

## End Of Slemon Career Recalls Egg - Crate; Piano - Wire Flying

Colorado Springs—(NNS)—Air Marshal C. Roy Slemon, former deputy commander in chief of North American Air Defence Command, retires from the Royal Canadian Air Force August 15, closing a career spanning more than 41 years.

He was the last of the RCAF's charter members. having joined the Canadian Air Force in February 1923, a year before it became a permanent force and adopted the prefix "Royal".

He was in the first small group of intrepid flyers in the newborn force to win his wings. Those were the "egg-crate-and-piano-wire" days when flying was a constant battle of wits bewteen man and machine. Too often, man lost the battle.

Reminiscing about the "good old days," Air Marshal Slemon recalled that he won his wings in a World War I fighter called the Sopwith Camel,

"It had a top speed of about 85 miles per hour and, with patience, you could climb it up to about 15,000 feet. It had a remarkable engine, a rotary.

"The propeller and the entire engine rotated about the crank shaft which remained stationary. This was the only means by which the rotating engine was attached to the aircraft. The gyroscopic effect of this mass of whirling engine on the flying qualities of the aircraft was, to say the least, remarkable.

"For example, in a steep right turn, instead of right rudder you had to use a considerable amount of left rudder. In an automobile this would be like turning the steering wheel to the left in order to turn the car to the right.

"A machine gun mounted on the top wing was geared to permit the bullets to pass between the revolving propeller blades. When the gear went out of synchronization, we shot off our own propeller!

"In the early years of the RCAF, a large part of our flying was devoted to various non-military operations such as air mapping and exploration of Canada's vast unmapped areas, forest fire patrols and air police patrols in conjunction with Royal Can-

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## INSIDE STORY OF A SEARCH

by F O ROSS OPERATION SAR ALEXANDER

AIRCRAFT: Single engine, wooden construction Mooney 20 on wheels.

OWNER: Lee Maxwell of Portland, Oregon. PILOT: Mr. Delmar Alexan-

der of Portland Oregon, 44 years of age, 20 years flying

experience. Mr. Alexander proceeded from Portland to Seward, Alaska to take photographs of the earthquake damage in that area. Although he had considerable flying experience, in the opinion of the aircraft owner he was not very well qualified on that type. Also he filed a flight plan on each trip he flew. but no position reports were received from him on this particular expedition. At approximately 2030 hrs on August 3rd he took off from Annette, Alaska, en route to Bellingham, Washington, on a Visual Flight Rules (VFR) flight plan. His time en route was to have been just over four hours and he had enough fuel for approximately six hours with good weather conditions en route. His radio equipment was in poor condition and no survival gear was carried. Although several stations en route attempted to contact him, no position reports were received and no contact was made until approximately 0100 hrs next morning when a weak signal was received by Vancouver Centre. By this time he was one half hour overdue and the machine that is Search and Rescue was already in operation. A tape had been made of the signal

and later analysis indicated

that the signal received was

indeed from the missing air-

craft.

On the morning of the 4th of August the panic button was pushed through the wall at 121KU and out of all the confusion a great deal of organization and sound thinking evolved, much to the credit of the Search Master, F/L Merciless Milt Agate (renamed Mesmerized Milt), with the assistance of F/O Mike Mole a search headquarters was established in 407 Sqn Lecture Room and a full scale search was organized. A great deal of credit is due to the searchmaster and his assistant as they not only had to organize and run the search but also had the added responsibilities of acquiring their own clerical

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### WE'RE TARDY

Most readers will not receive this week's Totem Times until Monday morning. So a word of explanation is in order. This is the first edition of our newspaper which is printed in the new offset process. Offset printing offers many advantages including color printing and clearer reproduction of photographs and illustrations. It also poses a great many unexpected problems for both the Editor and the printing staff. These problems take time to sort out, consequently we are behind

# Comox Day, '64 ... One Of The Best



THREE PRETTY GIRLS ON A T-33
POSED PRETTILY on the wing of a 121 Search and Rescue

POSED PRETTILY on the wing of a 121 Search and Rescue Unit T-33 jet trainer at RCAF Station Comox, Monday, are (centre) Colleen Button, 15, of Comox, recently chosen as Queen of Comox Day, and her two attendant princesses (left) Helen Foster, 15, of Wallace Gardens airforce community and (right) Cathy Johnston, 15, of Comox. Colleen will be crowned Queen during the Comox Day opening ceremonies at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Saturday was COMOX DAY and one of the biggest gettogethers in the yearly calendar of the valley. This was the third year in which the RCAF was invited by the community to take a part in the festivities.

The day's festivities started with the Comox Day parade which passed through the business section of Comox at 9:30 a.m. on its way to the fair ground. The RCAF Training Command Band and a 50-man march past were included in the parade.

The fair ground set the scene for the official speeches, the crowning of the Comox Day Queen, the childrens' sports and the loggers' sports.

The Training Command Band presented a concert near the Municipal Hall at 1:30 p.m. and at 2:15 the Air Show began with a low level pass by three CF-101B Voodoos. The Voodoos flew up here especially for Comox Day from Paine Field, Washington, where they are stationed while the runways of Station Comox are being re-surfaced. Following the departure of the Voodoos, the air show continued with displays by 121 Squadron Albatross, a Vertol helicopter, a Neptune, the RCAF crash boats and finally the Red Knight's display of high speed aerobatics.

The celebrations were terminated with a second concert by the Training Command Band and a Sunset Ceremony in Legion Park.

Thursday, August 20, 1964

R.C.A.F. STATION COMOX, TOTEM TIMES





## **CO** to be Valley Representative

Included among five Comox Valley residents who have been appointed to sub-com-mittees of the Canadian Federation Centennial Committee of B.C. is G/C E. G. Ire-

Mrs. R. McKellar of Cumberland, and Alderman Sid Williams, Mr. Roy Jones and Mrs. Myrtle Vickberg of Courtenay will be other district representatives.

