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CORPORALS ASSIST ORPHANAGE



Corporals Pete West (left), and Chuck Mihychuk present \$450 to Mrs. Wiseman, Assistant Matron of the B.C. Protestant Orphanage in Victoria. As in past years, the money was raised by the Corporals Club through weekly raffles and an annual bingo. The orphanage at Victoria is a home for 67 children of all age groups.

THE EDITOR AND STAFF OF THE TOTEM TIMES WISH TO THANK, AT THE END OF THIS SUCCESSFUL YEAR, EVERYONE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PAPER. WE WISH TO ONE AND ALL, A MOST PLEASANT HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL 1964.



Channel Swimmer

The town council of Wallace Gardens, permanent married quarters community at RCAF Station Comox, has recently obtained the services of a former Canadian world swimming champion as community director of recreation.

Mrs. M. Leuszler, better known as Winnie "Roach" Leuszler, who in 1944 became Canada's first world champion swimmer, and in 1951 the first Canadian to conquer the English Channel, is co-ordinating a recreational program here at RCAF Station Comox for more than 1,800 airforce dependents.

Dependents have a selection of 25 different clubs they can join, involving physical recreation, sports, music, drama, arts and crafts, and many other group activities.

Mrs. Leuszler, the wife of a Comox-based airman, brings a wealth of experience to her new post. She began as a helper on Toronto playgrounds at

the age of 13, and has since been an active organizer and participant in recreational activities wherever she lived.

Winnie Leuszler is a former Army, Navy and Airforce swimming champion, has been involved in championship track, field, and team sports throughout the nation, and was selected as best all-round athlete in Canada. She has found time to be a mother to five children: Francis Mary, 16; Sharon, 14; Phyllis, 13; Norman, 8; and Michael, 3.

Please Note

Due to the holiday season the next edition of the Totem Times will be published on January the 9th.

Popular Padre Promoted



"Father" H. M. Thomas to rank of Squadron Leader.

Father Thomas has served as the Roman Catholic Padre at RCAF Station Comox, the past two years. He was posted to the west coast following his last tour of duty at Goose Bay, Labrador, on eastern seaboard in early 1961.

Since his enrollment in RCAF in Edmonton, Alberta in 1958, he has held masses for Canadian and American service personnel at many points throughout Canada, including special Christmas services for men at points along the Distant Early Warning line in the north.

S L Thomas attended John's College in Edmonton and was ordained at St. Heart Seminary in Lebrun, Saskatchewan.

Many Thanks

Our world today in the 20th century is one of conflict and distrust. It is a world where great events splash across the headlines and lesser stories get back-page coverage. It is a world where greatness is a criterion for existence.

When, in this world we have created, small but significant incidents catch our eyes, our minds are awakened with new vigor and spirit. They are neither new or original, these unnoticed daily happenings, but in the midst of busy days, they come a great relief to the soul of man.

The incident, to which reference is being made, was brought to our attention last week. Feeling was that this should not go unheralded. As you drive on the station in the evenings over the festive season, turn your heads to the barrack block immediately behind the R.C. Chapel along the top row of similar windows, one stands out from the rest. For in this room lives a gentleman who has not forgotten the spirit of Christmas.

Around the window is a single strand of multi-coloured lights. Yet those few lights stand out in the darkness, like the star in the East, that heralded the birth of Him for whom we put aside Christmas.

In the loneliness of barrack living, one person has seen fit to brighten up his own surroundings in the spirit of the festive season. We believe all who have seen this window, or who will see it, cannot but say "Thank You" for helping us to remember little things mean a lot.

Therefore we would like to wish a Very Merry Christmas to Mr. C. Hastings, cook at the Combined Mess and thank him for his renewal of an old custom.

WO "HOPPY" HOPKINS RETIRES



Retiring WO "Hoppy" Hopkins, and wife Jean, happily display their silver tray presented by the PMC, and members of the Sergeants' Mess at a gathering honouring this popular WO, on Saturday, 30 November.

(See Story on Page 6)

Reduction In 407 Squadron

MAC Headquarters in Halifax announced last week that there will be some reduction in the number of Neptune reconnaissance aircraft in the inventory of 407 MP Squadron at Station Comox. The reduction in aircraft will be accompanied also by appropriate reductions in air crew and technical personnel on the strength of the unit.

Roughly a one third reduction is anticipated. However, certain sections on the establishment which are presently in fact operating somewhat short staffed will see little change under the recent announcement.

It is presently presumed also that the completion of any reductions to the maritime squadron by April will very probably be paralleled by the arrival of 121 Composite Flight and Search and Rescue Unit being transferred to Comox from Vancouver.



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CO's Christmas Message



1963 draws to a close at RCAF Station Comox and I would like to take this opportunity to extend my personal thanks to everyone on the unit for their efforts over the past twelve months. It has been your professional approach to our day-to-day problems and your determination to get our job done throughout the whole year, that has made my task as commanding officer a very pleasant and gratifying one.

May we now approach the festive season as a time of goodwill and fellowship, tempered with sound judgment, to ensure that we may all safely and fully enjoy the happy holiday spirit.

MY FAMILY AND I SINCERELY WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SUCCESSFUL AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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Harem Highlights

The Corporals Wives Club will hold their first meeting in the New Year on January 7 in the Corporals Club.

The Sergeants and NCO's Wives Club held a very successful Christmas party on December 9. They had Santa Claus distributing presents. The Christmas tree was surrounded with gifts. The exchanging of gifts was done in numerical manner, causing confusion and many good laughs. The lunch was brought by the wives and everyone remarked on the lovely variety. It was enjoyed by all.

