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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Combined Mess—Christmas Day

Officers Serve Airmen

The long standing tradition that the most junior member of the Airmen's Mess be served his Christmas dinner by the most senior officer of the base was re-enacted last Monday at CFB Comox. At 12:30 sharp the Base Commander G/C K. C. Lett began to carve the turkey which was distributed to approximately 55 living in members by two dozen senior officers and NCO's. One turkey was hardly enough to satisfy so many hungry birds and a riot was only averted by the prompt introduction of a thirst quenching liquid. W/C Herb Smale, one of the better known members of 407 (MP) Sq. drew the short straw and was induced to give a well received Seasons Greeting speech on behalf of the officers and senior NCO's. WO's Yeoman and Parker immediately broke in unison singing something that was soon recognized as "Silent Night". S/L Stewart, who received a lighter for Christmas was kept busy as he dashed to and fro lighting everyone's cigars. Prizes were given out for various achievements, Sgt. Scotty Lindsay was honored for pushing more beer than anyone else, and Major Vadnais, USAF Detachment CDR. for serving the most desserts.



"Sure it rains in Comox, but you don't have to shovel it."

WITH A GRIP that he usually reserves for the golf course, G/C K. C. Lett attacks this turkey in the combined mess with a favour that one sees only in the most experienced of chefs. — RFE photo



"IF I TOLD you once, I told you ten thousand times to keep that mop out of the soup," screams an enraged WO I. Parker to a hapless kitchen attendant who had been hired for the festive day. In background can be seen members of the kitchen TacEval team, looking through their rule books to see what they can nit-pick at. — RFE photo

414 Squadron Win Steinhardt Trophy

414 (EW) Squadron, which provides the targets for Canada's air defence squadrons, has won the Steinhardt Memorial Trophy for 1967. The trophy is awarded annually to the ADC Squadron which fulfills its assigned mission in the most efficient fashion. The squadron is based at St. Hubert, Que., and has detachments operating from Uplands, North Bay and Comox. The Uplands and North Bay detachments operate T-33s, and the Comox detachment operates CF-100s. The main unit operates both types of aircraft, with the bulk of its flying being done in CF-100s. The squadron was formed from the Electronic Warfare Unit, which was formed in 1956 to provide targets and electronic counter-measures training for Canada's air defence squadrons. At that time it was equipped with C-119s and a few CF-100s. The years since have seen it grow to the point where it is today one of the Command's largest flying units. This year it traded in its collection of letters for a squadron number.

Words from the Grey Fox

409 Leader's Message

In a stupendous effort to fill the glaring white gaps in the Totem Times, the Editor has requested that I grip the quill firmly with both hands and painfully scratch out a year-end "Message to the Troops." Because the troops are going to be inundated by acres of platitudes from the Political and Military heights on the occasion of another completed calendar year of soldiering on, it seems at first glance that a message from a lowly Wing Commander or Lieutenant-Colonel or whatever I am might just be redundant if not plain absurd. On the other hand, not many "Messages to the Troops" emanate from the sharp end of the Military stick and so herewith, therefore, the worm's-eye view.

Our sole job in 409 is to stand alert for 365 days of every year and the sole reason for all our flying is to provide Combat Ready crews for that duty and, should the International Disarray of Nations become a real can of worms, to fight. Reduced to its military essence, what we are doing is

sentry duty, somewhat more elaborate than a beetle-crusher with a rifle, but nonetheless sentry duty. And probably nothing in the world is quite as tedious as pulling alert day after humdrum day, month after weary month and year after tiresome year. When the Staff Weenies and citizens are safety tucked in their trundle beds we are out behind the wire. Waiting. And waiting.

If the Staff Weenies and citizens and politicians and statesmen all do their jobs, waiting is all we will ever do. If they fail, we go to work.

As long as there is a hostile well-trained, professional and powerful bomber force in being, there must be a counterforce and we are part of the counterforce. Without the counterforce, the flexible, wide-ranging bomber would be the ultimate weapon. It is not, simply because we exist. So if you are an airman in supply or accounts or on the hangar floor or the flightline and one of your friends asks you what you do for a living, just say "Sentry Duty". And if he asks you what good that does, you might



W/C Patterson

suggest that it does quite a bit as evidenced by the fact that Vancouver and Seattle and Portland are all bright living cities and not smouldering fields of radioactive rubble. That's an over-simplification, but if someone has to ask that latter question, then I suggest you'd better stick to simple answers. And happy sentry duty to you for 1968.

A True Memorial

Victims of the war in South Vietnam are to benefit from a \$2,000 fund raised in memory of Group Captain W. R. Cole, former commanding officer of Canadian Forces Base Chatham. G/C Cole was killed in October while on a low-level operational training flight near his New Brunswick base.

At the request of his widow donations in lieu of flowers were directed to CARE of Canada which will administer to the fund.

Flying Club Meets Jan. 9

There hasn't been a sound from the Club for nearly a month now, the best guess being that they are planning a secret mission.

A TTR2 (Totem Times Reporter, Second Class) has just reported on what this may be: A formation fly-past at 1200 hrs. January 1st spelling out Happy New Year.

The secret seems to lie in how to do this with only two aircraft. Since the present executive doesn't seem to have the answer, their positions at the forthcoming Annual Meeting, slated for Tue., 9 Jan, are becoming increasingly tenuous. Aspirants for the board may well find an easy-in through the simple expedient of solving this very elementary problem.

In the meantime the present executive, on the off chance that their fly-past greeting is missed on January 1, would like now to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year, and urge you all to invest some of the prosperity in the Club. There are no better returns available anywhere.

W/C Payne's Year End Message

Every year seems to pass more quickly some how and we are once again faced with a new one. In retrospect, it seems to have been a good one and I am confident that 1968 will be just a touch better.

To the families of 121 I must apologize for keeping your husbands away from home for prolonged periods of time but it was necessary and appears to be our lot. When we are at our busiest it is generally because someone else is in trouble and we are doing our best to help. As a matter of interest we participated in a large number of the more than 950 incidents in our search area this year and were instrumental in saving a large percentage of the 89 lives saved.

This effort is the result of that little extra that this squadron seems to have. It is the result



W/C Payne

I believe of living with people we like and rely on.

May I extend on behalf of the squadron, the best in 1968 to the other members of the CFB Comox society. To you and your family happiness and prosperity in 1968.



"WELL SHUT MAH MOUTH, it ain't hog jowls and grits at all!" exclaims Major Vadnais, the USAF Detachment Commander. "When they sent me to Canada they didn't tell me the cost of living would be so high I'd end up moonlighting to support myself and my family". The Major was taken on as extra help in the airman's mess for the Special Christmas dinner. The mess hall, being over run with extra unskilled staff during the holidays, initiated a staff incentive program by offering prizes for the best performance by the employees in their field. Major Vadnais took the Dessert Pushing Class hands down, beating out one Wing Commander and three Squadron Leaders.



W/C Smole

— RFE Photo

A New Year's Message

As the old year ends and the new year approaches it is our custom to send greetings to all of our friends, to pause briefly in our busy schedules to reflect on our accomplishments during the past 12 months, and to take some measure of the year ahead.

As many of you are aware, the past year has been a trying one for my wife and my family. Friends, neighbours and strangers have shown us unbelievable kindness and compassion. To all these wonderful people we can say only a heart felt thank you and may God Bless you. With such people in the world there is hope for the future.

To the members of 407 Squadron I would like to thank you for the tremendous job that you have done to make our flying operations during 1967 a success. While our crews did not journey as far afield as Northern Ireland, some of them did see the sunny shores of Hawaii and Adak. Our deployments to Southern California were carried out with unequalled success and our Centennial Flying activities afforded many thousands of Canadians an opportunity to view our Maritime Patrol aircraft.

During the past year, the process of unification has brought the air and surface forces of Maritime Command closer together. In January our squadron was called upon to demonstrate its operational capability when we were given our first Combat Readiness Inspection by the Staff of Maritime Command Pacific. Later in May we were called upon to demonstrate our professional ability in the air and on the parade ground as we received our first Ceremonial Inspection by our Commander Admiral R. A. Charles. On both occasions our squadron came through with fly-

ing colours. Finally, our flying safety record has been maintained. Since the arrival of the first Neptunes at Comox in 1957 the squadron has flown 62,623 hours without a fatal accident. For all of these accomplishments we can be proud.

However, these accomplishments would not have been possible without the wholehearted support provided by the Base personnel. From ATC and the RATCON controllers to the personnel in the Combined Mess who prepared our flight rations we have been given outstanding support. This fine spirit of cooperation which prevails at CFB Comox was dramatically evident during our final large scale operation of the year when both of our sister squadrons provided needed assistance.

Nineteen Sixty Eight has been billed as "Centennial Plus One". The inference is that we should strive for even higher achievements in the forthcoming year than we have accomplished during our Centennial year. For the members of 407 Squadron this means personal rededication to the role and mission of the squadron and the maintenance of a professional attitude towards our personal duties and responsibilities. Our association with the "Silent Service" is quite evident at this point as plans and programmes for 1968 are still shrouded in secrecy. Notwithstanding this fact, I am confident that we will meet the challenges ahead and continue to maintain the excellent spirit our squadron possesses.

In closing I wish to extend to all the members of CFB Comox and their families my most sincere wishes for the holiday season and for happiness during 1968.

H. E. SMALE
CO 407 Sqdn.

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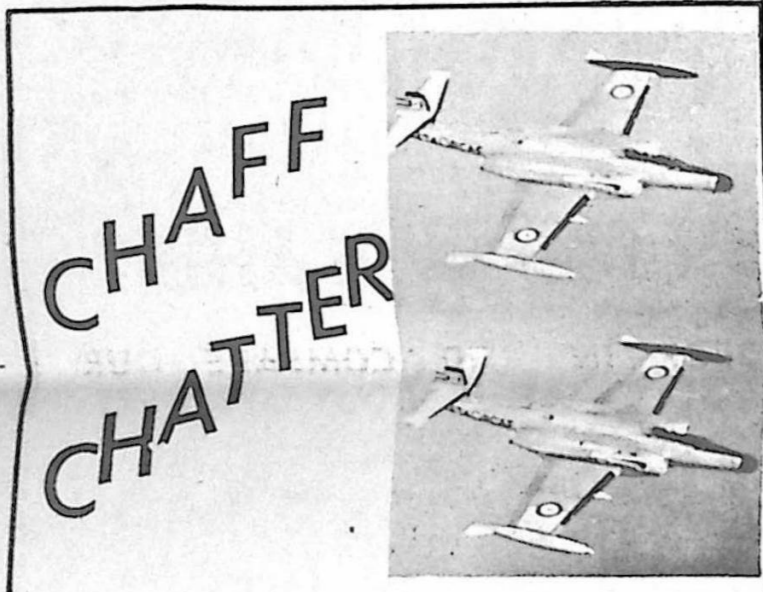
EX-TOTEM TIMES Editor, Bob Merrick was surprised by the rest of the staff when a Christmas Party turned into a Farewell to Bob Party. As the band played "Auld Lang Syne" and a number of people in CFHQ breathed a sigh of relief, the dapper publisher stepped forward and presented him with a miniature sculpture of "Fungus".

