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## ARCTIC FRIENDS



Outside an Eskimo hut at Cape Perry (Pin Main) in the western Arctic F/L R. J. Barnett makes friends with husky pups and Eskimo children. An avid photographer, F/L Barnett works in the Data Centre at the DEW Line site.

## RCAF Hunters Must Register

Station Comox has instituted mandatory registration for all airforce personnel from the unit who are proceeding on hunting or fishing trips.

This registration includes the names of everyone in the party, the specific or general area of operation, and the estimated time and date of return. Personnel must also report at the termination of their trip.

The system was devised to prevent unnecessary Search and Rescue operations causing needless expenditure and loss of valuable manhours. The registration will also provide valuable information should search operations become necessary.

In addition FS "Bob" Barlow has inaugurated a hun-

## UISCC - Coming Events

The Upper Island Sports Car Club's next competition event will be an Autocross this coming Sunday, commencing at 1 p.m. This event is similar to the Gymkhana which was staged on July 2nd in Courtenay, except that it takes place on a gravelled surface and is over a longer course. Site for the event is the gravel pit located off the Hardy Road, 4 miles north of Courtenay on Highway 19. A left turn off the highway onto Hardy Road will take you up a steep hill to a T junction, then a right turn will take you directly to the scene of the event. Competitors and

ter-safety course for teenagers. The course teaches youngsters safe gun handling and basic bush lore.

spectators are welcome. Entries are expected from Nanaimo and Alberni as well as local club and non club cars.

The next rally will be the second annual Tyee Rally on the 14th of October, with a course of approximately 150 miles, starting from Corfield Motors in Courtenay. Trophies for these two events have been donated to the club by North American Van Lines Ltd. and Corfield Motors, so there is a chance to win some hardware for the top of your bookcase.

Meetings take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at Sunnydale Golf Course, in the meeting room of the clubhouse. Anyone at all interested in motorsport is more than welcome to attend these meetings and meet with fellow enthusiasts.

## Health Director Reports On New Polio Vaccine

Dr. G. A. Gibson, Director of the Upper Vancouver Island Health Unit, announced last week that his office will shortly be receiving a supply of the new Sabin oral polio vaccine, sufficient for the immunization of every resident of the health unit area. Preparations are now under way for a special fall campaign starting on October 15, which, it is predicted, will go far towards wiping out the dread spectre of paralytic poliomyelitis... "With the hoped-for public acceptance and co-operation, polio could become little more than a memory, like the plague, smallpox or diphtheria."

In stressing the high degree of safety and efficiency of this new method of immunization, Dr. Gibson pointed out that it had been subjected to the most rigorous tests and inspection by some of the world's leading medical bodies, and that hundreds of millions of doses had now been administered without any ill effects. All Sabin vaccine to be used in British Columbia is a product of the Connaught Laboratories of Toronto, which have had many years of experience in making vaccine of a standard equal to the highest in the world. It is being provided free by the federal and provincial health departments.

"The most important goal of this campaign," said Dr. Gibson, "is that everyone, from the very young to the very old, be included. We are aiming at 100 per cent coverage of the population, and all our planning for the campaign is directed towards that end. We must forge an even strong-

er chain of defence against polio, and every unvaccinated person tends to weaken the vital links."

People who have had Salk vaccine are included, as are persons over 40 who were not included in the earlier polio vaccination programmes. "It is extremely important," said Dr. Gibson, "for all persons who have previously had the Salk injections to have their dose of the oral vaccine, for they now need a reinforcement. Tests of persons immunized with Salk vaccine—even those with a full series—have shown that their level of protection had dropped. For them, the oral vaccine is a most efficient 'booster'; for the previously unvaccinated, it will give a high degree of protection. I cannot stress too strongly that we need the participation of every single person in the community."

Speed and simplicity will keynote the procedure for ad-

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## FROM FLIGHT LINE TO "VARSITY"



Having completed grades 10-13 by correspondence in a period of 21 months, LAC Gerald F. McCabe, a former member of 409 "Nighthawk" Squadron at RCAF Station Comox, will now begin four years of studies towards a degree in electrical engineering at the University of New Brunswick.

The 29-year-old RCAF Aircraft Armament Systems Technician will attend the university under the RCAF's Subsidized University Training Plan for Serving Airmen.

LAC McCabe's previous education ended in 1947 when he completed grade 9 at Point Grey Jr. High School in Vancouver.

His renewed quest for learning began in October, 1960. At that time he started work on his grade 10 mathematics through correspondence and also enrolled at the Courtenay High School for night classes in jr. and sr. matriculation physics. He completed his night classes in June, 1961, and wrote and passed his final grade 13 correspondence exam on August 7th of this year.

Under the subsidization plan, LAC McCabe will receive his present pay and allowances while attending university, and hold the rank of Flight Cadet. Upon graduation, he will be granted a permanent commission in the RCAF with the rank of Flying Officer in the technical list.





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## Editorials

### Winter Works Program

Ah, how well I know it, — Fall is here again! My person is besieged by the well-intentioned who wish me to take evening courses in everything from underwater-basket-weaving to lapidary work. "People who live in wicker houses shouldn't throw stones!"

It is amazing, however, to find out how wide is the variety of things which are available to occupy one's time during the rainy months. There are a substantial number of academic commercial and hobby classes offered locally during the evenings at a nominal fee, and there are a number of dancing, singing and dramatic groups who are urgently in need of new talent. The Brownies, the Guides and Scouts need help. The padres need Sunday School teachers. There is a programme of musical concerts available at a small fee. The winter sports schedules are already under way. Truly, with this hive of activity buzzing on one's doorstep, no one need ever be bored by the longer evenings.

