

# RCAF Station Comox

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### WEST COAST CHIEFS CORRESPOND



Invitations sent out recently by Group Captain E. G. Ireland, the commanding officer of RCAF Station Comox, to COs of RCAF west coast units solicited their attendance to a commander's conference and mess dinner at Comox, held May 8th, code worded "The Royal British Columbia Air Force Thunderbird Potlatch," which in west coast Indian terminology refers to a meeting of chiefs to discuss tribal matters and enjoy quiet hospitality.

In accordance to protocol, one of the west coast chiefs answered the invitation in basic west coast RCAF Indian sign language . . . which is self-evident in context to anyone immediately they see it.

(Editors Note:—An explanation of all symbols is on Page 3)

## Judo Tournament RCAF Station Comox

The RCAF Station Judo club will be hosting the Vancouver Island Spring Invitational Shiai (contest) at the Recreational Centre commencing at one o'clock Sunday the 17th of May. The competitions will feature events in the junior divisions (16 years and under) of 75 lbs. 110 lbs and over 110 lbs. The senior division, ladies division and a black belt competition will round out the days activities.

This meet will present for the people of the local area some of the best judo in B.C. Such as, Petty Officer B. Kovits, RCN 2nd degree black belt, who represented B.C. recently in the Canadian Championships.

Clubs competing will come from Victoria, Duncan, Nanaimo, Tofino and the local area. Petty Officer Y. Inouye 3rd degree black belt will be the head referee.

## Comox Back to ADC

Control of RCAF Station Comox will be transferred from Maritime Air Command to Air Defence Command on this June 1st.

407 Squadron, at Comox, will continue to remain under the control of Maritime Air Command.

Number 121 KU, which is scheduled to move to Station Comox, will continue to be responsible to Air Transport Command.

## Have a Good Long Week-end

## A/M Slemon Retires

Statement by the Hon. Paul Hellyer  
Minister of National Defence

Air Marshal C. Roy Slemon, 60, Deputy Commander of the North American Air Defence Command (NORAD) with Headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colorado, will retire from the RCAF this summer after more than 41 years of service to his country.

At this time I would like to express my personal appreciation, and that of the Government, to Air Marshal Slemon for the manner in which he has upheld the traditions of the RCAF and the good name of Canada during his four decades of service, which stretch from early Arctic Exploration to his present assignment at NORAD, a post which he has held since 1957.

In his responsible position of Deputy Commander in Chief of NORAD, Air Marshal Slemon has shown leadership,

judgment and ability of the highest order, and his dedication to service and country is an example for all Canadian service personnel.

Replacing Air Marshal Slemon at NORAD will be another Canadian officer with vast experience in defence matters, both at home and abroad. He is Air Marshal C. R. (Larry) Dunlap, 56, the present Chief of the Air Staff.

Air Marshal Dunlap is well qualified for his new appointment at NORAD, and brings to that post more than 36 years of service with the RCAF. He has held a number of responsible command positions both in Canada and Overseas, one of which was Assistant Chief of Staff at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe, a post which he held before his appointment as Chief of the Air Staff in 1962.

### PMQ PEE WEE LEAGUE OPENS



The PMQ Pee Wee baseball league has begun operating at Comox. The league consists of four teams with approximately 60 players and 27 adults participating as coaches, referees, timers, etc. The line-up of teams and their head coaches is as follows: The Spartans, LAC Ken Topay; Black Hawks, Cpl Mike McPhee; Gladiators, LAC Tom Miles; and the Comets, L/Cdr Jim Shoemeyer.

### GOODBYE CHARLIE

When your best friend, shot while escaping through a port-hole by a irate husband, comes back to life as a woman . . .

The Courtenay Little Theatre will present the play "Goodbye Charlie" by Axelrod, author of the "Seven Year Itch" on Friday and Saturday the 22nd and 23rd of May at the CRA Hall in Courtenay. The play is directed by F/O "Robbie" Robertson and includes a bevy of Air Force personnel. Do something different and see a lively comedy. The tickets are only a dollar.

## 436 to Move to Uplands

The re-equipment of 436 Transport Squadron with C-130E aircraft as previously announced will necessitate a relocation of the squadron.

As the present hangar facilities at Station Downsview, which are of World War II type, are not capable of housing C-103E type aircraft 436 Squadron will move to Station Uplands this summer. The squadron will occupy facilities formerly used by no. 410 in-

terceptor squadron which disbanded March 31st.

The Electronic Warfare Unit, which provides special training for Air Defence Forces, previously announced as moving to Station Uplands will remain at St. Hubert, P.Q.

