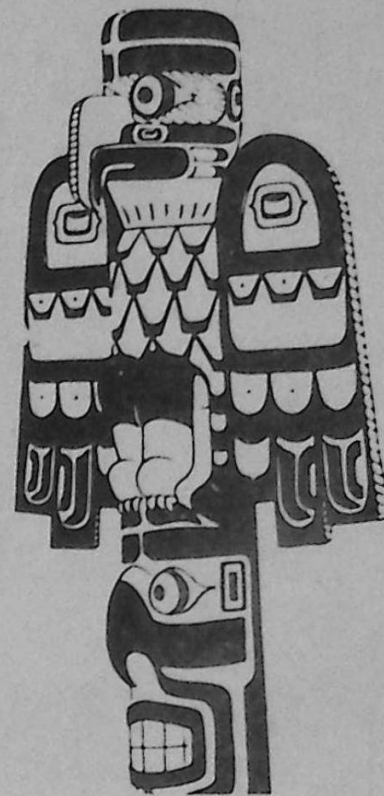




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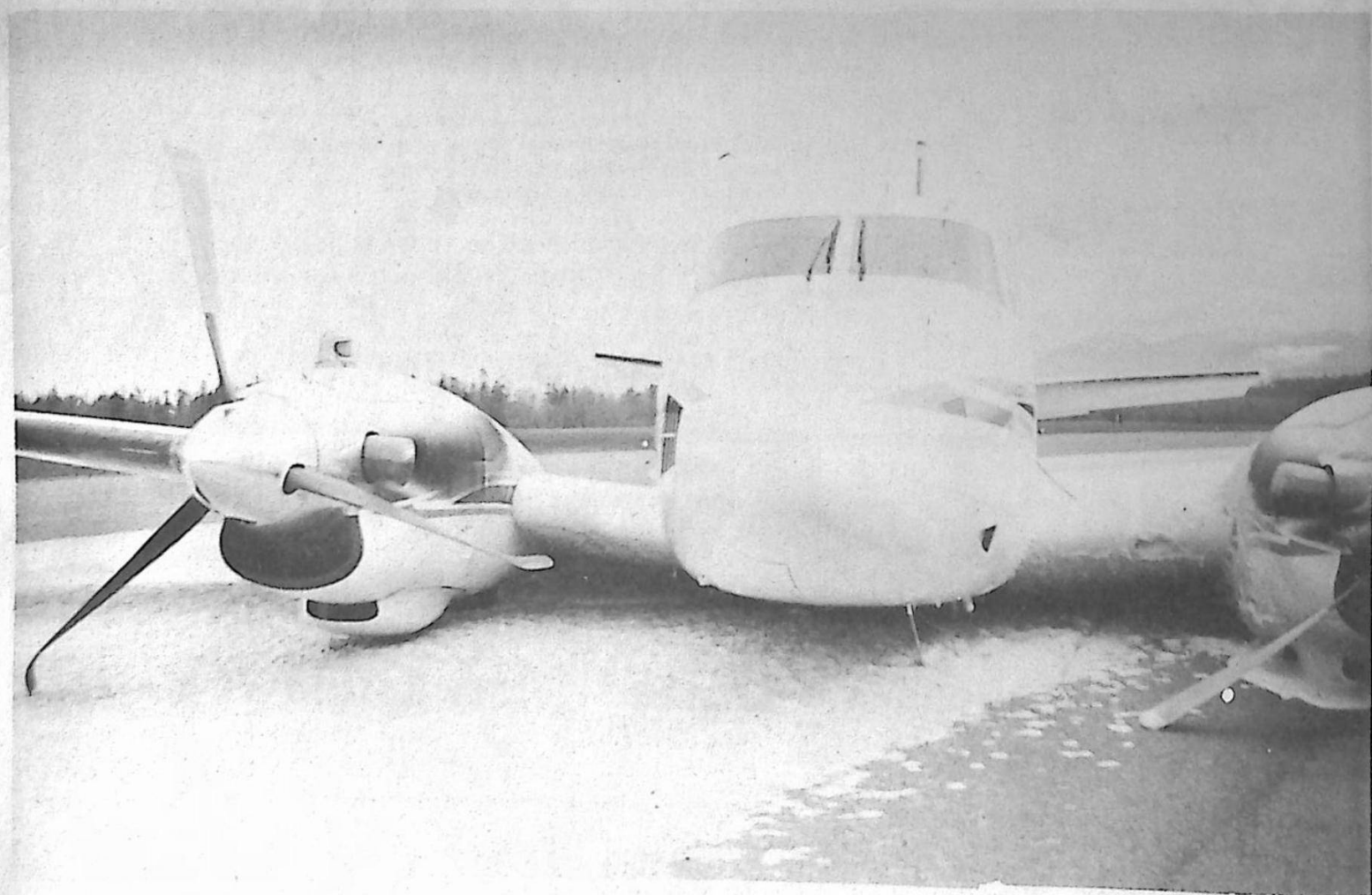
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WHEELS UP ON RUNWAY 36



WHILE EVERYONE held their breath, this D.O.T. King Beech slid to a stop on a specially prepared cushion of foam which had been laid down by Captain George Palmer's firemen. Our TOTEM TIMES photographer was there to catch this spectacular shot as the aircraft skidded by, throwing up a roostertail of foam.

— RFE photo



SECONDS AFTER the aircraft came to a complete stop, one of our other photographers was there to snap this photo which shows how little damage was done to the bird. The bump on the starboard engine

is not really part of the plane at all, it's one of the Base firemen in the background, ready to extinguish any outbreak of fire.

— LGM photo

D.O.T. Pilot Greases It On

On April Fool's Day a routine take-off from Port Hardy gave Mr. Robert Smith, Captain of a D.O.T. King Beech turbo-prop, more than a little to think about. The take-off was routine, except for the fact that one wheel decided to abandon the aircraft and stay at Port Hardy. Realizing that he would have to do a "Wheels up landing" he elected to burn off fuel and land at Comox, taking advantage of the excellent crash facilities of the base.

Alerted more than an hour before the proposed landing, CFB Comox Firemen were able to lay a white swath of foam down the center of runway 18/36.121 Search and Rescue unit were notified, and had a helicopter standing-by just in case.

While the crash trucks readied themselves word spread around the base and very rapidly it was well-known that the landing would be attempted at 15:30 hrs. The On scene controller, Medical crash crew, the Base Public Information Officer and Base Photographers were all notified. Totem Times staff were also there in full force stationed

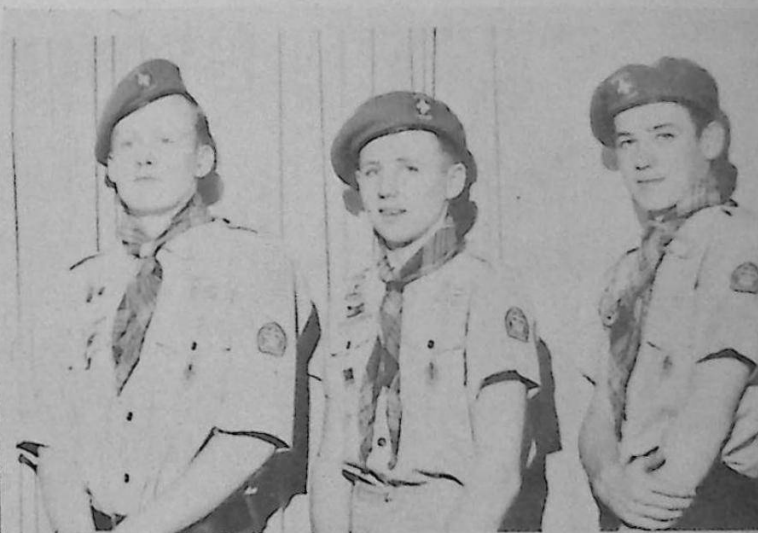
at intervals down the runway in order to cover the aircraft during the crash landing.

All that was left was to wait. The aircraft approached and flew overhead but stayed aloft in order to burn off more fuel. About 15 minutes later, viewers saw the aircraft coming low over the end of the runway 36, touch down on the foam and slide about 1,500 feet down the runway on the white carpet that had been prepared for it. It slowed slightly to the port before coming to a full stop. Then the door on the side of the fuselage opened, and out rushed the occupants.

By this time, the fire trucks had arrived but it soon became evident that no fire would break out. The rest was anti-climatic. A crane had soon picked-up the aircraft and deposited it in front of 7 hangar.

Mr. R. A. Smith is to be congratulated on the fine landing. Damage to the aircraft was very slight. The Base Firemen are to be complimented on the preparation that made the landing so successful and may have saved four lives.

2nd Comox Groups' Future Queen's Scouts



RECENTLY MAJOR REX COUSINS, vice chairman of the Second Comox Group presented Gold Pin awards to (left to right) Craig Forster, David Cronmiller and Randy Wills. These three happy Venturers will soon be presented the Queen Scout certificate, highest award in scouting. In Victoria this month, His Excellency Lt. Governor G. Pearkes will make the presentation. For more scouting news turn to page five.

— RFE photo



"I'VE NEVER WON anything before in my life" exclaimed Cpl. D. F. (Tiny) Col-lings when the Contest Director Captain R. O. Hughes informed him that he had won the First Prize in the Times' "Bobby-Win-A-Trip" contest. "When Audrey, my little woman, heard that I had won a round trip for two to Holberg she dashed downtown and bought an entire new wardrobe for the trip. See page seven for more winners and pictures.

