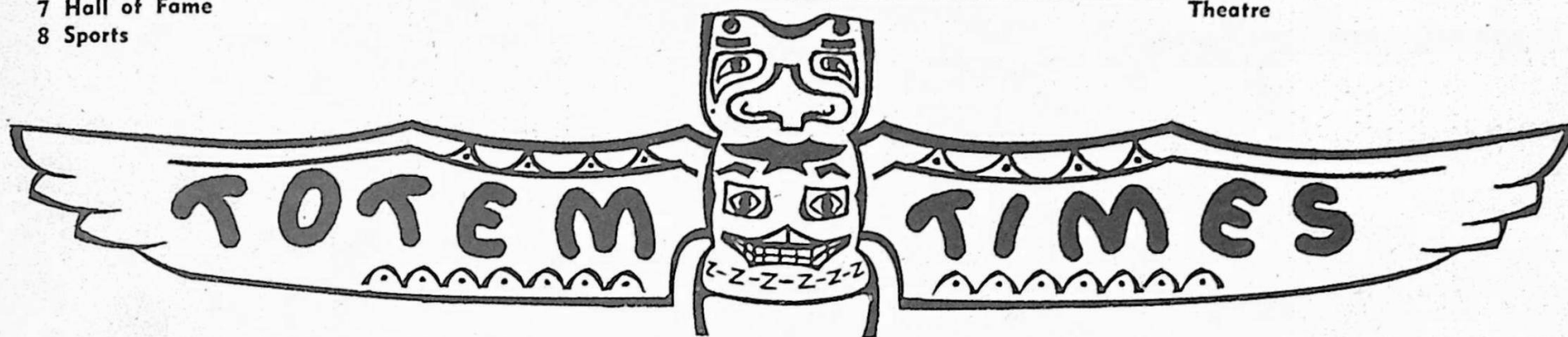


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CBC road show at Comox

Variety show to entertain Tues., Nov. 16



MISS ELEANOR COLLINS



MISS ROSANNE HOPKINS



BANDLEADER DAVE ROBBINS



MASTER OF CEREMONIES GORDIE TAPP

The CBC road show ARMED FORCES SHOW-CASE is going to be presented at RCAF Station Comox on 16 November.

This show, which is always a complete success, is comprised of stars in the entertainment field, many of whom are well known to most.

The Master of Ceremonies will be Gordie Tapp. Some of the other stars are Tommy Common, Al Cherney, Read, and four beautiful young ladies, Misses Eleanor Collins, Rosanne Hopkins and the Lounsbury Sisters. The band will be under the direction of Dave Robbins who will feature Phil Nimmons as clarinet soloist.

It is unfortunate that a general invitation cannot be extended to the public but the demand for seats from personnel of the base is great and the number of seats limited.

Station employee saves two

Two young girls, Barbara Fongarcz, 8, and her sister Elizabeth, 9, are alive today because of the quick reaction of a brave young man.

The two girls were passengers in a car with their other gers in a car with their two other sisters and their father, when the vehicle plunged into the cold waters of the Columbia River near the ferry slip at Robson.

John Ernest Woods, Park Road, Campbell River, dived into the water after the car, and pulled one girl out of an open window and returned her to the helping hands of another man who had also dived in. Mr. Woods then returned to the car and managed to extricate one other girl just as the vehicle sank completely, and very quickly vanished from sight into deep water.

He, his wife and his sister-in-law were returning from Trail where they had attended his father's retirement party.

Ernie Woods is a civilian employee at RCAF Station Comox where he works as an electrician in the construction engineering section. He is a very personable man

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A.O.C. Air Trans. Command pays farewell visit to 121 KU



A/C LANE

Station employee

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who is popular with his fellow workers.

The selfless reaction that saved two lives of two small children is the mark of a class of individuals of whom society as a whole can be proud and to whom it must be grateful.

A/C Lane is making his farewell visit to 121 KU at Station Comox on the 12th and 13th of November. He has served as AOC of Air Transport Command since June, 1961 and in Dec. 1965 goes to Air Division as Chief of Staff. A/C Lane joined the CAF in 1940 as a pilot and was soon sent overseas where he completed two tours in Bomber Command. On returning to Canada in June 1946, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and Distinguished Flying Cross and Bar. During his colorful career in the Air Force, A/C Lane has held many challenging and interesting positions. Some of which were: Commanding Officer of Station Namao, Alta. in 1950; Attendance at Imperial Defence College in 1954; Chief of Plans and Intelligence at AFHQ in 1958; and his present tour as A.O.C. of ATC. 121 KU is the first station to host the A/C in his farewell tour of all ATC units and a mess dinner will be held in the Officers' Mess on Friday night in his honor.

W/C Moore visits wartime unit

Wing Commander K. C. Moore, DSO, CD, Commanding Officer of 407 Squadron at RCAF Comox, returned from Gibraltar this week after having attended the presentation of a standard to his wartime unit, Number 224 RAF Sqn. The standard, a fringed and tasselled silken banner, mounted on a pike surmounted by a golden eagle, is awarded to squadrons of 25 years standing or with a history of special outstanding operations. It was presented to 224 Sqn. by Air Marshal Sir Paul Holder, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAF Coastal Command.

W/C Moore served with 224 Sqn. from June 1943 until December 1944. In June 1944, two enemy submarines were sunk in 20 minutes in the English Channel by an aircraft commanded by the then Flying Officer Moore who won the squadron's sixth DSO of the war.

W/C Moore was welcomed on his arrival at Gibraltar, by the present Commanding Officer of 224 Sqn., W/C G. Bates, who said he was delighted and impressed that W/C Moore had travelled 600 miles to attend the ceremony.

121 KU Airmen Receive Promotion



CPL. CRYDERMAN

Cpl. J. J. Cryderman and Cpl. L. V. Morrison, both aero engine techs with 121,



CPL. MORRISON

recently received promotions to cpl. Congratulations to both these men.

American flavor in local drama

Theatre enthusiasts, who attend the Courtenay Little Theatre's three-act comedy "Dear Charles" next Friday and Saturday, 19-20 Nov., in the CRA Hall, may recognize

a few familiar faces in the cast.

Mrs. Dorothy Eldridge, wife of FS Eldridge, Captain Bill Tuthill of USAF, who, along with Graham Woodward, an electrician on the unit, has has a lengthy role. These are among a very capable acting group.

The story is very amusing, the dialogue clever and witty. Add the professional skills of Sid "Mr. Theatre" Williams the director and you can understand why the drama club is confident the coming production will be well received. Tickets are now on sale in Courtenay at the Studio Art & Gift Shop, and Courtenay Drug Store. At the station, LAC J. Dougall has a limited number at the recreation office, local 315.

It's illegal in Owensburg Kentucky for a woman to buy a hat without her husband first trying it on.

Air cadets honored at ceremonies

No. 386 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets, composed of Comox Valley youths, was honored at a ceremony in the Social Centre at RCAF Station Comox. The unit received a commendation certificate from the Canadian-Mysore Project for outstanding support in a fund drive last year through the sale of ball point pens. A letter of appreciation accompanying the award said, in part: "The chairman and members of the Canada-Mysore project of the Freedom From Hunger Committee express sincere appreciation for a truly outstanding contribution." During the fund drive, Air Cadets throughout Canada totalled sale receipts estimated at \$50,000 which was contributed to the establishment of a food technology training centre for Asian students at Mysore, India. The award was presented by Comox Village Commissioner, Mr. Jim Percy and Cadet M. Sparling accepted on behalf of the squadron.

