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Statement by Chief of Air Staff To All RCAF Personnel

(1.) The Minister of National Defence recently announced the government's intentions in defence policy for the next ten years, including far reaching changes which will govern the organization, composition and administration of the armed forces in Canada. The object of these changes has been clearly set out by the minister in the White Paper which is being distributed for perusal by every member of the services, and requires no further elaboration on my part. These changes are being made to promote increased efficiency and economy in a modern military environment which involves an increasingly greater interdependence of arms, a vastly increased complexity in weapon technology, and a corresponding increase in costs.

(2.) It is not my purpose to elaborate further on the objectives of the Government's plan but to explain to you what the long and short term effects on the RCAF are likely to be. You will recognize at once that measures being taken are breaking entirely new ground in the development of military organization. Therefore, it is not possible to forecast with complete accuracy all the ramifications that may be experienced.

(3.) It is the Government's intention to unify all the armed forces into one cohesive fighting force. This unification will mean first the combining and strengthening of policy making staffs of the three services into a single staff under a Chief of The Defence Staff. It is expected that this will be the least difficult phase and that the ap-

propriate staffs and organization can be put together in a relatively short time. Further steps towards unification including, ultimately, the formation of a single service, will take a somewhat longer period of evolution. On the other hand, if meaningful economies are to be made in order to provide more of the available funds for capital expenditures on major equipment, this process cannot be too prolonged.

(4.) The RCAF is well prepared for this process. We have considerable experience in operating in integrated organizations under unified command, both in North America and Europe. This is true of our air defence role, of our Maritime role, and of the role of No. 1 Air Division. Furthermore, we are already organized on a functional basis. Therefore, we are well fitted to play our part in the process of unification. It will be necessary, of course, to plan these further steps towards unification carefully. Providing this is done, I believe the RCAF and later the air element in a unified service can continue to perform its function efficiently.

(5.) Any reorganization must recognize the spirit and traditions of the individual services. In particular, the spirit nurtured over the past 40 years in the RCAF, which has enabled it to achieve exceptionally high standards of performance, must be maintained. The record of devotion to duty in the RCAF has been outstanding among the world's fighting forces. The loyalty of the RCAF has been two-fold, first to our country, and secondly to our service. We shall now be required to draw additional strength from that first loyalty during the reorganization and rebuilding phase of this country's armed forces. I am confident that in time the loyalty to ones service that has provided exceptional performance in the past will be equally forthcoming in the new modern force that Canada is now pioneering.

(6.) The importance of air power has in no way diminished. Indeed in certain respects it has increased, notably in the requirement to be able to move forces, including the necessary air elements, quickly over long distances to all parts of the world. There remains a need for North American Air Defence. The role of the aircraft in Maritime operations is still important, and there is a continuing requirement for tactical air forces in Europe. Furthermore, it is being increasingly recognized that there is no substitute for the flexibility inherent in manned aircraft. On the other hand, the inter-defence of the Navy, Army and Air Force, and the intergration of these forces for particular roles, has become



Modern-day activities like those above seem far-removed from those of April 1st, 1924, when the Royal Canadian Air Force came into being.

Station Comox, last week, joined other airforce units across Canada in celebrating the RCAF's fortieth anniversary. To mark the occasion Lieutenant-Governor Hon. George R. Pearkes, V.C., joined officers of the unit at a mess dinner, Friday, along with local dignitaries and retired airforce officers residing in the Comox Valley.

Officially constituted as an RCAF aerodrome in May 1943, Station Comox was closed after the war, in May 1946. The unit was re-opened in June 1952 to support Canadian air defence and maritime reconnaissance commitments in the Pacific-Northwest.

Today the unit has two squadrons: 407 Maritime Patrol Squadron flying Neptune medium range reconnaissance aircraft, and 409 Nighthawk Squadron flying the supersonic CF-101B Voodoo interceptor. Also this summer 121 Search and Rescue Squadron in Vancouver are slated to take up permanent residence on the base.

This year the unit is undergoing a \$2,000,000 construction program, mostly aimed at updating and improving airfield runway and taxi strip facilities.

RCAF Station Comox is commanded by Group Captain E. G. Ireland, D.F.C., C.D. More than 1,200 airforce personnel are serving at the Vancouver Island unit.

Health Committee Notice

The Health Committee of the Comox Valley Council of Women invites you to a public meeting at Lake Trail Auditorium, April 15th at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Charles Gregory, Director of Mental Health Services for Vancouver Island.

He has agreed to speak on "Community Mental Health Services".

In view of the recent widespread discussions about Mental Health Services and the recent passage of the new Mental Health Act, it is felt that this would be a welcome opportunity to bring about a discussion of the needs of our community.

Dr. Gregory is a stimulating speaker and there will be an opportunity for him to answer written questions during the evening. Your lively participation in discussion during the coffee period is anticipated.

increasingly important. Therefore, although there is no fundamental change in the overall importance of the role that the RCAF is now performing, there will be changes in emphasis and there will be changes in organization to meet the requirements of a more closely knit military structure.