The airbase at Downsview will continue to be used by transport aircraft positioning at no. one supply depot, the RCAF auxiliary squadrons and the RCAF staff college.

# May 23rd — Demon's Squadron Party

For More Details Read Demons Doins





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## In Defence Of Parents

The prevalent thought in criminal psychiatry nowadays is that when young people become delinquents, the fault lies with the parents. They have given their offspring either too much or too little.

Our society recognizes that an individual becomes responsible on the day of his 21st birthday. The basic fallacy of this premise is that maturity is seldom dependant on chronological age. Some people of 30 are no more mature than a child of 14 — and vice versa. Twenty-one then should be a rule of thumb, not a steadfast law. When a young person commits a crime, his punishment is given according to his chronological age, i.e. for the same crime, a 15 year old may get a suspended sentence where a 21 year old may get a few months. But a person becomes capable of distinguishing between right and wrong at a very early age and with this ability also comes the responsibility for any choice of action freely made.

Every action implies responsibility. The results of our acts, good or bad must be accepted; this is the only way an honest man may go through life. Thus a young person who commits wanton destruction, steals or makes a pest of himself late at night must be held responsible for his choice of behaviour. We now have a situation where the errant individual denies his responsibility and throws them on the shoulders of his parents. Unless parents keep their children completely locked up, there will always be occasions where the children are free agents, where they may act constructively or destructively according to their own will.

Parent children relations are different than hypnotist/subject relations. Where the hypnotist has direct control over his subject's performance, and must be ready to assume the responsibility for his orders, parents can only guide. Should their sons and daughters make a free decision against those guides, they must also accept the results. The only time a parent should be held responsible is when it can be definitely proven that he has failed to provide such guides to his child. This is an action and also implies acceptance of responsibility.

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## Harem Highlights

by GAY WELLS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROTESTANT GUILD will be holding a rummage sale at the lower Elks' Hall in Courtenay, Saturday, May 16th, at 10 a.m. Come one, come all and select your bargains early.

SR. NCO's WIVES' CLUB — The regular June meeting has been advanced to Monday, 25 May, at 8:30 p.m. A very delectable and different luncheon will be served on this evening. Don't miss it (not even you calorie counters).

THE CPL's WIVES' CLUB — wish to extend their heartfelt congratulations to Cpl. and Mrs. J. Hodges and Cpl. and Mrs. L. Huntingford on the birth of their new sons, born April 25th and April 30th respectively. Also to Cpl. and Mrs. J. Fitzgerald on the birth of their son born April 28th.

CWL REPORT—Among the delegation of members from the Air Base, attending the annual CWL convention, held in Victoria on May 13th, were, Fr. Thomas, Mrs. LeClair, Standing, Sutherland, Bradbury, Dewan, Rychebosch, Dyke, Abbott-Brown, Coates and Gencau.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION for nineteen Grade One students was given on May 10th in the RCAF Chapel. They were: Daryl Wilkie, Kathy Vivian, Valerie Dewan, Dottie Fen, Kathy Hodges, Karen Abbott-Brown, Linda Cumming, Lynn Geneau, Diane Blaine, Peter Dingman, Dennis Garriety, Jackie Zacher, Billy Miles, Billy Riggs, Pat Finlay, Wayne Williams, John Parnall, John Lethian and Steven Bailey.

### SOCIAL

Mrs. Guerne Klein and sons, Douglas and Kenneth left Saturday, May 9th for Wellwood, Manitoba, where she will be visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Inverarity. Guerne will be back the first part of June.

F/L and Mrs. Walt Meronyk welcomed as their guest for the next three weeks, Mrs. A. Mills (Emma's mother) from Glasgow, Scotland. Although this is not her first visit to Canada, it is Mrs. Mills' first time to this part of the Island and we all hope that your stay here is a most enjoyable one.

Capt. and Mrs. John Wells of Victoria left Comox last Saturday for Vancouver after having spent the previous week with their son, F/L J. F. Wells and family. In Vancouver they will be visiting with their son-in-law, Dr. J. A. Gower and family. Unlike Wilf Cooke's mother-in-law, mine departed

## Chapel Chimes

### PROTESTANT CHAPEL S/L S. M. PARKHOUSE

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

1100 hrs—DIVINE WORSHIP

1100 hrs—NURSERY IN THE CHAPEL ANNEX.

0930 hrs—JUNIOR CHURCH FOR THOSE 9 YRS. AND AND OLDER IN THE CHAPEL.