Two cadets were singled out as successfully passing Junior NCO courses at summer camp held at RCAF Station Comox.

Parents and friends were present to see sponsoring committee chairman, Mr. Jim Vaton of Courtenay, present certificates to Cadet Corporals L. Chapleski and R. Williams. A proud moment came for a senior cadet and his father when the pilot badge of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets was pinned on the uniform of Cadet Flight Sergeant Paul Bishop by his father, Mr. Dale Bishop of Courtenay. The young pilot was awarded an RCAF Flying Scholarship last summer and attained his private licence.



407 AIRMAN PRESENTED WITH AWARD — LAC A. Sponselee, 159616, of 407 Squadron, is seen here being congratulated by C.O. RCAF Station Sydney, N.S., for having his suggestion concerning a splash guard for Hanson film processor wash tanks accepted by the RCAF. Good show LAC Sponselee from 407.

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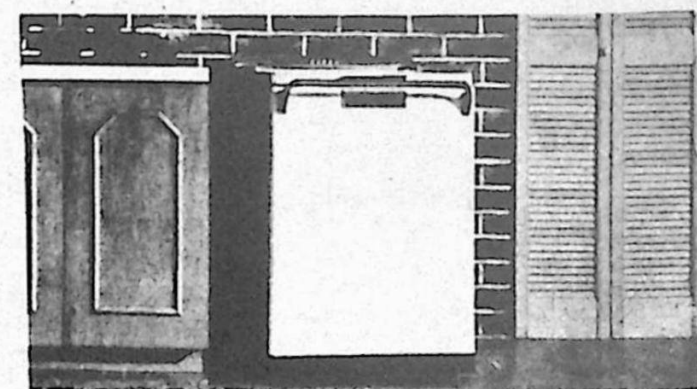
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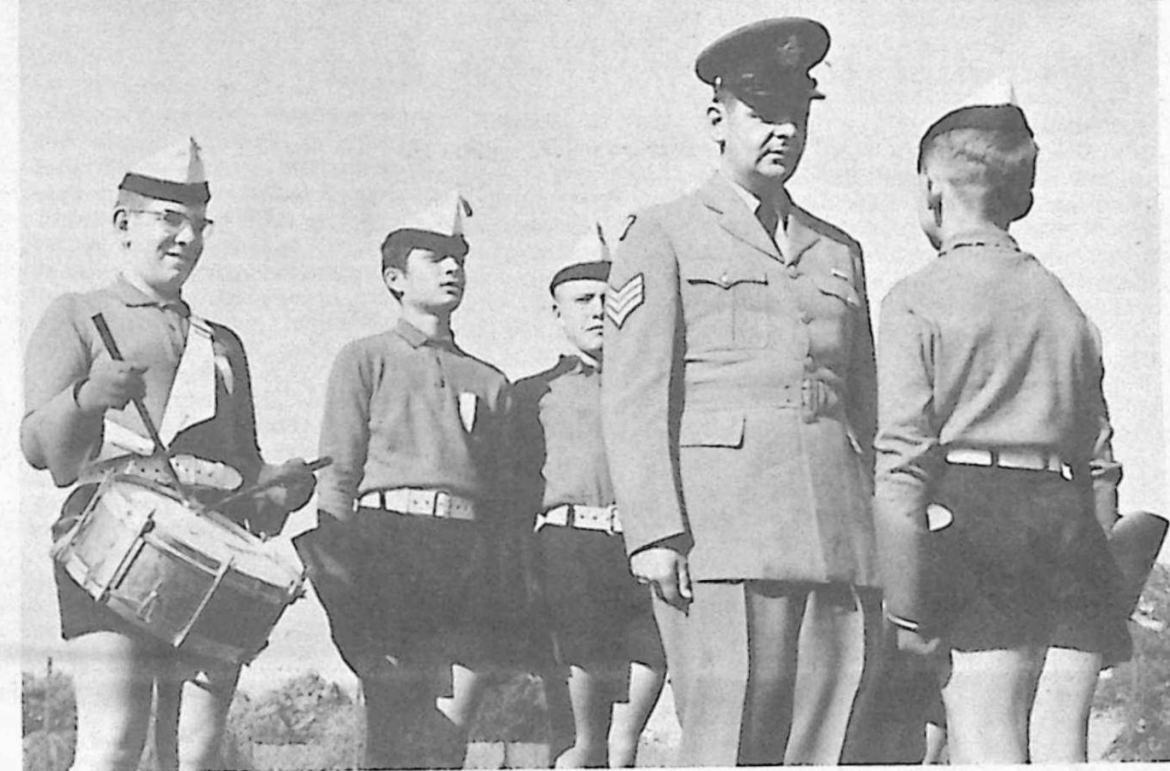
The officer's wives club at RCAF Station Comox recently held a fashion show in the Mess. This was a major event on the club's calendar and was a great success.

The two models shown here displaying some of the new designs are Mrs. K. Scott (not wearing a hat) and Mrs. D. Lambert.

Mrs. J. Scoles is the current president of the organization. Mrs. R. Crutchfield and Mrs. S. Mason are the conveners of the Fashion Show.

CENTENNIAL MEMO — A blasting powder factory was once constructed by the CPR contractor Ouderunk at a point on the Fraser about 10 miles north of Hope. It existed over the period 1880-85.

RCAF SERGEANT INSTRUCTS FRENCH CADETS



SGT. GUY LEBEL explains a drill movement to cadet leaders during a practice session. Modelled after the famous Cadets de Shawinigan, Cadets de Metz wear the town's white and black shield on red shirts.

— Canadian Forces Photo

The people of Metz were so impressed by the visit of "les Famedes de Shawinigan" in 1961 that they decided to set up their own marching group. As a result "les Cadets de Metz" were inaugurated in 1963 under the guidance of a Metz merchant, Mr. Andre Grandame.

Recruiting was the least of the early problems. Youngsters responded eagerly but sponsors were not so fast in coming forward with financial aid. However, through the persistent efforts of M. Grandame sufficient funds have been raised and equipment has been purchased for the current strength of 40 cadets.

It was when he was looking for a drill instructor that M. Grandame came to the RCAF. He called on the headquarters of 1 Air Division which is housed outside the town and there he was introduced to Sergeant Guy Lebel, a disciplinarian and experienced drill instructor.

Through the courtesy of his commanding officer Sgt. Lebel has been able to spend one hour each Thursday afternoon drilling the French boys who have that day off from school each week.

"The original going was very tough," explains Sgt. Lebel. "The kids had no knowledge of marching or drill movements and were hopelessly ragged. But they've made such good progress M. Grandame's got them scheduled for December's St. Nicolas parade downtown. But between now and then we're going on to a tripled schedule that includes two evening sessions of drill a week."

Already training with the Cadets de Metz are two sisters, proficient majorettes who will become the nucleus of a larger group. The Cadets also have bought their first musical instruments and hope in the near future to field a 25 piece drum and trumpet band.

"Money will be the slowing factor in their progress," says M. Grandame. But he agrees wholeheartedly with Sgt. Lebel who says: "They'll make it, you will see."

And to watch them marching one must admit enthusiasm is not in short supply among these kids.

