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## Up From Downunder

### RAAF PAYS VISIT

Since last Christmas, we have heard so much on our "hit-parade" about the fabulous land of Australia with all its "white boomers" and runaway boomerangs, that we were both interested and delighted to meet members of its air force last week here at Comox.

Officers of the Royal Australian Air Force's No. 10 Maritime Reconnaissance Squadron which is based at Townsville, Australia, spent a day

touring the station and inspecting the facilities of their Canadian counterparts in the "Demon" Maritime Squadron. The RAAF officers flew up to Comox from the United States Naval Base at Whidbey Island, Washington, where they are awaiting the delivery of a number of Neptune Bombers which they will fly back to their own squadrons in Australia.

We look forward to receiving another visit from the RAAF at some future date.

"Mc AND Mc"



Wing Commander "Joe" McCarthy welcomes Squadron Leader "Max" McKay of the Royal Australian Air Force upon his arrival at Comox.

## No Airforce Day This Year

AFHQ recently announced the cancellation of a 1962 Air Force Day at this station.

The reason for this is that the renovations of the aircraft parking and taxiing facilities which will be in progress this summer, will restrict Comox from offering adequate area to properly and efficiently handle the Air Force Day aircraft and visitors. Group Captain Miller hopes that the new construction which will take place will enable us to present a larger and a better display in 1963.

### Parking Problems

In 1906, a small town in a mid-western state of U.S.A. passed an ordinance which read: "When two cars approach a grade crossing at the same time both shall come to a complete stop and neither shall move until the other has passed by."

## BULBS! BULBS!

Your Boy Scout troop will be canvassing the PMQ's to sell light bulbs this Saturday, 3rd February. Check your lights today—you may find you need those scouts on Saturday!

## Our New CADO



An official "Welcome Aboard" to the newest member of the Administrative Staff! Squadron Leader 'Pat' Townley, C.D., is certainly not new to the field of administration though, he enlisted in 1937 as an AC2 and has enjoyed a long and varied career in his field of work which has included duty in England, Europe and Egypt. Our new CadO was formerly Commanding Officer of RCAF Station Vancouver.

## Record Claimed By B52

The U.S. Air Force set a world distance record recently in a demonstration of its latest flying missile-launcher, a B-52H Superbomber which flew 12,519 miles non-stop from Okinawa to Madrid without refueling. The aircraft took off with a gross weight of nearly 500,000 pounds and flew the distance in 22 hours and 10 minutes. The average speed was 575 miles an hour.

## NCO's Complete Mammoth Runs

Station Torbay can certainly boast two of the most experienced NCOs in their GCA staff. Sgt. T. A. McLennan recently completed another milestone in his service career by completing his 10,000 GCA run at Torbay. Sgt. McLennan, who has been with the airforce since 1951, did his memorable run on a TCA Vanguard which arrived at Torbay from Gandar. Another GCA operator at this unit, FS O'Conner, will soon be reaching his total of 11,000 GCA runs.

### CRIME DOESN'T PAY

Sign observed nailed to a tree in a fenced-in area near Lakewood, N.J. "No Trespassing. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. —Sisters of Mercy"

### ARTHRITIC INDIANS TO BE STUDIED

## Medical Project on Queen Charlottes

On February 3 a team of doctors and technicians from the B.C. Division of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society will be leaving Vancouver Airport for a six-week stay in the Queen Charlotte Islands. The purpose of their visit will be to conduct an epidemiology survey into the incidence of arthritis among the Haida Indians.

For many years people have felt that rheumatoid arthritis might be more prevalent in certain climates. It has also been suggested that it may strike some races of people more than others. From general experience, doctors have come to regard these opinions as fallacies, for rheumatoid arthritis is found throughout the world, and seems to be about as common in one place as another.

Recently, however, rheumatologists have again focused their attention on the possibility that a complete survey on a particular group of people might produce interesting results. This will be the first survey of its kind made in Canada. In England and Holland similar studies of the exact incidence of arthritis among indigenous groups have been made, and lately a United States team investigated some of the Indian populations of Montana and Arizona.

The Haida Indians have been chosen as the subject of this survey because of their racial integrity and stable, homogeneous population; factors which are vital to the success of the project. Scientifically, the results of this survey could be of the greatest significance in discovering the elusive cause of arthritis. If it is found that this disease is more, or less, common among the Haida Indians, researchers will be interested in the reasons why this difference exists and will then look closely into such conditions as diet and climate.

The C.A.R.S. survey team, consisting of three doctors, three technicians and a secretary, along with 450 lbs. of luggage and special equipment, will divide their time between Skidegar and Massett. They will examine the adult Indian population over the age of 15, using X-ray and blood tests to uncover possible hidden traces

of the disease. Almost every citizen on the reserves must be examined, for if many are missed it will make the study scientifically unsound.

The kind co-operation of the Indian Affairs Department has greatly assisted in the smooth planning of this very important work. Considerable help and support from the local Indian Councils and Indian Health Service has made it possible for these intensive studies to be carried out.

## Uplands Housing Project Opens

### FIRST SECTION COMPLETED

A section of the "Station Uplands Self-help Housing Project" was officially opened just over a week ago by Air Vice-Marshal MacBrien, AOC of Air Defence Command. The project is the result of three years of planning to relieve the shortage of quarters for married personnel at Uplands. The aim is to provide 300 low rental houses for aircraftmen and corporals. To date, 73 units have been completed and 72 occupied.

