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Air Officer Commanding Maritime Air Command Visits



Air Commodore F. S. Carpenter, A.F.C., C.D., Air Officer Commanding Maritime Air Command, Halifax, N.S., arrived February 17, at RCAF Station Comox, for a three-day visit and tour of inspection at the west coast establishment. It is the Air Commodore's first visit to the unit since assuming his present position as head of Maritime Air Command in August of last year.

Along with comprehensive tour of station facilities and the local area Air Commodore Carpenter delivered two personal addresses to the officers and men of the unit.

407 Maritime Patrol Squadron at Comox, flying medium range Neptune patrol aircraft, support anti-submarine reconnaissance and patrol operations with both the Royal Canadian Navy and United States Pacific fleets.

Upon his arrival at Comox, Air Commodore Carpenter inspected the RCAF guard of honour, accompanied by guard commander Flying Officer Gordon Jeffrey of Cranbrook, B.C. Air Commodore Carpenter returned to Halifax on Wednesday.

Comox Valley Carnival On Tomorrow Night

The Comox Valley's first winter carnival opens tomorrow night with ski movies, introduction of the Snow Queen contestants and a Teen Dance. Saturday will bring the Carnival Parade on a swing through Comox, Cumberland and Courtenay and the Snow Ball, with the crowning of the Snow Queen. Sunday, the serious skiers will take to the Plateau to fight out the Island Ski Championships, while the 'fun in the snow' can take part in less serious competitions at the lodge.

The program for the weekend covers three days with various events:

Friday, 28th February —

8 p.m. — Ski movies at the Native Sons' Hall in Courtenay.

9 p.m. — A Teen Dance, and introduction of the Snow Queen candidates, also in the Native Sons' Hall.

Saturday, 29th February.

Afternoon parade through the Comox Valley.

9 p.m. The Snow Ball at the Native Sons' Hall.

11 p.m. — Crowning of the Snow Queen.

Sunday, 1st March —

11 a.m. — Start of the Snow Sculpture Contest, and Novelty Races at the Forbidden Plateau lodge.

1 p.m. — Island Championship Skiing.

The Winter Carnival was the idea of the Mt. Becher Ski Club, who intended to use the proceeds to improve the ski slopes on the Forbidden Plateau. Since then, it hasn't looked back. With the enthusiastic support of the Chamber of Commerce, the assistance of local merchants in the Snow Queen contest, the carnival continued to grow even in the



Future Snow Queen of the Comox Valley? Well, maybe. Sharon Leuzsler is representing Wallace Gardens in the Snow Queen contest at this year's Winter Carnival.

planning stage.

The Snow Queen contest has aroused most interest. Eight girls representing clubs throughout the Valley, including Sharon Leuzsler from Wallace Gardens await the results of the voting in the ballot boxes located in the stores of more than 70 valley merchants.

The chairman of the Carnival Committee, Robbie Robertson, an RO with 407 and a staffer on the Totem Times, said: "We felt that we really had something to offer with the Carnival, and it's a great feeling to find that people agree, and give us the tremendous support we've received."

Judo Club Does It Again



Judo players from the station and the local area travelled to Duncan on Sunday, 16th February for the Vancouver Island Inter-Club Tournament. It proved to be a very successful jaunt, as the local club showed that is becoming one of the stronger clubs on the island.

LAC Ivan Stride was the big gun as he swept through the heavy-weight division defeating a couple of British Columbia's better judo players to bring home the honors. Flying Officer Harwood made it as far as the semi-finals in the middle-weight division, but was unfortunately eliminated. Mention also goes to Paul Musgrove who advanced out of the initial elimination rounds only to be defeated by the eventual class winner.

This meet, by the club's standards, was the most successful to date. A total of 15 junior and senior members took part and although a few lacked tournament experience everyone played good judo and were a credit to the station and the local region.

The judo club will be holding a tournament in Comox sometime in May which should prove to be of interest to all local residents and station personnel. Further information will be forthcoming.

CENTURY SCRAPBOOK

By W. H. OLSEN

EDITOR'S NOTE — The Totem Times is happy to announce the beginning of a new series of articles on the history of Vancouver Island. Mainly restricted to anecdotes and legends, it will by-pass the drier realms of history books.

MURDER FOR GOLD

Is there anyone whose imagination has never been fired by a story of buried treasure? Is there anyone who was raised in this part of the world and never heard those wonderful tales of hidden wealth in their many and fascinating versions? There are so many of these stories that differ mainly in the stated location of the treasure and the identity of those who hid it, that it is probable that many of them are based on the same actual circumstances.

Like all folklore, the more often a story is repeated the more distorted it becomes. The one we are about to examine is less likely to be so affected since it is set before you the way it was told by one of the principals in the case.

The time of our story is the eighteen sixties, when the Colonies of British Columbia and

Vancouver's Island were mad with gold fever. Only white men were affected by this disease, while the native population looked on, their main interest in the matter being centred on the number of useful articles these white madmen were willing to barter for food which the Indians had in abundance.

Having nothing better to do, two brothers named Suppla and Stannin set out from their village in a canoe, headed for

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FLASH!!

R.C.C. TO STAY IN VANCOUVER

AFHQ announced this morning that the Rescue Co-ordination Centre would remain in Vancouver.