The Cadets de Shawinigan, it is to be hoped, will not soon forget their reception years ago in Metz. But it is certain that Metz will not forget the Shawinigan boys — the Cadets de Metz will make the memory of their visit live on.

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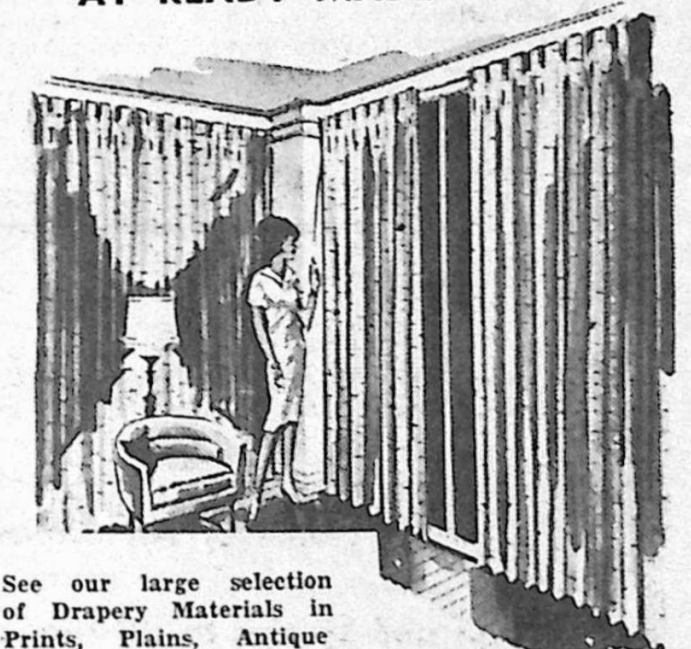
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A word to the wise

Considering the numerous incidents of false fire alarms being turned in it appears quite obvious that the people involved are not aware of the seriousness of the offence.

As a matter of fact, the legislators were so concerned about the serious implication of this playful act that they made it a Federal offence a few years ago. It goes without saying that once such a law was enacted, the enforcement became intensified and the punishment much stiffer.

Just for the benefit of those who persist, let's point out the applicable Section of the Criminal Code and give them an idea what the penalty could be, if caught.

Section 378 states: Every one who wilfully without reasonable cause, by outcry, ringing bells, using a fire alarm, telephone or telegraph, or in any other manner, makes or circulates or causes to be made or circulated an alarm of fire is guilty of an offence, punishable on Summary Conviction.

Now what about the "Punishable on Summary Conviction" bit! The same law book says: "Except where otherwise expressly provided by law, everyone who is con-

victed of an offence punishable on Summary Conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$500.00 or to imprisonment for 6 months or both.

This is the legal aspect, now how about the moral end of it! Any young lad would be conscience stricken for life if through his thoughtless act, fire equipment was summoned to a false alarm area and in the meantime some life was lost in a real fire or a crash before equipment could be rerouted! He would wail and cry and be too ashamed to come out in public for quite a while. However, it would be too late.

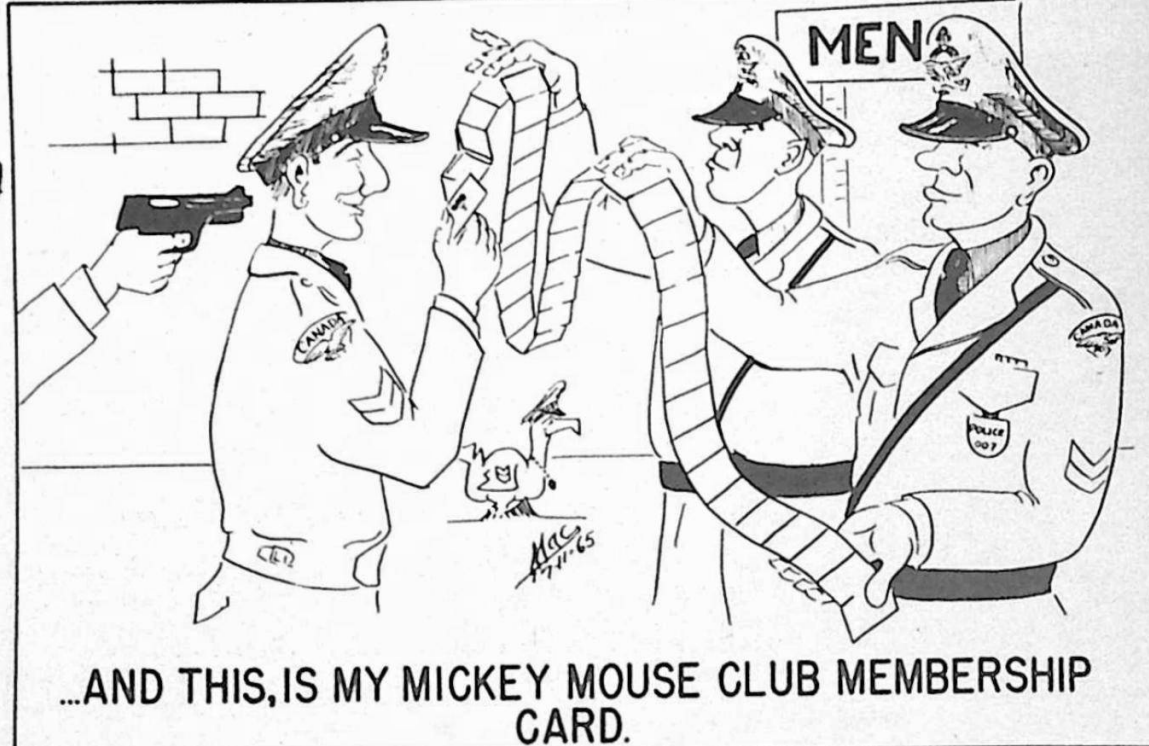
Tampering with fire equipment is serious business. Parents should be told about how prevalent these actions are becoming: False alarms, hydrants turned on, equipment stolen, etc. If caught the penalty could be heavy, the shame is great and the price is real high for a little bit of ill-mannered nonsense. We don't like to throw a monkey wrench in the so-called fun program, but "they are going to be caught." This is not quite the same as throwing a rotten egg or a ripe tomato at one another. This is real serious business!

IN FLANDERS' FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.



Open letter to materiel command

Gentlemen:

My Warrant Officer stopped me in the Hangar Hall the other day and asked, "What that unsightly bulge on my starboard hip was?" When I produced my wallet he suggested that I do an inventory check and discard any unnecessary items.

The following is a check list of the items remaining: ID Card, Mess Card, Projectionist Certificate, Dental Category CAFB465C issued in Feb. 1951 marked "To be carried at all times in the Service Book or Personal Wallet." (No other eyes but mine have touched it since it was issued), a Resident Firearms Licence, a Red Cross Rescue Breathing and Artificial Respiration Card (handy item for island dwellers), a Card of Ground-Air Emergency Code (use of the signals etc.,

handy for pessimistic air passengers, a B.C. Driver's Permit (handy if stopped by the Queen's Cowboys, a resident Angler's Licence (of no use as I have not caught any fish), two beautifully coloured cards certifying that I have survived over 200 hrs. of technical boredom at a better know Aircraft Factory, a card of obsolete Air Defence Warnings (retained because they all sound alike anyhow), a Credit Card from Simpson-Sears, Credit Card from the local gas station (evoked), a book of two cent stamps (no longer of much use), business cards from five nationally known breweries, a Radiation Dosage Record, Insurance Card, Money Order Stubs (for Simpsons, none for the local gas company), combination to a padlock (which I can't

remember where the lock is), copy of my latest request for transfer, a note reminding me H.M. owes me two dollars, a note reminding me I owe G.D. two dollars, a St. Christopher medal (a must for reluctant aviators), a squashed penny souvenir of the New York World's Fair (with the Lord's Prayer on one side and inscribed on the other "Please Mr. Johnson I don't want to go.")