On December 11, the Officers Wives held their Christmas banquet with 110 members present.

Spones were presented to Mesdames Sheila Hays, Mary Bogle, Ann Hicks, Dianne Saunders, Marilyn Tufts. These ladies will soon be leaving Comox for other parts of Canada. Our best wishes go with you and we will miss you.

Caroling by the ladies was enjoyed. Pam Osborne and Miki Abrahamson sang many beautiful songs. Marg Glauser was at the piano. It was a pleasure to sit and hear these two ladies sing.

Santa WAS there (he looked a bit like Nancy) helping with the distribution of gifts.

Pictures were taken and they are now on display at the Photo Section if you would like to pick one up for 35 cents you may do so.

The door prize was won by Marilyn Tufts. The raffle was won by Marg Glauser. There will be no meeting of the Officers Wives Club in January.

Many Christmas parties have been enjoyed. The following ladies were hostesses: Mrs. Ireland, a sherry party to welcome Mrs. Fleming; Mrs. Croft, a dinner party; Mrs. Moore, a coffee party; Mrs. Wells, a sherry party.

THE HATCHERY DEPARTMENT

Mary Cando — A boy.
Barbara Pearce — A boy.
We wish one and all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A DANGEROUS PRODUCT

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DID YOU KNOW?

Ottawa this year will have its seventh consecutive budgetary deficit, for an estimated total increase in the federal net debt over the period of \$3,750,000,000.

"A real treasure map is a chart of the United States showing which roads don't have toll booths."

Chapel Chimes



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL

S/L H. THOMAS

SUNDAY MASSES: 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday — 4:35 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

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

Nursery: In the Parish Hall, Sundays, for 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses.

Catechism: Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Wallace Gardens School. Senior Choir Practice: Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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

Comox Catholic Young Peoples: 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday evenings in the Comox Church Rectory: Catechist James Miller.

NOTE: This is a catechism group for the teen-agers — all in this age group are welcome.

PROTESTANT CHAPEL

S/L M. PARKHOUSE

SUNDAY SERVICES:

1100 hrs — DIVINE WORSHIP

1100 hrs — NURSERY IN THE CHAPEL ANNEX

0930 hrs — JUNIOR CHURCH for those 9 yrs and older in the Chapel.

1100 hrs — CHURCH (SUNDAY SCHOOL in Wallace Gdns. School for those 3 to 8 yrs (incl.)

HOLY COMMUNION — 1200 hrs the SECOND Sunday of the month.

HOLY COMMUNION (ANG-LICAN) — 1210 hrs the THIRD Sunday of the month.

HOLY BAPTISM — Sundays by appointment.

Senior Choir Practice — 2000 hrs every Thursday.

Junior Choir Practice — 1800 hrs every Thursday.

Ladies' Guild — 2000 hrs the THIRD Tuesday of the month.

Young Peoples — 1900 hrs. Sunday in the Chapel Annex.

Sturdy Group — 2030 hrs. Sunday.

409 CO's Christmas Message



There have been many occasions over the past year, when compliments regarding the outstanding performance of 409 here at Comox, have caused me to point with great pride to the high individual calibre and ability inherent in all officers and men of the "Nighthawk" Squadron.

I should like at this time to extend my personal thanks to all squadron members for their co-operation over this past year, and may I also extend my warmest personal best wishes to all of our personnel and their families this festive season.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

We extend to you our warmest
greetings for a
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and good wishes for happiness and
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407 Demon Doins

In addition to the Squadron diary we are running, there are a few little notes we would like to add. It would seem unfair to pass up the opportunity of praising a crew from our squadron for a job well done. Little is printable of the actual proceedings with regards to last week's alert; however, I am sure that most of the remaining crews already know the facts. Therefore, without any further fanfare, 407 Squadron would like to say congratulations to S/L Moore and the members of crew 7, and we all say thanks for volunteering for duty crew over the festive season.

For those who attended last Saturday's squadron party, all will probably agree it was a good party. It was bewildering to find out that we have as many people in the squadron as were present at the party.

In the same vein, we have been lax in not welcoming new members to the squadron so we will take this opportunity to do so. We hope you enjoy your stay here as all the rest of us have. We are sure you will enjoy search and rescue work as it is always a challenge.

Recreation News

(Continued from page 7)

Bay are as follows:

6:30 p.m. — Pre-Midget Girls

7:15 p.m. — Midget Boys.

8:00 — Bantam Girls.

Tuesday, December 10th saw the Pre-Midget boys journey to Union Bay for a return game. Philip McNeely got the game off to a good start scoring the first basket for the Airport boys. Alas, for RCAF, the Union Bay team took over early in the first quarter and couldn't be held back. They shone throughout the balance of the first quarter, all the way through the second and third quarters and also early in the last quarter. During this time they made 17 points. Midway through the last quarter the Union Bay boys began to tire and the Airport team took over trying to cut down that Union Bay lead of 17 to 2. Five baskets in favor of the RCAF team ensued. The final score was 17 to 12 in favor of Union Bay, however, we are pleased with our boys' efforts. Airport stars were P. McNeely, M. Birch and B. Steadman.

Thursday, December 12 was the big night for the Airport Midget girls. Although they lost the game by one basket they never gave up trying. The star for the Airport team was Sharon Leuszler who scored 16 of the team's 18 points. The other basket was credited to Mary Reid. Wilma Richardson was the leading scorer for Union Bay with 8 points. Nice try, girls.

Saturday, December 14 saw the Airport Pre-Midget girls come up with their first victory. Congratulations, girls. The game ended six to five in favor of the RCAF team. Baskets for the Airforce team were scored by Kathy McLoughlin, Maryann Berg, and Leslie Thompson.