BONNE ANNÉE



RECENTLY our Totem Times photographer dropped into the local RCMP detachment to check on rumours that the constabulary had acquired a new weapon which was capable of detecting bad breath. It was said that anyone caught over the holidays driving around with bad breath would be given a bottle of Scope and sent home to gargle. This rumour turned out to be untrue. The breath analyzer, which is used to detect the alcoholic fumes on one's breath, is a valuable tool to deter drivers from taking one more for the road. Totem Times staff members are presently at work devising an attachment which will reverse the machines process and recover 190 proof alcohol. The RCMP were glad to give a demonstration of the analyzer, however the results of this particular test were not released to the public.

— RFE photo



1967 was a good year for the Elderly Warriors who inhabit a tiny broom closet within the vast confines of #7 Hangar. They flew slightly more hours than they should have -- which in this day and age brands them as enemies of the state -- and they did it without putting any large dents in Her Majesty's Elderly Warplanes, much to the joy of Ye Olde Armour Repair Shop and Pursuivants.

The achievement was remarkable when it is considered that the detachment ground crew organization was dissolved, and the people in it became part of the 409 maintenance complex. Such a step inevitably means an increased potential for accidents at least initially, as personnel unfamiliar with the airplane start to learn about it and the fact that none occurred is a tribute indeed to those who serviced the airplanes, patched up their ailing arteries, and generally practiced geriatric medicine as it is written in the EOS. The thanks of all the Elderly Warriors is extended to those who maintained the airplanes in the past year, along with every best wish for 1968, or whatever next year is going to be called.

Jim Davies has been taking aptitude tests to see what civilian occupation he is qualified for, and one of the tests said something about him being sexy, which shows you what sort of occupation he had in mind. It makes one wonder about the reliability of such tests though, when they come up with answers like that.

Gerry Knight has returned from Winnipeg and is expected to thaw out sometime before Easter which is more than can be said for Winnipeg. The stork which has been orbiting over the Knight household is expected to touchdown in mid-February, which should give Gerry a chance to get to beer call in 1968.

Bob Wheeler, who just finished digging out his driveway from under an avalanche of trees, had to turn around and dig it out from under an avalanche of snow. Not that all the digging did him any good, because his street is one that the snowplows don't know about, and when he got his Volkswagon out to the road it disappeared, as did the three kids he sent out to look for it. The joys of country life are indeed inscrutable.

Al Cooper has become an honorary, and fairly active, Raven lately. He even went to St. Hubert for some simulator time which is far beyond the call of duty. What with Jim Davies becoming a plump capitalist, and Bob Merrick soaking up knowledge at Charm School, Coop will come in handy.

Vic Rushton's house is coming along in leaps and bounds, and it will be ready for occupancy just as soon as... just as soon as... just as soon as the contractor finishes it, which, if it doesn't happen this year, will almost surely happen next.

"Beware the Moose", might belong to 419 Squadron, but "Beware the Moosemilk" just as certainly belongs to 414 Squadron. Ken Mitchell whips up a variety that is guaranteed to have the guests standing on their heads within half an hour, and this includes even those guests whose heads come to a point.

Dick Taylor and Johnny Sorfleet both went to Vancouver this week, and hence are not available to insult. Being left out of the column is probably the best present they ever had.

Rumour of the Week Dep't. There are several rumours this week, and who knows, they might all come true. The first rumour is that the Elderly Warplane detachment will expand greatly, with more airplanes, crews and roles. The second rumour is that the detachment will remain as is, with no change in anything. The third rumour is that the detachment will fold all together. The existence of all these rumours makes it possible at last to identify their source. Only one organization ever covers all the bases when it issues statements, predictions, or wild-eyed guesses. That organization is the weather office. Therefore, this week's rumour is that the weather office starts all rumours. Happy New Year.

Deep in the heart of Texas

Dr. Barnard, the South African Heart Surgeon will be visiting president Johnson at his ranch in Texas this weekend. Could Mr. Johnson be contemplating a change of heart?

COBOC CACAPHONY

To quote the treasured words of that stalwart member of COBOC, F/O Bob Richter, "Santa Claus is dead". The news of this was all but catastrophic for the fellow members of the TV lounge. An immediate investigation of this fact was then carried out by Brother Smith, who resolved that due to the fact that the Easter Bunny is still alive then S. Claus must certainly be able to outlive a mere hare even though its just by a hairs breath. With this resolution brought forth it became mandatory to wish all fellow members a very Merry Xmas.

Apparently Brother Montgomery has decided that grass certainly does not grow on a busy street and has therefore grown a mustache to prove this fact a reality. Now that he has accumulated all his statistics on this subject it should be forthcoming to all those clean living members of COBOC who grow mustaches so that they may likewise prove to the local populace our intent to live as positive members of this conservative society.

Since the last issue that the COBOC column appeared, we have lost one of our good friends and members, F/O Vic Howlett to the ranks of that despicable word "brown bagger". Needless to say however, his choice of partner could make the drudgery of marriage at least a little more tolerable. Vic was in fine shape for his rousing send off or rather passing out ceremony from COBOC. Unfortunately sometime during the evening it was nearly necessary for an alcohol transfusion as he had far too much

blood in his alcohol system. He at one point even rose to new heights on a table top and in a fine ceremony passed on his club shirt to F/O Jim Loring.

A Member of Parliament must have been present somewhere in the back room during the last Officers Wives Club Xmas party for a mere two weeks later, good news was passed on in the Commons that divorces are now easier to obtain. This may lead to a new type of member in the annals of COBOC history.

As is usual for this time of year, the living in members will open their hearts and voices with a melody of Christmas Carols for the benefit of the senior officers at CFB Comox. This annual spectacular however, will not have the able soprano voice of F/O Bartells, for he has apparently gone to join the Toronto Metropolitan Orpheus Society for this festive season.

In the absence of Knobby, however, a whole new act was introduced by Rudolph MacA. In his act he first knocks over a stereo set, then in attempting to save the flower pot which is on top of the stereo, he knocks over and smashes a vase. For an encore he can be persuaded to leave a trail of eggnog across any rug which is of a suitable colour to give a decent contrast.

This concludes the COBOC column for 1967, a year to live down for a history. All members pass on sincere Best Wishes to all brown baggers and their families during the festive season and an especially good year in 1968.

MP BLOTTER

"Man is a gregarious animal", was a statement made at the old Rec Spec School at 1 TTS years ago. Proof of that statement was obvious at the MP Christmas party held in the Airmens Club on 15th. There were one hundred and thirty three party goers, three bar tenders and five noise-makers in attendance. The participants were made up of section personnel and their guests. Guests included members of RCMP and USAF AP Detachments and their lady companions (Wives and or girl friends) If cops had hair to let down they sure let it down that night. The 'Bluecoats' supplied the music and at times my old grey matter went back to the cowboy and Indian days. What I mean is that at times the party looked like a war dance without tomahawks. To single out any one person or couple would be impossible for everyone had a good time. They did not all paint the town red -- some did get painted brown or blue though. It was the first time for many moons that a band arrived before time and started to play on time to people who arrived on time. The latter has always been a pain in the neck -- you know the types -- arrive at 10 for a function starting at nine. However, things went with a swing from the start. The delicious food arrived on time and was consumed and remnants cleared away on time and away we went again. It must have been about one a.m. when a young lad said "This is the best party I've gate crashed all week". (Oh well. Access Control had to go for a chop sometime). We were sorry that 'A' Flight had to be working on party night as they were the crew that beat off the CI attack so well. It was all a question of reservations for the premises we are afraid. We made it up to them by a contribution from our 'Coffee Fund' so they could have a party of their own. Incidentally the 'Bluecoats' combo who supplied the music came through LOUD and clear despite troubles with a drum gadget and a broken 'G' string. We would recommend after hearing their performance, their first public appearance as a group, that any party wishing to hire a group with a grand repertoire from Military Chiffon to the Frug, speak to LAC Francis of MP Section. We would like to thank the members of the Airmens Club for the loan of their Club for the function and express our sincere thanks for all the co-operation given and extended and to those lads in the 'Snake Pit' who did not try and interfere with us in any way. The one lone 'gatecrasher' is forgiven. Special mention also to Cpl. Dick Young of the Combined Mess who cooked the chicken and chips just like that man from Kentucky. We sincerely hope that if and when the Army take over messing they do not spoil our cooks. May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. The quicker you drive the quicker you'll reach your final destination. Take it cool folks.

TURKEY SHOOT

Results of Christmas Turkey shoot held at the indoor 25 yard range, 19 Dec. 1967. 80 participated - over 200 targets were used. Prize winners were: High score F/L Mykitiuk \$10.00; 2nd High - Cpl Head \$8.00; low score Sgt. Robinson \$10.00; 2nd low - WO2 Seguin \$8.00.

Hidden score of \$6.00 each went to WO2 Schiller (won 2 hidden scores) Cpl. Eggleston and Sgt. Williamson.

President of the Rifle Club F/L Ireland wishes to thank all those that made this shoot a success.

IT'S TIME FOR THE NEW YEAR AND THIS IS TO SAY

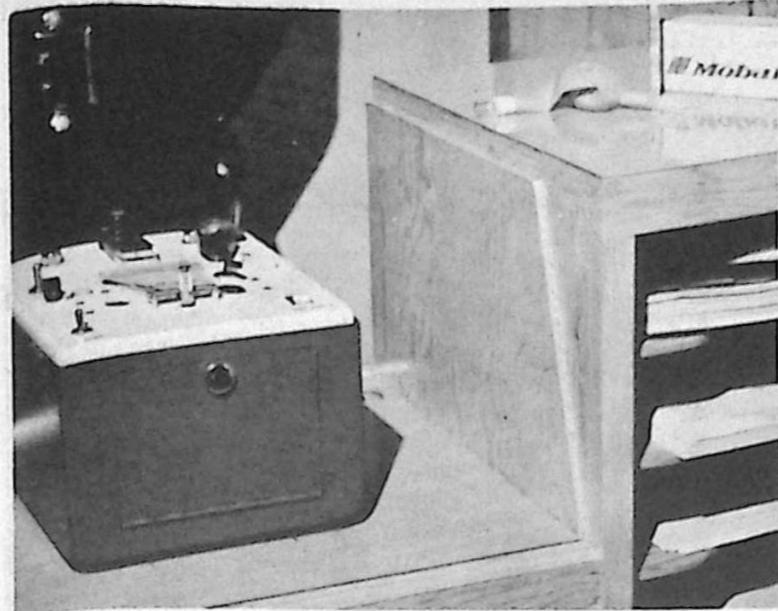
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— RFE photo

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Hospital Humbug

WITCHCRAFT

Through no fault of the designer or draftsman there appeared a smudge atop this column in the last issue. The printers apologize and have made amends. Although the writer of this column appreciates the kindness of Seemore for this design, he emphatically denies any likeness to any person living or dead and hopes, for his own sake, that his anonymity remains intact.

