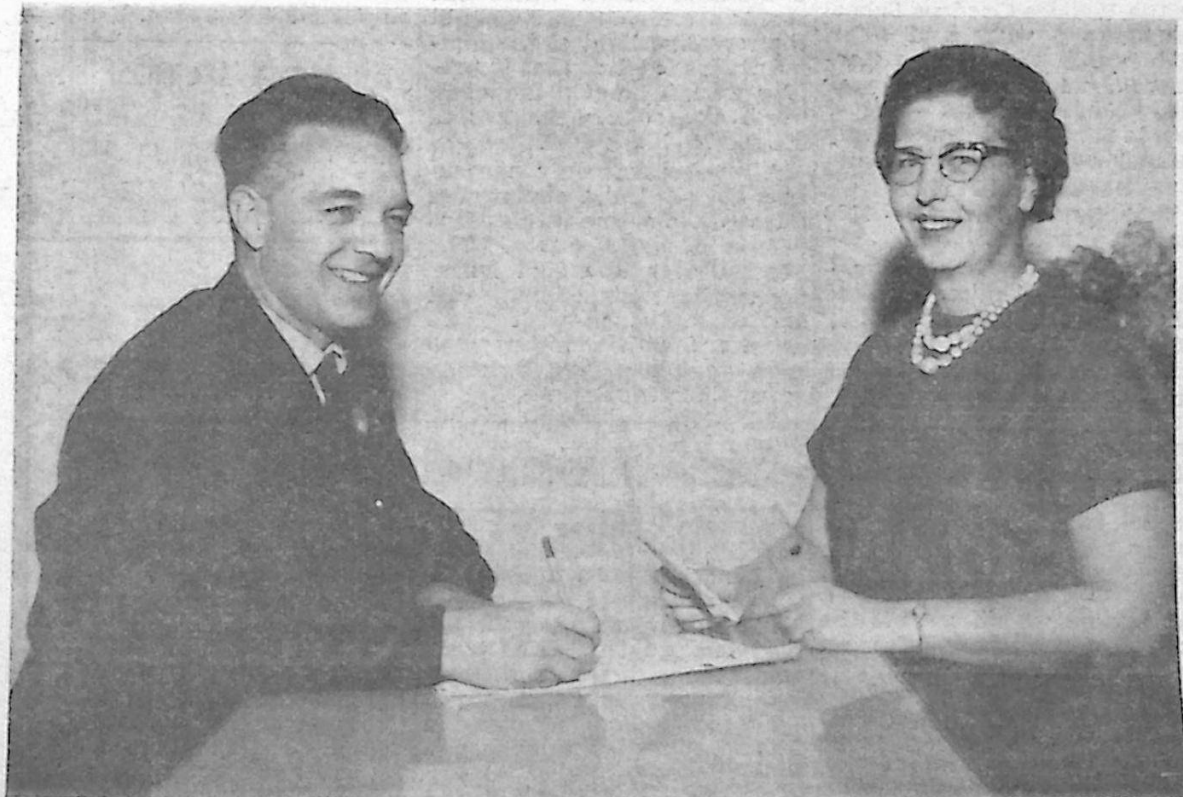




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10 YEARS AT STATION COMOX



FLOYD D. JARVIS, a driver at Station Comox, signs for his check as he is paid by civilian pay clerk, Miss Margaret A. Brown. Both are from Royston and recently celebrated 10 years employment with the RCAF. Mr. Jarvis began working for the RCAF on the 8th of March, 1953 when he came to Vancouver Island from Drumheller, Alta. Miss Brown worked in her father's store in Cumberland prior to taking the job of civilian pay clerk at Station Comox, 10 March, 1953.

Intensive Forestry for Island

Forestry crews from Shawnigan Lake on southern Vancouver Island to the Queen Charlottes in the north will be on the move within the next two weeks as MacMillan, Bloedel and Powell River Limited launches its ten-year program of "intensive forestry."

The \$5,000,000 program will see the planting of 40,000,000 young trees, and this and other phases of the program will increase the productivity of forest lands managed by the company by 15 per cent.

The company's forestry staff has been re-organized, a number of additional foresters have been hired, and detailed plans for each forest area, or division, have now been completed. The full program will require some 60 new full-time employees, including professional foresters, plus about 60 part-time tree planters. In future years, the increased wood output will make several hundred more jobs available in various divisions of the company.

"Intensive Forestry" involves application of the latest forestry techniques to grow the maximum volume of wood on each acre of forest land and in effect extend our forest reserve to create more jobs and industry in B.C., stated John Hemmingsen, vice-president and general manager of the company's logging group, which includes the forestry section. The program was announced in December by Mr. Hemmingsen and Angus MacBean, the company's chief forester, who is directing the program.

Planting of young trees will be under way within a few

weeks along the entire coast. Planting and all six other phases of the program will be carried out this first year of the program in the Powell River Division forests on the Mainland and Franklin River Division forests on Vancouver Island. Some of the newly-engaged M.B. & P.R. foresters have already been located at Franklin River and Powell River.

The seven phases of "intensive forestry" are: Planting shortly after logging (rather than waiting for natural re-seeding), fill-in planting, juvenile thinning, stand rehabilitation, alder control, planting of deciduous trees for pulp in selected sites, and commercial thinning.

Some 8,600 acres will be planted in 1963, and this acreage will be increased in subsequent years.

Commercial thinning will be carried out at Sproat Lake Division near Port Alberni, and hybrid European black poplar and American black poplar will be planted in the Taylor River area, along the Alberni-Tofino road. Stand rehabilitation will begin in areas along the east coast of Vancouver Island, including Northwest Bay Division forests, near Parksville.

"Intensive forestry" planting will include fir, spruce and hemlock, with emphasis on fir,

Labelling Poisons Makes Parents More Cautious

Poison labels are not required on half of the household chemicals and medicines which last year poisoned 7,000 Canadians, according to a recent report.

"Every adult knows that common household chemicals are poisonous, and certainly a label would be useless to two-year-olds—the largest group of victims—but parents would be less apt to leave products bearing a 'poison' label lying about," writer Sherwood Sugden said in the current issue of Liberty magazine.

