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Maritime Air Command 1963

For Maritime Air Command the past year has been one of consolidation. The beginning of 1962 marked the end of a long build-up necessitated by the introduction of the Argus anti-submarine aircraft, which was introduced into the RCAF in 1958. Since that time, personnel strength has been doubled, new hangars, fuel storage areas, married quarters, schools and other facilities have been constructed up to the first of 1962. The Command was therefore able to concentrate on its peacetime job of operations and training during the past year.

On Canada's east coast, Maritime Patrol squadrons provided at least one operational aircraft on surveillance patrol over the Atlantic twenty-four hours a day throughout the year. During the Cuban crisis, patrol requirements were increased considerably and were easily fulfilled by the three Argus equipped anti-submarine squadrons located in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. During one of these patrols, an Argus aircraft from Stn. Greenwood photographed a Soviet submarine proceeding to Russia on the surface. On Canada's west coast, a Maritime Patrol Squadron equipped with Neptune aircraft worked in concert with U.S. anti-submarine forces on surveillance patrols and exercises during the year.

The Maritime Operational Training Unit and the Maritime Proving and Evaluation Unit located at RCAF Station Summerside P.E.I. continued to train aircrew members and test and evaluate new operational equipment during the year.

To maintain their second to none anti-submarine capability, RCAF Maritime Patrol squadrons participated in NATO, Canada-U.S. and national exercises during the past year. A program of visits to foreign bases to familiarize aircrews with the anti-submarine warfare operational procedures of allied forces was continued during 1962. Bases visited include Thule, Greenland; Key West, Florida; Bermuda, the Azores, Iceland, Gibraltar, Great Britain and France.

In 1962, Maritime Air Command Operational Squadrons on Canada's East Coast flew over 21,000 hours and on Canada's West Coast over 8,000 hours.

The RCAF search and rescue units (S&R) at Greenwood, Nova Scotia under the control of a Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Halifax, and the S&R Unit at Vancouver, British Columbia, under the control of the Vancouver Rescue Centre, carried out many missions during the year. One hundred and twenty-nine air evacuations, fifty marine and eighteen aircraft searches as well as miscellaneous searches, amounted to 825 flying hours by East Coast S&R units during 1962.

One of the new Search and Rescue tri-phenic Albatross aircraft based at Greenwood, N.S., established a Canadian record for its type by completing a non-stop flight from

Vancouver Island, B.C., to its home base. An "open-sea" landing made two hundred miles off the Nova Scotian coast by an Albatross from Greenwood was a "first" by the RCAF version of this aircraft. Helicopters from this unit played major roles in many searches and rescues. The most notable was the rescue of crewmen from the freighter "SUERTE", grounded on Nova Scotia's rocky coast. Adverse weather conditions at the time of the rescue made the operation extremely hazardous.

At RCAF Station Torbay, a Rescue Sub-Centre directs the activities of 107 Search & Rescue Unit. This unit, flying WWII Lancasters converted for the search and rescue role, flew many hours carrying out a variety of tasks. Calls for urgently needed blood in remote areas of Newfoundland were answered by "blood-drops" from a Lancaster. This operation consisted of dropping by parachute, specially constructed wicker baskets containing blood plasma. In keeping with an ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) commitment, many hours were flown by Torbay aircraft in escorting aircraft in distress over the Atlantic to the safety of the nearest land base. Providing escort for Royal Flights and acting as "duck-butt" aircraft (acting as a homing and rescue aircraft) for military planes being ferried overseas via Greenland, Iceland, Scotland and the Continent were two other duties performed by 107 Rescue Unit in 1962. In 1963 the Lancaster, which has provided such faithful yeoman service during past years, will be replaced in its Search and Rescue role by North Star aircraft.

At Station Vancouver, B.C., many gruelling hours of search in mountainous country and along rocky coasts were carried out by search aircraft from 121 Composite Unit. Perhaps the most dramatic rescue operation carried out by aircraft of this unit was the rescue by helicopter of crewmen from the ill-fated freighter "GLAFKOS", grounded on Vancouver Island's rocky west coast.

In 1963 the rescue units located at Greenwood, Nova Scotia and Vancouver, British Columbia will be acquiring new amphibious helicopters for Search and Rescue duties.

The RCAF Composite Flight (Continued on page 2)
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Civilian Celebrates 10 Years With RCAF



FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS, the responsibility of administering to the needs of as many as 374 civilian employees at RCAF Station Comox, has rested on the shoulders of Civilian Personnel Officer, Albert A. Ford (pictured above). Working under the direction of the Chief Administration Officer, he is responsible to the Commanding Officer for recruiting, training, promotions, policies, and pay for all of the civilian employees of the station. When Mr. Ford first took over the position of CPO in January 1953, six months after the opening of Station Comox, he was responsible for 107 employees. Today, the civilian strength has more than doubled and includes the employees at No. 5 Air Division Headquarters in Victoria. During the winter works program in January 1961, a peak of 374 persons were employed by the RCAF at Comox and administered by the CPO and his staff, which has grown from one person to three since 1953. On January 20th, Mr. Ford celebrated 10 years with the RCAF at Comox.

Pin Cushion Parade

The middle of January proved the hospital staff a truly dedicated lot, as they went on the rampage throughout the unit wielding blunt needles at unwary personnel under the pretext of military medical necessity. The series of painful injections are apparently guaranteed to render the victim immune to everything from leprosy to flash flood.

However, being one of the victims is a different story... the initial announcement of the ordeal posted two weeks in advance, gave the victims sufficient time to develop complete mental blocks against the whole thing to start with. The day of reckoning was wondrous to behold. Sisters of Mercy standing by, needles in hand and Florence Nightingale type smiles tacked on their faces, their latest victims being dragged out of the way to offer plenty of running room to gather momentum so as to properly plunge the needle into the next poor unfortunate.

