

# A CHRISTMAS PRAYER



LITTLE JESUS, MOTHER TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR BIRTH IN THE STABLE, A LONG TIME AGO. SHE SAID THERE WAS A BRIGHT STAR LEADING THE SHEPHERDS AND WISE MEN WHO CAME TO SEE YOU. I WISH I COULD HAVE SEEN YOU, TOO. PLEASE BLESS MOTHER AND DADDY AND BABY BROTHER. AND BLESS THE WHOLE WORLD, TOO!

## THE TOTEM TIMES

### Commanding Officer's Christmas Message

As we come to the close of another year I take this opportunity to thank each of you who have worked so hard to make 1965 successful. We have seen many changes and have experienced many successes. Through the conscientious efforts and professional skills of all personnel we have met the challenge and fulfilled our operational role.

This is the season for family reunions, for good cheer, and for celebration. Throughout this festive season let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas. Let us face 1966 with new resolution and determined effort.

My family join me in wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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### Totem Times Statement

This comparatively flamboyant issue of the Totem Times is the result of having an exceptionally understanding group of advertisers who have supported our newspaper throughout its sometimes painful career. The Editor and Staff of the Totem Times wish to thank all its advertisers and ex-

press the hope that your faith in us has found tangible reward. We also wish to thank all the authors and columnists who have submitted articles to the Totem Times for the bittersweet joy of seeing their names in print and being criticized by others too shy to have their thoughts bear public scrutiny.

And to you, gentle reader, who have borne with us through typographical and grammatical errors, faulty sentence construction, biased thought process, illogic, and egotism, our thanks also.

Happy Christmas and New Year.

### Santa Claus is coming to town

#### Old Gent To Make Preliminary Visit to Comox

Recent information received through the DEW and BMEWs systems indicate a high level of activity around the North Pole these days. Nevertheless, because Santa is still uncertain that he has received all his Christmas mail, the old gent has advised the Commanding Officer that he will be making his final survey of the Comox area from the 20th until the 22nd of December inclusive. He will make his temporary quarters in the Recreation Centre and will be available for interviews from interested parties from 1330 - 1600 hrs daily.

In order to give the lie to a vicious rumour circulated recently that Santa does not exist, a photographer will be in attendance to take pictures of children and St. Nick as their conversations progress.



... When they were all tired of blind man's buff ...

When they were all tired of blind-man's buff, there was a great game at snapdragon, and when fingers enough were burned with that, and all the raisins were gone, they sat down by the huge fire of blazing logs to a substantial supper, and a mighty bowl of wassail, in which the hot apples were hissing and bubbling with a rich look, and a jolly sound, that were perfectly irresistible.

'This', said Mr. Pickwick, looking round him, 'this is, indeed, comfort.'

'Our invariable custom', replied Mr. Wardle. 'Everybody sits down with us on Christmas Eve, as you see them now—servants and all; and here we wait, until the clock strikes twelve, to usher Christmas in, and

beguile the time with forfeits and old stories. Trundle, my boy, rake up the fire.'

Up flew the bright sparks in myriads as the logs were stirred. The deep red blaze sent forth a rich glow, that penetrated into the farthest corner of the room, and cast its cheerful tint on every face.

'Come', said Wardle, 'a song—a Christmas song! I'll give you one, in default of a better.'

'Bravo!' said Mr. Pickwick. 'Fill up,' cried Wardle, 'it will be two hours, good, before you see the bottom of the wassail; fill up all round, and now for the song.'

Thus saying, the merry old gentleman, in a good, round, sturdy voice, commenced without more ado:

### A Christmas Carol

I CARE not for Spring; on his fickle wing Let the blossoms and buds be borne: He woos them amain with his treacherous rain,

And he scatters them ere the morn. An inconstant elf, he knows not himself; Nor his own changing mind an hour, He'll smile in your face, and, with wry grimace, He'll wither your youngest flower.

Let the Summer sun to his bright home run, He shall never be sought by me; When he's dimmed by a cloud I can laugh aloud,

And care not how sulky he be! For his darling child is the madness wild That sports in fierce fever's train; And when love is too strong, it don't last long, As many have found to their pain.

A mild harvest night, by the tranquil light Of the modest and gentle moon, Has a far sweeter sheen, for me, I ween, Than the broad and unblushing moon. But every leaf awakens my grief,

As it leeth beneath the tree; So let Autumn air be never so fair, It by no means agrees with me.

But my song I trol out, for CHRISTMAS stout, The hearty, the true, and the bold; A bumper I drain, and with might and main Give three cheers for the Christmas old! We'll usher him in with a merry din That shall gladden his joyous heart, And we'll keep him up, while there's bite or sup, And in fellowship good, we'll part.

In his fine honest pride, he scorns to hide, One jot of his hard-weather scars; They're no disgrace, for there's much the same trace On the cheeks of our bravest tars. Then again I sing, 'till the roof doth ring, And it echoes from wall to wall — To the stout old wight, fair welcome to-night, As the King of the Seasons all!

— From Dicken's Pickwick Papers





MAJOR S. A. MELVIN

**USAF exchange officer promoted**

409 Pilot Effective to Major on December 15, Captain Samuel A. Melvin, of Marshfield Massachusetts received word this week that he had been promoted to Major. Sam, his wife Carolyn, and their family have lived in Courtenay since their arrival at Station Comox in July, 1961. The new major was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, and attended Boston and Syracuse Universities, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Science.



F/O LEO A. SALMINEN

**407 Sqn. officer receives permanent commission**

F/O Leo A. Salminen of Geraldton, Ontario, recently was granted a permanent commission. F/O Salminen, a pilot with 407 Squadron, enlisted in the RCAF in 1955, and following the completion of his short service commission flew as a bush pilot with Superior Airways for a short time before re-joining the RCAF in 1961. He, his wife Ruth, and their family live in Comox.

**Eight airmen receive promotions**

Six airmen of RCAF Station Comox have received promotions to the rank of Corporal and two to the rank of Sergeant. The new Corporals are, G. E. Robinson, J. W. P. Godin, W. W. Vallee, M. C. Stevens, H. J. Devine and S. O. Thorndycraft. Corporals D. M. Taylor and John Bowie have been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.



SGT. P. M. TAYLOR



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CPL. M. C. STEVENS



SGT. J. BOWIE



CPL. G. E. ROBINSON



CPL. H. J. DEVINE



CPL. J. W. P. GODIN



SGT. KINES

**Formation of amateur rocket clubs stopped**

The following message has been received from ADCHQ Quote "Because of recent inquiries from widespread points in Canada requesting approval for Service Supported Amateur Rocket Clubs - S Aim Os and U Arm Os are not, repeat not, to condone, sanction, nor indicate approval of said clubs in any form. Unquote". Further to this message the following is brought to the attention of all personnel: (a) Manufacture and assembly of explosives on DND property is a federal offence. (b) Explosive stores are not to be broken down, stripped, or otherwise interfered with for any reason except under orders from CFHQ and only by qualified armament personnel. (c) The possession of any explosives store as a souvenir, or for conversion to a souvenir, is prohibited. (d) No explosive stores are to be kept in hangars, sections, barrack blocks or other buildings other than those locations authorized by RCAF form E177 Explosive Storage Approval. All personnel are warned, that under no circumstances are explosive stores of any description to be handled, touched, or disturbed except by persons qualified in their use or by Armament personnel. If any unknown or derelict explosives are discovered either on or off the station, their locations are to be reported to AFPP's for disposal by qualified Explosive Ordnance personnel only. Alternately calls may be placed directly to the EOD section at local 440.

**Eighteen new Wing C.O.'s**

The DND announced the promotion of 45 officers to the rank of Lieutenant colonel and equivalent, here is a list of the new wing commanders in the RCAF: C. C. Cooling, 45, Rivers, Man. T. R. Futer, 45, RCAF Station Beausejour, Man. A. B. Singleton, 43, RCAF Staff College, Toronto. R. C. Diamond, 42, Air Defence Command, St. Hubert, Que. R. F. M. Walker, 42, RCAF Station Goose Bay. J. M. Brown, 44, RCAF Station Downsview. H. W. Keane, 44, NORAD Headquarters, Colorado Springs. P. R. M. Laronde, 44, Canadian Forces Headquarters. D. J. Bullock, 44, RCAF Station Sioux Lookout. A. E. Paxton, 45, northern NORAD region, RCAF Station, North Bay, Ont. W. J. McIndoo, 43, Rivers, Man. F. C. Fisher, 43, Canadian Forces Headquarters. G. D. Steele, 43, Canadian Forces Headquarters. Y. K. Carter, 43, National Defence Medical Centre, Ottawa. W. K. Hobbs, 40, RCAF Station Downsview. J. R. D. Baker, 44, HMCS Naden, Esquimalt, B.C. A. J. Campbell, 40, RCAF Station Portage La Prairie. R. M. Porter, 42, RCAF Station Gypsumville.

**CHILDREN'S CARDS** Christmas cards for children are games as well as greetings. Many cards designed especially to be sent to children include small illustrated story books in card form, punch-out cutouts, sewing games and even a toy train complete with a real whistle, to be made up by its small recipient.



LAC NORTHROP

W/C K. O. Moore CO 407 Sqn. is shown congratulating 407 ground crew personnel for their contribution to the RCAF and

**407 CORPORAL WINS AWARD**



Corporal William M. Miller of 407 Maritime Patrol Squadron was recently presented with a Certificate of Award, a camera, and an electric clock for devising a screen for the intake of the CF 101 Voodoo fighters of 409 All Weather Fighter Squadron.



LAC TAYLOR

**407 SQUADRON AIRMEN PRESENTED WITH CD's AND CLASP**

presenting them with their decoration. Left to Right; Sgt. J. G. Kines from Ceylon, Sask. being presented with the clasp to his CD for 22 years of Service, LAC Northrup presented with his Canadian Decoration for 12 years service. LAC Northrup was born in Hampstad N.B. and has just received his transfer to 3 Wing in Europe effective this January. LAC Taylor from Vancouver B.C. being presented with his CD for 12 years of service in the RCAF.

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## 121 ON TAP

The aircrew lounge has been the scene of renewed activity since acquisition of a dart game and a chess set. The lounge has not been that crowded for sometime.

121 will be losing some of its members soon. Rick Edwards is being posted to Trenton to take the Calibou course while Gil Delong is going to Winnipeg for the RO/NAU course. Cal Boyce is being transferred to 408 Sqn. in Rivers; good luck Cal.

Christmas is almost upon us once again. There is the 121 stag on December 22, and a cocktail party on December 23 for the officers, their wives, and the single officers. Let us see everyone turn up with their wives. Also there are the distinctive 121 Christmas cards on sale in the PADO's office for 60 cents a dozen. The chopper boys have graciously provided the scene of a Labrador (note to editor, a Chinook is an army chopper) landing on top of Mt. Kennedy,

too bad they couldn't squeeze a Dakota and an Albatross in. Mais, C'est La Guerre.

121 had a mercy flight to Kiti-mat which was written up in the Green Sheet. It was a job well done, however, apparently Tony Gosselin decided to go for a swim much to the amusement of the rest of the crew. One Albatross has just returned on a training flight from Alameda and a Dakota is scheduled to go down. The fellows can stop worrying now however, a grand jury in San Francisco has just decided in favour for topless entertainment.

Best wishes for a festive holiday season to everyone. Let us keep our fingers crossed that it is also a safe holiday season and no one gets lost. Remember also, don't drink and drive, we want everyone to be around in '66.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Wonderful World of 121

The grizzled veteran of many bitter skirmishes with Supply turned about in the doorway of the Yukon and brandished his fist at a knot of well-wishers. "They'll never make it stick!" he shouted. "I'll be back before the start of another glorious B.C. summer!"

Loud hoots greeted this outburst and the speaker, his shoulders slightly bowed, turned and entered the huge craft.

Skeptics were amazed a week or so ago when this defiant prophecy came true. WO2 Gerrard came back to 121 as full of life as ever and brimming with tales of life in Montreal. Welcome back, sir.

Another recent arrival to our squadron made a less triumphant debut. Sgt. Bob Senft on his first day at work set out from the hangar without first contacting Met. The result was that he was caught in a violent downpour and soaked to the knees. Later on that day WO2 Ellery, who knows we don't get much rain here, was forced to reprimand the sergeant for the poor crease in his trousers. And just when promotions had started again!

Incidentally, Sgt. Senft, who came from Cold Lake, has a black heater and a complete set of frost shields for sale.

A number of recent promotions have brought joy to those of our artisans whose medium is oils (and greases). Raised to the exalted rank of Corporal were LAC's Bedard, Cryderhan, Theiss and Morrison. Congratulations fellows! May you bound at least one more rung up the ladder before you retire.

"Pappy" Theiss (of the new hooks) and LAC Koll have just completed the Boat School course and are now working on the floor and hoping for Flight Tech positions on the Albers. LAC Geddes is moving from Servicing to a Crewman spot on Daks. This came about because of the impending departure of Pierre Gagnon who, along with LAC Al Williams, is going to Trenton.

## Detach. 5 News

BY LT. PATTERSON

Detachment 5 wishes to thank those members of RCAF Station Comox who so generously and thoughtfully aided and attended the memorial services held last Friday for the late Staff Sergeant James E. Funkhouser. His tragic death leaves us acutely aware of the absence of a very fine and warm person who was an integral and active member of our work and life here at Comox, and his individual contribution as a member of our unit will not be forgotten. It is indeed gratifying to know that the shock and sense of loss experienced with Jim's death were equally shared by American and Canadian alike, and surely it underlines our basic and simple awareness that "The Bell Tolls" for us all. Again we thank you for your sympathy and genuine concern in our loss through Jim's death.