The last straw came this morning when I was issued a card to allow me into the hangar!

At the risk of being listed among those considered "Enchanted" I hereby request that alms be issued surplus Airwomen's purses RCAF Sec/Ref 8445-21-801-3452.

Yours truly,

SEEMORE

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Remembrance Ceremonies

Five hundred servicemen from the Ottawa area and two service bands honoured Canada's war dead, Nov. 11, in Remembrance Day ceremonies at the National War Memorial.

Representing the Canadian Forces were 100-man contingents from the 4th Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, based at Camp Petawawa, Ont., and similar groups from HMCS Gloucester and RCAF Stations Uplands and Rockcliffe.

A 100-man Ottawa militia contingent was made up from the Governor-General Foot Guards, Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa; 30th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery; 3 Signals Regiment; 3 Field Squadron, Royal Canadian Engineers, and the Ottawa Service Battalion.

Bands participating were the Royal Canadian Signals Band from Kingston, Ont., and the RCAF Central Band from Rockcliffe.

The two-minute silence, beginning at 11 a.m., was signalled by two 105-millimeter howitzers of the Bytown Gunners at Major Hill Park.

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SR. NCO'S CORNER

by BFTSK

Ghosts, witches, goblins and what have you gathered at the Sgt's Mess, Saturday, 30 Oct. 65. Approximately 70 couples turned out to celebrate the traditional "Guy Fawkes Day" known to young and old as "Hal-lowe'en."

Many fine costumes were on display and some it would seem had lots of love and care administered in the making of said costumes. Judges for the occasion were Harry McCauley (Retd. FS), Jack Harris (Retd. Sgt) and Gord Vilven (Retd. FS). Prizes were awarded to: the most original costume, Sgt and Mrs. Pete Plewes; best costumes WO2 and Mrs. Tousignant; man dressed so as to be mistaken for a woman, Sgt Reg Malpass (Dental Corps).

They tell me Reg had himself a ball. I will have to contact him to find out what goes on when one of the females asks "Are you coming?" or "Do you have to go?" Maybe he was sworn to secrecy. Dancing was to the syncopating rhythm of Lloyd Scharfe and his Variations. Food was supplied by Sgt Gord Long and his mess staff. I'm told the food was scrumptious, 1/2 fried chicken with the trimmings. Nice job Gord, and many thanks to you and your staff from the Mess Committee for a job well done.

The decorating crew went all out on decorating and the atmosphere created in the mess for the occasion was outstanding. FS Lloyd Scharfe and his helpers also deserve a pat on the back for a lovely job well done. You did have a few problems Lloyd from a large outside help, but you persevered and finally the job was done.

The 6 Nov 65 saw the Sgts Mess entertaining visiting personnel from the HMCS Yukon. Approximately 25 couples were in attendance, mess members, and 20 members of the navy.

The tables were shoved together in a "T" formation and everyone present joined in and had themselves a "ball" (good time.) Chinese food was the repas for the evening and dancing was to the See-burg. WO1 Jackson (Retd.) celebrated his birthday a few minutes after midnight on the 7 Nov 65. He was presented with a suitable birthday cake with the corresponding number of candles to his age decorating the cake.

Some of the members visited the HMCS Yukon on Sunday and on Monday some were still suffering from that "Good Old Navy Run." According to WO1 Van

A V M Harvey Scouts' deputy

Governor-General G. P. Vanier as chief scout in Canada on Tuesday appointed Air Vice-Marshal J. B. Harvey, 54, of Winnipeg, as deputy chief scout.

Air Vice-Marshal Harvey, from the post of commander who retired in September of Northern NORAD region, North Bay, Ont., has been a scout for almost 30 years and is chairman of the Arctic and northern committee on scouting. In previous RCAF appointments he served on the Ontario and Quebec scout councils.

Start your own "winter works project" at home; build a boat for next summer's sailing, new shelves for the kitchen, finish that unfinished room downstairs.

Buskirk it does go good with ice cream, etc. What say you sir?

The cribbage team played at the Elk Hotel on Wednesday evening the 3 Nov 65. The mess won the doubles and lost the singles. The mess is in second place in the doubles and in last place in the singles. Let's pull up your socks, team, and go get-em. What's this I hear Willie, about losing by 78 holes?

WO2 Mitchell now heads entertainment and following is the entertainment for Nov 65, Thurs. 11 Nov, Open House, Legionnaires are entertained; old songs, war stories, refreshments and according to WO2 Mitchell a suitable soup — whatever a suitable soup is? Sat 13 Nov (my birthday) Bingo Night. Cash prizes, Jackpot that must go, Fish and Chips, etc. Dancing to the music of the Seeburg. Friday 19 Nov, Mess Dinner. We bid farewell to Old Comrades. Details at a later date. Tuesday 16 Nov, Gordie Tapp Show will be visiting the station and the mess will probably be entertaining some of the performers after the show.

Saturday, 27 Nov, Grey Cup Day and Dance Festivities (Grey Cup) will commence at 1030 hrs. The dance in the evening at 2100 hrs will be a Sadie Hawkins Dance. Dress up, hardtimes (all the time). Dancing for both round and squares. Admission \$1.00 per person. Come out and support your mess activities. The mess committee wishes to welcome any new members to the mess and hope you will enjoy your stay in "Sunny (Liquid) British Columbia" and the beautiful Comox Valley.

THIS FUNNY LIFE

During a discussion in our adult Sunday School class the conversation drifted to the question of academic education versus on-the-job training. When a young doctor said he had learned as much since leaving school as he had in college, an auto mechanic next to him said, "yes, Doc, but it's a little simpler for you than in my business. You have only two models to work on!" Amen.

Malaysian students train in Canada

The Royal Malaysian Air Force sent 15 students to Canada in September for 10 months of pilot training with the RCAF. Their initial 12 weeks of training is at RCAF Station Centralia, Ont., after which they move to Manitoba for wings standard training at RCAF Station Portage La Prairie. The emphasis is on piston engine aircraft because the Malaysian pilots will operate Canadian short-take-off-and-landing Caribous and Otters when they return home.

Malaysia thus joins more than a dozen nations that have sent students to Canada for pilot training. The RCAF currently has students from Denmark, Tanzania, Norway and Jamaica. Since the war some 4,300 pilots from friendly nations have been Canadian-trained.

AFF NOTES

by MAYBE

We welcome only two new members to the AFF Section at this time, Cpl Congram from Stn Kamloops and LAC Cycles from Stn Camp Borden. It would be hoped that by now they have become adjusted to our damp weather. Cpl Congram will shortly be residing in Courtenay and LAC Cycles has already settled in with his family in that metropolis.