This year the medical staff outdid themselves. Where Mohammad did not come to the mountain, the mountain was brought to Mohammad. The administrative offices and flight line were all invaded by the needle-bearing horde; a truly commendable operation in thoroughness, unparalleled in planning since the Nazi purge some 20 years ago.

The SMO, in his medical explanation of inoculation to the layman, puts it something like this... they put bad bugs into you that are not really bad bugs, but on your side... then, when bad bugs show up that aren't on your side, your bad bugs beat the living tar out of them... so the only bad bugs you ever really have are the bad bugs put there that are on your side... or something like that.

Anyway, there is no finer way to finish your day than to come home in the evening, have the little woman rush up, punch you on the inoculated shoulder, and say "Hi ya Charlie, how'd it go today."

TEENTOWNERS TO NOTE

The Teen-Aire VALENTINE DANCE

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Friday, February 1

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Saturday, Feb. 2

Tri-Service Tournament Goes to Station Comox

RCAF Station Comox came out on top of the Tri-Service Badminton Competitions held on the station last weekend, scoring 116 points to outdistance their nearest opponents by 44.

Wing Commander Biden of RCAF Station Kamloops took the singles with 32 points. Leading Seaman Sweeney of HMCS Naden placed second with 28.

In the doubles, both first and second places were won by Comox teams. Warrant Officer Yeomans and Flight Sergeant Hetman placed first with 34 points, while Flight Sergeant Mountford and Corporal McInnis scored 32 for second place.

The final standings were:
RCAF Station Comox—116
RCAF Stn. Kamloops—72
PPCLI—58
HMCS Naden—56
WRLS Ladner—42
RCSME—28

"I'd Rather Walk"

Traffic regulations go back to the days of Ancient Rome. Because the vast numbers of lectionae, or luxurious litters, toted by slaves and carrying wealthy women travelers often clogged the roads, Julius Caesar ordered that only mothers and women over 40 could use litters. A clever bit of psychology for what female would admit to be over 40?

407 Members Go to School

A unique school designed to test the capabilities of both the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Airforce in anti-submarine warfare was recently conducted at HMCS Naden by a team of specialists from Halifax.

Headed by Commander J.R.B. Coulter of the RCN and Wing-Commander A. M. Halkett, RCAF, both of Halifax, who serve as co-directors, the three-week long course was attended by aircrew from Maritime Patrol Squadron based at Station Comox, B.C., and two members of the U.S.N.

The 96 students spent the first two weeks of the course in classroom work in which they were given tactical problems in anti-submarine warfare to solve and spent the final week at sea where they were given the opportunity to put their theoretical solutions to practical use.

The school was first organized at HMCS Stadacona, Halifax, in 1950 and this marks the third occasion in which it has been held on the West coast of Canada.



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Editorials

Beware the Idiot Box!

Anthropologists in years to come will surely divide twentieth century humanity into pre-TV and post-TV dwellers. The latter, of course, will be physiologically identifiable by their square eyes and a foreshortened and enlarged digestive tract.

Our national preoccupation with TV leads one to wonder what people did for entertainment before it arrived. Certainly, social graces and responsibilities have suffered by its prolonged popularity.

Today, it is considered normal to be invited home by friends only to be perfunctorily admitted and subjected to an evening of twilight vision, interspersed by "hush," "shhhh" and the clamping of jaws. The art of conversation is sadly being reduced to a cursory exchange of meaningless catch-phrases or words which are nothing more than inarticulate sounds uttered between mouthfuls of TV food. It is a comforting thought for the economists that if nothing else, this augurs well for the pre-packaged food and bismuth industries.

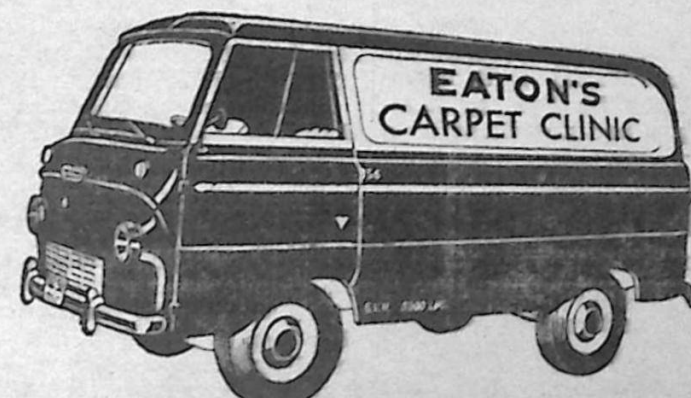
Worse still, the baby-sitting potential of the one-eyed monster has been widely exploited, for children are presented to its influence at an early age — long before they can properly focus their eyes on objects of the daylight and sunshine. They forthwith learn to parrot the nauseating commercial jingles and pressure their parents into fulfilling filial obligations by buying more stomach-paralyzing edibles to stow in the gastric depths of embryonic alimentary systems.

This all leads one to wonder what the end-product of successive decades of TVism will be. The frightening worst is that we shall become so socially and physically decadent that we shall assume physical characteristics which besit this manner of self amusement.

Perhaps by the time the inhabitants of Mars think of paying us a visit we'll be in a position to give them some competition — for we'll probably be the best looking race of rotund, dwarf-limbed Cyclops this side of the sun!

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MY CHURCH

Before I was born MY CHURCH gave to my parents ideals of life and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty.

In helpless infancy MY CHURCH joined my parents in consecrating me to Christ and in baptizing me in His name.

MY CHURCH enriched my childhood with the Romance and Religion and the lessons of life that have been woven into the texture of my soul.

Sometimes I seem to have forgotten and then, when else I might surrender to foolish and futile ideals of life, the truths MY CHURCH taught become radiant, insistent and inescapable.