1100 hrs—CHURCH (SUNDAY) SCHOOL IN WALLACE GDNS. SCHOOL FOR THOSE 3 to 8 YRS (INCL.).

HOLY COMMUNION (ANGLICAN)—1210 hrs. the THIRD Sunday of the Month.

HOLY BAPTISM—Sundays by appointment.

via the train!

On the 3rd of May, Mrs. Terry Charbonneau hosted a very successful Tupper Wear party at her home in PMQ's, with 26 guests in attendance. Hazel Brown and Dot Senn were the lucky recipients of the door prizes. Mrs. Doreen Spicer was the Tupper Wear representative.

Representing the Commanding Officer and his wife at the Debutantes Ball, held Saturday, May 14, were S/L and Mrs. John Lind. This very gala affair took place in the Shoreline Ballroom in Nanaimo. Also in attendance to greet the ten lovely Debutantes, were six single officers from 407 and 409 Squadrons. The ball was sponsored by the Nanaimo branch Navy League of Canada.

### AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?

Once when girls went out to swim They dressed like Mother Hubbard. But now they have a bolder whim And dress more like her cupboard.

### ODD FACT

A 40 year old woman in Santiago, Chile, watched a bridal party leaving a church, thought the groom looked familiar and discovered it was her husband, who of course, was arrested for bigamy.

### HATCHERY DEPARTMENT

Born to: LAC and Mrs. Leo Baldwin April 24th, a son LAC and Mrs. R. Douglas April 25th, a son. F/O and Mrs. K. D. Tyler April 27th, a son. LAC and Mrs. M. Camerson April 30th, a daughter F/O and Mrs. A. Mitchell May 2nd, a son.

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 — all in this age group are welcomed.

## Bowling League Courtenay

The air force wives were well represented in the Courtenay bowling league this year. Their wind-up banquet was held in the Native Sons' Hall on Saturday, May 9. The champion team were the Pin Crackers of the Friendly League and each member was awarded with a trophy. Winners were: Joan Nelson, Ginny Boyle, Ann Grealis, Terry le Blanc and Gwen Madden. Spares were: Ursula Torry, Audrey Wasalsko and Ginna Cote.

Presented with the Consolation Award were the Tyee Demons of the Comox Valley League. Those members were: June Bremner, Maisey Donaldson, Lorna Burns, Pat Brice, Bea Johnson.

Kip Clark of the Pin Pickers was presented with a "300" pin for her score of 316.

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## Speaking Out

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"I don't necessarily agree with what you say, but I defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire.

The news photographer clicked his shutter, and later, the developed negative of two smiling six year olds holding hands on the way to school, was flashed to news media around the world.

Well, two six year old holding hands on the way to school is hardly a news story of shattering significance. What made this one newsworthy was the fact that one child was colored, and the other was not.

Neither one of these innocents was particularly concerned. They were too involved in enjoying the mere sounds and sights and smells of a beautiful summer morning, and secretly excited at the mysterious happenings the future might hold in store for them. Life was a big unlimited adventure at the moment.

The accompanying story graphically detailed the event that followed...

The mother of the white child jerked her daughter away from the little negro boy and, livid with anger, screamed "How dare you associate with that nigger..."

The mother of the little negro boy did nothing. She couldn't...

The dogs and policemen wouldn't let her near enough to even smile a word of encouragement to the confused little human now standing alone, wondering what happened to the beautiful summer morning that was there just a moment ago...

The idiosyncrasies of human nature dictate a variety of personality types that make the selection of a PERSONALITY OF THE TIMES not only an interesting choice but a challenging one.

Some of us, for reasons

## SPEAK EASY

By TOTE 'EM IN

Your committee wish to express their gratitude to those many "BEATLES" who made the "Beatle Dance" such an outstanding success. Everyone joined in the fun and enjoyed themselves.

Dan Bell and his terrific Trend Styles reacted to the gay atmosphere as usual, no, even more than usual, if that's possible, and provided the beat until the majority were beat. Danny certainly gives the dancers their money's worth, playing continuously from 9 - 1 with only a brief intermission at the half way mark.

Pity there is insufficient dancing space available but the boys in charge do the best they can under such conditions. How did you like the new seating arrangements? Terrific, huh? Yes, one can sit on either side of our stage now, which adds to the cabaret atmosphere. The spontaneous "Beatle" act by some of our regulars was well received. Perhaps we'll see some more "Skits" in future?

"Well done," I say to our good-natured, though over-worked waiters and bartenders. That's an unenviable task, wending one's way through twistlers and past rock 'n' rollers with trays full of glasses, but our waiters "dood it."