About 76 per cent of poison victims are under 16 years of age, he reports. Usually the victim is treated in time. Some suffer permanent after-effects and one in 500 dies.

Prescription drugs and patent medicines were involved in 58 per cent of poisoning cases last year; 42 per cent were caused by household chemicals. The biggest danger spots are the kitchen and bathroom; bedside tables are especially dangerous, Sugden reports.

Most poisonings occur in "careful" homes where medicines and chemicals are usually kept out of reach, but have been used momentarily and left out, he said.

"Parents should think of all pills as potentially dangerous medications and keep them locked up," said Dr. Robert Imrie, Director of Poison Control Centre at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children.

The Poison Control Centre (Continued on Page 3)

Keep Your Eye On The Road

Easy enough to say but according to the public information department of the British Motor Corporation (Canada) Limited, it's practically impossible — and not a very good idea anyway.

They say the Visual Research Laboratory of Drake University, Iowa, in a study undertaken by Professor H. F. Brandt points out that "The concept of the human eye, looking at an object, seeing the entire area — is a MYTH!" The scientist says only a very small area stands out at any one time. Not only that but "the more vivid the centre of attention — the greater the obscurity of the margins."

Simply — the harder you look at one point, the less you see.

Professor Brandt says the "degree of attention may actually be measured by the amount of distraction"

How much then is an eye-full? And how long can a person pay attention to a single spot—like a fixed area or road?

Accurate laboratory measurements now have been evaluated and it is found a person's attention shifts from one part of a field of view to another many times a second. If he has a good, healthy set of eyes that is.

BMC researchers have found that the constantly "tracking" or moving eye is a great asset to driving. In addition they agree that "tunnel" or "funnel" locked-focus vision is a hazard.

In other words, the driver whose eyes constantly flick from directly ahead, to middle-view, to distant, to the sides—and also keeps continual periodic check on the rear view mirror—is the safer driver.

Two years ago a Netherlands scientist presented a paper on the "accident prone driver" to the Nice International Congress on road safety.

He noted that "some drivers appear to be wearing an imaginary pair of blinkers. Their vision is completely funnel-

led." They stare directly at the road. They keep their eyes on the road to such a degree they are in danger. The scientist said "the funnel-eyed driver often is not aware of cars approaching intersections from the sides—or usually fails to check the rear mirror for passing cars."

Many things can affect a driver's vision. One eye may be stronger than the other. Then there is color-blindness, poor long-range vision and sluggish reaction time to an observed danger. The dangers of fatigue, alcohol and drugs are well known. So are tension, irritability, distractions and day dreams.

Naturally, illumination has a tremendous bearing on sight. A clean windshield is a vital asset. Perhaps too little attention is paid to the amount of chrome inside the car. Sometime take a photograph from the back seat of your car through the windshield. When you get the print back notice the amount of bounce-back, eye-distracting — even blinding glare. Offending chrome parts causing these hazards can be brought into line by coating them with flat-black, quick-drying paint, or covering them with black friction tape.

Basketball Tournament Comox Wins Tri-Service

RCAF Comox staged a stirring upset Saturday 9th March as a badly outnumbered team of six Comox players defeated the highly favoured Navy 52-47 in a game that was in doubt 'til the final whistle.

The Air Force was only able to field six men due to injuries and service commitments but had a rather easy time making the finals; polishing off Chil-

liwack Army 59-29 and PPCLI of Victoria 74-35 in a game highlighted by 24 points made by Doyle, but were definite underdogs to the RCN who had won the championship seven times in the last 10 years.

The finals which were viewed by Rear Admiral Landymore, Flag Officer Pacific Coast, started slowly and the Navy pushed ahead till they were leading by eight points late in the 2nd quarter, but an eight-point splurge by Henderson got the Flyers back in the game, and the half ended in a 27-27 tie. Comox jumped into an early lead in the 2nd half and were never behind, but with six minutes left, Kelly, who had played a great game for Comox, left on five fouls, cutting Comox to five players. A tremendous defensive effort by Gillespie and Griffith and great ball handling by the entire team enabled Comox to win going away.

The scoring totals showed the fine team effort by the RCAF with LAC Dick Gillespie leading with 11, F/O Terry Doyle 10, F/O Doug Kelly 9, F/O Dave Henderson 8, Cpl. Paul MacLean 8 and F/O Dick Griffith 6.

The Tri-Service trophy and the Lorraine trophy presented to the RCAF team culminated a good season in which the Comox Flyers won 12 and lost 4.

PMQ Bingos

The PMQ Council held their first bingo in the school auditorium on the 11th of March, which was most successful. Our next bingo will be held on the 19th of March. Watch for further announcements.

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Have you heard of the Dr. Peter Spohn Clinic in Korea?

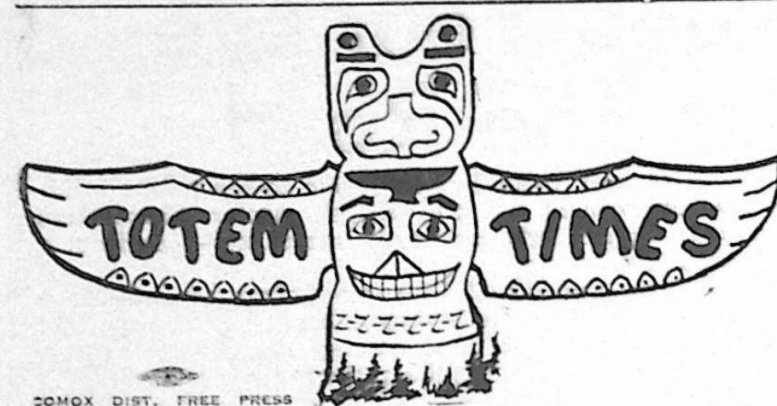
This clinic is a memorial to a fine specialist of Vancouver and his daughter, who died in separate accidents several years ago.

The local Save the Children Committee would appreciate your support in sending any used clothing with at least six months' wear for distribution at the clinic. They need children's and adults' summer and winter wear. A local dry cleaning plant has offered to clean at no cost to the committee so don't hold back items that need cleaning.

Please deliver this to PMQ 71 or 83 or call Mrs. K. Jackson 339-3150 or Mrs. E. Hyde, 339-3719 for pick up.