Cpl John Zigarlick, LAC's "Goose" Gander and Jack Laroche went on a hunting trip in the Cariboo district recently and it would seem that one moose gave itself up. It was shot in the middle of the road, near Prince Rupert, just as they were about to give up the hunt. We mean a backwoods road, not a highway, as that is illegal! John Zigarlick was the marksman. The moose weighed approximately 1200 lbs., which we understand is a sizable chunk of animal. There would appear to be lots of snow and cold weather in that area, I guess there is something to be said for the

climatic conditions of this district. I don't know whether we can expect any moose steaks or not? Pretty hard to spread steaks around a large group such as ours.

We are sorry to hear that Cpl Bill Bradshaw's wife is to enter hospital, but we understand it is not too serious. We wish her well Bill. Perhaps we can give a hand when the dishes pile up in the sink.

In a few days Sgt Jack Sweeney will be leaving us for Stn. Gypsumville where it is hoped that he will enjoy his stay. He will be missed around the section. We are particularly perturbed because we had him selected as anchor man for our Tug of War Team.

Strange how the old gang gets away one by one. There are always newcomers to take their place but the old gang is missed. Of course as it involves us all from time to time, all we can do is hang on and wait our turn and hope to team up with some of the old buddies again at another unit.

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— Who You Think You Are

Human beings at times show a tendency to cast themselves in certain roles. People who are uncertain of their true selves often try to "Live up" to a certain part for which they have cast themselves.

There is the teen-age girl who fixes her hair, dresses herself, and speaks in a certain way in order to imitate a particularly glamorous public personality. Boys do much the same thing when they attempt to imitate some famous entertainer or athlete. Some of us remember days when some men cast themselves as "the strong, silent type." Today we are familiar with the "beatnik type," which many in our day try to imitate.

To some extent all of us engage in roll-playing. This is inevitable and, sometimes, even necessary. Maturity can be achieved and effectiveness maintained, however, only in proportion to a basic and realistic knowledge of ourselves. We accomplish things when we keep in mind the reality which lies behind the role we are playing.

When we begin to have illusions about ourselves, we begin to lose our effectiveness. A simple illustration is that of the man who begins to believe he is like Napoleon. He then begins to act like a Napoleon; and if he comes to believe it completely and identifies himself with Napoleon, he is a psychotic — a victim of a serious mental disorder.

When we are realistic about the roles we play, it is possible to achieve maturity and effectiveness. Then, and only then, can it be said with some truth that you are who you think you are.



UN COMMANDER VISITS GUARDS — General K. S. Thimayya, commander of the UN Forces in Cyprus, inspects a quarter guard of 2nd Battalion, The Canadian Guards at their Tjikkos, Cyprus, base camp. Left is Sgt. V. G. Hancock and extreme right is Cpl. D. E. Watson, both of Pembroke, Ont. It was the general's first visit to the unit.
— Canadian Forces Photo

ATC News

by WO2 R. M. SCOTT
ATC Development Comox
(4th in Series)

Comox inherited the 51 AC & W site to use as an Air Traffic Control aid. Since it had been designed for use as one of a chain of radar sites dependent upon the valuation of a particular "target" by joint action, the type of radar was hardly suited for Air Traffic Control use. Nevertheless it functioned from 1958 until 1962 without modification.

GCA still operated from the remote site but now as a part of RAPCON (Radar Approach Control) as the former 51 AC & W site was now termed. Since liaison between the RAPCON, Tower, and GCA was essential to the operation, a landline intercom system was provided. In retrospect, this was an hilarious arrangement. Although it wasn't very funny at the time, because of design (or lack of it) the line level was adjustable for volume at all three sites. They were never in balance; normally the Tower could hear RAPCON and GCA loud and clear, but RAPCON could not hear GCA and vice versa. Of course this situation could easily be reversed at will, and everybody's name was Will. The Telcom techs did their best to please everyone but that intercom system never worked satisfactorily.

When the rains came (and it does rain occasionally, at Comox) intercom, telephones, and anything else that depended on underground wire for its existence packed up completely. At times the aerodrome looked as though the days of prolonged trench warfare were still a grim reality.

Air Traffic Control functioned with three arms — RAPCON, Tower, and GCA. GCA was a part of RAPCON when the approach control position was at RAPCON, but under the jurisdiction of the Tower when approach control was located there. This occurred anytime the radar (RAPCON) was unserviceable and also on weekends and nights after all operational traffic had landed. This weird and wonderful system existed because establishments had not kept pace with operational demands and there were insufficient bodies to completely man three air traffic control components. (51 AC & W had a staff of 50 plus). The entire ATC staff for three basically separate activities was never more than thirty-five.

In the summer of 1962, RAPCON closed down for intensive modifications which took nearly a year and cost about one million dollars. This mod deleted GCA as a separate entity, and made it a part of RATCON (Radar Terminal Control).

There are five RATCON's in Canada—Goose Bay, Bagotville, St. Hubert, Portage and Comox—plus three at the overseas Wings. All RATCONS use the same equipment but Comox is the only one which was fitted into an existing site. This factor contributes real problems when someone who has never seen our layout attempts complete standardization.

RATCON is a control unit having the men, facilities, and equipment to provide radar arrival, departure, and final control for aircraft from ground level to forty thousand feet the maximum range of one hundred and twenty nautical miles. Bearing in mind that radar is "line of sight", these are absolute maximums, on a flat surface, with no heavy precipitation, or physical obstructions. You don't see many days like that at Comox.

Effective coverage is about sixty-five nautical miles using radar, farther on IFF. Being integrated with NORAD for operational flight (409) no arriving or departing aircraft need be beyond radar surveillance, unless operating at low levels with an obstruction intervening between the source of the radar beam and the target (aircraft).

The GCA function is preserved by remoting the information obtained by precision antenna (two—one azimuth and one elevation) at the GCA site on the aerodrome through 8000 ft. of coaxial cable to the RATCON building. Where formerly the final controllers' position was in the confined space of a GCA unit he can now control aircraft in a comfortable air conditioned environment.

The terminal controller is the most important man in the RATCON operation. It is his job to determine the traffic sequence, headings, and altitudes which shall apply to all arriving and departing IFR traffic. He must obey the bewildering set of rules in deciding upon this sequence, and he must also be prepared to provide adequate separation even with a complete radar failure. Fortunately this seldom happens since there are a few back-up devices.

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Van's Verbality

by WO1 J. W. VAN BUSKIRK
MY FEET ARE QUICK

I saw a strange face in my window the other night. It startled me! It withdrew quickly and by the time I got outside there was no one in sight — I was just as pleased.

It's strange how you can be deeply engrossed in a book or newspaper, totally oblivious of everything about you, when suddenly you have an eerie, subconscious premonition that someone is looking at you. I don't mean the sly, little glances cast your way by a devoted wife (as you got used to these) but a foreign look. It all happened so quick that you wonder afterwards if it was really real.

I can't imagine a "Peeping Tom" being interested in me and even though creditors threaten, they haven't started to beset or harass me as yet, so I just don't know what the background might be to this incident.

Incidentally, I suppose you all know where the name "Peeping Tom" originated. Back in the days of old, in the 11th century, legend claims that Lady Godiva, wife of the Lord of Coventry, rode naked through the town to get her husband to lower heavy taxes of the people. The only man that looked as she rode through became known as "Peeping Tom." Her scheme didn't work and it's just as well, otherwise we could get the show on the road again. I know where we can get a horse!