This is our second Christmas here at Comox, and of course by this time we fell like old hands in the celebration and communion of the season "a la Canadian". Since we both derive our Christmas traditions primarily from jolly old England, and since we both appropriated the German Christmas tree for our own festivities, one would be sorely tempted to find even a detailed difference in our enjoyment of the holiday. Suffice it to say that the egg-nog, laced perhaps with a bit of the old rye, will be raised and downed with an equal fervor by us all. Goggle-eyed kids, replete with too much candy, and maybe even a few glassy-eyed adults, replete with too much of the above mentioned egg-nog, will give way in due time to the stifled but actually contented groans when the January bills start rolling in. 'Tis the same each year, and surely, 'Tis the way it should be.

I unknownst to the members of my detachment, opened a few of their letters to the good "St. Nick". My, but we are all children when caught unsuspecting in the naked eye of naive hope.

Major Crutchfield is asking for a magnetic golf ball which is automatically drawn into the intended cup. Ed Darreff asked for a magic belt that will raise fifty pounds to totally relaxed suit from below the waist into a position of commanding strength above the waist. Chuck Bissell asked for a Prussian sword, (this one I can't figure out at all). Sam Noyes asked for a compass with enclosed instructions on how to apply said compass when lost in the woods, and parenthetically I might add here that several members of the organization also asked Santa for this compass for Sam, in that they would prefer not to be called out again to go looking for him. B. Joe Womack asked for a solid partition between him and the Major's office so that he can sleep all the time, and not just when the Major is out of the building. Doug Paul asked for a glass enclosed room which is "OFF-LIMITS" to his OIC who has nothing better to do than ask silly questions when Doug's trying to work. Don Clugh asked for a megaphone since he fears that his inherently quiet and gentle voice doesn't carry far enough. Stan Kus is asking for a new thick volume of security directives to pour over and interpret. L. Cook and J. Murphy (Murphy's real name is Maggioncalda, but we all find that Murphy is much easier to pronounce) both asked for a years supply of even fouler smelling cigars. Walt Turner asked for a pair of elevator shoes to be worn during his debut in his first major role in the next CoVal Choresters production.

Well, I think I've eavesdropped enough on the hidden aspiration of my fellow men, so I think I shall simply reveal their letters to Santa and forward them to the appropriate pole. We of the south extend our wish for a Merry Christmas to Ya'll, and hope that the New Year finds you prosperous and in the best of form. Felicitations!

## Demon Doins

Congratulations is owing to "A" Flight for the hard work they displayed in arranging the 407 Officers' Christmas party. Santa Taylor and his elves put on some of the best entertainment the Mess has seen for a long time. Fred managed to bring the house down with his version of "The Night Before Christmas". Everyone enjoyed themselves, especially those who remained for breakfast in the morning.

Crew 4 just returned from San Francisco last week. Since it seems to be topical these days, anyone interested in the cultural aspects of topless entertainment could probably contact any of the crew members for a complete (and unabridged) analysis.

Crew 9 has been unleashed for a week against our unsuspecting friends of the south in San Diego. While they're down there they will likely pick up a bit of the Christmas spirit and finish off their holiday season shopping.

A friendly face will be disappearing from around the squadron with the turn of the new year. Best wishes to Mike Rosemary and family on their trip to Winnipeg. Don't forget the thermal underwear. Operations has picked up a few new faces in the past week. To Moe this must be old hat after his previous tour in ops. But Don, it really isn't that bad! After maybe a year or three you'll become aircrew again. I've heard in the wind that a short dark man from crew five wearing a moustache may be joining the ops staff. Let's have cup of tea on that, shall we?

REMINDER: The 407 All Ranks Christmas Party is to be held this Friday, December 17th in the recreation centre. It is a mixed affair with food and band supplied. The admission fee is zero and the drinks will be at a reasonable price. There will also be a Monster Turkey and Bottle Raffle. So let's see everyone out fraternising this Friday.

## NIGHTHAWK'S NEST

Good news arrived at 409 this week with the promotion of Captain Sam Melvin to Major. Since his arrival at 409, Major Sam has been the unit's well of knowledge and timely hints on handling habits of the intrepid 101B. He has flown well over one thousand hours on the aircraft and was among the first to see the Voodoos off the assembly line. The USAF decision to promote him ran high on the squadron popularity poll, for both his professional ability and his fine personality are in the opinion of everyone a credit to the country he so ably represents.

1965 itself has been a busy year for the 409ers, with the usual arrivals and departures from transference; the tac eval this summer; followed by a squadron reunion and finally a change in command. Babies were born and airplanes flown, fishing tales told and, at times to others our greatness made known. Now that all the dust has settled and also the din, what else could have happened, except again we win?

Our squadron commander and nav dad last week returned from a CO's conference in the east, with what we hope are the latest tricks for '66. So far however both only nod knowing and stroll away when queried on the subject.

On the social scene, "A" Flighters extend to Norma and John Hesterman their thanks for a fine evening enjoyed by everyone. Reports are, that many of the major brawls didn't really break out until the wives got their husbands home and physically into the house.

The world scene over the past year, has produced more fighting in the Middle East, saw Canadians still in Cyprus and The Gaza Strip, an election that came out a draw, and to top it all off, a Safe Driving Week that just closed that was termed a national disaster. Nevertheless cheer up...we can't say things will get worse in Rhodesia, and maybe too, Indonesia may settle away. But we can guarantee more highway assassinations over the holiday season before the year is out.

409ers, in the air and on the ground with their daily tasks, live in a certain element of risk. This risk however, is very much diminished each time by every man's professional approach and attitude towards these tasks, in the interests of others and their own safety. It may not be a bad idea we take this same integrity home with us in our driving too.

A Very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

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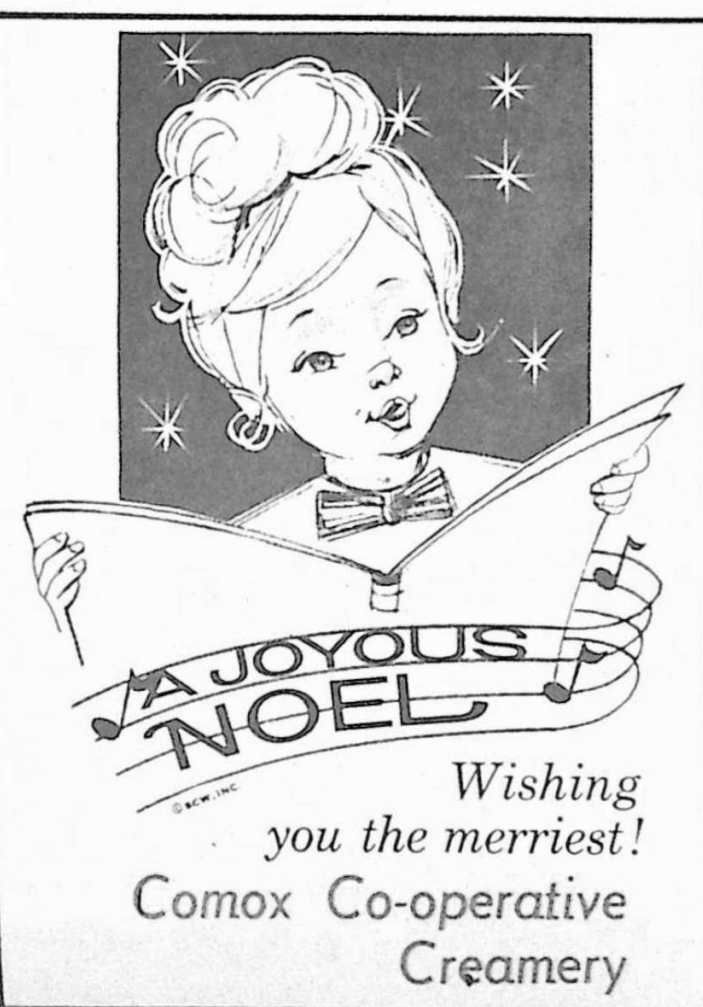
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LAC Rakestrow is transferred to North Bay and is being replaced by LAC Nadeau. AC1 Van Zylveld is going to St. Hubert and is being replaced by LAC Cook. FS Forman is transferred to Cold Lake and is being replaced by a dachshund on the theory that a little safety goes along way.

There is a new sign being erected on the highway south of Courtenay. It reads, "DEER-keep off highway, MOTORISTS passing". The Safety Council

feels that there is as good a chance of the deer reading the sign as the motorists reading it.

The MSE annual Christmas party will be held on December 4 at the Comox Legion. The SNCO's have been practicing singing Christmas Carols for the past two weeks, (they were practicing late Friday). Do not miss this chance to meet the whole gang and have a good time.

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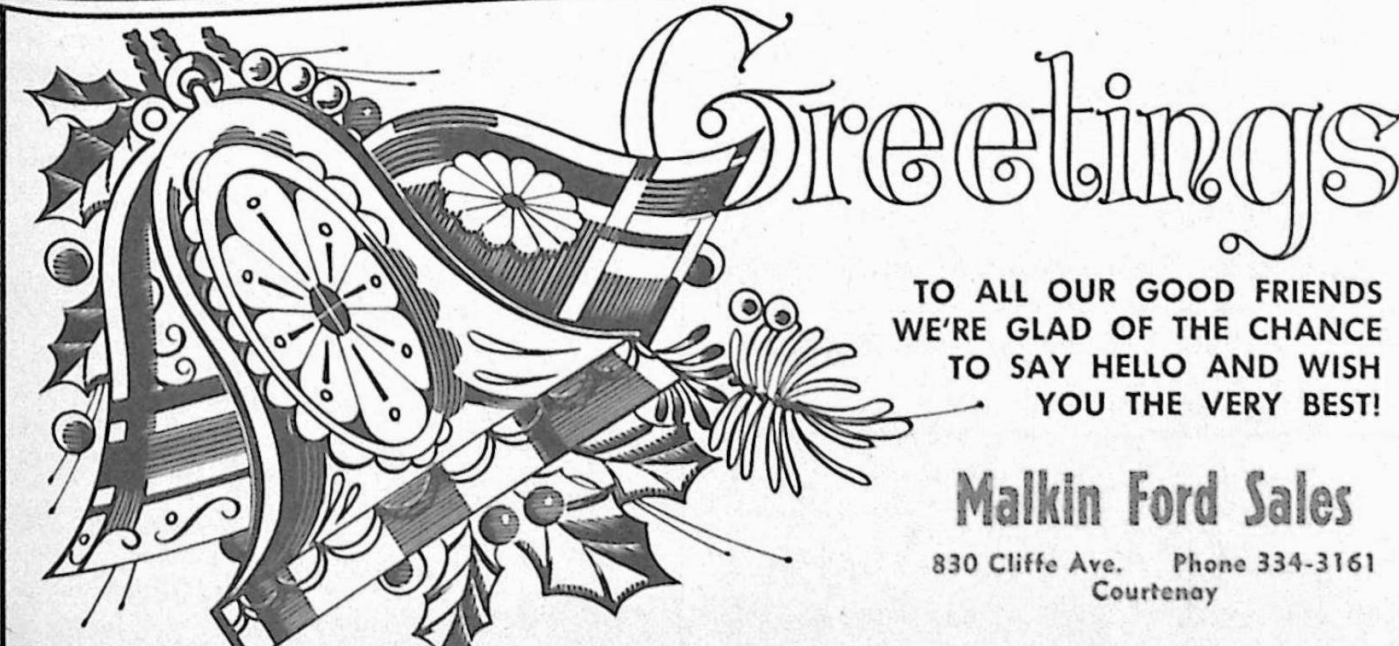


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### EXERCISE SOCKEYE

Exercise Sockeye, a joint amphibious landing exercise involving the three forces was 'sprung' on the units without notice Nov. 1 - the object being the removal of an enemy force located in the Sandspit area of the queen Charlotte islands off the B.C. coast. The RCAF airlifted army units from Edmonton and Calgary and three escorts of the navy

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## VAN'S VERBALITY

BY WO1 J. W. VAN BUSKIRK

TO THINK OR NOT TO THINK

I find it strange that one of the best known philosophers of old was Socrates, yet he never left us a scratch of writing showing any of his great thinking. It was quite apparent though his fateful demise that people did not appreciate advice in those days back in 400 B.C. any more than they do today. However, one of his students, Plato, made quite a name for himself and became one of the most influential thinkers of all time. So he trained Aristotle, another great thinker, and he in turn tutored Alexander, the Great. And although that great chap undertook what was to be the widest conquest of all times, the wonderful training that he got didn't give him any noted longevity. He died at a general at the age of 33! Too much knowledge seems to be a bad thing which makes me feel very good because I normally forget half of the grocery list when I go to the store. I suggest to the wife that it's probably a good sign, but I don't say what of.

I come from a village in Nova Scotia. A famous industrialist and financier comes from the same place. He returns home every summer and assembles a group of scientists and philosophers there at his beach home for a few weeks where all they do is sit around and think. They call it the Home of the Thinkers! Once I went down to an adjacent spot on the shore to watch them think. I got carried away with so many sunbats and bikinis on the beach that I didn't get around to watching the thinkers or doing too much professional thinking myself. Not the kind that I could reduce to writing for posterity like the important thinkers were doing. When a shapely lady of sorts asked, "What are you really thinking?" I just toddled off into the briny surf mulling to myself.

This thinking business was always quite important in the past and I do believe that it's coming back in vogue again. Look at Rodin the French Sculptor. His most famous works included the "Thinker" which is no doubt enshrined on a pedestal in the Louvre as another memorial of great inspiration to encourage modern thinkers.

There are several times in life when I should have done a bit more thinking. One of those times was as recent as last week when the CPO's of HMCS Yukon invited me to visit their wardroom. If I had been thinking clearly I would not have gone because I sure wasn't thinking clearly when I came back.