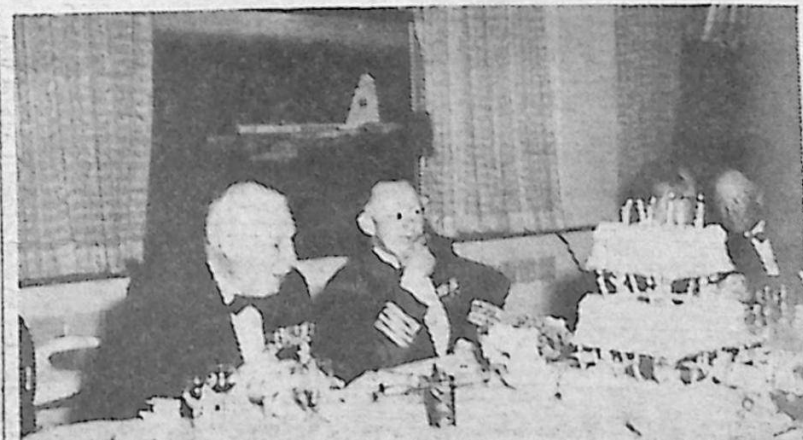
(7.) All of you must wonder what the outlook now is for your own career. First of all, I believe that your opportunities in this respect could be enhanced in a unified service. There will be no obstacle to filling any position in the new any suitably qualified airman and larger organization. . . . Therefore, generally speaking, opportunities for an interesting career and for advancement will have been enlarged rather than narrowed. It is intended, of course, that there be requirements in size of Headquarters Staffs and of other non-operational formations, and also in certain specific areas where our requirements

have recently been reduced. In general, personnel affected will normally be close to release or retirement and, so far as possible, reduction will be achieved through attrition arising from retirements at compulsory release ages and other normal causes. In cases where releases must be effected before compulsory release age, I am confident that reas-

onable financial adjustments will be devised.

(8.) I believe that the proposed organization changes and the ultimate unification of the three armed services are sound in principle and will result in maximum military effectiveness. These results can only be achieved, however, if

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His excellency George R. Pearkes, V.C. (left) and G/C E. G. Ireland at the 40th anniversary dinner.



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Are You a Frenchman?

A lot of ink has been used lately to cover the "not so quiet revolution" in Quebec. Every French speaking Canadian in the armed forces has had to answer to a lot of kidding since the deplorable antics of a few young FLQ's. Yet, as in the same situation of a man who walks in one day with a black eye, the constant repetition of the same old clichés can be unnerving if not downright exasperating. One of the questions we have had to answer hundreds of times and, albeit never in malice has an undertone that strikes a sore nerve: "Are you a Frenchman?" I have always thought that a Russian, for instance, is a person who swears allegiance to Moscow either by birth or by adoption. I was not born in France, have never visited France, do not even know how long ago my ancestor came to Canada and don't even know any Frenchmen. I read French books; I also read American, British and Canadian books.

The question is always asked innocently yet people are always surprised when I answer with an obvious French accent: "No, I'm a Canadian." I like to be rather vehement because such a question does not admit that French speaking Canadians are part of greater Canada, that unconsciously are still considered part of the French nation. We have a French heritage of which we are very proud but, "We are not Frenchmen."

In a few years we shall celebrate the 100th anniversary of Confederation. Isn't Canada beautiful enough, with enough potential that surely, a little consideration is worth making sure that we have something to celebrate.

Lake and Stream

I finally managed to strike a chord in the reading public with the column in the last issue, for I have only been on the station for two days since the paper "hit the streets" and yet I have been called "Numbskull" at every turn.

In answer to the queries fired at me recently, let me state here and now that yes, I still have a dreadful cold, and no I am not planning a boating trip down the Gold River. I mean, how much planning can (Continued on Page 3)

Harem Hi-Lites

SOCIAL

All Radio Officers' wives were guests of Mrs. Margaret Bowman at a formal tea held in the Officers' Mess on Easter Sunday. Pouring during this special occasion were Mrs. N. Ireland, Mary Croft, Mavis Lyall and Pauline Doyle.

Cpl. and Mrs. J. Harshey entertained their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Broccoli of Vancouver over the Easter weekend.

Cpl. and Mrs. R. Meranger and family spent some of the holidays in Vancouver visiting with Ron's mother and father. F/O and Mrs. M. Farraby vacationed at Todd Mountain and Mt. Baker, Washington, visiting with Heather's parents in Vancouver enroute and Mel's parents in Tofino on the return trip.

F/L and Mrs. J. Sefton spent the Easter weekend in Portland, Oregon, with relatives. They took with them Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Seward, Pauntie's parents from Edmonton, who had been their guests for the past month.

F/L and Mrs. Klein have as their guest Harry's mother, Mrs. E. M. Klein of Agassiz, B.C. Harry will be leaving this Saturday for Camp Borden where he will be attending the twelve-week Terminal Control course. All your friends wish you good luck Harry.

F/L and Mrs. W. R. Johnson spent the Easter weekend with Will's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson in Whiterock. On their return they brought back Bea's niece, Mrs. G. McMinn, to spend a few days with them here.

