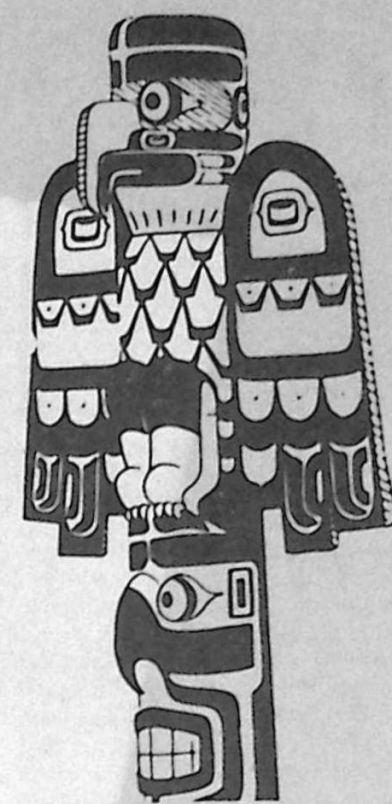




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A LAST LOOK AT THE RCAF

Some of the Ups and Downs Over the Last Forty-Four Years

Attempts to start a Canadian Air Branch started as far back as 1909 when J.A.D. McCurdy and F. W. Baldwin tried to interest the army in aviation. The military, however, lost interest after a demonstration flypast ended on the fields of Petewawa. Later at the beginning of the First Great War interest was again generated, and the army went so far as to purchase a Burgess Dunne which was flown north from the States, then shipped to England where it was assembled and left to rot into a pile of junk. During World War I, aspiring Canadian airmen were forced, out of necessity, to join the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. As members of these two organizations many Canadians distinguished themselves during the course of the war.

After the war the Canadian Air Force went through various stages of development until on April 1, 1924 the Royal Canadian Air Force was born. The established strength was 68 officers and 390 airmen. From that day on it was uphill all the way, and some of the highlights are as follows:

Oct. 1924: The first mercy flight took place when the RCAF flew diphtheria anti-toxin from Victoria to Norway House.

July 25, 1925: The custom of constantly changing the RCAF uniform was inaugurated when the new dress regulations were approved by order in council.

Sept. 1926: The First Trans-Canada seaplane flight.

1927 to 1928: The Hudson Strait expedition took place. Besides prancing most of their seven aircraft, the contingent of six officers and twelve airmen collected valuable information on ice and meteorological conditions in the strait.

1931: The first Trans-Canada air pageant, (fore-runners of the Golden-Hawks and Centennaires) visited 21 Canadian cities in two and a half months in their Siskin Fighters.

1932: The first big cut. RCAF strength was cut by one fifth. 78 officers and 100 airmen were released.

The rest of the thirties were spent in a fight for survival, gradually the RCAF grew until the beginning of the second world war.

Sept. 1, 1939: The RCAF was placed on active service.

Sept. 29/30, 1939: The first RCAF war mission was flown. A long distance night reconnaissance mission.

Dec. 17, 1939: The British Commonwealth Air Training plan agreement was drawn up.

Feb. 16, 1940: No. 110 City of Toronto Squadron left Halifax, the first RCAF unit sent overseas.

May 23-24, 1940: The first RCAF air combat and the first RCAF air combat victory.

June 1940: The RCAF ensign was approved, a red maple leaf replaced the red circle in the roundel.

Aug. 15, 1940: The first RCAF victory in the battle of Britain.

Oct. 22, 1941: First RCAF Medal; S/L E. A. McNab wins DFC for his services in the Battle of Britain.

July 2, 1941: First CWAFF (WD).

Nov. 10, 1941: First George Cross. LAC K. W. Gravell.

Dec. 7, 1941: War with Japan.

March 18, 1942: 413 Sqn. (Catalina) to Ceylon.

May 17, 1942: 404 Sqn. (Blenheim) attacks Prinz Eugen.

June 2, 1942: RCAF to Alaska.

July 7, 1942: 115 Qn (Bolling-broke) cripples Japanese submarine.

July 31, 1942: 113 Sqn. sinks U745 off of Cape Sable.

Aug. 19, 1942: Dieppe Air Cover.

Sept. 25, 1942: Japanese fighter destroyed at Kiska.

Aug. 30, 1942: Double U boat kill.

Jan. 1943: RCAF badge approved.

April 19, 1943: 405 Sqn. joins Pathfinder Group.

May 16-17, 1943: Breaching the "Dams".

June 26, 1943: 331 Wing begins ops in Tunisia.

June and July 1943: First Glider crossing of the Atlantic.

Aug. 17, 1943: Attack on Peenemunde.

Dec. 1943: Expansion peak for the RCAF.

Jan. 24, 1944: 162 Sqn. in Iceland.

April 8, 1944: Aerial preparation for D Day.

June 6, 1944: "D" day.

June 10-27, 1944: RCAF Wings move to Normandy.

June 13, to Aug. 29 1944: Buzz Bomb campaign.

Sept. 17-23, 1944: Arnheim.

Oct. 5, 1944: First jet destroyed.

Oct. 1944: Reduction of the RCAF.

July 9, 1944: "Operation Eclipse" First Aerial photos of a total eclipse.

Dec. 31, 1945: Reduction of strength.

Dec. 1945: Complete air photography of 271000 square miles of Canada.

Feb. 15, to May 6, 1946: Exercise "Muskox."

2 June 1947: First Air Force Day.

Jan. 23, 1948: First Jets (Vampires).

Feb. 8, 1948: The RCAF flyers won the Olympic Hock championships.

May 25 to June 18, 1948: Operation "Sandbag". Aids flooded B.C.

June 15, 1948: Trans Atlantic training flights started.

Nov. 1948: First printing of the Roundel.

Jan. 14-15, 1949: First non-stop trans-Canada flight.

Jan. 1949: North Star flies Great Circle Route from Vancouver to Halifax.

July 1950: 426 Sqn. Korean Airlift.

1951: CF100s and Sabres make their debut in the RCAF. Inventory of Jet fighters.

1953: First Canadian built T33 Jet trainer.

1954: Mid-Canada line E. W. Radar set up.

Jan. 16, 1956: T-33 Vancouver to Dartmouth 6 hours 20 minutes.

Spring 1958: Avro Arrow rolls off of assembly line.

May 12, 1958: Norad Agreement signed. Joint defense of Canada and USA.

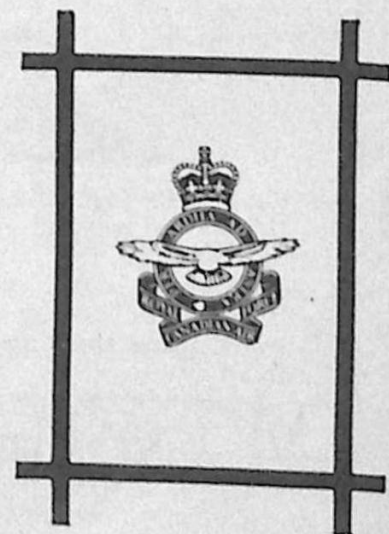
Feb. 1959: Avro Arrow cancelled.

1959: First Golden Hawks.

In the 1960's the RCAF has continued its large NATO commitment and greatly increased its airlift capacity, taking on large and varied UN commitments.

Peace keeping missions in the middle East, Pakistan, the Congo and Cyprus.

These are just a few of the many highlights of the RCAF's services to Canada. Any member, serving or retired, can look back with pride and see the aptness of our Motto "Per Ardua ad Astra".





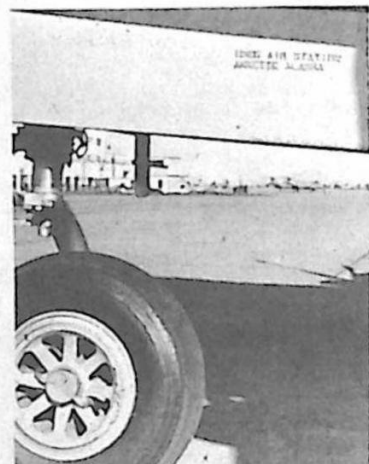
Demon Doins

By FUDD
The Squadron has been having much success in the secondary role of Search and Rescue recently, having found two downed parties in as many weeks. Crew 7, captained by F/L Lynn Winn, brought a happy conclusion to a search for a missing helicopter in the Fort Nelson area last week. On his way to the area after refuelling at Fort Nelson, the crew spotted red flares about 25 miles from the airport and investigated with the 70 million candlepower searchlight. The survivors were quoted later as saying that they had no doubt that they had been found after being lit up by aircraft. The search aircraft was at 6,000 feet when it made the detection, and was in fact setting itself up for a SARAH/Visual search at the time.

The second crew to bring a happy ending to a SAR mission was Crew 5, skippered by F/L Loggie, in the Watson Lake area north of Whitehorse. A Cessna with three persons on board crashed on take off whilst hunting wild horses. When crew 5 found

them by means of a signal fire the party were very comfortable and were well off for food as they had just shot a caribou. Incidentally, these two searches bring the Squadron's participation since 1st January 1967 to at least a dozen. Even the Neptune's anti-submarine gear has proved useful on occasion such as the use of the magnetic anomaly detection gear to find a downed B.C. Airlines plane off Sandspit in late 1967. On another SAR mission in the Pentecost area in August the Hatcher rapid sequence cameras were used to photograph the entire flight plan route of a crashed light airplane. This experiment misfired however, when it was learned that the mosaic of 1500 pictures would take a week to put together.

On the lighter side, it appears that no difficulty will be encountered in selling our ageing Neptunes, when the time comes... judging by the "claims" frequently put upon them whenever the aircraft land abroad. Two of the more recent examples are shown below.



COBOC CACAPHONY

"A bachelor is a souvenir of some woman who found a better one at the last moment" - or better yet - "The best works, and of greatest merit for the public, have proceeded from the unmarried or childless men."

A bachelor is a bachelor is a bachelor, and CFB Comox via COBOC will be hosting over 100 of the poor, adorable, sweet, misguided fools during the weekend of Feb. 2. The only problem to date seems to be a small but apparent lack of co-operation by some COBOC members. Transportation of the females is the only major problem so if you have a serviceable vehicle and can help, contact COBOC's movement staff. Our last meeting before the fly-in will be on Feb. 1 to ensure that all loop holes have been attacked and no major complications have arisen.