It's quite an expression! You often see two craftsmen stand back to inspect some job they are working on and one will say, "Well, what do you think?" And the other might shrug and reply,

## A new service to our readers

Ever anxious to increase the topicality and interest level of our newspaper, your editors are forever studying other journalistic endeavours and comparing them to the Totem Times. You will be pleased, but not surprised, to know that we felt the Totem Times compares favourably in all respects to such journals as the New York Times, the Vancouver Sun, The Times in London, Pravda, the Baltimore Sun and other similar papers. In all respects, that is, save one. For some time we have felt the need to obtain the services of a worldly, reputable lady who could pass on the benefits of her experiences to those of us who have need of good, sound advice. A more than perfunctory glance at the ladies of the local area revealed several well qualified for the position but none who had literary aspirations. Recently however, it was the editors' pleasure to attend a cocktail party during the course of which a lady was most flatteringly described who seemed to fill the requirements of poise, objectivity, sophistication, wit and intelligence. The lady was communicated with, and after an interval she agreed to become our regular columnist on such subjects as our readers may care to write her. Her biography follows in her own words. For anonymity's sake we have agreed to publish only her first name, Vanessa, which may or may not be a pseudonym. She selected her own choice of "A Lady's Column", over several suggestions from the editorial staff.

Finally, it is hoped that our readers will avail themselves of the opportunity to seek the objective advice Vanessa realistically proffers. Questions or opinions solicited of Vanessa are subject to publication and no guarantee can be given that the lady will be able to answer in print. Address inquiries to: A Lady's Column, c/o Editor, Totem Times, RCAF Station Comox, B.C.

"Oh, I don't know." This shouldn't tax his cranium too much, coming up with an answer like that. Not real heavy thinking. Just heed some of the conversations that you take part in or overhear during the next few days and see how many references are made to the word, think. Personally, I think it's great - I like the word and think that I'll go right on using it often. It doesn't pay to get too cocky though. Should you have your hat on some evening heading for the door and you are suddenly accosted by the Frau who suspiciously inquires, "Where do you think you are going?" Don't reply, "I think I am going to the mess for a beer" or she will no doubt put the finale to that conversation by the concluding remark, "That's

what you think!" Remember what happened to all the great ones so don't press your luck. How about that!

## A LADY'S COLUMN - by Vanessa

I have several misgivings about writing an advice column; first that someone might take my advice and find that it has been bad, second that the questions I am asked to answer may be facetious, and third that I am unqualified for the job. Since this is my first column, it seems proper to me that I should introduce myself to you so that our relationship will be less formal.

I was born in Greenwood, South Carolina, more than two decades ago to bourgeois parents whose ideas on status quo and its maintenance were instilled in me through education at Mary Magdalene Convent School For Girls, near Montreal, and Vassar, near Harvard, Yale, and New York City. At nineteen I contracted an unfortunate marriage with a Puerto Rican drummer which ended my formal and began my actual education. The marriage disintegrated in annulment three weeks after it had begun and I left New York to take a job in the Diplomatic Corps in Washington as a stenographer. When the war broke out I was serving in the office of the Commissioner on Export Tariffs and in my administrative capacity I went north to Ottawa to take part in a conference.

Swept off my feet by three 21 year olds, a Navy Petty Officer, an Army Lieutenant, and an Air Force Wing Commander, I became engaged to the Wing Commander. Our love was not to be, however, for he was passed over for promotion to Group Captain the following month and he therefore contracted an unhappy marriage in an effort to further his career. It still gives me a bittersweet smile whenever I think of what happened to him at the conclusion of the war: Refused a permanent commission, he retired as an Air Vice Marshall and now is head salesman in the shoe department of a suburban branch of the Army & Navy stores. His wife gave him nine daughters, none of whom are eligible for RMC.

Still, in Canada I had found a country which was to be my home, off and on, for several years. After the unhappy engagement, I joined the CWAC's as a subaltern and was posted to England as a SHAEF administration officer. While in London I discovered the theatre, ballet, Shakespeare, Balkan Sobranie cigarettes (the ones with the three gold rings) and a passion for Gracie Fields. I now have the largest collection of Gracie Fields records in the free world.

I fell in love with a commando who was taken prisoner at Dieppe. I fell in love with an Australian brigadier who was given a white feather after Tobruk, I loved an American P-47 pilot who served with the Eagle Squadron, but I married a Commander RNR.

What you think! Remember what happened to all the great ones so don't press your luck. How about that!

who commanded a Corvette. Together we lived through the blitz, the convoys, mutton, and the black-outs. But our love ended with the war, for Jeff was not suited to the life of a gentleman farmer. His attempt at sheep-farming in the Cotswolds of Cornwall was disastrous; a plan he launched because he felt that the English had eaten sheep-meat so long they were used to it. I still cannot eat mutton without a twinge of remorse at what used to be and is no longer: With the collapse of his finances, Jeff betook himself to the United States where he lost a further fortune growing watermelons in Mississippi. I remember him as I knew him during the war; impulsive, dominant, witty. I believe he is now professor of socio-economics at the University of Rhodesia.

After our perfunctory divorce, I returned to Ottawa where I obtained a position as social registrar at the local chapter of the YWCA. Embittered, I made few friends at this time of my life, preferring the sanctity of grass hockey and the squash-court to the vicissitudes of heterosexual sociability. I recall reading rather a lot of Edna St. Vincent Millay at the time.

Television gave my life a new purpose. I have always maintained an interest in communications media, and I can still recall the thrill of watching, for the first time, the Ed Sullivan show on my seven-inch television set in 1947. I immediately quit my job with the YWCA and travelled to Toronto where the Canadian TV industry was just starting. I got a garret on Avenue Road, painted one wall black and the other three red, dress-

ed myself in outfits which always seemed to involve tangerine treader slacks and oversized amber beads, laid in a cellar of off-brand Italian wines, a wedge of Caerphilly and a yard or so of French bread, and threw a theatrical party. Literally everyone came, for parties in Toronto are as unusual as rabbit in rarebit. I found myself shoe-horned next to an aspiring television producer, and I promptly sold him the plot to the first television soap-opera in Canada.

I wrote several of the scripts myself, basing many on experiences I had during the war. At the time it was de rigueur to mention shove ha'penny, The Boar & The Thistle, London-town, and the white cliffs of I forget where. This was because many of the women who watched soap-opera were war-brides or the wives of veterans who had served in Britain. My series was, therefore, a huge success.

My income from the series, dropped in 1952, has been huge. With the exception of dusting off a few old scripts, changing the names and locales and resubmitting them to modern TV shows (a chore, by the way, which my secretary Arturo de Cordura usually performs for

me) I live in retirement in my villa on the outskirts of Venice. I have not re-married, although I have received many offers, but I am a frequent visitor at the homes and chateaux of several of my friends whose experiences in the rearing of their children may serve as some help when I try to give advice on the subject to such of you as may ask it.

I am, in all modesty, an authority on etiquette. I am conversant with Art, catering to parties ranging in size from the rendezvous to the banquet, matrimonial maladjustments, and pecuniary decisions. And I wish you all to know that I will be as objective as I can possibly be; I am aware that I am being deeply honoured and I shall try to prove worthy of your editor's confidence in me.

Until next issue, then...ta, ta!

...Vanessa

### AIR COMMAND

A joint U.S. Strategic Air Command and North American Air Defense Command exercise involving B-47, B-52 and B-58 bombers and interceptor aircraft of Canada and the U.S. took place in the small hours of Nov. 5 over several Canadian cities.

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## 'At home' bingo sponsored by PMQ council

The bingo will be run monthly, proceeds to go to council projects such as: Cubs, Scouts, Guides, Junior Judo, Minor Hockey etc.

There are three \$75 prizes each month, and one full card

jackpot of \$275. Cards are on sale now for this month's bingo, one dollar each. Cards may be purchased from PMQ councillors or at 1 and 7 hangar canteens, the snack bar, 121 canteen or at the Rec office.



FC J ZALESKI and LAC J Dougall check for winners on the board in the snack bar. "Stay at home" bingo players can check at the Post Office, 1 and 7 hangar canteens, 121 canteen or phone 339-2714 or local 461.



THREE NUMBER are drawn daily at 0830 hrs. Mayor of PMQ's, S/L Popham, looks on as Sgt. J Dunbar posts numbers on master board and LAC G Leather calls them out.



DAVE BOURCHIER being congratulated by his executive upon his recent installation as Mayor of Totem Town. Left to right, Gloria Grandage, vice-president; Helen Foster, treasurer; and Marion Dempsey, secretary.

## BINGO NEXT MONTH Dependants Doings

After Christmas, cards will go on sale for the January bingo. Prizes will again total \$500. On the first day of the month, fifteen numbers will be drawn to start it off. Thereafter, three numbers will be pulled each

working day until a full card is reached. There will be \$75 each for: the first X, the first cross, and the 'picture frame', that is, all around the outside of the card. The remaining \$275 jackpot goes to the lucky holder of the first full card.



THE SMILING FACES of Mrs. JC Blackham (L) and Mr. and Mrs. AE Boyle form a backdrop for gifts donated by the PMQ Council, RCAF Station Comox to the Duncan Association for Retarded Children.



MRS. C TILLEY (L) and Mrs. A Radford of Happy Lark School, Ladysmith District Associations for Retarded Children with some of the gifts from the PMQ Council of RCAF Station Comox.

The Mayor and PMQ Council wish to take this opportunity to wish all personnel and their families a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

### CHRISTMAS IS FOR GIVING

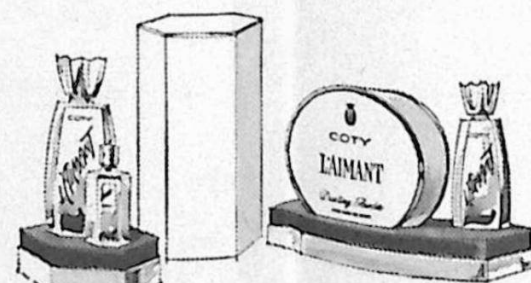
A trip can be enjoyable any time, but especially rewarding is a trip that includes the Spirit of Christmas. Such a trip was made early this month when a representative of your PMQ Council delivered gifts to the association for Retarded Children at Duncan, Lake Cowichan and Ladysmith/Chemainus. The next day 121 (K) Sqn. kindly supplied airlift to Powell River for the same happy purpose.

THE YEAR WAS A GARDEN The year was a Garden carefully tended. Whose flowers bloomed then faded away. But Mother Earth the Log Book kept Her gardeners to portray. Some there were who stayed not for their Laurels, Yearning for the wide horizons They hastened on their way. The bonds of earth, the pain and joy To them just fleeting moments in Life's Eternity. —Ivy M. Chapman

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## Christmas concert

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SGT. DUNBAR, bingo committee chairman hands over first winner's cheque to Cpl. and Hrs. WR Lines. Cpl. Lines from 409 Systems, won \$150 with an "X" and three lines.



ONLY JACKPOT REMAINS — LAC GP Saulnier, SE Tech and Mr. Reg Day, painter, receive cheques from bingo chairman Sgt. Dunbar. The cheques, for \$37.50 each split the final \$75 prize, for the first "plus sign" or cross. There still remains the \$275 jackpot prize for the first full card. Cards for this prize are still on sale at one dollar.

How many girls would be interested in a "Girls Activity Club"? Ages 11 and over. Call Mrs. Geary at Loc. 372. We could get it started during the Holidays.

I've had an instructor come forward. He would like to give a "Cake Decorating" course. There would be a fee to cover the costs and he says, "the students should be able to decorate a wedding cake when they are finished." Sounds good for the ladies and older girls. Give me a call if you're interested.

As it is so near Xmas, we will start something on "Story Hour" in January. Watch for further notice next month.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their assistance and participation in the Wallace Gardens Recreation throughout this last year. You were tremendous. I would like to wish all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

HOLIDAY STANZA The hand that lifts the cup that cheers Should not be used to shift the gears.

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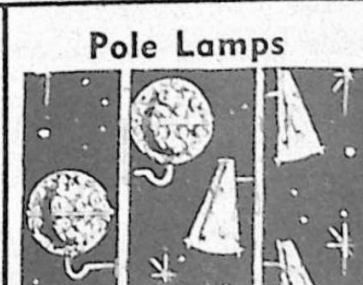
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Well, here it is a week before Christmas and if you are like most of us, the task of obtaining those last few gifts still lies ahead. It's funny, year after year we say, "Next year it will be different, I'll buy all my gifts early or during the summer." But you never do. You go back to the stores each year, just a few days before Christmas and fight your way through the crowds to get those gifts. It is nerve racking, hard on your shins, ribs as well as other parts of your anatomy and you can never find that special something you had in mind. You get rushed, pushed, stepped on, and finally end up getting something - anything just to get out of the never ending crowd.

A word of warning when getting gifts for the children. We often buy articles that we have not examined too closely. An example of this was a year or so ago when the market was flooded with a chemistry set for children which contained one chemical, not poisonous, but very sickening when taken internally. The set also contained a warning note, but how many small brothers and sisters can read. A few families had a dampened festive season.

Each year stores have for sale toys which are dangerous, may be not to you, but for the children who play with them. Toys operated by alcohol, kerosene, and gasoline. Electrical toys without the Canadian Standards or underwriters laboratories markings. Some plastics and films are extremely dangerous just to name a few. If you by any chance have bought such toys, I would suggest exchange.

What do you think of the new type plastic or metal type Christmas trees? They don't have the same smell as the original live tree. You do get a more even balance of limbs. You can use them year after year. There are pros and cons. We believe they are less hazardous than the original tree, most are practically non-flammable. But watch, some of the plastic models will burn. A dried out natural tree could burn in 5 to 10 seconds but not the metal or plastic models that are fire retarding. Lighting presents a small problem with artificial trees. Metal trees are electrically conductive, and shorts will occur if the tinsel touches a bulb screw shell, or a broken bulb.