Yet every winter I meet mopey folk who complain that there is nothing to do on the station.

If you have lots of spare time on your hands, why not offer your services to one of the padres or to the Guide or Scout groups? These people always have to rely on the help of the same hard-working minority who faithfully turn up for the task year after year. What is more, if you are new to the station, there is no quicker or easier way of getting to know the people than to contribute your person to a community endeavour.

Now is the time to do a little thinking, to take stock of your spare time and plan your own winter programme wisely. If you do, you may find out that you have undiscovered talents and abilities.

### Wanted Urgently

Guide and Brownie Leaders are urgently required to help with the Wallace Gardens Brownie and Guide Camp. Anyone who is interested,

please contact:  
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Confessions: Before Masses and Saturday 7 to 8 p.m.  
Baptism: Sundays by appointment.

**Regional Catholic Social Life Conference**

Sept. 14-15-16, Victoria, B.C.  
This conference begins on Friday evening at 8 p.m. and concludes on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. with a banquet. The course consists of eight lectures by such outstanding men as Archbishop G. B. Flahiff, C.S.B., D.D., and Bishop Francis P. Carroll, D.D. Anyone wishing to attend this conference is asked to call Father Thomas.

**PROTESTANT CHAPEL**  
F/L H. PARKHOUSE

**SCHEDULE:**  
DIVINE WORSHIP—1100 hrs. Sunday, 9 Sept., onward.  
Nursery—1100 hrs. 9 Sept., onward.

Holy Communion—1200 hrs., the second Sunday of the month.

Holy Communion (Anglican)—0800 hrs. the first Sunday of the month.

Holy Baptism—Sunday by appointment.

### CHOIR

The Choir has commenced regular practice on Thursday, 6 Sept. at 2000 hrs. in the Chapel. You are invited to come and join us in singing the Lord's Praise. Membership in the Senior Choir is restricted to those of 15 years and above.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School will commence regular sessions on Sunday 30 Sept. with a pre-registration on Saturday 22 September. The hours will be the same as last year; i.e. 3, 4, 5-year-olds—1100 hrs., Wallace Gardens School; 6 years and older—0930 hrs., Wallace Gardens School. If our school is to carry on effectively, we will need a superintendent, 9 new teachers and 2 other officers. It is planned to hold a Teacher Training Course in the second week of September from 10-14 (Inclusive) or longer if required and desired.

### ANGELICAN COMMUNION

Anglican Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 2 Sept. at 0800 hrs. by the Rev. W. J. Lunny.

### ON THE USE OF TIME:

Time is the one possession that all men possess. It is the use we make of it that results in the value or lack of value of our contribution to life, to society-at-large. The proper use of time results in progress; the improper use in regression. Regardless of our other capabilities as individuals these facts apply to all. We might state this as an algebraic equation: the individual + time = contribution to life.

Now some readers will say to themselves that all this is fine philosophy, but it doesn't apply with much force in the welfare state, and with even less in the enclosed paternalistic system known as the RCAF. But wait a moment! Even in the RCAF we still have much more 'free' time than controlled hours. By virtue of the necessity imposed on all to earn a living the controlled hours must be spent more or less as we are told. But not so with the free time. In the free time we can eat, sleep, play, study, relax, travel, engage in community activities, worship and serve.

When this is published and

read, the summer will be spent and we will be planning our Fall and Winter activities. We will be determining how to use our TIME, that most valuable possession. How will it be with you? Will the net result of your use of time be positive or negative? Uplifting to yourself, your family, your community, your world or just simply self-enjoyment, going along? Through your Chapel you can give your time to the positive, constructive side of life. You, yourself can worship and serve God and your children and others. Only you can sing in the choir, help in the Guild, teach in the Sunday School, serve on the Chapel Committee. Will you?

## Guides - Brownies - Parents!

A Registration and Social Night will be held on Monday, September 17, 1962.

Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Social Centre.  
Registration Fee: \$1.00.