The second game of the evening saw the Union Bay Midget boys come up with a well deserved victory, the score being 32 to 28 in favor of Union Bay. Nice try, boys. Top scorer for the airport team was D. Smyth with 14 points. Also for the RCAF team D. Mason had six points, J. Dougall and B. Cartwright each had three points and L. Manning had two points. Nice try, boys.

BASKETBALL.
Coaches and players urgently required to compete in district and Island league. Pre-Midget girls and boys 10 to 11

Midget girls and boys 12 to 13

Bantam girls and boys 14 to 15

Girls and boys — 16 to 17 etc.

Anyone willing to coach or manage one of these teams call 339-3638 or the Recreation Centre.

PRACTICE FOR BASKETBALL.

Pre-Midget girls 10 to 11 and Pre-Midget boys 10 to 11, Tuesday 4:15 to 5:15 — PMQ School Gym.

Girls 12 to 13, Bantam girls 13 to 14, Saturday at 2 p.m. at Recreation Centre.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way with the basketball. Without their help our games could not have been successful.

We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Any clubs or organizations who are interested in securing a booklet entitled "How to Conduct a Meeting" please contact Mrs. M. Leuszler, Recreation Director at 339-2211 — Local 372.

407 Diary

(This log of operations was kept by LAC S. G. Hopkins, who now lives in Red Deer, Alberta).

Aug. 9, 1942 — "P", "N" and "V" and "S" were sent out unexpectedly after a convoy at 12 midnight, but failed to find it.

Aug. 12 — Jerry was over to night and dropped flares around Norwich about 30 miles from here. They lit the sky like day, and it was like fireworks on Halloween.

Aug. 18 — About 12 p.m. mid-night Fritz was dropping flares again about 15 miles away, but didn't drop any bombs. The kites were out again, but had no luck, although they dropped a few bombs on the Dutch coast. "A" was shot up and had large holes through both mainplanes and a flat tire; all kites returned.

Aug. 19 — In the early hours of this morning, there was an invasion of France, with Canadians, Americans and Free French taking part. They wrecked an ammunition dump, a radio location station and a slack battery. This all took place at Dieppe and lasted 9 hours.

Aug. 21 — There is a big convoy off Helligoland; 13 ships and 2 destroyers. We made 3 hits and a near miss. There was lots of slack, but none of the kites were hit. FS Lumar and crew were in "V" and dropped his bombs on a ship.

Sept. 6 — This afternoon 10 kites went down to the South Coast to go on a strike. At 11

p.m. they took off. "V" was the only kite missing, and is believed shot down by night fighters. In it were P/O Wilks, P/O Foskett, Sgt. Kohn, Sgt. Coutts.

Sept. 9 — Tonight is a night for revenge for P/O Wilks. Out went S.T.P. and got three ships off the Dutch coast. The flames from them could be seen 60 miles away. None of our kites were shot up. P/O Urquhart and crew in "S" and P/O Arnett in "T" and P/O Elham in "P".

Sept. 10 — We only sent "P" and "T" tonight but there was a very low mist and couldn't find the convoy. P/O Pritchard was in "P" and FS Tommy Thompson in "T".

Sept. 15 — There is a large convoy down off the French Coast so we sent "C", "X", "P", "S" and "Y". When they got to it, it had already been hit by a Boston Squadron, so they kept on going and blew up a dry dock on the French coast. All returned undamaged.

Sept. 17 — I had a close one today! On the way back from Docking to Bircham we landed pretty hard with 1,100 lbs. of bombs, and bounced about 30 feet the first time, and two more smaller ones. We almost landed up in the bomb dump. Jerry sent over about 15 bombers; one was shot down about 1 1/4 miles away by a Beaufighter; it was a Dornier and it burst into flames about 60 feet before hitting the deck. It happened around 10 p.m. No damage.

Sept. 23 — FS Dalgleish went out in "O" tonight as Rooster for the Dutch Sqdn. He found a convoy and lit it up like a main street and dropped his bombs. The Dutch guys went out later and made 2 hits and a near miss—all returned.

Sept. 27 — At 1330 the advance party left for St. Eral and arrived at 0945 on the 28th. It's really great scenery around here — a rumor we're going overseas.

Oct. 18 — Bob and I arrived back off leave to Edinburgh and had a swell time. We went

by bus from Edinburgh to Merchant and Sgt. Grain went Greenock. It took us 24 hours to get to Edinburgh from here. Oct. 20 — At 7:20 this morning FS Lumar, FS Kell, Sgt. back off leave the day before.

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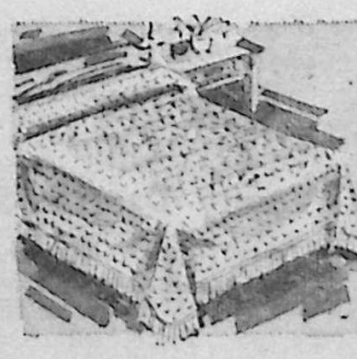
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VI'S LADIES' WEAR

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A Salute to Station Scouters

Introducing Sgt. Don Bishop CD CIK Stats (MPSU) a native of Toronto, Ont., presently residing at Falcon Trailer Park with wife and sons (Scout Von and Cub Bruce) and little daughter Sandra.

Scouter Bishop is the District Commissioner for Comox valley which runs as far south as Bowser, West to Forbidden Plateau, north to Oyster River and east to Denman Island. The District Commissioner's main responsibility is Quality Control of Scouting in the area.