For those of us that have not been authorized to live in and pay for the food we eat a small survey was carried out. On Sunday Jan. 21 the first 25 meal cards of living in officers were tabulated and some very interesting figures obtained. Of a possible 1,575 meals that could have been consumed, what does this mean? Quite simply fellows that unless you start eating your share we may be in for some serious malnutrition cases!

This was you Black: second installment

Our hippie-dippie navigator finally did it! Bob had his ears lowered! Apparently the barber started with hedge clippers and after much strenuous labor he discovered Bob really did have

a neck. Poor Bob had to wash his shirt collar after operation hair cut.

A charter member returned to QC for a brief look at her old home and Bob B. Comie has all eyes and heart for QC, but Ottawa "is...terrible."

Stick Shift had minor problems a little while ago with his new Cougar. We are pleased to announce that Ford solved their marriage problems and once more Stirling can be seen tearing around the local community with his waders on and wearing his sexy grin!

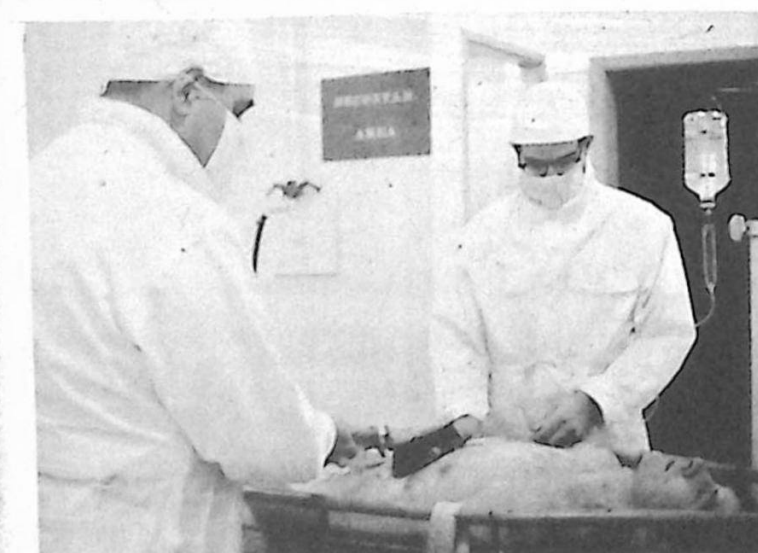
Terry was airlifted from Pentecost this past week to QC because of a near fatal thumb wound. He is not sure what happened so we will have to sit back and wait for the straight information obtainable only from his "buddies".

John Scott is definitely going to go places! Anyone who tries to contact Nancy Sinatra for a date should reach a minimum of A/C. Personally John, a better bet for you would have been Pearl Bailey or Kate Smith.

COBOC's Perry Mason was here Monday and Tuesday of this week. Brian Murphy has assured all that he will be available for consultation and any legal aid required by COBOC members after the fly-in.

Bob Lemm, notorious world traveller has been grounded, Bob is in Naden as a guinea pig for a series of tests to prove whether or not a hammer and chisel is better than a hack saw. Get well soon Bob and brief us.

That about tears it for this edition fellows. Remember - Eat, Drink and be merry.



WET BEHIND THE EARS: During a "quiet" spell in the Hospital, the opportunity was taken to wash down one of the staff, Jay Eltom. Wet-nursing are Rod Campbell and Lou Cusson. The rest of the Base meanwhile, was rushing madly around sounding off alarm-bells and shouting instructions over the loud-speaker.

— Times photo

If You Can't Beat 'em
— Join 'em



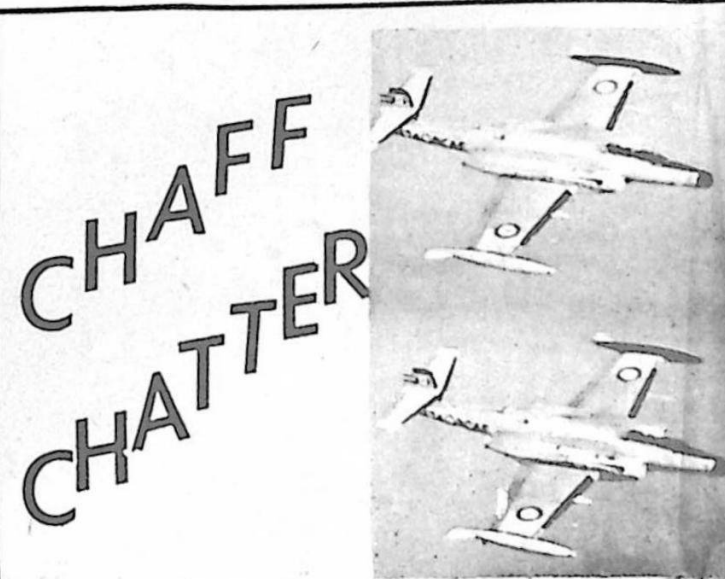
CREW 5 captained by F/L Loggie (far left), were recently called out as back up for Search and Rescue. Somewhat more fortunate than 121KU, they found a Cessna with three people aboard which had gone down in the Watson Lake area.

— RFE Photo



CAPTAIN OF CREW 7 F/L Lynn Winn shows the search area to the crew prior to take-off for the Nelson area.

— RFE photo



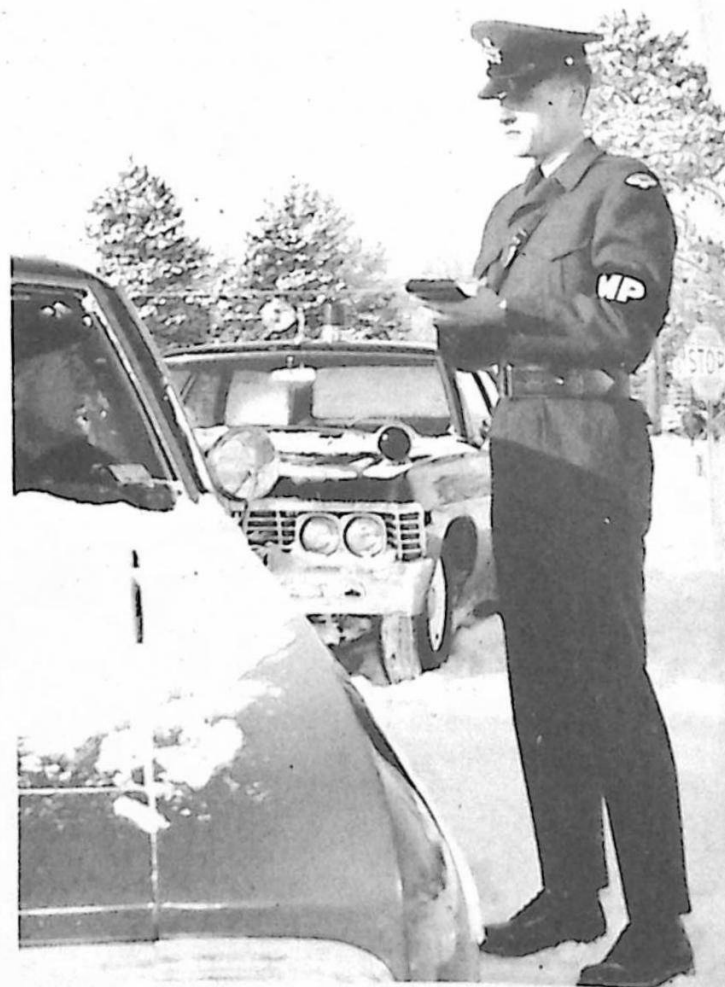
The Totem Times just wouldn't be complete without a few words about the elderly warriors. Word has it that since Bob Merrick left for staff school all of the chaff dispensers who inhabit that small corner in the middle of the Night-hawks abode have broken their writing arms. Perhaps the trend of having the Chaff Chatter column shrink a little each week has brought about the disaster which has befallen us, that is, the absence of formal contribution from the boys who fly the Clunks.

For those who have heard rumours that 414 Squadron was leaving Comox the lack of such a submission should not be construed as verification of any such rumours, however, reading between the lines, someone over there must have been awfully busy making some kind of arrangements, if there was no time to remember Chaff Chatter.

John Sorfleet, the elderly warriors' ambassador of good will has been roaming far and wide in a T-bird and recently was down in Vancouver trying to convince someone in Transport Command to take his old buddy Honolulu Smith to Hawaii, however, having heard of John's reputation they figured that any friend of his would definitely be too much of a risk. Although there were twenty seven seats available they claimed that they were all required for crew.

Vic Rushton has been trying to figure out how he is going to get his boat off the island if he should get moved. Chances are he won't do like the fellow who had it sent at service expense as a tool box. All that fellow got at the end was a tool box.

Rumour of the Week: Len Dodd is going to be transferred to 44 Squadron in order to alleviate the Nav shortage.



AIRCRAFTMAN Mark Simpson, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Simpson of 88 Poplar Crescent, CFB Lazo, B.C., is undergoing a 16 week Basic Military Police Course at Canadian Forces Base Borden, Ontario. On course at Canada's largest military training centre where more than 200 career and trades courses are taught, among the subjects he studies are: Security, Criminal Investigation, Weapons, Report Writing, Driving, Unarmed Combat, and touch Typewriting. Upon successful completion of training, he will be posted as a military policeman to one of this country's modern Armed Forces units in Canada or overseas.

— DND Photo

Night Hawk's Nest



Rattled nerves grew a little thinner this week as two new pilots dropped in to further swell an already o'er pregnant establishment. Its not that Flight Lieutenant George McCaffery and Flying Officer Pete Armour are not welcome and valuable assets to the Squadron, its just that its getting so crowded around here that the only time you can find an empty chair is during ground-school.

If, George and Pete, you felt that your reception by some of the veterans was a little less than enthusiastic, don't judge them too harshly. To them you are not just another guy with whom to compete for flying time, you are the handwriting on the wall. Having more than two and a half years here is like being the second man trying to get into a one man dinghy, there just ain't room.