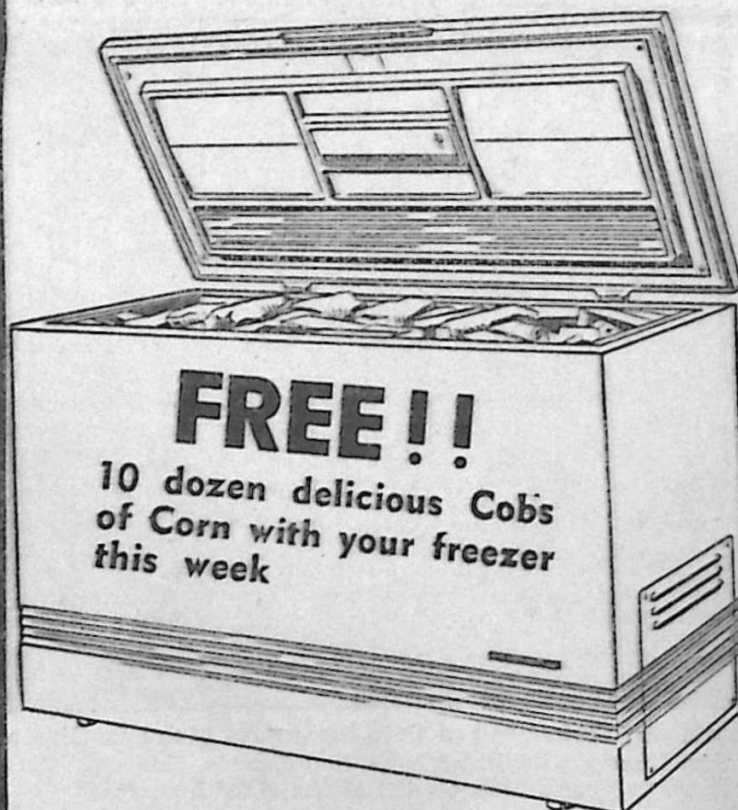
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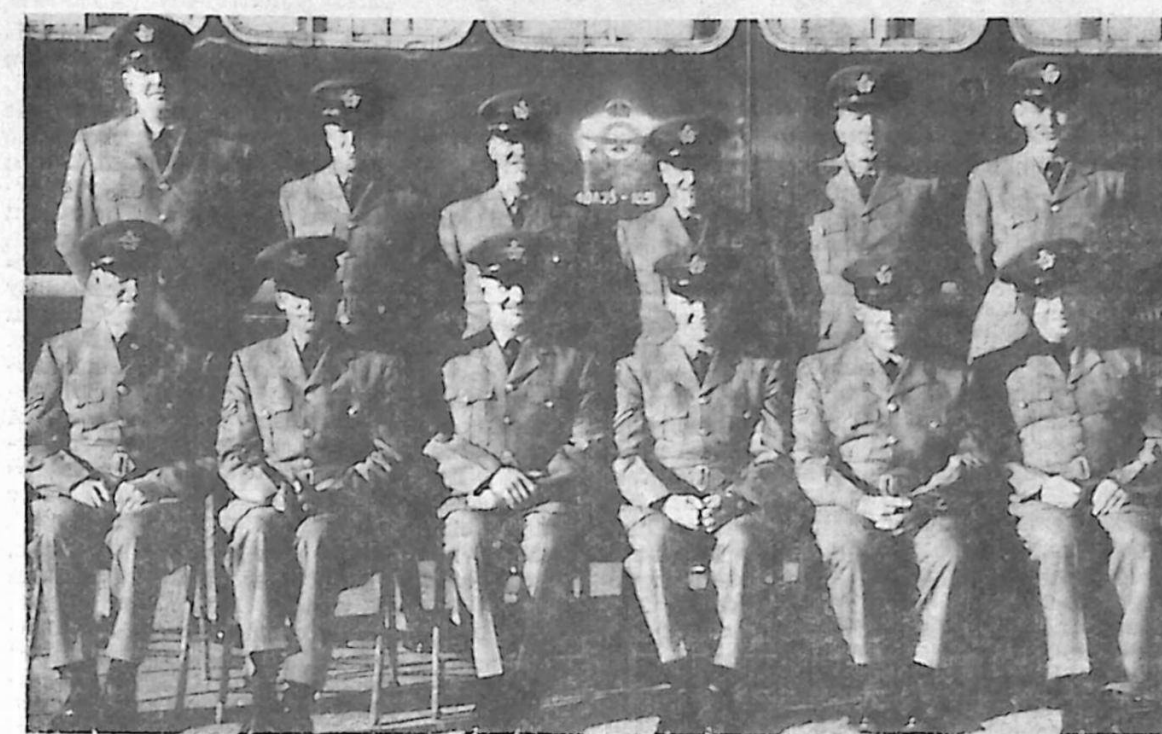
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## ME DRIVING COMPETITION COMPETITOR 5



LAC Ken Laforce, back row right, last week was judged tops at RCAF Station Comox in driving skill, deportment and vehicle defect inspection. He will represent RCAF Station Comox at the MAC competitions in Ottawa on the 29th of this month.

## MSE Headlights

By DIPSWITCH

### INTAKE

You'll notice that we have a slight increase in our personnel this month. First on the list is MSEop. Sgt. "Don" Henderson from Stn Torbay—hometown, Kelihier, Sask. Our golf enthusiasts are looking happier, with another victim joining their ranks. Also, our two curlers are smiling these days. Maybe they won't have to import this year. Next on the list, from 4 FWG, MSEop. Cpl. Frank Luxford, a native of Windsor, Ont. "Lux" is a keen supporter of section or organized sports, so we hope he won't be disappointed in his stay in our section. In from Stn. St. John, MSETech. Cpl. "King" Thurber, who calls Freeport, Digby Co., N.S., home. King is an indoor/outdoor type with a varied variety of interests. He was the Car Club manager at St. John's. Joining Comox for the second tour of duty (years back was with 407 Squadron) is MBC LAC Al Carrigan from Stn. Goose Bay. Al hails from Glasgow, Scotland and is keen on SCUBA diving, and water safety. Last but not least, MSEop. AC1 "Ern" Brown, from Camp Borden—formerly Stn. Mose Jaw. A native of

Victoria, B.C.—all we can add is "welcome home".

### EXHAUST

Most of our decrease this month is from the Marine Section, in spite of protests from FS Wilf Hetman. His latest departures to greener seas are MBC LAC "Reg." Martin of Trenton, Ont., to Stn Goose Bay, and MBC LAC John Monks of Peterborough, Ont., to Stn. Holberg. We heard a rumor that John is considering setting up a Model Railroad Club when he gets up north.

### PLUGS

Our congratulations go to LAC Ken Laforce of Buckingham, Que., who came first in our SAFE AND SKILLED DRIVING Competition on Western Flyer 40 — passenger bus. Ken is representing MAC as a bus driver at the SAFETY-RAMA to be held at Stn. Rockcliffe at the end of September. All our best wishes go with you Ken, for your continued success.