## U.S. Buys 5-BX Pamphlets

It seems that the United States has become so interested in our BX exercise programmes for men and women in the airforce that it is now going to give millions of Americans the chance to follow the Canadian plan for physical fitness. A feature magazine, which is inserted in daily and weekend newspapers throughout the U.S., recently completed a deal to buy U.S. publication rights for the RCAF's physical fitness pamphlets—5-BX and 10-BX.

### MOMENT OF REVELATION!



FLYING OFFICER PIERRE BASTIEN THOUGHTFULLY STUDIES THE PAGES OF HIS PAPER AS HE WRITES HIS TRADE EXAMINATION. F/O Bastien was one of many junior officers who last week sat down to write their Qualifying Examinations at Comox. Papers are written on five subjects — General Service Knowledge, History, Trade, Geography and Current Affairs. The successful completion of this set of examinations will qualify officers for consideration in promotion to Flight Lieutenant.





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## Editorials

### On the Fickleness of Fame

Truly, it may be said that however hard one may work at being a celebrity, one can almost guarantee that some undistinguished chap will perform a coup de grace at the crucial moment in your career and turn you into an "also ran". No two Americans have been more often quoted for their maxims or qualities of character than Abraham Lincoln and George Washington — both of whom were born in the month of February. It is true, of course, that their birthdays are observed and celebrated yearly by the American people; yet, incongruously enough, the person who really steals the limelight in the month of February, not only in America, but throughout the world, is a fellow by the name of Valentine — a saint of the Roman calendar who is said to have been martyred on 14th February, 306 A.D.

The cause and reasons for his untimely demise seem to be unknown, nor does it seem to matter anyway, for the celebrations of the day have nothing whatsoever to do with his martyrdom. The reason for this was that the Romans did a first class job of confusing the issue — an area in which they seem to have been particularly adroit. (In testimony of this statement one has only to look at the Roman conversion of sterling pounds, shilling and pence into libra, schillings and denarius to realize why it took the poor, confused Britons 2,000 years to undo the problem and acquire the metric system.)

It so happened that Valentine turned himself into a saint practically on the eve of the Feast of Lupercalia — a Roman festival, celebrated annually on 15th February, in honour of Lupercus — one of their pastoral gods. At these nocturnal revelries, it was customary for the young people to meet and for the men to draw the names of the ladies. Each gentleman was expected to remain faithful to the lady he drew in this lottery until the next feast of Lupercus. (History does not record to what extent this bargain was legally binding.)

And thus it was that the practice of this custom became associated with the name of the saint. So, although the original form of the celebration has long since given place to the form we know today, we should be thankful to Saint Valentine and to the Roman confusion for giving us a stimulus to our inventive genius in communications of the heart.

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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**—Saturday 7 to 8 p.m.  
**CHOIR REHEARSALS**—Senior 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Junior 6:30 p.m. Saturday.  
**CATECHISM INSTRUCTION**—Wallace Gardens School, Wednesday at 4 p.m. Classes for High Grade students, Sunday evening. Comox and Tyee Park youngsters—Comox Church Rectory, Saturday 10 a.m.

### Father F. Bourque's Farewell Message:

It is always hard for one to say "goodbye"; some can do it but others just can't and Father Bourque is among the latter ones. Not that he didn't wish to make his adieu to everyone but he didn't want people to go out of their way to do anything for him. He just wanted to slip off the Station quietly without being noticed. So, please forgive him for doing so; but if he couldn't say goodbye verbally he has asked me to give you his best regards and also to thank you all for the wonderful co-operation you have given him during his stay in RCAF Comox.

Formerly an American, Fr. Bourque desired to go back to the States. He found himself a diocese, that of Lafayette, Louisiana, but the Bishop accepted him on condition he would ask for his release and come to the States in the near future; this was five or six months ago. His release finally came through in December and without a sound Father Bourque just took off on the 24th of December, hoping to reach his new destination in the USA by New Year. Unfortunately to this day he is still detained in Vancouver waiting for the necessary papers that will allow him to become an American Citizen again.

Again, a sincere au-revoir to all from Father Bourque and may God bless you all for the things you do for His ministers. Father T. J. Paradis Staff Chaplain RC

### PROTESTANT CHAPEL F/L SM PARKHOUSE

**Schedule:**  
**DIVINE WORSHIP**—1100 hrs. Sunday.  
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Pre-School Age Group—Beginners: 1100 to 1200 hrs. Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior: 0930 to 1040 hrs.  
Bible Study and Prayer Group: 2000 hrs. alternate Sundays.  
Young People's Group: 1900 hrs. alternate Sundays, in the Chapel Annex.

**TO ALL THE CHURCHES:**—A message from the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches at New Delhi to the 198 member churches and their congregations.

We rejoice and thank God that we experience here a fellowship as deep as before and now wider. New member churches from the ancient orthodox tradition of Eastern Christendom and from Africa, Asia, Latin America and other parts of the world visibly demonstrate that Christianity now has a home in every part of the world. In this fellowship we are able to speak and act freely for we are all part-takers together with Christ. Together we have sought to understand our common calling to witness, service and unity.