The sharp edges of the tinsel may also damage the insulation or wiring. The plastic may melt if in contact with a hot bulb on the plastic models. This could prove harmful to your lighting upon separation. The best lighting method for artificial

trees is sport lights. They are quite effective.

Should you be using the old fashioned Xmas trees we offer a few tips on how to make it safer while indoors. When you obtain your tree give it the freshness test. First bounce the butt of the tree hard on the ground. The needles should not shower down. Second, pull the needles at the end of a branch. The needles should have good resistance. Third, rub your finger across the stump. The stump should be sticky with resin. We are not sure how you will get the resin off your fingers but if all the tests check out you will have a fresh tree.

Now your biggest task begins. You must try and keep the tree from drying out. To reduce this hazard, the tree trunk should be sawed off at an angle, at least one inch above the original cut end, and kept it standing in water during the entire period the tree is in or out doors. The tree will absorb this water and keep fresh longer.

When you set it up indoors, support the tree firmly so it will not fall over. Don't set it up near a fire place or other source of heat. Heat will dry out your tree as well as give it a source of ignition. Keep your tree away from doors or main walkways, and don't allow smoking near the tree, the decorations or wrappings. They burn quickly. Do not set up the tree until shortly before Christmas. Remove it when the needles start to dry, as it then becomes extremely hazardous.

Lighting will be no problem if you don't use frayed or worn wiring, loose connections or broken sockets. Your lighting should have a Canadian standards or underwriters approval label. Some foreign imported lighting sets have shown imperfections. What ever you do don't use candles. Make certain that all three lighting is turned off before retiring or leaving the house.

Should you have a fire be sure you notify the fire department quickly and be calm. If in PMQ's activate the nearest fire alarm box, or telephone the RCAF fire dept. To telephone a fire alarm from an outside phone remember to stay calm. Dial the station numbers 339-2211. When the station operator answers inform her of the fire and ask for the fire department of local 333, by saying "I have a fire in PMQ number so and so. Fire department please."

If you merely ask for the fire hall, the operator has no way of knowing you have a fire, and she will normally hook you up to the fire hall business phone.

## AFP NOTES by Maybe

By MAYBE  
I don't whether it is because the hunting season has closed or because the joyful season is fast approaching, but news from my faithful informants has lagged this week. However, we can never say that news is non-existent, so here goes.

Our new members to the section are AC Pearlille and AC Labelle from AFP School Stn Camp Borden and LAC MacDonnell from Stn Rockcliffe. We understand that LAC MacDonnell and family have settled down in an apartment in Courtenay and must already be appreciating our temperate climate.

LAC Vic Cowley was almost away from us on Medical Release but due to a change of plans he is back for a little while yet. Too bad Vic we know you were set on being home by now but think of all that cold winter weather you are missing. LAC Baker has left Comox for Stn Pagwa and we are sure that he will enjoy all the winter sports up there. Sgt. Norm Oslund has packed and is ready to leave. He will spend Christmas with relatives in Edmonton before travelling on to Stn Barrington, NS. Norm says if you are transferred you might as well go the whole distance, coast to coast. Sgt. Art McKay has purchased Norm's house which shows that the wheel goes round and round! Sgt. Oslund and his family, which of course includes the dog (Lassie had to go) will

This phone could easily be busy and there would be a costly delay. Remember the fire phone, 333, is especially reserved for speedier reporting of fires.

When the fire department answers they will ask you what is calling, the number of PMQ involved, the type of fire and where it is located. This is important information to them and although it takes 10 or 15 seconds to answer such questions it will save them minutes when they arrive. We hope you will never need to call the fire department, but knowing how to do it sure saves time and confusion, should you be required to.

Do have a fire safe: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This wish is from each and every one in your fire department.

**Electrical heating increases**

Sales of permanent type electric heating equipment in B.C. Hydro's service area during the first eight months of 1965 have increased by an amazing 570 per cent over the same period last year.

Largest increases in the number of heating installations were experienced on Vancouver Island and the interior regions of B.C. P. W. Barchard, manager of Hydro's operations division, said the increase reflected rate reductions which have made the cost of electricity for heating purposes competitive with other fuels.

An equipment sales survey prepared by B.C. Hydro shows that 9,125 of the permanent-type heating units were purchased.

skill and if we can't make you a crack shot, I am sure we will help you hit what you aim at the next time you go hunting.

As a last remark there will again be a turkey shoot this year on the 14th, 15th and 16th of December at the indoor range. The writer personally challenges all you people to come out and shoot and quit shooting the Bull. Next time we will have a list of names and trophies won by individuals and teams of this unit.

be pulling out about the time that this paper goes to press. We'll send him a copy. F/O Stevenson, N sec O has just returned from a two months RCMP course at Regina and he said that it is really good to return to the balmy coast and put the greatcoat back in mothballs. Someone said that it never got cold in Regina. FS Conley has departed for two weeks TD at Stn Camp Borden to assist in setting up the group four exam for Snr NCOs and we understand that his lips are sealed.

Sgt. Jack Sweeney has been heard from (which sounds reasonable) and he is apparently actively engaged in curling at Stn Gypsumville and generally making his weight felt around the unit. Recalling Jack's size, that's a bit of weight!

The AFP Xmas party is being held on 10 Dec 65 and we will give you news of this event in our next instalment. From all indications it should be a grand affair.

So, although the hunting season has passed, surely someone is catching a few fish of size which would bear recording in our column. I know Sgt. Robinson is fishing at every opportunity but possibly he doesn't want to pass on any information for fear of other fishermen moving in on his territory. So until next issue we will close our column.

**PEACE**



with all good wishes at Christmas!

**FIELD SAWMILLS**

## SENIOR NCO'S CORNER

By BFSTK  
Saturday, November 27, Grey Cup Day, saw the mess appropriately decorated and divided into two sections for roosters for the east and west. Two TV's were set up for this occasion and was attended by approximately 42 members, wives and guests. Refreshments were available and hot dogs and hamburgers were the fare for the morning. Festivities culminated in a "Sadie Hawkins" dance in the evening. The mess was decorated in the "Lil Abner" theme. Kickapoy juice was served and the meal consisted of hot dogs, hamburgers, beans etc. The Country Club orchestra supplied the music approximately 70 people attended the evening function.

Tuesday November 30 at 1200 hrs., 407 senior NCO's and other members in the mess hosted A/C R. A. Gordon DSO, DFC, CD, AOC Maritime Air Command. W/C W. L. Drake represented the Commanding Officer. W/C K. O. Moore CO of 407 M. P. Sqdn. S/L H. E. Small the new CO to be of 407 MP Sqdn.

Approximately 100 people attended the Bingo held in the mess on Saturday evening December 4. Food was spaghetti and meat balls. Dancing was to the music of six members of the Training Command band. Known to this writer was FS Ray Gerries, Sgt. Bull, Sgt. Erwin Crawford, Sgt. "Ossie" Oslund and two other NCO's Personnel in attendance enjoyed the music immensely. It is unfortunate that this band was available to us on very short notice and we were unable to get the news out to any of the interested mess members. The Bingo jackpot had to be split 3 ways. It was nice to see one of the visiting Yukon crew win one of the Bingo prizes.

Wednesday evening the cribbage team went down to defeat at the hands of the Cumberland Legion. We will have to pull up our socks I guess. Don't forget your Christmas Bingo, and Christmas draw.

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2. This year our Rifle Club has come out with a different idea. Sporting rifles of .22 calibre are being used and if you have one of your own and passes the range officer's security standards, you will be allowed to use it anytime you come down for an evening. Besides this you also have a chance of winning different badges for your targets. This is three position shooting, which means you shoot in the Standing, Kneeling and Prone positions. If you don't have a rifle for yourself we have one you can use.

3. Ammunition is supplied at a nominal cost and there is plenty for everyone. This type of shooting is on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7 to 11 o'clock in the evening.

4. The C7 rifle shooting which

is the military type is held on Wednesday evenings from 9 to 11 o'clock at night. Here is where we need shooters. Our full bore team is chosen from this lot after shooting in this competition you will be invited out to shoot the .303 rifle which has been converted to .762. This is the sport where you go to Vancouver for the B.C. shoot. This shoot is to pick a team to represent B.C. at Ottawa.

5. What a great privilege and honour to represent a province in the Dominion of Canada shoot. When you become a provincial shooter you can also make the Bisley team which goes to England to represent Canada. There are a few of these shooters on this base who have won this distinction and they will tell you it's an experience you will never forget.

6. With these things and more to be offered to our members, you can see that it will be to your benefit to come out and see what more we have to offer. All we ask is come out and try your

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MESS NOTES  
Don't forget the "Decorating Party" at the mess on Sunday, December 19th at 2000 hrs. We would like to see the girls out to aid in this effort, so let papa baby sit and you enjoy an evening out.

Correction to a previous flyer which stated the Christmas Levee was on Monday, December 29. Should be Wednesday, December 29. Senior NCO's mess visit the Officers Mess. Lets have at least a 100 per cent turnout.

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# What shall we give to God

# Things that are not seen

# Speaking Out - (of T

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Here we are back again in the midst of the Christmas buying merry-go-round. Up and down and around and around, house to bank to store, fifth floor gift shop to bargain basement, getting presents for Uncle Ned, Cousin Sue and stocking fillers for the children. While the callopie plays "Silent Night!"

"Everything in gifts," the plazas advertise, "Buy your presents here. No payment until February." "You can buy almost for nothing they seem to say, anything you ever dreamed of, and lots of things even your wildest dreams never pictured. You can even buy a score of nothing-gifts for the man who has everything, and in our affluent society we have more and more people on our list who have everything."

Of course, we don't give to everybody, and every year when the wild spree is over we decide that next year's shopping list is going to be pared to the core. Normally, we give to those who give to us. But if we decide that we are going to cultivate the real spirit of Christmas and put Christ back into it, we are at once confronted with a problem. God gave himself to us in Jesus Christ. Normally then, we should give something in return to Him. What? What to give the God who has everything? That's a real puzzler!

C. S. Lewis wrote: "... when we talk of man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, 'Daddy, give me sixpence to buy you a birthday present.' Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It's all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is sixpence to the good on the transaction."

But the psalmist wrote (51: 16): "Thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it; Thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." And Micah said (6:8): "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

And the psalmist also said elsewhere ( 116:12): "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now."

The gist of all this is simply this: The fact that God already has the whole world in his hands does not mean that there is nothing we can give Him. This is an easy way out which many of us often take. If we had a million dollars, or if we could speak, or write, or sing, what we wouldn't do for the Lord! But we don't have a million, we don't have a speaking or singing

voice, and our spelling is atrocious. So we do nothing, although there is a church school class that needs a teacher, a neighbour who needs a friend, a criminal who needs another chance. We say that such service, rendered even in the name of Jesus Christ, is too little an offering for the God who has everything.

But Florence Nightingale wrote in her diary at Cairo: "Oh God, thou puttest into my heart this great desire to devote myself to the sick and sorrowful. I offer it to thee. Do with it what is for thy service."

And a poor widow in New Testament times put the equivalent of a couple of cents into the poor box, and Jesus said that it was a noble thing that she did and would ever be remembered for it was all she had. Samuel Rutherford was an old Scottish Covenanter who constantly described himself as a "drowned debtor to God's mercy." But he knew perfectly well there was something he had to give. And he died as a martyr for the things he believed. We are not all called upon to die. More even than that, we are called upon to live for God. And there's no more fitting and no lesser gift we can offer Him in return for His Son.

As Christina Rossetti put it, "What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring Him a lamb, If I were a Wise man, I would do my part, Yet what I can give Him Give my heart."

Here is something, a surrendered heart that results in a dedicated life that we can offer at Christmas, even to the God who has everything. (Presbyterian Record - December 1965)

Some of the most powerful forces in our universe are invisible. We cannot see them, but we can see their effects. No one ever saw the force that results in the coming of spring; yet each of us has seen what the coming of spring does to the earth. No one ever saw atomic energy, but some of us have seen the results of nuclear explosion. We do not see forces themselves. We see the effects.

The same may be said of the spiritual forces that are at work in life of man. No one has ever seen a man's faith, his dreams, or his hopes. Yet each of us has seen what a deep faith, a great purpose or a strong hope can do to and for a man. These and other qualities of character are invisible; but we see their effects. Such spiritual qualities, operating invisibly, in the lives of people; are among the most powerful forces anywhere. They can

literally change the course of history and contribute to the rise or fall of individuals and nations.

These invisible resources often account for the difference between victory and defeat, between honor and dishonor. Consider the American prisoners in Korea who refused to be brain-washed or broken. Compare them with the men who betrayed their country, even collaborating in the maltreatment and death of their own comrades. Before their capture, these men had all worn the same uniform, had taken the same oath, of allegiance, had saluted the same flag, and professed the same ideals of service. Many honored the uniform they wore, a few dishonored it. The difference lay in the quality of their inner resources.

(NEXT WEEK: The Measure of Success.)

## Scrooge method deplored in in attaining Yule solvency

There are at least two effective ways to keep out of the red at Christmas time, according to Art Mellin, manager of the Courtenay Branch of the Bank of Montreal.

"You can follow the Scrooge holiday. But it's not the best way to win friends and influence people. You're not likely to have much fun, either," he adds.

Much better to plan ahead. Mr. Mellin believes, and open a special Christmas savings account at the B of M. Next year, when it's time to start Christmas shopping again, it'll be much more fun to draw on money in your special Christmas account.

Why not start right away? Figure how much you'll need to spend at Christmas, divide the amount by the number of payments between now and then and make a regular deposit of that sum. It's guaranteed painless.

Each year, more and more Canadians are learning how pleasant it is to do their Christmas shopping with no worries about where the money's going to come from.

Mr. Mellin will be glad to show you how easy it is to operate your own special Christmas account throughout the coming year at the B of M. Now's the time to start.

WITH HOPE  
Yes, his boots are much bigger and yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.....  
He was about four, or maybe five, at the time (I never could remember ages, dates and times) the first of our present brood of six.