One of the highlights of Squadron life has traditionally been the sometimes weekly, sometimes bi-weekly, always stimulating and entertaining Friday morning ground-school. But, of late, a black cloud hangs like an inky cloak over the podium. The veterans, (those that will come) sit rigidly in their chairs, perspiration rolls off their brows, shaking, threatening total collapse every time the Wing Commander is called out of the room fighting away the image of his return to a roll of muffled drums, doing the slow march up to the podium reading the green paper he holds in trembling hands, and then --- in a voice choked with emotion --- pointing his finger and uttering those dread words --- "your oxygen mask is overdue."

There was a time when start-

ing a rumor like; "did you hear that Mel Ferraby's replacement is coming from 409?" used to get a good laugh. Now, just being caught whispering by one of the veterans is liable to get you a good swift kick in the you know where.

Congratulations to Nick Stoss who has just been promoted to F/Lp. For those of you unfamiliar with this term, F/Lp is the rank between F/Ln and S/L. There is speculation that Nick's promotion was in recognition of the dollar savings accrued by the elimination of a telephone between the simulator and the new CAC.

Overheard in the Wheelhouse: "Anybody who would start a rumor like that should have to do another tour in there."

Author's Note: Any similarity, real or imagined, between a character described in the last edition of this column and an existing Squadron member was purely coincidental.

One-Pip Wonder

One rank provided for in the Re-organization Act is second lieutenant, although promotion policies are such that this rank is bypassed on the ladder of advancement.

Since the rank of second lieutenant does not appear to be in use, one wag has suggested it figures in demotion - a sort of useful cellar to think about when reduction in rank punishments are being bandied about.

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MP BLOTTER

The Lieut. Governor came and went. The M.N.D. came and went but W.O. Hartling, FS Wylie, ACs MacArthur and Waterton came to stay. We had no time to parade for them but ye welcome mat was ready to roll. A belated welcome to CFB Comox is extended to these gentlemen. Let us assure you all that the snow and rain you saw upon arrival was unusual. It doesn't happen that way all the time. Also may we assure you that there is no truth to the rumour that to be a SAS guard you have to have webbed feet or a scuba divers outfit. The festive season is long gone now and looking back over the records we would like to say how nice it was to have a fairly quiet period as regards 'drinking 'n driving' incidents. If we can be good for three weeks, why can't we be good for 52 weeks? For those of you who were not stopped at the gate and wonder what the conflag between MP and driver was all about let me explain. The MP asked the driver to repeat a short phrase which if done correctly allowed free and uninterrupted passage home. The phrase was: If Theophilus

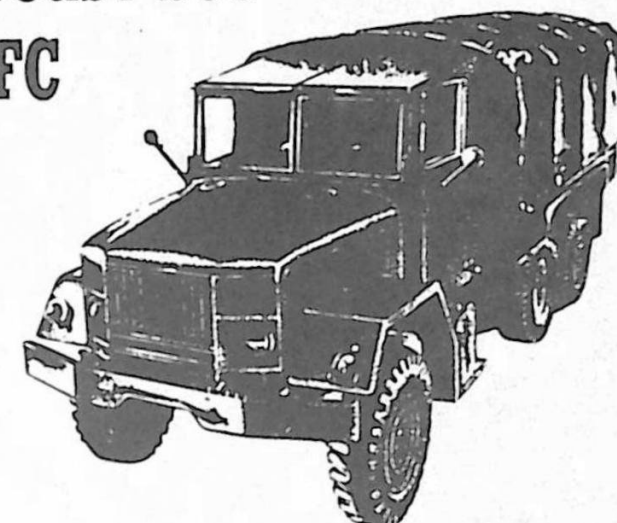
Thistle, the thistle sifter, sifted a sieve of unsifted thistles, where is the sieve of unsifted thistles that Theophilus Thistle, the thistle sifter, sifted. In cases of doubt this test was performed in the Guardroom with a mouth filled with crackers, soda, unsalted.

Ernie Cameron and Al Hall left us for Val D'Or and had the honor of being the first to leave us in 1968. We wished them the best of luck and hoped that they find their fortune in that Valley of Gold (if that's what Val D'Or means).

Roll on Proclamation Day, Roll on Tac Eval in fact Roll on Centennial plus one.

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C.M.H.C. will supervise construction which is expected to be completed by Jan. 31, 1969.

The houses will be needed to accommodate an increase in married personnel stationed at Cold Lake following acquisition of the CF5 aircraft by the Canadian Armed Forces. A CF5 operations training unit and a flight training and technical unit will be established at CFB Cold Lake. About 1,000 married quarters on the base are now fully occupied and no more rental accommodation is available locally.

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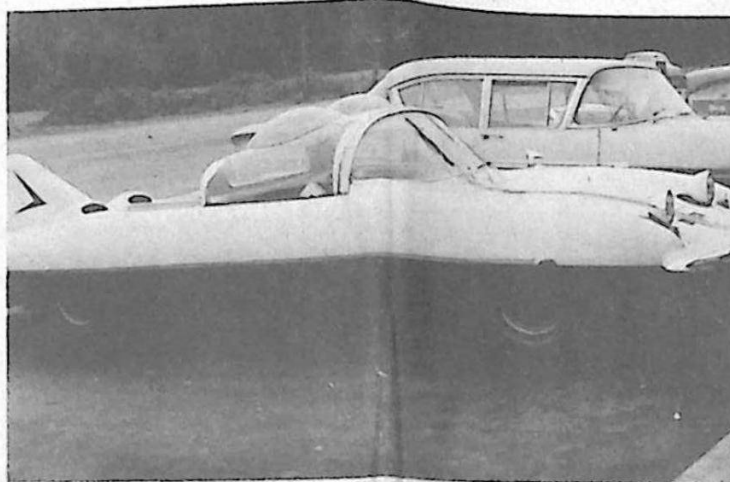
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SAILOR TO

LUNCH

During a recent TV special the sponsor generously gave up his time for the commercials. The result was that at the end of the program everyone in PMQ's flushed their toilets at once. The ensuing flood enabled the boat to dock right outside the Base Post Office. The Commissionaire in the Gate House donned a Mae West and gallantly offered to go down with the base. One of the medical officers was apprehended by the Military Police as he was caught trying to repaint the base sign to read HMCS Comox.

— DND photo



NOT TOO LONG ago, one of our spies in Ottawa sent us this photo. Since he had not sent any explanation, (we found the photo in a pile of dirty laundry he had sent home for his wife to wash), we immediately wired for further information. Seems that when he got the picture he was sworn to secrecy by his source. Since we still have his laundry, he finally consented to tell all. The way he heard it, the government is going to take the money they are going to receive from the hike in PMQ's and use it to buy every new recruit one of these ultra-modern customized buggies. This particular model, with a Corvair engine will be given to airmen, a similar model, powered by a Chrysler Hemmi will be offered to officer entrants.

— RFE photo

which a pilot attempted to mask what turned out to be a serious medical condition. The pilot, killed in a flying accident, had taken cold capsules (containing antihistamine) prior to flying. Autopsy showed that his "cold" was actually advanced tuberculosis of the lungs, liver and spleen. An X-ray made seven months before the accident was read as negative. His annual physical at that time revealed no evidence of TB. There's a lesson in this unusual case — don't mask symptoms by self-medication. A cold's enough to ground you; add drugs on top of that, and you're doubly in no shape to fly!

PERSONAL PLEA-PILOTS

Pertaining Power Pole Prangs: Power Pylons Pack punch, Pose Preoccupation Problems, Pull Planes Past Perpendicular, Puncture Pilots Posteriorly, Perforate Personal Pride, Provide Perpetual Prone-Position Pits, Poor Press Publicity Promptly Prevails. Please Ponder.

—RNZAF Flight Safety

SNAP

Have you heard there is a new camera on the market? Like the polaroid, this one is called a Haemorrhoid. The only snag is that it takes a real bum to operate it.

CORNY FAREWELL

As a parting shot, Petty Officer Bob Hall offered this little gem when he left on Friday.

Doctor Smith fell down the well And broke his collar-bone The moral of this story is: That Doctor Smith should tend the sick And leave the well alone.

Flying Gunboats

The U. S. Navy is getting hydrofoil gunboats.

The Journal of the Armed Forces describes a Boeing version undergoing preacceptance tests. The Tucumacari is 71 feet long with full load displacement of 58 tons and has a 40 mm gun forward, an 81 mm mortar aft and twin 50-cal machine guns on each side of the bridge.

Gruman is building a 73-foot prototype displacing 60 tons. The Flagstaff will run on 3,600 h.p. gas turbine when full borne and diesels when hullborne. Firepower planned for the Flagstaff is reported to be "tremendous."

manent and active member of the PMQ Council. Between them, the meetings take him away on many afternoons each month, or so he says. But now he has appointed himself to a one-man welcoming committee for incoming relief medical personnel. The way reliefs are coming and going at the moment, he is kept pretty busy, out of the office.

INFERIORITY COMPLEX

The rush-hour traffic in the mornings along Anderton Road is generally very orderly — each car travelling at a uniform speed and keeping a sensible distance between each vehicle. Invariably, though, whatever the state of the road, there is always one small car — usually a Volkswagen — which sees fit to speed in and out of the stream. By his hair-raising and senseless disregard of others, the driver reaches the Gate maybe two or three cars' length ahead. Has he proved anything, except that he is to everybody else, a moron and a thoroughly bad driver?

RELIABILITY

It does not seem to matter how much you pay for a new car these days. If you aspire to the class of Marv Davis and spend \$5,400, your ignition system fails within the first week and if like Lou Cusson, you more modestly invest \$1,900, in a smaller car, you can expect to purchase three new fan belts in the same period of time.

MEDALS etc.

The Golden Centennaires were awarded two Centennial medals for the officers and five for the airmen. To a lot of Canadians their show was just about all there was to remind them of Centennial Year. Their skillful, yet breathtaking aerobatics, entailed endless training, travelling and hardships, and cost them two valiant young lives — but they were all under forty.

At the other end of the scale there is an elderly statesman, now aged 91, known to everyone as a true Canadian devoting his life to politics, who retired last year after 50 years in the House. Already overlooked for the Canada Medal he was bypassed, as was the well-known Winnipeg Composer and Conductor who was commissioned to write and perform three major works for Centennial Year, not only in Canada but also in the British Isles.