PROGRESS
Bob Thatcher is back with us once again after a long sojourn in Toronto where he graduated as a Flight Surgeon. He is raring to start work on the Flight Line and for this an office is being opened next week. What was once the Ladies' Washroom adjacent to 409 Operations is in the throes of being transformed into an Apartment Suite to house Bob in the inner sanctum and Brian Turner, the watchdog, in the outer office. This move will prove no great loss to the ladies, since there are none, although there may have been years ago, and the place has been used solely by Mike Marsh for a monthly shower. He will either have to go dirty or seek his ablutions elsewhere.

For a start it is proposed that sick parade will be held every morning for all aircrew on a casual basis and annual B2 examinations will be done there too, although the preliminaries will still have to be done over at the Hospital.

It will be handy too, for W/C Pat and "Doc" Payne to keep an eagle eye on their ailing crews. Perhaps not quite so convenient for the Demons as the others, the arrangement should benefit them too.

HELPING HANDS
The Pacific Western Airline Terminal on the 23rd December was the scene of unusually hectic activity as Hans struggled manfully with his combined role of "Station - master", booking clerk, porter and ticket collector. Among the large expectant crowd of passengers and reception committees was Clark Smith avowedly proclaiming that he was waiting for his Mother. He was accompanied by chauffeur, Barry Lockerby, looking as ever disdainful and aloof with the dignified air of a clergyman - the while hotly denying any thoughts of early matrimony.

The Whispering Giant drew to a halt outside and began to disgorge its load of passengers and Hans having issued tickets to those misguided folk heading for Port Hardy prepared to receive the disembarking masses. Among the first was a vivacious, mini-skirted teenager who made

a beeline for Clark Smith. Bashfully, from under the embrace he was heard to say "Hello Mother".

His role of ticket collector completed, Hans nipped smartly out to the plane to supervise the baggage unloading. Through the murky darkness it was observed that from somewhere he had acquired extra help and there soon appeared in the lights, three packed handcars drawn by recognizable members of the Officers Mess. First came Moe Clouthier wisely with the lightest load and then Stan White struggling bravely with the largest cart stacked high - so high that the upper level regrettably slid and fell with a sickening crash when just within sight of the anxious owners. All this has nothing to do with the Hospital except that the third hand cart was deftly propelled by one of our Medical Officers.

ODD
Whereas our casualty list appearing in the last issue was formidable, we are pleased to say that all except one - lover boy - recovered in time for Christmas.

It is odd how sick parade becomes rapidly more heavy prior to a holiday (or a parade), is relatively quiet over a Holiday period and resumes with a bang immediately afterwards. Christmas is no exception despite the holiday period being extended. The rush, like shopping sales starts again on January 2nd.

ANSWERING SERVICE
Since this column was revived a few months ago, we have been receiving letters on medical topics from readers. It was never intended for an answering service, but if readers have any queries we will do our best to answer them.

From letters to date we offer two random samples:

From a Mother:-
"My son aged 3 1/2 grinds his teeth every night while he sleeps... Why?... and how can I stop him?"

Reply:-
"Your son has natural animal instincts and gnashes his teeth through anger, unhappiness and an inherent dislike of his father. Try another husband. If that doesn't work, wait until he gnaws through his milk teeth. If he persists when he has a permanent set, take him to a dentist for a total extraction and just remove the plates at night."

Dear C. Less Esq., (sic)
I eat like a horse and amaze all my fat friends. My weight never varies from 130 pounds.
Yours etc.
G. G.

Reply:-
"Take a worming powder."

Santa Tries to Scrounge a Ride in a Dual



Courier photo

A Letter from the North

The Editor, Totem Times, Comox
Sir,
Attached is a photo of one of your aircraft that Santa Claus greeted on arrival at CFB Cold Lake in the A.M. of 14 Dec. 67. If you can use go ahead. Merry

Christmas and Happy New Year.
J. T. Lavergne
Courier
CFB Cold Lake
Smedley Alt.

Ed. Note - Thanks - Welcome to the club. Happy New Year.

Did You Spot the Driver?

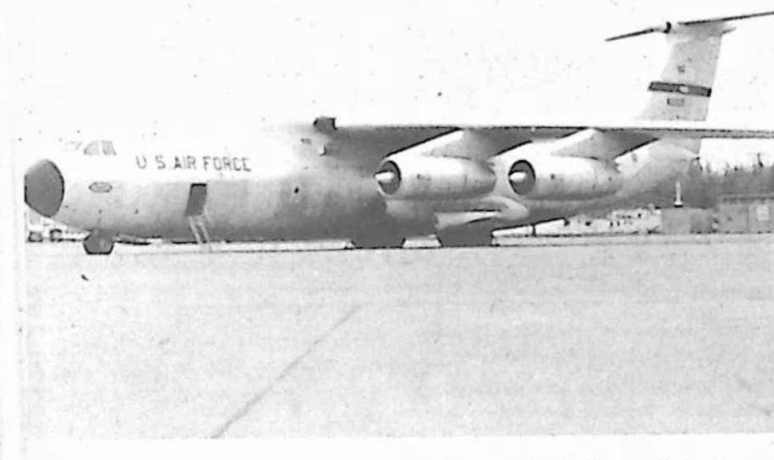
How many of you were observant enough to spot the driver in the WRO fly leaf of 19 Dec., who was operating a vehicle equipped with right hand drive? Our BOR Flight sergeant was the first to contact us and point this out. This was submitted intentionally to attempt to get the message across, when one sees a "mistake" in a picture of a vehicle with the steering wheel on the right hand side, it tends to make a person look twice, and if the message of driving with a frost covered windshield is retained by the reader we have been successful in getting our message across.

On the 17 December the yearly game of "Let's find a ditch" commenced and CFB Comox members were top contestants for the booby prize, no less than six vehicles bearing CFB decals were observed in, or partly in, ditches. One particular vehicle operated by a living in member, was seen to attempt a turn into Goods, instead of slowing down and lightly pumping his brakes this champion of common sense,

travelling at about 20 mph, locked his brakes, thereby losing complete control of his vehicle and ending up in the ditch. He clambered out of his car with a look of indignation and commenced to rant and rave at the local authorities, including the CE, for not sanding the road. Mister, the icy road did not cause your accident, you yourself, by your inexperienced handling of your vehicle caused this one. Remember use brakes gently and allow extra stopping distance, and most important cut down on your speed. Too many drivers can't think as fast as their vehicles will go. Don't be one.

The B.M.T. safety staff would like to take this opportunity of thanking all DND 404 holders for their co-operation during Safe Driving Week in which we submitted nil accident reports. We can do it for one week, let's aim for nil reports during the next 52. Make one of your New Year resolutions Safe Driving and stick to it.

A healthy, prosperous and safe driving new year to all.



This C141 sits on the ramp at CFB Comox after it had diverted from its normal route. The Canadian Government is considering the Starlifter in another configuration as an aerial refueling tanker for the CF5. It is estimated that the tanks on the refueler version would hold enough fuel to get F/L Fred Williams' 1968 model Cougar from CFB Comox to Ladysmith nonstop.

Starlifters Work Towards an Early Grave

MARIETTA, Georgia (CFP) - If Canada actually buys four giant C-141 Star Lifters she has been considering from the U.S., a lot of maintenance know how should come with the deal.

The U.S. military airlift command has been working six of the fanjet cargo-troop carriers to an early old age. By 1970 they will have been operated the equivalent of two years' more time than other C-141s of the command. The speed-up program provides information for preventive maintenance, inspection requirements and logistic support requirement for the rest of the Star Lifters already in world-wide service.

The Lockheed-Georgia Company at Marietta, Georgia, noted a report recently from the Tinker air force base in Oklahoma that a Star Lifter has set a record with 53 landings in a single day, averaging one every 15 minutes for the flying portion of that day. It accomplished 163 landings in one week as part of the "lead the force" program.

Promotions. Worry about your favorite enemy getting promoted ahead of you. If you're optimist, worry about pessimists.



OFF ON ANOTHER 18 hour patrol is the Argus on loan from 404 (Buffalo) Squadron. Carrying a crew of fifteen, the big bird has 24 hour aloft capability and carries 6,688 gallons of aviation fuel. Requiring 2,897 gallons for the return trip to Greenwood, N.S., it was unfortunate that the Gas Compound was only able to spare 2500 gallons.

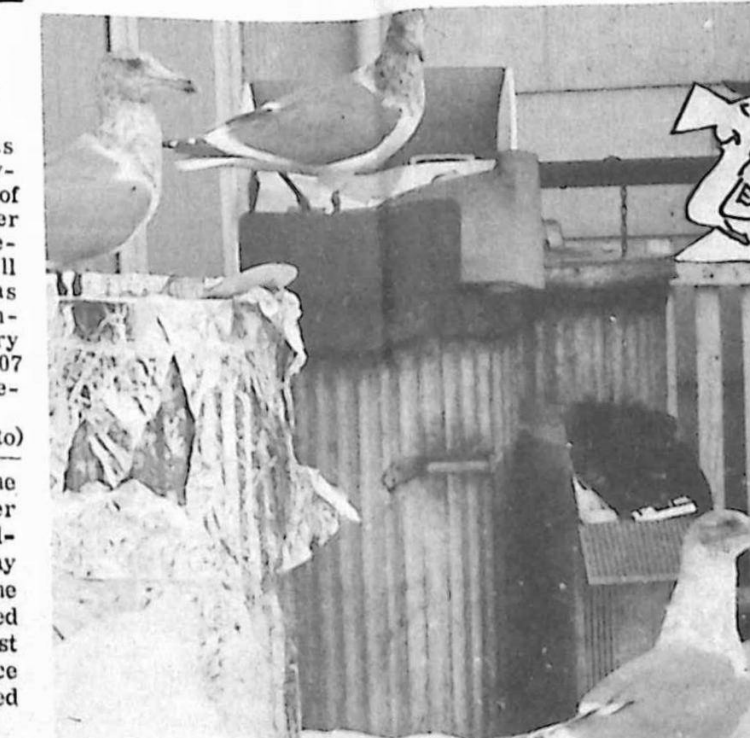


WHOOPIING IT UP at the 407 Christmas Party are Chey and Dick Griffith. Over 500 Squadron and personnel and Ex-Demons attended the bash in the Rec. Centre. - RFE photo

Seemore's Christmas Party

Part of this year's Christmas fun was Seemore's Annual Fly-In Breakfast held just back of the Rec. Hall the morning after 407 Sqn. had their party. Present were representatives of all three Squadrons. A good time was had by all, although some complaints that the menu was very similar to the one at the 407 party were heard from the representative from 407.