Ottawa was enjoying an early and colour-laden fall, and this particular day was one of the city's loveliest - when the sharp crispness of the air and the smell of fresh-fallen and burning leaves hastens even the most avid stay-at-home out of doors.  
And so we hastened - and leisurely enjoyed a sight-seeing drive through the city and its neighbourhoods; Number 1 son with mother in front of our almost new (at the time) '51 Chevrolet and Number 2 son (too new to enjoy the old) nestled warmly in the car seat in back. As the afternoon waned we found ourselves on one side of the River (or is it the Canal?) and the last object of our tour, Carleton University, on the other. Conscious of the need to soon turn home, I casually remarked that it would be convenient if we could just drive across the river and eliminate the long but necessary detour round.  
The question was inevitable.

for centuries and distorted only by the logic of modern civilization and Freud who attempts to mis-classify and bury them.  
"Out of the blue" is life as it was intended to be - the helping (and strangely knowledgeable) hand of the young one offered in assistance to an older person, the fascination of new birth (inexplicable but dominant in Nature) the charity for the sick and those less fortunate than ourselves, the concern for another's safety, the taking of blame for another's indiscretion.... these things, "out of the blue", without rational thought or explanation. Are here forever... the others, transient, are subject

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## Share with others

by COMMISSIONER EDGAR GRINSTED  
(Leader of the Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda)

Sharing is one of life's privileges. If we could not share Christmas with friends and loved ones, the season would be bleak and lonely indeed.

In fact, we enjoy MOST what we SHARE with others - the holiday meal, gifts, cards, and the festive preparations at home and office. And indeed it is only as

we share, that Christmas has real meaning for us, as in this singularly Sacred Season, we commemorate the "Wondrous Gift" that was given to mankind so many centuries ago.

The season's festivities have a warmer glow when we include in our Christmas sharing, those who so easily might be forgotten in the rush and pre-occupation of Yuletide preparation - lonely senior citizens, homeless men, underprivileged children, unwed mothers, families in need and many others.



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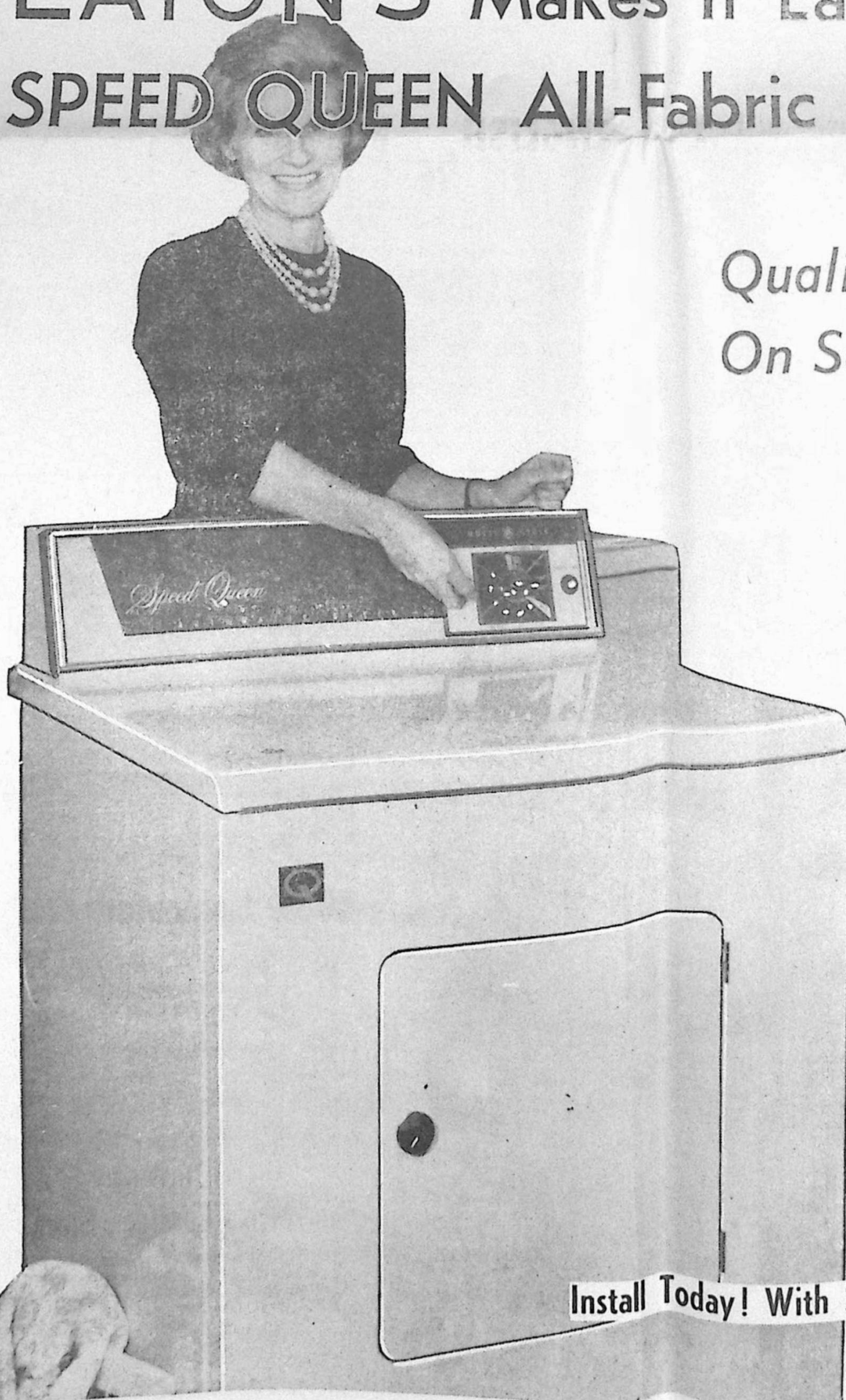
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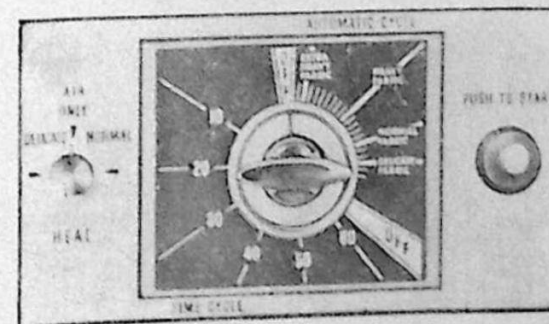


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## Christmas greeting etiquette

With the Christmas season approaching, a problem of etiquette makes an appearance.

How do you sign your greeting cards?

Here are a few simple rules which will solve this annual problem for many people.

When a card is sent by husband and wife, the one who writes the card uses the normal courtesy of signing his or her name last. However, if names of children are to be added, father's name is first, then mother's name and then the names of the children from the eldest to the youngest.

Sometimes the words "and the family" or "and the children" are substituted for the actual names. In the case of a large family, it is quite correct to sign "From the James Doakes, all five".

In addressing the envelope, if the card is intended for the whole family, it is proper to write to Mr. and Mrs. James Doakes and Family on the envelope and it is also correct and in keeping with the spirit of the season to write some personal message to the family under the signature, according to Courtis Hallmark Cards.

Rules for family cards follow as above and there is no hard and fast rule on which name should come first for a married couple although the man's name first is prevalent, following the Mr. and Mrs. form.



## Intersection Standings

HOCKEY STANDINGS					
	P	W	L	T	pts.
Courtenay	8	5	3	0	10
HQ	8	6	1	1	13
121	8	4	2	2	10
409	4	2	2	0	4
407A	5	0	4	1	1
407G	7	2	5	0	4

BASKETBALL STANDINGS					
	P	W	L	T	pts.
HQ - 121	3	0	3	0	
Teens	3	2	1	4	
USAF	3	2	1	4	
407-409	3	2	1	4	

BROOMBALL STANDINGS					
	P	W	L	T	pts.
121	1	1	0	0	2
407 I & E	1	0	1	0	0
AFP	1	0	1	0	0
409 Arm	1	0	1	0	0
HQ	1	0	1	0	0
Torp	1	1	0	0	2
Soccerites	1	1	0	0	2
407 Arm	1	1	0	0	2

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS					
	P	W	L	T	pts.
Martians	12	10	2	0	10
USAF	12	7	5	0	7
407A	12	3	9	0	3
HQ	12	10	2	0	10
Acets	12	4	8	0	4
409	12	4	8	0	4
Soccerites	12	6	6	0	6
121	12	3	9	0	3
407B	12	8	4	0	8
Telecom	12	4	8	0	4

## STAN'S SLANTS

"Tis the season to be jolly...!" Are we all jolly this time of the year? I hear more and more people each year moan and groan when anyone mentions Christmas shopping. I don't think it's Christmas that bothers them. It's the word "shopping" that makes people shrink and hide in dark corners until the very last minute. I read one of Norris' cartoons in the Vancouver Sun the other day and it went something like this, "I don't mind Christmas day, it's the count down that bothers me". How true!! When Christmas morning rolls around and you are rudely awakened by the younger ones, you can't help but feel proud and satisfied that you were able to make someone happy even for that one day. The Spirit of Christmas is still alive and it should remain so throughout the whole year... "Goodwill to all men."

## Minor Hockey Standings

**COMOX MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Team Standing including 11 December.  
**MIDGETS**  
RCAF "B" 11 pts.; RCAF "A" 10 pts.; Court. 4 pts.; Comox 3 pts.  
**BANTAM**  
RCAF 8 pts.; Comox 4 pts.; Court. 2 pts.  
**PEEWEE**  
Court. 8 pts.; RCAF 4 pts.; Comox 2 pts.  
**MOSQUITO**  
Comox 11 pts.; RCAF "A" 10 pts.; RCAF "B" 7 pts.; Court. 2 pts.

AFP play 409 Arm at 1800 and 407 Arm v Torpedo at 1900.

Most of the contestants will be "on ice" over the holidays while some may "brush up" on their other talents.

**HOCKEY**  
HQ, Courtenay and 121 are in fine form this year and keep their fans on their toes with wholehearted displays. So close are the league standings they could and probably will change at the time of writing. The league schedule closes down for the holiday season but 407 Ground and 409 open the '66 program on Thursday January 6.

**BADMINTON**  
Badminton "Racquetters" enjoying the casual Tuesday evenings games are increasing in numbers. A very good thing—"touch wood".

Everyone is welcome to attend, so come on out...it isn't really for the birds!

## Sports Notes

**VOLLEYBALL**  
Volleyball players serve to their eager opponents at 1630 every Tuesday and Thursday. HQ is currently leading the league race, followed closely by the Martians. Don't let anyone spike your... during the festive season fellas!

**BASKETBALL**  
Our friends from south of the border won an evenly contested battle against the Totem Teens by a score of 33-30 to take over sole possession as leaders of the newly formed intersection basketball league.

The combined efforts of 409/407 is in hot pursuit and he Teens are still in the running as they chase the clever USAF squad.

Two games are played every Wednesday in the Rec. Centre at 1800 & 2000 hrs. No games will be played during the period of December 16 - January 12. Happy New Year Hoopsters!

**BROOMBALL**  
The eight team broomball league slid into action Monday December 6.

Reigning champions, "Soccerites" won their opening game 100 against 409 and are determined to retain their coveted Carey Cup. Of course seven other teams have different ideas!

Every Monday and Tuesday evenings two games are played at Glacier Gardens. Next week

**PREPARING THE SCRIPT** — Club president LAC J. Dougall goes over the script with LAC Walter Klus. Several hours preparation go into each 45 minute broadcast.

## Preparing for the local radio show

Every Sunday, on Coast Radio, personnel and dependants of Station Comox produce the "Air Force Show". The program is provided free air time by Billy Brown, the owner and manager of CFCE Courtenay, and CFWB Campbell River.

The station radio club meets every week to plan the coming broadcast and to discuss and criticize the previous program. The criticism is designed to improve the quality and content of future shows. An informal training program is given to new members, there being several experienced radio men in the club: Staff Sgt. Dick Mitchell who worked two years for the Armed Services Radio Network in Turkey and LAC Walter Klus, who was 18 months on CHIB at Chibougamou and did some commercial work.

The members, who aren't all men; Mrs. Judy McDonald being one of the most active, take turns announcing and producing the weekly broadcasts. Themes of the broadcasts vary from requests and dedications to last Sunday's "Tribute to Frank Sinatra". The next program is to be a Christmas special, broadcast on the 19 December.

Interspersed between musical selections, station news, sports, club announcements and station movie schedules are aired. The show can be heard Sunday on CFCE 1440, 1215 to 1300 hrs. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact the President, LAC Jim Dougall at the Rec Centre Office.

**GLACIER GARDENS ARENA**  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**  
**DECEMBER, 1965**  
**25 - SATURDAY**  
Christmas Day  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. — Public Skating  
8:00 - 11:00 p.m. — Public Skating — 13 years and over  
**26 - SUNDAY**  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. — Public Skating — all ages  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m. — Figure skating club  
8:00 - 11:00 p.m. — Public Skating — 13 years and over  
**27 - MONDAY**  
12:00 - 6:00 p.m. — Minor Hockey — Exhibition Games  
8:00 - 11:00 p.m. — Public Skating — 13 years and over  
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**28 - TUESDAY**  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. — Public Skating — All ages  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m. — Figure Skating Club  
8:00 - 11:00 p.m. — Public Skating — 13 years and over  
**29 - WEDNESDAY**  
12:00 - 6:00 p.m. — Minor Hockey — Exhibition Games  
**30 - THURSDAY**  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. — Public Skating — All ages  
8:00 - 11:00 p.m. — Public Skating — 13 years and over  
**31 - FRIDAY**  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. — Public Skating — All ages  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m. — Hic!!!  
Whoopie!! Hic!!!  
**1 - SATURDAY**  
New Year's Day  
6:00 - 12:00 noon — ZZZZ Snore  
12:00 - 2:00 — Oh! My aching head!  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. — Family Skating  
8:00 - 11:00 p.m. — Public Skating — 13 years and over  
**2 - SUNDAY**  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. — Public Skating — All ages  
8:00 - 11:00 p.m. — Public Skating — 13 years and over  
**3 - MONDAY**  
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## SKI TEAM

The National Biathlon Ski Team began fall and winter training foothills near Kananskis, Alta., on the week of Oct. 17. The team, drawn from the Canadian forces but open to others, will take part in Canadian and North American championships this winter followed by the world championships in Europe.