All over the world new possibilities of life, freedom and prosperity are being actively, even passionately pursued. In some lands there is disillusionment with the benefits that a technically expert society can produce; and over all there hangs the shadow of vast destruction through war. Nevertheless mankind is not paralyzed by these threats. The momentum of change is not reduced. We Christians share men's eager quest for life, for freedom from poverty, oppression and disease.

God is at work in the opening possibilities for mankind in our day. He is at work even when the powers of evil rebel against him and call down his judgment. We do not know by what ways God will lead us; but our trust is in Jesus Christ who is now and always our eternal life.

When we speak to men as Christians we must speak the truth of our faith: that there is only one way to the Father, namely Jesus Christ His Son. On that one way we are bound to meet our brother. We meet our brother Christian. We meet also our brother man; and before we speak to him of Christ, Christ has already sought him.

Christ is the way and therefore we have to walk together witnessing him and serving all men. That is his commandment. There is no greater service to men than to tell them of the living Christ and no more effective witness than a life offered in service. The in-

difference or hostility of men may check our open speaking but God is not silenced. He speaks through the worship and the sufferings of his church. Her prayers and patience are, by his gracious acceptance of them, made part of the witness he bears to Christ.

We need to think out together in concrete terms the forms of Christian service for today and together act upon them. In no field has Christian co-operation been more massive and effective than in service to people in every kind of distress. There is no more urgent task for Christians than to work together for community within nations and for peace with justice and freedom among them, so that the causes of much contemporary misery may be rooted out.

We have to take our stand against injustice caused to any race, or to any man on account of his race. We have to learn to make a Christian contribution to the service of men through secular agencies. Christian love requires not only the sharing of worldly goods but costly personal service. All over the world young people are giving an example in their spontaneous offering of themselves.

We must together seek the fullness of Christian unity. We need for this purpose every member of the Christian family, of Eastern and Western tradition, ancient churches and younger churches, men and women, young and old, of every race and nation. Our brethren in Christ are given to us, not chosen by us.

In some things our convictions do not permit us to act together, but we have made progress in giving content to the unity we seek. Let us therefore find out the things which in each place we can do together now; and faithfully do them, praying and working always for that fuller unity which Christ wills for his church.

This letter is written from the World Council of Churches' Assembly. But the real letter written to the world today does not consist of words. We Christian people, wherever we are, are a letter from Christ to his world "written not with ink but with the spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."

The message is that God in Christ has reconciled the world to himself. Let us speak it and live it with joy and confidence "for it is the God who said 'Let light shine out of darkness' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."



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## Europe as We Saw It

By BOB BARLOW

### A VISIT TO MADURODAM HOLLAND'S SMALLEST CITY

When my wife and I visited Holland, as we frequently did when in Europe, we looked over a map in an effort to locate Madurodam. However, we were unable to find it. The reason was quite simple. Madurodam is Holland's miniature city situated outside of The Hague.

As we were camping just outside of this city we decided to take a trip and see for ourselves all the wonders of this fascinating tourist attraction and learn a little of its background. After our arrival we discovered that Madurodam came into existence as the result of three circumstances.

The first was that the Netherlands Student Sanatorium required capital, not only for nursing, but for post-discharge care. This method followed along the lines adopted by the town of Beaconsfield, England, which founded a miniature city and opened it for visitors, charging a small admittance fee.

The second circumstance was the willingness and preparedness of a Mr. and Mrs. J. M. C. Maduro of Willemstad, Holland, to make capital available for the building of the town, as a permanent memorial to their son George, whose bravery in 1940 during the German invasion of Holland earned him the country's highest award for bravery, the Willemsorde Decoration (military). He died in Dachau concentration camp near Munich, Germany.

The third circumstance was the co-operation of the Burgomaster, Aldermen and the city of The Hague generally who exhibited an example of initiative, assistance and guidance throughout the planning of this unusual attraction for the public.

It was interesting to learn that one Canadian contributed to this miniature city by giving a Canadian pine cope in memory of her son. This was Mrs. John E. Read, wife of a Canadian member of the International Court of Justice. Her son, John James Chitty Read was a member of the Governor General's Footguard. He fell at Falaise, France, in 1944.

Madurodam was built to show the public how the typical Dutch town has developed through the centuries. The miniature castle, for instance, represents Oost Voorne Castle, built around the year 1000 on the island of Voorne. Princess Beatrix is the Royal Burgomaster of this tiny city and it was she who performed the official opening on July 2, 1952.

The quaint little city has all the picturesque beauty of other Dutch cities. It has windmills, canals, barges, ships, oil storage and even an airfield. It has shops, but my wife and I could not enter them to shop, nor could we buy anything. It has theatres which are impossible to enter and churches, but no services are conducted in them. A few years ago this Lilliputian sized city drew a total of 750,000 visitors from all over the world.

It has a municipal council composed of 30 boys and girls elected annually from the pupils in the schools in The Hague. This council selects from among its members the deputy burgomaster and aldermen. A large income is derived from the admission price paid by visitors and local people, but all the profits go to the Netherlands Students Sanatorium at Laren.

It was interesting to walk through the promenade leading in and around this miniature city. Its total length is two miles. At night the little city is illuminated with 26,000 lamps. There are over 18 miles of low voltage cables and 1 1/2

## Courtenay Round-Up

By CAL SMITH

During the month of January, Courtenay city council approved a \$720,000 provisional budget and stated that it had hopes of retaining last year's 42 mill tax rate. The school board also approved its provisional budget which has been forwarded to city council for perusal.