DC Bishop started in Scouting as a Cub with a Toronto Pack where he spent four happy years. Don was never a Scout, he spent his teen-age years with the YMCA as a Camp Counsellor where he gained experience in camping and canoeing. His service to Scouting was resumed in 1949 as a leader, in the capacities of either Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Group Committee secretary at the following localities: Toronto, Trenton, Alliston, Uplands, Rockcliffe, Ont., St. Hubert, Que., No. 2 FW France. On his return to Canada and Comox Valley, Scouter Bishop took over as the Akela of 2nd Comox "Blue", then moved up to the present position of DC. Gilwellian Bishop took his Gilwell training in the province of Quebec. He has



DON BISHOP

spent nine years as a member of Basic Training Team. This fall, for the first time, our DC was Course Akela of a basic course held in Courtenay.

Scouter Don is also a piper in the local Scottish Company. Many of our clubs will remember the 1962 Cub camp at Morton Lake and the drone of the bagpipes as they drifted off into dreamland at the close of the day's activities. Now the secret is out, that was our "Piping DC". Sgt. Bishop's hobbies are

golfing and photography, and he is the official examiner for the Scout Photographer Badge. D.C. Bishop's only disappointment is that they don't have a golfer's proficiency badge. Don holds the Long Service Award in Scouting.

CBC-TV Christmas Programs

A visit to Disneyland, an English and French language variety show, a journey through the Holy Land, and a musical version of Pinocchio, are among special programs to be presented Christmas Day on the CBC television network.

At 1100 a.m. Hayley Mills will team up with several famous Disney characters for an hour tour of Disneyland. Journey to the Centre, a feature on the Holy Land, narrated by Rudd Knapp, can be seen at 2 p.m.

A musical for children about the living puppet Pinocchio will be telecast from CBC Vancouver at 7:30 p.m.; at 8:30 a bilingual variety show from Toronto land Montreal will brighten your screens.

During the day the Christmas messages of Her Majesty the Queen, and Prime Minister Pearson will be broadcast.

MSE Headlights

By DIPSWITCH

SAFE DRIVING MONTH

Another Safe Driving Week has come and gone, and congratulations to all our personnel in making Comox Accident Free, for the second consecutive year. Let's put it on for a 12-month basis. It can be done! It's up to you!

MSE TECH STARS

Fred Hagen made his debut in goal for the Station soccer team, which participated in the B.C. Tri-Service annual soccer tournament, held in Naden, conceding only three goals in two games. Well done, Fred!

INTAKE

Joining WO Vern Smith's maintenance staff from RCAF St. Jean, AC2 Bob White, Toronto, Ont., formerly from Victoria, B.C. Our Kye Bay area was Bob's old stamping ground, so we are told. His hobbies are (first) engines and sport cars, followed by skiing and skin diving.

EXHAUST

A farewell get-together was held last Wednesday, to say goodbye to LAC Merl Hubbell, who is leaving the service for greener fields, namely Vancouver.

WELCOME MAT

Congratulations to LAC and Mrs. Charlie Thibodeau, on the arrival of a bundle of joy — namely a son.

UP-GRADE VALLEYBALL

Under the careful management and coaching of Cpls. Anderson and Leusler, the MSE Monarchs are on a 15-game winning streak. Keep it up, team!

CHRISTMAS SPORTS RALLY

Special thanks to Cpls Tom (Anderson and Dryden) for the wonderful organization job. (Could they be celebrating their raise?) Who was the Operator crying in his beer?

TRAFFIC TIP

Keep the Christmas Spirit—ALIVE!

Cub and Scout

Mother's Auxiliary

Please note that our December meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held in January—the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Our uniform sales are doing nicely — however, we do have a few Scout uniforms still available — please contact Mrs. Ehman at 339-3644.

A very special thank you to everyone who has helped to make our auxiliary a success this fall term. Also to all who have donated their baking and time to making various projects a success — a hearty vote of thanks from all of us.

—Mary Dunbar, pres.

Have a Merry and Safe Christmas

HOME...

Home isn't the only area where dangerous Christmas fire hazards need attention. In schools, church, hospitals and other public buildings, the only safe trees and decorations are completely non-combustible.

For school and church plays, avoid beards, masks and flimsy costume materials unless they have been treated to make them fire retardant.

In children's plays and church processions, use only safe, battery operated electric candles instead of hazardous, lighted wax candles.

KEEP CHRISTMAS HAPPY AND SAFE FROM FIRE...

Actually, fire precautions should be doubled. Many of our traditional Christmas customs — Trees, colored lights and decorations — add to the fire hazards in the home. Sometimes a combination of active children and preoccupied parents allows the one moment of carelessness which is all a fire needs to start.

Christmas is a time for happiness... and no time to be heedless of fire dangers.

FIRE SAFE TREES...

For a natural tree (fir, spruce, pine), pick a fresh looking, firm needled tree, no bigger than you need — the larger the tree the greater the hazard. Saw off the butt at an angle an inch or more above the original cut. Stand the tree in water until it is brought into the house, and keep it in water until it leaves the house. Check the water level daily; the tree will absorb large quantities of water while it is indoors.

Support the tree firmly. Keep it well away from sources of heat: radiators, stoves, fireplaces. Don't locate it where, upright or fallen, it might block escape in case of fire. Under the tree is no place to operate electrical toys; it may lead to an upset tree and possibly fire.

Don't rely on chemical coating or solutions to 'flameproof' a natural tree; none is completely effective.

Keep the tree in the house for the shortest possible time; remove it right after New Year's Day.