(RFE Photo)
ars unserviceable, of being the favourite son of Snags. Other aircrew are cited for their ability to shoot drag chutes half way across the infield and even the oxygen people have determined that one of the navigators must have a continual hangover since he always files on one hundred per cent oxygen.



Night Hawk's Nest



Another year has come and gone and once again the Night-hawk's escapades will go down in a page of history. The year was finished up quite nicely with a turkey shoot between A and B flights. After a night of drinking jet fuel at Captain Poole's place the "A" fliers were not quite up to the standards of excellence put forth by Swinging Sam and the F troopers. "A" flight was bested by a whole 50 points which in layman's language is just a mere bag of shells.

Looking back on the by-gone year, one has to remember the great days which were enjoyed by all. For instance Oct. 18, 1967 the Al Cooper actually came to work, or July 17 the day of John Hackett's first lock-on since completing the OTU on the previous July 17, or the day the Silver Fox became Sir Silver Fox. Yes, my friends those were the moments to remember, and now that you all have last Christmas paid for, it's time to start worrying about this Christmas. Speaking of Christmas, on December 17 the high priced help treated the low priced help to one of the more enjoyable cocktail parties to be held in recent times. It is hoped that this party may be the first of many for the coming year.

The Squadron members would like to officially welcome S/L Bill "Long Gone" Sterne to Comox. It's just too bad someone

did not warn him about his neighbours. Why it is even rumoured that Sir Swede has taken up practising his guitar on his neighbour's porch. Has anyone ever heard of a Swedish Western singer yet? Or even a Danish-Western one? We also learned from a very reliable source that S/L Larsen doesn't even own one pair of pants (that's an in joke folks).

A few nights ago after the turkey shoot there was a merry party for Homer "No Wing" Chapman and for Eric Steffensen. Homer had just finished the course on auto-gyros and they sent him home for a month to give them time to prepare the Bagotville chaps for the upcoming experience Eric is now embarking upon a tour of instructing at Moose Jaw. He's put wheels and a sail on his boat and made it into a real prairie schooner. The only problem with it is that it needs perfectly level ground to run on, and around Moose Jaw you can't see those damn hills for the trees.

After the turkey shoot, by the way, the aircrew and groundcrew from the fighting 409th got together for a few beers in the social Centre. At this party it was surprising to find out that the groundcrew all have their favourite pilots and navigators. Bill Mason has the distinction, by virtue of the fact that he puts ninety-nine per cent of the rad-

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Thanks, World

This is the time of year when everyone should sit down in a corner, all by themselves, and count their blessings. As servicemen, we have probably a few more of them than anyone else in this huge, beautiful, country of ours. Despite what we hear about recession, tight money and all that, our last year has been a plentiful one. None of us, or our children have gone hungry, and if at any time we were strapped for money, it wasn't because of the high cost of the necessities, but rather the luxuries.

When it comes right down to it, most of us in the service are happy with our jobs, can get along quite well on our pay, and are proud to be associated with the Canadian Armed Forces. We don't always admit it, and there is always some other plumb that we'd like to scoop up, a better job, a promotion, perhaps a good transfer, however we are on the whole a pretty happy bunch of individuals.

There are very few people who are sitting around this holiday season feeling sorry for themselves, because they were unable to make it home for Christmas. Outside of one's own family, there is no better family than the RCAF. Not as an organization, but as a collection of people, who, if they know that someone will be alone at Christmas, accept that person as one of their own family. Sometimes, especially for single troops who are spending their first Christmas away from home, a visit with a family can be a welcome treat. The real spirit of Christmas is much easier to appreciate in the presence of young children who have spent all of December counting the days till that all important day of gift giving, (and receiving). By the time one is old enough to join the service, they may not have any small brothers and sisters, and just seeing children playing with their presents somehow compensates for the loneliness of being away from home.

This year, one of our blessings we might count, is the fact that we are not at war. We as Canadians can be proud that, although our country has the ability to produce atomic reactions, we have confined our research to the peaceful uses of such powers. We can be proud that our country is considered to be one of the world's great peacemakers. Canada is looked to by other nations for solutions to situations that could lead two countries to war, and although it was necessary to pull out of the middle-east, it should be remembered that as long as Canadian troops were there, there was no war. How much sooner would the war have occurred if the peace-keeping force had not been there?

But back to counting our blessings. Servicemen, unlike a great deal of Canadians, have the benefit of meeting people from all over the country. We all eventually move to different parts of the country where we can learn to appreciate other views and other cultures. If we are French-Canadians we soon see things a good deal differently than had we lived in the Saguenay Valley all our lives. English-speaking Canadians get a different slant on the news that comes out of Quebec. Most English-speaking servicemen understand what it is like to walk into a store where nobody speaks their mother tongue. A great number of people from British Columbia have never had that experience.

One of the most pleasant things about the service, probably the best blessing of all, is being able to walk into any mess in Canada and there meet good old Joe Smelck, who was your crewmate, or classmate, or who was on course with you. If it's a slow night and there is no one around you know, it's a great feeling to be able to stick out your hand and say, "My name is George Peanuckle, I don't believe we've met."

Thanks, Bob

In an attempt to improve his memorandum writing, the service has seen fit to pirate away from the TOTEM TIMES no other than F/L Bob Merrick, the man who has been our editor and major contributor. Every second Monday night, for the last year and a half or so, Bob has kissed his lovely wife, packed up his portable typewriter, and the reams of articles he had written, and made his way to the TOTEM TIMES. There, along with his faithful helpers, he started the endless task of putting together what is considered by many people to be the best service paper in Canada. Tuesday nights were also TOTEM TIMES nights, and Thursday mornings and afternoons were spent in the offices of the printers.

Besides editing the paper, Bob carried out his flying duties with 414 Squadron, and is well known by the Nighthawks as a very fine ECM operator, and an excellent spoofer. While carrying out his various flying duties, Bob had to stay on top of everything that was going on in the station, in the services, and around the world. It is said that the only thing that ever slipped by him was a surprise party which was held in his honour, recently, in the social center.

Now Bob leaves the TOTEM TIMES for a short time to attend staff school down in Toronto. It is hoped that when he completes the course in April he will be rushed back to CFB Comox, where he will again be able to keep our readers informed by his editorials, amused by his zany captions, and proud of their paper.

In the meantime, we of the staff, who have been left behind, shall attempt to carry on in the same theme that Bob has made the paper known for.

Have a good time at staff school, Bob, and remember that we shall be watching the incoming mail for your contributions. Thanks again, Bob.

Pessimistic Look at 1968

If you have been looking for something to worry about in 1968 here are a few handy suggestions. Viet Nam. Will the casualty rate in Viet Nam exceed the highway casualty rate? The Middle East. Will the Arabs ever get all those shoes back? China. Worry about China and its nuclear potential, Mickey Rooney. Worry about poor Mickey being single again. King Constantine. Will he ever get his fancy chair back? NATO. Worry about the NATO Allies fighting with each other. DeGaulle. Worry about DeGaulle trying to gain influence in Quebec, with an eye towards her vast natural resources. British Columbia. Worry whether to call the Premier the Premier or the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister. Worry about who you are going to call the Prime Minister, and will Rick Little be able to imitate him or will he have to become an American citizen, New Years Party. Will the Base commander remember all the things you told him he was doing wrong in running the base? The Population Explosion. Have you been doing your share? The rising cost of living. Worry about the spiraling cost of liquor,

The Challenges Ahead

1967 was not the year that Canada became a nation, but it was the year in which she became aware that she was a nation. The tremendous success of Expo '67 erased forever the image of the good grey Canadian, and replaced it with something a bit more colorful. '67 was a good year. Good for celebrating the tangible achievements of the past century, good for lifting Canadians out of their shells and flinging them into contact with one another and good for being loudly and happily Canadian.

Centennial year did not see the solution of many of the problems facing Canada. Indeed, the birthday celebrations tended to hide them. But they are there, and they will not go away, no matter how long they are ignored, and the achievements of the next hundred years will have to be as remarkable as those of the past hundred if the nation is to survive.

And the nation's survival is in question. The threat that Quebec might one day secede from Canada remains very real. Finding the way to satisfy the hopes and aspirations of Quebecers, within Confederation, will tax all the talents of all our politicians, and all our citizens. In 1968 and in the years beyond, Canadians must come to realize that, despite their differences, they belong together. The bilingual and bicultural nature of the country must be recognized by all Canadians, outside as well as inside Quebec. The predominance of the federal government must also be recognized by all Canadians, inside and outside of Quebec. It would also help if le grand Charles would note it.