The Commanding Officer, who was named to the Armed Services Liaison Committee will be among 450 appointees throughout the province who will help to plan Canada's 1967 centennial celebrations.

## Eighteen Complete RCAF Para-Rescue Course

Eighteen airmen from various points in Canada have completed a rigorous 6-month RCAF para-rescue course near Edmonton. They have been well-trained in bushlore, mountaineering, medical assistance, parachute jumping, survival and other skills required to rescue downed aircraft crews.

The course was the 12th held by the Air Force since 1947. The graduates join 79 rescue parachuțists required by the RCAF's search and rescue units across Canada.

The course began in February when 32 volunteers

were selected for the RCAF's Survival School's winter bush course at Jarvis Lake, near Hinton, Alta. Following selection for further training, the airmen received almost 1,000 hours of training at RCAF Station Namao, outside Edmonton, and near Jasper.

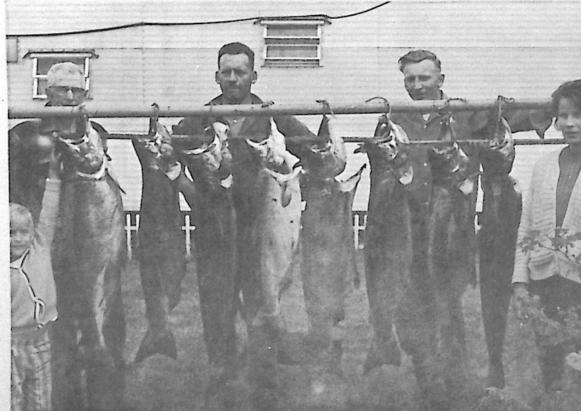
Bush-lore was the topic requiring the greatest number of training hours. Two hundred hours were devoted to assist the airmen in performing effectively with minimum hazard to himself, his teammates, and survivors in unfavorable conditions in re-



## **Comox Lad Defects to** "The Others"

VICTORIA, B.C. - Advancing through heavy grass during an army exercise in the Metchosin area on Vancouver Island is Private Paul Cart- weeks summer training and wright, 17, whose parents live at Station Comox. Paul is one of the 210 young

soldiers attending the Young Soldiers' Training Plan on on Vancouver Island. The soldiers will complete their five mencing August 18.



THIS IS NO TRICK PHOTOGRAPHY! Proudly showing proof of their great catch of Tyee salmon are, standing left to right, Master Rory Clark, Mr. E. A. Bell, LacA. W. Burgess, Lac G. Clark and Mrs. G. Clark. These large salmon were caught at Burman River, just above Gold River.

and their son Rory motored up to Burman River just above Gold River, a distance of approximately 90 miles, for a week of fishing. The week proved to be a very eventful and worthwhile trip.

All-catches were made on a straight No. 51 and No. 6 wonder spoons. Trolling was done deep with 8 to 10 oz. weights being used. After catching one of these beaustart to return home, com- ties, they encountered quite a time trying to land them in the boat. Over and above

Mr. Bell, Lac Wes Burgess, what they brought home, they attention so I can tell you Lac and Mrs. Gordie Clark lost a few others which attention so I can tell you proved just a little too strong that you're apathetic and irfor their tackle.

> ... is a catchy word. So the last issue. Irresponsible catchy that this is probably because you take little interthe-first article you've read est in the welfare of your in this week's edition of the newspaper which YOU should "Totem Times". Even though support. Two replies from it takes up little space and 1300 copies of the Totem

responsible. Apathetic, because you're too lazy to fill out that simple questionnaire which was enclosed in is tucked away in an incon- Times does not indicate that spicuous corner of the page. the newspaper has an avid But this simple word, like the following. You want another subject it describes,, serves a chance? We await your critic-vital purpose. It wins your ism.



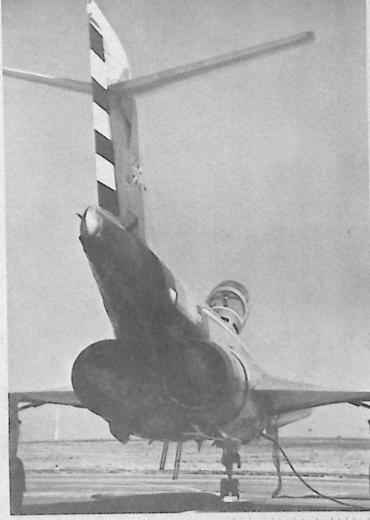
# From Pictures to Portraits





One of the most attractive features of the new offset printing process is the clarity with which it reproduces photographs. Shown above is a 121 Squadron Albatross similar to the one which will drop para-rescue airmen (left) into the sea on Comox Day. RCAF crash boat Heron (bottom left) will retrieve the para-rescue men from the Bay. The Comox Day air show will begin with a low level pass by three Voodoos (one of which is shown stationary, lower right). The show will be concluded with a performance of thrilling high speed aerobatics by the Red Knight, F/O Bill Slaughter (below).







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### Puff! We Grew

The Totem Times has put on weight. With this issue it assumes the stature of a 12-page newspaper. This doesn't mean too much of course. We don't really have that much more news to spread. We aren't any more perceptive and timely than we were before. We're just

So we like to refer to the expansion as the "great puff"—which infers a physical expansion not accompanied by a similar growth in quality.

But then who cares?

We get the impression that no one reads the Totem We receive almost no criticism. Are we that Or are we that bad? Or are all 1,300 copies mysteriously spirited off the station.

The questionnaire which appeared in the last issue yielded the sum total of two (2) replies. Both replies, strangely enough, suggested that what the Totem Times needs most is a Letters to the Editor column. That's nice. But we don't get any letters.

It's strange to be able to please everybody

## The Next Two Weeks

August 18 - A Canadian Air Force detachment was formed at the RAF School of Technical Training, Halton England, to train Canadian mechanics for two proposed "all-Canadian" squadrons in the RAF.

26 August 39 - RCAF squadrons began moving to their war stations, no. 3 flying from Calgary to Halifax, No. I from Calgary to St. Hubert, No. 2 from Trenton to Halifax and no. 8 from Octawa to Sydney. On September the 1st the RCAF was placed on active service.