At a meeting of the winter works committee, it was reported that the unemployed total in the district has been reduced from last year's figures. They also made public a letter from highways minister Gagliardi stating that he could not consider a lookout at the top of Mission Hill for winter works. He added that there is no shortage of projects, only shortages of money.

The Save our Salmon committee membership has increased to nearly 1,000 members and has been largely responsible for securing action on the Puntledge River salmon situation. Dr. H. F. Angus has been appointed as a one-man committee to investigate the problem and will hold hearings in Courtenay in the near future.

In Comox, large dogs attack-

are also there to be studied and marvelled at.

The pumping station just like the large ones throughout Holland actually controls the flow of water through the canal gates. On the outskirts of this tiny city is Frisian farm and in the tiny port rides a replica of the 21,000 ton "Willem Ruys" flagship of the Royal Rotterdam Lloyd and other ships at anchor.

There are other replicas of coast steamers, two tugs and three craft from the Royal Dutch Navy.

A large efficient staff keeps this tiny city in full operation and proper order for the hundreds of thousands of visitors who like us, marvel at the ingenuity of the Dutch planners.

Madurodam is much more than just a memorial to a gallant Dutch soldier — when visited, it brings back memories of childhood to those who long ago had forgotten those carefree days.

ed and killed a little terrier. Although veterinarian Dr. W. A. C. Scott said that distemper cases in the area have risen, they had nothing to do with the attack. He urged dog owners to have their animals vaccinated against the dread disease.

In Courtenay, council has announced its tightening up policy on strays and is considering a proposal to authorize garbage collectors as dog catchers.

Closure of the Fanny Bay shingle mill also stirred up public reaction and a delegation consisting of Mayor Moore, MLA Dan Campbell, and a representative from the mill, met with company officials in Vancouver. They returned with very little encouraging news.

Mr. Robert Thompson, federal leader of the Social Credit government during his visit to Courtenay that if the Secord government was in power in Ottawa, the takeover wouldn't have been necessary because

they would have met Mr. Bennett's demands to return corporation taxes.

The controversial takeover of the BCE was much in the news during the month and a group of shareholders met in the Chamber of Commerce Building to discuss ways of having the government allow a court to give a ruling on the matter.



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## Youth Recreation News

by BOB PARKER

TEEN TOWN: For the past three months your Executive Committee have been trying to get a new constitution passed by a majority vote of the club members. At the Teen Town meetings in the Social Centre the attendance has been so poor that it is impossible to carry out any business at all. It seems that most teen-agers want to enjoy just the dances and entertainment but when plans and organization are required they manage to stay away in droves.

Your elected executive committee cannot work without the support of every member in Teen Town because without your attendance at the meetings the Executive cannot function. No function means no activities because there are no plans for the future. To keep your Teen Town in operation and so that the Teen benefits may continue, your club needs YOU. This means at meetings as well as at the dances and the entertainments. Remember, only YOU, working with other teen-agers, can plan, organize and keep this club operating. Without your sincere help and participation the Club will fall apart. The result is up to YOU and the loss of the club and all its privileges will be YOUR LOSS.

The remedy to this dismal outlook is for you to gather up all your teen-age friends in PMQ's and Tyee Park and be "on deck" at the next meeting. Let's see YOU out at the next Teen activities:

DANCE: FRIDAY 2 FEBRU-

ARY IN THE PMQ SCHOOL MEETING: FRIDAY 16 FEB. IN THE SOCIAL CENTRE... LET'S HAVE A MAXIMUM TURN OUT FOR THIS IMPORTANT MEETING. AND KEEP COMING.

TO THE PARENTS OF TEENAGERS

As you probably know Teen Town is an active organization on this Station with a membership of over 100 teen-agers. This club is run by and for dependents of both sexes from 13 to 19 years of age. They are sponsored by the Town Council and are directed by the Recreation Commission.

However, they run their own affairs, have their own finances and property, and they ask only for direction from the Council and the Commission.

The ONLY portion of teen town activity that requires the parents' help is once each month when the club has a dance in the PMQ school auditorium. At this time the Teen Town Adult Committee calls on the parents to provide chaperons for these dances. This is where you as parents of these children can help by being ready and willing to do your part as a chaperon when called. Please help in this worthwhile cause by saying "YES" when called by the Adult Committee. It is only by your help and concern that these teen-agers can have and enjoy the type of club that they deserve. You may make the happy discovery that chaperoning is not the disagreeable task you thought it was. The kids do have fun and you can

have fun too. Remember, YOU ARE ONLY AS OLD AS YOU THINK YOU ARE.

TEEN BOWLING

This sport enjoys an active following each Saturday morning. For any information call any one of the following members of the Executive: Garry Bourque, Alan Grace, Lynda Baker or Gail Stiles. They will be happy to pass on any Teen Town information.

NOTE: Watch this column for news of all Recreation concerning the Youth of the Service Dependents. We try and keep in touch with each activity and its progress.

## Flight Line Musings

By J. W. L.