The housing crisis is another problem for Canadians to contend with during their second century, although hopefully it won't take a full century for some action that will give more Canadians the opportunity to live in decent accommodation. In housing, as in so many other things, money helps, and at a time when there is intense competition from governments of all levels for money of all kinds, there is not a great deal left over for housing. Undoubtedly, Canadians will find, in 1968, that some rearrangement of priorities will

Austerity Drives Hapless Pilot to New Record

It was just a short story. All it said was that a Canadian pilot, W/C R. A. White, had piloted a CF-104 to a height of 100,000 ft. and set a Canadian record for jet aircraft. The story did not go into the reason for the record. But the Totem Times, in true journalistic tradition has ferreted out that story and now presents it exclusively to its readers. It seems that CFB Starfighter is a busy, busy place. There is a constant stream of airplanes arriving and departing, and delays on arrival are commonplace what with pilots trying to figure out how to read landing charts, and all. Despite the volume of traffic, however, recent austerity moves have seen the navigational aids at the base chopped drastically. The ILS was auctioned off to the Courtenay Chamber of Commerce for use in the city's airport. The VOR went to the Mt. Waddington airport improvement committee, and the TACAN was sold to the model aircraft club of the Baron Byng Elementary School in Badgerburg, Sask. The

About Advertising

It seems these days that if a person doesn't plan his snacks properly he will invariably be subjected to commercials on TV that are in very bad taste. He will be told that perhaps the reason that the girls don't like him is that he has bad breath, dandruff, greasy hair, dry hair, yellow teeth, and body odour unbecoming of a gentleman. Even the makers of deodorants have to sell their products if they wish to stay in business, but surely there is a way that is just as effective as the methods that are now in use. The true life stories of Susie Doozie who became successful because she got rid of her dandruff by using a certain shampoo that was recommended by her nosy friend, is rather hard to swallow. As a matter of fact so are most of the many "maybe it's your breath" commercials. Someone may argue that that type of commercial is selling the product, however, that is no excuse for the bad taste that is so evident in today's advertising. There are other methods of advertisement that can be used, humour, but rather the good old humour is only one of them. Not black humour, but rather the good old every day type of humour that makes people laugh,

Letter to Editor

While I was doing my Christmas shopping I was appalled to find the local merchants and the merchants of Vancouver and Nanaimo undercutting the prices in the Base PX by as much as 20 percent. Just because they're civilians doesn't mean they should have special privileges. They should have to pay the same exorbitant prices as we do.

Signed INDIGNANT

What will happen in '68?

At the beginning of every year, every newspaper worth its ink leaps forth with its predictions of what will happen in the coming year. Why should the Totem Times defy tradition, because, as all defence critics know, military agencies thrive on the stuff. Accordingly, here we go with the year 1968 in review order.

Jan. 1 - Technicians report a noticeable drop in air pollution as 2,000,000 Canadians resolve to quit smoking.

Jan. 2 - Technicians report a tremendous upsurge in air pollution as all those who quit smoking yesterday smoke three times as much today to make up for it.

Jan. 12 - It is now 3 days before the first payday since December 15. Seven hundred Comox families announce a 3-day fast for religious reasons, but we know better, don't we. Cupboards have a dry, splintery taste.

Jan. 23 - BOPsO announces that Base flying club will amalgamate with 414 (EW) Det. The Elderly Warriors will go to almost any length to get a serviceable airplane.

Jan. 31 - Opinion poll discovers that, far from keeping their New Year's resolutions, most Canadians can't even remember what they were.

Feb. 5 - Ken Mitchell buries a transistorized transmitter in a golf bag and thereby invents the first golf ball that even he can't lose.

Feb. 14 - Valentine Day. Is it possible that Judy LaMarsh will get on from Alphonse Oumet?

Feb. 26 - DRB extends airframe life of CF-100 to 8,000 hours, and announces that the Clunk, equipped with dual bow-and-arrow launchers, will replace the Voodoo.

Feb. 31 - All Canadian servicemen will be promoted at least two ranks on this day.

Mar. 9 - National B.C. Day. Sun will rise in the west this morning.

Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day. Look for a high-flying sea-gull. It will be too high to answer to its name.

Mar. 18 - Look for a very green sea-gull. It will be too sick to answer to its name, which is Seemore, it thinks.

Mar. 30 - 121 KU gets a pilot who is less than 60 years old. Sends him back as unseasoned.

Apr. 2 - Nasser publishes new book entitled, "My military Successes." It consists of front cover, back cover, and title page.

Apr. 16 - Major league baseball season opens. President Johnson sets new record as first right-handed pitcher to drop the ball.

Apr. 30 - 407 finally gets its long-heralded replacement for the venerable Neptune. It is the Supermarine Stranraer, with one RO to a wing-strut, communicating with semaphore flags.

May 7 - New drill manual unveiled. Army, navy urge to get in step.

May 19 - Department of Transport merges Air Canada, CNR, and the coastguard into one big transportation network. Train conductors refuse to wear green uniforms. Commons critics say, "IT's never been done that way before."

May 23 - The Mark I radar used by Comox Raton is seized by the Comox historical museum for its collection of ancient artifacts.

May 24 - Outdoor swimming starts today, despite telegram from Winnipeg chamber of commerce and tourism that swimming before (or after) 1 Aug is unhealthy, and un-Canadian.

Jun. 7 - Television said to be no longer a 'vast waste-land.' Just half-vast.

Jun. 13 - Sgt. Palylyk is cited by air pollution authorities for having the worst pipe this side of the Greater Vancouver Sewage outlet.

June 22 - Longest day of year. Government imposes new tax on Daylight.

Jul. 1 - Canada's 101st birthday. Celebrations tempered by debate on how to pay for the hundredth birthday party.

July 15 - Merchants start issuing jolly reminders about the number of shopping days left before Christmas.

July 31 - Johnny Sorfleet wins the Canadian Astronomical Society grand award for his study of heavenly bodies.

Aug. 7 - After a full slate of games, quarter-finals, semi-finals, demi-finals, finals and the first expanded NHL season ends today.

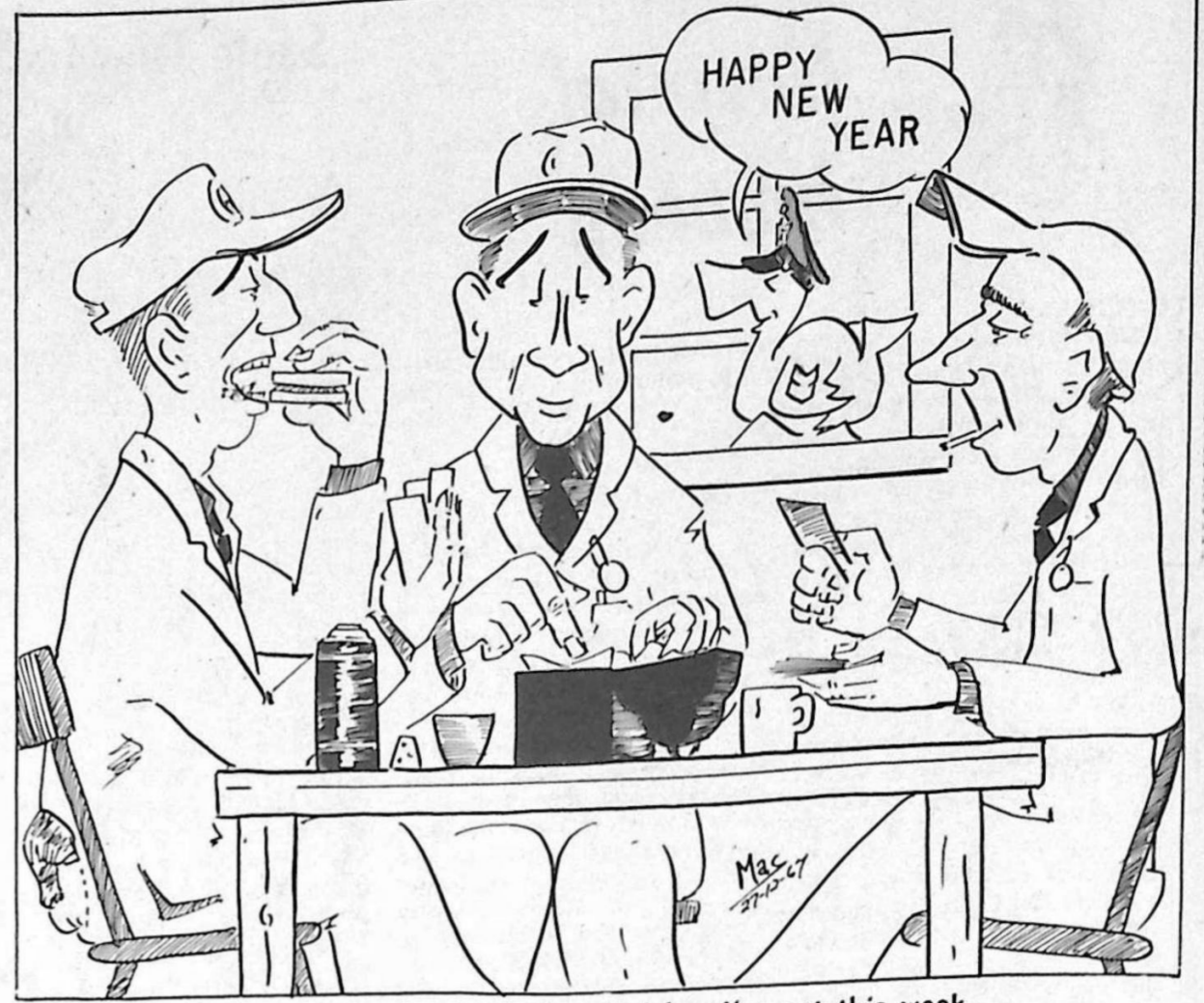
Aug. 8 - Second grand expanded NYL season gets underway today.

Aug. 15 - Wart Hostile finishes paying for the 1967 football season.

Sep. 1 - Armed Forces to be cut to 95,000 to keep pace with the rise in the cost of living. Voodoos now carry a one-man crew; a navigator, as all pilots are transferred to Training Command.

Sep. 15 - Canadian cloth manufacturers get big boost. Navy orders new sails for the Bonaventure.

Oct. 1 - Government announces that, as an austerity measure, the rest of the year will be cancelled. Happy New Year, the Chinese year of the Axe.



Three guesses what kind of sandwiches I've got this week.

Look Back With Pride (or 1967 in Review)

1967 was not the easiest year the Canadian forces ever experienced. As the year began, the debate over unification of the forces held the public's imagination, and the day-to-day jobs that the forces were doing were inevitably pushed into the background. Many Canadians were convinced that the forces were never meant to be integrated and they were as vocal in their opposition to this type of integration as a red-necked Georgian is to the other type of integration.

Other Canadians were equally convinced that the country needed no armed forces; that the might of the Soviet Union and the United States was such that Canadian forces would be no more effective than the Oyster shell school, all-girls grade three football team would be against the Green Bay Packers. They too stated their case with vigor and imagination. Especially imagination.

Other Canadians were convinced that unification was a military plot to take over the country. They felt that Mobile Command, which owned hundreds of troops, tanks, and armoured cars, and had been promised CF-5's and other goodies was in an ideal position to strike for power and depose the politicians.

The new uniform was, before its unveiling, greeted with hoots of derision. "Imagine, green uniforms," sneered the skeptics. "Next thing you know they'll be decked out in short pants." To many, the almost carbon-copies of British uniforms which Canadian servicemen wore were sacrosanct and not one stitch should be altered.

Despite the opposition, and despite the resistance to change, the unification bill was passed, and the uniform was introduced. Passage of the bill made no immediate changes to the lot of the Canadian serviceman. Major changes had, of necessity to be of the evolutionary, rather than the revolutionary variety, and major upheavals were rare. The new uniform gained almost immediate acceptance. It looked smart. It held a press. And it had a host of other virtues which quickly gathered for it a host of admirers.