I don't really know what got me on a creepy subject, perhaps it's because a bit of Halloween is still lingering in the air. When I was a boy, there was an old house in the not too far area from where I lived that was notoriously famous for being haunted. It posed a bit of a challenge to me at the time, so bolstered with a large flashlight and a couple of sturdy companions, the adventure commenced. We got as far as the

door before the front rank broke and if I hadn't of been going so fast, I would have been run over. A little sheepish the next day, we discussed the adventure, but only briefly. Jack wouldn't give me my jack-knife back that I had given him for going first so I didn't pursue the matter any further. I made a promise to myself right then that I would never go looking for ghosts if they didn't come looking for me. And you know, it worked!

I did have some misgivings though about a year later. The old tom cat, thief that he was, when prowling around the pantry, fell in the flour barrel one night. He used to sleep at the foot of my bed and had just taken off on one of his foraging trips to see if there were any steaks laying about. The noise that he made crawling out of the near empty barrel wakened me partly, but when he came sneaking back in the bedroom and jumped up on the bed, I awakened fully, believe me! If I hadn't of been confined in a small bedroom I know that I could have broken the four minute mile record. However, all is well that ends well and about three days later after he got himself licked black again, I forgave him.

Stories, verse and song will always see to it that we are reminded of ghosts and the unnatural. Take poor, old Anne Boleyn (I don't know why I say old, she was only 29 when executed by Henry the Eighth) — doesn't the song go, "With her 'ed tucked underneath her arm." Then what about Icarus and the story of the headless horseman.

O.K. I had better shut up and get to bed or else everyone else will have gone and I will be left behind to turn the lights out by myself. How about that!

Within three days of the government decision Sept. 23 to send Canadians to help form a new UN observer group for Kashmir, army observers and RCAF support personnel were en route to the trouble spot and new duties.

Canada also speedily reinforced the group which has supervised the ceasefire within Kashmir since 1949 by flying four army, four RCAF, and two naval observers on Sept. 24 from Canada. They joined the nine other Canadian observers already in Kashmir.

The new UN group, which is responsible for cease fire supervision outside Kashmir, is headed by Major-General Bruce F. Macdonald, 48, of Edmonton. He was previously a brigadier in command of the Nicosia zone of the UN in Cyprus. Twelve army officers flew from Canada Sept. 26 to be observers in this new group, whose short title is UNIPOM. With them were five RCAF personnel, including Group Captain George B. Murray, 47, of Calgary, who became senior air advisor.

Canada also sent two Caribou and three Otter aircraft with air and ground crews to augment the Caribou already there. The air component will support the new group, UNIPOM, as well as the old UNMOGIP.

Nighthawks' Nest

have proven pretty evasive and fish not every co-oper-

ative. Gerry Davidson "snagged" a couple of fair sized trout up in one of the rivers, while John Kuzyk "sportsman" (Continued on page 12)

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Left to right: Patti Livingstone, Marcia McIntyre, Heather Harmston.



Left to right: Mrs. May, Judy Jacobsen, Joanne McMurdo, Kathy Carrigan.

Girl Guides hold reunion

The enthusiasm shown by the Girl Guides during their stay at camp on Denman Island this summer under camp commandant Mrs. Heyet, Captain 2nd Courtenay, was clearly evident as they and their Guide companies gathered for a "Camp Reunion," November 2, at the Comox Airport Auditorium.

In attendance were: 1st Cumberland, 1st Royston, 1st Comox, 1st Courtenay, 2nd Courtenay, 2nd Comox RCAF and 3rd Comox RCAF.

Rangers: 1st Courtenay (Land), District Commissioner, Mrs. May, Division Commissioner, Mrs. May, Mothers, Mrs. Knowles and Mrs. Coffield.

Approximately 180 Girl Guides were on hand for Campfire led by Rangers Heather Harmston and Marcia McIntyre. Guide songs and skits showing some of the antics at camp were both provided and enjoyed by the Guides and Leaders alike.

During Campfire the girl chosen in each of the three camp sites as the best "all-around camper" was awarded a World Pin by Mrs. May who is also our Division Camp Adviser, and this commendation noted on their Guide record sheet. Congratulations to Kathy Carrigan, 1st Comox; Joanne McMurdo,

2nd Courtenay, and Judy Jacobsen, 1st Courtenay.

A Guide cup and saucer was jointly accepted by Rangers Marcia McIntyre and Heather Harmston on behalf of Miss Masters who gave of her time to act as lifeguard without whose service we would not have had our water activities. The presentation was made by Patti Livingstone, 1st Cumberland, who learned to swim under Miss Masters tutelage. Miss Masters was aided in swimming supervision by Rangers Julie Sommers, Heather Harmston and Marcia McIntyre.

A thank you is also extended to Ranger Nancy Craig who took care of the "small fry" of the Leaders enabling them to be free at camp, and who earned the affection of all.

After Campfire, hot chocolate with marshmallows, cookies and doughnuts were served by the mothers who chauffeured the girls out from town.

Fort Steele was known as Galbraith's Ferry in the 1860's after two brothers who settled there. It became a North West Mounted Police establishment and took its name from the commanding officer, Superintendent Sam Steele.

Nighthawk's Nest

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that he is", threw back a rather large salmon after enjoying the sport of playing it on very light line.

Squadron officers still each wait with baited breath to see what new and exciting lectures they will enjoy at Friday's ground school. F/O Nick Stoss, however, has shaken everyone with verbiage and command on the podium; we're afraid now if he ever gets the SIT course he may just run in the next election.

Activation of a new 5BX for our personnel has livened action on the volleyball and table tennis circuit. There are also rumours of another intersquad hockey match slated for this season. So far Capt. Sam Melvin, one of last year's sensational goal tend-

ers, is the only contact hold-out, but the pilot's team management feel they will have him signed for the game.

To the squadron stock market speculators, we wish to extend congratulations and condolences to those who made and lost on Pyramid and Dynasty over the past week.

This is National Youth Appreciation Week in Canada. In observance of this, the men of "B" Flight wish to doff their hats in solemn respect and admiration to the boys of "A" Flight.

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Search & Rescue 121 ON TAP

The RCAF and USAF were organizing an air search Oct. 13 for a plane with two occupants supposedly missing on a flight from Clentworth, Sask., to Sioux City, Iowa, when the plane was called off. The RCMP found the two men in a Clentworth bar. They had filed a flight plan but hadn't even got as far as their aircraft.

The RCAF was heavily committed in another air search which fruitlessly involved a total of 100 pilots and observers in 28 service and civilian aircraft and 20 army signalmen. They were scouring southern Alberta and B.C. for a light plane with three on board missing in a flight Oct. 9 from Washington State to Calgary. The search was discontinued Oct. 14.

Up to eight planes were scouring northern Manitoba in mid-October for a float-fitted Norseman which disappeared without a trace on a 20-mile flight about 300 miles north of Winnipeg.

An Albatross amphibian from RCAF Station Greenwood flew to Stephenville, Nfld., to bring a youth badly injured in a car accident to Halifax for hospitalization. A helicopter from RCAF station Chatham helped find a hunter lost overnight in woods near Fredericton, N.B., and another in Nova Scotia helped find a four year old boy in woods near Wolfville, N.S.