In the stress and storm of adolescence MY CHURCH head the surge of my soul and she guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes toward the stars.

When first my heart knew the strange awakenings of love MY CHURCH taught me to chasten and spiritualize my affections; she sanctified my marriage and blessed my home.

When my heart was seamed with sorrow, and I thought the sun could never shine again, MY CHURCH drew me to the Friend of all the Weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning, eternal and tearless.

When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, MY CHURCH has believed in me and woefully she has called me back to live within the heights of myself.

Now have come the children dearer to me than life itself and MY CHURCH is helping me to train them for all joyous and clean and Christly living.

MY CHURCH calls me to her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it! I will help her to do for others what she has done for me. In this place in which I live, I will help her keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith.

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Catechism Classes: Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Wallace Gardens School, Grades 1 to 7.

Kindergarten: Monday, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. at PMQ 114E, the home of Mrs. Thornton.

Comox and Tyee Park Catechism: Saturday, 10 a.m. in the Comox Church Rectory.

Knights of Columbus Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

Catholic Womens League meet the first Monday of each month and CWL, Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Senior Choir Practice: Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. Anyone wishing to help would be more than welcome.

Junior Choir Practice: Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

YCS — Meeting 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. All our youngsters of high school age should be made to understand the need of attending these discussion periods.

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Maritime Command

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Duplicate Bridge

By I. M. N. ADDICT

In past columns I have made references many times to Duplicate Bridge. Many people have had no contact with Duplicate Bridge and may wonder just where the difference between it and Rubber Bridge lies. Basically they are the same. They follow all the same principles and the same playing systems are applicable in each.

The reason for Duplicate Bridge existing separately is to try and eliminate most of the luck of the deal that plays such a great part in determining the final result in Rubber Bridge. By having each hand played over at each table a comparison is obtained of how different pairs play the same hand. The pair getting the best result with a given hand is given the greatest number of points for that hand. The pair getting the poorest result get a zero score for that hand.

To begin the match the cards are dealt at each table in the normal way, and bid and played the normal way. However, the cards from each hand are kept separate from each other and stored in a holder so that the hand may be replayed at each of the other tables. The result is scored on a slip called the "travelling score" which goes with the holder and cards from table to table. No one is allowed to look at previous results until he has completed the play of that hand himself. At the end of the night all the different scores for each hand are compared and points awarded according to the relative position of the scores. (For example — If a hand was played at ten different tables the very best score would get 9 points, the second best 8 points, and so on until the very lowest score would get zero.) All the hands are scored this way and final standings awarded.

The attractions of the game are mainly that your ability and efforts are compared with all the other people who held the same cards you did, and that if you have only 2 points in your hand all is not lost — all the people you are being compared with held the same two points. This way you could win first place and never hold a good hand (by rubber bridge standards) all night.

Mechanically there are differences. Because the cards must be saved for use at other tables they cannot be thrown in the centre of the table and gathered up into tricks. Each person shows his cards and then retains it at his edge of the table. In order to keep track of tricks won and lost cards representing winning tricks are turned the opposite way to cards representing losing tricks. This seems strange at first, but soon you find it feels strange to throw them in the middle.

Duplicate bridge does not require you to be an expert. Everyone in the game is still making his share of the mistakes.

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COUNCIL NOTES

Due to recent transfers the first meeting of this year began by the filling of vacant council posts. By-election being waived, the next in line by popular vote were appointed. Cpl. Purnell replaced LAC Jahaney in Ward 2, LAC Trov replaced Cpl. Derby in Ward 3 and FS Ingram took over F/L Jolley's post in Ward 6.

Generally the financial report looked as good as any financial report could with the budget the council is allotted. Final figures after a complete summary of holiday season expenses will be presented next meeting in February—\$50 was allotted to the recreation council to continue their operation until then.

Special mention was given to the work done by the station airwomen on the Children's Xmas Party. Sgt. Easton and the airwomen devoted much of their off-duty time towards preparing parcels, decorating and assisting with the project. Council passed a formal thanks to the young ladies for their help. Mrs. Plante and Mrs. Cook also gave the committee tremendous support with the event.

Projecting into a possible agenda for the new year, the council may see some of the following points appear before committee in the not too distant future among old and new issues: lighting of PMQ approaches, maybe more money for recreation, taxes, traffic and PMQ parking.

Some of the certainties we can predict for the coming year are repeats of last year.

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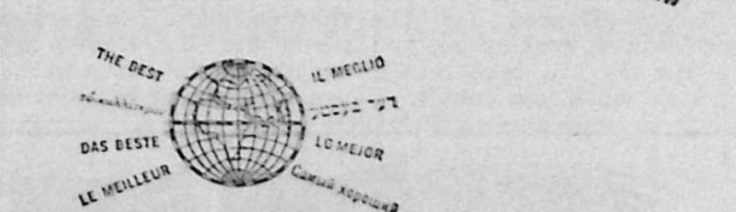
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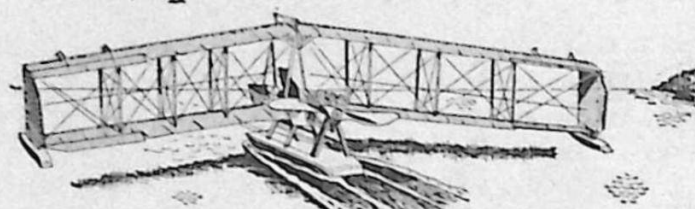
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Underwater Work

By CAL SMITH

As a sport, skin diving is ideal. It provides excitement, interest, adventure and romance. But as a job, it's just plain dirty!

Especially on a cold fall day a hundred yards from the shore of a wind-swept lake, when it is necessary to change into your wet suit on the stern end of a tug boat.

Or when you have to grovel around in mud up to your armpits, while the silt stirred up around you is so thick you can't see an inch in front of you. And to make matters worse you are working in a tangle of brush that could easily trap and hold you there.