In the Hospital however, we are delighted to learn that "Steve" Stevenson, who left us in July for Clinton, was one who really deserved recognition, and got it. May he, on behalf of all of us at the Base Hospital, proudly display his ribbon without any qualms whatever.

COMMENTS - Canadian Forces Headquarters Directorate of Flight Safety.

An astonishing case was reported by a military force in

rain and roads were flooded and blocked by mud-slides) 41 sat down to dinner. The only absentees were the Powell River contingent marooned without planes or ferries.

In the kitchen, Mel Gronsdahl and his merry widows, surpassed themselves in preparing and serving a meal gastronomically suitable for such discerning palates. That is, the grub was good by any standard.

By design, the evening was free of formality. Following the dinner, comfortably satiated and seated in armchairs in the lounge, the group was addressed by S/L "Aussie" Maxwell, acting CO of 121 KU. Aided by new and excellent colour slides, he amusingly portrayed and discussed the role, and some of the exploits, of the Glamour Boys, and Birds, of his Squadron. His natural enthusiasm and humour, held his audience spell-bound for an hour, after which he was subjected to an intelligent cross-examination from all parts of the house. His topical talk had obviously aroused considerable interest. Two Searches currently underway and a Mercy Flight, involving a patient in the local St. Joseph's Hospital, pending but waiting for a break in the weather, added poignancy to his talk.

When the local doctors and Base Medical Officers are working so closely together, such an evening spent in a relaxed atmosphere (or as relaxed as could be, for the phone rang constantly and calls kept coming in for one doctor or another) was of inestimable value in furthering the truly sensible relationship which has always existed between professional men — be they Service or Civilian.

NEW PAINT JOB

Stirred into action by the exotic effect of the new Flight Surgeon's office, the benevolent BCEO discovered that after all, he had a pot of paint, albeit margarine-yellow, to spare. So, guess what. The Hospital corridor is being painted over. But, if you are unfortunate enough to be admitted to the Wards, you will find yourself still starting at that dismal brown, which must have been surplus stock 20 years ago.

The real reason for this extra bit of decorating is, of course, in anticipation of some startling revolutionary disclosures soon to be made. It has been known for sometime that experiments of one sort or another have been going on in the far corners of the Hospital. While it was somewhat irksome of Dr. Chris Barnard to jump the gun in the matter of heart transplants, the results of recent experiments here, are expected to reveal even better things. The only snag at the moment is that really we require four doctors and this may well be one way of obtaining another. It is anticipated that we will be able to do a heart transplant, brain transplant, kidney transplant, liver transplant, even repair a severed spinal cord, and make a real good job on the next motor-cycle victim.

Very astutely then, Rex Cousins realizes that the place is shortly to be invaded by a host of TV cameramen and publicity-seeking photographers who will require a brightly coloured back drop.

OLD BOY ACT

Berkhamsted School in Hertfordshire, England was founded in 14

1541. Among its gallant ex-scholars, it proudly lists Maj-Gen. the Honourable George Randolph Pearkes VC, CC, PC, CB, DSO, MC, CD. In 1919, he presented his sword to his old school. Ever since, this trophy has been awarded annually to the best cadet. It was only natural therefore, that when two Old

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FUNGUS FEATURES

by Mac



FROM UP IN MY PERCH

Digging around in the ol' kit bag last week I came across my old Combination T Bird Gas Cap Wrench and Dzus key. As I idly fondled this wonderful mechanical device my mind slipped back to my days with the first T33's. In those days any Airman who could "log" one hour of "Jet" time was good for at least six or seven hours of hair raising tales in the Wets.

One of my early Jet rides was with an elderly Squadron Leader from Command who was over on the hangar line in an effort to log his eight hours flying time necessary for his flying pay. I have always suspected that this gallant old warrior was still fighting the Battle of Britain in his head, as he was given unexpected and unannounced violent aerobatics, sometimes even on the ground.

After helping the old gentleman into the front seat, I was just getting myself settled when the S/L's voice came over the intercom and told me to switch my microphone off as my breathing annoyed him. I immediately got the impression that this wasn't going to be a "fun" flight. With an uneventful light up and take-off we leveled off at 39000 feet and started on what the old boy referred to as a "local". Trenton, Windsor, North Bay and return.

Just past Hamilton the aircraft suddenly rolled over and put its nose straight down. After allowing myself 30 seconds for prayer and my heart to start beating again I reasoned that the Old Boy had (a) seen a likely looking fishing spot or, (b) had seen a likely looking retirement site or (c) was merely taking evasive action from a meteorite. As the aircraft approached 10,000 feet, which at that time was the minimum safe ball-out altitude, I began to revise the above a, b, and c to read that: (a) rumours that the old boy's wife had found out about his messing around with his secretary were true and he was going to kill himself and, consequently, me, or (b) he was doing research on a thesis entitled "Kamikazi Tactics and the T Bird" or (c) he had had a heart attack, or worse, even died of old age.

As the aircraft passed 9,500 feet I said "The Flight Sergeant was remarking on how well you look these days Sir, how have you been keeping Sir? Receiving no reply to this I thought maybe the old boy just doesn't

feel like talking so I'll throw him a question and force him to answer. "How is your altimeter working Sir? Mine is unwinding nicely". Still no reply. In a moment of panic I ventured a "You O.K. Sir?" Nothing. I repeated this question several times and got no answer. The aircraft was passing 5,500 feet. Quickly I eliminated (a) and (b) of the above. At 4,500 feet, "This is it". I grabbed the control stick and pulled back gently, gritting my teeth as everything turned red and set a new world record for prayer.

The red drained away and I found the aircraft to be still in flight and, fortunately in a gentle climb. Turning so that the only familiar land mark, Lake Ontario, was on my right I knew I was heading back towards Trenton. Collecting myself, I rejected Toronto as a possible landing site. Too much traffic. Bailing out was out of the question as the thought of ever pulling the handles that fired the Howitzer shell under my seat turned my blood to ice. Besides, what about the old S/L? Trenton it is then! I know I can drive the bird that far and with a little help on the radio I can land this thing. No sweat, say, I'll probably get a medal for this. Most likely the DFC or the Air Force Cross. My mind quickened to these delightful thoughts. I began planning my trip to Buckingham Palace, the sewing of that ribbon on the spot now occupied by my rusty C.D. I was interrupted by a sour voice on the intercom "now LAC Seemore, if you're quite through playing Billy Bishop with my airplane, may I have control back?" Shaken, I said "Yes Sir". I was so embarrassed that I couldn't even hear my own voice on the intercom.

Tucking the wrench back in the kit bag along side of my copy of the reprimand I turned and noticed: Cpl. Phil Trofimuck walking about three feet off the ground. Phil just had his order for a new son filled. Phil is most pleased as he has had his order in for some months now. This month's Golden Mushroom Award just has to go to the chap in 409 who, during the briefing

on the 24 foot integration message asked if the part about common sense prevailing was some sort of new policy.

My thanks to Cpls Fullbrook and Tomchuck for their contribution to my collection of mush-roomology, a Mushstetson of Mushstetson. This is a toque made from a mob head and painted with red polka dots. Maybe a new style for the Arctic minded 121?

Perhaps a rest is due for Stock Controls' Cpl. Robert, seen giving Trombone lessons to Cpl. Soup Campbell, without the benefit of a trombone.

Soup Campbell is in a fit of ecstasy too. We just got the word that he is going on an extended vacation in Sardinia. Safety Systems just won't be the same without Soup's twisted mind to confuse things.

You know it's payday when; the space under the cellar stairs where you keep your empty beer bottles starts to fill up again. It was inevitable that the Air Force would go out of business. In fact you could say it was forced out by keen competition. Consider that the civilian air lines will soon have passenger aircraft that are faster than our fastest fighter, five or six times faster than our big passenger transport and 10 times faster than our oldest transport.

Seemore Predicts: A/C flying east will bear French markings while eastbound A/C will be marked in English. North and south bound A/C are under consideration also. Northern A/C may be marked in Eskimo while southbound A/C may be marked "the ol' Canadian Forces ya'all".

I wonder what we're supposed to do with all this left over Centennial jazz, pins, flags, decals, etc? Save them for the next one perhaps.

Rumour of the Week. CFHQ will soon announce a new and radical change in the design of future PMQs. The "Environmental Design" will locate house boats on the west coast, Igloos in northern bases such as Cold Lake and North Bay. Teepees for prairie bases such as Riverview, Forts in Ontario, Citadels in Quebec and log cabins and

fishing boats in the Maritimes. Runner up for Rumour of the Week. Many Air Force Corporals will elect to retain their traditional rank.

And finally, ATC will start charging for seats on their flights.

Steelhead Count in Big Qualicum

The Fish and Wildlife Branch in co-operation with the Federal Department of Fisheries is continuing its study of steelhead trout on the Big Qualicum River. Anglers are reminded that fishing is by permit only. The permit can be picked up at the administration office at the river, and is free of charge. On the back of the permit is a questionnaire that must be filled out before the permit is returned at the end of each fishing day. The Fish and Wildlife Branch must have the questionnaire and information to determine the numbers of fish caught, egg deposition, sex ratios, etc., within the steelhead population. In the past years permits were required to be returned before another permit would be issued. This year, permit return is based on the honor system. If the Branch finds that this system does not work it will be forced to return to the old method. Angler co-operation is requested.

Counts: Fence count, Jan. 8 - 14 - 64; Cumulative Fence count from Oct. 25 to Jan. 14 - 169. Angler Catch Success - Zone 1, Jan. 8 - 14 - 24; Cumulative Total Jan 1 - 14 - 29; Zones 2-6, Jan. 8 - 14 - 12; Cumulative total (zones 2-6) Jan. 8 - 14 - 13.

Total number of fish caught to Jan. 14 - 42; Total anglers for the week of Jan. 8 Jan. 14 - 97; Success ratio for the week Jan 8 - 14 - one fish for 2.69 anglers (this doesn't include fish released).