There was plenty of search and rescue work in the high north, at sea and in western Canada during the latter half of September.

The RCAF had an Albatross and helicopter committed to the search for a plane which crashed Sept. 20 on Blue Mountain near Haney, B.C. One survivor walked out of the brush and the helicopter retrieved the remaining two injured men after a ground party had hacked a landing spot on the densely wooded mountain slope.

An RCAF parachute rescue team jumped to another aircraft wreck on the same day only to find the pilot dead after his Sept. 19 crash against a mountain on Vancouver Island.

The ocean escorts Antigonish and Stettler diverted at high speed from Pacific exercises Sept. 21 to scour choppy waters off the Oregon coast for a man reported to have fallen overboard from a fishing vessel.

An Albatross from Greenwood, N.S., flew Sept. 23 to Pangnirtun on Ellesmere Island, 175 miles northwest of Frobisher in the high north to next day evacuate an injured Eskimo boy to hospital in Montreal.

On the 26th, the RCAF was forced to abandon search for the wreckage and eight men whose fish freighter sank Sept. 24 in a Lake Winnipeg storm. One crewman survived, but a companion died of exposure before reaching shore. A Winnipeg diver was searching for bodies and the wreck as September ended.

On the 29th an Albatross evacuated an injured man and a sick two-month old Indian boy from Churchill on the Hudson Bay shore to hospital treatment in Winnipeg.

At the end of the month an RCAF helicopter from Comox, B.C., guided to harbor a lost fishing boat whose skipper had suffered a heart attack. But at the same time, an air search near Moosonee in northern Ontario was called off. Three men from the radar station there disappeared on the 24th on a motor canoe trip over the turbulent Moose River nearby.

Well, the squadron fall ball has successfully fell by the wayside. While the attendance may have been a little less than the last bash in Spring, nevertheless everyone in attendance was treated to a well organized and run party. Guess the next squadron function should be the Xmas stag which undoubtedly will be held around Xmas time.

The troops have had their hands full the past couple of weeks with various goodies. The major operation being Exercise Sockeye in conjunction with the Army and Navy. A number of planes and personnel were deployed to Prince Rupert for about a week to airlift troops and equipment. Understand the friendly forces once again walloped the enemy forces in this defensive exercise.

As could be expected, a search cropped up half way through the exercise, but luckily was terminated in very short order. A family of three went missing on a boat trip out of Prince Rupert and a Dak and a chopper were hot on the trail. It was erroneously reported that the chopper found the boat, when in actual fact it was found by Dick Keith and his crew in the Dak. The chopper was responsible for rescuing the trio but that's it. Of course this was aptly explained by Bob Hughs who stated that the choppers are in Rescue Flight, not Search Flight. Oh brother! Albatross 9301 has limped down east for a corrosion inspection and 9305 is back in the fold.

This weekend the squadron is

being host to our AOC, A/C Lane for his farewell visit to ATC units. On Friday night a mess dinner will be held at the Officers' Mess which should provide a good beginning to the Air Commodore's farewells to all ATC units. We will be missing one of our more colorful young members, however, who has recently been transferred to another command. Maybe we can make him an honorary member for the evening? What do you say Duke?

If this road is a little ramblin' it's probably because I have other things on my mind, such as snow, ice, thirty below temperatures and fifty mile an hour winds. Ten guesses whose transferred to 408 at Rivers. Guess I'll go pack my snowshoes.

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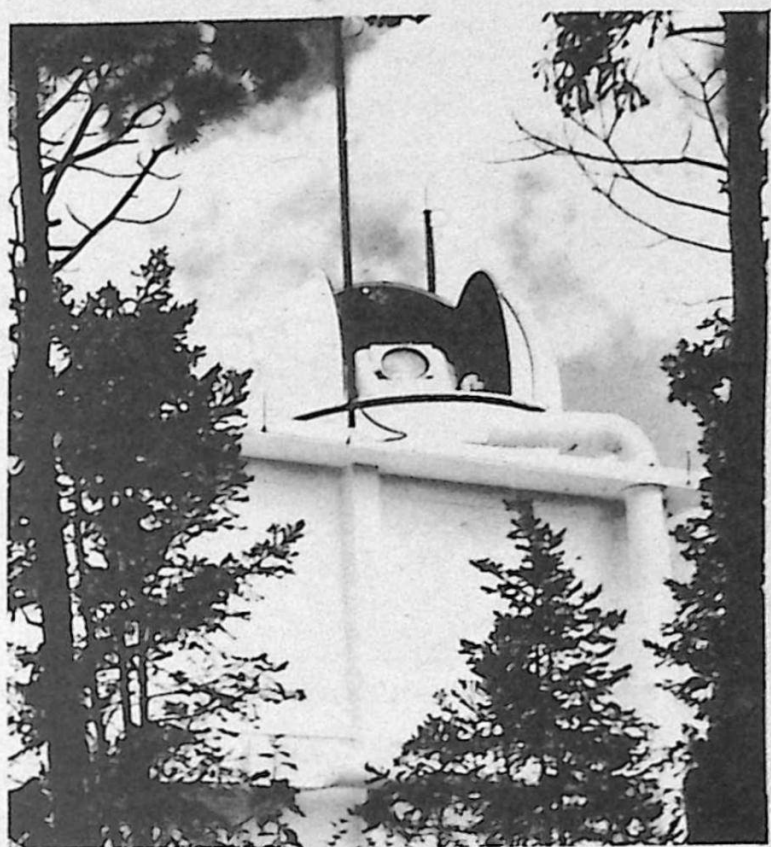
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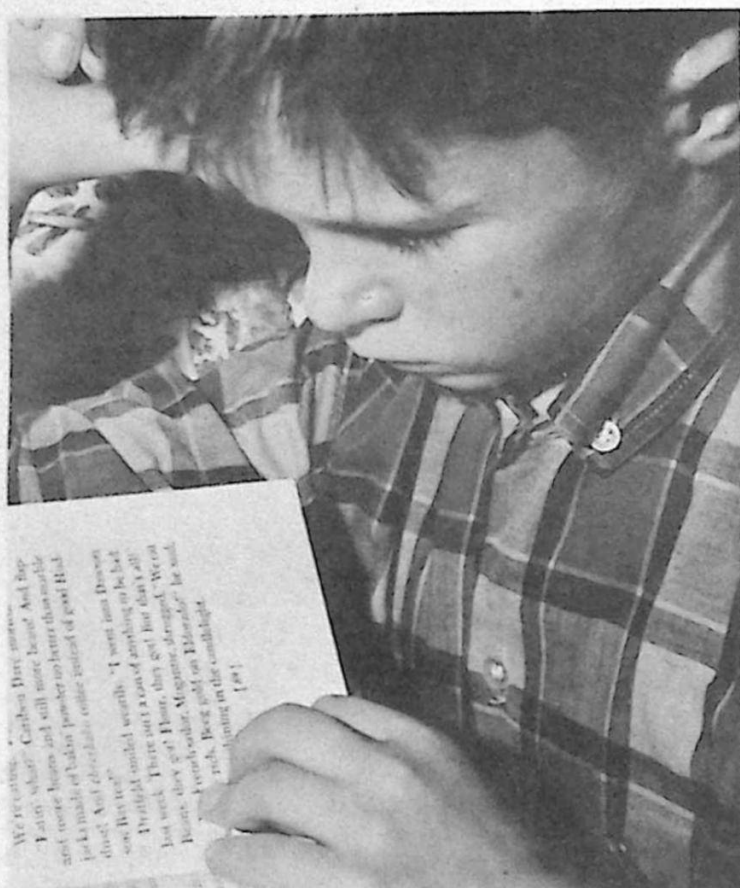
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When shooting outdoors you probably have noticed shadows in your subject's faces, or at other times lack of lighting and details. A flash used at the proper angle will eliminate all your problems. The flash itself should not always be used close to the camera, with a proper extension cord you can have more angles for the proper filling-in light.