FS and Mrs. W. Cooke were visited by Mrs. L. M. Hoy of Vancouver over the holidays. Mrs. Hoy is Will's mother-in-law and after a 7-day visit she departed on the 1 o'clock broom from Nanaimo (oops correction—1 o'clock ferry).

Monique Vieni was guest of honor on two separate occasions when friends gathered to wish her well before leaving the Island for Ontario. The coffee and sherry parties were held at the homes of Diane Williams in Courtenay and Mary McNichols in Comox.

The Protestant Church Guild will hold their regular monthly meeting the third Tuesday in April, the 21st at 8 p.m. at the Chapel.

HATCHERY DEPT.

LAC and Mrs. Mervyn Ireland 3 March, a daughter.

F/O and Mrs. J. Ganderton, March 20, a son.

Hypnotist to return to Station Theatre

Last Monday night a small but captive audience witnessed a performance which was both hilarious and mystifying, entertaining and amazing.

Famed hypnotist Dr. John C. Hughes proved to be an extremely polished entertainer, who for more than two hours, astounded the audience with a fast moving display of his remarkable talent. Using volunteers from the audience, Dr. Hughes demonstrated the remarkable, almost unbelievable power of hypnosis. His subjects were treated with the utmost respect, but were led by him to put on a show which left this spectator literally aching from so much laughter. One can honestly say that this is a show that has to be seen to be believed.

Dr. Hughes will be returning to the Station Theatre, Monday, April 13th at 8 p.m., at which time it is hoped that a much larger audience will be on hand to enjoy his truly amazing performance.

Chapel Chimes

PROTESTANT CHAPEL S/L S. M. PARKHOUSE

SUNDAY SERVICES

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1100 hrs—CHURCH (SUNDAY) SCHOOL IN WALL-ACE 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 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.

Study Group—2030 hrs Sunday.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL S/L H. THOMAS

SUNDAY MASSES: 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m., in the Station Chapel.

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, 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—who in this age group are welcomed.

Salute to Station Scouters

SEA SCOUTS

Cpl. Don Haupt is with 409 Sqd as E.Tech (A). He hails from Vancouver and now resides in Comox with his wife, formerly Miss Sheila DeGeer of St. John N.B.

"Skipper" Haupt is Sea Scout Master of 1st Comox Sea Scouts sponsored by the Comox Legion. He has 14 Scouts in the troop and is assisted by Mr. Jim Percy, a teacher at Tsolum school, and LAC Bob Kerr of 407 Sqd. I. & E.

Although Don started as a Cub, he is relatively new to Scouting. Starting as a leader in March '63, he attended the Basic 'A' Course in Parksville in '63, and assisted in instructing in Basic 'A' Course at Chemainus this year. He also attended the Patrol System Extension Course in Dec. '63 and the St. John Ambulance First



Aid Course on the Stn. this year. He plans to attend the Basic 'B' Course at Nanaimo on 2 and 3 May.

Don's favorite hobby is camping.

TOTEM ENTERTAINMENT

APRIL Wed., 15th—Show: Diamond Head, Charlton Heston, Yvette Mimieux.

Saturday, 18th—Dance: Orchestra "The Three Sharps", Food - TBA. Dress - regulation. Adm. - 75c. Hours - 2100-0100.

Wednesday 22—Show: Golden Age of Comedy, Laurence Hardy, Keystone Kops, etc. Free cocktails 2000-2100.

Wednesday 29—Show: Grey Friars Bobby, Donald Crips, Kay Walsh.

MAY Friday, 1st—"Monte Carlo Night - 1630-2359 hrs.

Saturday, 2—"Beatle Dance". Orchestra: Trend Styles. Food, TBA. Dress, Beatle Dress. Ad-

mission, 75c. Hours, 2100-0100. Wednesday, 6—Show: The Sheepmen - Glen Ford, Shirley MacLaine.

Wednesday, 13—Show: Mouse That Roared - Peter Sellers, Jean Seberg.

Saturday, 16—Record Dance: Food, Chilli Con Carni. Dress, Casual. Admission 25c. Hours, 2100-0100.

Wednesday, 20—Show: Stage 17 - William Holden.

Wednesday, 27—Show: Last Sunset - Rock Hudson, Kirk Douglas.

Saturday, 30—"409 Farewell Dance". Orchestra - Country Club. Food - TBA. Dress - Regulation. Admission - 75c. Hours - 2100-0100.