### SPUTTERS

Twenty-one hopeful contestants entered the 1962 MSE Masters and Open Golf Championships held last Saturday at Courtenay's Sunnydale. The open champion's trophy was won by our MSEO F/O Eric Cook, who shot a par 70. Sgt. Bill Lachoski won the coveted Masters Grand Prize with a neat 83, which included two birdies. The nearest pin shots were won by Sgt. Don Henderson for No. 8 hole, and Sgt. Cam Campbell the No. 3 hole. The longest slam of the day, 285 yds., was turned in by Cpl. Red Cowan. Mr. Dick Machin ended up with the highest aggregate of 79 after a very close grand finale.



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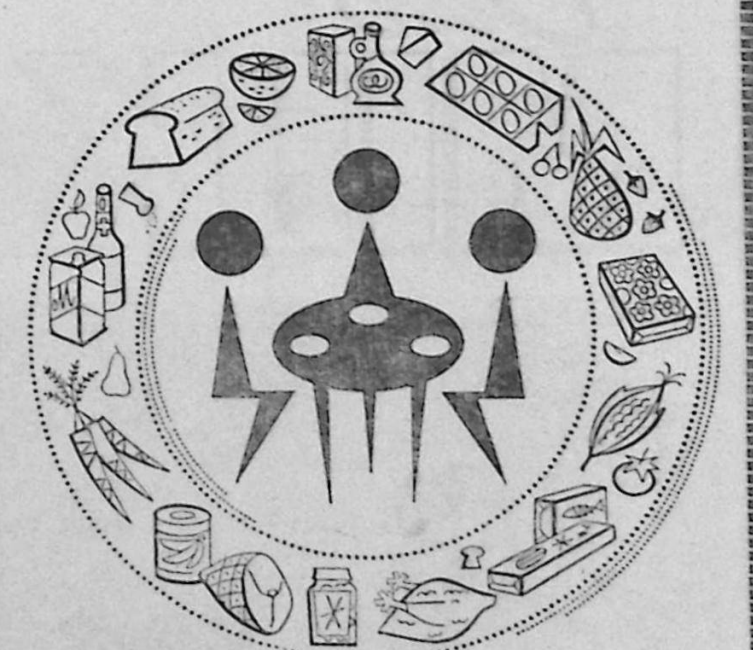
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## Youth Recreation News

By BOB PARKER

### RED CROSS SWIM PROGRAM

During the months of July and August we had 93 dependent children attend the Summer Swim Classes at the CRA pool in Courtenay. This was a good turn out and even those who did not graduate obtained a thorough indoctrination in all the aspects of Water Safety. To those who graduated we pass out "congratulations", to those who didn't make the

grade we say "sorry, better luck next time."

### WINTER ACTIVITIES

Members of all Recreation projects of last winter are to watch for a PMQ flier on your individual recreation. We will be coming around before the 20 Sept. with the complete new winter line-up for Art Classes, Jr. Rifle Club, Stamp Club, Teen Town, Teen Bowling and the rest of the sports. So keep a "sharp eye" out for this PMQ bulletin.

### BASEBALL UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Any boys who have baseball equipment of any sort out on loan from either Sgt. Armstrong or Sgt. Jonasson are requested to return these items as soon as possible please. We need these items back so they can be cleaned, repaired and readied for the 63 spring season. PARENTS — Please look through your son's summer collection to see if he has any gear hidden. We need all our baseball gear for next year.

THANKS.  
Janet Mansell, entertainment committee.  
We welcome the following new members, who were at the meeting—  
Carol Grantham, Joan Gal-lacher, Darlene Hepworth, Sharon Horoshe, Lynne Jeffrey, Leata Nielson, Joan Nelson, Pat MacKenzie and Marlene Shook.

## Officers' Wives Club News

The Officers' Wives' Club held their first meeting of the fall season on Wednesday, September 5th. The theme of the meeting was "Name That Tune" and each lady came dressed as a song. Sharon Forslin won the prize for guessing the titles of the most songs. Bea Johnston won the door prize.

Spoons were presented to Sharon Forslin, whose husband leaves shortly for a one-year posting in Egypt, and Ann Rogers, who is accompanying her husband to California while he is on course.

An election of officers took place, with Diane Casson being elected president. Mary Henderson, sec'y-treas., and Mary Kelly, Shirley Roson and

## Hunter Safety

By BOB BARLOW

Hunter Safety Instructor (NRA)

FORWORD: The purpose of teaching Hunter Safety is to minimize the danger to people who handle rifles, and to in fact any firearm, and to innocent bystanders wherever they may be, either on the rifle range, in the forests or at home; by teaching you the safe and proper handling of weapons.

Bear in mind that a BB gun and a 22 cal. rifle though small, are both extremely dangerous and must always be handled safely. Let us not forget the shot-gun either. It is extremely dangerous at close range and most accidents are at close range.

Safe handling of weapons is most important. More and more people are purchasing rifles and hunting licences each year, and the number of injuries and fatalities has been growing steadily. Crowded hunting conditions are likely the cause of the increase in accidents, but this can be avoided only an excuse for, if every person were to handle his rifle in accordance with the rules of safety, there should be no ACCIDENTS.

Most accidents are caused by lack of gun knowledge about proper gun handling or the failure to use such knowledge. The instructions provided by this course together with common sense, of which we all have our share, will result in safe hunting.

The main theme is safety, listed hereunder by eight (8) basic rules for safe handling of weapons.

- (1) Treat every gun as if it were loaded until you have personally proved otherwise.
- (2) Always keep the action open except when ready to fire.
- (3) Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- (4) Know your weapon and ammunition.
- (5) Be sure of your target.
- (6) Be sure of your target.
- (7) Never mix alcohol and gunpowder.
- (8) Obey instantly all firing line commands.