Artificial trees need care in selection and handling too. Plastic and metalized plastic trees can burn; use the type clearly marked as made of slow-burning materials. Those with built-in electrical systems should carry the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) or (CSA) Canadian Standards Association label. Metal trees are not a fire hazard but may be a shock hazard. Use only indirect lighting with them. If lighting strings are placed on a metal tree, it may become "charged" and dangerous.

FIRE SAFE DECORATIONS AND WRAPPINGS...

Use non-combustible decorating material (metal, glass, asbestos, etc.) where possible. Untreated cotton batting, flock and paper ignite easily and may burn intensely. If these and other materials are used, make sure they are flameproofed.

Don't use polystyrene foam for candle holders, or for table or mantle decorations where wax candles are also used.

Select Santa Claus masks, whiskers and costumes with care. If they have not been flameproofed they may be hazardous.

Dispose of gift wrappings promptly and safely. Place them in a metal-cased trash container or burn them in an incinerator as soon as possible. The fireplace is NOT a safe place to burn them.

FIRE SAFE GIFTS...

Avoid pyroxylic plastic toys and dolls. Toys operated by alcohol, kerosene or gasoline are especially dangerous; they may be upset and set fire to children's clothing.

Electrical toys should be listed by the (UL/CSA) to show that they have met shock and fire hazard standards.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET...

Wax candles on trees are highly dangerous. Don't use them on or near any tree. Check tree lighting sets, electrical candles and similar holiday lighting equipment, as well as extension cords, for frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets.

Use only lighting carrying the (UL, CSA) label. Unlabelled material, domestic and foreign, seldom meets safety standards. Be sure the fuse on the circuit serving tree and other is not over 15 amperes. Cord sets with a fuse in the plug, bearing a UL or CSA label, are available and recommended.

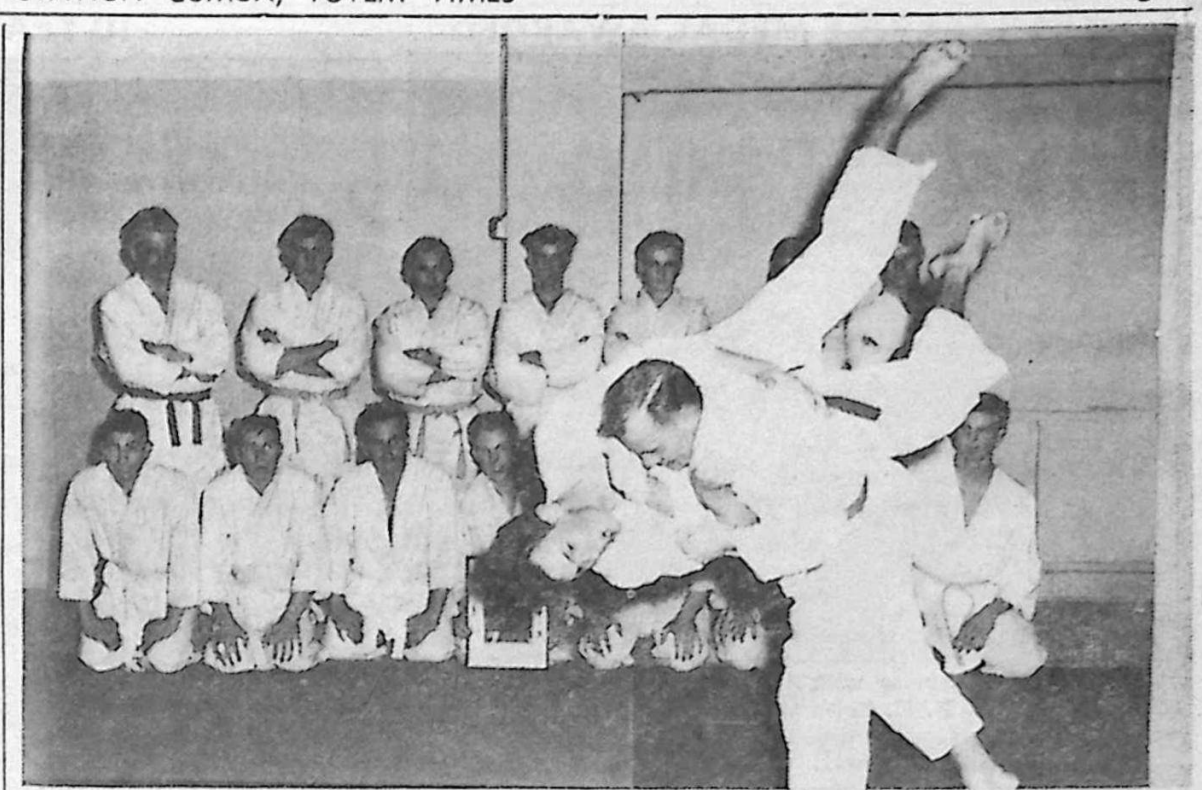
For outdoor lighting, use only sets listed for outdoor use by one of the approved labels. If an extensive holiday lighting is planned, call in a competent electrician to make sure safety rules and regulations are followed. Turn off all tree and other lighting before leaving the house.

Don't allow smoking near the tree amidst decorations and wrappings. Have plenty of large, safe ashtrays around and use them.

Supervise small children playing near the tree. Keep all matches, lighters and candles out of their reach.

Above all, have a fire emergency plan. Figure alternate escape routes out of every room. If fire strikes, clear everybody out of the house, then call the fire department. Fight the fire only if you can do so safely, keeping an exit route open.

A Merry Christmas to Everyone and a Very Happy New Year, from your fire department.



Judo News

LAC Ed Ball is shown throwing Paul Musgrove (civilian) using seoi-nage (shoulder throw) as members of the Station Judo Club look on.