— LGM photo

Comox 414 Detach. Disbands

Integration having proved to be too much for them and because they were continuously being overtaken by a small but sleek B.C. Government jet VIP aircraft some of the venerable old Clunks have elected to retire.

Applying for release under CFAO 15-4 para "C", "Release as of Right", one CF100 gave the following reasons for the said application; "Having been 'Air Force' for my entire career I cannot bring myself to even consider being employed with the Sea and Land forces. After much soul searching I am forced to admit that I am completely unadaptable to slippery carrier decks and muddy fields."

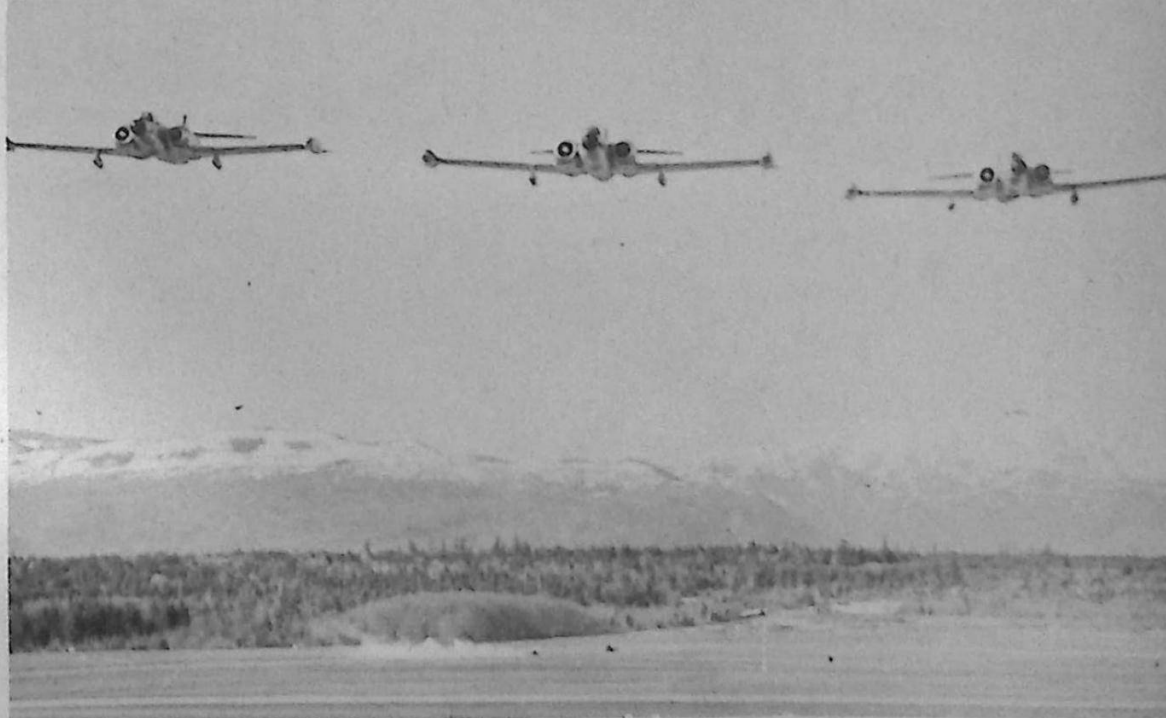
The old Clunk, having served just under 20 years and not having reached compulsory retirement age; is to be released without benefits. This means, of course that it will have to pay its own way back to the now abandoned Avro plant, and will

not receive a pension, just his contributions returned. What a pitiful reward for the many years of faithful service it has given.

The ultimate fate of the Lead Sleds has not yet been decided, but Materiel Command Headquarters has been swamped with bids for parts of and even the entire fleet, some of which are:

The UAR has bid for the complete fleet, less wings. They plan to equip the remaining configuration with balloon tires and employ them as escape vehicles for their army.

The B.C. Ferry commission is reported to have bid for all the wings in an effort to corner the market and prevent a certain marine construction firm from building a bridge between Vancouver Island and the mainland. Mobile Command has asked for the engines which could be used as tent heaters, and Cassius Clay has asked for a gun pack as an aid in shooting off his mouth.



THE END OF AN ERA — Probably the last time anyone would see three serviceable CF100's at the same time at CFB Comox. At 0930 on Tuesday Yogi One, Two and Three lined up on runway 29, tower cleared them for takeoff and off they went on their way east in proud formation. But before they turned to climb on the first leg of their journey they did one last flypast over the tower. Then, for the last time, they headed away from the base that had been their home for the last five years.

— RFE photo

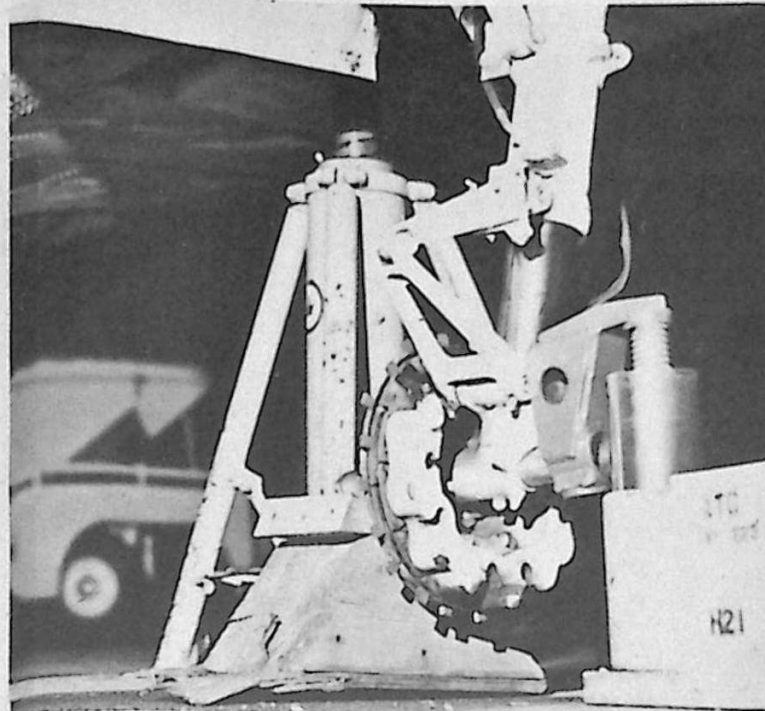
BASE PERSONNEL WERE READY



UNDER THE DIRECTION of the firechief foam about thirty feet wide was being laid down the center

of the runway. Seemore says that despite the claims of the firemen it did not have a lime taste.

— LGM photo



THIS WAS WHAT all the commotion was about. On takeoff from Port Hardy the aircraft had lost a wheel and a "wheels up" landing was the only solution.

— RFE photo



HERE (left to right) Cpl O Knutson, Pte M Roy and Cpl J Wells refill the foam truck so that the job of laying the foam can be completed. This took place near No. 1 hangar where a peanut gallery of payfield seven troops were gathering.

— LGM photo



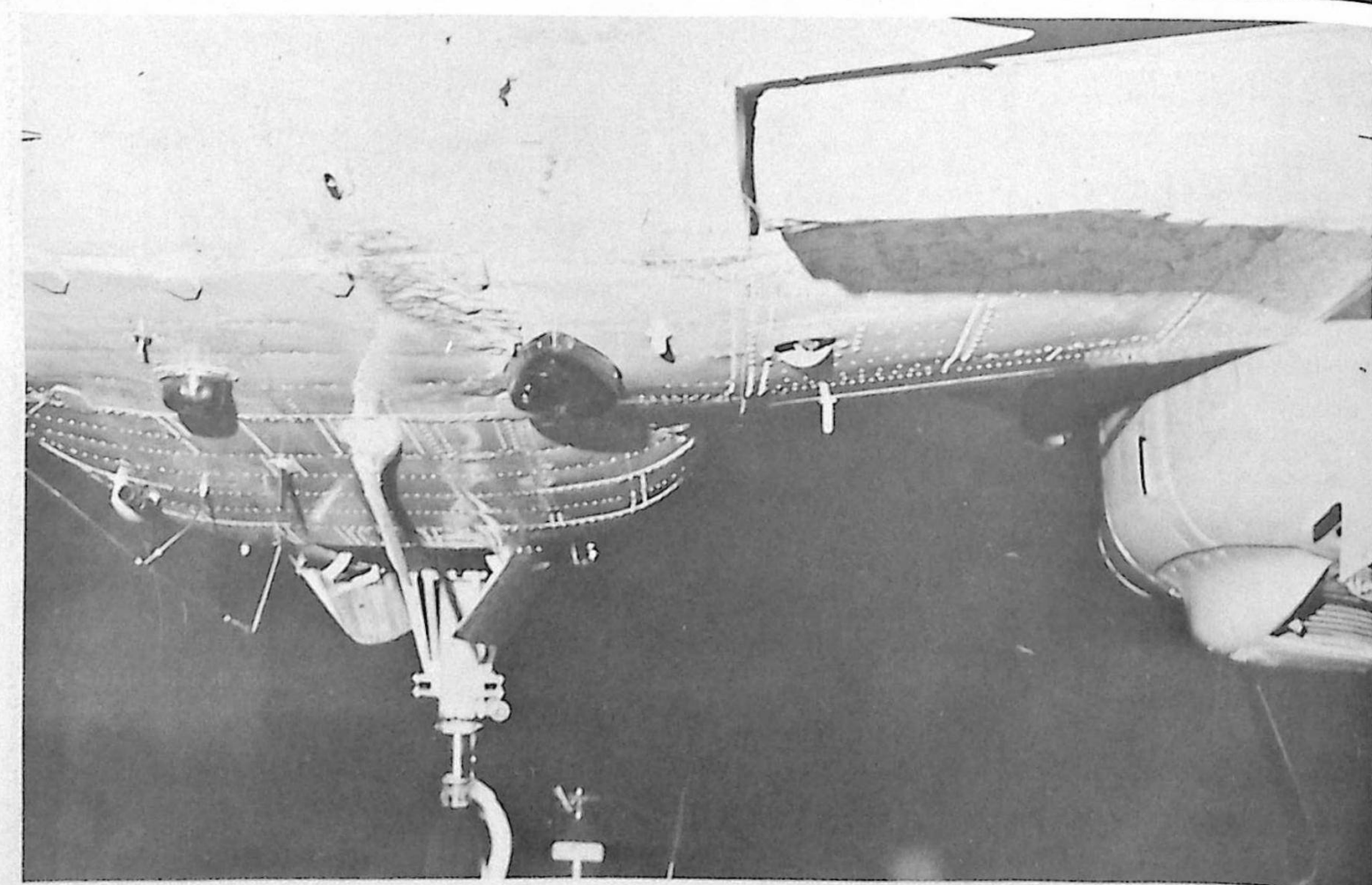
WITH 121's HELICOPTER standing by, and a fire truck racing to the scene the passengers make a quick exodus from the plane. And who could blame them?