"RECORD HOP," SAT., 16 MAY

Saturday 16 May at 9 p.m. is the date for our next dance. The previous "Hop" was very popular and well attended, so "hop" over Saturday for another "enjoyable evening." Chili con carne will be served. Admission 25c, dress, regular.

At the end of the month, the "Inn" presents for your pleasure a "Farewell to 409" dance. The smooth "Country Club Orchestra" provide the music for this big occasion. During their last engagement at the Inn, this group really had the "joint jumpin'." Again food will be served and again it will be regular dress. The price of admission is only 50c.

Glad the new arrivals are pleased with the efforts of our hard working, eager to please administrators, but if you have any suggestions — let's have them!

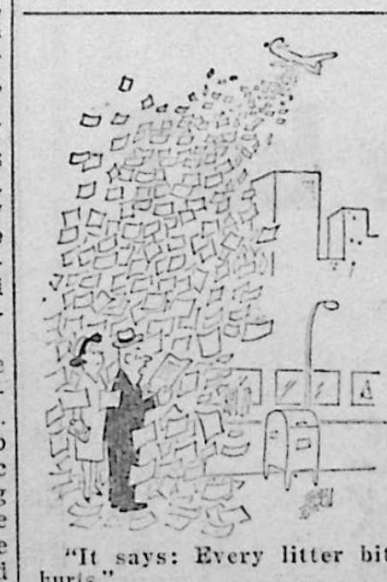
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You're probably wondering what it's all about... It's the totem Inn Derby for the biggest trout.

Yep, tote 'em in and weigh 'em in every Saturday and Sunday during the Totem Inn trout derby. Entry fee is 25c

and the angler with the heaviest fish wins all. The only condition being; the fish must be weighed in at the Fire Hall between 6 and 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Can you imagine the fish "tales" that are floating around the club these days? Yes one can be "lured" into a friendly donnybrook, if one will "bite". Many fishermen "hook" the eager listeners with the ones that got away tales and more often than not, it is the listener who is on the verge of "reeling" after lengthy "de-baits" at the end of the evening. Ooh, weel! It's a healthy sport. Besides it's fun getting caught!

Our sports officer, Norm Haney, has organized a "Big Trout Derby" for the weekend of the 23-24 May. \$150 worth of rod and tackle prizes can be won. There are at least three children's prizes, three women's and three men's plus many more. There is a special "family entry fee" of \$1.50, while service personnel pay 75c. So let's get out there and fish, friends. A good turnout means many more prize winning derbies.



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### PEAT POT GARDENING

Not new to nature buffs or lazy soil lovers like myself, this type of seed birth is about the most gratifying and rewarding of all. Transplanting of vegetables and flowers is usually accompanied by disappointments in varying degrees. Not so with the PEAT POT. In the comfort of your living room, while wind and cold hold spring planting time away the dependable peat pot covered with a hat of plastic, is already mothering those infant tomatoes, carnations et al, greenhouse style, on the warmth of your windowsill. When ready, it is a matter of simplicity itself to place Peat Pot and all in the location of your choice. The roots eventually grow right through the pot and flourish.

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Then there's the story of the

## Pirate Gold

In Our Dollar's Family Tree

No one knows for sure, but our modern dollar sign, \$, is believed to have originated with the figure 8 stamped on "pieces of eight" which Long John Silver and others of his breed coveted as they scoured the seas in bygone days.

Whether this is a tall tale or a true one, we do know that the \$ sign was in use in the United States before the introduction of federal currency and before our own decimal monetary system began in 1853.

But more interesting to most of us than the \$ sign itself, are the figures that come after it, especially if those figures are in a savings account passbook from the Bank of Montreal. It's quite a thrill to watch them grow and grow as we save regularly. Interest payments of 2 1/2% also help to swell the amount.

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—Advt.

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## 409 Squadron News

### NIGHTHAWK ROOST

By F/L HG MEINERT

LIMERICKS OF THE WEEK  
There once was a nav called  
Vic

Who said "I feel rather sick"  
His friends all around  
Saw him slump to the ground  
With a finesse that really was  
sick.

Said Holberg one day to Cec,  
That R.T. really must cease  
If you have to persist  
Be discreet I insist  
Or else you'll shatter the peace.

Old GUS had a project they  
say  
And on it he worked nite  
and day

It's all down the drain  
He must start once again  
'Cause it's obsolete the last  
day of May.

407 is not a squadron he said  
Around the mess they are  
easily led  
And they only fly when there's  
blue in the sky  
But they can finesse,  
Throw darts,  
And play dead.