It's just plain dirty too, when you're called out on a cold, stormy, fall night to work in the blackness under the hull of a galloping fish boat tied to a groaning wharf. And you have to change into your suit in a freezing downpour.

Underwater, it wouldn't be too bad if the boat would only stay still. It keeps bobbing up and down on the waves, making the job dangerous as well as unpleasant.

With a hammer in one hand and a chisel in the other, the biggest problem is hanging on to the vessel while keeping an underwater light trained on the bolt you're trying to cut. The only solution is to clamp the light tightly between your knees, but this makes your fins useless and the problem now becomes one of buoyancy. Without the aid of fins, you either tend to sink or rise to the surface. Even if you are perfectly balanced for the depth you're working at, you will rise as you take breath and sink when you exhale.

Too busy with the task in hand to worry about any dangers that might be lurking in the darkness, you feel no apprehension until you have to wait for someone to find a wrench. Now as you bob on the surface with legs dangling to tempt some imaginary—or real—creature lurking just below, your imagination begins to make you uncomfortable.

Looking down, you can see nothing but the shaft of milky light created by your underwater light. Then, off to the side in the darkness, you notice a sudden display of fireworks as some creature darts through a school of luminescent animals after some luckless victim.

"There could be something lurking under the wharf," you think.

The flashlight moves swiftly to disclose it. There's nothing there.

"Maybe there's something beneath me."

Again the inquisitive flashlight peers through the darkness. And again discloses nothing. But the game continues until someone passes the wrench, and you are busy again.

Like I said before, skin-diving is an ideal sport and provides excitement, interest, and adventure. But there's nothing like working at it to make you appreciate the enjoyment

SNORKEL

By CAL SMITH

The snorkel is one of the most basic swimming aids ever used and, although its name has only recently been obtained from the famous German schnorkel submarine, its principle has been known for many centuries.

But, long before man ever thought of swimming, many other creatures had perfected the use of the breathing tube.

The most obvious example of such prehistoric snorkels is the common mosquito.

Not that I mean to imply that this annoying little monster swims on its back breathing through its stinger; but in the larva and pupa stages of its development it has two hollow tubes on its anal end. Thus equipped, the insect spends its early life hanging from the surface of any stagnant pond or swamp like a monkey from a tree, breathing through its tail.

If this sounds strange, a little thought will show the wisdom of such an arrangement. If the creature's lungs were accessible through its mouth, it would be unable to eat: the first time it opened its jaws

it would drown.

A similar system is common to most air breathers, including the whale and porpoise, which must eat underwater. However, in the mammals, a special breathing passage has been provided in the top of their heads.

While many species of flies other than the mosquito are equipped with breathing tubes on their tails during the early stages of their development, the larvae of the Diving Beetle (commonly known in this stage as the Water Tiger) is one of the aquatic insects and could easily be considered the top spearman of the insect world.

Predatory, cannibalistic, hard shelled, and hard hitting, the water tiger hangs from the surface like the mosquito larvae while waiting for its dinner.

When it spots its prey, the breathing tubes are sealed off and it dives, striking with speed and force enough to penetrate the tough shell of a luckless brother or completely disembowel a timid tadpole or minnow.

Fortunately, these terrors grow to a length not longer than two inches. Were they much larger, they would completely dominate the underwater world.

But these "teen-agers" of the insect population aren't the only ones who possess snorkels. Adult water scorpions, too, have breathing tubes. They consist of two half-tubes on their tails which, when placed together, form a snorkel as efficient as any designed by man.

The two main species of scorpion are Nepid and Renatra, the former resembling any common water beetle, and Renatra looking uncomfortably like the Praying Mantis. Both, however, are deadly predators and must be veritable monsters to the planetonic creatures of the marine universe.

So, you see, skin-diving is really a rather ancient sport, having its beginnings in the dawn of history. And for those who tend to look down on the inadequacies of the lowly snorkel, think of all the creatures who make their living with them!

P-TA Peruse Reading Habits

Mr. Stan Copland, librarian of the Lake Trail School, addressed a small meeting of the Airport School P-TA last Monday week on the subject of "The Average Reader."

The well received and informative talk by Mr. Copland covered many facets contributing to good and bad reading habits that students develop during their early stages of instruction. Good reading atmosphere and adequate material were the two prime facilities he considered the basis for good background for the student at school and at home. With the proper undistracting atmosphere and an access to good reading material, Mr. Copland stated that many students will not only become interested readers, but also adept and comprehensive ones.

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, the group discussed improvements for the station school library facilities and possible means of raising money to assist. Miss Beveridge, principal of the local school, asked for help in the repair and filling of the existing library.

The total attendance of 22 persons Monday night, including the executive committee, represented less than seven per cent of the parents with children attending the school.

of leisurely exploring some open-water reef where the water is clear, quiet, and filled with just the ordinary type monsters.



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M.S.E. HEADLIGHTS

By DIPSWITCH

INDUCTION

The Marine Section is happier these days, with the addition to their staff of Lac Don Atkinson, in from the Cool Pool. Don calls Saskatoon his home town.

EXHAUST

Au revoir is in order to one of our longest term members who is on his way to Stn. Calgary—MSEOP Sgt. Bill Lachowski. All MSEOP and crib cronies will remember Bill for and wish him all the best in his future challenges.

POSITIONS or PROMOTIONS

This month, FS Tom Manning took over as manager of our successful Station Auto Club, and joining him as an assistant manager is Cpl. King Thurber.

St. Valentine's

When an over-anxious beau figners a rancy valentine or candy is a ticket to get cuddly with his best gal, she often stops him with a cold "Keep your distance, pal."

