

Taking their cues from Canada's toughest army regiments, members of the Station Security Force at Station Comox, Icarn to handle weapons such as the new Cl submachine gun in order to defend their unit in the event of a ground attack. The instructors of the RCAF weapons course received their training from the Black Wateh Regiment and
the Queen's Own Rifles. the Queen's Own Rifles.

Here, LAC E. D. (Roy) Robertson, digs in to fire a burst from the submachine gun. Comox is one of the first RCAF
units to receive the new weapon. units to receive the new weapon.

## Wedding Customs

Ever wonder why in the There was always a distinct world people tie tin cans and possibility the young cou
old shoes to the back of a might have to walk home. newly-wed couple's car? The public service division of The British Motor Corporafacturers of Austin and Morris cars, has found the answer. A recently translated work by the Dutch sociologist Arnold van Gennep shows it is a carry-over from age-old marriage rites and probably had parallels in primordial times It is still a custom among primitive tribes, according to anthropologists and sociologists, to roar, yell, beat drums and make noise when the oridal couple takes off to start the wits out of the demons.
It is believed that friend and relatives of the bride and forming the same rite when they turn the wedding couple' car into a mobilized boiler factory.
This modern and unnerving spook-scaring ceremony is also "chivaree" which used to be common in eastern Canada around the turn of the century.
Hooligans used to whoop and ally rhoot guns and generbridal suite on marriage night When evolution of the car ible, BMC fact-finders believe that the evildoers turned the groom's vehicle into bedlam out of sheer spite
Anthropologists Doutte in a work called 'Merrakech' traces he importance of shoes in the marriage ceremony of the Barld practice of he western wrorans price of hanging ol might have started as a kind ly gesture.
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y gesture. combustion engine internal actly reliable a while back

But modern rites for a marmuch tamer-and dryer-than the ceremony which is literai-
ly thrown to the bride and ly thrown to the bride and
groom by North African Moslems.
In 1902 an anthropologist saw a leave-taking ceremony Which greatly surprised him. The sect's traditional ceremoney is to throw water in ront of the young couple's suring them a pure future life Hower, the However, the scientist witfriend of the bride miscalcula ted and heaved a bucket of water all over the bride and room. Enough to dampen anyone's ardor.
Few people today are aware of the source of present marriage customs. Most of them are centuries old. Throwing rice at newlyweds for instance s really an ancient fertility ite adopted from China. Grains of rice-the source of Ife itself - were practically evered by the Chinese.
The term "giving the bride way" comes from the days when the girl in question was placed on the block. She was not actually "given" however. sually her pappy got a pretty ood price for her
Carrying the bride over the hreshhold stems from the happy days of club and muscle The hero simply the noggin and hauled her home.
The honeymoon is age old It represents days of yore when it was very advisable fter a rather abrupt ceremony After snatching his out of sight.
The word itself comes from


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Golden Hawks in Six B.C. Air Displays


The air force has announced that its precision aerobatic display team, the Golden Hawks, will perform in six British Columbia communities in August. Flying standard F-86 Sabre jets (Mark VI), painted gold with a red and white hawk motif emblazoned on the fuselages, the RCAF Golden Hawks will be the feature attraction at two Air Force Days and four air shows in the province

The Golden Hawks will perform at an air show in Kamloops on Friday, August 9. It will be followed by similar events at Penticton on Saturday, August 10, and at Kelowna on Sunday, August 11. Station Comox will play host to the Golden Hawks when they participate in the Vancouver Island station's Air Force Day on Wednesday, August 14. The sevenFet pilot team will perform at an air show in Victoria on couver on Sast 16, and close out its West Coast vich aver will hold its Air Force Day.

Plans for the Golden Hawks to begin their fifth-year tour of Canada and parts of the United States in May when their first public performance will be at Windsor, Ont., on May 18. They are slated for 65 air displays in 58 locations this summer. It is estimated that $13,000,000$ people have seen the Golden Hawks in 240 public performances since their formation in 1959 to mark the 35th anniversary of the RCAF and the golden anniversary of flight in Canada.

In olde old England the groom would hide from his unappre-in-laws for about a month During this period he found it pleasant to fortify himsel an ancient and pornt revita lizer made from honey
Then there is the belief that the wedding ring is just a smaller and more expensive repife's of fetters worn on the wige's hand because the authority reserved for the the band).
And of course-throwing the bridal bouquet. This decorou and decorative tradition gradually replaced a much mor more interesting French cus tom. Early in the 14th cen tury, the bride's unwed gir friends were after a part of her actual apparel-namely
the stays for her stockings. Naturally the bride's depart for her new home usually urned into a v
But the most unusual wedding custom uncovered by BMC investigators was a pecuhar, but practical practice or the Brahmans in South India. The Brahmans insisted-and till do-that the oldest boy younger mily marry before his true love burned in a young brother's breast while his older brother bided his time, there was a unique solution to break he deadlocked wedlock.
The kindly Brahman family simply married the older boy o a tree.
This allowed his kid brother to more or less branch out.

## TIPS MAY SAVE YOU \$

You may be able to reduce the amount of income tax you pay this year by checking these tips, taken from a list of 20 in the April issue of Liberty magazine.

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the $\$ 550$ exemption for a dethe $\$ 550$ exemption for a dependant not qualified fo
Earnings of a daughter as a nurse-in-training aren't tax able.
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If you made a profit selling less you do it ey won by non-professional gamblers isn't taxable; gift aren't taxable, unless you are required to do something in return for them.

## BASEBALL REGISTRATION

RCAF Station Comox has been invited to enter the Upper Island baseball league commencing 12 May. Team entries presently consist of Courtenay, Campbell River Cumberland and Union Bay Players interested in forming a team are requested to sign up now at the Re Centre. Names are requir ed by 26 April, which is final registration day for joining the league.'

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