The Thunderbird Potlatch  
turned out to be a resounding  
success, both for the station  
and for the visitors. Continu-  
ous heckling and applause  
made the speeches almost in-

audable to many of the diners  
but produced two heroes: S/L  
KO Moore and S/L J Garrity.

Our squadron was rather  
subdued in comparison to the  
407 contingent which seemed  
ready to outdo the rest of the  
mess. But alas, the noise was  
an effort to tell everyone that  
they had captured one of our  
nighthawks and had put it in  
its proper place, e.g. above the  
main entrance to the mess.  
Attempts were later made to  
capture the totem pole which  
we also have in our coffee  
room. This plot turned into a  
failure both in its tactics and  
in its impact. In a final at-  
tempt to save face 407 were  
soundly defeated by a superbly  
coached and conditioned Crud  
team from the fighter 409th.

Most of the items of interest  
around the squadron these  
days are centred around the  
many chaps who will be leav-  
ing soon on transfers, postings  
and mainly releases. We can  
only wonder at how many dot-  
ted lines will be signed in the  
future.

F/L Ron Pratt and Lyle Hall  
have returned and have set-  
tled into the routine of squad-  
ron life again. They are, of  
course, brimming over with  
gen and new inspiration and  
are eager to pass it on to the  
troops.

## MSE Headlights

You will notice around the  
Station this week, the annual  
Influx of Officer Cadets from  
various universities across the  
country. We take pleasure in  
introducing our Officer Cadet  
Wayne Dickey, University of  
Toronto, third year, who is a  
native of North Bay Ontario.  
O/C Dickey is currently in MSE  
operations.

**INTAKE**  
Latest addition to the shop  
crew is MSE technician Dave  
Rowe, who is a native of St.  
John Newfoundland. Aircraft-  
man Rowe recently graduated  
from the basic "Tech" course  
which was held at Camp Borden,  
Ont. Dave is single; he is  
interested in reading, and his  
favorite sport is rifle mark-  
smanship. Holding the distinc-  
tion of being the most easterly  
Easterner in the Section, we  
welcome him to the Pacific  
Coast Island Paradise.

### COSE INTERNALS

This month, transferring  
over to the refuelling pool for  
their tour of duty, are LAC's  
Ed Duggan, Howard Girling,  
Fred Nesbitt and "killer" Kow-  
alsky. Personnel returning to  
operations pool are LAC's Don  
Mitchell, Chuck Jensen, Roger  
MacDonald and Rick Dyck.

### PILOT BEARING

Congratulations to LAC Don  
Mitchell MSEOP who has suc-  
cessfully passed all pertinent  
D.O.T. exams for his commer-

cial pilot's license. Don start-  
ed flying in '59 and has held  
his private license for three  
years.

### GOLF CART

The MSE's annual Master's  
Golf Tournament was held on  
the Comox greens last Sat.,  
May 14. Two winners were de-  
clared after a closely contested  
18 holes. F/O Eric Cook low  
gross of 85, and LAC Guy  
Bourget low net of 72 1/2. Our  
special thanks to Guy for  
organizing our annual classic.

### SAFETY SKIRTS

Here is a new one for you.  
The American Automobile As-  
sociation says it is all for  
shorter skirts - because they  
lead to traffic safety. Car  
headlights can easily pick up  
stockings or bare legs at night.

## Square Dance News Notes

The Co-Hoedowners Square  
Dance Club held its windup  
dance of the season Saturday  
night, April 25th.

It was an all request pro-  
gram with Wolf Clar calling.  
At refreshment time the  
five squares in attendance sat  
down to strawberry shortcake  
and ice cream. There were  
visitors from Vancouver and  
the Campbell River clubs.

## Salute to Station Scout

By "SAHI"



Introducing to our readers  
LAC Jack Stewart, of 1st Com-  
ox Pack, (ETech (A), (407)  
Vancouver B.C.), at present  
residing at Comox with his  
wife, the former Miss Lucy  
Rose of Bellorim Newfound-  
land. The Stewarts have two  
children, Derrick and Colleen.  
Jack was with Cubbing briefly  
as a boy in Vancouver. He  
resumed active participation  
in 1961 with 3rd Comox, as  
ASM. In 1963, he took over as  
CM of 1st Comox which is  
sponsored by the Canadian  
Legion branch. Being ably as-  
sisted by Raksha Jean Gar-  
land, Baloo Jim Milligan and  
Bagheera Gord Leather. Akela  
Stewart has undergone basic  
pack training at Port Alberni  
in 1962. For the past two years  
has attended local cub camps  
and is preparing for this year's  
camp, which is to be held at  
the Comox Valley Cub Camp,  
Davis Farm.