Over-anxious drivers, too, should keep their distance. When you get snugly with the vehicle ahead, you're asking for trouble. Front-end collisions lead the "Hit Parade" in traffic accidents. In fact, during the past ten years, following too close has been the chief cause of accidents.

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Youth Recreation News

By PMQ Rec Commission

Stamp Club: Fifteen members attended the Stamp Club January. A large assortment of new stamps are available and there is plenty of room for more members.

Coin Club: We extend our heartiest welcome to Patricia Wetge and Dwayne Rawluc who just joined this club and wish them success in their coin collecting hobby.

To date there haven't been many coins auctioned off. The members have been doing a lot of trading and some members have a large quantity of traders. Anyone who has traders may bring them to these meetings and barter with members. To assist you in evaluating any old coins, catalogues are available at these meetings. February meetings will be held on Wednesday, 6 and 20 February. New members are always welcome.

Teen Aire News by Geo. Vilven

At the last regular meeting, Keir Kitchen, president of Teen Town resigned and Brian McAuley, vice-president, became officially the president. The annual Valentine's dance will be held next Saturday, 2 February at the school gym, the music being supplied by the Trend Styles. This week

the high scores of both bowling leagues were as follows: boy's single, Bob Steadman 246, and boy's high triple, Bob Steadman 609. The girl's high game was Pat Miller 210, and the high triple was again Pat Miller with 536.

Art Club News

by Gail Sweeney

The weekly session of the Station Art Club, held in the Social Centre on Tuesday at 7:00, was very well attended. Under Mrs. Helgason's supervision and capable instruction, several of the members attempted rough figures in charcoal, concentrating on proper basic placement, form, and proportion. Glenda Grice, one of the talented younger members of the group, began her first oil painting, using oils received at Christmas.

Mrs. Helgason has ordered a box of oil pastels for the use of members who wish to try their hand at this form of art.

The members present at the meeting were full of enthusiasm and energy, and worked hard to improve their techniques. Hope to see everyone out next week!

Soccer: by Jim Dougall

Since coaching classes started five weeks ago, the number of

pupils has zoomed from 20 to 34, present day figures. Their unbounded enthusiasm makes the hours more than worthwhile for my able partner Ken Wright and myself.

Two games were arranged between "our boys" and the experienced Courtenay youngsters. Both were lost by very narrow margins but our lads gained valuable knowledge in defeat and will, I am sure, prove too good for Courtenay before the season finishes.

The boys in the thirteen to fifteen age group have their first test on Saturday against Campbell River. It is expected that they will put up a good show as they have shown eagerness to learn during our five-a-side training sessions.

It is hoped that all parents shall continue to give their sons every encouragement and, if at all possible, turn out to cheer them on in future games.

Junior Small Bore Rifle Club: Club standing as of 25 January 1963

Girls

1 Wenda Plant 90
2 Heather Macdonald 77
3 Pat Keating 69

Boys

1 Robbie Ireland 98
2 Trevor Goff 96
3 Stephen Plant 95
4 Fred Lazuk 95
5 Roy Berg 95
6 Gary Glencross 95
7 Tom Moore 94
8 Brian Smyth 93
9 Garry Wiseman 92
10 Phillip Dyke 91
11 Harry Bailey 90
12 Stephen Sweeney 89
13 Donald Wiseman 89
14 Jim Bowman 87
15 David Bailey 86
16 Teddy Frank 85
17 Ricky Johns 85
18 Glen MacPherson 83
19 John Edwards 80
20 Ken Macdonald 75
21 Mike Clarke 72
22 Rick Moore 62
Omitted from standing 11 January 1963
4 Brian Smyth 92
7 Harry Bailey 86
8 Stephen Sweeney 85
9 Glen MacPherson 85
11 Rick Moore 79

Junior Square Dance Club: Cpl. Jackson has made pins for all members of the Junior Square Dance Club. Pins are available at the Square Dances at 15c each. There will be no Junior Square Dance Friday, 1 February.

AFHQ Basketball Free Throw Competition Results

Girls, 13-15 Years
1st - Irene Grice, 26 baskets out of 50 throws.
Boys, 13-15 Years
1st - Alf Keating, 29 baskets out of 50 throws.
Boys, 16-18 Years
1st - Doug Sowden, 44 baskets out of 50 throws.
Girls, 16-18 Years
Nil participation.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPIELERS

THE LEAD

The Lead is a lowly person who throws the first pair of rocks. Someone has to throw them so they picked the Lead. He should thank his lucky stars that he is even allowed to appear on the ice with other such distinguished personalities. All curlers have served apprenticeships as Leads, and the most of them never served long enough. The Lead must address the skip as "Sir" and the Third Man is "Mister". He must see that all rocks are cleaned before the game. First and foremost, he must never talk back. It really doesn't matter if he gets his shots or not... he'll be blamed if the game is lost anyway.

THE SECOND

The Second is but one degree removed from the Lead. He must do 75 per cent of the sweeping, help keep the Third Man in matches. He corrects the Lead's mistakes by trying again to put his rocks where the Skip asked the Lead to put them and didn't. If he sails through the house... well, he's only the Second and what can you expect. He is the only member of the rink who is allowed to insult the Lead... both the Third and Skip consider it beneath their dignity to insult such a minor member. The only time the Skip or Third Man descend to speak to the Second is to ask for a match. Yes, he has a pretty tough life too.

THE THIRD MAN

The Third is, of course, the brains of the rink. He should be a Skip... but he magnificently allows the other fellow to think he is boss. Assuming the air of superiority over all Leads and Seconds, he holds the broom for the Skip, and throws a dirty look at him for missing it. He passes on the Lead's cigarettes to the Skip, world. Pity the poor SKIP.

together with a host of unsolicited advice. Everybody knows he should be skipping the rink, he even admits it in a quiet way... but labors on with an air of superiority. The chief accomplishment of a Third Man is to be able to convey the impression (by gesture and attitude) that he knows darn well the Skip played the wrong shot when he missed... and if the Skip makes it, why he (the Third Man) was the bonnie boy who figures it out. Yes, he's the brains of the outfit.