The drive is of one week's duration—April 1 to 6 inclusive.

Also needed are toilet articles such as soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, wash cloths, pieces of pencil, leftover pages cut from scribbles, scraps of wool and other common-place health or school supplies.



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Editorials

Playboys - Who Needs Them?

Once upon a time there was a young man called Hugh Hefner, who never really grew up. Instead he created for himself a fantasy world filled with all kinds of expensive, grown-up playthings. There were powerful brightly colored sports cars, complicated stereo sets, ski and skin-diving equipment, jazz records and every piece of bar equipment ever invented. This world includes almost no books, no comfortable old chairs, no Beethoven symphonies or Mozart quartets (not "in" right now) and no hint that men sometimes engaged in such square activities as gardening, woodworking, bowling and curling.

The inhabitants of this world all looked alike. They were never more than thirty-five, never bald, never fat. They always dressed in Madison Avenue suits and Italian shoes. They didn't own any old clothes to putter around the basement in, or old hats to wear fishing. Their sweaters were knitted by anonymous mothers in Italy, France or Switzerland, never by Aunt Clara or their mothers-in-law. And they never wore rubbers.

These men were calmly confident and highly successful at vague jobs in advertising, public relations or promotion. They were never farmers or milkmen or office workers. They looked nothing like the men we all know who vary gloriously in height, shape, coloring and temperament.

There were no women in this world at all. There were only dolls called "Playmates." The dolls were life-size with oversize bosoms, undersized brains and no clothes or will of their own at all. They were like no women we've ever met either.

Hugh Hefner might have kept his dream world to himself but he didn't. He put it between the covers of a magazine, which he called Playboy, and sold it to other would-be boys like himself who wanted to live in a kind of twentieth-century Peter Pan world where they would never have to grow up.

Although the dolls in Hugh Hefner's world rarely talked, never made dinners, sewed on buttons, put on their clothes and went to church or PTA meetings, or took children to the dentist, they were important. They were there to help the playboys pretend that they were really grown up - in much the same way small boys load themselves down with toy six-shooters.

The depressing part about Hugh Hefner's fantasy world is the fact that he found so many playboys to share it with him and to buy his magazine. Even more depressing were the number of dolls who were willing to play the limited and comical role assigned to them in this world.

The moral of this tale is a simple one and you've probably guessed it already: If you ever meet a genuine playboy who really believes in Hugh Hefner's world, pat him gently on the head and tell him to go back to his paper dolls. Because you're not looking for a playboy with whom to share even so much as a good movie, let alone your future. You're a woman, and so, of course, you've no time for small boys. You're looking for a grown-up man.

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Choir Practice—2000 hrs. every Thursday.

Junior Choir Practice—1800 hrs. every Thursday.

Sunday School—0930 hrs. in the Wallace Gardens School for those 6 years and older.

1100 hrs. in the Wallace Gardens School for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Young Peoples—1900 hrs. in the Chapel Annex every Sunday evening.

EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday, 7 Apr.—1100 and 1900 hrs.

Maundy Thursday, 11 Apr.—2000 hrs. Service, United Church Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Good Friday, 12 Apr.—1100 hrs.—DIVINE WORSHIP.

Easter Sunday, 14 Apr.—0700 and 1100 hrs.—DIVINE WORSHIP and Holy Communion.

LENT

Lent is a time of penance, and a season for spiritual renewal. "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me," is the prayer of the penitent human heart.

Above everything else, Lent should be a time of Love. Lent and Love go together, more love of God, less love of the things God has made. You may even now be asking "What can I do during the next 40 days to show God how much I love Him?"

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LOW MASS—8 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent.

Saturday Mass—9:30 a.m. Confessions—Before Masses and Saturday 7 to 8 p.m.

Baptism: Sundays by appointment.

Catechism Classes—Tuesday, 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 Classes: Saturday, 10 a.m. in the Comox Church Rectory.

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LENTEN MISSION

Lenten Mission will be preached in the R.C. Chapel by the Rev. FD Galbraith, a priest of the Redemptorist Order. The Mission is scheduled for the period 28 March - 4 April. "What a clinic is for the body, a mission is for the soul." Everybody has heard the advice: SEE YOUR DOCTOR. Your doctor may order a visit to a medical clinic. There, one is thoroughly and scientifically X-rayed, examined, and re-examined by a staff of medical experts—either the patient is assured that all is well or the doctor may advise treatment or an operation.

A Mission for our people is a spiritual clinic, where the soul is examined thoroughly in the revealing light of the eternal truths. "What does it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and suffers the loss of his soul." Mark 8:36.

A Mission not only encourages the good, but also applies a remedy to others with serious defects of soul, i.e. sin. The Mission over, the soul leaves the spiritual clinic invigorated and strengthened with God's grace and with good intent to be a good practical, down to earth Christian.

Two others who have left the fold temporarily are LAW Moe Zweicher, who is on annual leave and FS Ted Adams who is still in hospital at HMCS Naden.

We wish to welcome the following new arrivals to the staff:

Sgt. Mandin from Torbay, Nfld., who will be replacing Sgt. Keating in the Orderly Room. LAW Baldwin a MedA from 2 (F) Wing, France, and ABMA Brundage who is here on temporary duty from HMCS Naden.

Last but not least, we are glad to see Mrs. Tobacco back to work following her recent illness.

From the Dental Clinic we hear that Major Pyne is going on leave on the 11 March before departing for Egypt, approximately the 22 April.

Capt. Dionne and Cpl. Leong have just returned from Station Holberg, where they were on TD for five weeks.

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Europe As We Saw It

By BOB EARLOW

A Visit to Munich's Fabulous Hofbrauhaus

Of the numerous famous landmarks of Europe, the picturesque city of Munich with its world-renowned Hofbrauhaus rates very high indeed.

Located in Platzl Square, near the heart of this Bavarian capital, this unique restaurant is usually overflowing with local folk as well as tourists from far-off lands. It is a favourite with all who come to enjoy its easy going atmosphere.

There is really nothing elaborate about this sprawling eating and drinking establishment, its patrons are too busy enjoying themselves to be concerned about the decorations. The atmosphere is "gemuetlichkeit" — friendly — despite language barriers, especially after a stein or two of the famous Hofbrau brew.