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Lake McClelland in Little River District



LAKE McCLELLAND, in the Little River District. Last Friday night Sgt. Ron McClelland was preparing for his weekly bath when he was called away to the phone. The caller started a lively discussion on the whys and wherefores of the new integration system as it effects those nearing pension time. Sgt. McClelland became so involved in the discussion he didn't get off the phone until late Sunday night when he remembered he had left the plug in the bath and the water running. Monday morning, stranded with no way of reaching shore the Sgt. phoned 121's CO and asked for emergency leave. The CO rose to the emergency and did one better, he dispatched a helicopter to airlift the Sgt. into work.

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Chapel Chimes

PROTESTANT CHAPEL NEWS

Sunday, January 28 - This last Sunday of the month is Family Sunday. There will be no Sunday School classes - all the children have been asked to attend church at 11 a.m. Parents are asked to attend church with their children, and set a proper example for them. Special music will be presented by the Junior Choir under the direction of Mr. Walter Yeomans.

Holy Communion (Anglican) is celebrated every Sunday by Padre Rose at 9:30 a.m. Anglican Confirmation classes have begun; they are held in the Chapel each Sunday, beginning with attendance at Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. For further information, contact Padre Rose at Local 273.

Holy Communion (United) will be celebrated immediately following the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, February 4. United Church Membership Classes will begin soon, for both adults and young people. Please contact Padre Archer.

Parents wishing to have children baptized during Church on Sunday, February 11 are asked to contact the Chaplains of fice at Local 273.

Chaplain - S/L the Rev. Wm. Archer, F/L the Rev. John Rose. PROTESTANT CHAPEL CHIMES FUND

A fund was set up just before Christmas by the Protestant Chapel Committee to raise funds for the purchase of an Electronic Chimes unit for use in the Chapel. Through the extremely generous contributions of members of the congregation over the Christmas season, and since then, some \$376.00 is on hand. The Chapel Ladies' Guild, at their meeting last week, voted \$100 to this fund, bringing the figure to \$476. This is well over half the amount required to purchase this unit, and the Committee wish to thank all those who have contributed.

Further contributions will be readily accepted at any time. Envelopes marked "Chimes Fund" and placed on the collection plate or handed in at the Chaplain's office in the Headquarters building will go directly into this fund. Our aim is to have the Chimes installed by Easter, or earlier.

Communion Breakfast

The Catholic Ladies from Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland and CFB Comox have been invited, by the members of Our Lady of the Airways CWL, to a communion breakfast to be held at the Combined Mess following 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, 11th February.

Guest speaker at the breakfast will be Father R. McNeill, former Base Chaplain at CFB Comox from 1957 to 1960.

Children's Hospital in India Equipped by Protestant Servicemen

Sick children in Vellore, South India will have a new and completely equipped surgery thanks to the generosity of Canadian Forces Protestant servicemen and their families at bases across Canada and overseas.

The gift is in the form of a cheque for \$50,000 to be presented to His Excellency, General J. N. Chaudhuri, Indian high commissioner for Canada at a special service Sunday, Jan. 21 at the Canadian Forces Base Up-lands Protestant Chapel. The Chief of the Defence Staff, Gen. Jean Victor Allard will be present when Mrs. C. W. Blaine, 3 Rigel Road, CFB Rockcliffe, past president of the CFB Rockcliffe Protestant Chapel Guild, presents the cheque.

Named "Operation Vellore", the fund drive received contributions from every Protestant chapel and chapel guild where Canadians are serving and even surpassed its original target of \$30,000. Teenage sons and daughters of servicemen in Soest, West Germany, for example, gathered \$1200 by sponsoring a hospital bed-pushing contest from Soest to the town of Homer. The money will be handed over to Dr. Constance V. Jackson, promotional secretary for the Vellore and Ludhiana Committee which will build the new surgery at the Christian Medical Hospital in Vellore.



A RECENT visitor to CFB Comox was this Pacific Western Airlines 707. The crew was sent to Comox for winter training in Bumps and Richochets. One member of the crew was heard to remark "these take-offs and landings without tire chains are murder". — Photo by Jim Tremblay

James Rosenquist Exhibition Jan. 24

When Jean Sutherland Boggs became Director of the National Gallery in June 1966, she stated the intention of building up a collection of contemporary American art. Earlier this year the Gallery acquired two works by the American pop artist James Rosenquist, "Painting for the American Negro" and "Capillary Action II".

To provide a background for a better understanding and appreciation of these pieces, a retrospective exhibition of works by Rosenquist has been organized by Brydon Smith, Curator of Contemporary Art at the National Gallery. Thirty works, mainly paintings with a few sculptures and lithographs, have been borrowed from public and private collections in Milan, Paris, Toronto and the United States. Together with the two National Gallery purchases, they will go on display on the fourth floor Jan. 24 to Feb. 25. The Hon. John Turner, Registrar General of Canada, officially opened the exhibition, with Rosenquist present at 9 p.m. Jan. 23.

James Albert Rosenquist was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota, in 1933. In 1952 he worked as an industrial painter, painting gas stations and gas tanks throughout the Midwest. The next year he studied art at the University of Minnesota and painted billboards for an advertising agency. In 1955 he moved to New York to study for a year at the Art Students League, followed by a variety of jobs painting signs, theatrical displays, store windows' backdrops, and the huge billboards of Times Square. He occupied a succession of studios, sometimes with other artists, where he developed his skill and knowledge. In the early 60's his work began to attract attention and the interest of the art world, culminating in exhibitions and sales. The National Gallery of

the contemporary artist is to make us aware of the richness and variety of our immediate surroundings. I am organizing this exhibition because I believe that Jim Rosenquist has succeeded in doing this visually through his paintings. He is one of the best contemporary artists working today; he has much to tell us and he tells it directly."

A fully illustrated catalogue with eight color plates has been prepared for the exhibition by Brydon Smith. It contains an essay by the New York writer Ivan Carp, an extensive biography, and descriptions of experiences by Rosenquist. Rosenquist designed the poster for the exhibition and the cover for the catalogue, and also collaborated on the design of the contents. The catalogue will be on sale for \$4.00 and can be ordered by mail from the Queen's Printer, Ottawa.

Ya Gotta Have Heart

Victims of heart attacks often regard themselves as semi-invalid and tend to avoid all kinds of exercise. It appears now that regulated exercise may be the fastest way to recovery, and research under way could lead to effective exercise programs for cardiac people.

A grant of \$16,000 to a research team from the University of Western Ontario, one of 20 totalling \$200,120 announced today by National Health and Welfare Minister Allan J. MacEachern, will help determine the effects of a 24-week graduated exercise program on clinically healthy and post-infarct men as part of a continuing study. The team, led by Dr. M. S. Yuhasz, Dr. P. A. Rechnitzer and Dr. A. U. Palvio and supported through the National Fitness and Amateur Sport Program, has been involved for the past three years in the study of the effects of exercise on clinically healthy persons and on cardiac victims. Interim reports already submitted to the Department are encouraging, especially for males 35 to 50 years old.

Approximately 60 men, half clinically healthy and half post-infarct patients - an infarct is a type of heart attack caused by a blockage of the blood supply to the heart - are subjected to a carefully controlled and graduated exercise program. Comparisons are made between their condition early in the exercise program and at the end. Tests range from simple medical examination and blood sampling to treadmill exercise, oxygen consumption analysis and heart-rate recordings.

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CANADIAN BUOY IN PORTUGAL: Operational research scientist Donald A. Grant, Defence Research Board, saw his concept of a bottom-anchoring, oceanographic buoy prove its usefulness as a research tool with the recovery of a unit from the Portuguese sea coast—its interior completely dry and its recording and measuring devices undamaged after free-floating in the Atlantic ocean for about a year. — DND photo

Act provides for special release

An officer or man serving in the RCN, Canadian Army or RCAF on 31 Jan. 1968 may apply for his release from the Canadian Armed Forces, under a special provision of the Reorganization Act, within the following two months and may expect release within six months of application. Not eligible until they complete their obligatory service for special release are officers and men who have obligated service as a result of having received university, advanced technical or aircrew training or education at public expense.

Financial entitlements under these special provisions will be no different from the normal financial entitlements for voluntary releases. For example, actuarial deductions on pensions will apply in exactly the way they do for normal voluntary releases. The new retirement provisions under QRO authorize an officer or man applying for release under the special provision of the Reorganization Act to elect to be retired under the new retirement ages. This en-

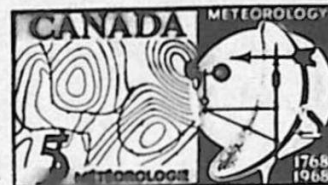
ables an officer or man to select the new retirement age where it will be more beneficial to him in calculation of pension; also, the application of 28 years' service for lieutenant-colonels and below and 30 years' service for colonels and above for determining retirement age will in some cases mean a reduced actuarial adjustment compared to the former retirement provisions. CFSSO 505 dated 29 Dec. 1967 amplifies this provision for release and sets out the various conditions mentioned above.

Weatherman Licked as Gov. Stamps Meteorology

A 5¢ Meteorological stamp to be issued by the Canada Post Office on the 13th March 1968 commemorates the 200th anniversary of Canada's first long-term fixed point weather observations, Postmaster General Jean-Pierre Cote announced today. Horizontal in format the new stamp has dimensions of 40 mm. x 24 mm. It is produced by the four color lithographic printing process in yellow, light blue, indigo blue and ochre. A left panel incorporates an authenticated section of a recent weather map prepared by the Meteorological Branch of the Canadian Department of Transport. Yellow is used as a background for the map area; lettering on the top left of the stamp is "Canada"; "Meteorologie". Worded in this left portion is in indigo on a light blue background. A right panel on the stamp consists of a composite of weather instruments surmounted by "Meteorology" at the lower right are the dates "1768-1968". Lettering are used for the radar antenna and the anemometer superimposed on a principally white weather balloon.

The design selected was executed by the British American Bank Note Company Limited, Ottawa whose facilities will be used to print the full issue of 24,000,000 stamps.

The weather readings commemorated by this stamp were started at Fort Prince of Wales, Churchill, by William Wales and Joseph Dymond on the 10th Sept. 1768; daily observations by thermometer and barometer continued until the 27th August 1769. Earlier remarks on the weather had been recorded by soldiers, explorers, and others but these are largely non-instrumental, and were made in transit rather than at a fixed point. Dymond and Wales were at Hudson Bay under instructions from the Royal Society to observe the transit of Venus. Wales, one of the foremost astronomers and mathematicians of his day, was later to accompany Capt. Cook on voyages around the world. Fort Prince of Wales, a post originally established as Fort Churchill, was destroyed by fire while under construction in 1689; it was rebuilt in 1717. The area on which



the fort existed is now preserved by the Canadian Government as a national historic site.