THE SKIP

The Skip is the goat. He is the gentleman sportsman who neglects his business and sacrifices his valuable time because three others wish the benefit of his skill and experience. He doesn't sweep this is for lesser members. He holds the broom... and his temper... while his subordinates miss shot after shot. He must be experienced and exercise good judgment in making decisions. He must not blush or appear embarrassed when he hears other members of his rink discussing his failures and shortcomings with unfeeling spectators. He must never pick the right shots as this would forestall the experts behind the glass. Rocks that can only be seen by a whicker, he must knock out. He must draw to the button, be on the port but inches wide or not at all. He must be able to play dynamite or runner weight with one rock and draw to the button with the next. He must be able to take out four rocks when there are only three and lie on the button. If he wins, it's a packed rink; if he loses, he's a tramp. Should he pilot his rink to the big prize in the 'spiel'... he won't have a friend in the world. Pity the poor SKIP.

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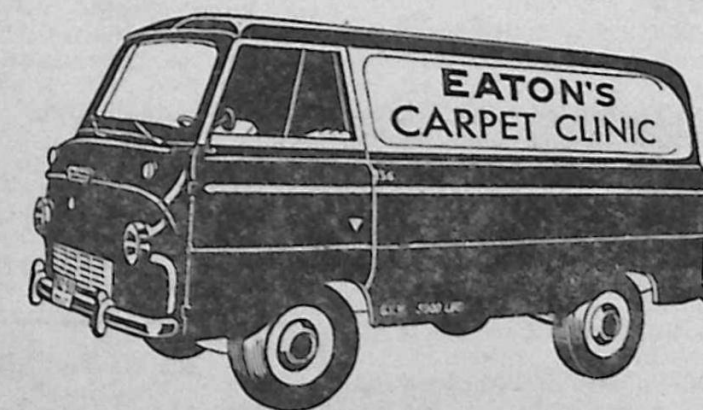
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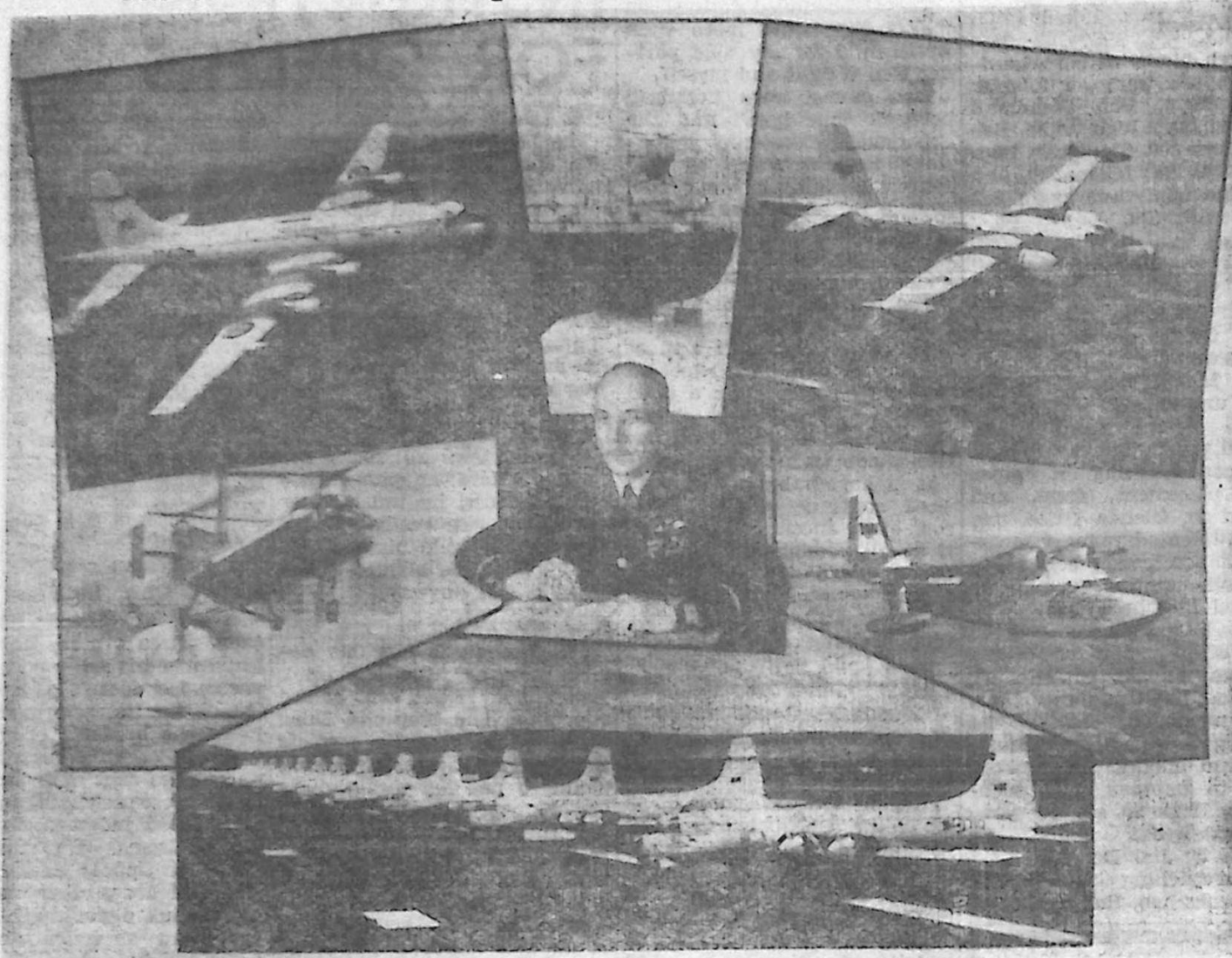
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Infirmary News

We wish to welcome the new faces to our Infirmary staff of F/O Holland, who recently arrived from Camp Borden, Cpl. Carl Johnson and LAC Jim Millne, both from 4(F) Wing Germany.