409 AIRMAN WINS JUDO TITLE
LAC IVAN STRIDE, Vancouver Island Heavyweight Judo Champion, demonstrates O-Guruma (Major Wheel) throw on LAC George Yamakawa.



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Don't tell us your troubles

That's an unlikely statement for the editorial staff of any newspaper, but that's the way we feel. What we really want to hear about are the good things that have happened around RCAF Station Comox, the achievements of airforce folks are our idea of news. We hope that you'll agree.

We've only got one problem. Like you, we work for the DND too. This makes it hard to get out and give the coverage to all the events that takes place on a station the size of Comox.

Our best reporters are the people that are actually there. So, come out from behind the table Granny, we're talking to you.

We know that you never wrote a thing in your life, besides cheques. We are also aware that you flunked every language course you ever took, and don't try the broken wrist gag — a couple of our staffers tried that last month with no success.

You are our candidates for Totem Times reporter — yes, you, so stop cowering by the door.

Any newspaper answers a need — the need to know. Basically this is a very simple task, and operates on two levels. First, we should let you know what is going to happen. Secondly, we let you know how the event came off — in case you missed it. On the edge of this major job, we sell space for people to use in an attempt to convince you, that their product is the only one able to patch tires, and cure doggy odours at the same time.

This brings up the inevitable question — do you have the need to know? The answer, of course, is yes. If you live in a complete vacuum (free from doggy odour, and blown tires), you are the exception — you're excused. Leave quietly.

Next question. Do others want to know what you are up to? With a few possible exceptions on both sides, the answer is yes.

How do you go about this? I'm glad you asked that question, even after all that coy arm twisting. We're glad that we didn't have to take our editorial boots to you.

A news story does several things. First it answers five questions and look out, here comes another old saw—WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and WHY. Besides these basic demands, it should also give some idea of the interesting side-lights, that make it a story about people rather than a memo. This effect can often be achieved by adding the HOW of the story. It must also be of interest. The easiest way to kill a story is to let it die of old age. The word TIMELY seems to have become a recent favourite in government, and business jargon, but it gets the message across. Another word, that is banded about, is COLOURFUL, (the cure for your tires and dog is very likely to be colourful), and it means something. I'll leave you to make up your mind about what makes a story colourful, that's a matter of personal taste. I can recommend a personal quote from someone who knows. If you can get one it's always of interest. Those are the things we want from a story.

Don't back out with the excuse that this is all beyond you, that you can't write, you never have and you never will.

You can still help us. You can answer the questions we asked a couple of paragraphs ago, and then we will take it from there. It may not cure doggy odour, but it will interest people. Pictures can tell a story too. You must have seen a picture that answered those questions. Perhaps you can give us one of those.

We have thirty seconds. Tell us all you know. It's dollars to donuts someone will be interested in it.

If we can't get your story in, don't be discouraged. Each edition has only so much space. Give us the best story you can, and you'll hit the pages of the Totem Times nine times out of ten.

So much for the lecture — class dismissed! Let's hear from you soon.

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Take time to laugh—it is the music of the soul.
Take time to be healthy—it is the mark of a true Canadian.

MEETINGS

The next senior NCO's Wives Club meeting will be held on March 9 at 7:45 p.m. An invitation was extended to the officers' wives club and we hope to see you all in your new (made yourself) Easter bonnets. The officers' wives are to arrive at 8:30 p.m. in the Senior NCO's lounge — Combined Mess.

The Cpls' Wives Club are working hard towards making the Fashion Show a success. There will not be any tickets available at the door the night of the show. Those fortunate in having tickets remember to turn out March 3, at 8:30 p.m. sharp, school auditorium, Wallace Gardens.

The sec. treas. of the Officer's Wives Club is Joan Foster. It was previously printed Faunty Seifton. Our error — sorry.

The Roman Catholic Bishop of the Armed Services, the most Reverend Bishop Gallagher will be here March 3, and there will be a reception in his honor.

There will be a meeting of the CWL on March 2, in the Parish Hall.

HATCHERY DEPT.

Cpl. and Mrs. Lambsburg—a boy.

SOCIAL NEWS

The daughter of F/L and Mrs. P. Fanning was married on Feb. 22, to Roy Arthur Leakey of Courtenay. Dianne and Roy are spending their honeymoon in California. Our congratulations go out to this young couple.

Mrs. Betty Wright and Mrs. Les Hasiuk were co-hostesses at an afternoon tea. They bid farewell to Mrs. Ursula Robinson who is leaving this weekend with her husband and two daughters for Clenton, Ont.

Sgt. and Mrs. G. Johns have as their guest his mother from Saskatoon, who is returning from a trip to Honolulu.

RECIPE

WHIPPED TOPPING
½ cup cold water
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2/3 cup skim milk powder
Few grains salt
¼ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon vanilla
Measure water and lemon juice into a deep mixing bowl. Add skim milk powder and salt and blend well. Beat with a rotary beater until mixture stands in firm peaks — about 5 minutes. Gradually beat in sugar and then vanilla. Chill. Makes about 3 cups.
APRICOT OR PEACH WHIP
½ cup cold water
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2/3 cup skim milk powder
Few grains salt
½ cup sugar
2 cans strained apricot (baby food)
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Measure water and lemon juice into a deep mixing bowl. Add skim milk powder and salt and blend well. Beat with a rotary beater or an electric mixer until mixture stands in firm peaks — about 5 minutes. Gradually beat in sugar. Combine apricots with 1 tablespoon lemon juice and fold into whipped mixture. 6 servings.