— RFE photo



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT CWO Murphy, Cpl Knutson, WO Chapman (partially hidden), Cpl Wells, Cpl Bowes survey the scene, while Fire Chief Capt. George Palmer shouts directions to someone out of the picture. The man on the extreme right was one of the four passengers of the aircraft.

— RFE photo



DAMAGE TO THE AIRCRAFT was confined mainly to the flaps, radio antennae and props. Note that

the navigation lights were not even broken.

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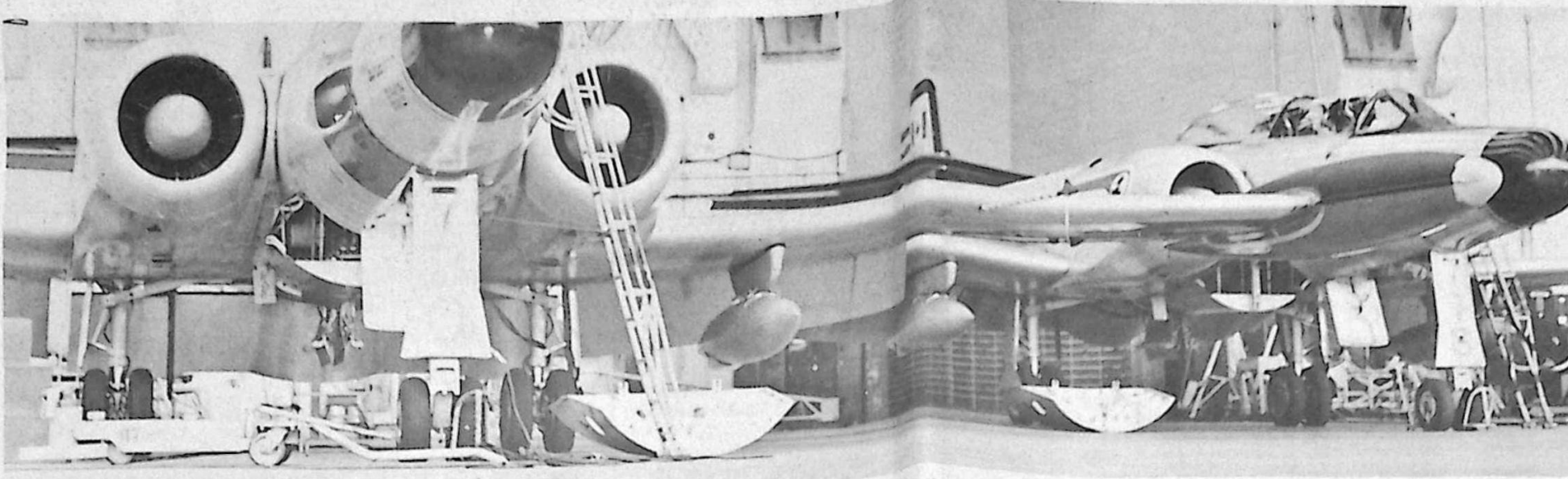
414 Detachment Disbands, Many Clunks to Retire

Back in 1962 it was decided that the cost of sending CF100s out to the coast from St. Hubert was enough to warrant a detachment of Clunks at Comox. At that time the EWU (Electronic Warfare Unit or Elderly Warplanes Unit, whichever you please) had an establishment of 1 Flight Lieutenant, seven Flying Officers, 15 ground crew and three aircraft. Captain Fred Hastings was the OC until his retirement in 1966 when F/L Ken Mitchell took over a unit comprised of eight Flight Lieutenants and 15 groundcrew were lost in the spring of 1967 when EWU's servicing was taken over by 409 ground crew.

While in Comox EWU had various roles. In their three Clunks they flew about 1,000 hours a year on the tow line. They flew most of the monotonous PEGE trips, took off first and landed last, held their breath on many the close one, flew targets for Western Norad Exercises and hosted two crews from the east every three weeks.

Now in 1968 economy also dictates that they leave us. Tuesday past, three crews climbed into Mark 5, Mark 5C and Mark 5D (without wing extensions) and flew back east to leave the faithful clunks in St. Hubert.

Just where the people of 414 (that's EWU in algebra) are going, has yet to be learned. At last count two of eight had their postings. Captain Bob Merrick, ex-editor of the Totem Times will be returning to Comox (and the Times) as a Night Hawk, and Gerry Knight will be joining the



"WE'RE HEADING for the last round-up" these forlorn looking Canucks seem to be saying. The Clunks are caught in a remote corner of the hangar by our Ace Cameraman Snoopy Shutter, where they are being stripped of everything of value and having the

mileage turned back prior to their trip east. The Base Refinishers attacked the aircraft just after this picture was taken and painted "Les Forces Armees Canadiennes" on the starboard sides so that the personnel in Eastern Canada will be able to identify them. — RFE photo

other fly-by-nighters in Chatham. The rest of the Elderly Warriors are sitting on pins and needles. John Soreff hopes that with the exception of his paysheets, Ottawa has lost all trace of him.

Just to show how Empires are built, Captain Bob Wheeler claims that when he arrives at Comox he was second in Command of the detachment. He leaves as the junior pilot.

The Totem Times takes this opportunity to wish all the ex-members of 414 squadron (Comox Detachment) well in the future. May all your postings be exactly as you wish them to be.

TV or not TV

By LAC Lance Stirling

Someone should write a primer for television parents. Not the parents you see in the toothpaste and cereal commercials, but the confused, bewildered, misguided mothers and fathers of the young tads that watch the tube.

The young folks have always seen the box in the corner, so what comes out of it seems natural to them. It's the way they react to what they see on the tube that confuses those of us who used to READ about Tim Tyler's Luck and LISTEN to the Lone Ranger.

What parents don't need is another weighty tome on what will happen to the mind of junior if he keeps on watching the reruns of 1945 movies, the used car ads, the quaint family shows and the late news. Something more practical is the pressing need.

Something, that will tell you what to do, for instance, when your first grader comes home with a note that he insists that numbers run 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 10-11-12-13-UHF. Or when you sit down at the kitchen table and try to explain that three apples from five apples leaves two apples and he tells you that the way he does it is Channel Three is two clicks toward the bathroom from Channel Five and his only problem is that he forgets which way to turn for the bathroom at school.

Things like that leave a parent in a quandry. Should you shut off the tube and grimly go back to arithmetic by the fingers the way you learned, or should you let him watch the truly outstanding educational programs on the list he brought home from school, oddly enough the very same afternoon that you decided to forgo TV.

Even more basic, how do you convince your youngster that all of the numbering systems in the world start with one when his closest brush with numbers —

the channel selector — starts with two.

There are other problems needing solutions that are beyond the ken of the average harassed parent. How do you teach your kid, for instance, that nothing (besides immunizations) is free. Nobody pays for anything in the never-never land inside the box. They just go through life, hopping on and off airplanes, in and out of cabs, and on and off operating tables without once reaching for the bill.

On those rare occasions when the price of something is mentioned, a credit card is whipped out with a big smile. It takes patience beyond the range of the normal parent to make his kids realize that credit cards are not a standard item of supply.

Then there are commercials. How do you convince your offspring that he is not living with a brand X family just because your soap bottle will not talk. On the telly, soap bottles talk, beer cans are invested by bears, everybody breaks out in song once they light up any brand of cigarette and it starts snowing when the top is popped off of a pop bottle.

After a steady diet of this sort of stuff, most homes must seem pretty dull.