The weather is acknowledged to have a stronger and more continuous impact on our lives than any other feature of the environment in which we live and pioneer weather observers led to a vital modern service provided by the Meteorological Branch, Department of Transport, whereby untold loss of life and property is nowadays averted by special bulletins ranging from frost warnings for agriculturalists to hurricane alerts; aviation, industry, public utilities, shipping, agriculture, and forest interests depend on forecast services provided by the meteorologists. First Day Cover service for the Meteorological stamp will be provided by the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ontario.

Everyone Out for Hong Kong Haggis

Chinese years are named for animals, and on January 29, 1968 the Year of the Ram will give way to the Year of the Monkey, 4666 in the Chinese calendar. In Chinatowns all over the world, not one night, but almost one month will be devoted to welcoming the New Year.

According to custom, all debts are to be paid before the old year ends; business is suspended, and the world is given over to fun and gaiety.

Preparations for the Chinese New Year begin weeks before New Year's Day. Every house must be spick and span, and each member of the family joins in house cleaning, repairing and painting.

After every room is spotless, the best curios, handsomest scrolls and finest possessions are put out. Once the house is looking its best and is ready to receive company, it is festooned with strips of red paper carrying characters symbolizing happiness, longevity, wealth and good fortune.

Food has always played a key part in the Chinese New Year celebration and the entire Chinese New Year season is a time of continuous feasting, during which gifts of food are sent to friends and relatives alike.

In ancient times, the receiver of a gift of food was expected to give the servant who brought the food a "tip" in the form of a proportion of the food received. Each donor expected to get a gift of food of equal value from each recipient. Consequently, much food was passed along . . . eggs from an aunt might travel from a niece to a cousin, and a grandmother's pudding might find its way to the home of a second cousin.

The Chinese New Year celebration continues for two weeks after New Year's DAY. Now, as

in ancient times, it ends with a Lantern Festival, a feast of light during which lanterns of all sizes, shapes and colors are strung from every possible vantage point.

The Dragon is the traditional symbol of Chinese royalty. For the Lantern Festival, this mythical animal appears as a fanciful creation of paper and cloth, manipulated by men concealed beneath its artificial scales. A dragon dance through the streets, accompanied by a colorful blast of firecrackers, gongs and drums, marks the conclusion of the gay and colorful Chinese New Year celebration.

CFR policy to change

Work is well advanced on a policy for commissioning from the ranks in the unified service. The new plan will progressively remove differences between the previous three-service policies.

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News & Views

The Gyra Set Club was officially opened on the 28th of December 1967 by the Base Commander G/ C Lett and Mrs. Lett. The Club had invited all parents to come out to an 'Open House' invitation through the media of the Totem Times, however very few attended. The Committee was very disappointed by the parents' apparent lack of interest. The dance itself was a success, with over 75 members in attendance.

Another call for chaperones has gone out with very few parents responding to the request. It is hoped to have the Club open more than once a week, however with the lack of chaperones this will be impossible. Since few chaperones are available club members wonder why we can't police our sock-hops ourselves. The answer is of course that parents frown on unchaperoned dances! The question now is, why is there a lack of interest by the parents to chaperone our dances?

Any parents that wish to chaperone future events, please con-

tact either F/L Simpson, local 312 or F/L Mayne local 288. We would be most grateful.

Past and Future events. The Gyra Set is off to a good start. Soon the last of the renovations will be completed. The committee has raised approximately \$90 from the preceding sock-hops. Our building is now equipped with a ping-pong table and a shuffle board. It is hoped that the Club will acquire a pool table in the near future. On Friday 19th, as usual, there will be a sock-hop with no admission charged. The games room will be in use as well as dancing to records. Also, a future dance is scheduled for Friday 26th and it is rumoured that the 'Sands of Time' will be playing. We hope this dance will be a success. This is only possible if we get the support of all members. Again special thanks go out to Base Commander Lett and his wife for hosting the opening dance, the Cpls Club for the furniture and shuffle board, CPL Morton for the ping pong table and F/L Elmer Totem Times photographer.

Totem Inn Announces Combo League

Starting on Monday evening Feb. 5 at 8 o'clock and running through to the end of April, the Totem Inn Combo League will offer tournament play to the members who are interested in Darts, Shuffleboard, and Snooker. Scoring will be as follows. Two points for a win and a half point for a loss. This seems to be the fairest way to run the league for all club members, a player can miss a game and still have a chance to win the championship or a nice prize. Scores will be posted on the league bulletin board, the Totem Times and the Green Sheet.

There will be prizes awarded to the First and Second place finishers and a prize for good sportsmanship and play. There will be a prize in darts for the most runs scored in a nine inning game.

Rules for Darts are: briefly; (The rules apply to singles play only) The game to be played is called Baseball. You shoot at number one first and continue on through nine. The player with the highest total at the end of nine innings will be the winner.

Rules for Snooker are, briefly; The play of the game may be speeded up by using a few less red balls. This, we hope will allow more games to be played by each person. The highest point total wins the game.

Shuffleboard: The normal game of shuffleboard will be played in the league. It is hoped to make it a "doubles" league. You may pick your own partner and forms will be available at the Club, just ask for them.

Further information may be obtained from Cpl. Gord Tremblin.

Dependent Doings



Shown in photo is Wallace Garden boys after game with Sayward on Sunday 21st Jan. Front (l. to r.), Don Leather, Robbie McPhee, Brant Murry, Barry Hannis, Ian Cumberland. Rear (l. to r.), Brian Fleury, David Hacking, Stewart Barnes, Wayne Hannis, Craig Barlow, Greg Giddings.

Wallace Gardens Teenie Weenie basketball house league goes into action every Monday at 5 p.m. at the Station Rec. Centre. The league is comprised of three boys teams all under the coaching of Mrs. Babs McGuire and Mrs. Anne Bloom. Parents are urged to come out with their sons rather than send them.

A bit of spectator activity to cheer these little types on would be tremendous. On Dec. 4th, A and B Teams met with A winning 4-0. High and only scorer was Kevin McGuire with 4 points.

On Dec. 11 A and C teams played with A winning 4-0. Scorers were Barry Long and Kevin McGuire with two points each. On Jan. 14 A and C teams met again with a winning 4-2. Scorers for A team were Kevin McGuire and Barry Long with two points each. Lone scorer for Team C was Paul Davies.

There will be an exhibition game against Cumberland on Jan. 28, 2 p.m. at the station rec. centre.

On Sunday, Jan. 7 our Pre-midget girls, pre-midget boys and midget boys played exhibition games in Courtenay. Unfortunately, at this time, there are no results from the girls game.

The pre-midget boys were lagging badly in the first half then picked up their feet and lost by only a 20-16 margin. High scorer for the W. G. Team was Stewart Barnes with 14 points.

The midget boys team also came alive towards the end and lost only by 29-17. Outstanding players were Mike Morton 8; Rory Kilburn 6.

These teams have entered the Upper Vancouver Island play-off league. First game of the play-

offs saw W. G. pre-midget girls lose to Courtenay by 40-9. Scoring for Wallace Gardens were Debbie Price 5; Ann Ford 4.

In Pre-midget boys play, Courtenay beat us by 33-11. Scorers for W. G. were Stewart Barnes 7; Don Leather 2; David Hacking 2; Courtenay won 36 to 15 over W. G. Midget boys. Good outside shooting on the part of Courtenay gained most of their points.

At the turn of the century, all the inexpensive box cameras were sold to men, and so were all the movie cameras. Father took the pictures, ordering the family about while he posed them and he brought the rolls to the drugstore for processing. He also edited the home movies because that, too, was technical.

A point to remember, All the Wallace Gardens teams are only beginners in this game and many of the children have never played before. Considering this and the fact that the other teams in this area are well established and exceptionally good, we are very proud of our showing and spirit!

Below is a schedule of the remaining Upper Island Basketball Play-off games.

FEB. 4: W. G. vs Cumberland at Station Rec Centre

1 p.m. Pre-midget girls

2 p.m. Pre-midget boys

3 p.m. Midget boys

FEB. 18: W. G. vs Courtenay at Station Rec Centre

1 p.m. Pre-midget boys

2 p.m. Pre-midget girls

3 p.m. Midget boys

FEB. 11: W. G. vs Sayward in Cumberland

1 p.m. Pre Midget boys

2 p.m. Midget boys

FEB. 24: W. G. vs Cumberland in Cumberland

6:30 p.m. Pre-Midget boys

7:30 p.m. Midget boys.

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There was a day when a movie camera and the family car carried with them some mysterious and frightening aura for women. Objects with wheels and motors were mechanical, and women didn't want anything to do with them; they left these things strictly up to their husbands.

Perhaps it was sewing machines and perhaps it was typewriters, but gradually women felt more at ease with technical objects. And as the technical objects grew more sophisticated and less complicated to use, the gap lessened still more.

Big-hearted, clever, technically-minded hubby was, of course, called upon to make the big decisions. The man, by some strange logic, handled everything to do with gadgets and appliances and cars. He would arrogantly stride into the store that sold washing machines and flatirons and decide, in his wisdom, which one his wife would use. And as a final touch, he would write the cheque.

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But his wife was allowed -- and expected -- to do the menial task of sorting out the finished snapshots and pasting them into the family album.

In 1927, most of Canada's drivers' licences were issued to men. By 1947, women began to take to the roads and to-day there are almost as many women as men drivers.

A major oil company says that women now buy 43 per cent of the gasoline sold in those bright, kitchen-clean service stations. Women also buy their own flatirons, electric carving knives and other small appliances without even consulting their husbands. Husbands don't even know that their wives buy half the razor blades sold.

Women not only spend three-quarters of the retail dollars in Canada, but they've taken over the role of official snapshot-taker. Women now own half the inexpensive cameras used today, and slightly more than half the sales of inexpensive cameras are to women. More surprising is the news that, of the more expensive self adjusting cameras, women account for well more than half of sales. They buy almost half of all amateur movie film sold, and in their still cameras their number of rolls per year is well over the national average.