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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 (ANGLICAN)—1210 hrs. the FIRST 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.
Study Group—2030 hrs Sunday.

BOWLING

Nell Jones from the Unexpected team (PMQ) scored a high single of 296. Good going Nell!

BEAUTY

OATMEAL
Yes, even oatmeal can help towards beauty. In this case it is the hands. Fine oatmeal mixed with a little lemon juice in the palm of the hand, and then rubbed well in makes an excellent remover of ingrained dirt.
Mix with witch-hazel to a paste, a smoothing emollient to massage the hands with.

SOAP

Soap, apart from its normal function, makes an effective protection against blisters on tender heels. Before starting out on that ten-mile hike, rub heels all over with a cake of soap.

Imitate a cat by scratching on a cake of soap before starting on a dirty job in the garden or house when it is impossible to wear gloves. The dirt cannot then get under the nails.

TEA

Cold tea dabbed on a too-hot face, after vigorous exercise, will quickly cool it down. Tired and inflamed eyes will appreciate cotton-wool pads, soaked in tea, laid on them while you lie down for a few minutes.

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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, 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 Milner.

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

The time of year when farmers and golfers start their plowing.



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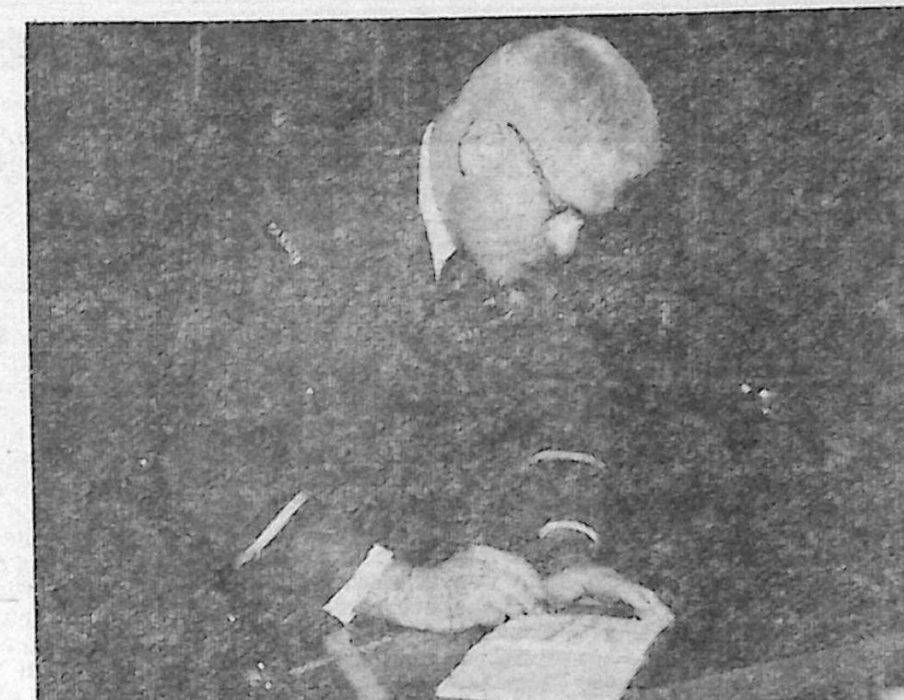
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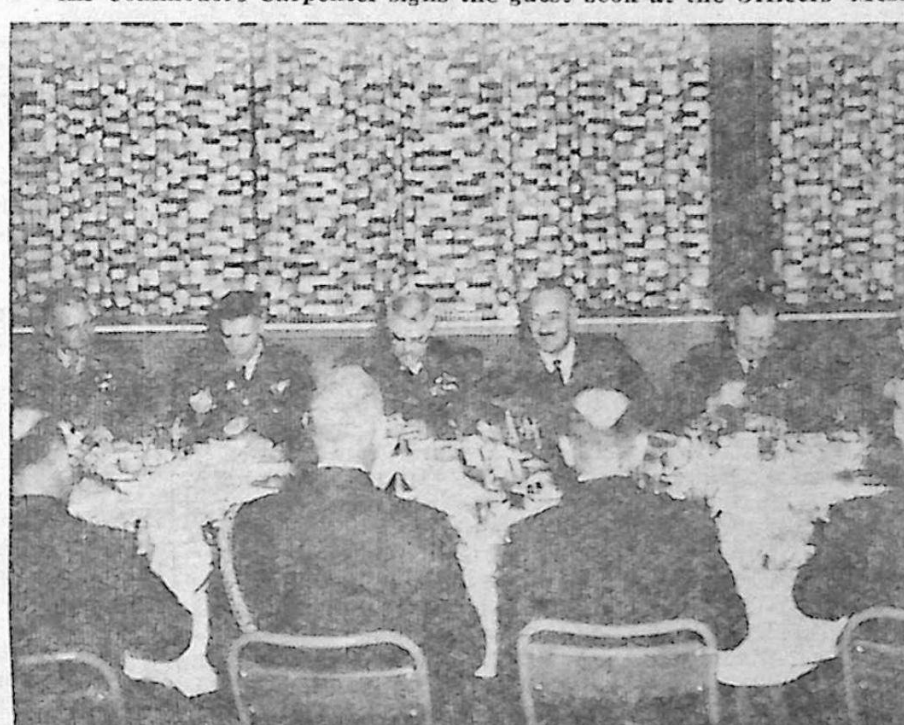
SMO, S/L Garrity explains with Surgeon Lieut. Rykebosch the hospital sound testing facilities for AOC