27 August 53 - No. 4 Fighter Wing consisting of three "Sabre" squadrons, No's. 414, 422, and 444 flew from Canada to Baden-Soellingen Germany, to complete No. 1 Air Division.

29 August 59 - For the second year running the RCAF aircrew competed with top aerial marksman of other NATO Air Forces in air firing competitions at Cazaux, France, and won for Canada the Guynemer Trophy, emblematic of air gunnery supremacy within the Allied Forces Central Europe.

31 August 20 - "Regulations for the Canadian Air would be stifled and an in-Force" were approved. The ternational pastime would be CAF had no permanent stat- wiped out. us, no embodied units, and existed only to give biennial theory "run before you walk," refresher training courses of with a new subject. Let me 28 days duration, for officers run a little before you take and airmen who had served my hand. People will read a with the RAF during the war. rape story before bank rob-These refresher courses be- beries and drunken driving gan at Camp Borden in Sep- because they seek pleasure

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## Thru The Seer's Eyes

Re: Your For Now We See . . .

R.C.A.F. STATION COMOX, TOTEM TIMES

Dear VE7BAF The idea of Sex being an ideal is one of the most pleasant ideas I've had in my life, and as you mention, I belong to the group who had to read all the facts down behind the barn. This acquired book knowledge together with a number of lab periods comprise the most wonderful research and development program I've ever had the pleasure of taking part in, and I most sincerely hope to do a great deal more research into what is becoming a most pleasant pastime. What you are suggesting is that the mystery of sexual misunderstanding be solved for the young unmarried thereby robbing him of the pleasures derived from experimenting and attempting to achieve sexual understanding on his own. This will tend to retard the development of the young mind, as it will dampen any inquisitiveness, make youth more dependent for knowledge on his elder's experience and generally make a moment of sheer ecstacy rather dull and commonplace. Also that thorn fence makes the forbidden fruit all the more desirable and that much more pleasant to partake of. You stated that the

the overcoming of fear. While

uncertainty through experi-

mentation produces self con-

fidence. As for superstition,

well black cats never bother-

ed me anyway. People do not

fear their bodies, but again

by experimenting learn the

power of it and how to de-

rive the maximum of pleasure

If people were not embar-

rassed there would be no

rather than misery, horror,

or trouble. And although all

these apply to rape as well,

rape is a little more than a

very twisted version of an act

which they themselves enjoy.

What you are suggesting will

not only retard the mental

development of youth

through making him depend-

ent on the knowledge of his

elders thereby quelling his

natural curiosity and desire

to find out for himself, but

will kill several multi-million

dollar industries ,more em-

ployment) and wipe out the

sport of bird watching, and

Pre-marital love is the

most wonderful game yet de-

vised, and part of that game

is to have an active enough

mind and sharp enough wits

to overcome any and all inhi-

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dull the imagination.

from it.

"neat" answer which society had decided on was abstention, but before you have an answer you must have a question or a problem, and since I don't have any questions or problems, I don't need society's answer thank you. Marriage is indeed private sex but the marriage licence robs it of its flexibility, thereby reducing it from an enterprise to a monopoly. whereas mine is private and as enterprising as I can make it and does not suffer the restrictions of marriage. Igander came to a halt. norance is the forerunner of experimentation which in turn leads to knowledge and

to those from whom we drew prove the situation unless it support or assistance. Air- is coupled with practical and craft were provided by 407 logical mthods of improve-Sqn., the U.S. patrol as well ment. And people, why not as 121KU. Other supporting try some of the methods agencies were RCMP, UBC, which heretics such as my-Canadian Army, B.C. Forest self put forth? Service, B.C. Government personnel at the Combined sistance. However, this is not our first search and most certainly will not be our last. We hope that we will receive the same degree of support and co-operation in the fu-

OPERATION SAR ALEXAN-DER - INCIDENT CLOSED.

## Chapel Chimes

PROTESTANT CHAPEL

DIVINE WORSHIP-1100 hrs Nursery-1000 hrs Sunday in

the Chapel Annex. Holy Communion - 1100 hrs the SECOND Sunday of the Holy Baptism — Sundays by

appointment. The above times will operate from 28 June to 6 Sept. NOTE: All other church activities will commence in

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staff and spotters and a should not have fallen in

From the 4th to the 16th of Aug an extensive aerial search was carried out with the main area of concentration falling within a 100 mile radius of Vancouver, as the signal received by Vancouver Radio plus numerous aircraft sighting reports made it highly likely that the misin that area. Unfortunately no trace of it was found unowner revealed that this was is right now. Any vagaries the missing aircraft. Once patched to search for wreckof Vancouver Island with practicable and applicable to negative results. At this point, on approval from To throw one's hands up AFHQ. Operation SAR Alex- and claim that the modern

R.C. CHAPEL Chaplain— S/L T. J. PARADIS

MASSES in the Station Chapel - Summer schedule commencing 28 June, 1964. Sunday — 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday — 9 a.m. Baptisms by appointment at

1:15 p.m., Sundays, in the Station Chapel.

## for Now See Through a Glass Darkly

BY VE7BAF

At this point the turn in the road has been reached and to make a summary of the trip is only to say that a number of other tasks which small region has been passed over. In this I think it is possible to say that where the ideals of the current age reflect a degeneration of a civilization in some people's eyes, in mine they mark the beginning of a long and fearful process.

And this process, is the process of appraisal of both church and state for what each has or has not accompsing aircraft was somewhere lished. We have witnessed or been made aware of the presence of mass-murder, tertil on 16 August a boat picked ror, superstition and imposup what was believed to be sible-to-follow legal codes. an aircraft nosewheel, well The onus is now on the insouth of the Juan de Fuca dividual and the decision to Straits. A check with the make or break the situation indeed the nosewheel from about the "Future" are not worth the paper they are more an aircraft was dis- printed on. In like manner, the laws and beliefs held up age along the south-east end as Christian must be made

life is one of decadence is not Many thanks are extended the attitude which will im-

the run-of-the-mill human.