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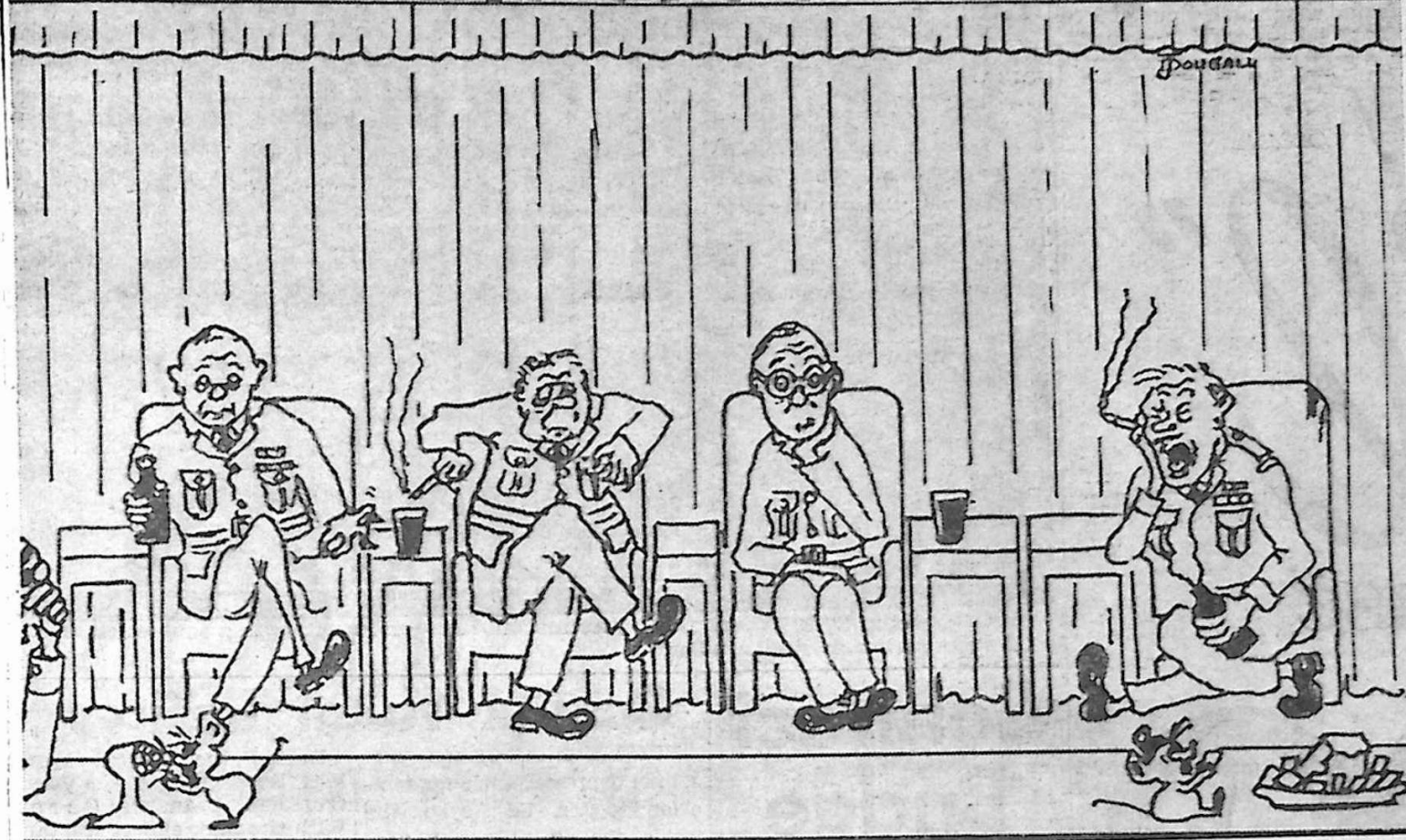
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SPEAKING OUT

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In Comox where we have fishermen, golfers, skiers and skin-divers all enthusiastically engaged in their respective hobbies at the same time, one would not expect a Polar Bear Club to be flourishing also. However, such a club is indeed in existence although membership totals the grand sum of one. Fear of recrimination prevents me from mentioning the personality involved but I do wish him every success in any planned future endeavors.

It was cold though, wasn't it, D.G.?

PERSONALITY OF THE TIMES:

Bouquet this issue to the unsung heroes of the Scouting movement and in particular, though not alone, to one dedicated member who also makes life just that much more enjoyable and pleasurable, Cpl. Ken Wright.

The work that these men do is not always so obvious until one reads an illuminating remark that is attributed to one of the members of Canada's judiciary.

"In all my experience on the bench," he said, "there has been only one ex-Scout to whom the necessary forces of justice have had to be applied."

Most of us take a great deal for granted, particularly where the children are concerned, and seem to automatically assume the excellence and capability of others in the care and training of them.

When such responsibility is so well assumed, it deserves mention!

This habitually places the female of the species in front of the stove and behind the plates.

"Not so," said one acquaintance of ours; and to prove it proceeded to reward our inquiring look with the recipe of a breakfast which he said was one of the most delicious he'd ever eaten—prepared, of course, by himself.

Presented with a couple of dozen bi-valves, and admittedly a novice in methods of cooking same, he was advised to partially boil, remove from shell and deep-fry. Mouth watering, he promised they'd be consumed the following morning at breakfast. The following is "his" story as it took place that morning . . .