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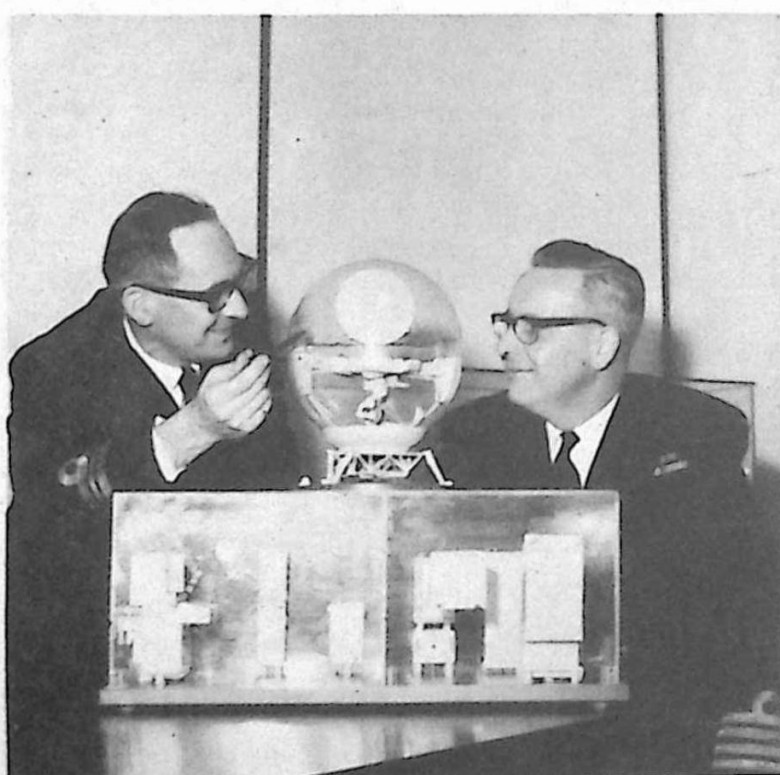
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Third Field Sqn. Wins

The Jan. 11 finals got underway with the losers from the previous games starting the action. This game saw the Queens Own Rifles squeeze out a 9 to 8 win over the Navy. Army were without the services of their first goalie, Ray Chenier, who was hospitalized by an injury he received in their previous game.

The first period ended with the Army having driven the puck home 3 times on goals by Dave Stone, Mick Brown and Cy Climenon. The Navy tallied twice on goals by Ken Smith and BEN Weber.

The Army scored the first 2 goals in the second period on shots by Dick Hurford and Tod Barnes. Midway through the period, the Navy's plays began to click and they came back 3 times to even the score by the end of the period. Scoring for the Navy were, Ray Greigore, twice, and Sandy Silcox.

The boys in blue came on strong in the third period, scoring twice on shots by Ben Weber and George Hurst. At 12:30 there was a flurry of 3 goals within 30 seconds, with Army hitting home twice and Navy once. Scoring for the Army were George Hurst and Dave Stone. The Navy's tally was by Ben Weber. Army scored the tie-breaker on a shot by Dave Parkin.

The game was exciting and clean, with 3 to 5 penalties being

assessed to the Army. Joe Rozon blocked 37 shots for the Army while Navy's John Sax blocked 48.

THE SECOND FEATURE GAME saw the Third Field Sqn., from Chilliwack, defeating our home RCAF Totems to win the Zone 1 finals. The score was 7 to 5 in a well played hard fought game. The Totems made an excellent showing against a club which is in first place in the very competitive Fraser Valley league. There were over 400 fans in attendance.

In the first period Chilliwack opened the scoring at 3:23 on a goal by Don Boutlier assisted by Max Brennan. At 5:30, Al Roque scored for the Totems, unassisted. The Army forged ahead at 10:45 on a shot by BOE Fidler, however the score was evened at 13:26 on Pat Keefe's shot, with Gerry Fleet picking up the assist. The Totems ended the period 3 to 2 when John Kaulback scored on a pass from Gerry LaPierre and Al Roque at 19:50. Play for this period was very fast and close checking. The Chilliwack Club was never permitted to get organized due to the excellent fore-checking by the Totems.

The second period saw the Totems pick up 4 of their 5 penalties of the game. Although they kept the Army from scoring during these penalties, the extra



COMOX VS. QUEEN'S OWN: Hustling Comox players like No. 17 and No. 10 sparked Comox to an impressive 9-1 victory in the semi round of the Zone No. 1 playoffs 10th January, 1968.

effort expended in penalty killing took it toll. Chilliwack got 2 of the 3 goals scored in this period. Their tallies were by Ross Roenspiess and Don Boutlier from Max Brennan. The Totems goal was on a sizzling slap shot from the point by Gerry Fleet. By the end of the period the Totem Club was tiring noticeably.

The third period saw Chilliwack hit home 3 times. The goals were by Bob Fidler, Max Brennan and John Helle. During the last 5 minutes of play, the Totems came up with a supreme effort. They constantly forced the play but managed to score only once. Al Roque will probably be shaking his head for weeks to come, after being unable to score on an open net while the Army goalie was caught out of position.

The Totem tally came at 19:29 on a goal by Pat Keefe from Gerry La Pierre and John Kaulback. Gerry Fleet, although he has one of the best slapshots on the team, did not appear able to get his shots away. His shot from centre ice is extremely fast and accurate and might have been effective against this Army team. Pat Keefe and Bob Nancekivell played an excellent game, constantly being a thorn in their opponents' sides.

After the game, CFB Comox Base Commander Group Captain C. Lett, and his Guest, Air Commodore W. M. Garton, presented the Third Field Sqn., team with the zone 1 championship trophy. Gold medals were also presented to each player.

This win enables the Third Field Sqn. to represent the western area in the inter-service championships in Petewawa, Ontario.

Two future games for the Totem Intermediates on home ice will be against the Powell River, and the University of Victoria hockey clubs, tentatively set for the 2nd and 10th of February respectively.

More Money for You and Me

More than \$60,000 in grants for international competition and training for Canadian Olympic athletes were announced, under the provisions of the Fitness and Amateur Sport Program.

Some \$32,785 will go to the Canadian Olympic Association to send the Canadian Olympic Team to Grenoble to compete in the Winter Olympics in February. This grant will cover half the travel expenses for a 72-member team and half the actual living expenses in Grenoble for a team of 92 for 21 days. The Canadian Amateur Hockey Association will cover the transportation expenses of Canada's 20-member National Hockey Team.

Largest single grant to a sports governing body announced by the minister is one for \$7,660 to the Canadian Amateur Ski Association. It will provide assistance for National Ski Teams -- alpine, cross-country and jumping. Several of the competitions in which the downhill and slalom skiers will compete will count in world cup competition. This grant is part of a total grant of \$113,000 to the ski association for its 1967-68 program.

The Canadian Lawn Tennis Association was awarded two separate grants totalling \$9,272, to assist in sending teams to the Davis Cup Championships in Europe this year and to the Federation Cup Championships in New Zealand, in January, 1969.

Inter Service Playoffs

The interservice playoffs got off to a great start on the 10th of January with over 150 fans on hand to see the action.

At 6 p.m. the first game of the evening got underway with the third field sqn. from Chilliwack walloping the RCN from Esquimalt by a score of 13 to 2. It proved to be a skating type of game, with no penalties. The Army controlled the game at all times and displayed some excellent passing plays. It was obvious that this team had a good many games under their belt. What the navy lacked in precision they more than made up for in their effort and sportsmanship. The Navy goalie, LAC Ken Shields recently of Comox, played a superb game as he turned away shot after shot. The Chilliwack net minder was not really tested during this game.

Army goals in the first period were scored by Carl Marsh, John Helle, Pete Needra, Don Boutlier and Max Brennan. The second period scoring was again all army with goals by Wayne Jones, Don Boutlier, Bob Fidler and John Helle. The third period the Navy came on their strongest, opening the scoring at 55 seconds, on a goal by John Nicolletti. Bob Fidler came back for the Army, scoring twice. Max Brennan accounted for their last goal. The Navy ended the scoring for the game at 16:24 on a goal by Dave Woodruff. This win for the Chilliwack Club moved them into the finals.

The second game was between the Queens Own Rifles from Victoria and the RCAF Totem Intermediates from Comox. The crowd for this game had swelled to over 400, and none were disappointed with the action. The RCAF won this game by a score of 9 to 1. The Army had many chances to score but Totem net minder Stew Smith was at his best, turning aside all but 1 of their 28 shots. Army's Ray Chenier, blocked 26 of the Totems shots. The game was fast and close checking, definitely the Totems brand of hockey. Although the Army made some excellent plays, they were unable to finish off around the net.

At 3:49 of the first period, with the Army one man short, the Totems got their first goal on a shot by John Kaulback from Al Roque. Their second tally via Dave Woods from John Kaulback at 18:58.

The second period showed some great individual efforts. Bob Nancekivell chased an army player from centre ice into his own end, and with several Army players around him, stole the puck from behind the Army's net, passed it out in front, came out and scored on a rebound off Paul Godins shot. Al Roque scored again on a pass from John Kaulback and Paul Godin. Army net minder Ray Chenier made a brilliant save on Ivan Grant's breakaway, midway through the period. He came half way to the blue line, and diving at the puck, cleared it to the corner. Army got their only goal of the game at 18:30 scored by Pete Hiscock from John MacVicar and Harry Purfield. Totems scored again at 19:57 when Gerry LaPierre slid the puck home while sprawled on the ice. Al Roque and John Kaulback got the assists on this goal.

During the third period, the Totems scored three times. The first at the 23 second mark by Gerry La Pierre from Marty Fraser and Paul Godin. At 7:30 Marty Fraser scored assisted



THE 3RD FIELD SQUADRON from Chilliwack finding themselves down 4-2 storm back to tie the Comox team with this goal and go on to score three more thus upsetting hometown hopefuls of a one 1 championship by defeating Comox 7-5 in the finals.



CAPT. KEEFE SCORES: With Don Boutlier, No. 10, on his back Pat Keefe, No. 16, scores on Chilliwack. The puck is almost in the net behind the stick of Ivan Grant, No. 6.