The oldest problem is the Ferries and DOT. A special one which is best described thank you is extended the as being that of complete apathy and illiterate indif-Mess for providing so many ference to any statement flight lunches at such short made either pro or con. The notice and the Station War- total lack of response to anyrant Officer for arranging thing other than light news the spotters. We realize we which has appeared in the cause a great strain on many "Totem Times" is ample sections during a search such proof that most people are as this and we are grateful not very interested in the for your co-operation and as- lives that their children will have to lead and the environment in which they will lead them.

So, to all those who don't care, farewell and good luck ture where human lives are it!!) and to those who have read or thought about this - all the best and I hope this may have served to help

## With HOPE

PERSONALITY OF THE

least outwardly, unperturbed.

The last mentioned is still

Comox.

not official but when a War-"TIMES" rant Officer changes his Normally it takes a lot to badge of distinction . . . well shake this man . . . unless its the inevitable must occur. the third shot on a par three WO (sorry F/O) Molyneaux missed by a blade of grass

is going to miss B.C. (His . . . or a car that seems to heart is set on this province) continually require repair . . . but no more than Station or the possibility of ever be- Comox will miss him. ing transferred from Station

F/O Molyneaux is well known and liked by every-Well, all three have occur- one . . . his new friends in the red and he still remains, at Officers Mess have gained much more than just another

Fishing generally has been light to medium in the local waters. F/L and Mrs. W. M. Watkins picked up two coho Sunday, fishing near the Bell Buoy. Both fish, one a tenpounder and the other a six, were caught with bucktail by Mrs. Watkins.

Tuesday, the Watkins picked up a six pound coho off Kye Bay using strip.

Gerry Tackaberry reports his best catch of the season was a 9½ pounder caught off King Coho using strip. This modest fisherman has caught a good deal more coho than this but he didn't wish to report them all for fear of making certain acquaintances jealous.

Bob and Jean Parker, on last report, had picked up 10 coho with the largest a 91/2 pounder. Others ranged from 9½ to 5½ pounds.

Bob states he caught all ten coho off King Coho, using strip. From what I hear this couple really put the man-hours in their seaworthy boat, the former "Five Jays".

One of the station's perennial fishing experts, Sgt. Jack Sweeney, pulled in a 21-pound spring off King Coho, using herring strip.

In addition Jack and Laurie have picked up an additional four coho in the last few days, ranging in size from 7½ to 5½ pounds. Jack of course, has caught a good deal more but he didn't want to relate just how many for fear of making friends jeal-

Last, but not least, and this is official, it seems that Lorne and Madeline Blythe were cruising just off the kelp beds, between the Air Force Beach and Kye Bay when they gathered in a real beauty using a "Nosky Killer". The Blythes top the

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"king fishermen" for this period, according to all reports, and we wish both continued success in future en-

Talking with Fred Weillander, 407 Sqdn. Flt. Engineer, who confirms that he has had a good season of fishing. Fred had a very successful trip to Toba Inlet and has been very pleased with results off Tree Island, Denman Island and the Bell Buoy. Fred has caught approximately 110 fish to date this season.

Sgt. Ken Morrison, Fire Hall, had a successful trip or two off Tree Island, picking up over a half dozen coho and grilse. Ken told me he used needle fish as bait. Speaking of wild life in the

area, it seems that our furred friends such as the black bear, cougar and deer are in greater abundance this year. A few weeks ago, Jack Sweeney spotted a large cougar in the woods above Kye Bay and notified the game warden who promptly went out with his dogs, treed the animal and shot it, (that is old news to some of us). Then there was the black bear seen some distance from the PMQs (more of a half grown cub) and someone complained and it was dispatched with a rifle bullet. I might add it masn't harming anyone.

Warren King, that nomad of the mountains, has had some very interesting tours (hikes) into the mountains back of Jay Lodge and into McKenzie Lake (back packing) and (his experiences will be related in a coming issue of the Totem Times), suffice to say at the moment that Warren on a return trip spotted a very large cougar between the Forbidden Plateau Lodge area and Courtenay as it crossed the road in front of him

THE BIG ONES ARE

ARRIVING

## Recreation News

By STAN SOFTBALL

Intersection - The intersection football league has ended with the Braves finishing first, Orioles second, Athletics third and the Mets in fourth place. The three top teams will be in the playoffs. The Orioles and the Athletics will play in the semi-finals, best out of three games, and the winner of this will compete against the first place team, the Braves.

Intermess - Play-offs for the inter-mess league will be August and since there are only three teams in the league they will all be in the play-offs. The league ended with the Airmen finishing first. Corporals second and the Officers and Sgts in third place. Like the intersection play-offs, the second and third place teams will play in the semi-finals, best out of three, and the winner of this play-off will compete against the Airmen. Final results of the 1964 Intersection and intermess leagues will be published in the next issue.

the RCAF B.C. finals which was held in Kamloops on the 1st and 2nd Aug., but they did finish in second place out of the five teams competing. They were beaten out RCAF Station Baldy Hughes in the finals. Better luck next year. FISHING

Tri-Service Fish Derby -Once again the annual Tri-Service Fish Derby was hosted at Station Comox. Although Army didn't provide a team in the competition, the derby was quite successful with a total of 89 lbs. 11 oz. taken in by the Navy and RCAF teams. RCAF Station Comox provided two teams and HMCS Naden provided the Navy team RCAF Comox team number one comprising of captain Major Wentz, F/S Plythe, F/S Newton, Lac Gabert and Lac Steele took first place in the derby with a total of 47 lbs. 10 oz. Navy team consisting of five ardent fishermen, Cmdo Vose, CIHT4 March, C2ET4 Burkmar, LSPW2 Russell and AB PWI Lee, came in second with a total catch of 33 lbs. 13 oz.