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500	10.00	13.33	16.67	20.00	23.33	26.67
1000	20.00	26.67	33.33	40.00	46.67	53.33
1500	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	70.00	80.00
2000	40.00	53.33	66.67	80.00	93.33	106.67
2500	50.00	66.67	83.33	100.00	116.67	133.33
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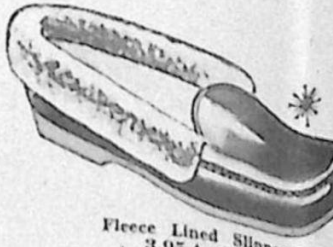
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Mrs. Grandage, who works in 121 OR, ran into tough competition this year, and was finally eliminated from the playdowns by the Stirzacker rink from Port Alberni. An indication of the high calibre of play is that two former provincial champions were also eliminated from the All Island Playdowns here at Courtenay last weekend.

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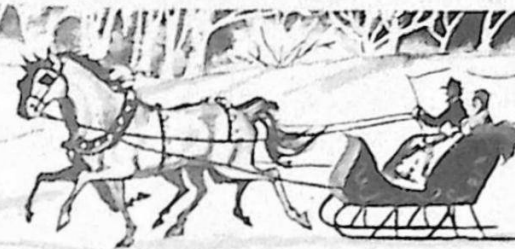
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# How to fish in spite of the experts

BY GERRY DAVIDSON

It was one of those unusually cold, wet days as I trudged along the river bank right next to the river. The pebbles underfoot were slippery with the residue from decaying fish and the added weight of a pint of water in each wader made walking even more difficult. I paused a moment to catch my breath and saw him standing there.

He stood knee deep in the swirling water at the river's edge, his head bowed and a spinning rod hung limply from his hand. I hesitated a moment and then squelched softly over to him. He seemed lost in his thoughts and stood rock still staring at the water in front of him. Not wishing to startle him unduly I coughed gently and began staring at the water in front of me. We stood like that for perhaps ten minutes and still he seemed not to notice me. Not moving, I shifted my gaze from the water and observed him closely for the first time. A vaguely puzzled but sorrowful frown creased his brow and his thin, blue lips were compressed over a soggy cigarette but which had obviously been out for some time. I coughed again gently and this time the noise seemed to penetrate his thoughts for he raised his head and his eyes met mine. Those eyes I'll never forget those eyes! One was blue and the other was sort of grey-green. "Been fishing?" I asked.

He continued to stare at me a moment and then said, "No you idiot, I just come down here to stand in the water and look at the rocks on the bottom". I chuckled. "Been here long?" I asked.

Silence. A couple of moments passed when suddenly he spoke. "If you wanna catch fish you gotta get them to bite the bloody hook!"

With that pronouncement he hurled his rod and reel into the rapids and stalked off into the woods never to be seen again. It has been a year now since that chance meeting by the river's edge but the full impact of his parting words still linger in my mind. Words spoken in anger and frustration perhaps, but words that threw new light and perspective on an enigma that has plagued anglers for centuries. Spurred on with this new found inspiration, I have grappled with the problem humbly but earnestly, and will here now, at the request of the editors, set down my findings.

**LURES**  
Let us first begin by starting at the end. The end of the line that is. Lures fall conveniently into three broad categories, small, medium and large.

The first category includes the over five thousand varieties of wet and dry flies, the small itty-bitty hooks used for holding worms, eggs and other assorted bits of gunk and the little silver things that spin around and snarl your line so effectively. In the second category we find an endless array of mechanical devices in various shapes and colours that can be more closely identified by their behaviour while moving through water. They will either wiggle, wobble, spin, bob, blub, gurgle, skip, float, splash, spish or sink, and without exception they will scare the living hell out of any underwater creature within 20 feet.

The third category includes all of the previously mentioned contrivances but in much larger form. These will scare the living hell out of any underwater creature within 40 feet.

All lures are fiendishly designed to be attractive to the fisherman and not the fish. I've seen half crazed men lurching

around a sporting goods store, snatching lures off the rack like they were diamonds at a fire sale. These otherwise sane men will then rush off to the nearest patch of water and proceed to flail the water with a succession of bright objects that immediately panic the fish into a reverse migration to the sea.

It has been said that the spinning, flashing or wobbling type of lure is supposed to stimulate the fishes sexual urge. Can you imagine making love to a four foot, three pronged piece of chrome and plastic painted with alternating red and white stripes and covered with green hair? Neither, I submit, can the fish. Notwithstanding the above, however, I unhesitatingly suggest that the would-be angler equip himself with at least one of each of the more garish types of lure on the off chance that some near sighted, sex crazed fish might make a pass at it.

There are many devotees of the gentle art of fly fishing who look with contempt on anyone who would stoop to use any of the previously mentioned bits of hardware. Their craft is so esoteric and their techniques so complex that I can offer only a few general rules on the subject.

The fly fisherman attempts to present to the fish a fly pattern that closely resembles an appetizing form of insect life found on or near the water. The patterns are endless and confusing which probably explains why fish seem to prefer real insects to hooks and hair. The problem lies in determining which specific insect the fish are taking on that particular day in that particular pool. The secret, of course, is to open up the first fish you catch and examine the contents of his stomach. It is never explained how you catch and examine the contents of his stomach. It is never explained how you catch that first fish. Assuming you do manage to snag one, however, you will discover that the stomach usually contains a blob of decomposed, black goo. It is then a simple matter to tie a fly on the spot that resembles a blob of decomposed, black goo, and fill your creel.

The importance of developing an accurate and well timed cast cannot be over-emphasized. The techniques that I will discuss are the result of bitter but rewarding experience and should not be confused with so-called "Correct methods".

Your very first cast is vital and for this reason I call it the experimental cast. As you focus your eyes on an imaginary spot on the water where you expect to present your lure, try to assess all of the factors which will affect the accuracy of the cast. Such things as the distance to cover, the wind velocity, the air temperature and the weight of the lure will directly affect the flight path of the lure as it arcs toward its target. Take an upright stance, set the feet firmly, and with your eyes still on the imaginary spot, move the rod tip up and behind you. It is this point you will probably find that you have snagged a tree directly up and behind you. Now you know exactly how far back you can move the rod tip. Unsnarl your line, or cut it, and once again assume the correct position. Flex your wrists gently and then snap the rod tip smartly forward and follow through completely with a shift in body weight to the front. If you manage to keep your balance and don't pitch headlong into the water in front of you, you will notice that your lure has soared out over the water and landed in the bush on the opposite bank. From this

you can quickly deduce that the river is too narrow at this point or your cast too long. Before experimenting further with a wider river or a shorter cast, you must first walk the four miles up to the bridge and back down the opposite bank to retrieve your lure. It is futile to attempt to yank the lure out of the bush because lures are also fiendishly designed to stay snagged in trees and not in fish. Your best procedure is to cut the line and forget the lure because you probably won't find it when you get there anyway.

The "underhand loop cast" is used to avoid low hanging trees and power lines. The technique is to simply hold the rod tip down in front of you at an angle of approximately 45 1/2 degrees and, with an abrupt flick of the wrist, bring the rod tip smartly up and out in one fluid motion. This should not be used when distance is a requirement because, although the lure will travel vertically some 20 or 30 feet, it will strike the water no further than four feet from the angler, which is not terribly effective.

I have found that all casts should be made from, as near as possible, ideal surroundings. I visualize one of these hypothetical areas as being an expanse of absolutely flat ground about the size of a soccer field and covered with smooth marble. Since not too many of our lakes and streams offer this type of surrounding, the reader will have to learn to adapt himself quickly.

**WADING**  
Whenever possible try to avoid wading beyond the tops of your boots. They will quickly fill with water.

**FEEDING HABITS OF THE FISH**  
In all of the streams and rivers that I have encountered to date the water flows from right to left or from left to right depending on the direction from which you approach. This will give you your first clue as to the feeding habits of the fish. Unlike cows who stand with their tails to the wind, fish tend to feed with their head facing upstream, since that is where the food comes from, and they are therefore in a better position to take it into their mouths. Fish open and close their mouths continuously and in so doing are either feeding or breathing or both. If you should see a fish with his mouth closed he is probably dead and had best be left alone.

If follows then, that the best spot to fish is the feeding place, since a fish when he is hiding or resting is not likely to bite at anything. The lure should be presented upstream from the fish and allowed to drift or bounce back toward him as he holds in his feeding place. A feeding fish, however, when confronted with a low looking piece of metal and wire rushing at him, will tend to flee in terror to a hiding place. By repeating this procedure often enough you will eventually drive

all of the feeding fish into hiding and, providing you have enough time and patience, one of them will surely die from starvation after a short while and you can net him when he floats to the surface.

**FISHING STEELHEAD**  
There is no such thing as a steelhead. This is a mythical fish conceived by the Chamber of Commerce who have conspired with local fishermen to con the tourists.

**FISHING THE PUNTLEDGE**  
There are no fish in the Puntledge.

**CLOSING ADVICE**  
I have discussed only a few of the aspects of a subjects which has unlimited scope and realize that much has been left unsaid. Experience is the best teacher, however, and I urge the reader to continue to pursue his avocation with the fanatical devotion of the true angler. Contrary to popular female opinion, there are not sufficient grounds for divorce.

As a final word of caution, never seek the advice of a fellow fisherman. They are all inveterate liars and are not to be trusted. Close friends can be particularly deceitful and should be avoided altogether.



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In 1659 the colony of Massachusetts passed a law that read, "Whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas, or the like, either by forbearing of labour, feasting or in any other way, shall be fined five shillings." This law remained in force for over 20 years, and early American history records that numerous persons who refused to work on Christmas either went to jail or paid fines.

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# Speaking Out - (Of The Blue)

WITH HOPE

Yes, his boots are much bigger and yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus..... He was about four, or maybe five, at the time (I never could remember ages, dates and times) the first of our present brood of six.

Ottawa was enjoying an early and colour-laden fall, and this particular day was one of the city's loveliest - when the sharp crispness of the air and the smell of fresh-old and burning leaves hastens even the most avid stay-at-home out of doors.

And so we hastened - and leisurely enjoyed a sight-seeing drive through the city and its neighbourhoods; Number 1 son with mother in front of our almost new (at the time) '51 Chevrolet and Number 2 son (too new to enjoy the old) nestled warmly in the car seat in back. As the afternoon waned we found ourselves on one side of the River (or is it the Canal?) and the last object of our tour, Carleton University, on the other.

Conscious of the need to soon return home, I casually remarked that it would be convenient if we could just drive across the water and eliminate the long but necessary detour round.

The question was inevitable, and I should have been prepared for it, as Number 1 son asked, "Well, why can't you, Dad?" Without really realizing what I said, I replied, "Well, Bill, there was only one person who was ever able to walk on water, and that was God Himself!"

For the next two minutes, the only sounds were the workings of the engine and the whistleswish of the wind outside the car.

Then, abruptly, out of the blue, came the reply, "Gee, Dad, God must have much bigger boots than you have, eh?"

This remark wasn't the thinking of a trained and educated mind in the history of theology, nor of a mind influenced by any type of dogmatic instruction. It was, without apology or rationalization, "out of the blue".

And it was, I think, the grass roots of our complete misunderstanding and distortion of the plain facts - which really aren't facts at all - and the source of where our minds, trained in logic, become cluttered and limited.

"Out of the blue" is an old expression denoting impetuous and seemingly illogical acts and thoughts spawned on the "spur of the moment". Acts and thoughts of revenge and resentment are usually well-conceived and planned and are not born "from the blue".

Does it not therefore follow, "unreasonable" as it seems, that the sudden and impetuous moods and thoughts are from the other end of the scale and are indeed "out of the blue".

If so, then this illogical reasoning covers an uncountable quantity of myths, legends and fairy tales known and cherished

for centuries and distorted only by the logic of modern civilization and Freud who attempts to mis-classify and bury them.

"Out of the blue" is life as it was intended to be - the helping (and strangely knowledgeable) hand of the young one offered in assistance to an older person, the fascination of new birth (inexplicable but dominant in Nature) the charity for the sick and those less fortunate than ourselves, the concern for another's safety, the taking of blame for another's indiscretion.... these things, "out of the blue", without rational thought or explanation. Are here forever... the others, transient, are subject

forever to changing explanation... "Yes, Billy, God's boots are bigger..." "Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus..."

You may not see them as you see a football, a doll, or a Christmas Tree.

But you'll see them in the expression of a ten-year-old "young one" born out of the blue who tells his mother on the occasion of her birthday and presenting her with a small gift, "Well, it's not much, Mom, but as long as you're happy, that's all that counts!"

Yes, Billy, they're much bigger... Yes, Virginia, there most certainly is a Santa Claus.