As the deadline date approaches, I suppose every contributor goes through the same mental anguish, namely and to wit, subject? Now, it's all right for people to say that there are scads of subjects to mutilate in a column. Granted. But ye Ed puts some restrictions on what a feller can scribble. And some of the more interesting topics come under that tabu.

Being one of the kind who steps in where angels fear to tread, this sort of thing is very restraining. Station topics on occasion, can be very illuminating, but, being at the present time just across the hall from the Ladyship, and not too far away from the CO, it's just as well not to light up too many dark corners. Besides, the "W" in my initials doesn't denote "Winchell"... plain and fancy gossip being somewhat out of my line.

All of which preamble seems to be filling quite a bit of space, and that's more than can be said for the Cape Canaveral Brain Trust at the moment. Now, a question that appears pertinent at time of writing: how many got up at 0400 hrs to (vicariously) enjoy going into orbit? Personally I prefer the warm comfort of my little trundle bed. After all, I'm not being paid to roam around the fringe of outer space, even by proxy, as it were.

Anyhow, a fizzle is a fizzle regardless of whether you witness it on TV or read about it later in the press. It's stupid to work up a lather about these abortive launchings. Admittedly, the Soviet Union doesn't advertise how many flops they experience before achieving a successful shot. But neither do they deafen the entire world beforehand with a lot of ballyhoo designed to keep the populace from even a glimmering thought as to the tremendous expense involved in each and every failure or postponement. You'd think even the American people would get a bit fed up with this "on again, off again Finnegans" stuff.

Of course, as you are aware, this is being written about five

## SPORTS CAR CLUB

by BOB JONES

The Upper-Island Sports Car Club held a gymkhana at Miracle Beach on January 20. In first place was Tom Hamilton from Campbell River, driving a Sunbeam Alpine.

Second place went to Howard Fielding, also of Campbell River, driving an MGA, and a much-deserved third place went to Mick Standing, RCAF Station Comox, driving a Mini-Minor.

The icy condition of the parking lot limited the com-

plexity of the course but added to spectator enjoyment, as one panicky driver was seen running to catch up with his car after pushing it while stuck on a particularly slippery section. A "spritely" M.G. Midget from Nanaimo sported what may have been a rather unorthodox continental kit, on his second attempt.

Some of the sports car owner were a little awed by the fine handling that Mick Standing's "Mini" displayed.

The next meeting of the club will be at the Fishermen's Lodge, Oyster River at 8:00 p.m. January 25th. New members are most welcome.

## Monte Carlo Night

An Open House Monte Carlo Night is to be held in the Totem Inn on Saturday, 3 February, from 2000 hours to 2359 hours. Come one, come all. Let's have a ball!

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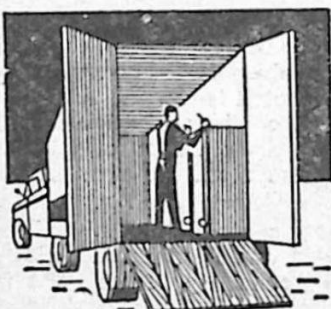
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## Our Unknown Independence Day

DECEMBER 11, 1931  
by "G.L."

A celebration in a small town of upstate New York, flag bunting, a symbolic bird, a long dead monarch of France and certain Acts of the Imperial Parliament in London are the ingredients of this article on Canada's Unknown Independence Day.

First the celebration, the bunting and the bird. Upstate New York is one of the oldest settled areas in the United States. This historic region's past is closely connected with that of Canada, for it was here that many of the bitter and bloody battles between the French and English Empires in North America took place. Twice, on later occasions, American armies rolled northward in unsuccessful attempts to conquer Canada. As our automobile passed through this region I could not but fall to be struck by the brave display of bunting, flags and posters in even the smallest hamlet. July the 4th was at hand. Everywhere the fierce-eyed eagle, symbol of America, frowned down upon us—topping the flagpoles, engraved in stone on public buildings and portrayed on posters and stickers. To a Canadian this display of national pride was convincing evidence that we and our southern neighbours are not "exactly the same". On July 4th, 1776, the Thirteen Colonies announced their separation from the first British Empire. Because they achieved their political freedom through revolution rather than evolution their concept of nationhood is different than ours. The very fact that the day of separation is celebrated—centered around the bunting (the flag) and the symbol of the eagle (a most republican bird) emphasizes the different course our neighbors have taken.

By contrast, our path towards independence was more strongly influenced by a French Sovereign and certain Acts of the British Parliament. In 1783 the great North American Empire created through the genius of William Pitt the Elder had shrunk to the old province of New France acquired during the Seven Years War of barely 20 years before.

The Canada that Great Britain inherited was the product of Louis XIV, the "Grand Monarch" of France. In 1663 he had given it its first settled form of government by declaring it to be a Royal Province—in effect to be administered as a part of metropolitan France.

Louis had just created an absolute monarchy in France and gave Canada a similar government. Although most of the officers sent to administer New France were able, the development of the country was hindered by the fact that all but the most minor decisions affecting the colony had to be made by the Ministry of the Marine in Paris over 3,000 miles away. This long range government greatly hindered the development of the country. Accustomed to despotism, the inhabitants of Canada did not object to the undemocratic government by governor and council set up after the British secured control of Quebec in 1759. The fact that they were accustomed to a benevolent dictatorship kept Canada free from the turmoil aroused when George III attempted to more firmly apply royal control over the American colonists who had carried a tradition of self-government to the New World.