### REMEMBER! SAFETY PAYS FOR ALL HUNTERS

- (1) Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun.
- (2) Guns carried into camp or home, or when otherwise not in use, MUST ALWAYS BE UNLOADED.
- (3) Always be sure barrel and action are clear of obstructions and that you have the right ammunition of the proper size for the gun you are carrying.
- (4) Always carry your gun so that you control the direction of the muzzle—EVEN if you stumble.
- (5) Be sure of your target before squeezing the trigger. (Don't shoot at sound or movement).
- (6) Never point a gun at anything you do not wish to shoot—Avoid horseplay.
- (7) Unattended guns should be unloaded.
- (8) Never climb a tree or fence with a loaded gun.

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(9) Never shoot a bullet at flat hard surface or on the surface of water.

(10) Avoid alcoholic drinks—before or during shooting.

As proof of the need for a Hunter Safety Program, hereunder are listed collected statistics on hunting accidents in the Province of Ontario from 1954-57 showing a total of 275 of which 84 were fatal, more than 30% or almost one in three:

1954	21	49	70
1955	13	56	79
1956	18	44	62
1957	22	42	64

Remember also the tragic fatal accidents which occurred in this area last season because proper safety rules were not followed and practiced.

### ENJOY YOUR HUNTING BUT BE CAREFUL

Watch DROs and PMQ Bulletins for the date of Course No. 4 in Hunter Safety to be held at 1900 hrs in the Nuclear Defence Building opposite the Station Infirmary.

Send your son and come along yourself if you can spare the time.

Boys 12-18 years are welcome to attend but require a written permit from father or mother.

### 410 SQUADRON ANNUAL REUNION

The Annual Reunion of 410 (Cougar) Squadron is being held this year on Saturday, 6 October, at RCAF Uplands.

Any of you who are interested in attending, please contact the OC 410 Squadron at Uplands.

## Nighthawk News

A few weeks ago, two members of our squadron, F/L Dave Broabent and F/L Vic Bartlett, were forced to bail out of their Voodoo. Somewhere among the maze of rocks and trees, known as the coast range, they parachuted to safety. The alarm went out, and as the tension was mounting, Search & Rescue and 407 Squadron duty crew proceeded to the area in search of the CF101B crew. They located both crew members within three hours, demonstrating a high degree of efficiency. 409 Squadron extends to 407 and to the Search & Rescue boys our sincere thanks for a job well done.

Last Sunday week 409 Sqn. participated in "Operation Skyshield III". The ground crews responsible for the turnaround procedures exhibited a top-notch performance allowing 409 Squadron to have a very successful day. Good show!

As the rainy season is but a short time away, "A" Flight Commander, F/L Ray Jolley, has recommended a "Survival Training Exercise" for all "A" Flt. personnel. Since survival training is always good for the soul, everybody volunteered to spend two days of the coming weekend for this exercise. This writer's feeling is that it's going to be another successful 409 project.

P/O Ray Harpell took the plunge last weekend, and now, enters the ranks of those who live outside the gates. Congratulations to F/L Harpell and his lovely bride, the Squadron wishes him the best.

"Voodoo Night" held in the Officers' Mess last Saturday night was a smashing success. Reliable sources inform me that the costumes were just splendid.

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## Oral Polio Vaccine Coming to B.C. Soon

In mid October oral poliomyelitis vaccine will be offered to all residents of the lower mainland and Vancouver Island. A similar programme covering the rest of the province was completed during the latter part of May, with no untoward incidents that could be ascribed directly to the feeding of the vaccine.

The vaccine used will be the trivalent Sabin type, produced by the Connaught Medical Research Laboratories at the University of Toronto. This vaccine must be kept under refrigeration at all times. If it is to be stored for any length of time it must be kept below -40° F. At 37° F, it has a useful life of only 30 days. Therefore, in order to maintain maximum potency, it is planned to keep it in the sharp-freeze sections of various frozen locker plants and distribute it to clinics just before use.

Sabin attenuated poliovirus, like the naturally occurring virus, multiplies in the digestive tract and is excreted in the feces for several weeks or even months. During this period the virus may be transmitted unknowingly to other persons, particularly young children in the same household, parents and playmates. Spread of the attenuated virus from vaccines to other persons is only dangerous if the vaccine virus becomes virulent again after multiple passages through the main digestive tract and is again able to cause paralytic poliomyelitis among susceptible humans.

Although the Sabin strain of poliovirus may become slightly more virulent after repeated human passages, hundreds of millions of doses of this vaccine have now been distributed without a case of paralytic poliomyelitis having been attributed to the use of this vaccine.

The possibility of such an occurrence can be made even more remote by feeding the vaccine to everyone in a community within a very short space of time. The closer one can arrive at full acceptance, the fewer will be the number of people without circulating poliovirus antibodies which act as a barrier and prevent virulent poliovirus from leaving the digestive tract and passing by way of the bloodstream to the central nervous system.

Because of the absolute necessity of keeping the vaccine at lower temperatures than can be obtained in most refrigerators and because of the desirability of feeding the vaccine to as many people as possible within a few days, it has been decided to ask the Metropolitan Health Departments and local health units to carry out an organized programme in every community rather than placing the vaccine in the hands of the private practitioner for use as the occasion presents itself.

Although a higher degree of protection is usually obtained by feeding vaccine types 1, 2 and 3 separately at six-week intervals, it is felt that the number of people who will seek protection will be much higher if they are required to attend one clinic only. Most people respond well to type 2 vaccine on the initial feeding, therefore the Connaught vaccine has been adjusted to contain a relatively higher number of types 1 and 3 virus particles. In a study carried out in Prince Albert during 1961, more than 90 per cent of 24,000 subjects responded well to the first feeding of the specific vaccine formula that will be used in British Columbia.