Members of the Judo Club recently travelled to Nanaimo where they took part in the Vancouver Island tournament. The first showing of the season proved quite successful for the club as four members advanced to the quarter-finals before being edged out. Cpl. Carl Johnson, F/O Brian Smith, from the base and two local boys, Paul Musgrove and Glen Mitchell were standouts for the club.

Judo for junior boys and girls (12 to 16 years) which is proving popular in the area, had its first competition between the Comox Recreation Centre and Station Comox. The meet was to give the juniors an idea of how judo competitions are held and what to expect.

The biggest surprise of the meet was Miss Julie Shipperbottom (CRC) who proved that females are not the weaker sex by fighting her way not only to the top of the girls' division but to that of the boys in the

Let's Go Diving!

by MIKE CARRIER

In the past few years there has been a great emphasis on diving as a sport. Being a very healthy sport, it is also the most enchanting and mysterious one. There is no limit to what you will see and experience in this silent world of corals.

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REQUIREMENTS: (male or female), must be 16 years of age, and have an average swimming ability. If under 21 years of age applicants must have parent's consent or signature, also have a medical certificate enabling them to dive.

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COMM CENTRE NEWS

by WILL SENDEM

We have two candidates who successfully completed a course at Clinton, Ont. Cpl. A. Nygren spent 21 weeks and graduated with honors. LAC J. Fletcher also spent five weeks at Clinton.

Now that hunting season is over, our section accounts for seven deer; three of which were shot by Cpl. C. Smith, three by sharp-eyed Roger Girard, and a buck by R. Meranger.

LAC C. Cunningham has

been selected for officer candidate school at Centralia. Good luck Craig.

Cpl. R. Peters is leaving for the polar bear country (Stn. Whitehorse) where at last reading, the thermometer was a cool 40 degrees below zero.

Back to work where he's learning all about the complicated side of the communication trade is LAC Jerry Forster, who recently survived an operation at Naden.

Proud papa in the section is LAC McLellan, whose lovely wife Barbara gave birth to a boy, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, who will be named Steven Lowell.

Our sections mixed bowling team is in top place. Keep up with the strikes, gang.

Be seeing you in the Totem Times.

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5-YEAR SERVICE MEDAL AWARDED



After five years service with the Canadian Corps of Commissioners, Mr. R. H. Price was recently presented with a service award by Group Capt. E. G. Ireland, DFC, commanding officer of Station Comox. Commissioner Price, 65, served with the Canadian Army, then worked in the logging industry until 1958, when he joined the commissioners at RCAF Station Comox.

Mess Tri Lights

HOppy's NIGHT, 30 NOV. '63

The activities started early with 50 mess members witnessing the sport event of the year. It seems the western supporters were in the majority by the loud groans emanating from the mess, with of course, the one exception, that noisy Eastern fan. For one man, Tommy, you sure make a lot of noise. Red's hot dogs were enjoyed by every one in between touch-downs.

The evening resumed later with 150 members turning out to honour the retirement of WO2 Jack Hopkins. A traditional silver tray was presented by PMC WO1 Bob Parker, assisted by VPMC WO1 "Al" Horton, to the guest of honour.

Dancing

was enjoyed by Doug Baird's Orchestra. The evening concluded with a smorgasbord lunch at midnight.

Bingo and Turkey Draw 14 Dec. '63

A huge success.

Cribbage Standing

Results turned in by Captain Willy Fisher as of 11 Dec. Our team stands third in the doubles. Total accumulated points in the singles 683. Al Slakat is the leading player both in singles and doubles percentage per game. Gordie Garland is the leading point getter in singles play. Wilf Hetman and Russ McAuley are neck and neck for the Skunk-er of the month award.

Congratulatory Comments

Go to four new members joining the Mess Committee—Sgt. Norm Osland and Sgt. Dis

10-YEAR SERVICE MEDAL AWARDED



Marking ten years service in the Canadian Corps of Commissioners, Mr. David Martin was recently presented with a service award by Group Capt. E. G. Ireland, DFC, commanding officer of Station Comox. Commissioner Martin, 66, was Police Chief of Cumberland, for 15 years before joining the Corps in 1953. A native of Cumberland, England, he served as a sergeant in the British Army before coming to Canada in 1923. Mr. Martin now resides in Courtenay.

is true' Reginald, entertainment; Sgt. Joe Mandin, hospital, and Sgt. Willy Fisher, sports.

Members of the Month

Special Award

Performing outstanding service to the Mess, WO1 Bob Parker and FS Wilf Hetman, housing, and FS Joe Zaleski and Sgt. Ref Griffiths, entertainment.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday 21 Dec. '63, 20.30 hrs.

Mess decorating party. Special Christmas cocktails (ingredients Christmas spirit).

Friday 27 Dec. 1963 1400 hrs.

The annual leave Sgts entertain the Officers' Mess.

1 January, 1964 - 1230 hrs.

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Bus returns with Canadian Scottish 1430 hrs.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the New Year's thrash.

We are told there is a limited number left.

King Neptune's Report

A skin and scuba outing was held on Denman Island Sunday the 8th of December by the King Neptune Diving Club and was attended by 12 members. The first car went over on the 8 a.m. ferry followed by four others. With the tent up and the tent stove a rosy red, the members, in pairs or threes, entered the refreshing salt chuck.

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RECREATION NEWS

By BARRY BASKIN

SPECIAL EVENT

"CAROL FESTE"—Presented by the Comox District Guides and Brownies at the PMQ School gym on Sunday, December 8th at 3:30 p.m. All Brownie packs and Guide companies in the district were represented.

Our guests were the First and Third Comox Cub packs and their leaders.