So much for the contribution of Louis to Canadian government. After the second Treaty of Paris, which recognized the sovereignty of the United States, Great Britain began to build her second Empire mainly in the Far East. During a period extending between 1774

and 1931 five Acts of the Imperial Parliament marked and recognized the gradual development of our country into an independent nation.

This is not to say that Canadians themselves did not work towards the ultimate goal of independence, but the five Acts are guides we can use to follow their progress.

The first step was the Quebec Act of 1774. By granting the people of Quebec religious toleration and recognition of their own laws the British Government (perhaps unwittingly) contributed toward autonomy, for unless the French-Canadian had come to feel he could live on an equal basis with his Anglo-Canadian compatriot Canada would have been impossible.

The Constitutional or "Canada Act" of 1791 created the divisions that were to become present-day Ontario and Quebec. This legislation also established elected legislatures in the two new provinces. Although most of the powers of government still remained with the governor appointed by London for each colony, the people now had a body through which they could express their views and train themselves in democracy.

(Continued on page 7)

## Mothers' March

By DOUG FOSBROOKE

The 1962 Mother's March will be held in PMQ's, Thursday, February 1st during the day.

The goal set this year by the Kinsmen Club for the Courtenay, RCAF Station, Comox area is \$3,000. Your Marching Mother will be calling in the PMQ's anytime during the day. You are asked to give generously.

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## Tri-Service Winners

The Air Force won the "Orr Bowling Trophy" for the second consecutive year in the tournament held at HMCS Naden, where each service was represented by two teams.

A team from Sea Island and one from Comox strengthened by an ex-Comox bowler, Cpl. Hank Goerzen from Holberg, were RCAF representatives.

This year the trophy was won by 614 pins which is a great improvement over last year's 10 pins.

Fifteen games were rolled by each team in series of fives. The total scores were as follows:

Navy I—15,903 Navy II—15,367  
Army I—16,624 Army II—15,610  
RCAF Comox—17,276—16,592

The winning team consisted of the following bowlers: Sgt. Geo. Jackson, Cpl. Vic Smith, Cpl. Jim Peirson, Cpl. Ray Ball, LAC Rolie Lemay and Cpl. Hank Goerzen—Holberg.

## Fall-Out Facts

By FS C. V. MOTTESHEAD

Today there are so many divergent opinions being noised abroad concerning the possible effects of fall-out, what to do in case of fall-out, what is fall-out, etc., that a great deal of uncertainty exists on the whole subject. Indeed, the experts themselves do not seem to be able to reach agreement on certain aspects of the matter. As many local residents have approached the mayor and community council members for a statement of facts and local policy, it was decided to go to those locally "in the know" for the real gen.

A meeting of council members with F/L Parsley, Station Nuclear Defence Officer, resulted in a public meeting, open to all residents, being arranged for the evening of 6 February, commencing at 2015 hours in the school auditorium. F/L Parsley has held these meetings on other Air Force stations with spectacular results, and it is hoped and anticipated that this one will be no less rewarding to all concerned.

The program will consist of a short film, a talk, and some effective demonstrations which are designed to bring the whole subject into a new and clearer perspective.

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## MSE Headlights

by DIPSWITCH

Continuing our previous introductory policy, in this issue we are presenting our Sergeants. First on our list is Sgt. Tom Manning, NCO i/c Operations, formerly of Stn. Bagotville. He calls Provost-Curling! Next is Sgt. "Cam" Campbell, NCO i/c Refuelling, Halls from Brantford, Ont. Previous unit, Stn. Whitehorse, Hobbies—The Great Outdoors, Big Game Hunting, etc. Then we have Sgt. Bill Lacheski, NCO i/c Heavy Equipment, Hometown, Edmonton, Alta. Hobbies—Cribbage and the Edmonton Eskimos. Then there is Sgt. "Bob" Harbridge, NCO i/c Safety, Hometown, Banff, Alta. Last station Sea Island. Hobbies—Darts and good feed. Last but not least is Sgt. Ralph Killoran, No. 2 Marine Section, Previous unit, Trenton, Hometown, Toronto, Ont. His hobbies are listed as Sailing and Fishing. He says this is original, anyway.



## TRAIL TREASURES

With ILES

## WINTER FISHING

Continued from Issue of  
Thurs., January 11, 1962

There are several important winter Steelhead rivers north of Prince Rupert. The Kispiox (see article in the September issue 1959 of "HUNTING AND FISHING IN CANADA"), Morice, Telkwa, Copper and Bulkley are easily fished and can be reached by road from Prince George.

The Queen Charlotte Islands offer good Steelhead fishing, but accommodation and transportation, particularly in winter is uncertain.

On the north mainland coast, the Bella Coola River has miles of easily fished waters. The Bren and Dean Rivers are excellent but are not very easily reached.

The Kamloops or Rainbow trout is the rival to the Steelhead as a fighting fish. The average size of the Kamloops trout is about 1½ lbs. There is no closed season in B.C. lakes.

Low altitude lakes on the mainland may be open in early April, however, the higher altitude lakes may not be open until June.

In Kootenay and Okanagan Lakes which rarely freeze over, fishing may last from early spring to late fall.