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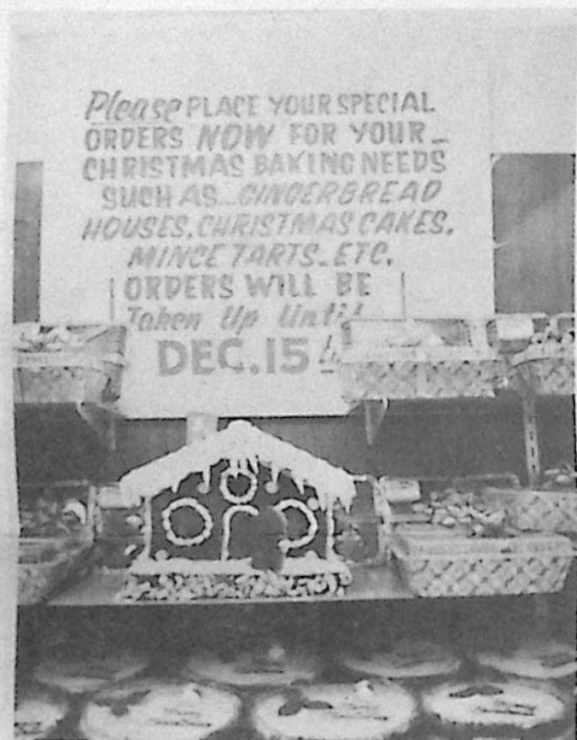
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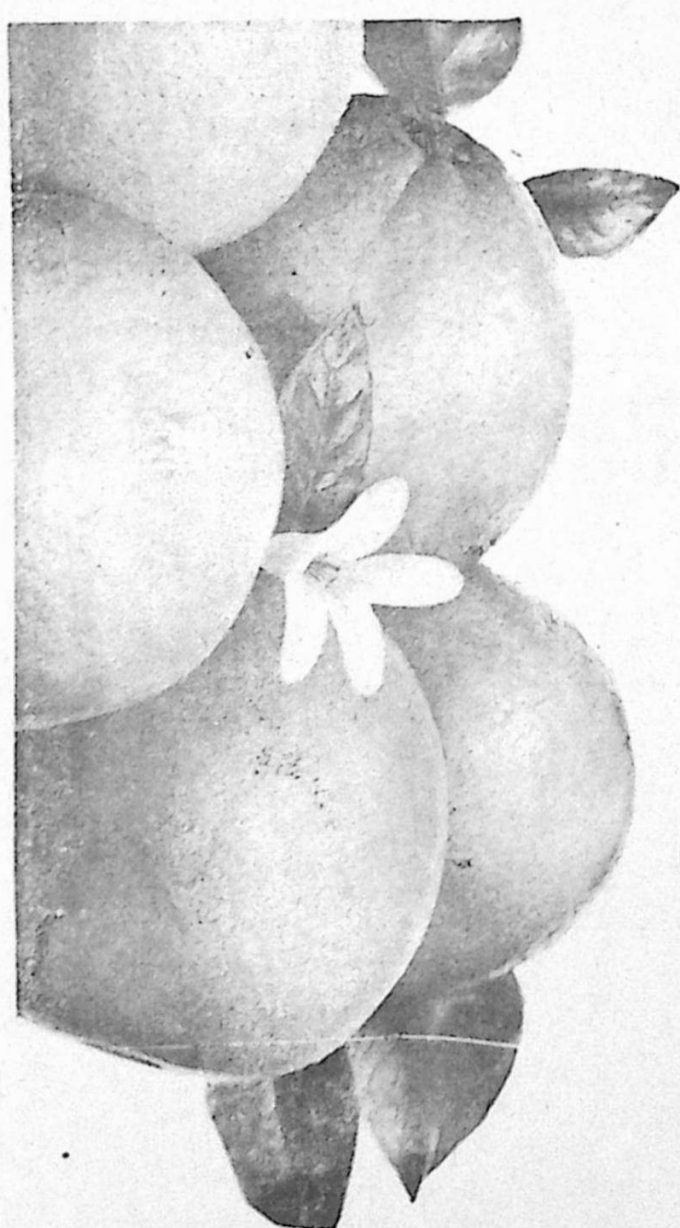
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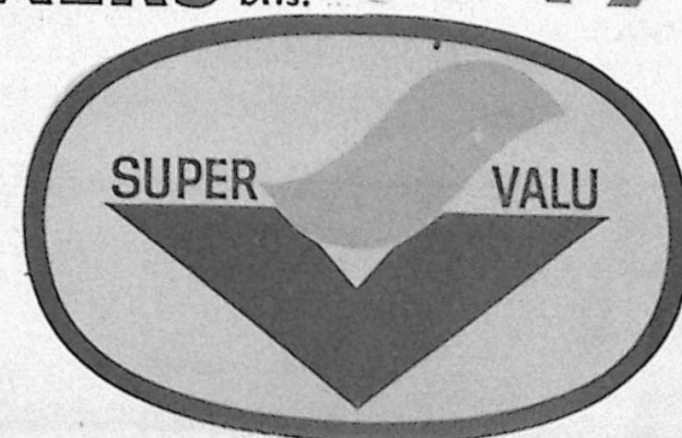
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## Living in... living out

BY F/O R. REID

The young, single living-in officers have just heard that their counterparts at Station Winnipeg have been granted permission to live out with full allowance. It is not known whether or not there is a special reason for this, however, all (living-in officers) will agree that it is an excellent example and that this privilege should be extended to Station Comox, and other RCAF Stations.

The major complaint of living-in officers is exactly that — they have to live in. If they choose to live-out they do not receive their allowance. They ask themselves, why should the service discriminate against them just because they prefer to stay single. A married officer (if he is over 23) receives more pay for doing the same job. In the case of a flying officer this amounts to an extra \$40 a month. A young married officer usually does not live in PMQ's and his living-out allowance is \$125 a month. Comparing this with the \$90 a month that a living-in person is assessed for his allowance it amounts to an extra \$75 a month, or \$900 a year, for a married officer.

Well, as you say, a single fellow can always go and get married. But all that he wants is the privilege of being able to live-out with full allowance. Perhaps not all living-in fellows

would take advantage of this right, however, the choice would be there if they wished to do so.

A single person cannot entertain any guests in his barrack room. And even though the mess is available for entertaining guests it is not always suitable, especially at Comox. Also his guests and he have to be dressed appropriately to enter the mess. Even if he wishes to use the mess by himself he has to be dressed accordingly. These are mess rules; however, a person needs a place that he can call his own, where he can go and relax.

The granting of the privilege to live-out would be a tremendous morale-booster. This factor by itself would appear to be justification enough for the granting of living-out allowances to single officers. It costs a great deal of money to train personnel for the RCAF and if fewer elected to leave the service when their commitment was up perhaps the privilege of living off the station would pay off in the long run.

This article has dealt with living-in officers, however, it should also apply to living-in airmen. They deserve the same privilege of being able to live-out if they so choose. In fact their living-in quarters would probably warrant it even more.

This has been 'food for thought', but it will be interesting to see what develops.

## Last minute Christmas hints for old what's - his - name

With only a week to go until Christmas Day, there are probably dozens of wives who are wondering what to give their husbands which will elicit more than a perfunctory kiss and a grunt of husbandly thanks. It's hard, especially after five or ten years of marriage, to picture him as a Casanova, a Hercules, a Socrates, or a home-builder like Frank Lloyd Wright, but while he may not be those people, he is more than a pair of feet to be covered by two pairs of dollar-forty-nine-day socks, more than an undershirt sprawled on the chesterfield waiting for his new white shirt or linoleum-tile tie, more than a hip-pocket waiting its plastic wallet, and more than a little plastic hat which holds a gift certificate valued at five dollars by a local men's wear store.

What is he? He's a dreamer, that's what. Armed with the latest in shotguns or rifles, he's the Great White Hunter protecting the natives from the incursions of grouse or deer which threaten the livelihood of the natives. With a book of poetry he's Albert Camus racing his Ferrari through a life of existentialism, with a power saw he's Edward Stone putting filligree on a new building he's designed; with a new putter he's a Jack Nicklaus body in an Arnold Palmer sweater blasting the greensward with applause-eliciting accuracy.

He's grim, taut-lipped, slim of hip and waist, strong of chin, possessed of superb talents, tolerance, humour, and the security that only a successful coup on the stock market and inherited wealth can bring a man.

He may, in fact, be spavined of chest, weak of eye, short of breath, indolent of disposition, and avuncular in argument. Still, you're looking at him with the affectionate cynicism of marriage; you have faced the realities of life and realized that he isn't Chief of Staff material, especially when even taking out the garbage is a chore which he delegates to the children.

So he sits around the house. He talks of hockey or football knowledgeably as only one who never misses a game on TV can. His athleticism is limited to perfunctory games of billiards on Friday nights. He gave up tennis when the kids stole his comic books. It cost him sixty dollars to catch one salmon last year during the height of the season.

But watch him when he goes out to a mixed party at the mess. Notice how you can't get into the bathroom to put on your make-up because he's in there re-combing his hair? How he complains because the white shirt he's too lazy to replace is beginning to fray around the edges?

How he's talking about how old his suit is? How he sucks his stomach in when he's introduced to an attractive girl? How he spends the housekeeping money in an attempt to prove he's the last of the big-time spenders? And how, when he gets home after that bleach-blond flirted with him, he over-tips the babysitter?

Watch him on Christmas morning when he checks the gifts. He's much more interested in what his children get than what he does himself. A baseball glove 'or junior? A road-race game? A, God-forbid, electric train? How can a wallet, a pair of socks, a gift certificate compare?

Convinced? Well here's a list of things you might consider for him:

Some after-shave and cologne just expensive enough so that he wouldn't buy it himself. Men's magazines list dozens you can buy in any drug store.

A subscription to Playboy. Even if he can't read he can always look at the pictures.

A book on how to fish, hunt or camp, written by one of those astute authors who pretends he's talking to experienced sportsmen but who's really dealing in essentials. These books usually have a colourful jacket showing successful sportsmen enjoying the great outdoors with the size of their catch in prominent view. This will inspire your husband.

A silk smoking kimono in vivid paisley.

A soda siphon, ice-bucket, and fancy bottle-opening apparatus he can show off when the bleach blonde and her husband come to visit.

A snack kit, assembled yourself, containing a tube of caviar, smoked salmon, black olives, pickled walnuts, anchovies, chocolate covered ants, bacon rinds, pate de fois gras, limburger cheese, or whatever else he likes and tries to sneak into the shopping cart when he unwillingly goes with you to the supermarket. Mark the kit "For My Lover Only," to keep the kids out of it. When you give it to him, vow that he can eat it all to his heart's content even if it's before dinner and another crummy hockey game is on.

Well, there are six gift suggestions. Once you start your train of thoughts along the lines suggested you're bound to come up with something original.

If you do, and he gives you the same refills of Evening in Paris powder, toilet-water and bath powder, or his imaginative gift of an apron and a cookbook, he just may take you down to the January Fur sale by way of making it up to you.

And you'd look lovely in mink, baby.

## Who needs a white Xmas

We published a comment on the weather of the area in the last issue of the Totem Times. Our articulate editorial writer took umbrage at the amount of rainfall we get this time of year but thought it much superior to the snow and ice of other stations. (Not to speak of our own, last year). Still, it looks as though it's going to be a damp Christmas at Comox. And to one who has experienced the Christmas of southern and northern Ontario, and the even more pronounced wintery feeling of Christmas in Manitoba, ours will be the less spectacular festive season.

We have, however, a cornucopia of Christmas trees; a heartening of holly; a plethora of poinsettia; and an euphoria of yule logs. And if we miss the whiteness of new-fallen snow, a pair of binoculars, focussed through the wisps of stagnant cloud which hang like a mother hen's bottom seen through the eye of an unborn chick over the straw-basket of our valley, will soon pick out the snow of the Forbidden Plateau. And if Santa Claus comes to us with a rain-soggy beard and a sleigh with mud-clogged runners, he comes nonetheless welcomed with the same festive spirit. At any rate, the old fellow eats the peanut butter sandwich and glass of milk we leave him each Christmas Eve with the same gusto he did when he fought his way through a raging blizzard to reach us.

And at his age he probably doesn't miss the snow much either.

## The Holiday Season

Christmas will be here next week. By now, except for the last minute shopping for our spouses and the frantic rush to send off a card to those people who unaccountably have kept us on their Christmas card list, all the panic of preparation is over.

The kids wanted a road-race game? Thirty bucks, the wife said, but it's okay because she ordered it through the catalogue and the bill won't be in for at least a month.

The turkey. It's really much cheaper than roast beef, but who ever orders a fifteen pound roast beef. Or serves it with cranberry sauce, chestnut stuffing and Christmas pudding.

The tree. Most of the past few years' decorations are broken, you need a new string of lights, got the car stuck on the sidewalk when you took ax and kids in hand to cut a small fir, then found out that where you wanted to cut the thing was a forest conservation area; finally bought one for three dollars from a Boy Scout.

Brazil nuts, mandarin oranges (the second box), a new LP of Christmas Carols, those red and green paper crackers that never seem to make a bang unless Daddy holds the other end and jerks it hard, a soggy log in the fireplace that won't light even after you've poured a tin of lighter fluid over it, a quiet martini after the kids have gone to bed and the lights on the tree provide the only illumination, band-aids on the bashed thumb that fishes pensively for the olive after trying to build the toy with one screw-driver and a pair of scissors.

The kids nailed their stockings on the new bunk beds with galvanized iron spikes. The dog chewed the tags off two presents whose donors will be forever unknown. The eldest child shook the present from his Grandma once and told you exactly what was in it, and that it wasn't the jumbo size. You know that by the time the turkey is ready the potatoes will be cold and your wife, proud that it's nice and brown, will serve lumpy gravy. But that's all right because you can't carve the turkey in anything other than pound-size chunks. The two kooky single types you invited for dinner brought the wine; when you opened it the cork fell inside the bottle in eighteen pieces.

Still there's always New Year's. Except your wife says you made such a fool of yourself last year that she's not sure she wants to go the dance. Anyway, she forgot to get a hair appointment and everybody's seen her formal, the one she made over from her wedding dress.