Indoors, shadows are also a nuisance. When the flash is used too close, the picture looks bright and flat, and shadows are growing right out of your subject's head or body. Always try to take a good picture by not shooting too close to a wall. I always use bounce light for soft pictures that look more natural. It is simply done by tilting the flash toward a wall or ceiling, and with the available light indoors you can print some very good pictures. The light bouncing from the flash via wall or ceiling, softly illuminates your sub-

ject. You can add to the effect by using more than one flash.

To determine the correct exposure, you simply calculate the total distance of the light emitted from the flash to the ceiling, and to the subject, then divide that distance by the guide number of the flash. Say that you are using plus-x film, and with the flash you are using has a guide number of 50, and the distance is 12 feet. You divide the distance by the guide number which will give you an F stop of F4. Notice here that the flash duration is of a very short period so I will give you an example of an indoor setting that you can record at a maximum.

A lighted Xmas tree in a living room with subjects sitting. First a bounce flash will give you a good effect, but remember that if you use a fast shutter speed, it simply would not record



A COMBINATION of flash bounce and available light gives natural look to this portrait of the photographer's son.

— Photo by JH Tremblay

Mobile Command HQ

The headquarters of the new Mobile Command of the Canadian forces was officially opened Oct. 19 at Jacques Cartier Barracks, Longueuil, Que., with the unveiling of a bronze plaque by His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, General Georges P. Vanier. A royal guard of 50 soldiers and 50 airmen

was inspected by His Excellency, accompanied by the commander of Mobile Command, Lieutenant-General J. V. Allard. Just a few days earlier the Governor-General and Madame Vanier visited the Royal Military College of Canada at Kingston, Ont. His Excellency was guest of honor for the laying on Oct. 14 of a cornerstone of a new 208 room dormitory, named after renowned Canadian explorer Samuel de Champlain.

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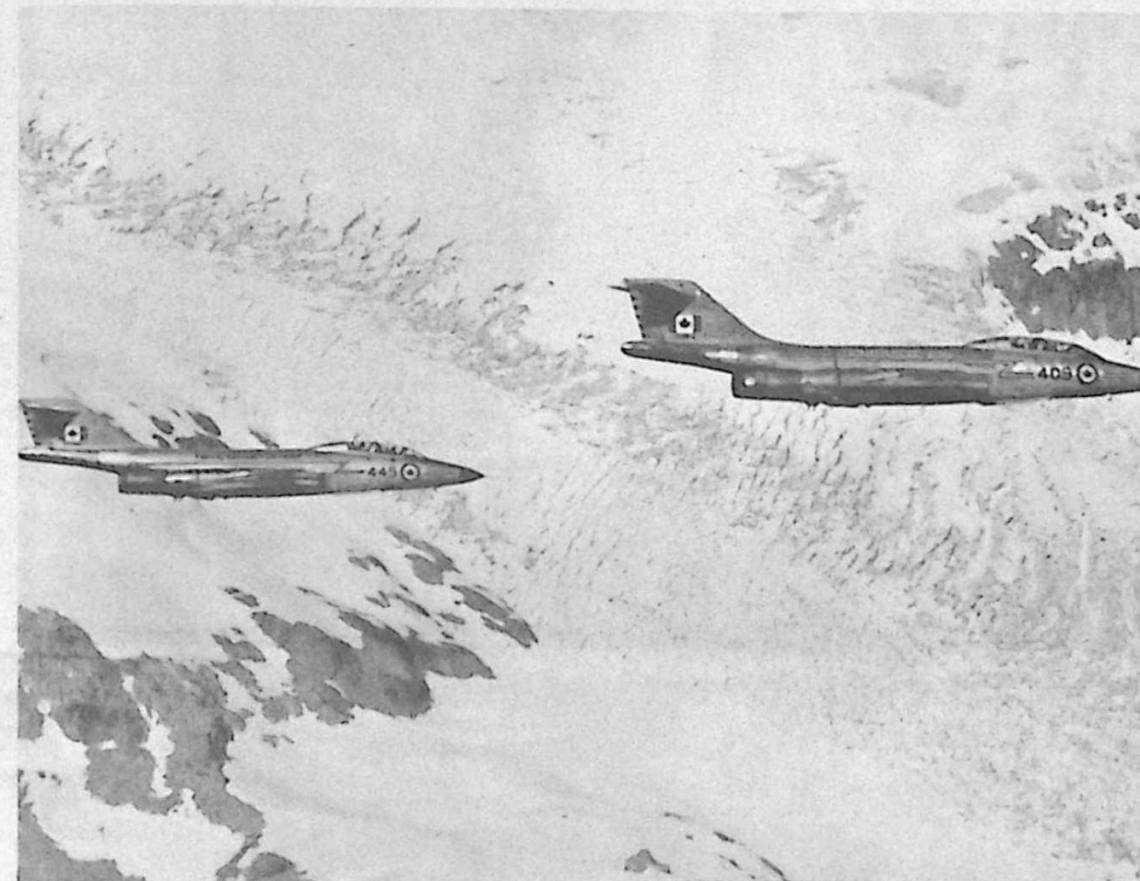
When NORAD Commander in Chief Gen. Dean C. Strother wants information on the air picture over North America or on the status of his defensive weapons throughout the continent, this is one of the operating positions that can provide it. Equipment is now in place and is being tested here in the Operations Division of the underground command post, drawing close to completion inside Cheyenne Mountain near Colorado Springs. The division will automatically receive air surveillance and weapons status information from NORAD regions across the continent and keep it on tap in an electronic computer, available for use by General Strother and his battle staff. Maj. Ralph Wilpula of Ashtabula, Ohio, chief of the Operations Division, is shown using a light gun to call up information for display on the scope.

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Navy diving experts at Comox

S/Lt Rob Gray, leader of the Yukon's Sea Rescue Team and two of the members of that team: Leading Seaman Nick Nichol and Able Seaman B. Pratt inspected Stn. Comox aircraft last weekend. The rescue team was learning where and how to open the escape hatches on our aircraft in case of a ditching at sea. While the Yukon was in Comox harbour, a volleyball team from the ship, led by their captain, Cmdr. R. Karl, defeated the air force team two games straight.



Here is a recent photograph of two CF-101 Voodoo aircraft of 409 Squadron taken over the Mount Waddington region of B.C. The photograph was taken by F/L Bill McWilliams and won a prize at the recent Comox Valley Fair.

Because of the angle from which the picture was taken, it was impossible to adequately display the fear on F/L McWilliams' face as he took the shot. Careful scrutiny of the two other navigators will reveal

their, to say the least, glum countenances. Other details of interest to the air-minded are the facts that the pilots were flying on auto-pilot, the landing gear was up, and all participant crews are deathly afraid of height.

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