Air Commodore looks over the tire maintenance bay



Air Commodore Carpenter signs the guest book at the Officers' Mess



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Contract Bridge

by TERRY DOYLE

For every 10 contracts a declarer makes, 5 are due to opponents' mistakes, 4 from cold hands and 1 because of declarer's brilliance.

When south brought in today's hand, he told me that this was undoubtedly the best played hand in all the history of contract bridge. A little perusal convinced him that this hand fell in the second category, i.e. opponents' mistakes.

NORTH
S J 6 3
H 5 4
D A K 10 9
C A Q 6 3

WEST
S K 10 9 4
H Q J 8 3
D J 3 2
C 10 2

EAST

S Q 2

H 10 6 2

D 5 4

C K J 8 7 6 5

SOUTH

S A 8 7 5

H A K 9 7

D Q 8 7 5

C 9

Both Vul. North deals
N E S W

1C P IS P

2D P 3NT ALL Pass

Opening lead 10C

North has two 4 card minors and should bid diamonds first. His hand is too weak for the reverse bid that he made. With all suits apparently stopped and nice diamonds to match North's second bid, South went to game in 3NT.

West led the 10C and declarer could count 1 spade, 2 hearts, 4 diamonds (the odds highly favorable for a split or the fall of the jack) and one sure club trick. Where was the 9th trick?

The 10C held the 1st trick and South finessed the queen on the 2nd lead—not with too

much confidence however, as he felt sure West was leading a short suit. The queen of clubs was not the 9th trick as East won with the king. South sluffing a heart. The club return was won by the ace, South sluffing a diamond, West a spade. Here is where South claims to have made a brilliant play. If he could put West in the lead twice with spades, declarer's 4th spade would be his 9th trick (if spades split).

A low spade from the dummy was finessed to West's 10 and the heart return won by South's ace. The diamonds were run ending on the board. The jack of spades was covered by East's queen and declarer's ace. A low spade was led to West's king. And declarer won the last two tricks with KH and his spade 5.

Was South so brilliant? Not at all. If a heart is opened by West, the contract will not be made. Mistake No. 1. For mistake No. 2, East led a third club but had no entries in his hand, he should have led a heart. The 3rd mistake—the defender's last choice to beat the contract—was when West sluffed his 4 of spades and the third club. South was overimpressed with his heart holdings and didn't want to sluff one. Declarer had sluffed a heart on the 2nd club and so must West, for then he will be sluffing behind the declarer on the last diamond.

Many thanks to Jimmy and Brian for fattening my wallet.

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Century Scrapbook

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the mouth of the Fraser River, which seemed to be the centre for trade with the mad white men. Their canoe was loaded with dried meat and smoked salmon, which they hoped to trade for blankets, whiskey and weapons. They were not disappointed. Suppla became the proud owner of a sheath knife, and his brother Stannin acquired a blanket and a wide-brimmed hat. Their stock in trade being exhausted, they paddled up and down, marveling at the frenzied activities of the gold-seekers.

Two men on the beach beckoned to them. One of these men sat on a small leather-bound box, and the other stood beside him with a musket in the crook of his arm. Suppla and Stannin paddled closer. One of the white men spoke Chinook.

"Too many men here," he shouted, "not enough boats. We go your canoe. You paddle, we sit. We pay two good blankets now. Come Victoria, we give two more very good blankets!"

The brothers immediately accepted this fabulous offer, and helped the white men load their gear into the canoe. Strangely enough, these men preferred to carry the leather-bound box themselves, although it was obviously very heavy. This also was strange, since the box was not very large.

Crossing the Gulf of Georgia in a canoe is a risky business, except in a flat calm, and none knew it better than the local Indians, who were in the habit of shuttling back and forth in weather that would force a modern cabin cruiser to turn back. As fate would have it, the weather turned sour before the two brothers reached the open water, causing them to pull up on a small island at the river mouth and wait for better conditions.

Two days passed, while the two young Indians studied the strange ways of their white passengers. They noticed that the small, heavy box was guarded closely, as if very valuable. One man always sat on this box, or slept with his head on it, while Suppla and Stannin, who were forced to keep their distance, discussed the matter in whispers.

They reasoned that the box must contain money or something equally valuable, and that a certain amount of risk would be justified in gaining possession of it. By the end of the second day they had made their plans, and spent that night in sleepless excitement, thinking of all the wonderful things they were going to buy when the contents of the box fell into their hands.