Scouter Jack has numerous  
other interests, which include  
active membership in St.  
Peter's church committee, ex-  
ecutive of B.A.C. Men's club  
(Brotherhood of Anglican  
churchmen) and is a part-time  
projectionist at the station  
theatre. Favourite hobby and  
sports are Numismatology,  
Bowling and Camping.

## DEMON DOIN'S

Summer is here The hick-  
ory smoke of barbecues and  
the exhaust of outboard mot-  
ors fill the air. Even the eagle  
has donned his summer plum  
age of khaki.

In line with the warm wea-  
ther is the squadron thrash on  
Saturday, May 23rd. The big  
day begins with a car rally  
that will develop into a pic-  
nic at a nearby beach. Soft  
drinks, hot dogs and ham-  
burgers will be provided as well  
as games and entertainment  
for everyone. A break about  
five o'clock will allow time to  
put the tads to bed and fresh-  
en up for the dance in the of-  
ficers mess at 9:30 p.m. A com-  
plete guide to the days activi-  
ties will be issued to everyone  
at the end of the week. There  
are no special skills required  
for the rally; just your normal  
driving habits and adventur-  
ous spirits that all demons  
possess. Let's have everyone  
there, especially at the dance  
where mugs will be presented  
to departing squadron mem-  
bers.

The Thunderbird Potlatch  
brought out all the Indians.  
The Wigwam president lost his  
tomahawk, the chief of the  
Demon tribe lost his deerskin  
and Scotty Anderson lost a  
tooth. The wigwam came close  
to destruction until the braves  
were stilled by copious quan-  
tities of trader Lou's firewater.  
Hank and Audrey Wasy-  
lasko's cat has recovered from  
her operation. Much to the dis-  
appointment of the neighbor-  
hood tomatos, the operation  
was a success.

A final plea for support for  
your entertainment committee  
and I will sign off. They have  
really worked at making May  
23rd a day to remember. All  
it requires to be a smashing  
success is your attendance.

## Lake and Stream

by NUMB-ROD

I have decided that I am (a)  
absentminded, (b) a c a c i d e n t  
prone, or (c) careless. I feel  
that, were I not plagued by any  
of these characteristics, I  
should be able to survive at  
least the occasional fishing  
trip without getting wet feet.  
I would even settle for a soak-  
ing without too much com-  
plaint, but my last two outings  
have forced me to start think-  
ing in terms of my opening  
sentence.

Several weeks ago Len Roler,  
of Courtenay, suggested we go  
in search of bass at Speidel  
Lake. The local logging com-  
pany would not co-operate to  
the extent of stopping opera-  
tions while we transmitted  
their road so we settled for  
Horne Lake. Now, the level of  
Horne Lake had been dropped  
approximately 15 feet, expos-  
ing acres of mud flights and  
steep gravel banks. We man-  
aged to find an area where  
we could launch the boat by  
running it down a high gravel  
bank and over a narrow belt  
of what appeared to be silt.

I grabbed the motor and  
started down the bank slipping,  
sliding and gathering speed as  
I traversed the sloping loose  
gravel surface with the ten  
h.p. motor over my shoulder.  
As the strip of silt rushed up  
at me it became apparent  
that I would have to stop with-  
in one step of the base or termi-  
nate my sortie in the lake.  
And then proceeded to sur-  
round me with boards so that  
rescue operations could pro-  
ceed apace. When we cast off  
to commence our day of fish-  
ing I was muddy and wet to  
the hips.

The next time Len and I  
ventured forth together it was  
to Quinsam Lake and we plan-  
ned an early start to the ex-  
pedition. We approached the  
lake from the Camp 8 side  
and carried our equipment  
down to the cabin and then  
went in search of the cata-  
maran. We found it tied to a  
dead tree that had fallen into  
the lake and whose branches  
kept the cat about six feet  
from shore. By walking down  
the trunk of the tree and step-  
ping around branches we  
could load all of the tackle  
and lunches; however, this  
type of tight-rope walking  
with an outboard motor on  
ones shoulder did not appear  
too bright to me. As I was  
wearing waders I decided that  
Len should go along the tree  
to the cat and I would wade  
out with the motor. I hoisted  
the motor to my shoulder and  
having noted the time as 7  
a.m., and being impatient to  
get started, I waded into the  
lake.

I elected the former course of  
action and hit the silt with  
my left leg full extended.