Rich and poor mingle freely, a university professor and a labourer, or a movie star may be seen sitting at a nearby table. We saw a group of Bavarian farm folk dressed in traditional costume enjoying themselves to the utmost. Most customers partake of "Brotzeit" the equivalent of a snack. This is usually pork sausage, bread and some crisp, fresh horseradish.

Regardless of this the waitresses (who are noted for the number of steins they can carry at once) don't mind if you care to bring your own lunch. (provided you order a stein of beer).

The Hofbrauhaus has several rooms, most popular is the large downstairs taproom. A Bavarian band or orchestra dressed in beautifully impressive costumes come on the scene in late afternoon and play lively melodies on into the night. Customers of the many nationalities sing and sway together.

Smaller rooms upstairs have a more sedate air about them. These too, are decorated in typical Bavarian style and are favorites with families.

The origin of the state-owned Hofbrauhaus dates back to medieval times. In 1589, Wilhelm V., then Duke of Bavaria, decided to erect a special brewery house for his court.

The noblemen and knights, as a special favour, asked that the Duke start a brewery of his own, wanting a beverage better than the one existing at that time and beer being a regular mealtime drink.

Two years later, after tearing down several buildings on his property, the duke had the brewery house constructed near Odeonplatz, now one of Munich's busiest intersections.

This beginning was the cradle of what has turned out to be one of Munich's most important enterprises. Hofbrau beer of course is known throughout the world. The name and its trade-mark, which is topped by a crown, is registered in all the principal countries of the world.

In the early days, as now, people flocked to the small medieval brewery—and the demands became too much to handle. As a result, a larger brewery was built in 1602, at PLATZL, a lovely spot not far from MARIEN PLATZ as it was known then—it is now the heart of MUNICH.

For over 200 years the Court Brew House supplied Munich and other out-of-town visitors who were attracted to the fame of the place and its beer.

History relates that the Hofbrauhaus is closely linked to Glas PICHLER, a Bavarian brewmaster who was hired for Royal service. In the year 1614 PICHLER turned out a brew which far surpassed in quality other brands of that time.

This new brew was known as "bolk" and its recipe kept a secret for generations. In 1818, the Hofbrauhaus was permitted to produce this potent, dark beer. According to Bavarians who should know, the recipe has remained unchanged to this day and it is still a favorite, especially during Lenten Season, which as

many of us know, starts early in March at the close of the Fasching celebrations.

The present HOFBRAUHAUS building was erected in 1897 and to this date has retained its appearance and atmosphere.

I am sure that mention of Munich's Hofbrauhaus, its Bavarian costume band, its adjoining beer garden, and its friendly atmosphere brings back pleasant memories to thousands of service personnel and other tourists who visited there in the past.

M.S.E. Headlights

by DIPSWITCH

INTAKE

This month we have three newcomers joining our staff directly off MSEP course at Camp Borden. ACI "Ducey" Ducharme, London, Ont.; ACI "Killer" Kowalsky, Moose Jaw, Sask.; ACI "Bongo" Remouche, Brighton, Ont. Welcome to the best in the west, gentlemen.

EXHAUST

There are quite a few disappointed young ladies in the Comox Valley with the departure of one of our most eligible bachelors to greener pastures, in the persons of Sup Islander LAC Art Arsenault to 2FW and our good-natured "Brit" LAC Geo. Goodman to 4FW.

TRAINING TRIPS

LAC "Andy" Anderson is off to Clinton to attend SIT to become a teacher of higher educational standards in the MSE. Andy has been doing a terrific job teaching a very tough subject to the majority of us — Basic Electricity. We hope you come back with an A-plus.

SPRING—AT THE GOLF TEE

Last Saturday, 2 March (believe it or not) 21 hardy MSE types braved the beautiful Vancouver Island sunshine and played an 18-hole golf tournament on green grass.

Where else in Canada could you get conditions like that? The winner's high gross of 85 to Cpl. "Red" Cowan and high net of 66 to LAC "Mark" Andrews included a presentation of trophies by our MSEP, F.O. Eric Cook, with a few appropriate remarks. Prizes to nearest the pin were won by LAC "Mike" Barbour and LAC "Annie" Oakley.

NO SMOKING

In all probability, you must have been wondering what in "Sam Hill" this "No Smoking" campaign has to do with Safety Engineering. You must be saying "Those fellows up there must have lost what few marbles they have." Well, we'll tell you the truth. Smoking is very much a problem of safe driving. For instance, the job of driving demands constant attention. Getting a cigarette out of the package, lighting it, flicking ashes, putting it out—all of these things are distractions for the driver. Too much smoke in the air can cause eyes to water and blur vision. Trying to see through a thick haze of smoke is tough.

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too. Also, it's a fact that nicotine in a person's system results in a slight loss of visual acuity. Tobacco smoke contains the same gases as the exhaust of your vehicle. Continuous smoking in a tightly closed and non-ventilated vehicle is very much like a hole in the exhaust system. Significant levels of carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide can collect in the air from tobacco smoke. They can make you drowsy and inattentive. They fuddle up vision. Naturally, this affects your ability to drive safely.



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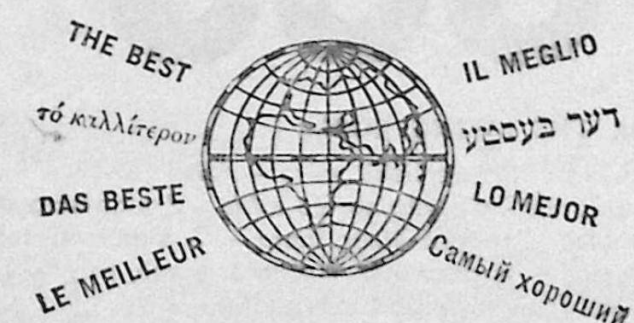
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(Now turn to page 7)

Guide News

A general meeting of the parents and leaders was held in the RCAF School auditorium on Thursday, February 28th. There was a record attendance with some 50 members and leaders attending. After a lengthy discussion it was decided not to amalgamate with the Scout organization. Election results were as follows: President, Mrs. J. A. Richardson; vice-president, Mrs. S. Burley; secretary, Mrs. J. W. O'Connell; treasurer, Mrs. E. N. Hyde; publicity, Mrs. D. B. Stewart; badge secretary, Mrs. A. G. Horton.