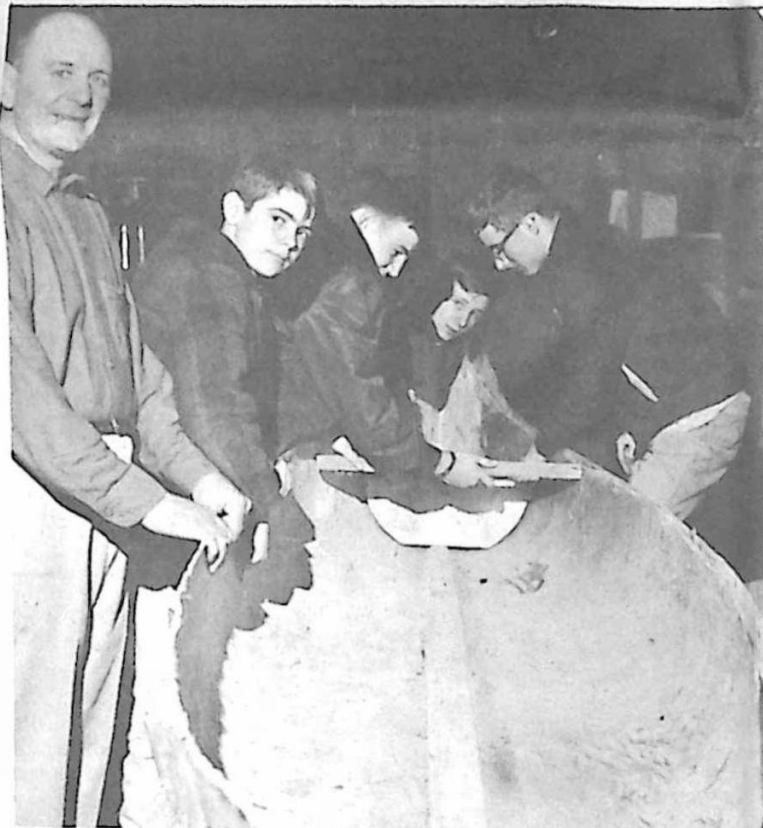
Commercials also tend to give most youngsters an inferior complex. In their eyes we must be the smelliest, thickest, most undernourished, over-fed, wild-haired people who ever, at the slightest provocation, combed their hair, scrubbed their sink, talked to mirrors, shaved in public, danced through airports, consorted with washing machine gentles and confided in a confidential whisper to eight million views that they had a perspiration problem — when they weren't brushing their teeth or throwing the toothpaste away.

It's tough to follow an act like that.



BASE THEATRE GETS FACE LIFTING: In an effort to attract more patrons to the theatre the Base Administration has begun a program to improve the appearance of the facility along with a greatly improved selection of films. Some of the improvements completed to date are the painting of the seats and the installation of carpeting in the auditorium and the foyer. This carpeting has reduced the noise level to a minimum. A new canteen is to be built in the lobby soon and the auditorium is to receive a complete paint job.

— Canadian Forces photo



OVER AT THE HOBBY SHOP, the Venturers recently completed initial building stage of their canoe. Left to right are Company Advisor Dick Wells, Venturers Joe Cando, David Cronmiller, Randy Willis, Randy Upsdell and District Advisor Steve Burridge.

MP BLOTTER

Seems we have just written this column when the demand comes in for the next. Guess time is flying. It sure flew for Phil Thorne. Sgt. one week Mr. the next. Good Luck Phil in your new career. Phil is the first of our clan to take advantage of the new release procedures, second came our one time hockey goalie, Dave Gamble. He has left us to return to school and become a welder. We always knew him as a lad of steel! If my forecasts are correct Bentley and Dinsdale and Horton will be civilians just about the time TT is printed. To them all we say the best of luck. Also on the outgoing tide are Sgt. Lew (Choo Choo) Newell and Cpl. Wayne Kendall. Both going to softer spots known as Rad Stations, Beausjour and Molise respectively. Away for a while and back again is the Cap'n. Before his leave was actually up he was whisked away to McChord on TD. Our best news of the month were the promotions to Cpl. Some people take them for granted but we should all remember that there must be recommendations and qualifications, tradewise, to meet, before a Pte can become a Cpl. Therefore we heartily congratulate the new Cpls, Brunet, Chernesky, Driediger, Fell, Hunnie, and Pope. All were back dated, some almost a year. One promotion was so far back dated it went to Mr. Pratt. He was

released some time ago. There may be a chance yet that I may get my WO — posthumously — Huh?

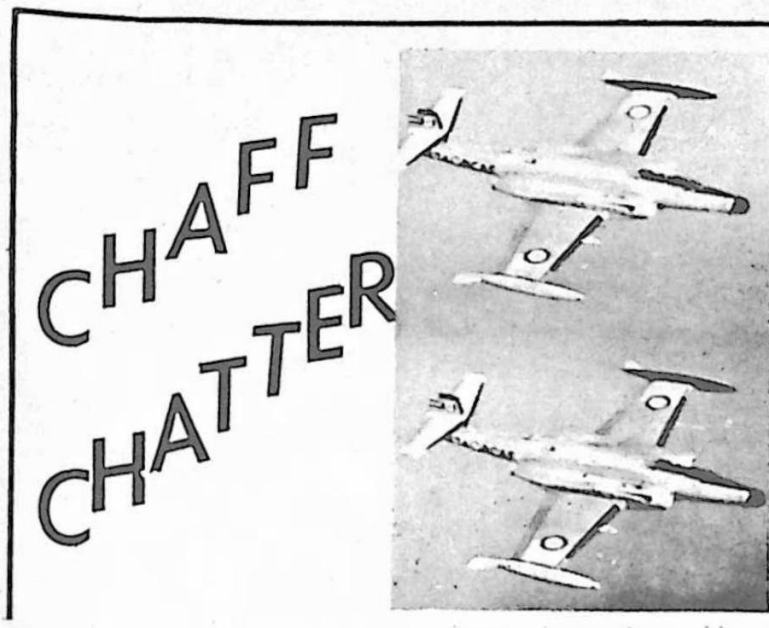


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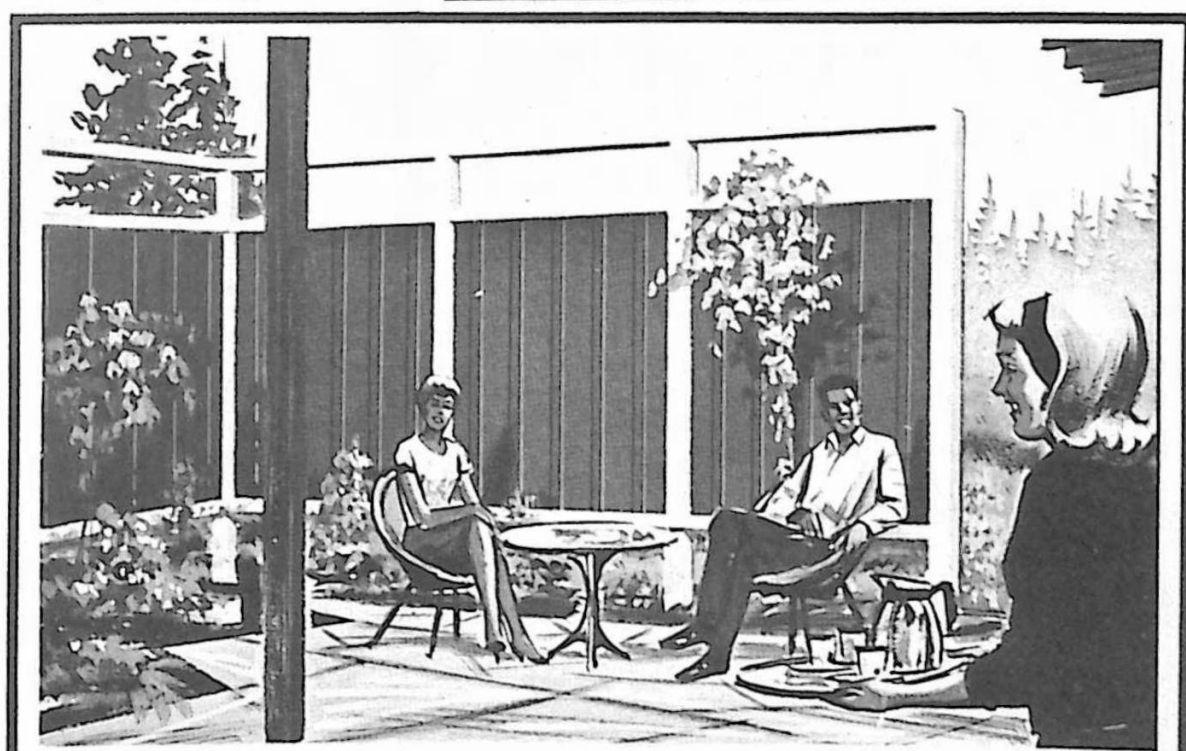


FINAL INSTALLMENT

Monday, April the first, dawned bright and clear in our forgotten valley. Even the district's other industry, the real estate salesman, stayed home for that second cup of tea, coffee, or cocoa. Everyone sat around waiting—waiting for the note from the east. None came. EWU—414 Sqd.—target force, had ceased operations and still no official postings. Well, not entirely, Bob Merrick probably will become a A1 type here with 409 on Voodoos and Gerry Knight will probably do the same work but with 416 Voodoo Sqd. at Chatham, N.B., and that's it. Last Tuesday, 2 April, the 3 CF-100's were flown back to St. Hubert for the knife. Captains Wheeler, Taylor, Mitchell, Sorfleet, Rushton, and Knight reluctantly made the trip 'cause all they had to look forward to was a long CNR ride back with no wives or kids to brighten their day and keep them company. Yes, things are rough in the service. Even Cpl. Weisman had a tear in his eye as the aircraft pulled out. He later went over to the MO to get that damn cinder out of his eye.

That was a great party the Knights and Wheelers threw the other night. Everybody looked just great in the latest spring fashions and it was nice to see Pat Knight looking as beautiful as ever. Pardon the expression but that artillery punch was as subtle as an army mule. Marg Mitchell suggested we all have a few hands of bridge but nobody wanted to play that game—so we all stayed with blind mans buff and that is the way the party ended—everybody went home blind. You missed a good thrash John Sorfleet—where in the world were you?