Many favorite carols were sung by the Brownies, Guides and Cubs. The audience joined in on several of the carols and a good time was had by all.

The highlight of the program was the Candlelight Ceremony presented by the District Air Rangers. This group has been formed quite recently under the direction of Mrs. Metzler and Mrs. Rawluk. This group was responsible for decorating the gym, and they did a wonderful job. The program was even more joyful with the touch of the Christmas theme in the decorations. Thanks for a job well done, Air Rangers.

Mrs. R. Thompson and Mrs. G. Smith organized and supervised the program. Their efforts were deeply appreciated by all concerned. To all those wonderful leaders who worked behind the scenes along with Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Smith we give our hearty thanks.

Special thanks on behalf of the Guides and Brownies and their leaders to the pianist, Mrs. C. Glauser and to the MC, WO Yeomans, for their assistance in making the program a big success.

Many of the leaders feel that the success of the program was largely due to the efforts of Mrs. Baird, District Commissioner. A hearty vote of thanks from all of us to Mrs. Baird.

Congratulations to all involved for a job well done.

Art Club

Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Douglas conducted the final class for the 1963 fall term in the Station Social Centre, December 9. Classes shall resume on Monday, January 6. The group is a junior class, therefore everyone from age 8 up is eligible.

Due to the high cost of supplies for this class it has been necessary to set a fee of \$1.00 per year per member. Paper will be sold to students for 10c per sheet. Since the cost of one tube of paint is approximately 65c and the cost of one

sheet of paper is 25c we feel this fee is nominal.

For information call Mrs. Mason, PMQ 90; Mrs. Douglas, PMQ 1146, or Mrs. Leuszler, PMQ 118G.

Drama Club

Due to illness, it has been necessary to cancel the program which was planned for January 29.

I wish to thank those who have been so helpful to date with this club.

We regret that this cancellation has been necessary, however circumstances have made this step necessary.

Best wishes of the season to all.

Volleyball Standings

Team	Total Pts.
409 Air	16
MSE	13
407 Air	12
Soccerites	11
Arm. System	9
Tech. Off.	8
Airwomen	3
ATC	3

League play will resume on January 8th.

Bantam Football

On Sunday, December 8, the last game of the season was played against a team from Campbell River.

The Trojans played the first game. The field was wet and the weather cold; but the game was fast and clean, with lots of action. The final score was 33 to 7.

Craig and Sweeney scored the touchdowns with Johns, Baker and Bouchier making the converts. The defensive stars were Bouchier, Middy, Fulton, and Baker who made three interceptions.

Everyone on the Comox team played an excellent game, and the coaches were extremely pleased with the showing made by the entire team. There were only 11 players for this game from Comox; Campbell River had 17 boys.

Soccer Tournament

RCAF Crusaders played last Friday and Saturday at Victoria in the annual Tri Service competition. HMCS Naden was host this season.

The first game played against the powerful navy squad resulted in a 2-0 victory for the home side. Crusaders had complete control of the mid-field play but could not turn to advantage their superiority.

Bill Bennett of the Mariners scored a goal in each half. The home eleven were so impressed by the standard of play and sportsmanship of the airforce team, they want to play in Comox in the very near future. This would be a treat for local soccer fans.

The army from Chilliwack provided the opposition for the second game of the series, but were no match for the slick moving airmen. Led by a well taken McWilliams hat trick and the "Thou Shalt Not Pass" McBride the Crusaders won handsomely 4 to 1 to take second place in the competition.

After the final game which the navy won 10 to 1, the three services were dined and wined in the Fleet Club, where the winners were presented with crests. It is hoped that the tournament will be held at Station Comox next year.

Basketball

The past weekend has been a very active one in the Comox Valley League. Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. saw the Airport Pre-Midget boys face a strong team from Tsolum. Our boys were at a disadvan-

age from the beginning since many members of the team were playing soccer for the school team at the same time. However, even with our limited line the boys made a terrific show, and lost only by a small margin. Final score 10 to 6 in favor of Tsolum. Baskets were made by Mike Birch, David McClelland, and Grant Steadman for the airport team. Nice try, boys.

The second game was a heartbreaking defeat for our Midget Girls. The powerful Tsolum girls were just too much for our smaller girls. They fought hard but were unable to keep up with their opponents on many of the plays. Outstanding player for Tsolum was H. Harmaton with 8 points. Baskets for the Airport were scored by Colleen Ireland and Phyllis Leuszler. Final score 25 to 4.

Friday evening the Airport Bantam Girls and Senior Women journeyed to CRA Hall for two games. In the first game our five bantam girls fought hard all the way against the powerful CRA line. Although RCAF lost 36 to 13 according to the scoreboard the game seemed much closer, since the Airport girls kept right up with their opponents on so many plays. Outstanding players for Courtenay were M. McIntyre and J. Hutchings with nine points each. The Airport tally consisted of five points by V. Jones, four by S. Leuszler and two each by S. Jones and E. Grice. Although M. Doonan did not score any points she was in on every play and supported her team expertly.

The second game was a close battle between the Airport Senior Women and CRA's powerful team. With five bantam girls substituting our four-man senior women's line we lost by a fairly slim margin, 21 to 14. E. Grice shone through the whole game scoring 10 of the Airport's 14 points. M. Abbott-Brown played expertly to contribute two baskets to the Airport tally. Outstanding players for Courtenay were M. Slater and T. Green each making three baskets in favor of their team.