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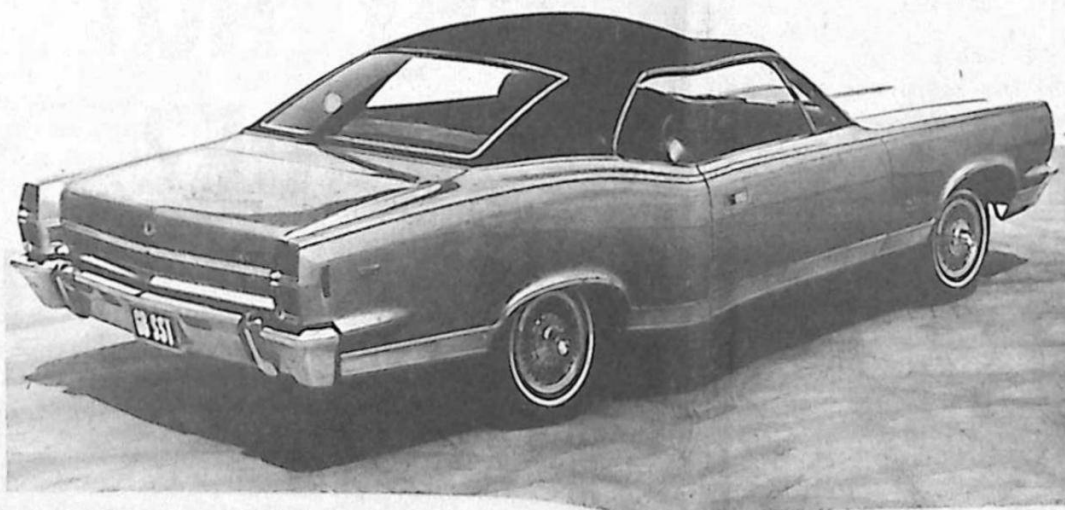
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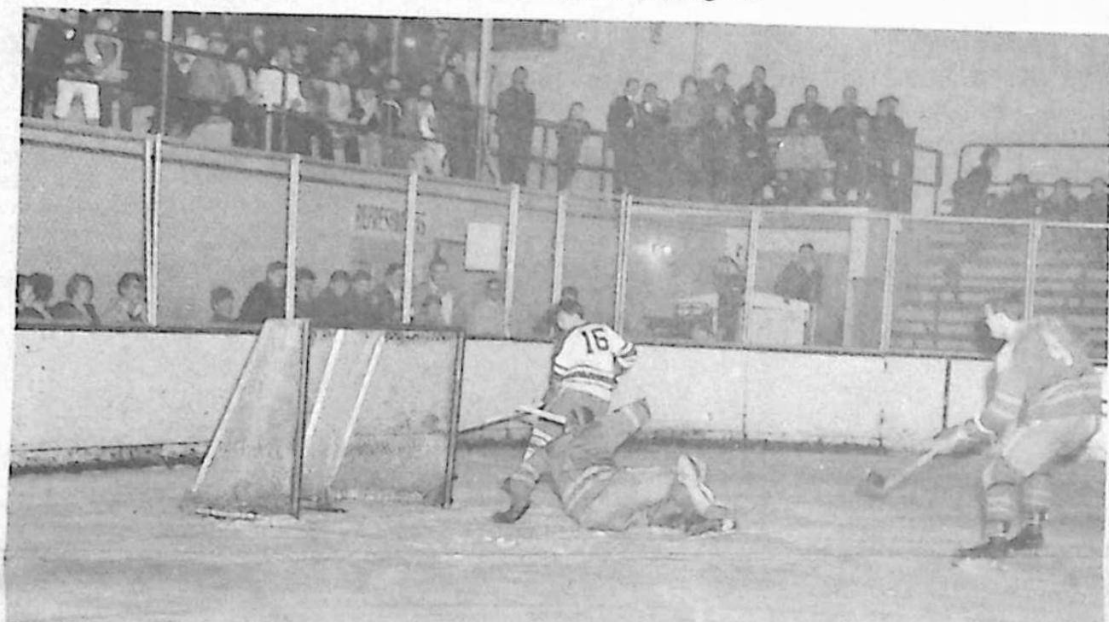
On 23 December a rink from CFB Comox emerged victorious at a Canadian Forces Bonspiel held at the Capital City, Chuck Perry (Skip - Tel/Air), Bob Carscadden (Third - 407 STDS), Ross Henderson (Second - GCA), Lorne Scott (Lead - 407 STDS) pooled their talent to become top dogs at a 24 rink, three-day bonspiel. By the time this paper goes to press the "Wiser" Trophy should be on display in the display case at the HQ building.

This competition was hosted by the Canadian Forces Curling Club at Esquimalt and was open to all serving and retired personnel and immediate dependents in the Victoria area. The bon-

spiel was set up to handle 32 rinks, however, only 24 were entered. In addition to receiving the Wiser trophy each member of the Comox rink was presented with a miniature copy of the large trophy and - would you believe - 800 day, transistorized, battery operated clock.

A reliable source reported that in concluding his acceptance speech Perry was heard to say "and I would particularly like to thank Big Bad John and his entire staff for all the kindnesses shown us throughout our stay in Victoria. Had he not provided us with between-game training facilities, had he not constantly encouraged us, had he not cashed our checks, our winning the

main event would probably not be a reality." A tear was seen to roll down his cheek and drop with a plink into the Wiser trophy and he finally said "He was like a father to us" - at this point his voice broke and he had to be assisted back to his chair. Seriously chaps - well done and good show to all concerned including Commander Faire, bonspiel co-ordinator, and Petty Officer Stubbs, president of the Canadian Forces Curling Club, Esquimalt. All you local curlers - lets get organized next year and send at least two teams to this bonspiel and thereby positively insure that the "Wiser" trophy remains at CFB Comox.



TOTEM INTERMEDIATES in action. Last weekend's journey to Victoria proved not too fruitful for our Totems as close in chances, as seen above, would not go in, hence 3-2 loss to University of Victoria Vikings.



THE FIRST official referees fan club meeting took place the other day. Here in an English speaking section of North Winnipeg were the results.



CAR CLUB EXECUTIVE: Left to right, Herb Simpson, secretary; Larry Tolton, competition chairman; Vic Howlett, vice-president; Bill Platt, treasurer; Sharon Newman, trophy chairman; Darrel Newman, bulletin editor; Dean Hancock, president; Nairne Playton, inventory holder; Jack Balfour, C.A.S.C. representative.

INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY

R.C.A.F. Totems vs. Nanaimo O'Keefe's
2nd February - 8:45 p.m.
R.C.A.F. Totems vs. Tudor Monarchs (Esquimalt)
10th February - 8:30 p.m.
At Glacier Gardens

The proposed game between Powell River and the Totems has been cancelled.

MINOR HOCKEY

The Comox Valley Minor Hockey teams have had a very busy two weeks with many exciting and crowd pleasing games being played. The standings in each division have stayed pretty well the same and the Big Four has had two weeks of action and this has proved to be a good move in the formation of the Midgets and Juveniles into a four team league and eliminating the previous double header games on Saturdays. Our Comox Ban-

RCAF Totems

By J. E. CHABOT

The Totems lost a squeaker to the University of Victoria Vikings in an interlocking game at Esquimalt, on 19 January. This win left the Vikings firmly in top place in the Esquimalt Intermediate League. The crowd of around 2,000 fans, many of them cheering for Comox, were treated to a good, clean game of hockey. This was a key game for the Vikings, and proved to be no pushover.

The first period saw the Vikings open the scoring early, as the Totem club appeared unable to get organized. The Comox players were not playing good position, and seemed to be lacking in the Fore and Back checking departments. Had it not been for some excellent net minding, the Totems could have been in real trouble. The only goal of the period was scored by Viking's Bill Rudyk.

The second period was not much better for the Totems, as the Vikings again picked up the only goals of the period, with Mike McAvoy scoring the first of two goals. What proved to be the winning goal was scored by Vikings Mike Woody, while the University team was short handed. Although the Totems were unable to score, they did however, begin to throw some good body checks, disrupting some of the Viking plays.

In the third frame the Totems began to look like the club we were used to watching. Had they played this way for the first two periods, the final score could easily have been reversed. Dick Lee, up from the Courtenay Mustangs, picked up the Totems first goal while Vikings were a man short. The Totems second tally came when Bob Nancekivell and Pat Keefe set up Mike Stephens, displaying some fine passing and puck control. With a minute left to play the Totems came on with six attackers, but Vikings goalie and defencemen were able to hold them off. At 19:27 the University club picked up a penalty, and for the last 30 seconds the Totems did everything but score.

The third period also saw the University of Victoria fans getting into the act. They were obviously well supplied with tomatoes, and even tried to substitute the puck with a dead rat. The officials seemed to have some difficulty in deciding how to dispose of the furry puck.

Both clubs were definitely out to play hockey and displayed excellent sportsmanship, as only six penalties were assessed, with Paul Godin picking up all three for the Totems. Bob Nancekivell, Charlie Putman, and Goalie Stew Smith merit special mention for their fine performance. If these clubs meet at Glacier Gardens, the Totems should have little difficulty in winning, as the Garden ice surface is smaller and much faster.

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over the Flyers a most decisive one, 5 to 0. The Flyers had also lost their first game, 7 to 5 to the Hurons. This division is too new to really show who is the better team but the Ottawas may take the playoffs with their more experienced Juveniles.

In wrapping up the hockey for this two week period I would like to remind all the hockey fans of the forth-coming action on Saturday the 27th of January as the teams will be taking part in a

Minor Hockey Week Jamboree and this will give everyone a chance to see all the boys in action, 8 a.m. Apaches vs Blackfeet, 9:05 Ottawas vs Rovers; 10:45 Falcons vs Mustangs; 12:00 Hawks vs Cherokees; 13:30 Ponies vs Jays; 14:35 Hurons vs Flyers; 16:15 Algonquins vs Iroquois; Brones vs Sioux 17:30; 19:00 Seminoles (Bantam Reps vs Port Alberni; 21:30 Comanches Mosquito Reps vs Port Alberni.

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