F/S Newton caught the largest fish by weight with an 8 lb. 14 oz. salmon. Both trophies, one for largest fish by weight and the other for largest total catch (team) by weight, was won by the RCAF. Last year the Navy took both honors.

Along with the two trophies, each member of the winning team received a Lucky Louie plug for their efforts and F/S Newton who caught the largest fish received a fishing net. To round out the Fish

Derby weekend, a little get together was held in the licence premise in the Rec Centre where everyone got together and told their fishing tales. As the party wore on the tales got longer and longer. A special thanks to all those who competed in the derby and we hope to see you all next year. I might mention the RCAF team No. 2 captained by F/L Scoles won the third trophy, the furline

Rifle Club - Just received word on the results of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Meet which was held in Ottawa from Aug. 1 to 8. A special congratulation to the Station Rifle

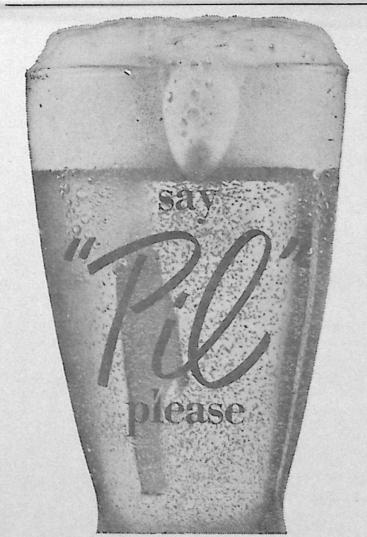




THE ANNUAL TRI-SERVICE FISH DERBY was hosted by Station Comox on the 7th, 8th and 9th August. RCAF Comox took all honors by winning all the trophies including the furlined pot as shown in the above photo. Left to right, F/S The station softball team Manning (RCAF), LSPW2 Russell (Navy), F/S Blythe (RCAF), didn't come in first place at F/S Newton (RCAF), ABPW1 Lee (Navy) and Cmdo Vose (Navy). Missing F/L Scoles, F/O Neilson, Major Wentz, Cpl MacIsaac and Lacs Gabert and Steele, CIHT4 March (Navy), C2ET4 Burkmar (Navy).

> team who competed in the Association Shield with Cpl meet. The team comprising Scarbro placing second. Full of Cpl Snelgrove cptn., Cpl coverage along with pictures placed first in the Brewery Team.

Scarbro, Lac Darling, Lac showing the presentation of Torchuk and Lac Hooley the trophies by the Minister brought back with them the of National Defence the Hon. Victoria Riffe Association P. Hellyer will be published Cup and the Brewery Associ- in the next issue. Once again ation Shield. Lac Mike Hooley well done to the Station Rifle



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> by Charles R. perties of tenants. The con- strict format is followed by

> > distance.

FMQ PAINTING

The appearance of PMQs is rapidly changing as the contractor, Tommy's Painting and Decorating of Vancouver, progress with the exterior painting of 200 of the houses at Station Comox.

The colours used are similar to the original where practical. Some of the new colours appear to be quite bright, however, these are compared to the old paint, and of course, are subject to fading by the weather. The eye will soon become accustomed to the new colours and the area will be enhanced by the overall improvement.

SUPERVISION BY THE CONTRACTOR

The contractor has a foreman on full time to provide direct supervision of the tradesmen painting these units. His tasks are many and varied, not the least of which is to do his job quickly and efficiently, with as little inconvenience to the occurants as possible.

This is a formidable task indced. The painters must cope with the many hazards of the trade: - Weather, children, flower gardens, boats, bikes, cars, dogs and tool shacks all of which serve to hinder the progress of the painter. There is not much he can do about the weather, except hope for the best. There are precautions taken to protect lawns, flower gardens and personal pro-

another crew which follows up to complete the clean-up and trimming chores. It is the contractor's responsibility to clean up after the completion of the work and our inspector is on the job to en-

dents has been excellent with

ority of which are the paint

stuck windows. The con-

tractor will loosen the win-

dows once after painting, but

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dows once a day, for a day or

two, until the paint is per-

and subsequent jammed fin-

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left on windows, etc. This

spray is to be removed by

sure this is done. SUPERVISION OF CONTRACTOR The CE Section does not

tractor uses plastic tarps to an NCO appointed by the protect these areas, however, SCEO to conduct regular and the co-operation of residents frequent tests of materials is required. The painter can used and the methods emnot cover all the boats and ployed. cars. The owners of these This is a full time job and

should exercise caution in also involves being in the parking them near where the unenviable position of middle painters are working, wind man, in the complaint dewill carry the paint quite a partment, between occupants and the contractor. Any oc-The contractor reports co- cupant complaints should be operation of the PMQ resi- forwarded to the Designs and Requirements Flight at CE few exceptions. Complaints either by memorandum or have been received, the maj- phone.

Mother nature has endowed each of us with the ability to voice our complaints liberally. To take the trouble for a little more thought before for 2 or 3 days. If the occu- we render our criticisms would likely lead to appropriate use of discretion in these matters. No one likes manently set, this should eli- to be reprimanded, and we minate the stuck windows are no different. However, any justified or constructive gers. Another recurring com- criticisms are always wel-

CHILDREN BEWARE

We can not stress too s'rongly to the parents the dongers associated with children playing around a construction job. There are many pieces of heavy equipment being used to erect the steel and wood components of the structure. A child's curiosity will draw him into the construction area without a thought of safety of life or remove itself from the paint- limb, therefore it is our job ing of PMQs once the con- as parents, to warn the chiltract has been awarded, dren repeatedly away from Quite to the contrary, a very the rink area.

TRANSFERRED DISTRICT SCOUTMASTER

F Sgt. Robbie Robson CD Flight Trainer, 409 Squadron, DSM for the past three years, is leaving next week for AMCHQ. Good hunting on your Scouting Trail, Robbie!