It took some ten minutes for  
Len to extricate me from the  
mud. He had the good grace  
to hurry down and remove  
the motor from my shoulder.  
Lake Quinsam is fairly cool  
at this time of the year and  
I wouldn't have discovered this  
the hard way if I had extended  
my waders prior to entering  
the lake. Gale force winds added  
to my discomfort for the  
remainder of the day.

I have been reading a col-  
lection of stories and sketches  
of shooting and fishing en-  
titled "Aged in the Woods" by  
Paul Hyde Booner, and in one  
of the sketches the author  
concerns himself with piscar-  
torial photography, as op-  
posed to a colorful memory,  
in recalling fishing adventures.  
The following is a quote from  
the sketch that defines the  
appeal of fishing as well as  
anything I have read.

"My memory serves me with  
the comforting degree of ex-  
panding exaggeration which is  
the spice, the alcohol, the  
opium of all true lovers of the

moment becomes the saga of  
angling art. The emotion of a  
life time. There is, to be sure,  
a certain satisfaction in pro-  
claiming that you killed forty-  
two fish in ten days, but the  
statement tells nothing; noth-  
ing, that is, but a bald and  
boring score. The true fisher-  
man is a romanticist whose re-  
membered thrills are not of  
quantity or weight, but of in-  
stances of ecstasy, of heart-  
stop, when all cares and con-  
siderations are blotted out by  
the expectancy, the hope, that  
the swirling, curious fish will  
take. And when he does, when  
he makes the final decision and  
inhales your fly, turning to  
descend to his resting place in  
the pool, the moment of truth  
has come. That is the instant  
when you and the salmon are  
joined together in battle, and  
it is an experience that can-  
not be recorded on film.

You and the fish are the  
only two who know what went  
on, and you have the advan-

## King Neptune's Divers

These past few weeks have  
seen some drastic changes in  
the station scuba club. Two  
presidents and one chief in-  
structor have resigned their  
positions since the new year  
began. A lot of equipment is  
being traded, bartered for and  
sold as some divers give up the  
sport and new-comers join the  
club to replace them, so any-  
one taking up the sport  
shouldn't have much trouble  
locating a complete set of  
equipment at very reasonable  
prices.

The new executive taking  
control of the club as of the  
first of May consists of LAC  
Clifford Mills 409 armament

tage of being able to recount  
the story without any inter-  
ruptions or corrections from  
your antagonist, who, if you  
brought him properly, was  
served up cold, with sauce  
verte, at a luncheon for your  
envious friends at home."

tech, president; LAC Andy  
Kazimer, fire fighter, vice-  
president; Cpl. Gordon Tilley,  
407 aero engine tech, chief in-  
structor, with Miss Valerie  
Stewart, dependant, retaining  
her position as secretary-treas-  
urer.

The majority of the diving  
has been done lately by three  
members who report the cod  
fishing and scallop hunting to  
be excellent. Some of the divers  
have been getting their boats  
ready so they can venture to  
more distant areas to do a bit  
of wreck searching.

Once again meeting times

have been changed. At present  
they are held every Tuesday  
evening in the rec-centre lec-  
ture room at 7:30 p.m. During  
these meetings outings are  
planned, activities discussed,  
and when available films are  
shown. So if you have any in-  
terests in the underwater  
world why not attend a meet-  
ing or two and let your pres-  
ence be known?

Cliff Mills has been trying  
out a new colour on his wet  
suit hood lately and reports  
that a hood painted with white  
tire paint can be seen at a  
much greater distance under-  
water than the conventional  
black hood. The main reason  
for this experiment was to de-

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be. And your taste buds tingle at the  
thought.

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During the evening Bonnie Schentag was crowned Handicap queen in appreciation of her work for the league during the year.

Prizes were awarded to the following:

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Team No. 4 — Gladys Mitchell, Colleen Reed, Irene Cook, Gail Collins, Ev. Fraser, Coleen Spicer, Lil Gooding and Jane Egan. This team won both the year standing as first team and the league play-offs for "A" Division.

Team No. 4 — Jean Horton, Lora Plewes, Mary Jacobsen, Marg. Heale, Agnes O'Connell, Kathy Harris, Noella Legassie and dPat Meyers. Winners of the "B" Division play-offs.

Prizes were also awarded during the evening to: Gail Collins, Jean Parkhouse, Alma Petkau, Fran Tackaberry, Tabha Elliott, Clare Larkin, Moyra Smikiewicz Rev. Manderville, Winnie Leusler, Barb. Preston, Marg. Kendall, Hilda Gottlieb, Joan Szczepaniewicz, Eileen Vivian, Alice Wallace, Elsie Doucette and Nell Jones.