By morning the weather was suitable for crossing the Gulf, and it was accomplished without difficulty. At Porlier Pass, instead of passing through, the canoe was turned into a quiet little bay, causing the Chinook-speaking white man to inquire suspiciously as to the reason for this diversion. Suppla pointed toward mid-channel, where a tide-rip was building up to alarming proportions. The timing was perfect. After one horrified glance at the fury of "Covichean Gap" in a running tide, the white men had no further objections.

The canoe grated onto the beach. Suppla jumped ashore and held the bow, while the first white man stepped out. As he passed, Suppla's knife caught him between beard and collar. The other man snatched up his musket, but was instantly felled by a murderous blow from Stannin's paddle.

Within a matter of seconds two men had died and two others became wealthy beyond all expectation. After the two bodies were weighted down

with stones and sunk in the deep channel, there was time to examine the spoils. There were a few gold coins in the box, but its staggering weight was due to a large quantity of gold nuggets and granular gold in leather pouches.

The two murderers shared the coins, blankets and other goods, but they hid the box and proceeded to their village. Even in those days the long arm of the law extended into Indian villages, where native constables answered to white magistrates. Knowing this, the brothers made repeated trips away from their village, returning each time to display a few more of the dead men's possessions, claiming that the goods had been acquired in trade.

Stannin was itching to take his share of the coins to Victoria and embark on a spree, but Suppla reminded him that the white authorities might become curious about the source of the money. Too much curiosity, he pointed out, could place a rope around their necks. For a while this sobering thought held Stannin in check, but one morning Suppla awoke to find that his brother had slipped away during the night. He never returned.

A few days later the word came from Victoria that Stannin had become involved in a vicious brawl and had been found stabbed to death on one of the back streets, a not uncommon fate of young Indian roisterers a century ago.

Suppla found himself the sole owner of wealth that he could not declare. To make the situation all the more perilous, a white constable questioned all the villagers about two missing white men who were last seen going down the Fraser River

with two young Indians. Suppla grew morose and sullen. Villagers thought that he grieved for his brother, but this was not the case. The treasure box haunted him. He lay awake at night imagining somebody finding his gold and living high at his expense. Finally he could stand it no longer. He went back to the little bay one night, brought the box back to his house and buried it under the dirt floor. Thereafter he spread his blankets over the spot, and slept soundly, confident that his treasure was secure.

As the years passed, the village dwindled. More and more houses became vacant and fell into ruin. Some of the occupants died of the various diseases imported by the white men. Others found that their way of life had changed, and moved to locations better suited to the new ways. Only Suppla never changed. He never invited anyone into his house, and because he was so surly, nobody wanted to visit him. Finally he was the only one left in the village.

Years later an old woman was digging for clams in a little bay at Porlier Pass, and had stopped to rest in the shade. A canoe turned into the bay and she recognized its occupant as old Suppla, the early one. She saw him beach the canoe, lift something out of it, and go staggering up the beach under its great weight. She waited quietly until he returned without his load and remained where she was until he had paddled out of sight.

That night she told her son about Suppla's curious behaviour. "That miserable old man hid something there," she declared. "I think I know what it is."

"When I was a girl in that village, Suppla's mother was

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Mom's Cub and Scout News

On January 28th we mothers held our monthly meeting, with 14 moms attending. We were happy to see some new faces, plus the old members turn out on such a blustery night. We sincerely hope that we will continue to see still more new faces at our next meetings.

Last meeting night was one of elections and our executive is as follows: president, Mary Dunbar; vice-president, Dorothy Scott; sec.-treas., Lil Grandage; membership, Jean Wirt; sewing, Les. Hasuk; finance, Sheila Ekman and Dot Carruthers; social, Edna Gallant. Mrs. Sheila Ekman is still in charge of our used uniform sales, and may be contacted at 339-3644.

I might also mention here that the Cubs' Xmas parties, three of them, went over very well. A special thank you to all the mothers who helped out in these parties and isn't it amazing the way a boy can always eat! Wonderful.

The Scouts' Xmas party was

on a larger scale, being held in the PMQ school gym. Mrs. Ensom's Guide troop was invited, and the troop and girls carried on to their favorite records. Food was served by the Scout mothers and a big thank you to you all. A special thank you to you Mrs. Ensom for your help in making this party such a success.

Local P-TA Presents Panel

An interesting and informative panel discussion was presented in the school auditorium Monday evening, Feb. 24.

The moderator, A. D. Clements had the able assistance of panelists L. Phillips, Principal of Comox Elementary Schools, Rev. Dr. J. D. Hobden, retired minister, Magistrate T. G. Ryan, and Cpl. T. R. Fullerton, RCMP.

The topic, "Parent's Attitude and the Law," was considered from the point of view of the parent's responsibility for upholding the law, and the effect of parental attitude on the mind of a child. Information was presented on the relationship between the home and the school in the inculcation of discipline and respect for authority. Legal aspects were outlined to give parents enlightenment on the extent of their responsibilities as adults in dealing with children.

The panel discussion as a whole enlarged on the concept of the home as the central authority in the life of a child. Without stability, security and a reasonable pattern of discipline, it was pointed out that children frequently become juvenile delinquents and in adulthood are prone to develop along anti-social lines. One of the panelists gave a clear indication, based on observation, that the background of most criminals includes a bad family environment.