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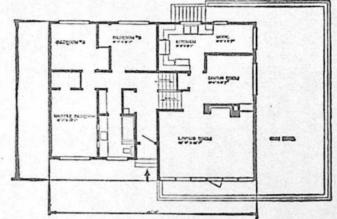
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ture with a recreation room, complete with fireplace, planned under the living areas. This is possible, every angle, here is split lev- because, in this particular el planning at is very best. split-level, bedrooms are on The floor layout shows the the lower level, with the livdining room as a separate ing areas up. Better control room for formal dining, but of heating, and much more the efficiently planned nook economical heating, is the includes space for dining result of this type of plan-

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## SOCCE

The 1964-65 soccer season is only four weeks off and F.O. Jimmy McBride for the at the time of writing. NO meeting has been called by to have, at least, four playthe Stn. soccer moguls.

Sunday, August 30, is the League meeting and every interested person is urged to attend this belated but never- nings from 1800-2000 hours. theless important session which takes place in Courtenay Recreation Hall at 2

The league management urgently requires new blood and new ideas. It is hoped that by recruiting a workman-like committee it will be possible to launch a plan for developing the juvenile set in the local area. Active players of this great sport can play their part by offering a little of their time as coaches or/and managers of minor soccer teams. They can also set an example on the field by striving to attain a higher standard of physical fitness, thus improving their calibre of play.

RCAF Comox Crusaders set themselves a high standard last season and were undoubtedly the finest footballing side in the league, when on form!

AT THE AIRPORT by LAC Jim Dougall

Crusaders will be without new season but are fortunate ers from Stn. Vancouver. Training sessions have aldate set for the Upper Is- ready begun at the Stn. land Soccer Annual General sportsfield and will continue throughout the season every Tuesday and Thursday eve-

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enhance the bi-lingual and The maddest evening was bi-cultural relations, which, had by all who attended the acording to some of our lead-MAD DANCE last Saturday. ing newspapers, are some-The youthful Tamarlanes what strained. You'd never caused chaos with their renditions of "Cool" music. This is indeed proud to have been mad twist and shout group associated with the unit proved to many, why their which carried off the Mynartype of music is so catching. ski Trophy and assisted in However, this writer wouldn't this great victory as a memcare to develop a mania for ber of the rifle club coachthe stamina-sapping, stomping staff. An enthusiastic ing, shoulder-shrugging gyhunter who is looking forrations which are involved in ward to his transfer to Lowthe "Beatle-Ballroom" style ther, Northern Ontario, we wish Monsieur Booboo A Bi-

dances! Ha ha ha. Nevertheless, the young Tamarentot. lanes will be extremely popular wit hthe teenage set in our local area. COMOX DAY DANCE

Martin after 12 years' serv-The Totem Inn and Corp-

RETIRING

orals' Club have combined to present this annual event which will be held in the Rec Centre. The famous Training Command Band will play for the occasion, which is in itself, a great drawing card. Cold plate dishes are to be served during the intermission but the dance commences at 9 - 1:30. So hurry out to the Rec Hall Saturday 22 August and enjoy the fabulous music, plus. Ah yes, admission price is 75c per person which is cheap at double the price! TOTEM-BAR TALK

Oh yeah, he donated blood O.K., but they just bottled it and returned it to the Totem Inn. It was nearly 100% alcohol!

Intoxicated logger who tripped over the step coming out of a local hotel remarked, "Oh the perversity of those inanimate objects."

As two airmen drove past the ice-arena site, one, obviously a hockey enthusiast, said with a sigh, "You can almost hear the roar of the hockey fans huh?" "That's the ball fans booing the ump, you nit!" retorted his part-

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GOING AND GONE Are the nine friendly faces who departed last Sunday by service aircraft for the "rainy" east coast. The wonderful bunch of Greenwooders and Summersiders were on course here for eight weeks and made many friends during their stay, and one young lass appeared very upset when the aircraft taxied out. Unfortunately only one, namely Al Tuck, was present Friday evening to receive his "Totem Out", which is the title of a farewell refreshment offered the unlucky ones leaving our fair valley. The "Inn" hope to have the pleasure of your company again in the near future.

Steve Lambert has just completed a two year stretch at Stn. Comox as an MSE/ Tech. His workmates affectionately christened Steve, Monsieur Booboo which has stayed with this most likeable and obliging young man.

"garden" at his home in Courtenay. Mr. Martin was born in Scotland, but only just, his home being as far north of the border as I can toss the caber. A very well know it in the RCAF. Steve known personality in the local area where he was for many years Cumberland's chief of police prior to joining the security force at this unit. The canny wee Scot with the dry sense of humour and ready wisecracks will be missed. May your retirement be a lengthy and healthy one Dave Martin.

A WORD ON THE Is Commissionaire Mr. Dave SKATING RINK

The contractor is progresice at Stn. Comox. At the end sing well and the sections of of August Dave leaves for a lam nated arch have already well-earned holiday in sunny arrived on the site. Some of California before spending these will likely be erected his leisure hours in the lefore this is in print.

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EDITOR'S NOTE - This article reprinted in view of its relevance to recent events.

The caption read, "I sure like you George. I wish Martin Luther King were more like you."

And the cartoon drew a picture of a Negro shining a white man's shoes.

And they both wrote a story as old as history; as current as present-day economics, conflict and hate: as far-seeing as our own individual desire for peace and brotherhood; and a story to which millions of words have been directed from practically all sources of expression and thought.

It is almost impossible to add new thoughts to those already expressed. But it can be earnestly hoped that as maturity follows infancy, the tice the deceptively simple equality of man will eventually become a reality.

There can be no honest and and ability to associate them- ing up?

selves reasonably with their fellow beings with all respect accorded their individual rights and preferences. Only the law of our country and our respect for it constitute our worth as a nation of individuals fearlessly dedicated toward the common goal of decency, tolerance and consideration toward our fellow man. The freedoms accorded each individual not only as a birthright but as governed by our own constitution, applies not only to the selfish "I am" but equally to the more meaningful "he is". The right of equality is not so much a right as it is a challenge to each and all of us to prac-

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ourselves short paying silent educated distinction drawn lip service to the demagogues between people beyond their of hate and prejudice? In own character, lawfulness short, when do we start grow-

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Many phases of training have been undertaken by our competant instructional staff and after a two week course the first successful graduating class emerged on Aug 7th. Highest marks obtained were by LAC Paul Barry of Frederickton N.B., who topped the class with 89.1 average. This is quite a feat for Paul as the overall class average was 77.9 per cent. Second high student was ACI Bryan Melchert of Carragana Sask., who obtained a mark of 89 per cent.