The following is a list of the leaders and assistants: 2nd Co. RCAF Guides: Captain Mrs. B.

O. Mayne, Lieut. Mrs. J. M. Kitchen with Mrs. J. H. Reid as Fairy Godmother. 3rd Co. RCAF Guides: Captain Mrs. H. R. Metzler, Lieut. Mrs. H. Rawluk and Mrs. J. O. Ray as Fairy Godmother.

2nd RCAF Comox Brownies: Brown Owl Mrs. B. I. Pozdzik, Tawny Owls Mrs. M. N. Burger and Mrs. A. Christie with Mrs. G. H. Tackaberry as Fairy Godmother.

3rd RCAF Comox Brownies: Brown Owl Mrs. R. A. Stamm, Tawny Owl Mrs. G. E. Clarke with Mrs. E. J. Orloux as Fairy Godmother.

4th RCAF Comox Brownies: Brown Owl Mrs. F. H. Thornton, Tawny Owl Mrs. J. Fleury with Mrs. J. R. Kling as Fairy Godmother.

Guides and Brownies will be taking orders for Easter chocolates, selling at \$1.00 per box. The proceeds going to the District Guide Association for camping and district expenses. The chocolates are to be delivered Saturday, March 30.

Thinking Day Pageant at Comox

A colorful pageant presented by Guides and Brownies of the Comox district marked the observance of Thinking Day around the world. The program opened with a march past around a large replica of the world. Wenda Plant, representing The Spirit of Guiding, explained the meaning of Thinking Day and then representatives from each pack and company moved forward in national costume to light candles from the spirit of guiding and as national songs or verses were heard each deposited her donation for aid around the world.

Each pack or company then presented their entertainment

PMQ Mayor's Message

During the period that your present PMQ Council has held office, every effort has been made to support the aims of the council's constitution; namely:

(a) To provide a facility for organizing and promoting projects and service through co-operative efforts of all concerned to enhance the well-being of the community.

(b) To organize and conduct such activities as playgrounds and recreational facilities for children and community groups.

(c) To provide married quarters with a facility for planning and conducting activities of interest to the residents.

(d) To recruit volunteers as required for community activities and services.

Your council has recognized that moral support of these aims alone was insufficient, and that material aid was needed as well. Coincident with these views, were your suggestions that we increase our recreational program for children of all ages.

A review of our finances indicated that very little could be done with the funds available, even if we included the taxes that would be collected over the next year.

Therefore, we informed you of our intentions in a recent bulletin and solicited your support through a referendum.

The results of the poll were: 148 voted in favor of an increase in taxes.

58 voted against.

64 did not vote.

In addition 59 per cent of the families voting, supported an increase in taxes by rank.

Possibly the most important aspect of the referendum were your personal comments and recommendations.

Such items as TV service, the merits of a special constable, the need for purchasing ball uniforms, and the requirement for a wading pool were discussed.

Your comments are presently under review and our findings and the action taken will be reported in the next edition. We have already re-evaluated our recreational requirements

for the afternoon. The program closed with the formation of the Friendship Circle and the repeating of the Guide and Brownie promises ending with singing Jesus Bids Us Shine. District Commissioner Mrs. W. Baird organized the program with Penny Horton as her assistant. Thinking Day was also observed with a church parade on Sunday morning. Sabre Anderson read the Scripture passage and Penny Horton spoke briefly about the purpose and ideals of Thinking Day.

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STAMP CLUB NEWS

... by Steve Prokop
The meeting held on March 6th was very successful with a large turnout. A warm welcome is extended to our newest member Noel Craig. It is gratifying to see so many new members recently and many of their albums are beginning to look very good in a short time.

The Western Stamp Collector or newspaper which is published twice a week is available to anyone attending the Stamp Club meetings.

I will give a series of lectures, commencing on March 13 on stamp collecting. The first lecture will be on "Stamp Watermarks" and I will demonstrate how to successfully water-mark stamps.

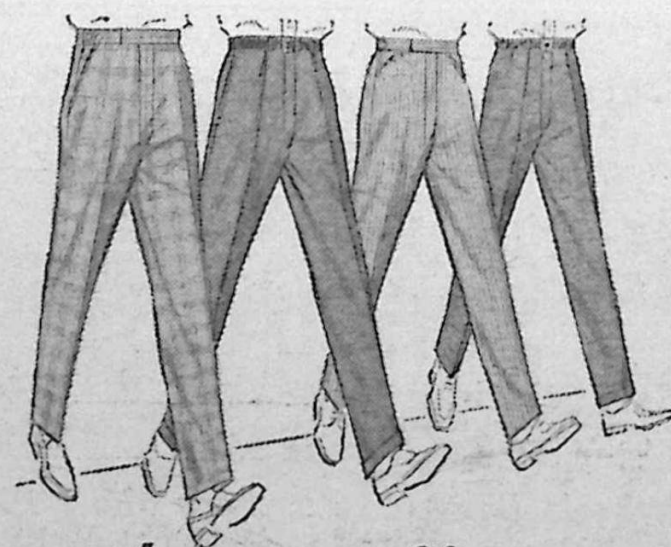
Stamp collectors and interested persons are welcome to the Stamp Club meetings held every Wednesday in Room 25 of PMQ school at 1830 hours (630 p.m.).

SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB

Standing as of 8 March '63—
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PMQ Council Views

By GERRY NAUGLE

To Be Or Not To Be!

The recent proposal by the RCAF Station Comox Permanent Married Quarters Council to increase the monthly tax assessment for Wallace Gardens residents has raised an issue which concerns each and every one of the 300 families involved: Are the parents willing to support an organized recreation program for the children?

Realizing that an organized year-round recreational program is a must for the more than 1000 children now living in Wallace Gardens, the PMQ Council has come up with a comprehensive program designed to fill the tremendous gap which now exists.

But, as with most community endeavours of this kind, continuing whole-hearted support is a prime requisite. Not only must time and effort be expended unselfishly to promote and maintain youth activities, money must be available to produce an end result. In this case however, the raising of funds to support the program is the stumbling block.