Those who attended the meeting found the discussion mentally stimulating, and

SCOUT LEADER SURVIVAL COURSE



About 30 Vancouver Island adult scout leaders recently attended a two-day bush survival course at Comox under the direction of station scout leaders and RCAF search and rescue personnel. The group spoke highly of the unit's co-ordination and presentation of the program.

Salute to a Station Scouter

Presenting in this edition our District Scoutmaster, Sergeant "Robby" Robson C.D. (Flt. Tech.) 409 Squadron. A native of Calgary, Alta., presently residing at Kin Beach with his wife the former Alpha Bjarke of Valhalla, Alta., and two sons, Danny and Ronny and daughter, Girl Guide, Carol.

Robby started his Scouting career as a Scout wab back in 1931 in Hythe, Alta. He spent two happy years in the troop and unfortunately the Scoutmaster moved away without leaving a replacement.

Scouter Robson resumed his Scouting as a Cub-leader in St. Hubert, Quebec, where he also received his Part II Cub Gilwell training in Montreal. On his transfer to No. 3 FW in 1955 he ably took over as Scoutmaster. In 1956 he was again transferred to No. 1 FW and took over as Cubmaster from our ARC Jim Baker.

While at No. 1 FW Akela Robson was Camp Chief for three years where Cubs camped in Holland and Luxembourg. While overseas Scouter Robby attended a Pack Scouters' Gilwell course at Gilwell Park in England, which is a distinction very few Canadian Scouters hold. Also the same year, 1957, he attended the World Jamboree "INDABA" at Sutton Coldfield, England. On return

thought provoking.

A sincere vote of thanks was extended to the moderator and the panelists at the close of the meeting.

to Canada and Comox in 1959 DSM Robson became a Cubmaster and in 1961 he took over his present position as District Scoutmaster for Comox Valley.

Robby is also a member of our kilted district staff and wears the tartan of the Clan Royal Stewart. A member of the Comox Valley Training Team he has helped to put on a course for Pack Scouters on Quadra Island and First Patrol System Training Course at Comox. DSM Robby holds the St. John certificate and is a member of the local Toastmasters Club and after all other activities are looked after he finds time to relax with a bit of fishing which is his number one hobby.



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Or they hear: "I am getting fat, I am getting well. We have good food, nice friendly people here. I will be going home when I get well."

Providing this radio link to areas of the High Arctic, the Northwest Territories, the Yukon, Eastern and Western Sub-Arctic regions is the hospital message program "Uqau" part of the CBC northern service.

In an effort to extend the use of the program, the northern service has designed and printed a quantity of postage-free cards which were distributed to sanatoriums and treatment centres.

On these cards, which have instructions in Eskimo syllabics, the hospital patients write brief messages, sometimes with the help of the nurses.

These cards are then forwarded to Montreal for short-wave transmission or are passed on to the appropriate CBC northern stations.

Miss Ann Padlo, Eskimo language producer for the northern service is particularly active in this hospital message service. She translates and broadcasts the messages and she even designed the original card.

Though Eskimo patients are the principal users, Indian participation is encouraged and, like cards from Eskimo patients, those of Indian origin are co-ordinated in Montreal and directed to the appropriate northern station for local broadcast.

Among the hospitals treating these patients are: Charles Cammell Hospital, Edmonton; Weston Hospital, Toronto; Clearwater Lake Hospital, Manitoba; Great Whale River Hospital, Quebec; Ninette Sanatorium, Quebec; and others.

And from the patients in these hospitals the messages keep going out on the air:

To Clyde River — "I don't know what is going to happen in the future, but doctors say I have to get an operation. I don't know what is happening to me, I am not in pain any more. I am tired of being in the hospital. A hunter, I never stay home before."

To Pagnitung — "Right now everything is fine. Here we try to be happy as much as we can."

Scrapbook

(Continued from page 4) still alive and she was good to me. She used to tell me stories about many strange things. One day she told me about how two of our men killed two white gold-miners in that little bay, and took their box of gold. I had forgotten that story until I saw old Suppla with that box today.

She thought that was the end of the matter until one evening her son came home after being away all day, and whispered, "Mother, I found what old Suppla hid. He buried it under a rock. It was the box full of gold! I covered it up again until we can think of what we can do about it."

For days they talked of nothing else, but came to no conclusion. Fate settled the matter when the son became ill, lingered a few days, and then died. Shortly afterward, Suppla was found dead in his lonely house.

There was only one left who knew the secret of the gold cache, and before she, too passed on, she told this story. Some day I'll look for that box of gold, and if you don't find it before me, perhaps I will locate the right bay and the right stone.

Easter Seal Campaign

Easter Seal campaign chairman for B.C. this year will be Mr. Tom H. Tait, it was recently announced.

Mr. R. P. G. World, president of the B.C. Society for Crippled Children, representing the department.

"We are indeed pleased with Mr. Tait's acceptance," he said. "Tom Tait has been very active with Lions Club activities these past years, and is immediate past president of the New Westminster Lions Club, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce in that city. The Lions Clubs throughout the province will again be behind the Easter Seal Appeal during March, and Mr. Tait will provide the full publicity co-ordinative effort a campaign of importance to crippled children deserves," Mr. World concluded.

I will go home maybe sometime next year."