Forgetting momentarily the oysters and the promise, our dutiful husband arose, preparatory to cooking bacon and eggs for slumbering wife. The pan was stove, butter and chopped onions entered therein, and then to 'fridge for eggs. Lo, no eggs, but gazing accusingly back—the forgotten oysters! Quickly to pan with two cups of lard and in 20 minutes in go happy oysters to deep-fry. Thinking now of gravy, sauce or what-ever, our aspiring chef hies himself to shelf for flour . . . no flour! But sitting there where flour should be, "Aunt Jemima Pancake Mix."

With sigh of resignation and a brave flourish, into bowl go the mix, eggs, milk and out of pan goes lard. Back into pan goes complete contents of bowl over oysters to cook or explode.

Well, he said it . . . we didn't. And now we've lately been informed that he's inquiring regarding the procedures necessary for copyright.

Y'know, it's a revealing thing. Give a man eight cents or eighty dollars and tell him that is all he'll ever have to use as he wishes to sustain and enjoy life over any given period of time, and pebbles will get

you marbles that those shekels will be used most wisely and beneficially. Yet give a man eighty years of life and not much before he's sixty, he'll have realized the wasted gold he's buried, never to be recovered, in blind obedience to an unknown God. The gold is life itself, unrecoverable; and the unknown God is the weakness we inherit from weakness—the lack of ability to recognize the wheat from the chaff, the worth from the worthless, the right from the night. And still we slumber on and waste these providential years through blind and silent servitude to the masters of hate, criticism, discrimination and fear!

Good heavens! Eighty years is little enough time to avail ourselves of all that is offered so freely from nature herself. It is so necessary that some of us must throw it away in futile subservience to that which was never meant to exist?

"She was only eight years old . . . an ebony-colored child with natural curls. And as she lay dying from a world which she still had to discover was cruel and unfeeling, she looked at her mama and uttered the words she had been taught at her mother's knee . . . and forgave us our transgresses as we forgive those that trespass against us . . ."

And the smoke, as it eddied and twisted from the now silent but shattered Sunday School, seemed to echo her



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Lake and Stream

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a man do on the strength of a battered plywood hull?

I spent last week in San Diego and a planned trip to fish for Yellowtail and Bonito fell through, when we got hung up in traffic and the boat left without us. I believe the Yellowtail (Tuna) have started to show and will be in evidence until August. The 65 foot boats can carry 65 fishermen and supply all tackle, bait and licence for \$8.00 a half day. I was looking forward to the trip and keenly regret missing out on it.

The time I have spent away from home has put me out of touch with the local situation; however, I understand that the try are moving and the cut-throats are coming in to feed. If this is so, all the novice fly fishermen should tie on a tinsel bodied fly and lash the lower reaches of the Courtenay River following the low ebb, for this would be a splendid introduction to the thrill of fly fishing.

Gary Foster journeyed to the Salmon River last weekend with a friend from Courtenay.

words in a silent prayer for absolution . . . as we forgive those . . .

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Group Captain E. G. Ireland (left) presents Mr. Ed Boyko (right) with a gold watch after 11 1/2 years service as station tailor.

Contract Bridge

by TERRY DOYLE

John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, Willie Sutton and the good bridge player all have one thing in common—THE HOLDUP—Good bank robbers always plan a job so that the timing is perfect. The bridge expert must time his holdups.

I don't think today's "hero" South, would get very far robbing banks—or playing bridge for that matter.

N-S vul.

S-K Q J 5 4
H-4
D-A 6 3
C-A J 10 7

S-A 3 S-8 7 2
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NORTH DEALS
N E S W
1S P 2C 3H
P P 3NT all pass
Opening lead—Jack of Hearts.

The bidding was right out of the book. North's pass of West's 3H was forcing the South right enough calculated that a 700 rubber was worth more than a 300 point penalty.

South gazed at the opening lead and smiled to himself. Pretty simple he thought. Hold up once on the hearts, win the heart continuation, finesse the club, knock out the ace of spades and I should make an over trick.

So West's JH held trick one, but he returned a club—South finessed and East was in with the King. A heart was led, declarer's queen losing to West king and a 3rd round of hearts cleared the ace. South was in trouble—but if East held the ace of spades, there was no problem. South took 4 club tricks and the king of diamonds. A low spade was led and West claimed the rest. Down 3! "No luck at all, partner" said South. "If West leads a heart at trick 2, I make 4nt".

"No brains at all, partner", said North.

South should hold up on the hearts, but not a trick one—this might be his last chance to make his queen. West is clearly the danger hand so his entries must be knocked out clearly, the only entry possible is the ace of spades. Therefore spades should be played, Not Clubs.

When West takes his ace of spades and returns a heart, then South should hold off. Thus from the opening lead 4NT is cold—losing a heart, a spade and a club—certainly

Comox Tailor Retires

RCAF Station Comox personnel expressed their appreciation to Mr. Ed Boyko, the unit's civilian tailor, by presenting him with a gold watch, and a basket of flowers for his wife, upon his retirement last week. The presentation was made by Group Captain E. G. Ireland, DFC, CD, the commanding officer.

Mr. Boyko, 70 this year, has had the tailoring concession on the base since 1952. In his 11 1/2 years in servicing the air force community, his shop has never been closed one working day.