On behalf of our beloved OC, Ken Mitchell, we all wish to thank the 409th for the many fine days and nights we worked with them and for the kind use of their facilities. Our special thanks to Col. Paterson for just being a good guy, and to Bob Sherratt for all his assistance in general orderly roomness—and to John Morris' CAC cohorts for their ability to recognize friend or foe



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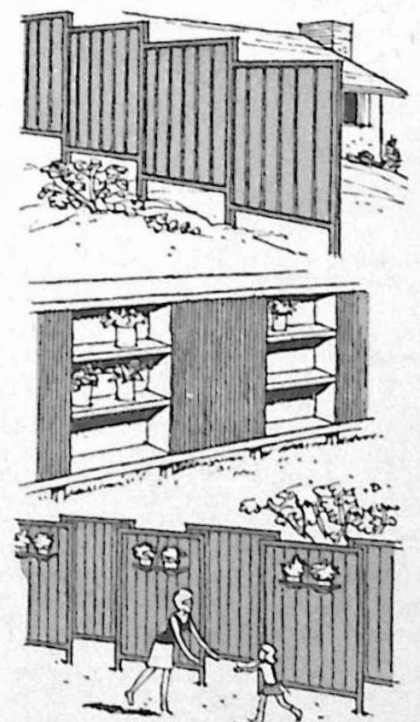
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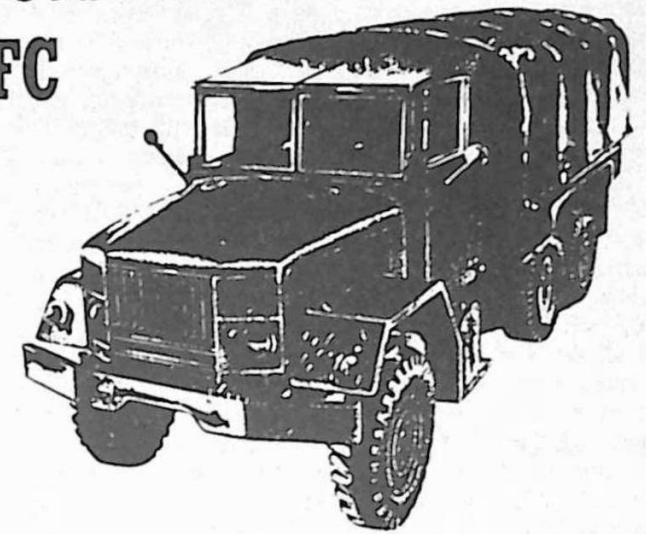
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Avez vous une clef - anglaise?

The recent announcement that a ship of the Canadian Navy would be designated as a French Ship will no doubt be greeted with mixed feelings throughout the service. Some will no doubt welcome the change as a step in bringing more equality into the services for the French-Canadian. To be able to work on a ship where the "working language" is French may just keep a few French-Canadians in the service, however the problems involved are bound to be tremendous. From a recruiting point of view, the services will be able to assure young French-Canadians that there is a place where he will be able to carry on a normal day in his mother tongue. But the ship will have to be truly bilingual if it is to co-operate at all with the rest of the CAF, unless of course it carries a huge staff of interpreters. As one French-Canadian corporal put it, "Have you ever tried to ask for parts in French? They are hard enough to get in English."

Some others may take the view that this is a slow process that will eventually separate, and segregate a service that has just been unified. Some servicemen feel that they are being used as guinea-pigs for the government's policies on bilingualism and biculturalism. If a French-Canadian ship is created no doubt soon there will be a French-Canadian squadron in the air arm. This strikes a little closer to home for the servicemen at Comox. It is not very difficult to imagine the problems that would be encountered by such a move. Whole new line-crews would have to be trained or re-trained in the proper technical terms in French. Air Materiel Command would need a team of expert interpreters. Training Command would require a separate French organization. The duplication of effort would be tremendous.

French-Canadians have been in the service for quite some time. A lot of them look upon Quebec as a nice place to visit (it is their home) but they don't particularly care to live there. The cost of living is higher. There is that eight percent sales tax, and the car insurance rates are atrocious. If French units are set up they will be centered in Quebec and it is unfair to expect that with the exception of a few bilingual English-Canadians that French-Canadians will make up the service population of Quebec.

A lost cause

They are at it again; Canadian Press recently reported that George Burnham, who likes the Red Ensign better than the Canadian Flag has filed charges with the RCMP and the justice department that Canada stole our Maple Leaf flag from Peru, and that in order to appease the Peruvians, gave them an interest-free loan. How preposterous! Granted, Peru has been a relatively independent nation a lot longer than Canada (since 1821), but to say that Canada copied their flag is ridiculous. Canada's Maple Leaf flag is patterned after the Royal Military College flag, which has two vertical red bands, with the Royal Military College crest in the middle on a white background. RMC was founded in 1876 and is almost as old as the country itself. To say that Canada's flag was stolen from Peru is just not true. If Mr. Burnham could find some way of checking he would probably find that the present Canadian flag was suggested by Lt-Col G. W. Stanley, head of the RMC history department at the time it was adopted. Canada's national flag has a definite Canadian historic tradition.

I'll Tell You Why

Dear Editor,
 In last week's Totem Times the question was put, "why don't more people write letters to this paper?" The writer specifically referred to "letters to the Editor", and suggested that such mundane topics as, "gardening, boating and garden variety domestic diseases that afflict the human animal," may stir someone into answering. While to "tell the adults the real results of mumps" may stimulate a mature male who has just contracted mumps it would probably put the editorial page of this paper in the hospital with terminal jaundice.

Letters to the editor are generally prompted by and only as interesting as the editorials. Controversy makes interesting reading and also stimulates peoples thinking, however, controversy is something which has been sadly lacking on your editorial page of late, so, in order to help you OUT I would like to suggest a few topics that might be expanded into editorials which would most certainly draw some mail:

- The Liberal Leadership Convention: a) Has anybody ever seriously delved into the reason why PCT has not married, Has he been a wall flower all his life, or could it be bad breath?
- Does Paul Hellyer intend to continue integration on the socio-political level?
- Did Mitchell Sharp really flunk Grade nine mathematics three times?

④ Is Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland going to be the Convention "dark horse"?

2. The United States Presidential race:

a) Has Robert Kennedy any affiliation with the "flower people"? (no offence intended to 121)

b) Did Richard Nixon originate the expression, "If at first you don't succeed,"

3. The world political situation:

a) Should President DeGaulle be awarded a Peace Prize for promoting world harmony?

b) A book review on, "Stability in Government" by a leading Nigerian politician.

c) or, a speculative essay on where Air Cuba got their aircraft, by a Columbian Airlines inventory holder.

You will of course realize that the scope for your editorials is limitless and with any sort of circulation you could be receiving mail from almost anyone, and with the increased revenue you receive from fascist subscribers you will also probably be able to afford to hire a good lawyer. If, however, for some reason you find yourself becoming too popular for comfort you might decide to continue to publish a first class Service Paper.

Yours truly,
 Tassa Rotide

Ed Note: You've hit politics, and sex Tassa, care to try for religion next week?

HANSARD HIGHLIGHTS

March 15, 1968-Page 7671

SPORTS
 Possible Transfer of NHL Team To Vancouver

On the orders of the day: Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): I had a question I wanted to ask the Minister of Justice. Having in mind the fact that a group of NHL franchise owners are reported to be blocking the efforts of Vancouver to gain entry into the National Hockey League, will the minister look into the situation from the point of view of the combines legislation?

Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, combines matters have been transferred to the excellent Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Perhaps he would want to consider this matter.

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Minister of Justice for his kind reference and to say that the attitude is reciprocated and mutual. Under the Combines Investigation Act we do not have jurisdiction over professional sport in that, at the moment, it is considered to be a service industry. I want to say to the hon. member that in my personal capacity, however, Clarence Campbell being one of my constituents, I sent a telegram to him urging that Vancouver get the franchise.

Mr. McCleave: May I ask a supplementary question. Would the minister have control over beer?

20 March, 1968...Page 7852....
 OPERATION OF RETAIL OUTLETS, ARMED FORCES BASES
 Question No. 1,036-Mr. Ballard:

In connection with the operation of food stores and other retail outlets on Canadian Forces Bases:

1. How many food stores, gas stations and other retail outlets are operated by N.P.F. (non-public funds of units)?

2. What is N.P.F.?

3. Is N.P.F. incorporated and in what province?

4. Who appoints or elects its management and to whom do they answer?

5. What is the total business volume (retail sales)?

6. Who audits the books and where is the audit published or to whom is it available?

7. Have there been any modifications to the policy governing N.P.F. in 1967, and are any proposed changes at present under discussion?

Hon. Leo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): 1. Food stores, 12; Gas stations, 4; other retail outlets, 179. In addition, Maple Leaf Services operate, 7 Food stores; 4 Gas stations; 16 other retail outlets; as well as canteens in troop lines and junior ranks' clubs.

2. "N.P.F." stands for "non-public funds" which is a term used in the Department of National Defence to indicate non-public money and property used for the collective benefit and welfare of the members of the forces, in accordance with section 39 of the National Defence Act.

(Mr. Benson.)

3. No, "N.P.F." is not incorporated. However, Maple Leaf Services is an independent body incorporated in May 1954 under the provisions of part II of the Companies' Act, and is therefore not a crown corporation.

4. The non-public funds of units or other elements of the Canadian forces are administered by mess, institute or canteen committees, which are approved by the commanding officer, and are responsible to the commanding officer of the unit for the efficient management of the messes, institutes and canteens in accordance with orders issued by the chief of the defence staff. Insofar as Maple Leaf Services is concerned, the members of the corporation are the officers and men of the regular army. The operations are controlled by a board of six directors, (officers of the Canadian Forces). The president and managing director are responsible to the board of directors for the day to day management of the corporation.