Our personality of the month is LAC Jim Hall. Congratulations, Jim, on achieving the highest T.A. pass mark ever on record in the MSE at Stn. Comox. A job well done!

Gibby Gibbons has officially joined the ranks of the "Brown Baggers" or lunch box parade. Welcome to our little community, Mrs. Gibbons.

Our Annual Christmas Good Cheer Party was held 21 Dec. in Courtenay. Our thanks go to all who contributed to its great success.

## TRAFFIC TIP SUSPICIOUS?

On a high-speed highway, a slow-moving vehicle should be regarded with suspicion by a driver approaching from the rear.

If there is a side road on the left, this should be an automatic danger signal. Passing a vehicle such as this could end in tragedy. Pass slow-moving vehicles with great care and very slowly. Expect them to do anything, and be prepared to act defensively.

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of B.C., Vancouver Island and the Queen Charlottes. The sea-run cut-throat which is smaller than the steelhead and ranges from 1½ to 4 lbs., enters the spawning streams about November and both the sea-run and the fresh water resident spawn from February until May. The resident cut-throat in streams is usually small while those in lakes may reach 17 lbs. It is a good fly-fish. The record cut-throat weighed 41 lbs.

The record cut-throat did not rank as high as the steelhead or the Kamloops but it is a good lively sports fish. Inland in B.C., it is not generally distributed.

The Yellowstone and Mountain cut-throat are found in southeastern B.C. The Yellowstone is found in the upper waters of the Kootenay River and in a few lakes of Mount Assiniboine Park. East of the Kootenay Lake the Yellowstone cut-throat is the main sport fish.

The mountain cut-throat is found in some lakes and streams in the Mabel Lake area, various creeks near Revelstoke and a number of lakes and creeks near Nelson. Cut-throat is common to the four national parks in B.C. — Yoho, Kootenay, Glacier and Mount Revelstoke and to the following Provincial Parks—Tweedsmuir, Garibaldi, Strathcona, Manning, Wells, Gray and Assiniboine.

Fishing in these areas is generally best in the spring. The main daily temperatures in January with slight variations in some parts is 0 degrees to 10 degrees or 10 degrees to 20 degrees with from 3 to 6 months where the temperature is below 32 degrees.

Brown Trout are found in Cowichan and Little Qualicum Rivers and Niagara Creek on the east coast of Vancouver Island.

In the upper reaches of the Cowichan River, about on Vancouver Island, Brown Trout up to 5 lbs. have been taken. The Brown Trout is a fall spawner and difficult to catch.

The Kokanee, a land-locked Sockeye Salmon, is always found in fresh water. It usually spawns in its third or fourth year and like the Sockeye, it dies after spawning.

In Lac la Hache the average size is about a pound while in Echo Lake it may reach 9 lbs.

This fish is found in most of the larger lakes both on the mainland and on Vancouver Island.

To western fishermen, the Dolly Varden is considered far inferior to other trout as a game fish. It is a native of B.C. and is found in lakes and streams practically everywhere in the province.

The Dolly Varden may be a sea-run fish or it may be a permanent resident of fresh water. In streams a 2 lb. Dolly Varden is considered a good catch, while in lakes it may reach a weight of 20 lbs. The sea-run Dolly Varden enters streams in July or August.

Campbell River, Comox Lake, Cowichan Lake and other lakes and streams on Vancouver Island hold both the sea-going and the resident type.

On the lower mainland, all tributaries of the Fraser River hold Dolly Varden. They go up to 4 lbs. in Alouette and Slave Lakes.

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## Independence Day

(Continued from page 5)

Between the Canada Act and the next great law affecting self government was a period of internal conflict in each of the colonies that were to form Canada. Gradually the people became politically conscious and began to press for a greater share in their own local government. Although this political development often aroused bitter feelings between those who desired popular rule and the privileged minority of officials (most of them native born Canadians) who controlled the government of each province, a major revolution did not occur. Although the Imperial Government often disliked to concede its control over Canadian affairs, it gradually began to surrender it after Lord Durham's famous report of 1838 emphasizing the need for more local self-government.

Although the act of Union of 1840 (which for a time made Ontario and Quebec into one province) did not officially carry out Lord Durham's recommendation of "Responsible Government" it provided Canadians their first experience with a Federal type of Government as the sometimes hostile French and English elements had to co-operate for the effective function of government. Nine years after the Act of Union the British Government conceded to the colonial legislatures almost complete rights of local self-government by instructing their governors to always follow the "advice" of the representatives (in effect the local prime minister and his cabinet) of the majority groups in each provincial legislature.

The American Civil War, some incipient nationalism, and a British desire at the time to gradually give up her colonies, combined with the need for a larger economy plus the work of such men as John A. Macdonald, Cartier, Brown, and Tupper (to mention a few) led to the next Imperial Law affecting our future independence. This was the British

North America Act of 1867, which brought together the nucleus of present-day Canada (Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia) "federally united into one Dominion under the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, with a Constitution similar in principle to that of the United Kingdom."

July 1, 1867, was a significant step on the road to independence, but it was by no means the last as the United Kingdom retained control over Canada's External Affairs while recognizing internal self-government.