In the tailoring business since 1910, Mr. Boyko recalls working on clothes for nobility in his native Poland. He married in his small home-village near Lvov, and came to Canada in 1926 with his wife and one son.

much better than down 3. I couldn't sleep for a week after that hand.

During the Second World War he served in the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps. With the rank of sergeant, and assisted by five soldiers, he spent some of the war years altering uniforms for recruits, he spent some of the war years altering uniforms for recruits, handling 125 uniforms a day during the peak of military expansion. Remembering those days, Mr. Boyko says that each man worked under an unshaded 150-watt bulb. To him, the greatest improvement in tailoring equipment was the advent of fluorescent lighting.

Mr. Boyko and his wife plan to retire to the Okanagan where they have a home near some of their six children and 19 grandchildren. They have not decided if they will take up another business there, but if they do it will be something small and quiet, for Mr. Boyko says, "at 70 a man doesn't want to get up at 6:30 a.m. every day—no one can expect to go on forever."

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Abandoned Child Saved by Bus Driver

What Happened?
- Child darts out in front of bus! Bus driver alert! RESCUE—near miss!

When Did This Happen?
- Approximately 15:45 hrs on 17 March, 1964.

Where Did This Happen?
- Wallace Gardens.

Who Was The Driver?
- LAC John Deneuville, native of France, with 10 years experience—above average driver, who practices defensive driving tactics.

Why Do These Near Misses Keep Increasing In PMQs?

A top RCAF analyst states that if our PMQ children were in a city, 80 per cent would end up victims of traffic accidents within two weeks.

How Come?

Because Administration, Safety Councils and drivers coddle our DND children. Parents APPARENTLY couldn't care less. Traffic education in the home is non-existent because of either parent apathy or complacency.

What's The Beef? Nothing Happened!

That's the problem—nothing is happening, and every month the reported near-misses keep increasing, and you know what the result will be when LUCK runs out on some poor little soul. Is this what everyone is content to let happen? Or are YOU prepared to ACT NOW, when you read this. For heaven's sake don't be like me after I've written this, and say: "Well, I've done my bit." ACTION IS WHAT WE WANT—WITH RESULTS.

The Cure
Parents must accept full responsibility for the traffic education of their children.

- 1 TEACH their charges NOT to use the roadway as a playground.
- 2 TEACH THEM the safest route to and from school.
- 3 TEACH them that, when crossing the road, it is better to walk than run.
- 4 TEACH them to look both ways before crossing the road.

FINALLY—Drivers must regard every child in or near the street as a human caution sign.

Mal De Mer

In the last issue of the Totem Times, you were given a run-down on rye whiskies.

Some readers are asking me the reason for writing this series. The reason is that many people drink and do not understand why one particular liquor is tastier to them than another, and for those who do not know the origin of some of these liquors or liqueurs I am writing this in the hope it will help.

Now, to Scotland and Scotch whiskey.

Scotch whiskey is distilled only in Scotland, that is until last week, rumours are coming from Italy of a new Scotch or is it "Itasotch"? Scotch whiskey is blended from native barley grain in the traditional "pot" stills. All Scotch blends contain malt and grain whiskey. (Very similar to the North American grain spirits).

The distinct smoky flavour of Scotch comes from drying malt barley over peat fires. All the Scotch exported is at least four years old and is usually at 80 proof.

Scotch has proven to be a difficult liquor to mix in punches or in cocktails, but it is a tasty drink. Most prefer Scotch in water, on the 'rocks', or with soda. Generally speaking, there are no bad or poor Scotches: some only taste more mellow than others.

Going back a bit in this story, you will note I mentioned a new source of Scotch on the market, namely Italy. It is noted that many other countries have tried to distill a good Scotch and have failed, it is said that this is due to the heather in Scotland which cannot be found elsewhere in the world. Apparently Scotch distillers in Scotland have complained through the world

courts about the new Scotch in Italy. This may mean nothing and yet it may mean the beginning of a new business in another part of the world, in which the Scots had an absolute monopoly. Soon we may be drinking a cheaper but good Scotch.

Spring is in the air and more people are out fishing and camping. Here's a recipe yours truly has tried and found excellent for a trip or an outing (even the ladies like it!)

"THE PACIFIER"
1/2 gallon water
Add ice
Put in 1 bottle Collins gin (25-oz.).
Add 4 ounces sugar
(1/4 lb. melted in 1/2 cup hot water)

Pour gin and sugar mix into water and stir well. Now drink a good drink and have fun.

—Your Mixologist, "Luigi"

Nighthawk News

by F/L H. G. MEINERT

Now that the ski season is almost over and the backlog of leave has been looked after perhaps our bachelors will haunt the mess a little more on the weekends. The greater the number of bachelors on a squadron the wider its sphere of influence, and the friendlier its haunts. It is with great pleasure then, that we will welcome back Luke Caron from Quebec, Pete Scholz from Hong Kong, Al Cooper and Bob Bromley from Mexico, Bruce Harwood from judo classes, Zeke Eccles and Fred Archibald from the ski slopes of Todd and Seymour mountains, Bob Reid from Vancouver and Len Box from Victoria. It's time to think about a fishing excursion, chaps.