CPO Malenfant, from HMCS Naden, is temporarily replacing our pharmacist, Lt. Griffin, whilst the latter takes leave to await the arrival of his wife and new baby girl from St. Joseph's Hospital. Congratulations!

Sgt. Keating, who has recently returned from Camp Borden after assisting with the review of the CkMed trade papers, is now attending to domestic duties at home during his wife's illness. We hope Mrs. Keating is up and around soon.

We also wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Tobacco who is convalescing in the Cumberland Hospital. Mrs. Allen has been chief cook in the Infirmary during Mrs. Tobacco's illness.

F.O. Pond has returned to normal duties after spending annual leave in sunny Edmonton.

AWI Sandy Irvine spent her Xmas leave in Toronto. Recently we have noticed her walking around with a Trade Manual in her hand and a smile on her face. Any special reason Sandy?

Cpl. Paul Belanger has just completed a six month laboratory course at N.D.M.C. Ottawa, and is now anticipating his transfer to Greenwood. We wish him bon voyage.

We understand that FS Adams arranged to visit the Loganna Winery and Chief Petty Officers' Mess in Victoria on Saturday and report for admission to the hospital at Naden on Sunday. Is this coincidence, or just good planning?

There must have been some threats of retaliation following the recent inoculation parade, as six members of the

medical staff have joined the Stn. Judo Club.

From the Dental Clinic we hear that Major Pyne has gone to Camp Borden for a five week course. Capt. Dionne and Cpl. Bev. Leong-See have also left for temporary duty at Stn. Holberg. Acting as a replacement at this unit is Capt. Dailide from Calgary.

Lady, does your washing machine need adjusting? Unofficially Dr. Garrity now has information regarding malfunctioning washers.

Nighthawk News

January, traditionally considered to be the coldest month of the year in this area, is the month set aside by the Air Force for Flying Officer's Qualifying Examinations. Those officers writing these examinations have been studying hard for the past month. 409 Squadron navigators will also be required to write their categorization examinations this month. To arrive soon to this squadron are the Tactical Evaluation team from Headquarters. The efficiency of this group. Learning is a never-ending process. Professionals are knowledgeable men in practical and theoretical applications of their trade and 409 Squadron will have no difficulty establishing this fact.

Inter-section volleyball competition has begun. This year the volleyball co-ordinator is F.O. Tullough. The defending Station Volleyball Champions, the Nighthawks, will be out to

repeat as Station Champions. Sports enthusiasts on the squadron have also inaugurated badminton as a "conditioning" sport. F/O Warman has begun the 5BX self-improvement program. He informs me that with a little luck, he should be on the third chart by the end of the month. I was over to see the big city the other weekend and the only interesting thing I have to report is that Victory Square is quite definitely not considered to be a tourist attraction!

"People and Not Things"

On July 17, 1948, there was a fire in an hotel room occupied by a husband and wife. It was caused by smoking in bed. The couple were smoked up a bit. We gave them a few whiffs of oxygen and a lecture of the evils of smoking in bed, cleaned up the mess and returned to quarters.

On June 8, 1949, at 1222 midnight, we had a fire in an hotel room occupied by a husband and wife; in fact, it was the same hotel, same room, and the same couple as our fire a year previous. This time the couple got smoked up a bit, the woman was burned. We gave them some whiffs of oxygen, shipped the woman to the hospital, gave the man a lecture on the evils of smoking in bed, cleaned up the mess and returned to quarters.

On June 19, 1949, at 5:35 a.m. we had a fire in an ho-

tel room occupied by a husband and wife. You guessed it, it was the same hotel, same room and the same couple. This time the woman was dead and the man died three days later from shock and burns. There was no chance for a lecture this time.

So endeth the story of a typical couple. Three fires, two lectures, two funerals. It seems that people and not things really cause fires.

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FIREHALL CHATTER

I see that our Dep. Chief FS Slakat with the SCUBA Club at Campbell River recently, wrestled with a 25-lb. octopus. Handling all that fire hose would make wrestling the eight-armed creature a cinch.

W. Dawson is reading the paper and scanning the below zero readings across Canada. Bill will be leaving us soon to go to Dana, Sask. Guess he's hoping for an early spring on the Prairies.

We received an Xmas card from Ken Reeves — Ex-RCAF Cpl. FF. He has now taken up a position with a fire department around the Portland, Oregon area. Good luck Ken, on your new venture.

We would like to congratulate those Boy Scouts who recently earned and won their Fireman's Badge. Keep up the good work fellows, "Be Prepared" at all times.

To our boating fans on the station who will be launching their boats soon: be sure your fire extinguishers are reliable. Beware! Don't risk your life on "beer can" size extinguishers (tin cans, bombs). Aerosol containers, plastic bottles usually holding less than a pint of liquid or 12 to 16 ounces of dry powder. To depend on such gadgets of such small capacity, limited range and unknown reliability is dangerous. Look for the Underwriters' Laboratories label or approval seal. These labels mean each extinguisher has met exacting requirements of construction and performance. Your life is worth protecting!

THE BRUSH OFF



Petty Officer Y. Inouye, 2839 Adelaide St., Victoria, holds a 2nd Dan black belt in judo, but he can't help falling for airwoman Viola Roux of Station Comox. Viola is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Roux, Yale Road W., Chilliwack, and is a member of the RCAF Station Comox judo club. The exhibition was staged at Comox last weekend in an effort to promote local interest in the sport of judo. Petty Officer Inouye of the Royal Canadian Navy, is senior judoka on Vancouver Island.