Election was held for the new season to start in the fall and the following were elected: President, Neil Jones; vice-president, Jean Horton; secretary, Terry Charbonneau; treasurer, Bonnie Schentag.

The evening concluded with lively entertainment under the direction of Gay Wells.

## Two Minutes To Die

By FRED RACE

This story is fictitious, but it could happen this way

Frank and Bob set out in their little outboard for an evening of enjoyable fishing. The sea is calm with not a whisper of wind in the air.

Frank climbs into the boat and readies the motor while Bob, wearing his hip waders, pushes off from shore. Soon they are slowly trolling over their favorite reef.

Both men relax settling back in their seats, Bob rolls down his large boots and settles back on a floatation cushion, while Frank adjusts the life jacket behind him to a more comfortable position.

Neither one is wearing his life jacket as they are both expert swimmers, Bob is a life guard and Frank is a water safety instructor at the local pool, and the air is still and warm after a stifling hot day.

Suddenly Bob's line sings as a large salmon takes the lure in its mouth. His rod bending almost to the breaking point Bob swings fast in his seat loosening the clutch on the reel. The salmon takes the line almost all out then turns and makes a run toward them. Bob stands up to play the salmon more smoothly, as Frank reels in quickly to get his line out of the way. The salmon makes a few more runs, twisting and turning, diving down and leaping high into the air trying to shake the hooks loose.

Bob yells excitedly, "get the net Frank, I got the grand-

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daddy of them all," as he reels it in closer to the boat. Now Frank and Bob are both leaning over the side of the boat, as Bob draws the fish closer to the net. Frank reaches for it, when all of a sudden with a mighty surge, the salmon fights for life, both men lean out so far to hold it that the boat flips dumping them into the water.

The motor gurgles to a stop, and for a few seconds there is silence on the sea. A head pops above the surface, it is Frank, his arm broken by the boat as it struck him. He fights desperately to stay afloat, nausea reeling in his stomach as he attempts to grasp the slippery bottom of the overturned boat. His life jacket floats uselessly away from him.

Bob is still underwater trying to free himself of the heavy boots that are drawing him rapidly to the bottom. His lungs bursting, panic overcomes him as he tries to claw his way to the surface. In desperation he opens his mouth to scream for help, but no sounds, water enters filling his throat, he coughs and takes in more water. His eyes open wide as the epiglottis in his throat convulses causing him to choke more. A feeling of calm numbness overcomes him as his feet touch bottom, he partially blacks out feeling dizzy and helpless as his body falls forward, face down, his muscles twitching and jerking their last as finally he succumbs to the depths. The tide slowly turns his body until it is pointing in the same direction, his arms flailing lifelessly before him.

Frank, holding onto the motor looks around, but the only sign of his buddy is the seat cushion floating away. Other boats continue fishing, unknowing of the tragedy taking place a short distance away.

He thinks of what to do, anxiety overcoming him he forces himself under the boat to see if Bob is trapped in the air space there. His head bumps a tackle box, lungs bursting, thrashing he seeks the air space, but every time he tries to breathe he gulps water. Frantically he struggles to get himself above water once more. He vomits, coughs and feels more nausea, the pain from his broken arm is unbearable.

Finally, exhausted, he can hold on no longer. With a buzzing in his ears and numbness of mind, body all wracked with pain, he slips beneath the surface. Now he has only two minutes to die.

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## King Neptune

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termine if the white hood could be seen better while on the surface, to prevent being mistakenly shot at for a seal. Unless the person or persons seal hunting is not color blind, or doesn't think you to be an old grand-daddy white-haired seal, you shouldn't get shot at. But then again some people mistake green cars for deer during the hunting season, while others shoot holes in floating diver's marker flags. He further reports that it has a tendency to startle and spook game fish much quicker, so new spear-fishing techniques may have to be devised when using a white hood. We still haven't concluded our experiments which were started last year, to see if the

local killer whales would attack a diver or not. Perhaps we will try a white hood on the dummy so they can see it better.

As a general point of interest, flashy bright colours and objects such as yellow flippers, chromed gauges etc. have more than once resembled something good to eat to a fish.

For the latest bit of proof on this may I quote from the May 64 edition of skin diving magazine, page 25—"A hungry barracuda will attack anything that appears appetizing to it. The ring on a man's finger could appear to be a tasty morsel, or perhaps the sun glinting off a weight belt might bring an attack from

this flashing killer." Now who is to say all fish don't think alike?

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