But what about the day-to-day operations. Well, they went on as planned despite all the furor. Along with these operations, the Canadian Armed Forces contributed heavily to Canada's Centennial year Celebrations.

The largest contribution to Centennial Year was the Armed Forces Tattoo, which enthralled Canadians from coast to coast, said he, coining a bright new phrase. The indoor show was magnificent, and the outdoor show was even better. No expense had been spared to put on a show that dazzled the spectator, and staggered the Treasury Board. Canadians across the country went away just a little overwhelmed by it all.

The Golden Centennaires also awed Canadians across the nation, as they proved themselves to be worthy successors to the Golden Hawks. The precision aerobatics flown by these skilled pilots left no doubt in Canadian minds that the air works was as good as ever. If there were any doubts, they were dispelled by the CF-101 and the CF-104 that accompanied the Centennaires. To an earlier generation of Canadians, the AVRO 504 which toured with the show was pure nostalgia. The ships visit programme of the Canadian Navy won a host of

new friends for the floating arm. Many Canadians, whose knowledge of ships was gained from reading about Columbus, were surprised to notice that there had been some changes. For instance, sailors seldom wore beards anymore.

The strength of the forces was another contentious point during the year. At the beginning of the year, many critics said that forces' strength was declining because of poor morale brought about by unification. Almost weekly, DIS would put out a release showing that strength was, if anything, up a bit from the year before. The truth was that for most of the year, the Canadian forces had to compete for manpower in an extremely tight labour market that made recruiting difficult.

Toward the end of the year, the head count no longer mattered, because DND announced that the strength of the armed forces would be allowed to decrease to about 100,000 and this put a stop to all the speculation about strength.

Although the strength was to be cut, there was no decrease in commitments for the Canadian forces in 1967, except that the Suez contingent was no longer required, being replaced by a six-day war that was infinitely more exiting. At year's end, the Arab-Israeli impasse continues. So does the requirement for Canadian troops on Cyprus, and in other UN forces around the world. So does the requirement for Canadian forces in Europe, and in NORAD. Just before year's end External Affairs Minister Paul

Martin re-affirmed that Canadian troops would be in NATO for some time to come.

The year also saw some announcements about re-equipment of the forces. The fan-jet Falcon was added to the inventory, and plans were announced to build some support ships for the navy. The army was promised new muskets, and, perhaps, nice new C-141 Starlifters to ride around in, if suitable production-sharing agreements could be worked out. Also announced was the purchase of some lethal choppers, to give added punch to Canada's infantry brigades.

But the big story of 1967 was the unsung, unheralded, average Canadian serviceman. Despite the debate, despite the rancor, despite the rumours, he continued to do his job. Many of the jobs were not very glamorous. Many of them were uncomfortable, if not downright dangerous. And many of them demanded that the serviceman be separated from his family for months at a stretch. Yet despite this, he continued to do the job.

And what was that job? It was, simply, to help ensure that the world continued to exist. Now, as never before, the Canadian serviceman is working for peace. By patrolling the north 40 at Comox. By watching a radar scope in the Arctic. By patrolling empty reaches of sea. By keeping the fighting natives of other countries from each other's throats. In 1967, the Canadian forces were a positive force for peace. What more could a taxpayer want for his dollar?

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John Forsythe

Thursday, Jan. 4
That Funny Feeling
Sandra Dee
Bobby Darin

Saturday, Jan. 6
Wild Seed
Michael Parks
Celia Kay

Sunday, Jan. 7
Last of Secret Agents
Marty Allen
Steve Rossi

Thurs., Jan. 11
Apache Uprising
Michael Connors
Corinne Calvert

Saturday, Jan. 13
Come Blow Your Horn
Frank Sinatra
Lee J. Cobb

Saturday, Jan. 6
World of Abbot & Costello
Bud Abbott
Lou Costello

Saturday, Jan. 13
Son of Captain Blood
Jean Flynn

Sunday, Jan. 14
The Bellboy
Jerry Lewis
Corinne Calvert

Thursday, Jan. 18
Do Not Disturb
Doris Day
Rod Taylor

Saturday, Jan. 20
Dr. Terror's House of Horrors
Peter Cushing
Ann Bell

Sunday, Jan. 21
Pink Panther

Thursday, Jan. 25
Irma La Douce

Saturday, Jan. 27
Frankie & Johnny

Sunday, Jan. 28
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Allen Steele

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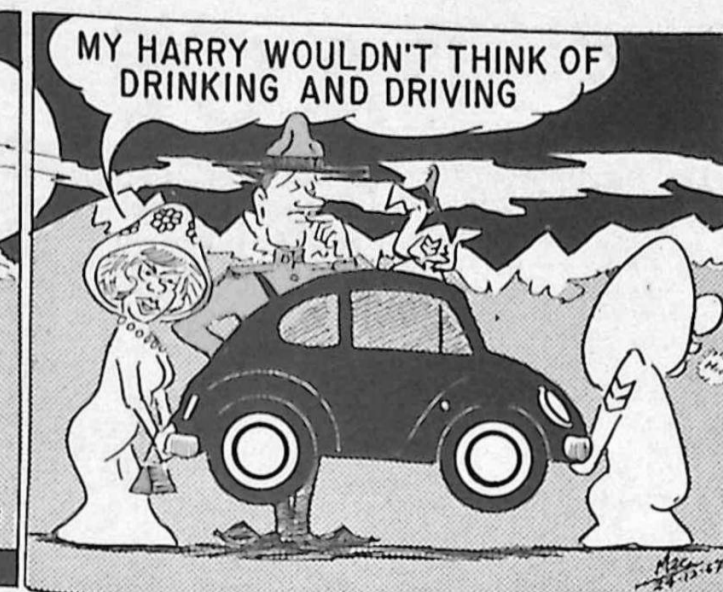
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121 Airman Scores Twice



A recent arrival from CFB Winnipeg, Cpl. D. L. Spencer had previously received an award from the Suggestion Award Committee for his submission concerning the addition of an access panel in the old Daks engine nacelles. It seems that his idea had proved such a saving that the committee had second thoughts. Two days before he started his Christmas leave he was called into the S Tech Os office and presented with an additional cheque for \$140. After deductions for the Canada Pension Plan and Income Tax Cpl. Spencer was able to celebrate with a large glass of beer at the club and still have enough left over for three books of penny matches.

Although his suggestion was not approved, Cpl. Fred Green of Servicing received a cheque for a token amount for his efforts in his submission concerning Albatross aircraft.

These two awards are good examples of the changes taking place in the Suggestion Award system. Decentralization, has given the Base level authority to award up to \$80 and Command level up to \$500. Higher awards must go to the Minister.

The secretary of the Base Suggestion Award Committee, F/L C. S. Grant said, "We are looking for ideas for tangible money saving ideas. People making submissions should keep in mind that they are dealing with the hard-hearted Treasury boys. Show them how they can save money and they're not so hard-hearted anymore."

The "Times" will be monitoring the changes in the Suggestion Award Program and will be keeping you informed of any major changes.

From Up in My Perch



Last week I was rummaging through the old kit bag looking for some old belt hooks I came up with my well worn and dog-eared copy of the Stammers Law of Diminishing Incentives. An inverse sequel to Parkinsons Law. This work deals with incentives as pertaining to people with more than their prescribed time in rank and with people who have only two or three years to go until retirement. I was about to present the book to my Warrantor as a little Christmas gift when he unexpectedly announced his retirement and took off out the door on another Attend "C". Suppressing my grief I turned away and noticed;

F/O Terry Montgomery, who had his picture put in the "Times" last week by good ol' F/O Jack McNeil has grown a moustache in an effort to remain incognito and avoid further fame. Come on out from behind that foliage sir, we know it's you.

As our Centennial year draws to a close I have been looking back over that impressive list of Centennial projects. Here is a list of my personal Centennial projects that didn't succeed:

Getting my third hook. My 100 day leave pass. Convincing the S Tech O that Short leave, as per Q.R. and Os, Art. 16:30 means that I can have an extra two days a month off other than the regular Saturdays and Sundays. Getting the volume turned down on the Base P.A. system. Finding a cure for the common hangover. Scoring with the Suggestion Award Committee by finding a replacement for Dakota Aircraft. The four hour coffee break. A 36 page issue of the Totem Times. Winning the Irish Sweeps. Solving my drinking problem, that is, being able to afford to drink. Catching a Steelhead. Eliminating shepherds pie from my household menu. Getting back to my parking meter before it expires and the Courtenay Meter Maid finds it. A color comics in the Totem Times. Getting Bob Stamm and Norm Wright to have a car race. Getting into the Hangar one morning before F/L Pyatt. Getting a decent sized wiener into the Hot Dogs at the Seven Hangar Canteen at a decent price. Getting Sgt. Krawchuk to smile on a Monday morning. Memorizing my new number before January the 2nd. Trying to figure out what the hieroglyphics mean on the front of my social security card. Trying to find out what my Social Security card is for. Getting From Up in My Perch on the front page of this rag.

My successful Centennial projects were: Learning to spell "centennial." Getting a color television, even though I only went in to buy a record. Missing Expo. Driving my Warrantor to an early retirement.

Now that the Christmas panic is over I'm going to spend my spare time developing an adapter for my Coleman stove that will make it possible to burn that 14 point 3 gallons of aftershaving lotion that I get every Christmas.

To relieve any anxiety by the politicians I want to go on record that I will not accept the Liberal Party leadership this spring.

LAC Shuman of the Base Safety Systems and Ye Old Dingy Shoppe was married early this month. Too bad, he seemed like a nice lad.

Seemore Predicts: a drastic drop in the price of Christmas trees early in 1968.

After an intensive investigation into the 121 Canteen fund, my agents tell me that 121 doesn't really have enough money to hold a party. They just keep pretending that they're going to have one to impress the other Squadrons.

Along with the recent snow fall came all the old rain versus snow arguments and all the old cliches of "You don't have to shovel it" and "It just wouldn't be Christmas without snow." To these I would like to add "have you ever heard of anyone having a heart attack shoveling rain?"

To the great delight of my children and mine, but to the chagrin of my adjacent neighbors, Mrs. Seemore gave me a Cuckoo clock. Unfortunately we haven't been able to train it to be quiet during the so called silent hours.

Ever notice how the Base parking problems becomes less acute during the holiday season?