5. In 1966-67, the total retail sales of the N.P.F. businesses listed in (1) above were \$28,477,782, and Maple Leaf Services \$20,377,175.

6. Non-public fund accounts are audited by less than once annually by a board of officers appointed by the commanding officer of the unit. The audit reports are made available to the commanding officer, his next superior officer, and to the mess, institute and canteen committees. Insofar as Maple Leaf Services is concerned, the annual audit is carried out by a private company. This audit is available to all members of the corporation.

7. No. However, in view of the fact that the reorganization act was proclaimed on 1 February, 1968, a proposal is being considered which would bring the services and amenities provided by Maple Leaf Services, as well as other N.P.F. activities, within an organization to be known as the Canadian Armed Forces Exchange System (CANEX). This will result in all resale outlets and amenities formerly under Maple Leaf Services and former naval or air force bases and units, being operated within

the Canadian Armed Forces Exchange System under common management procedures and technical advice by the Director General CANEX as directed by the chief of the defence staff.

March 22, 1968, Page 7939
 OPERATION OF RETAIL OUTLETS AT ARMED FORCES BASES

On the orders of the day: Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. In view of the fact that the Minister of Agriculture in a speech at Pembroke has criticized the policy of establishing Canadian forces exchange services in other than remote posts, could I ask the hon. gentleman whether the Department of National Defence intends to compete directly with private enterprise in this manner?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member knows he cannot ask that question in that particular form.

(Later): Mr. Dinsdale: I believe the Minister of National Defence wishes to answer the question I tried to direct to him a few moments ago, so perhaps I can rephrase it.

Mr. Speaker: Order. What I was suggesting to the hon. member was that his question should have been directed to the Prime Minister, to ascertain whether a statement made outside the house represented government policy.

Mr. Dinsdale: Perhaps I could rephrase the question in a way which would be acceptable to Your Honour while still directing it to the Minister of National Defence. Will the Canada marketing facilities to set up in settled areas as well as in remote posts, thereby competing directly with private enterprise?

Hon. Leo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): I think I will put it this way. Although I am not a candidate for the leadership, I disagree with the Minister of Agriculture.

March 25, 1968-Page 7993
 NATIONAL DEFENCE

Policy Respecting Voluntary Withdrawals Under Unification

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): May I direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. It is of importance now because April 1 is the deadline which affects men in the armed services who wish to leave the services because they do not desire to continue under the unification program. In view of the minister's earlier statement that these people would not be penalized in any way, I want to ask whether it is true that those leaving the armed services in these circumstances will not be granted the usual rehabilitation pay with leave of absence, nor will they receive any moving expenses, nor will they retain any pension rights. Is this the situation? If it is not, is anything being done to inform the men properly?

Hon. Leo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): People availing themselves of this particular provision in the act are considered on the same basis as anybody who asks for a voluntary release. There is no question of their being penalized; neither are they offered any incentive to avail themselves of this particular section of the legislation. This is the purpose of the whole exercise. We do not want to force people to stay in the services if they do not agree with the policy, and that is all.

Mr. Douglas: Are persons leaving the services not normally entitled to rehabilitation leave with pay, one month for every five years of service, I think? Will this be denied to men who leave the services under the provision to which the minister has referred?

Mr. Cadieux (terrebonne): Not if they are normally entitled to it.

March 27, 1968, Page 8125
 AIR CANADA

INQUIRY AS TO CONTINUED USE OF JP-4 FUEL

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of the report of the British air safety group calling for the banning of JP-4 fuel for jet aircraft which is cheaper than kerosene but highly inflammable, and in view of the fact that Air Canada is using it although its use has been abandoned by most large air lines, is the minister having any investigation made on the advisability of continuing to use this form of fuel in Air Canada jets?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): Not at the moment, Mr. Speaker. This question has been thoroughly investigated on previous occasions. The conclusion was that each fuel has advantages, and some disadvantages. I read the reports myself at one time and feel that the conclusions were probably right, that although one has some advantages the other has some advantages too. There was no clear cut indication that one was markedly superior to the other. As far as I know there has been

no evidence recently to change that conclusion. But I did find very interesting the evidence that was presented, and it does raise some questions in one's mind as to the difference under certain operating conditions as compared to certain other operating conditions. With regard to its dangers it depends entirely where and under what operating conditions the fuel is being used.

Mr. Douglas: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the minister whether in his assessment of the situation the risk factor was found to be greater in JP-4 than in other fuels which are available.

Mr. Hellyer: As I indicated, Mr. Speaker, only under certain conditions.

Mr. Lewis: Remember you are Paul Hellyer, not Paul Martin.

March 27, 1968, Page 8126
 INQUIRY AS TO PURCHASE OF TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton-West): My question is for the Minister of National Defence. Could he tell the house what progress is being made in obtaining a heavy transport aircraft in lieu of the C-141, so the C-5 plane can be used?

Hon. Leo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): The C-5 will be used whether we obtain the

The Winds of Change

With the projected changeover to new patterns of dress, this certainly should be an opportune time for suggestions concerning dress generally. It is assumed that individual environmental factors will logically be recognized as well as the desire for uniformity. A particular item of dress which requires attention is the greatcoat which, at least within the Air Works environment, has a number of shortcomings.

The greatcoat, when it was originally designed, must have been a very functional garment indeed. It must have been ideal for a man riding a horse or a man who had occasion to sleep in the open with his clothes on. It also had protective value when the normal method of transportation from point to point on a military base was "shank's mare," and must have been useful for lengthy outdoor sessions on a parade ground. The pattern seems to have survived for many years, but the time is certainly ripe to consider a replacement because the occasions when it is possible to reap the benefits of the design are indeed few, and because walking has become more of a sport than a necessity with the advent of Henry Ford's invention.

The greatcoat has become a garment which is uncomfortable to wear because it is overpowering in bulk when driving a car. It is also a nuisance to button and is not the most adequate garment in cold weather, which is recognized by the issue of the more efficient parka. It is now in such disfavor by the people who wear it, that the raincoat (equally unsuited to the climate) is generally worn in preference during the winter.

It is reasonable to state that amongst many of the users, the greatcoat is now worn about the same number of times as a mess kit, and were it not for the change in uniforms, greatcoats would soon be passed down the line in the same heirloom fashion as mess kits. When compared with current popular coat lengths, a man in a greatcoat appears to reflect a fashion plate of the 1820's. It is therefore concluded that the greatcoat has been relegated to the status of an unfunctional, uncomfortable, inefficient, out-of-style, ceremonial accoutrement.

Meanwhile, the problem remains. We still need a winter coat which would be suited to modern needs, Canadian winters and to car transportation.

Under the Rug—

(Background of South East Asia)

Indo-China, formerly under French rule, comprises three countries, Vietnam (which itself is a union of the former Cochinchina, Tongking and Annam), Laos and Cambodia.

During the Second World War one of the anti-Japanese resistance movements was that formed in Indo-China in 1941 by Ho Chi Minh, called the Viet Minh.

A Communist veteran who had made his way to Moscow in the 1920's by way of studies in Paris, Ho had been sentenced to death by the French as long ago as 1930 for seditious agitation. Escaping to China, he returned to Vietnam when he saw his opportunity during the war. Though always firmly under his leadership, the Viet Minh could not be described with any certainty as a Communist organization until its eventual success. As also seems to have been the case with Mao in China, Ho seems to have deliberately disguised his movements for many years; at all events it obtained the support of other nationalist bodies which were not communist.

When the Japanese departed, his was the only organized authority in the country; and when the French attempted to return he negotiated with them for recognition of his Democratic Republic, which he had established in the north. Though at first there were difficulties through his attempt to obtain some authority beyond the area he actually held, eventually a settlement was reached at a conference in Paris, granting him a large measure of local autonomy. Before the settlement could be completely implemented, however, the arrangements broke down through the intrigues of local French officials who disregarded the instructions of their own government - a recurring pattern in French colonial history - and in December 1946 civil war broke out.

NEWS ITEM: R.O.s TO DISBAND AND REMUSTER TO NAVIGATORS



C-141 or an alternate plane. We have different options so far as this big transport plane is concerned and we are studying them now.

Are They Blowing Backwards

Having put our absurd greatcoat in its place, which is somewhere on the road back from Moscow with Bonaparte's retreat, let us consider an alternative and consider it in the context of Canadian winters as opposed to the parade grounds and battlefields of two or more centuries ago.

The two things that spring to mind are an abundance of snow and sub-zero temperatures. These two things obviously were not considered by the designer of our current winter coat which is as functional as a spare tire on a boat. The result has been, of course, flat hats charmingly adorned with a wedding - cake topping of snow and endless numbers of frozen ears.

Let's face it, aside from B.C. where summer is endless, our country for several months of every year is a blizzard-swept, icy and hostile wasteland and the only noticeable difference between East Crescent Wrench, Saskatchewan and Aklavik is the grain elevator which pokes up through the frozen air at the former location. Let us admit it to each other and dress according to our climate. We dress appropriately for the summer. Why don't we dress appropriately for the winter? It is obstinate insistence on conformity to the military dress of other, warmer countries or just plain stupidity? Let us cease this cretinous clinging to convention and recognize the contribution of our Eskimos to the commonsense business of living reasonably comfortable in a hostile environment: To wit, the parka.

True, we wear the parka for working on the bitter, windy sub-zero flight-line but when we leave the flight-line, we must leave the parka. Must we leave our brains on the flight-line, too?