Saturday evening, four teams from CRA visited at the RCAF Rec entre. In the first game our Pre-Midget girls fought hard, however, were unable to hold their opponents down on several occasions. Final score 10 to 2 for CRA. Outstanding player for CRA was M. Cody who made three baskets. The Airport basket was scored by K. McLaughlin, who, incidentally, was playing her first basketball game. Congratulations, Kathy. Nice try, girls.

The second game Saturday evening, saw the CRA Pre-Midget boys come up with a well-deserved victory of 24 to 6. Although the Airport boys made a strong effort they were unable to hold down their opponents. Outstanding player for CRA was Paul Henderson with a total of four baskets to his credit. Airport baskets were scored by M. Birch, B. Steadman and P. McNeely.

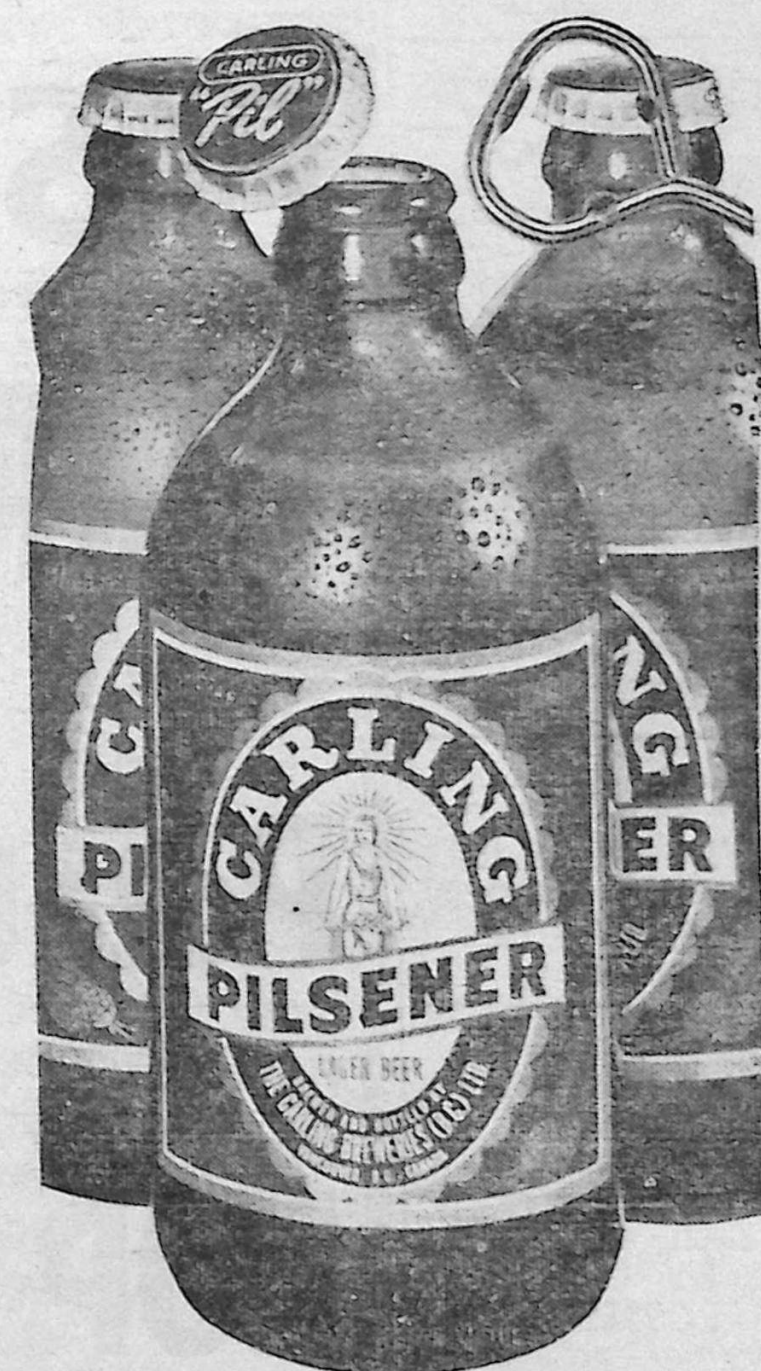
The third game of the evening saw the CRA Midget Girls defeat the Airport girls 34 to 12. Outstanding player for CRA was H. Witzel with six baskets in her favor. The Airport tally consisted of four points by P. Leuszler, three points by P. Leuszler, two points each by M. Doonan and C. Ireland and one point by S. Rawluk.

The final game ended in a well-deserved victory for CRA Midget Boys, who had to fight like tigers every inch of the way. Final score 12 to 13 in favor of CRA Outstanding player for CRA was P. Adolph

with seven points. Outstanding player for the Airport was D. Mason with six points. J. Dougall scored three points while D. McNeely and L. Fullerton each made one basket for the RCAF. Nice try boys. Scheduled games for Saturday, December 14th at Union (Continued on page 3)



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Matinee, December 28

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Sunday, December 29

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Thursday, 2 January

Saturday, 4 January

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Matinee, 4 January

THUNDER OF THE PLAINS

Randolph Scott - Lex Barker

Sunday, 5 January

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Tuesday, 7 January

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Thursday, 9 January

Saturday, 11 January

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Saturday, 18 January

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King Neptune's

Continued from Page 6) made by Fred Race (vice-president), who polished off a 16 lb. cod with his knife. In addition to this, two bags of scallops were gathered (pried off the rocky bottom, which at this particular point is 50 feet deep). A range of fish from four to 14 pounds were caught by Cliff Mills, Norm Wesfall, Mike Carrier, Bob Dyke, Val Stewart, Ken Bell, Mich Godin, Quenneville, Gord Gazley. The largest catch of the day went to Gord Tilley who made off with five cod (quite large ones at that).

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