Jerry McNutt told me that just about everyone in the Para Rescue Section was feeling

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RCAF Pilot gets high



W/C WHITE — DND photo

The Canadian Armed Forces have established a Canadian altitude record for jet aircraft. Piloted by Wing Commander R. A. White, 40, of Kirkland Lake, Ont., a CF104 Super Starfighter soared to a height of 100,000 feet from Canadian Forces Base Uplands on Thursday.

Another attempt was made to exceed this height on Friday but it fell short of the new mark. An application for formal recognition of the record is being made through the Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Association, agent for the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, the governing body for aviation competition and records. It's the first such record established for Canadian jet aircraft.

The experiments and tests were part of the Centennial project of the Aerospace Test Establishment at CFB Uplands. W/C White is the chief test pilot.

While achieving the record the Super Starfighter flew at more than 1,800 miles per hour, the fastest any aircraft has flown in Canada.

The record-shattering flight took less than an hour to accomplish after months of preparation. After taking off from CFB Uplands the sleek jet was vectored by radar to an area about 100 miles west of Ottawa. The pilot then opened the throttle wide, turned on the afterburner, and quickly broke the sound barrier.

When the CF-104 was travelling at more than twice the speed of sound the pilot put the aircraft into a steep climb and zoomed towards the stratosphere. The CF-104 arched upwards on a ballistic curve. The afterburner blew out through lack of oxygen and the engine was shut

down to prevent its overheating in the rarified air. The CF-104 continued to climb powered by sheer momentum and went "Over the top" at the record-shattering altitude of over 20 miles above the earth.

With the engine off and with minimum control over the aircraft, the pilot plunged downwards until he reached denser air where the engine could be re-started and a radar approach commenced. Minutes later W/C White landed at Uplands and taxied to the AETE.

Although the flight itself lasted only a few minutes it was the end result of more than six months of intensive work between AETE and a number of government and civilian agencies. Along with W/C White another pilot, Squadron Leader R. G. Hayman, 36, of North Bay, Ont., took part in the project. The two pilots flew alternate flights as they went progressively higher and faster in preparation for the final assault on the altitude record.

Venture Company Ventures

The 2nd Comox Company of Venturers are on a three day junket of snowshoeing, skiing, and tobogganing in the Mount Becher area on the Forbidden Plateau.

The ten boys whose ages range from 13 years to 17 years will be on their own. Leadership is supplied by their own elected leaders. They will be staying in Becher cabin which is about three and a half miles from the Forbidden Plateau lodge.

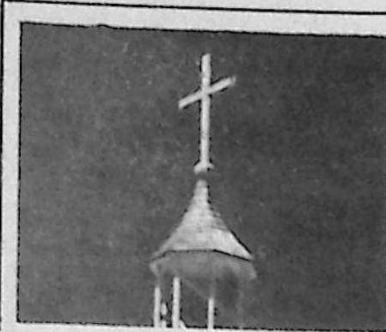
So What's New?

The extensive planning and preparations of the 121 Entertainment committee was scuttled by the weatherman last Thursday when snow forced the cancellation of still another 121 party. This makes the 468th attempt to hold a 121 bash on schedule. In keeping with the Squadron tradition the party was re-scheduled for Thursday, December the 28th.



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Chapel Chimes

Sunday Services—December 31 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Morning Worship. There will be no Sunday School; parents are asked to bring their children with them to Church. January 7 - 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Morning Worship. Sermon Subject for this first Sunday in the New

Year will be "God Meets You At Every Corner." Sunday School classes will be held as usual in the PMQ School at 11 a.m. on this Sunday. Parents wishing to have children confirmed are asked to contact the Chaplain's office at local 273. Classes will start as soon as numbers warrant.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE



A HAPPY BAND of YAAC members is caught in this stirring action shot of the recent party. Mrs. Jean Hall, the leader of the group, gives expert dance instruction to Randy Murdoch, while great gaggle (or should that be giggles?) of other Yaacers look on. Those who are worried about today's teen-agers should note that this group is pretty carefree, and pot-free.



GYRA SET holds presentation — On Dec. 15, in conjunction with the regular Friday evening dance, the Gyra Set held a Trophy Presentation for the League Champions of Five Pin Bowling 1966-67 season. Presenting the trophies is S/L K. Pulham. Receiving their trophies as League Champs are, Steve Wirt, Gordon Allsopp and Ian Bowie.



RECEIVING HER trophy as the winner of the high singles for the season is Sharon Rawluk, along with Ray Mathews, winner of the boys' high singles. Making the presentation is S/L K. Pulham.



PROTESTANT CHAPEL Junior Choir in a swinging mood as they sing carols in the chapel on the evening of December 17, under the ever-watchful eye of director Walter Yeomans. — DND photo



PROTESTANT CHAPEL Senior Choir, practices carols to be sung on the same evening. Frustrated Director Walter Yeomans was caught in the act of saying, "Stop your grinning, and start your singing." — DND photo

YAAC Club Sock Hop Swings

The Yough Active Activity Club held a Christmas party and sock hop in the PMQ School gym, Friday Dec. 22. The party was a genuine success with 60 to 70 girls and boys in attendance. A number of the club members were asked to comment on the club and all were enthusiastic as to the clubs activities and the possible future of the club. Mrs. Jean Hall, wife of M/S Nathan Hall USAF, is the leader of the club with Gail Barlow and Rhona Mitchell acting as chaperons. The age group of the club is 11 to 14 years with a membership of 55 and meets every Friday evening 7-9 p.m. in the PMQ School gym.

The club committee, headed by Miss Patsy Fenn president, voted the last Friday of each month to be a sock hop. The next party to be held will be in February at a Valentines Dance.

Help is required for this community activity, so that it might carry on and expand its activities. The girls expressed the opinion that they did not know what would become of the club when Mrs. Hall returns to the USA next June.

Chapel Choirs Present Song-Fest

Sunday evening, December 17, found the Protestant Chapel of CFB Comox beautifully decorated with holly, candles and a well-trimmed tree when the two Chapel Choirs presented their Annual Carol Festival. The evening of music was under the capable direction of WO Walter Yeomans, with Mrs. Hoult at the Keyboard of the Hammond organ.

The Choir Carols, and congregational singing was interspersed with the reading of the traditional Seven Lessons. Readers at the Service were W/C H. Smale, WO W. Yeomans, S/L W. Cartwright, Cpl. J. Brown, S/L H. Hoover, FS H. Hayes, and F/LR Sibbert. A capacity crowd was in attendance to share in this Christmas Service, which was conducted by the Base Chaplains.

Gyra Set Champs Get Trophies

The Mayor of Wallace Gardens Community Council, S/L Pulham presented the 1966-67 Teen Bowling trophies to the winners on the Dec. 15 at the Gyra Set club house. Winners were as follows: Boys - High Single, S. Smith; High Triple, L. Fulton; High Average, R. Mathews. Girls - High Single, S. Rawluk; High Triple, G. Grandage; High Average, M. Shields. League Champs - G. Allsopp; G. Grandage; M. Shields, I. Bowie S. Wirt. Playoff Champs - T. Schentag; J. McLeod, S. McCulloch, S. Rawluk, D. Richards, T. Carrigan.

CWL Party Aids Indians

The Ladies of Our Lady of the Airways CWL held their annual Christmas party on Tuesday 12th December. Welcomed as guests were Padre William Archer, Protestant Base Chaplain, Padre Jack Rose, Protestant Chaplain, members of the CFB Comox Protestant Womens Guild and Father P. A. Lahaye, Base Chaplain (RC). Giftwrapped toys were brought for distribution among Indian children. After an enjoyable interlude of party games, a delicious chicken dinner was served. The sing-

girls. The club quarters were decorated for the festive season on the 22 Dec. Future Events: - The official opening will definitely be held on the 28 Dec. The band in attendance will be the Livingstone Journey. From 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. there will be open house for all parents. Gyra Set Club cards will be sold at the door providing you have your dependents pass. If you are not a dependent, you must be sponsored by a Gyra Set member. The dress for the dances semi-formal. Price of admission will be \$1.00 for members, \$1.50 for non members. Jan. 5 - Sock Hop. Members will be admitted free. Non members 25c.

ing of Christmas carols brought to a close an evening enjoyed by all present.



S/L R. PULHAM, the mayor of Wallace Gardens, presents Lieut. Robert Dyck of the Courtenay Salvation Army with the proceeds from the White Gift Show which the PMQ Council sponsored.

PMQ Council Sponsors White Gift Show

On Saturday Dec. 16 at the Base Theater the Wallace Gardens Council presented a White Gift Cartoon Show. Admission was a can of vegetables, soup or fruit. The proceeds were turned over to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families of the Comox Valley. Approximately 10,000,000 children attended the cartoon showing much to the surprise of the Base Theatre, which only holds a capacity of 9,000,000.

The youngsters indeed displayed the true spirit of Christmas.

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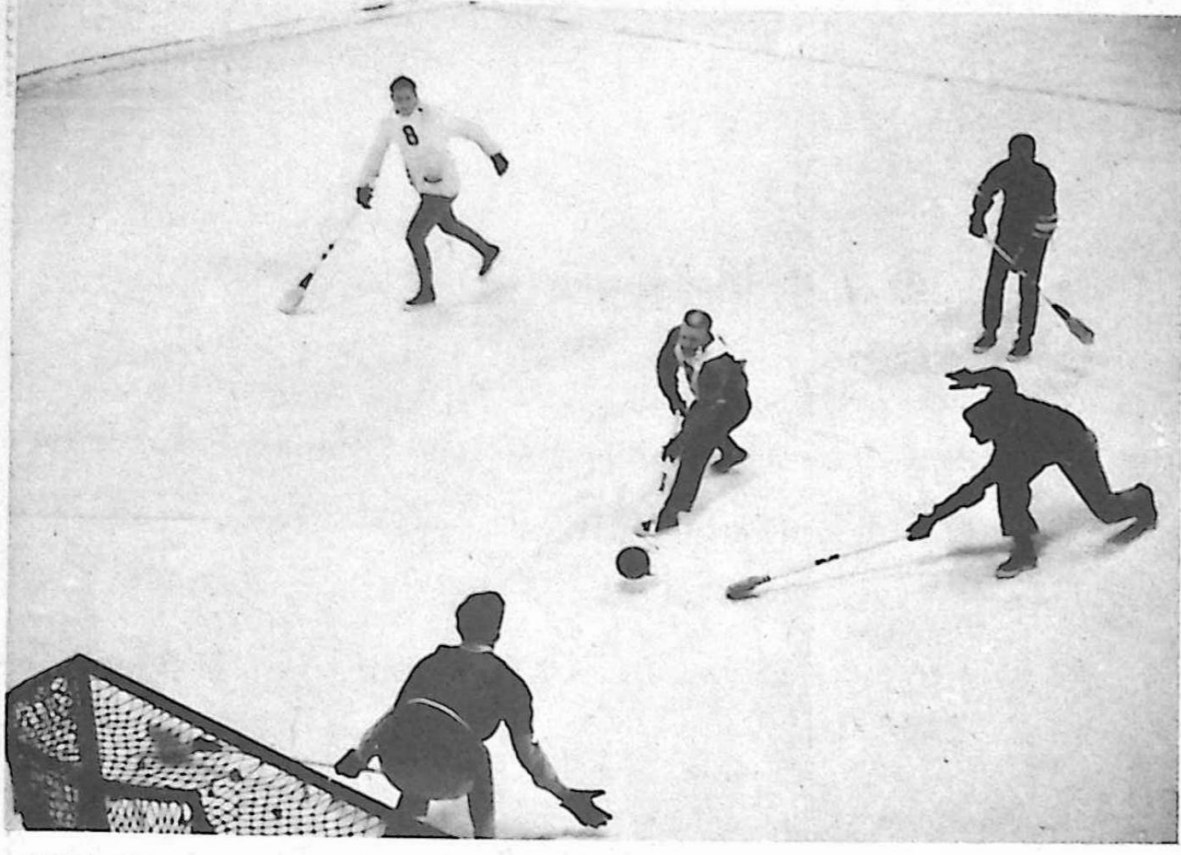
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MEMBER No.