Execution For Impaired Driving

While gathering facts from all countries about the mixture of alcohol and gasoline, BCM investigators uncovered the following, little-known but powerful inducements to sobriety.

The Turkish police simply pluck a drinking driver from his car and transport him a full 20 miles away. Then they make him walk all the way back under police escort. Naturally the police oversee the punishment from a slowly moving vehicle. Turkish officials guarantee the offending driver will be sober by the time he gets back.

In Rhodesia, they don't ask questions. If you are suspected of drinking, bail is out of the question. It is jail—for at least one week.

In Canada the foreman of a tractor train grinding its way into the frozen Arctic to supply the Distant Early Warning radar network had an effective rule-of-thumb method of handling the problem.

Efficiency of his tractor drivers was being hampered by Cree Indians on snowshoes. They were selling firewater back to the white man—at \$50

a quart. Drivers found exhaling blue fumes instead of ice particles were hauled off their cars and relegated to the ignominious chore of swabbing out the caboose sleigh — and washing dishes with icewater.

In France, the government has put longer, sharper teeth into its traffic laws to stem a surge of alcohol-originated car accidents. France's 50 million inhabitants drink some 90 million gallons of alcoholic beverages annually. Severe jail sentences are now becoming mandatory.

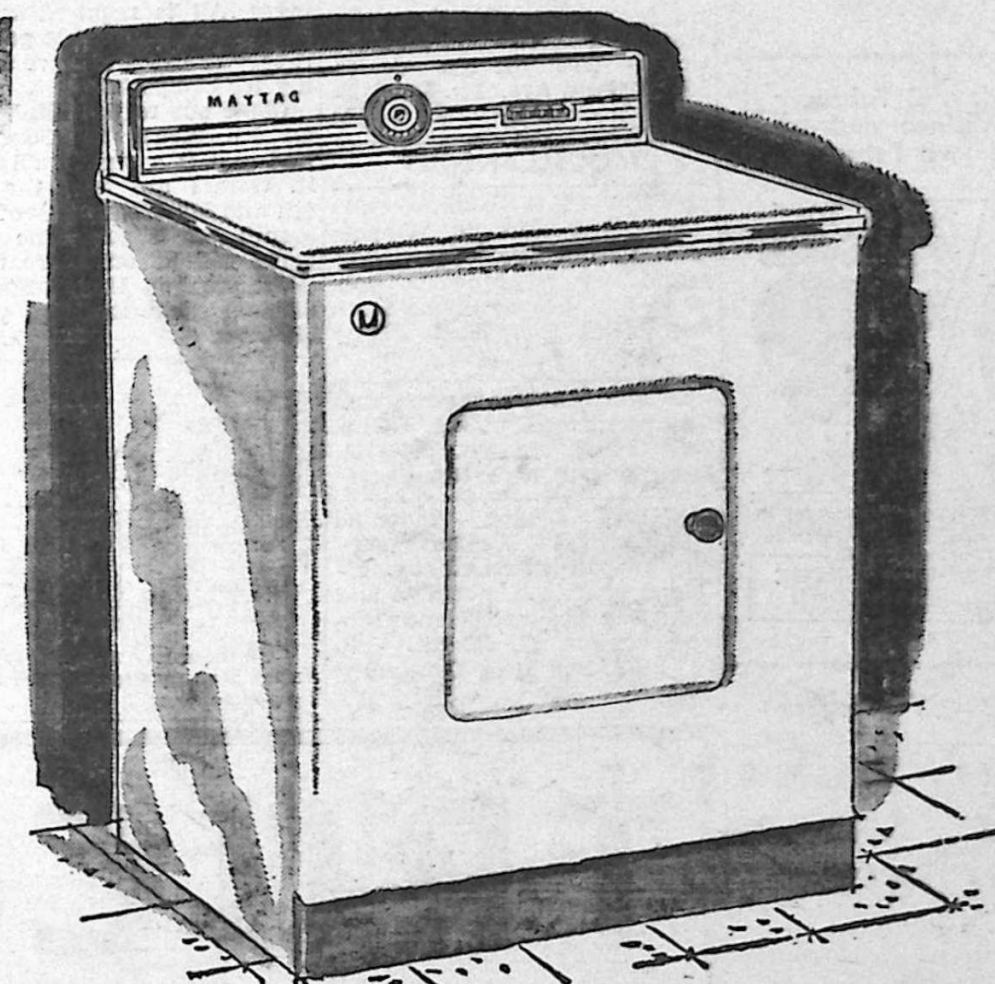
In Russia, it is said the constabulary use rather drastic action in fatality cases of drunken driving. The driver is plucked from his automobile and summarily shot.

The Malaysian police have quite an interesting method. The husband is locked up in jail, then his wife is brought to him and locked up as well. The results are usually dramatic.

In the Australian hinterland the police take the names of drunks, pass them on to the (Continued on page 8) See EXECUTION FOR

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Execution for

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local newspaper, and under a heading "He's Drunk and in Jail" runs the hungover driver's names.

These are some of the ways the authorities try to get the message across, and seemingly most police forces love to use the finger on the nose routine. However, most officers admit they haven't tried it themselves.

Coming back to Canada — the criminal law provides mandatory jail terms for driving while "intoxicated" and fines or jail terms for driving "with ability impaired."

In addition, under various provincial laws, driving licences may be suspended for various periods. In enforcing such laws, blood, breath and other chemical tests are sometimes used. In Canada a person is not required by law to submit to chemical tests. But in Saskatchewan refusal to take the tests makes the driver liable to lose his driver's licence.

In the United States some laws are exceedingly harsh. The Connecticut law says an automatic suspension on the first "driving under the influence" charge. And it is usually for a 30 day period for the first offender. (Reprinted from the "North Island News").

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