A second dose of oral vaccine will be offered in mid-March, 1963, to give protection to those who might not have responded to all three

## ATTENTION ALL TOTEM INN MEMBERS

The following positions of your club committee must be filled within the next month:

Bar Officer

Vice Bar Officer

Sports Officer

Vice Sports Officer

Vice Housing Officer

5 Male Members for the Entertainment Committee

2 Female Members for the Entertainment Committee

Anyone wishing to volunteer for these positions is asked to contact the PMC or Secretary. This is your club and here is your chance to help run it.

All offices are subject to approval of the general membership at the next meeting.

comitantly.

A small number of vaccines may be expected to develop a mild reaction, starting soon after vaccination and lasting for one to three days. The symptoms may include muscle aches and pains, headache, fatigue, abdominal discomfort and loose stools. No serious side effects directly attributable to the vaccine have been observed.

It is now considered that there are no contradictions to the use of Sabin vaccine, other than the fact that, like any other immunization agent, it should not be given to an acutely ill person.

All are urged to give this program their full support and thus ensure a 100 per cent turn out. At this moment it is planned to vaccinate dependents at the school in the PMQ, area and service personnel at the Station Infirmary. Further details will be made available at Polio Day approaches.

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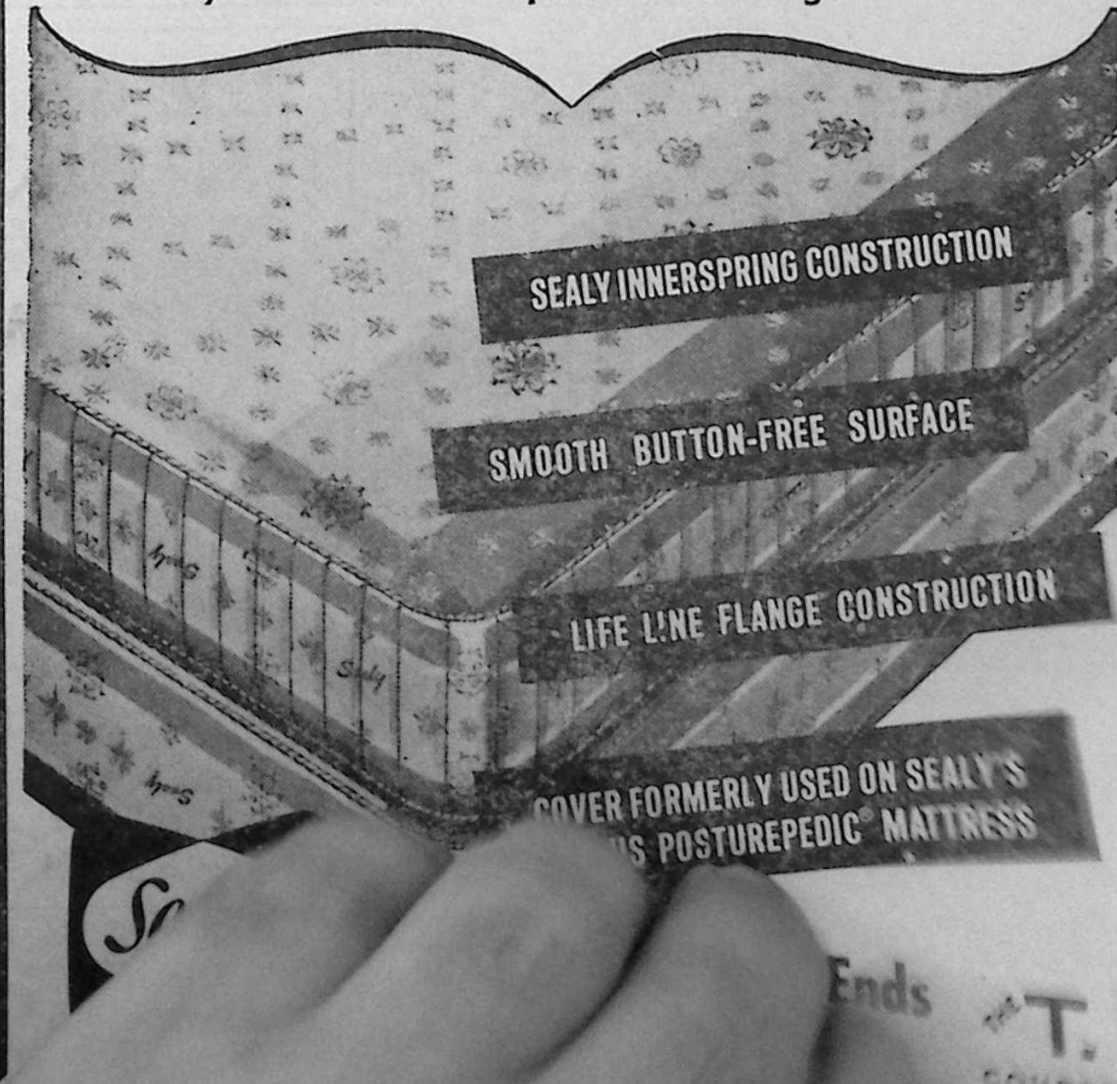
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## Auto Panorama

### ROAD TESTS

By MICK STANDING

#### THE FORD CONSUL CONVERTIBLE

The immediate reaction to the Consul is one of interest, because here is one of the very few imported convertibles that isn't a sport car. There are one or two others, but one is several hundred dollars more and the other over a thousand.