Much credit for this good showing must go to students however, we must also compliment F/O A. H. Stevenson and F/O R. Jones, with his competant staff of instructors comprised of Sgt. Bert Hacking, Sgt. N. F. Oslund and Sgt. J. Sweeney. Sgt. Bert Hacking is a veteran of the Coldstream Guards from 1937-39, and also is a member of the Irish Guards from 1939-46. Bert then joined the Blackburn City Police, 1946-48, after which he moved to Canada and became a member of the Toronto City Police

from 1948-53, leaving that force to join the RCAF. (more on Sgt. Bert Hacking in a future issue of the To-

tem Times).

Sgt Jack Sweeney who initially joined the 5th B.C. Coast Brigade RCA (56th Battery) Bay St. Armories Victoria in 1938 as a drummer and a signaler. Jack remained with the Militia until callup in August 1939 at which time in view of his youth he was discharged much to his regret. Jack Sweeney then joined the reserve unit of the Canadian Scottish remaining with the unit until 1943, when he joined the RCAF as a Wireless Air Gunner, training at UBC, then at no. 3 Wireless School, Winnipeg, followed by training at no. 8 Bombing and Gunnery School at Lethbridge Alta., where after completing additional training in Commando tactics at Three Rivers Quebec, sailed from Halifax aboard the SS Aquatania for the UK in August 1944. Jack served with no. 6 Bomber Group and carried on to OTU at Wells-

bourne, and heavy conversion at Topcliffe, Yorkshire. After hostilities Jack returned to Canada with his bride, the former Laurie White of Salford Lancs, joining the Victoria City Police

that force until 1951 at which time he re-enlisted in the RCAF as an AFP.

Sgt. Norm Oslund enlisted in the 4th Division Ammuni-. tion Company at Edmonton in 1941, and was transferred to Vancouver the same year where after a four month period he was given his re- 12 month period after which lease due to his youth (age 16 yrs.) In February 1944 Norm

again enlisted, this time with

the RCAF at Edmonton as aircrew, however, he failed to qualify in that branch and therefore transferred to the Canadian Army at Camp Shili, Man., taking a Driver Instructors Cours prior to departure for the United Kingdom where he underwent a driver - operators Course and on completion was sent on active duty to the 10th Battery 2nd Field Artillery 1st Division and served with that unit in France, Germany and Holl-

At the conclusion of host-

months and volunteered for the Pacific Theatre of operations and was sent home to Canada for additional training. When the Pacific conflict ended in 1945, Norm Oslund joined a Peacetime Unit with Western Command Signals Branch, Canadian Army at Edmonton serving for a he took his release.

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At this time Norm took a position with Grey Hound Bus Lines, Edmonton as a driver and in 1950 joined the Edmonton Fire Dept. as a squad car rescue operator.

In April 1953. Norm joined the RCAF at Edmonton enlisting in the AFP trade taking training at St. John PQ and RCAF Stn. Aylmer Ont.

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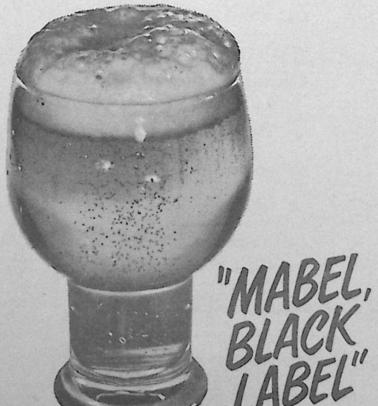
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## M.S.E. HEADLIGHTS

BY DIPSWITCH INTAKE

Recent arrivals in from. Station Vancouver are the following "Lucky People": native of New Westminister, who is taking over Operations. Joining McHales' Navy, Cpl. Jack Funk, MBC, - home town, Roblin Man. and LAC John Reid, MBC, from Toronto the "Good". Another closed-down unit. Station Calgary, has sent, to their loss and our gain, LAC L. M.

cook, Que. his hometown. The latest addition to our MSE Control and Planning staff is A. C. Roger Gauvreau, Clerk Sgt. Ernie Forman, MSEOP, Admin., a 20-year resident of Maniwaki, Quebec. Welcome to the best in the west. EXHAUST A stag "bash" was held in

> LAC Walter Klus, MSEOP -"Bachelor Elect", who is on his way to Chibougamau. STORK CLUB

A couple of MSE Techni-

been working overtime of late - passing out cigars and accepting congratulations. and salutations. LAC Grant Rakestrow and Gord Black. Flogging an old colloquial phrase: "May all your troubles be little ones". THE ACCIDENT INCREASE

Squealing tires, head on the Totem Inn honouring crash. Bodies broken, metal hash Floral tributes, orphaned

Cold statistics, neatly filed.

The same procedure should

be followed through with a

mid-afternoon snack, and a

At least one salad should

The man or woman behind

light dinner in the evening.

be eaten each day.

On motoring trips, during summer vacations and throughout the rest of the can begin with a light breakyear, there are three things fast of fruit juice, cereal, you have to beware of in your toast and coffee, stop for a driver's diet:

Hamburgs, custards and unpasteurized milk.

These few hints on happier, cheese. healthier motoring, especially in summer, were passed along today by the public service branch of The British Motor Corporation of Canada Limited, after consultation with the Health League of

Motorists should beware of roadside food stands, accord- driving and lighter foods Ltd. ing to the League, particularly with regard to hamburgs and custards, which rapidly go bad and cause severe food poisoning in warm weather. If the appearance of the place gives you any doubts as to its cleanliness, pass it up for the next one along the

When driving through the other eight provinces, make sure that the milk you are served is pasteurized, particularly where children are in-

In out-of-the-way areas, it is wise to bring along your own canned or powdered

Ordinary milk that is suspect can be pasteurized by boiling and cooling it.