Other than a small portion of the present PMQ taxes, which at present amount to 50 cents per family per month, revenue which can be counted on to support recreational activities is practically non-existent. Also, the annual Department of National Defence grant which was given to PMQ schools for the purchase of sports equipment has been discontinued permanently.

On the other hand, during the past few years the number of children in the over age 10 group living in PMQ's has grown by leaps and bounds and the problem of cost in organizing any type of youth recreation has grown right along with them.

For example: Where five years ago two or three baseball teams were enough to suffice the over age ten youth populuz during the summer months, the numbers have now grown to a point where three complete leagues (senior boys, pony league and colt league) are necessary to accommodate all those eligible to compete.

Expand these factors to include all the seasonal sports and recreational pastimes of a complete year. Compare it with the mere pittance in revenue available with which to finance their organization and maintenance. You have the overall picture of tremendous problem faced in establishing a meaningful youth recreation program in this 300 home community.

While this type of community problem is not unique, the methods by which it can be solved are, in this case, limited. In most instances, for example, the nearby town of Courtenay, community support for youth recreation can be obtained by soliciting donations from the public and through various fund raising ventures such as raffles, contests and the like. In the case in point however, none of these can be applied toward a successful solution of the problem.

Despite the fact that it is almost completely integrated into the local economy, the Wallace Garden Permanent Married Quarters comprise, in effect, a tiny isolated community. It is made up entirely of service personnel and their dependents and therefore the general public cannot be expected to contribute to a cause in which they have no personal interest.

It follows then that if a youth recreation program is to be successfully implemented and operated in the RCAF Station Comox Permanent Married Quarters it will have to be supported wholly from within.

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by CAL SMITH

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And, if we wanted a wading pool, we simply waited for rain. Certainly no one ever thought of building one for us.

Playfields were non-existent, but hay fields were plentiful. As were bush lots, road-side ditches, culverts, and neighbors' gardens.

We burned the hayfields, broke legs in the bush lot trees, almost drowned in the road-side ditches, got wedged tight in culverts, and raided the gardens. This latter sport was frowned on by the police, but they didn't press charges against our parents, for after all, boys will be boys!

We made our own fun in those days. And great fun it was too!

We carved whistles out of poplar branches — and gashes in ourselves — made guns out of wood and rubber bands, and with slingshots, killed every bird and squirrel in the neighborhood.

No siree! We weren't pampered!

If we wanted to go to a Saturday afternoon show, we either begged, borrowed, or stole enough bottles to pay our way or we stayed home.

And now, looking back at it all with nostalgia, we tend to say, "If it was good enough for me, it's good enough for my kids" or "I didn't have anyone pamper me with uniforms and wading pools and I made out alright."

And, of course, it's perfectly true ... if you want your children being bossed around by some brat who just happens to have a baseball and bat ... and if you don't mind seeing your children wading in glass-filled mud-puddles, climbing trees, raiding gardens, and killing every animal in the neighborhood.

However, like our father, and our father's father before him, we as responsible parents desire something better for our children than the conditions under which we were raised.

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407 Demon Doins

By BOB BURKE

With the recent war over, the squadron has settled down to its "normal" routine. The question resting in the back of everybody's mind is—who won the war? However chaps, remember the old adage: "It matters not if you win or loose, it's how you play the game." Which brings up another question: "How did we play the game?" It's all in the past now, and best we let sleeping dogs lie.

Transfers and postings have been coming so rapidly lately, it is very difficult to keep track of them. For those not so well informed and to the best of our knowledge, this is the latest standing: Eleven R.O.'s will be leaving shortly for a summer vacation in Grand Bend, while taking a short course in telecommunications in Centralia, then proceeding to various jam G.C.I. spots; Len Haenni leaves today for Ottawa, and following shortly will be Denny Leslie to North Bay, both as C.E. officers.

Rumour has it that Operations is shutting down as Al Forgie doesn't figure he can carry it all alone. Speaking of rumours, with all these transfers, perhaps the downtown rumour about the station shutting down for the summer is true. If this keeps up it may not be by choice alone.

Quotable quote from Friday night's mug party was Al Hutchinson's "overseas transfer" to Summerside.

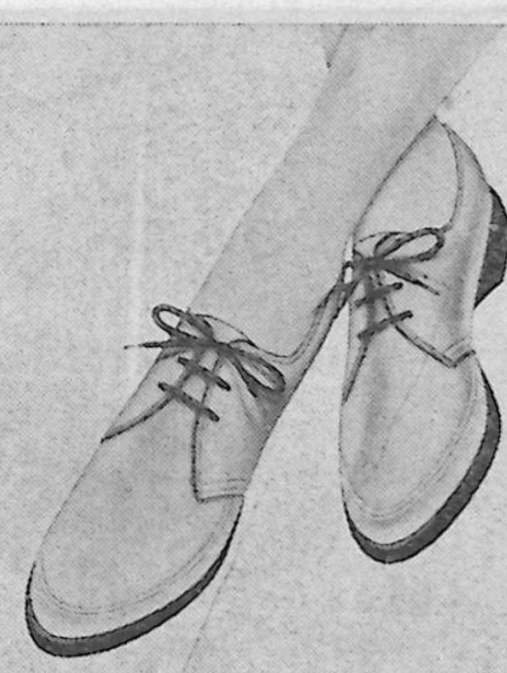
With the expected visit of the C.A.S. things will be popping around the squadron. Next Wednesday a "quiet" evening will be spent in the mess at a very "formal" mess dinner. Some sort of entertainment is expected, and it will be of the high calibre that it always has been in the past.

What is all the fuss that is going on over at the sergeant's mess? Those darn engineers are always in some sort of trouble.

Well, that's all for this week. Footnote:—Overheard in the L-14 room this week: "Diamond Jim" Levia blowing his week's allowance on a hockey game played tonight.

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407 Telecomm-Lampoon

by BOB NUCICH

The March 2nd weekend saw the close of the squadron's combined maritime operation.