But thanks, God. We lived through another one and we enjoyed this year so much we can hardly wait to begin another. We complain we're broke, we didn't get our much-deserved promotion, the car's falling apart, and we're smoking too many nervous cigarettes. But even so, there's still that faintly foolish grin as we wait for what will happen next year. Happy Holiday Season!

## The Spirit of Xmas

On television this month there was a "Peanuts" cartoon special about the spirit of Christmas. Charlie Brown who was depressed over the commercialization of Christmas asked what was the true meaning of Christmas. Little Linus answered him with the help of St. Luke 2:8-14, which is that Christmas is a religious holiday, the festive celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is supposed to be a time of peace on earth and good will toward men.

How does the spirit of Christmas affect Station Comox? Parties are being organized, squadron Xmas cards are being sold, and section stand-by duties are jealously being assigned. Christmas would not be Christmas without all this, the parties, Santa Claus, the Christmas tree, the colourful decorations, the carols,

and everything else that symbolizes the spirit of Christmas to us. However, is it enough? Is there something else that we at Station Comox can do in the true spirit of Christmas?

What can we do to make Christmas more a time of peace on earth and good will toward men? Everyone will have different ideas, but here are just a few.

Why do not the various messes, or squadrons adopt a foster child as a gesture in the true spirit of Christmas. The opportunity to a little child for a better life is an excellent gift. There are thousands of hungry children all over the world to whom Christmas will be just another bleak, hopeless day. If Station Comox could bring hope into just a handful of these children it would be a gift well-given in the spirit

## Christmas is only for children of all ages

Have you noticed the little beaming faces everywhere at this time of year? Have you seen that hidden look of joyous expectation of things to come? Could it be that the thought of Christmas has made the children just a little bit brighter eyed; just a little more jubilant than usual?

It is a time of year when their small worries dissolve for what they are and disappear into nothingness. It is a time of year when dreams turn to thoughts of a glittering Christmas tree with gifts and presents from Mommy and Daddy and Santa Claus and a stocking hanging from the mantle plump and round and full of unexpected good things.

It is the time of year when the family are very close together. It is the time of year when daddy doesn't have to go to work and can stay home and play with his children and when mommy has made all sorts of cakes and cookies and the Christmas turkey. It is the time of year when nothing can disturb the spirit of happiness and joy. It is a healthy time of year when expectation and anticipation outweigh doubts and uncertainties.

And from the children the spirit of Christmas infects the grown-ups. The boss becomes a little more understanding, the banker has a smile on his face, and the landlord doesn't seem as grouchy as usual. The normal complaints and grumblings seem to have disappeared from the coffee break conversation. The daily work at the office has magically dissolved in size and difficulty. The wife has a smile on her face and even the husband is gayer and more dashing; a little more of his old self. The milkman has an air of congeniality that wasn't there last month and the breadman is whistling a new tune. There is a general feeling of goodwill.

Yes, we adults can learn of happiness and joy from our children. They can infect us with their high spirited optimism. Optimism is almost synonymous with children. Just another word that means alive and vital. Are grown-ups so unlike children that optimism disappears at the age of 21? Is the spirit of kindness and joy something we grown-ups lose save for two weeks of the year?

## New Year's Resolutions for those who have everything

(The reader is advised to select these resolutions which will improve him to the standard which will ease the crushing load his conscience carries. Merely delete the non-applicable phrases.)

1. I promise not to smoke (so much, a little less, other people's cigarettes, in elevators, cigars, with a long cigarette holder, Bull Durham, with that filthy pipe, in the shower, in bed before breakfast, when making love, to disguise my embarrassment, in front of the pool-hall, until I am eighteen and my old man gives me the gold watch he

promised me.)

2. I promise not to drink home-brew, during the week, on week-ends, when cycling, gin because it's evil, when I'm smoking, before the sun comes over the masthead, too much at parties when my wife is around to criticize me, just because the other guys want to, within fifty feet of a parked aircraft or other object with wheels, whenever I feel like getting a few things off my chest to the boss,

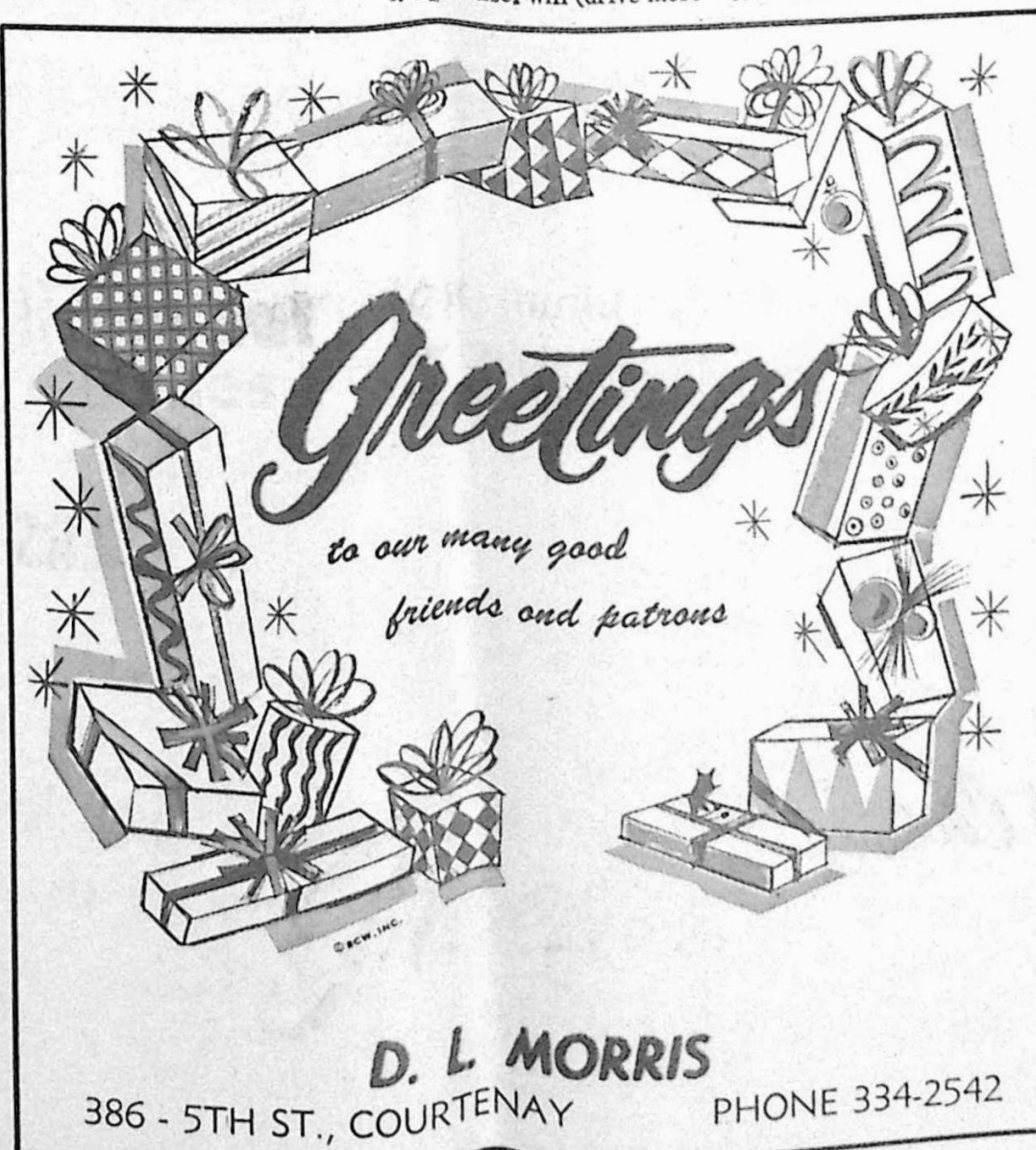
cola, ginger beer, and tab, while watching my wife/son mow the lawn, because it's my turn to dry the dishes, as much as Joe/ Harry/ Pete/ George/ Saul/ Mitch/ Sid/ John/ Ron/ Bob/ Mike/ Jerry/ Art/ Bill or those other guys who hold their liquor better than I do.)

3. I promise to exercise (my dog, my mind, my body, my moral standards, some restraint, judgement.)

4. I promise I will (drive more

slowly, speak more softly, speak less, listen more, quit telling lies, read five books this year, save some money, watch my dirty temper, get my teeth fixed, lose some weight, sponsor a group to send people like me to Coventry, quit making promises to myself I know I can't keep.

5. I promise to lie, cheat, and swear (only to myself, under my breath, less often, with dignity, flamboyantly, only when making New Year's Resolutions.)



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The inside was all ripped  
The seat it was torn,  
The brakes didn't work  
And also the horn.

The windshield was busted,  
The old clutch was broke,  
The gas line was clogged  
And so was the choke.

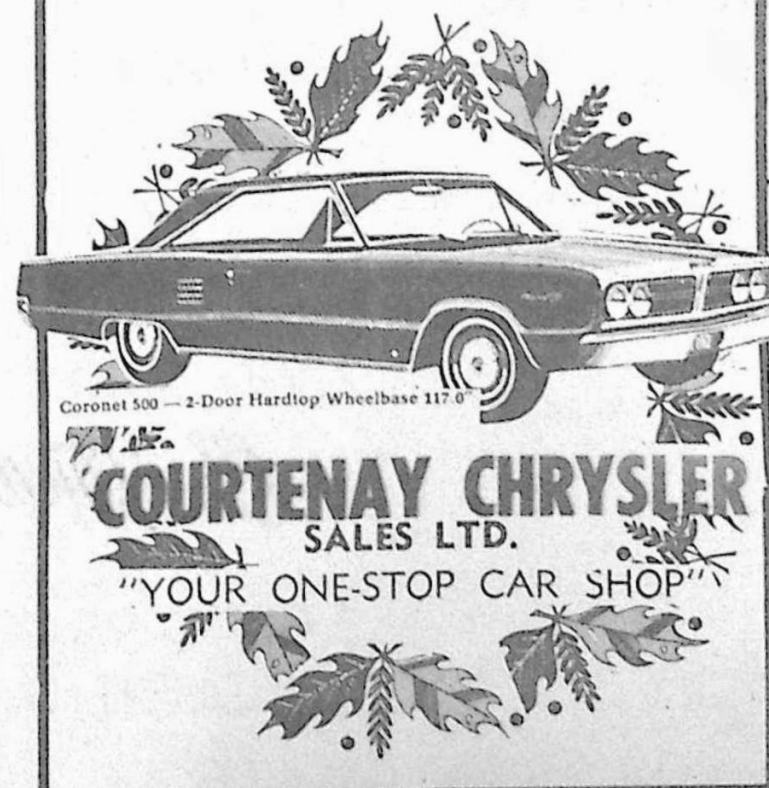
I cried and I moaned  
And started to cuss,  
Something had to be done  
About my old bus.

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## Notice to readers

The staff of the Totem Times are pleased to announce that Mrs. Diane Swift will become the Social Editor of the paper with effect from 1 January, 1966. Mrs. Swift will be pleased to accept social notes from ladies' clubs on the station, or Engagement, Marriage and Birth announcements of interest to Station Comox personnel. Mrs. Swift may be contacted by telephoning her at 334-3544, or written submissions and photographs may be sent to her i c of "The Editor", Totem Times, RCAF Station Comox, and marked Attention: Special Editor.



G/C R. S. TURNBULL greets A/C R. A. Gordon. The Air Officer Commanding, Maritime Air Command Headquarters in Halifax, Air Commodore RA Gordon, DSO, DFC, CD, arrived at RCAF Station Comox, 29 November, to inspect 407 Maritime Patrol Squadron. Here Air Commodore Gordon is shown as he is greeted by Group Captain RS Turnbull (left), Commanding Officer of RCAF Station Comox and by Wing Commander KO Moore (right), Commanding Officer of 407 Squadron. Flight Lieutenant TS Crawford, the Executive Assistant to the Air Commodore is standing behind.

## Merlins to roar no more

Last week the RCAF retired the North Star. The air force has been supplied with some 27 of the aircraft, 426 squadron receiving the first ones in November 1946.

The North Star was the first of a series of successful projects by Canadian combining American airframes with British (or in the Sabre, Canadian) engines. In each

case coming up with a better airplane. The T-33 is another example of their work along this line.

North Stars served with 426 on the Korean airlift, and on many other UN airlift operations. During one trip back from Japan, a Star lost an engine over the Pacific and made a precautionary call to the USAF Rescue

Service. A Lifeboat-carrying B-17 intercepted the distressed North Star and attempted to escort it. The North Star had to throttle back the remaining three engines to allow the B-17 to keep up.

The business of flying around on less than the regular four engines was a crowd-pleasing stunt at many air shows. The

Star would make passes by the crowd, each time with one more propeller feathered, until just one remaining fan was going. It was rumoured that the aircraft could fly on the windscreen wipers alone, but that the crew would be nervous due to the lack of noise and vibration.

As anyone who has flown in it can testify, the North Star was the reason cotton stuffing for the ears was invented. The Harvard may have made a lot of noise, but the 'Noisy Star' made more, piped into the cabin in glorious stereophonic sound.

During its long career with the RCAF, the North Star never lost a crewman or a passenger. The sound of four crackling Merlins will be missed by many.

### ENVELOPE TREND

Take a good look at the envelopes when you receive—and when you buy—Christmas cards this year.

There is a trend towards decorated envelopes. Some feature a continuation of the card design in a corner of the envelope. Others feature envelopes lined with another color or with a flap and border to match the major color used in the card design.



CANADAIR CF-104 STARFIGHTER — The strange howl of a J-79 engine was heard here two weeks ago. The J-79 powers this CF-104 from Cold Lake, at Comox for wet weather trials. The trials were to test the efficiency of various rain repellents used on the aircraft windscreen. After a week of tests, F/L GT Thoburn took his airplane back to Cold Lake, where the rain at this time of years falls in more solid form.



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