Assessing the Consul's styling is not too difficult as it is a well established design that has sold in sedan, convertible and wagon versions by the thousands. The convertible top is unique in that it can be used in a third position apart from retracted and stowed, known in that delightful English that sounds impressive but doesn't make much sense as 'coupe de ville'. Basically, what it amounts to is a top that locks into position providing cover for the rear seat but open top over the front. This is a very desirable feature—even in the early morning or late evening the car is pleasant to drive with the top in this position, with fresh air still being admitted without the draughts of a fully down top.

Finish on the car is typical for mass production, neither better or worse than the average. The Consul is not an exotic design—but it fits smoothly into a parking lot full of domestic machinery without looking at all out of place. The trunk is roomy for an import, and is easy to unload. Engine accessibility is good, and the hood has an internal release.

#### INTERIOR

The space required for storage of the convertible top cuts down rear seat room in the car, but there is still comfortable seating for two adults or three children. Fit of the windows to the convertible top is excellent, and they are draught free, even at speed. The dash has all the essentials with knobs marked in the international code, so that one can recognize instantly which knob performs each function. The

front seat is one piece, with divided backs, much the same as a domestic two door car, and over the test mileage proved comfortable.

#### ON THE ROAD

Earlier references to the Consul's similarity to a domestic product are born out by its behaviour on the road. With a standard three-speed column shift, light steering and smooth clutch action, anyone used to a Canadian Ford or any other make for that matter, would feel instantly at home. True, the power isn't the same, but for normal driving the car responds much the same as its Canadian cousin. It will corner well for a car of its class, which is an economy convertible. Not all soft top cars are sports cars, and as long as one remembers this, it is hard to fault the handling of the Consul without being unfair to the car. On the economy side, the four cylinder engine of over 50 h.p. can give up to 30 m.p.g. under normal driving—easing along with a view to stretching the fuel has resulted in up to 49 m.p.g. under tests. Acceleration is hampered by the three-speed gearbox—it cannot compare with competitive cars equipped with four-speed transmissions, but the difference is measured by a few seconds, and to many people the convenience of a standard shift is worth the slight penalty in performance. As far as cruising speed, the maximum legal highway speed finds the Consul cruising easily without fuss or strain.

#### SUMMARY

The principal attraction of this car lies in its body style—anyone who wants an open car capable of carrying more than two people, with four cylinder economy and a price tag of less than \$3,000 will find their choice rather limited. The Consul meets all these requirements, with the added attraction of its three-position top, and a proven design with excellent dealer and parts service across the nation to back it up.

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## FATIMA

Portugal's Village of Miracles

By BOB BARLOW

Situated on the summit of a range of rolling hills approximately 90 miles north of Lisbon is the tiny remote village of Fatima.

Each year Christian pilgrims by the million journey here to attend one of this century's most unusual religious events.

The two largest pilgrimages are held twice a year, one on 13th May, and the second on 13th October, each attracting approximately one half million worshippers and second only to Lourdes and Lisieux in France. In addition to these two pilgrimages, the Miracle of Fatima is observed on the 13th day of each month throughout the year, although attendance is moderate.

Religious history records that on a warm spring day on 13th May 1917 in a lonely pasture about 2 miles from the village, the story of Fatima was born. Three Portuguese children, Lucia dos Santos, aged 10, and her first cousins Francisco, aged 9, and Jacinta Marto, aged 7, were tending a flock of sheep when suddenly the sky grew darkly overcast and a dreadful electrical storm shattered the spring sky.

Fearful of the storm, with its thunder and lightning, the youngsters hurriedly drove the flock of sheep in the direction of their home in the village of Aljustrel, close to Fatima.

As they walked along the lonely country road, they were, according to their story, surrounded by a shining light and instantly they noticed the outline of a beautiful woman just above a small oak tree. All children say they heard the woman speak, inviting them to return to the same location for the next five months, and on the 13th day.

During the summer of 1917 from May until October, each month on the 13th, except for August, the figure of the beautiful lady appeared and always at the noon hour. Each month the children went to the small oak tree in the pasture and as the fame of the vision spread, adults followed, some coming from as far away as Lisbon. During the first visit the "vision" had told the children she was from Heaven and that on a later visit, perhaps the last, she would tell them who she was.

During the waiting period she asked them to say the Rosary every day. It was also during one of these visits that the children were told a secret that they were not to repeat to anyone.

In August, 1917, considerable interest and curiosity had been aroused because of the happenings at Fatima, and the government feelings were

reflected in the Portuguese papers. The mood of the government at that time was anticlerical.

On August 13th that year the children started for the pasture but the mayor of the village of Orem nearby caught them and took them away. They were escorted to Orem village and locked in the mayor's house and thus prevented from being at the appointed place in the pasture for the fourth visit of the "vision."

The mayor of this village tried all methods to induce the three children to talk and reveal the secrets told them by the "vision." Unable to find out, he locked them in a jail with common drunks and thieves who were awaiting trial. After this he led the children, one at a time, from the jail and threatened that a pot of hot oil would be their punishment—but one by one they refused to answer his questions.

Later in August the children said they again saw the vision in a different location and she said that her last appearance would be 13th October, 1917.

The news of this last visit spread quickly throughout the land and as the day dawned, 50,000 people were gathered near the spot in the pasture. Many of the people were free-thinkers and sceptics who came only to criticize.

The children arrived at the small oak with their parents who protected them from these sceptics. As the three

children knelt near the tree Lucia was heard to say "Here she comes," "Here she comes." When Lucia asked the vision what she wanted of them, she was told that a Chapel should be built on the spot in honour of the visit.

The girl was then told "I am the Lady of the Rosary" immediately after this the whole crowd swore that the sun whirled and spun with brightness and seemed to come toward them like a projectile. Some people blamed natural facts for this illusion but all agreed that it did happen where and when the children had said.