Why not a neatly cut parka with epaulettes AND A HOOD. Why not?

IN PASSING—

Dear Editor:

Found a good word the other day reading an educational type book. It struck me that before too long that the Canadian Armed Forces - Other Ranks will not have a single quinquagenarian to call its own. That was the word if you can say it - quinquagenarian "Ain't that a doozy?" Oh, oh I goofed. Other Ranks means anyone not Commissioned. Therefore, we can have Warrant Officers who are quinquagenarians. For the hunched quinquagenarian or however it is spelled out is a person of 50 years of age. Dare you to call your WO one of those things and see where you end up - probably doing janitorial services in Rushinsky's Rest Home - Tony's joint - the cell block.

Heard the Coast Radio disc jockey the other night pull a couple of dandies. I asked for a record to be dedicated to Ted with the comment that I could not understand why or how a Bluesnoser could like Country & Western music. He made some statement about Bluesnosers being people to whom CBC played western music to in Toronto. Hogtowners get up in arms!!! The second goof was understandable. He referred to our Military Policeman at the base as "Provost". He is forgiven as we know his Dad is a Hangar Line Corporal. Incidentally how many readers know we have our own radio show from Coast Radio on Sundays? There is a little red box by the door of the Base Theatre for requests, notes, suggestions, etc., for this program, Dick Mitchell (The southern Canadian lad) and Ray (Dollarhappy) Lolly would be pleased to hear from you and supply music for your enjoyment, make announcements of functions coming up and passed. Time of the radio show is 1215 hrs. Sundays CFPC 1440 on your dial (Switch over from the Comedy Spot emanating from Vancouver and hear your own show).

Signed; Drummer.

Mon Cher Editor:

Your correspondent who wrote about LACs owning all the lakes in Quebec seems to forget about the young fellows in the Army and Airforce who own real estate and advertise it. You've seen the ownership signs; Private Property. Who is this guy Property?

More Next Week.

Is he a relation of the high ranking army officer who owns all those cars. You know the signs: General PAR King. My WO tells me your Informant was wrong about Quebec sings. They no longer read STOP ARRETTE. They now read WWJ.P. Which interpreted means "Who, Whoa, Jean Pierre."

Cpl. Fille de rouge gorge

Dear Editor;

Who's running this outfit? Us or the machines? After submitting a pound and a half of E200s (Internal Demand and Receipt Vouchers) I had them returned on Monday 1 April 1968 marked "Dates incorrect. Supply no longer using Julian Calendar."

Was this some kind of April Fools' joke? Have we reverted to the Georgian calendar? Have the VC's infiltrated the supply (as I have long suspected) and made this the year of the Monkey?

A phone call to my favorite Stock Controller brought this answer "The machine won't accept Julian dates so we're using the American system. Today is '92'."

I laughed so hard I nearly fell off of my chair. My favorite stock controller became so indignant he said "Well, I hope I made your day for you" and hung up.

"Tough beans for their old machine" I say. I still like the Julian calendar. If it was good enough for "Big Julie" it's good enough for me. Besides it's easier to figure out when my birthday is.

Cpl. McCanopy.

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Dear Sir:

On behalf-of the Wine Tasters Association it gives me great pleasure to announce you have been declared the

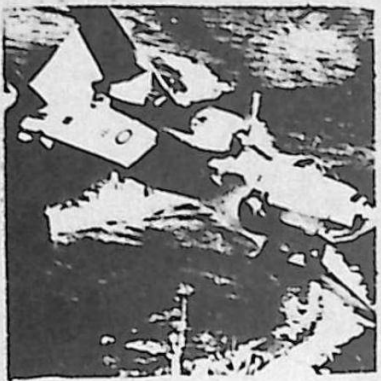
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Demon Doins

A crew from No. 11 RAAF Sqn. is arriving in Comox on Friday. Rumor has it that F/L Lynn Winn is feeling lonely for his Air Force mates so they decided to fly up to visit 407 this weekend. A crew of 20 Aussies are arriving in a spanking new P3 Orion fresh from the Lockheed plant.

The squadron will be hosting them for the weekend starting with TGIF stag on Friday night, fishing, golfing, touring, etc. on Saturday. The whole affair will wind up with a gala cocktail party on Saturday night. S/L Tom Trinder, ex-407 Sqn. exchange officer will be among the friendly faces to arrive. No. 11 Sqn. has been on conversion courses with the US Navy since late fall and will be completing their stay some time in May for the return to Australia with a squadron of Orion aircraft.

Lt. Colonel Smale was back to brief his boys on the changes to be expected for the Argus conversion. Radio Officers will be remaining at the squadron while Pilots and Navigators will be proceeding to Greenwood to the new Maritime OTU. The first course at Greenwood is slated to start about 15 April and the last course will start about the 22nd of July. The CO also mentioned that the change over from No. 1 hangar to No. 7 hangar will be completed in about three weeks.

After attending the wash-up in Esquimalt last week, crew two

decided that that was enough and packed their bags for a springtan in sunny California. They will be returning from Moffett in time to meet the Aussies this weekend.

Capt. Gord Kruger joined the Navy and reverted to the rank of Lieutenant. Gord said there was no loss of pay and besides the trip will be worth it. The first part of his cruise will find him in Hawaii this weekend. Says he will be looking for a potted palm to offer to the skipper. He saw the doc before he left to collect a year's supply of gravel and bromo.

Capt. Vince Penny was seen smiling to himself at a recent mess meeting when he became elected to the entertainment committee. Vince is known for a little sparkle of entertainment at the mess now and again.

Capt. Gord Jefferies is back from basic flying school for a course lay-over. Says he did quite well but I suspect that he was CT'd and he just was not letting on. He must be Snoopy the second 'cause CFB Borden is for the dogs.

Capt. Len was seen accosting 407 Radio Officers again last Friday night. He says there is nothing worse than a 407 RO except a 409 AL. He must be thinking of cross training to radio officer so that he won't have to endure talk with other dull A's.

Rumor of the week: Capt. Andy Gosselin is going to shave off his mustache and grow a beard.

ON THE SCENE

Two major events took place one week apart in the combined mess of this base: The annual Father and son banquet and Mother and daughter's. Padre John Rose chairman of the scout movement here, officiated at the Father and Son banquet and Padre Archer at the Mother's and daughter banquet.

The ladies of the auxiliary served the food with great finesse and the fathers had their turn to prove themselves the following week. They carried out their task with flying colors.

The annual reports were read by both group leaders and awards were presented also.

Venturers Craig Forster, Randy Wills and David Cronmiller were presented with the Gold pin award. Later in April they will receive their Queen scout certificate from his excellency the Lt. Gov. of British Columbia, Lt. General Parkes Mrs. Jean Sibbert received the Gold Pin award from Mrs. John

Miles president of the Ladies auxiliary. Captain Bob Sibbert was guest speaker at the Father and Son banquet and gave an interesting talk on new ways of scouting. A talk on new ways of scouting was also shown on the film. Padre Archer was guest of honor at the Mother and Daughter's banquet also present as special guests were: Mrs. Beveridge, principal of the Wallace Garden School, Mrs. May area district commissioner.

The guests were introduced by Mrs. Driscoll district commissioner. Golden hat award was presented to Mary Bourchier, Michelle Sirois and Linda Jarvis. Mrs. Pam Scooby, Vi Brooks, Anne Fredericks, Edna Boyle, Zena Upsell and Dot Driscoll were presented their St. John Ambulance certificates by Mrs. Driscoll district commissioner. It was an interesting happening for Scouts and girl guides something to remember for all parents involved in this great movement.



CAPTAIN BOB SIBBERT, guest speaker for this annual event is giving a talk on new ways of scouting. Mr. Sibbert is involved in other activities including Supervisor of the local Sunday school.

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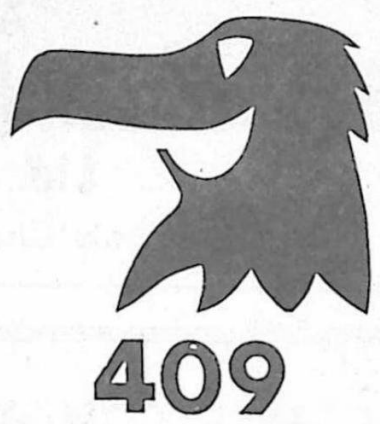
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Night Hawk's Nest



The NEST welcomes three new troops to the squadron, Maj. Gord Morrison, and Capt's Ed Gosl and George Spolsky. Ed and George took one long look at the QRA and hit the road; one on leave, the other to Winnipeg; where as Maj. Morrison stuck around long enough to be spotted by the Grey Fox who promptly appointed him "B" Flt. Commander to replace Maj. Skinner - who was then appointed Squadron C.O. to replace Col. Pat - who was then free to take-off for North Bay. This fine bit of maneuvering by the CO so impressed Maj. Sterne that he appointed Fred Brittain assistant acting deputy nav leader - and then took off with Col. Pat. Remarkable strategists, these senior officers.

If you bump into Maj. Leiter, you'll get a handshake, a big grin, and a cigar stuck in your mouth or eye or nose. His wife has just given birth to a baby boy, and the squadron passes on its congratulations to a very happy man. I guess these senior officers are also pretty good tacticians.

Ron Little has been sent to Namao for Survival Training, which seems rather pointless when you consider what he's survived up to this time, in his career.

But strange things are happening these days. Les Putland decided to get away from the miserable winter weather in Comox, and take some leave - In Saskatchewan? Somehow that just don't seem right.