On long trips, heavy meals taken many hours apart can cause sleepiness and slugishness behind the wheel, making the driver more accident-prone. It is much better to eat

light meals, more frequently,

### SEER'S EYES

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bitions. Moreover, you advocate giving this game a set of rules and teaching it to children who are not yet even physically capable of playing. I feel that in your efforts to promote sex education you have overlooked some very serious side effects which might be incurred. Perhaps it would be better if we called a "status quo" on the subject and let each of us in turn do the "Veni Vidi Vici" bit.

All jesting aside, the writer hopes that you will not take offence to this way out in the left field rebuttal. Since I do not have a daughter to worry about, or a son for parents of daughters to worry about, I am not really qualified to dictate policies on sex education. Actually I didn't have a topic to write on for this issue of the Times, so you provided a means for me to meet the deadline. I apologize for this literary disaster which gushed forth in a verbal torrent from my sinister little mind. However, I am enjoying my informal education and try my darndest to be a good pupil, looking forward to your next, "And now we see" . . .

On a long day's drive, you well as warding off sluggishness through over-eating, five or six stops a day for light snacks gives the driver sandwich in mid-morning, a chance to relax and get a and take a light luncheon of little exercise. A good notion is to carry cold meats, eggs, fish, or

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ties they relaxed at the fabu-

lous "ELBOW BEACH". Dick

Headley bounced into the

section humming "I've Got A

Hammer" with John Dou-

cette fresh from his bus tour

The Cold Lake detachment

brought fame and glory to

the squadron with their fan-

tastic results during the Suf-

field blast. Haggard and bro-

ken after the long weeks of

tension, they modestly attri-

buted their success to Dame

Fortune. The groundcrews

gave their all to the project

but still managed to partici-

pate in an authentic Indian

festival. The long and lonely

hours of temporary duty were

broken with peanut butter

By now we must own half

of Victoria. The station bank

had to hire an extra teller to

process the flood of cheques.

Aside from the scenic drive to

Pat Bay and afternoon at the

Empress I can't imagine what

all the excitement is about.

The many museums and art

galleries have given all an

excellent opportunity for cul-

tural improvement. Soon we

will be one big family once

more and be able to share

our summer adventures over

a cool one. There is already

a plan in its initial stage to

herald our re-union with a

monstrous bash. See you

and jam sandwich parties.

of the Island.

approaching (this is supposed to be summer) and slowly the squadron is returning to the fold. With personnel scattered about in various detachments it has been difficult to keep up with the numerous activities. I will try my best to bring the column up to date without putting careers or marriages on the chopping block.

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BY KELLY RECEIPTS

A number of Cpls and Airmen have been arriving on the supply scene in the past two weeks. The welcome mat goes out to Cpls. Bill Cash, Bill Lupel and LAC Terry Hoesly from Station Van. and to LAC's Jim Deville from Stn. Downsview and "Mac" MacCaughey from Camp Bor-

ISSUES A farewell party was held at a local hotel on the 6th of August for Cpl. Cy Kennedy now stationed at Mont Apica in Northern Quebec. Cy spent over three years at Station Comox and his jovial personality will be missed

"Yes, we have no carrots!" Vince Craig's theme song. It seems that the Muskrats made a raid on his garden and removed all the carrots. "Coureur de Bois" Craig tracked them through the bushes but returned empty handed.

Best wishes to LAC Tom Cooney and his bride, the former Vidona Moon of Courtenay who were married the 15th of August.

Congratulations are in or-- first to LAC Jim Miniker on the birth of a daughter and to the Station Rifle team who returned from the rifle shoot in Ontario with the Victoria Rifle Association Cup. Cpl Arnie Sharbo placed second to Stn. Comox's Mike Hooley for the Brewers Association award. Congratulations boys.

### SLEMON

(Continued from page 1) adian Mountain Police operations against rum runners during liquor p rohibition

'Radio had not yet been introduced into aircraft for normal use and, therefore, believe it or not, we carried homing carrier pigeons. They were our sole means of communication when we got into trouble, such as when forced to land because of engine. failure, which occurred more often than I like to think

"I doubt whether some of us would have survived some of our forced landings in the isolated areas in which we flew had it not been for those wonderful little carrier pigeons. In most cases they found their way back to our base over hundreds of miles of rugged, uninhabited territory beset with the hazards of their enemy, the hawk.

"If the pigeon made it, the rescue aircraft knew where and why we had been forced to land. If it didn't make it, the search was widespread and many were the days and nights we spent on the shores of some small lake in the bush country hoping the rescue aircraft would spot the smoke of our distress fire which we kept burning near our disabled flying boat or sea plane.

"In those early days, a number of our aircrew lost their lives because we flew for severeal years before parachutes were introduced.

"One of my closest brother officers, piloting a flying boat on an air photgraphy flight, could not avoid flying into a thunder cloud. The severe turbulence in the cloud caused the aircraft to break in two. The four aircrew

members were seen to fall from the cloud together with the flying boat. Parachutes would have enabled them to save their lives.

"The outset of World War II found us with a small force of only about 4,000 personnel. Mercifully, the slow buildup of the war gave us a long breathing space. By prodigious effort, ingenuity, gallantry and great sacrifice, our hastily expanded air force was able to make its vital contribution services, to eventual victory.

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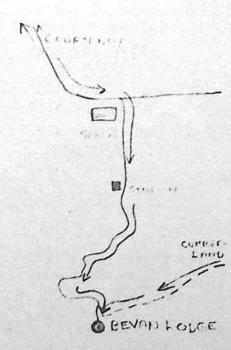
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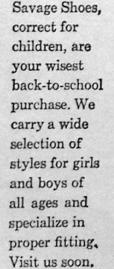
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