The loose ends of sovereignty were picked up by the Statute of Westminster, which made the principles of the Imperial Conference of 1926 law. Henceforth no laws of a Dominion could be affected by acts of the British Parliament. In other words the Government of Great Britain had given up its old powers with respect to the Dominions. Thus December 11, 1931, deserves to be called our independence day since for all practical purposes it marked the end of three hundred and twenty years of evolution from colony to nation that began with Champlain's establishment of his "Habitation" at Quebec in 1608. Although our achievement of independence lacks the glamour of the "American Revolution" it is none the less real. Although few Canadians shed blood for our freedom it is still the work of dedicated men working against great obstacles in their desire for freedom. That these men chose the path of persuasion, hard work, and political education of their fellows to that of bloody revolution and bitter feeling is something every Canadian should be proud of. Let us concede to our American cousins a more gaudy achievement of their freedom and congratulate them on their justifiable pride in their country, but not be ashamed of our own evolution (as opposed to their revolution) and the men who made it possible.

Remember December 11th as a day of fulfillment—the fulfillment of our journey to Westminster—and freedom.

## Comox Flyers Down Luckies

by "CAM"

Led by centreman Don MacLeod with a 3-goal "hat trick" and an assist on another, the RCAF Flyers defeated the Port Alberni Luckies by a 7-4 score in a regular Nanaimo District Hockey League game on Sunday afternoon January 28 at the Nanaimo Arena.

The winners led at the end of the first period 2-1 on MacLeod's first goal and one by Johnny Hunter; Paul Blais scoring the Luckies' goal.

In the second period the Flyers went ahead 4-1 on goals by Hunter and MacLeod, his second of the game, but before the period had ended Luckies had tied up the game with three goals by Middleton, Blais with his second of the game, and Dewberry.

The third period saw the Flyers outskate and outplay the Port Alberni team throughout the final session when they scored three unanswered goals by Wal Litouski, the "big M" (MacLeod), completing his hat trick of the game, and Rae Jones.

The game was fast throughout and was one of the best efforts shown by the Comox club this season. The Hunter-MacLeod-Jones line was easily the best on the ice as they collected a total of six goals and five assists. Both goalies turned in a fine performance especially in the final frame when both teams were beaten on numerous break-away plays.

Stops on goal: by Routhier (Flyers) 32; by White (Luckies) 26.

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## Policemen are People

Submitted by AF Police Staff  
(Extract from Michigan Police Journal)

Policemen, believe it or not, are human. They come in both sexes, but mostly male. They also come in various sizes. This sometimes depends on whether you are looking for one or trying to hide something. However, they are mostly big.

Policemen are found everywhere—on land, on sea, in the air, on horses and sometimes in the hair. In spite of the fact that "you can't find one when you want one", they are usually there when it counts most. The best way to get one is to pick up a phone.

Policemen deliver lectures, babies and bad news.

They are required to have the wisdom of Solomon, the disposition of a lamb and muscles of steel, and are often accused of having a heart to match. He's the one who rings the doorbell, swallows hard and announces the passing of a loved one, then spends the rest of the day wondering why he ever took such a crummy job.

On TV, a policeman is an oaf who couldn't find a bull fiddle inside a telephone booth. In real life, he's expected to find a little blond boy "about so high" in a crowd of half a million people. In fiction, he gets his help from private eyes, reporters and "whodunit" fans. In real life, mostly all he gets from the public is "I didn't see nuthin'!"

When he serves a summons he's a monster. If he lets you go he's a doll. To little kids he's either a friend or a bogeyman, depending on how the parents feel about it.

He works 'round the clock, split shifts, Sunday and holidays, and it always kills him when a joker says, "Hey! Tomorrow's election day. I'm off. Let's go fishing." That's the day he works 20 hours.

When a policeman is good, he's a "grafter" and that goes for the rest of them too. When he shoots a stick-up man, he's a hero, except when the stick-up man is "only a kid." Anybody could see, that.

Lots of them have homes, some covered with ivy but most of them with mortgages. If he drives a big car, he's a chicer; a little car, "Who's he kidding?" His credit is good which is helpful because his

salary isn't. Policemen raise lots of kids but most of them belong to other people.

The policeman sees more misery, bloodshed, trouble and sunrises than the average person. Like the postman, a policeman must also be out in all kinds of weather. His uniform changes with the climate but his outlook on life remains the same; mostly blank, but hoping for a better world.

Policemen like days off, vacations and coffee. They don't like auto horns, family fights and anonymous letter writers. They have an association, but they don't strike. They must be impartial, courteous and always remember the slogan "At Your Service." This is sometimes hard, especially when a character reminds him, "I'm a taxpayer and I pay your salary."

Policemen get medals for saving lives, stopping runaway horses and shooting it out with bandits. Once in a while their widows get the medals.

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A venir jusqu'a present, la principale methode de lutte contre les maladies dentaires etait l'obturation des dents cariees: c'etait un moyen correctif. La bataille est perdue; la maladie progresse plus rapidement que les soins qu'on peut y apporter. Maintenant, il faut attaquer le probleme sous un nouvel angle: de la correction il nous faut passer a la prevention.

Par prevention, on entend les moyens par lesquels on empechera le commencement de la carie plutot que l'arret et la reparation des caries deja existantes. Cette prevention trouve son application a differents niveaux de la societe; elle portera sur la population d'un pays, d'une ville, au sein meme de la famille. Ce qui nous concerne ce sont les soins preventifs au niveau familial.

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