"A" Flight is the undisputed champion of the flying end, but feels it shouldn't have to do "B" Flight's dirty dishes as a reward. Maybe it's because "A" Flight needs the extra work to keep happy. (No hard feelings).

Dave McLean said he was also an air gunner and a bombardier, in addition to being a radio officer, navigator and interceptor navigator. Therefore he is not a "triple threat" as previously reported but is a "nickle threat."

It is suspected that Gord Larkin has a friend at 25th NORAD headquarters. He has taken over from Harry Osborne as the "most scrambled man". Perhaps Harry passed on the secret.

Our "Krud" team has taken a few defeats at the hands of that "other" squadron (?) We should play a game or two with unlimited blocking. Of course we would still have Group Captain Ireland as referee in chief. Will the glove be picked up?

The White Paper contained a note of encouragement for most of us as some kind of replacement is planned for our present aircraft. We won't necessarily be confined to our present role but new aircraft require aircrews to fly them. In addition to the tri-service amalgamation a further amalgamation of commands within our airforce could also take place to avoid duplication of effort and a top heavy pyramid of rank. It's refreshing indeed to be able to look farther ahead than two or three years. In 40 short years the RCAF, as such, has come the full cycle from beginning to end. Now we are back at the dawn, but this time with experience, trained personnel, good equipment and a definite aim. Common sense is the victor over rationalization and antiquated "for the good of the outfit" ideas.

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TRACK AND FIELD COACHES

We are in need of track and field coaches and helpers. As we have some of the best track and field children in B.C. here in the PMQ area we would like to get started on this program. Anyone who could give two hours of their time a week for this program call 372 or leave your name at the rec.

TRACK AND FIELD CLINIC

Track and field clinic for coaches, timers, scorers, judges and starters will be held in the lecture room above the rec. office in the rec. centre at 7 p.m., April 8, 10, 15, 17 and afternoon of the 18th.

Anyone interested in coaching a girl's softball team for the district league (16 and under) contact Rec. Director Mrs. Leuzler, 372.

BASKETBALL

Basketball free throw—boys and girls 13 and under, will be held on the tennis court, Saturday, April 11, starting at 9:30 a.m. Boys 13, girls 13, boys 11-12, girls 11-12, boys 10 and under, girls 10 and under. Most baskets out of 25 to count.

WALLACE GARDENS TENNIS CLUB

First meeting of the Wallace Gardens Tennis Club was held at 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, 1964, in the Rec. director's office. Elected officers were as follows: president, Kerry Archin; vice-president, Dave Liscombe; secretary-treas, Steve Sweeney; equipment, John Perry.

Fees were set at 25c a mem-

bership. Times for play—Monday, 4-6 p.m. (1 court); Saturday, 1-4 p.m.; Sunday 2-6 p.m.

BADMINTON

The Badminton Club rounded out the season with a station tournament Sunday April 5th. The ladies' single event was won by Fran Cormier over Alice Mills. The men's single event was taken by Ed Zachar, beating out Al Cormier in the final game. In the mixed doubles it was Al and Fran Cormier winning over Barb Crouse and Steve Stevens. The most closely contested event was the men's doubles with Wilf Hetmann and Walt Yeomans playing off against Steve Stevens and Al Cormier. Stevens and Cormier were the victors, winning two games out of three in a hard fought match.

This tournament finished off the season for the Station Badminton Club.

VOLLEYBALL

The Inter-Section Volleyball League was won by MSE with 32 games won against ten lost.

A round robin tournament was played between the top four teams for the station championship. 407 Air emerged the victors by winning eight games out of nine.

ATTENTION ALL DRIFTWOOD ENTHUSIASTS

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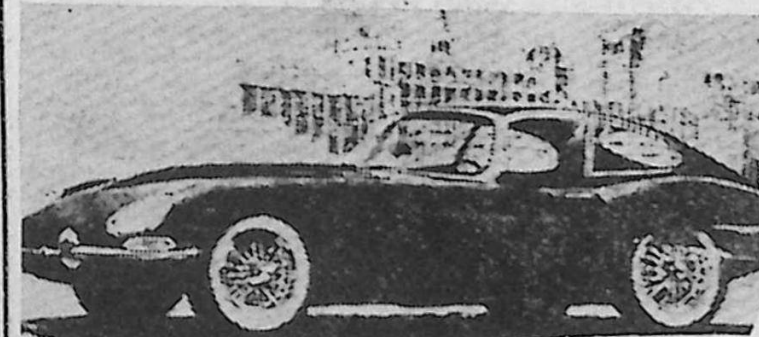
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MSE HEADLIGHTS

MSE INTERNALS

Transferring over to Sgt. Campbell's Tender Benders for their tour in Refuelling are Cpl Don Gardner and LAC Jim Dougall; and coming back to the "Motor Pool" — LACs Phil Stevens and Monty Rycroft.

SICK BAY

LAC Mike Caljouw is down at Naval Hospital Naden undergoing surgery. We all wish "Mike" a speedy recovery and hope you are back with us in the very near future.