All ranks gathered at the social centre on Friday afternoon to conduct an operation in their own manner... a sort of opening-close to the previous two weeks of desk pounding, aircraft shuffling, and changing the proverbial black boxes. The line technician is invariably caught up in this boiling cauldron. Proof of this exists in the degree to which the Servicing NCO is in contact with the comm and radar personnel. However, the nature of things which produced the inevitable rough spots were well aired out at the party, by this section anyway. Everyone who attended seemed to have left with something more than which they entered with, including

the morning after the night before. The next day, as is often the case, turned into an epilogue which, even if there were no words, was a welcomed silence.

The operation on the technician's level had its humorous spots. If an aircraft happened to be proceeding to its take-off position and LAC Stackhouse was present or approaching the line, the aircraft would, with horrifying precision, return to the servicing line with a comm snag. This became an established phenomenon when Stackhouse came in one morning for a test flight. It was not even his shift and you can guess for yourself what happened. It was rumored that the above mentioned technician would receive leave when the next operation occurred! How do you

do it Stack? What baffles some of us is how this was accomplished with the timing often sought by expert operational planners.

The telecom group were the last to leave the social centre as usual. This has become for the most part like some of the more common experiences of man. For instance the rising and setting of the sun, walking, or placing Brylcreem on one's toothbrush. Perhaps the reason it happens is because the section must have more to air or take longer to do it in. Maybe Samuel Johnson had the answer when he once commented to a young man: "No one ever died of drinking, though some have perished learning the art."

All in all the party had its benefits. Many aspects of the operation were discussed especially in the area of communication between those who are on the line and those who are doing the flying and planning.

In this way the fellows on the line have (if only to a very limited degree) an idea what is going on out there in the Pacific and what they are working towards.

TRANSFERS:

There are a number of transfers for the section. To Greenwood—W.G.2 Veitch, LAC Bodnarek, LAC Gibbons, LAC Healy, and LAC Coleman; to Summerside—LAC Greene and LAC Clepp; to Torbay—Cpl. Kannegger. The writer of this column can say, with some apprehension, "good luck!"

TEST FLIGHTS:

Those embarking on test flights are advised to find out if their skipper smokes cigars. If so a cigar will be just as necessary as the parachute or Mae West. The larger the cheroot the better are one's chances of keeping the digestive tract where it was designed to be. If you do not have a cigar and your skipper does light one at let us say 10,000 feet you will be engulfed (with no means of retaliating) by a gaseous mixture unknown by scientists in the field of chemistry. It is a mixture of pungent cigar smoke and dry, hot air from the heaters.

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THE LATEST DRINK—Vodka and milk of magnesia. It's called a Phillips Screwdriver. CARRIER MIKE—a technician in the shop who could have the initials A.M. or F.M. depending how his reception

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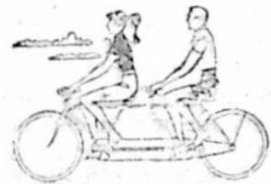
If you have trouble keeping up with hep jargon, consider the British. In England, a snack between meals can be called a beaver, dew-bit, drum-up, lowance, nummick munch or progger. Unbelievable as it may seem that's only the beginning. There are 35 other words for the same thing.

The words for snack were compiled by researchers from Leeds University in trying to determine why Englishmen have trouble understanding each other. After an 11-year study of dialects in 311 localities the researchers concluded that the English language is too many things to too many people.

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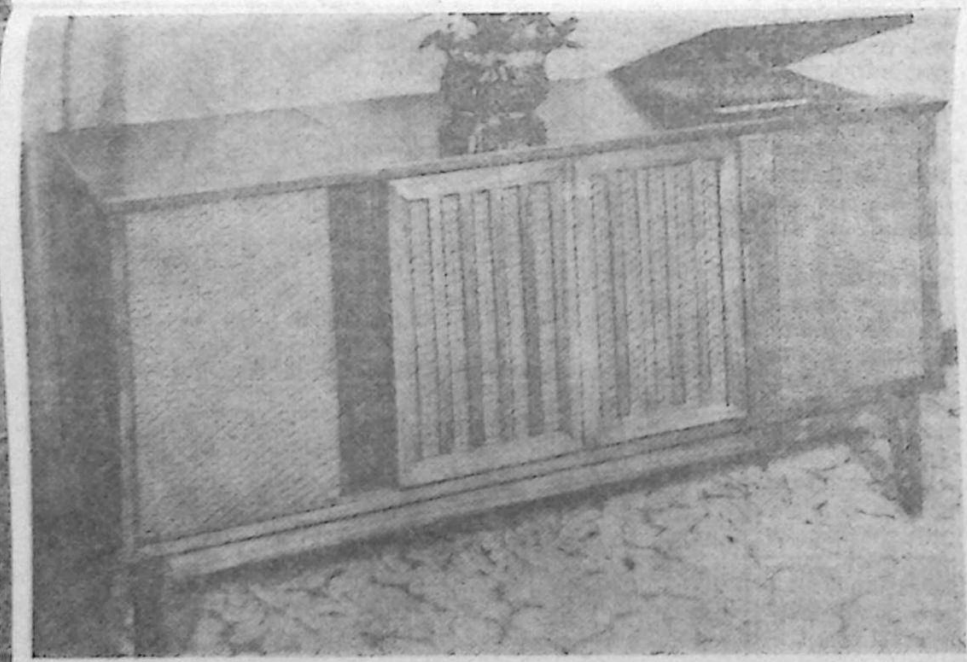
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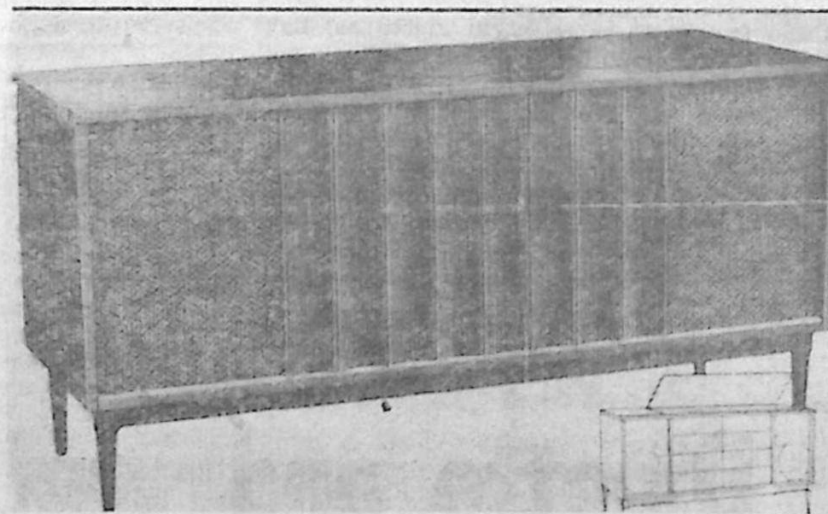
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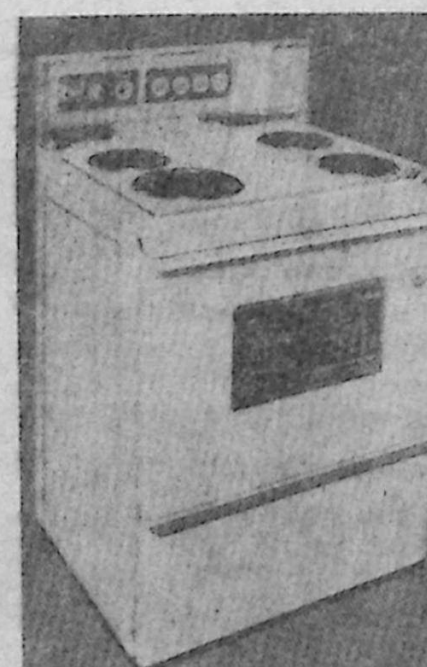
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"Gulf Stream" Probed