To Igloolik — "To all my family. I love all my family. I have never been away from home before. It seems to be very lonely so I don't know what to say in the letter. I send you all my love and don't worry about me. Thanks to all nurses and doctors."

"Mal De Mer"

This is the beginning of a new series in the Totem Times. We hope it will be entertaining as well as educational.

Offered will be facts about alcohol (ethyl) and the uses (moderate) in eating and drinking for pleasure. There will be stories of the history, ingredients and types of drinks best suited for the season of the year.

WINES
The first wines were introduced in the times of the ancients, and were used mainly as we use water today, to quench thirst and with meals. Some of these wines were of fine texture and were used mainly by the chiefs and the nobles. Others were of coarse texture and were used by the workers daily.

They, as us, were troubled with overindulgence and history records some of the punishments given for "alcoholics." These were the lash and the removal of the tongue.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH
MILK WHISKY
2 ounces rye whiskey
3 ounces coffee cream
2 teaspoons sugar
Shake well, add one dash of bitters, pour into 8 oz. glass and sprinkle with nutmeg.
—your MIXOLOGIST "Luigi."

Marine Section

Things have been hopping on the waterfront this month, with three searches and two trips north. The first search was when someone reported a flare off Union Bay, on Feb. 5th. We left the dock at 1850 local; it was a nice clear night, and we headed for Union Bay, then across to Tree Island where we spotted a light. Cruising in slow with our searchlight on, we spotted four green lights and a small white light. The green lights were moving all over the place. This was beginning to look like something from the "Outer Limits" when finally we spotted a man with a flashlight and two big black Labrador dogs. He told us he was out brant hunting and that he had not seen anything. Notifying the tower, we headed for home.

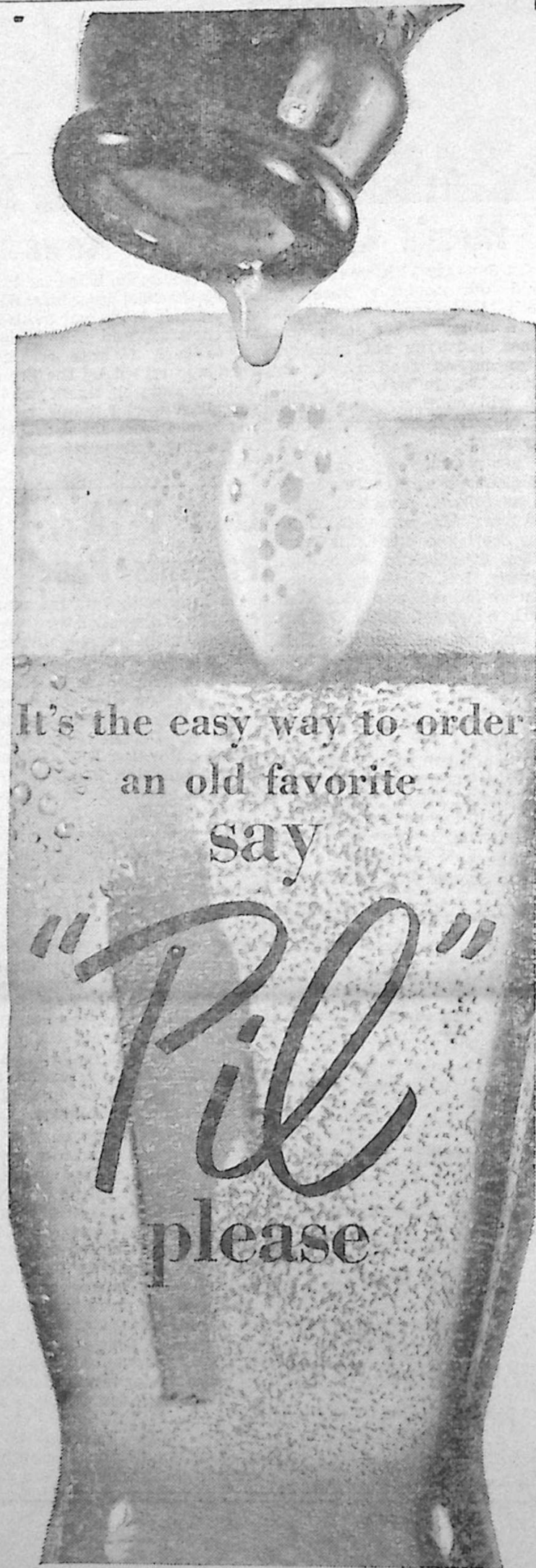
Next day there was a report about a meteor falling on Texada Island. This gives an idea of how searches originate.

The other job was a rescue operation. A small sailboat upset with two people on board. They were brought in wet, but otherwise in good shape. The local Fisheries boat had an engine failure and called for assistance as they were drifting on the rocks. The Black Duck went out and towed him into port.

The last call we had was a search for a boat which broke loose. A fisherman called in and said his 30 foot boat had broken loose from its mooring at Black Creek. This search was not successful as we could not find it, so if anyone sees a boat drifting or stuck on the beach give the RCMP a call.