At this date Lucia is a Carmelite nun at Dolmbrá, north of Fatima. The two cousins died during the influenza epidemic which swept through Spain and Portugal in 1919, two years after the appearance of the vision.

In 1942 Lucia finished writing an account of her experiences in the pasture in which she states the Lady had shown the three children a vision at the hill on July 13th, 1917. Further, Lucia said the Lady had requested their devotion should be spread afield, especially to Russia.

The third part of the secret was not revealed by Lucia in her writings, but she delivered it sealed to the Bishop of Leira, Portugal.

Today the miracle of the meadow near Fatima is represented by a large basilica, two large hospices, several convents as well as guest houses and shops.

On the 13th of each month just as the children visited the little oak tree, so faithfully, so do many thousands of persons from May to October, flock to the shrine on foot, donkey cart and other means of transport, many of them carrying their own food.

Buses now ply the route from Lisbon and surrounding cities and towns carrying increasing numbers of tourists—pilgrims who maintain faith in our Lady of Fatima.

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## Smokey's Corner

After much twisting of arms, we have volunteered our services to contribute something to our worthy journal. As it has been some time since the Smokey's have made an appearance we would like to take this opportunity to welcome LAC Geneau and family, also LAC McIntyre, to the sunshine coast, and to wish them all a very happy tour at Comox.

We would like all our friends to understand that the strange odor that emits from the fire hall is not a fish market, it is only that the fishing derbies are upon us. Unfortunately we do not get to keep the fish, only the weigh-in papers. In the Airmen's Club Derby we had a few winners, right here in the fire hall, LAC KNUDSON, and LAC BECKER—congratulations fellows! In the current Senior NCO's Mess derby our senior NCO's are

making a bid for recognition as fishermen. Are you sure you used a ruler on those trout Sarge?

There is not much more news on the social side, but on a more serious vein we would crave the indulgence of the readers of this god journal. As summer wanes and winter prepares to take over, and outdoor activities make way for indoor activities, this means many things to many people. To the Fire Department it means more vigilance in Fire Prevention and Fire Precautions.

Some time in the near future the Fire Prevention Flight will be calling on PMQ's to check on fire hazards. They are visiting you in their uniforms, now, simply because they want to avoid a call later in their rubber boots. Their call is to try and eliminate the more obvious fire hazards. It is the best way to cut in half the number of residential blazes.

The things they will be on the look out for are, poor housekeeping, particularly in the basements. How about giving it a look over, get rid of those extra cans of gas, the boating season is very nearly over anyway. Make sure the space around the furnace is kept clear at all times. If father does a bit of carpentry, give the wood pile a going over. It is amazing how the junk grows and we don't really need it all. Give your power tools a look see — and those old newspapers, how they pile up!

Watch those things that can and will under the right conditions, ignite spontaneously, such as rags impregnated with wax, some types of furniture polish, etc. Rubbish is the nesting place of spontaneous ignition, a fire breeder and a fire spreader as well. Don't let it accumulate. Have a look at your electric appliances, check for fraying cords if they need repairing. Get them repaired, don't just go on using

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by I. M. N. ADDICT

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S-A 64  
H-A Q J 10  
D-8 5 4  
C-K 10 7  
East  
S-J 9 8 7 3 2  
H-8 3 2  
D-Q 6  
C-Q 3  
South  
S-5  
H-K 9 7 6 5 4  
D-2  
C-A J 8 5 4  
East-West vulnerable

Pictured above is a set of hands which produced many variations in bidding and play. East has the length for a pre-emptive bid but his 16 points is in excess of the conventional pre-emptive bid which is usually reserved for a hand that is relatively weak and which you use to interfere with the opponents' bidding room hoping to keep them from a makeable game. However, at one table the pre-empt was tried and it was sufficient to scare the North-South players out of the auction. With the favorable vulnerability to bolster their nerve either North or South could overcall in hearts. Once they enter the bidding North-South won't stop short of 4 hearts. With the help of aggressive bidding or stiff competition from East-West they can go as high as 6 hearts and make it. The most common bid was 4 hearts, followed by 5 hearts, depending how soon East gave up.

From the East-West point of view top defence by North-South would defeat any number of diamonds above 3. The top defence would be the lead of the 5 or spades, a ruff of the spade return and a shift to clubs. A heart opener would allow 4 diamonds to be made, while a heart shift after the ruff would allow 5 diamonds to be made. Worst of all from the defensive point of view would be a heart shift immediately after the spade

them. Watch those cards going under the carpets, and do keep those matches out of the reach of the very young children. These and many more must be kept in check for only by your constant vigilance can the menace fire be kept at bay.

We could of course quote statistics and fill the pages of this journal with instances of serious fires involving life and loss which more stringent fire prevention measures may have prevented or at least minimized. The fact remains that fire losses have risen by leaps and bounds in the last few years. As in medicine, it has been found that prevention is better than cure, especially as with fire there is no cure, but only a minimizing of damage.

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### Health Director

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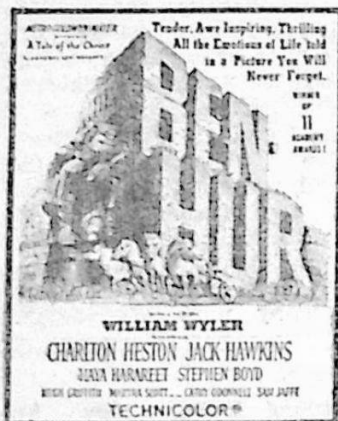
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## Attention Parents

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