By AL SLAKAT

Sunday the 24th February proved to be an excellent day for searching the wreck of the sunken freighter "Gulf Stream". Six members of the King Neptune Diving Club and a visiting diver (Alan Foster) from RCAF Station Trenton, Ontario, left Comox Marina at 0915 hours and arrived at Dinner Rock at 1050 hours. It was a brisk ride, and very smooth, as the waters of the straits were very calm, even though the sky was overcast. Everyone was in high spirits, excited over the prospect of visiting the regions of the deep. During the ride over (this ship lies about seven miles north of Powell River) the diving equipment was given the once over by the club president, checking for any possible hazard that might create some difficulty to the divers if and when trouble may overcome them. Considering the amount of diving done by the club members, the personal equipment is well preserved.

The seven divers were divided into two groups. The first group, headed by Bob Dyke, David Smith and Gord Steele were responsible for connecting a guide line to the "Gulf Stream". The second group, headed by Al Slakat, consisted of Alan Foster, Ken Bell and Mike Carrier. The guide line proved to be a satisfactory anchor line as well. This line permitted the divers to descend without wasting time which means a waste of valuable air. It also increased the confidence of a couple of divers who had not gone below 33 feet before.

The bow of the ship is 50 feet below the surface, where the water was quite warm and the visibility very good. The keel was sitting on a shelf approximately another 30 feet deeper, with the stern of the ship (at deck level) at approximately 130 ft. deep, where the water is cooler and the inky depths seem to touch you with icy fingers. Most of the superstructure has been blown apart but the hull is still very much intact. Venturing down into the ship's interior is a scary experience. A diver's imagination takes hold of him and all animal life takes on gigantic sizes and shapes and also gives him the feeling that someone or something is watching him, even the ghosts of the crew members that once

stood watch on its decks.

Basically, this dive was organized and planned for three reasons. First, a pleasure dive for the experienced, secondly, a means to qualify the less experienced to greater depths. Ken Bell and Mike Theriault descended to a depth of 65 feet which is a milestone for them. Thirdly, Al Slakat and Alan Foster decided to equal or break a depth record belonging to a diving club that Alan was a member of last year. A depth of 130 feet was attained and both parties were happy to say that all went well until the air supply became exhausted. A controlled ascent was in order! The uncomfortable feeling one gets when one has some difficulty in acquiring the amount of air one is used to was well worth the record-breaking dive. Congratulations Alan Foster.

After lunch, and gathering together all the diving gear, souvenirs, plant and animal life, the trip back was a quiet one compared with the trip out. The divers' thoughts were back at the dive, wondering about the people that sailed the "Gulf Stream", what they were doing now and when the next dive would be held.

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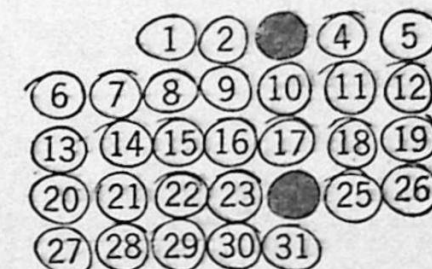
In our personnel sphere we would like to take time out to welcome to our community and to Station Comox, two newcomers, LACs Evans and Harvey. Both these boys come to

us straight from training school.

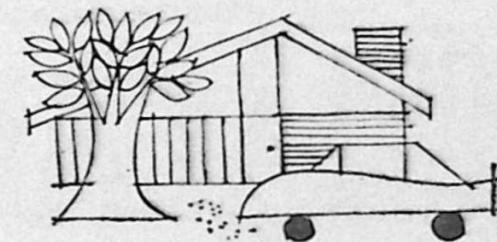
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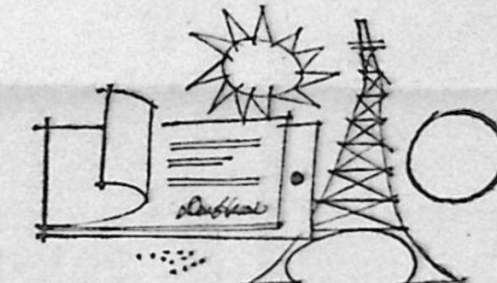
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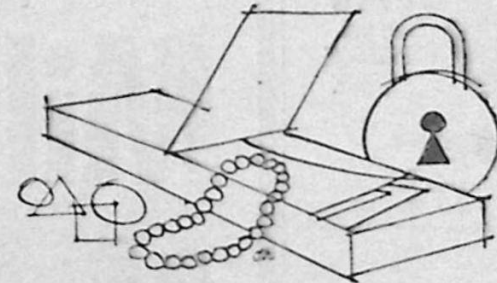
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