Holberg called and wanted a piece of equipment in a hurry. It weighed 800 lbs. and was too awkward to be shifted by aircraft. The Black Duck departed with the freight, but owing to bad weather had to unload at Port Hardy and have it shipped by road across to Coal Harbor, then by boat to Holberg. A week later the Heron was dispatched to Port

Hardy to bring the spare part out for repair. As this goes to press the Heron is in Victoria for an estimate on her refit. All in all it has been a very busy month. All the marine personnel got wet at one time or other—hazards of the trade. See you on the waterfront! —Ancient Mariner.



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SOCCER NEWS

This is a brief summary of what the station team has accomplished since it started activities last September. As of Sunday 16 Feb. the team has played 17 games of which nine were won, three were tied, and five lost, scoring 42 goals, and conceding 30. In the B.C. tri-service competition held at HMCS Naden

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MESS TRILITES

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MSE Headlights

During the past 20 years or so, moving from one place to another, it has always been a habit of this writer to haunt the Station Library to browse over various station periodicals. Now, if most MSE Wheels (large or small) have the same interest as one another, they naturally will like to know what happened to "Old so and so," and where did that . . . go? To look through these same papers and not find a contribution from the MSE is disappointing to this Old Coder. So taking for granted that you want to know where we are — here we are out on the Beautiful Pacific.

F/O Eric Cook MSEO, F/O Lloyd Scott, WO2 Vern Smith, FS Don Henderson, FS Wilf Hetman, Sgt Cam (WB) Campbell, Sgt Ralph Kiloran and Sgt Les Rutherford.

WEEK'S TRAFFIC TREASURE
Overheard yesterday on our school bus: "My mother when she starts the car, turns on the technician, then chokes it."

In December, we were runners-up to the Navy. And in the Upper Island League we finished in third spot.

At present we have reached the final of the Fraser Cup, and are awaiting the replay date when we meet Port '54 again, as the first game ended in a tie 1-1. The top goal scorers on the team are Geoff Marinus with 10 goals, Garseth with 8 and MacWilliam with 6.

Biography of A.O.C. M.A.C.

Air Commodore F. S. Carpenter was born in Toronto in September 1914, attended Upper Canada College there and the Royal Military College at Kingston, Ontario, and was commissioned as a pilot in the RCAF after graduation from RMC in 1937.

During the early years of the Second World War, he served as a pilot with bomber reconnaissance squadrons based on Canada's east coast, later commanding the RCAF war-time 117 (BR) Squadron at North Sydney, N.S., 9 (BR) and 160 (BR) Squadrons both on the west coast. He also served in Trans-Atlantic Ferry Operations.

Prior to being selected for staff duties at Western Air Command, with headquarters at Vancouver, he commanded the wartime RCAF Stations at Bella Bella and Coal Harbour, B.C. In June 1943, he was appointed Director of Plans at Air Force Headquarters and later, after graduation from the RCAF Staff College, went to India with the Canadian Air Liaison Mission to South East Asia.

Upon returning to Canada in December 1944, A/C Carpenter was named Director of Organ-

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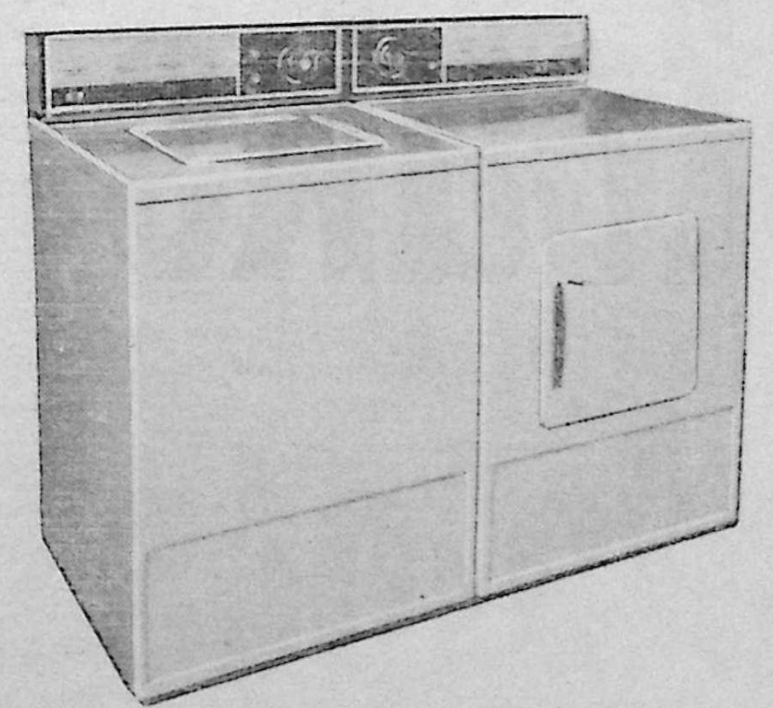
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ization and Establishment at AFHQ. In August, 1947, he was transferred to Northwest Command Headquarters, as Senior Personnel Staff Officer and in August, 1949, he was appointed Senior Air Staff Officer at Training Command Headquarters.

In November, 1951, A/C Carpenter was named Chief of Training at AFHQ, a position he held until selected to attend the Imperial Defence College in England, in 1952. On completion of the course in December, 1953, A/C Carpenter was appointed Chief of Operations at AFHQ, and was named Air Officer Commanding Transport Command, in July, 1956. During his five year tour with Air Transport Command, he saw the introduction of the

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