SEC-TREAS

PROPOSED membership card of the newly formed CFB Comox Ski Club last Tuesday. Those who missed the General Meeting and who would like to have further information on the benefits of joining the club, should address their inquiries to CFB Comox Ski Club, c/o Sports Editor, Totem Times. Your letters will be forwarded to the Club officers.

— RFE photo



CURLING IS A SPORT that has grown in popularity over the past few years to a point where it is today just about the most popular sport in Canada. In this shot, the skip is seen streaking out of the hack toward the house, all the while sweeping furiously with his broom and hollering, "Fore", which is the number of points he hopes to score with that particular rock. The man standing in front of the house indicates with his broom where the rock should go.

— Fudd photo

SKIING

On Tuesday Dec. 19th the CFB Comox Ski Club was formed. A total of about fifty people indicated their interest in such an organization. The first business carried out was the election of an executive.

These were as follows: President, John Hackett; vice-president, Moe Morrison; sec-treasurer, John Scott.

The largest single problem facing the new club is the provision of transportation from the base to Forbidden Plateau. It was generally felt that skiing interest would be greatly increased if adequate transportation was available. At present many possibilities have been looked into but no final decision has been made. Now back to the ski tips:

On your first day to the slope remember to take it easy. Don't try to set a world record. Pick a hill that is not too difficult and practice some basic turns. Most good skiers have learned from experience not to ski for more than a couple of hours on that first critical day. After a few runs in which you regain the feel of your skis again, you may wish to try something a bit more difficult. Remember though, that anything more than a couple of hours for a person who normally sits at a desk all day is sufficient. Over straining your muscles on those first days will cause you to ski out of control and thus leave yourself open for injury.

After that first day try soaking in a nice hot bath before going to bed. This will help relax the muscles and prepare you for the next day.

Until next time Good skiing.....



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Fast Action in Minor Puck Loop

The Comox Valley Minor Hockey league had a very busy weekend. Eight games were played in the house league with the lower placed teams coming through with either a victory or a tie in most cases. This certainly makes the long time losers feel much better. I guess it must have been the Christmas spirit. At least it closed up the leagues and sure brought on many smiles around the rink from the spectators and the players.

The Comox Mosquito Reps and the Pee Wee Reps hosted two teams from Powell River on Saturday evening with the Comox Mosquitoes soundly defeating the visitors, 11 to 0. In the Pee Wee game it was an altogether different story, as the teams fought to a very exciting scoreless tie.

The following is a roundup of all games played in Glacier Gardens on Saturday:

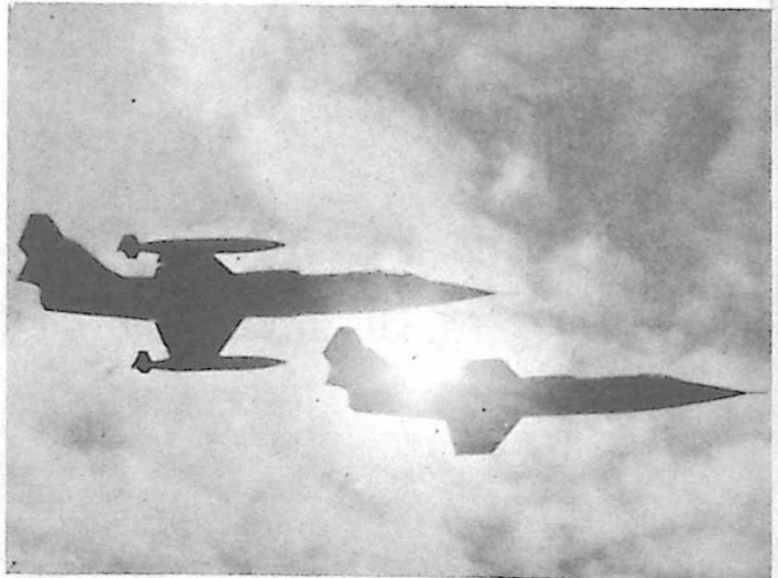
The Falcons took a 3 to 2 lead in the first period and outscored the Mustangs 2 to 1 in the second period with no scoring in the third period. Scoring for the winners were Kevin Vallee from Bruce Larsen, Steve Beaulieu from Vallee and Larsen, Beauhieu from Larsen. Larsen unassisted, Kevin Vallee, his third goal, assisted again by Larsen, his fourth assist. Mustang scorers were Harvey from Joey Webber, Monroe unassisted, Webber from Vaton for the final score.

Congratulations, boys, on your best effort of the year.

The Pee Wee game was of a much different type as neither team could score and it finished up a 0 to 0 tie. The teams were very evenly matched, with outstanding goal tending by both goalers as they were called on to make many fine saves. This was most exciting and crowd pleasing as both teams tried their best to get on the score sheet. Let's see more of these exhibition

BANTAMS

The Bantam division remains very close, as the RCAF Sioux took over the lead when they defeated the Cherokees 4 to 3 in a very close and exciting game. The Cherokees held the lead into the third period and then took a penalty, the Sioux scored the tying goal. They went ahead at the ten minute mark and held the Cherokees off the score board to win 4 to 3. Scoring for the winners were Doug Tanner from number 17; Tanner again, unassisted; David Reid unassisted; Tanner with his third goal, assisted by Reid. Cherokees counters came from Don Carto unassisted, Steve Jones from William Tanner, Tanner from Allan Penny.



SMUGGLED OUT of Ottawa by one of the TOTEM TIMES spies was this photo of the two CF104 Starfighters which participated in the recent Canadian absolute altitude record for jet aircraft. The photograph was taken from a passing Chipmunk by O/C I. M. Anut who was on a cross country training flight from Borden to Goose. Note that the lower of the two aircraft had its tip tanks torn off due to severe turbulence and was unable to climb quite as high as the other.

— DND photo

MOSQUITOES

The Comox Ponies defeated the league leading Courtenay Falcons, 3 to 2, in a very exciting and crowd pleasing game. The Ponies took a three to nothing lead on goals by Allan Dunnet from Ronnie Jobson and Bruce Carswell, Jim Brittain from Dave Pritchard and Allan Dunnet, his second goal, assisted by Vincent Kellar. The Jays came back with one goal in the second period as Mitchell Gable scored on a pass from Karl Sterne. In the third period Comox's Andy Arnold was serving a penalty when Gordon Jones scored unassisted to make the score 3 to 2. The Jays were unable to get the tying goal.

The second game saw the winless Blackfeet defeat second place Apaches for their first win of the season. The Apaches opened the scoring with Ken Mead scoring unassisted but the Blackfeet picked up two quick goals in the second period to take the lead as Andy Elliott scored both goals with the assist for the first one going to Dennis Kilburn and the assist for the second going to Russell Leonard. With one minute to go in the game, Dennis Kilburn clinched the game on an unassisted goal to make the final score 3 to 1 for the Blackfeet, congratulations on your first win boys.

PEE WEES

In the first game in this division the Iroquois picked up their second tie in as many games as they came from behind in the third period with two goals to earn the tie with the Algonquins. The Algonquins started off fast, as Danny Osmond scored on a pass from Kevin Jonasson to give the Algonquins the lead. Two minutes later Michael Bowie scored unassisted to tie the score. The Algonquins' Craig Quartermain scored two unassisted goals to give his team a two goal lead. In the third period David Hewitt scored to narrow the lead and at the ten minute mark Michael Bowie scored his second goal to make the final score 3 to 3.

The Courtenay Falcons continue to lead this division as they defeated Comox Mustangs 5 to 3.

The second game in this division saw another squeaker as fourth place Courtenay Hawks defeated Comox Broncs 3 to 2. Each team scored once in the first period as Bob Gibson from Ken Dumont for the Hawks and Mike Orobko from Lloyd Preece for the Broncs. The Hawks took a one goal lead in the second period on a goal by Sheldon Nelson from Brent Aitken. The Hawks kept the lead in the third period as Brent Aitken scored unassisted and the Broncs scored at the thirteen minute mark, Jack Orobko from Randy Lieter, to make the final score 3 to 2 for the Hawks.

MIDGETS

The Ojibwas defeated the Seminoles, 5 to 4, in the first game of this division and in the second game the Hurons defeated the Ojibwas, 2 to 1. The game with Seminoles was a very exciting one and the Ojibwas had to score two goals late in the third period to defeat the Bantam Reps. The second game was low scoring but what it lacked in scoring it made up in the aggressive type of play. With quite a few penalties being called, the play was very crowd pleasing. The lads had a real good work out in this one.

Scoring for the Ojibwas in the first game listed were Dave Baird from Doug Murphy and Charles Ingram, Baird from Mike Simpson, Ron Currie from Carl Ensom and Simpson, Bill Parker from Wayne Barlow and Baird, Murphy from Keith Donaghy. Seminole counters were Bill Turner from John Hawkins and Deryk Kramp, Randy Wills from Don MacCauly and Stuart Bale, Bale from Kramp and Wills, Ted Cronmiller from Jack Moorehead and Wills.

Scoring for the Hurons in the second game were George Cichon (I think) from Chris Currie, Chris Currie unassisted. Ojibwas' single goal was picked up by Charles Ingram assisted by Dave Baird.

Happy New Year!

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