grass so that it will fill out the bare spot. If the soil is very acid some hydrated lime or ground limestone is helpful to get a better lawn.

This moss-killing chemical can be used to control moss on roofs which should be washed off with water several days later to prevent rusting of eave-troughs and rain spouts. June is still a good time to control broadleaved weeds such as dandelion, plantain and chickweed in lawns. During July and August the growth of these weeds is less active and the use of 2, 4-D type weed killers is less effective during these months.

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