RECORD TROUT

Our top steelhead fisherman,

Mr. Eddy George, really landed a big one last week. They tell me it was longer than a spread-out "Green Sheet". Can you top that for a "fish" story?

MURPHY'S LAW (As quoted by Cpl King Thurber, MSETech)

If it is possible to install a part improperly, someone will do it.

TRAFFIC TIP — Child Safety ANGELS SAFEGUARD THEIR NIGHTS

YOU SAFEGUARD THEIR DAYS!

SPRING

Spring has sprung. The grass is green; Will the drivers soon be seen? Those that rush and take a chance, Never time to take a glance. Ever dashing to and fro, I wonder where they all will go?

Spring has sprung, the grass is green. And soon these drivers will be seen. They who take their life in hand, Driving over God's good land. Would they stop and think awhile Of the dangers they compile?

Spring has sprung, the grass is green. Are these drivers but a dream? Stop and look around a while. You will see them in a pile. Now we know where they will go: Into graveyards, row on row. MSE

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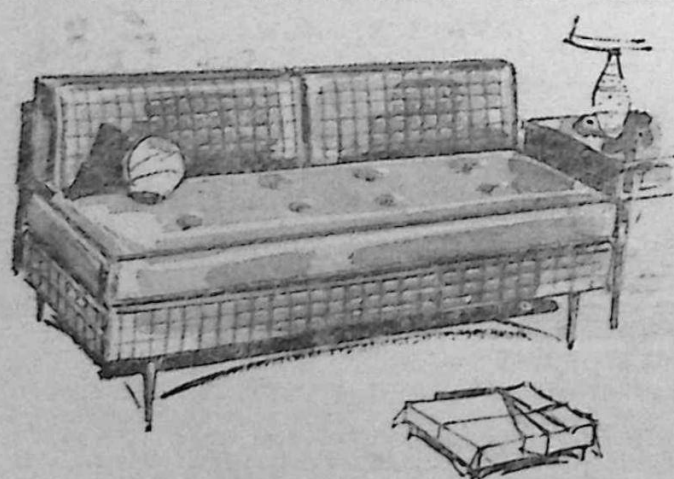
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At this time of writing we to myself that this couldn't just happen to me." With this confession this chap put his finger on the fundamental cause of most home fires. It's the carelessness of the home owner, carelessness fed by the sublime belief that fire can always happen to the other fellow, but "It can't happen to him."

Fire can happen to you—your home is your own private fire trap.

Home fires are inevitable—someone tosses oily rags into a combustible locker—the oil oxidizes—heat is produced—spontaneous ignition follows—the combustible or wooden locker is ignited.

One carelessly dropped match in the hand of a child. Removing a spot on clothing with gasoline.

Failing to replace the defective or worn electric cord or receptacle.

The careless smoker, all aid in causing the inevitable home fire.

Smoke in bed? — Man, are you asking for trouble!

TO THE LADIES — GOD BLESS THEM

Almost invariably at every gathering where ladies are present, either as guests, or in their better role of playing hosts, the oft heard toast is proposed to the gentle sex . . . "To The Ladies — God Bless them".

Spring housecleaning is a tradition in almost every home — yet, very few housewives realize that, at this particular time, they are engaged in a fire-prevention program.

Spring cleanup is so strongly allied with fire prevention that the fire service strongly advocate and endorse it for just that purpose.

When we realize that ap-

proximately 70% of all building fires occur in the home, we feel that women who spend most of their time at home can do much to protect it against fire—by taking very simple precautions which require little effort. To keep her home orderly and maintain good housekeeping is the prerogative of the average woman. The only extra effort that is required of the housewife is to think of what carelessness can and will do when not avoided.

A woman's responsibility for fire safety in the home goes far beyond the annual housecleaning event. It is a day by day responsibility which can prevent a very large portion of our annual fire loss.

A working knowledge of the technology of fire prevention is not essential—just daily observance of a number of common sense precautions. To neglect the replacement of that frayed or neglected electric cord this week, may mean that next week your problem will be the replacement of your home.

Turn off your electric iron before you answer your doorbell—if you leave it on, your next callers may be your fire department.

Of the millions of gallons of gasoline produced each year, not one drop is intended for cleaning purposes. It will clean clothes, sure—but it is refined to explode in engines, don't give it an opportunity to explode in your house.

Don't throw dust from the vacuum cleaner into a fire. Have you ever heard of a dust explosion . . . Put it in the ash-barrel—Don't let it put you in the hospital.

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Statement

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all of us lend our positive support and are prepared to participate wholeheartedly. I am proud of the record which the RCAF has established in the past forty years. Like you, I shall regret in many ways the day when the RCAF ceases to exist as a separate service. Our motto is not, however, without meaning. We have always been progressive and ready to move forward when circumstances required. Faced as we are with a force reduction and a major organizational change—a situation which is not confined to our service alone—I am sure that the personnel of the RCAF will display the necessary fortitude, vigour and flexibility not only to adjust to the new circumstances but to participate positively in their fulfilment.

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