Dwayne Lung has a panic stricken air about him these days. His wife is due to have her baby at any moment now, and he's practised so many fast starts for the hospital that he's develop-

ed a reflex action. It's great sport for the practical jokers on the squadron to shout "Now, Dwayne!" and then watch the action. Up to now he has completely disrupted one squadron briefing; trampled our much abused Maj. Morrison; departed from the CAC at great speed, still holding the phone; and collapsed one cubicle in the QRA washroom. At the present rate of destruction, we should be a disaster area in about a week.

And then there's the sad saga of the Elderly Warriors. Ken Mitchell and his cohorts have been advised that they are no longer active after the end of March. However, no one seems to be able to tell them where they're to be transferred. Ken has spent many hours on the phone trying to reach that unknown soul in postings who's in charge of the dashboard, but so far has had no success. Our squadron will lose some fine friends when the Elderly Warriors go.

We are also losing Capt. J. W. Kuzyk V.C. (Voice of Comox) he leaves in a couple of months for LAHR, Germany. Rumor has it that Command tried to slip Kuz across the U.S. border, but an alert American exchange officer advised Washington of the impending move and they deleted the position that John was to fill. However, Germany has no exchange officers here; so John's latest transfer should stand at least until he tries to organize the vineyard workers.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DO IT NOW
A clean house seldom burns

LOOKING OVER THE MENU here are, from left to right, MWO Smythe, Mrs. J. Miles, Captain Bob Sibbert, Major K. Pulham, Major R. Cousin and Sgt. Bob Limin.



AT MOTHERS' AND DAUGHTERS' NIGHT it was the fathers' turn to serve the troops... Major Ford (left) before the dishes were done.



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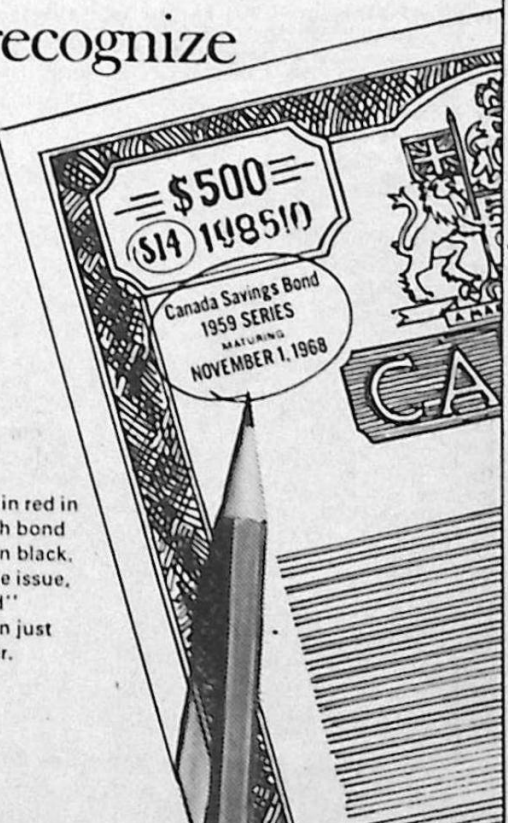
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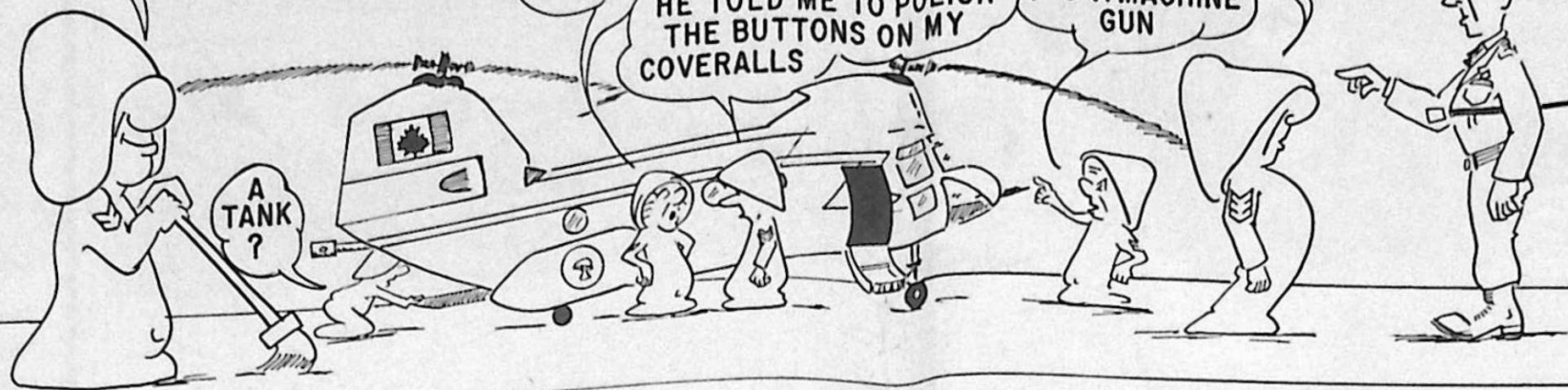
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BUT WE DON'T HAVE
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CAPTAIN

HOLY SMOKE!
IT'S A MACHINE
GUN



A Nose by Any Other Name is Still a Nose

I composed this essay sometime ago for an English course. I am talking about an incident following the recent 121 Retirement party, in which Cpl. "Papy" Theiss grazed his nose on the sidewalk, made me think it might be particularly appropriate at this time.

The nose is easily the most outstanding, and ill-conceived, feature of the human face; unlike the animal world, where, except for a few highly specialized species, the nose gracefully blends in with the other components, the human nose is an architectural misfit, protruding like an after-thought. It is an evolutionary disaster!

Although large, it is no more than superficially efficient as an olfactory organ. Semi-isolated, this unattractive appendage is subject to more than its share of woe. It is the first to succumb to a touch of frost; the first to fall victim of that nasty, incurable cold germ; and the first to suffer minor circulation problems. Who has not seen that unfortunate soul with a proboscis so inflamed as to attract furtive

glances and knowing giggles? Ask any athlete, he will fall over himself in his eagerness to deliver a three minute speech on the superiority of noses. The broken, misshapen nozzle is the trademark of the athletic profession, and by no means a stranger in any gathering; on the other hand, who ever heard of a broken nose on a dog?

It is true that a few particularly malformed individuals have cashed in on this uninteresting tuber; if the truth could be known however, I'm sure they all secretly and passionately despise it, playing on their deformity only to hide profound embarrassment.

Now to the main purpose of this treatise, the organization of a society dedicated to the diminishment, and, if possible, outright abolishment, of the human nose. As founder, president, and only charter member, I earnestly solicit your support!

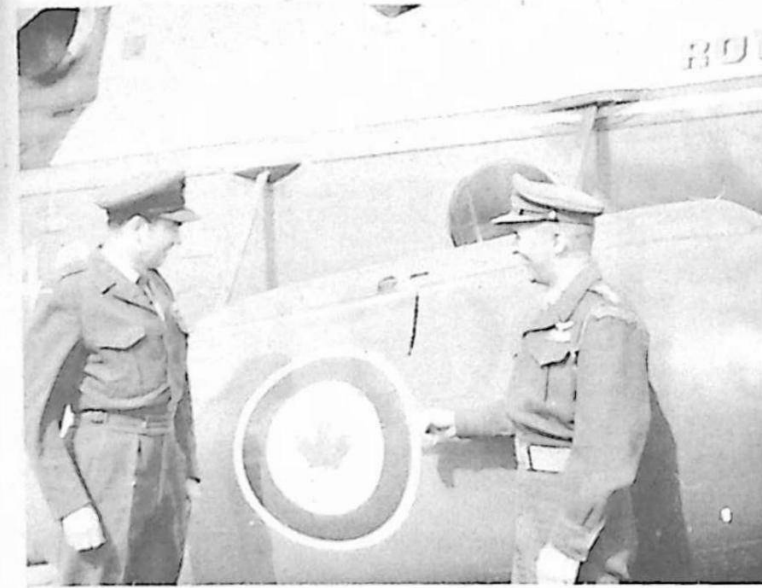
The above is dedicated to Cpl. Theiss, and any inquiries regarding membership should be directed to him.

Cpl. Don Jones.



"AND THE DEALER TAKES TWO." The dealer in this case is Cpl. Phil Trofimuck (centre) who is in charge of the new Albatross Card Maintenance System. He has been setting the system up for about 12 months now and has just put it into operation. Cpl. R. S. Bruce (left) carefully counts his cards to make sure he doesn't get stuck with more than his share while Sgt. Nick Krawchuck wonders if somebody isn't putting him on.

— LGM photo



"WE'LL HAVE THAT OFF and the Service Corps badge put on in nothing flat when we take over completely," says Capt. W. G. Charland. Capt. Charland is the first wedge driven into 121 by the Land Forces, as he infiltrated the ranks as a Chopper Driver. The captain came from the 1 TPT. Hel. Pl. Det. Namoo. As far as our cryptographer can ascertain, the abbreviations are the name of a left wing party of the Land Forces who are plotting to overthrow the Air Force by sedition.

— LGM photo



"I just know it all goes together to make a propeller," says Cpl. Fred Green to Cpl. Dave Spencer. A new problem was thrown at 121 Maintenance when the Albatross propellers began to arrive disassembled.

FROM UP IN MY PERCH

By SEEMORE

Last week as I was digging down in the ol' kit bag looking for my first housewife, I came across the fine old needle nose pliers my father gave me the day I left home to go to the Manning Depot. You don't get going away gifts like that every day, but strange as it sounds this fine old implement was a great comfort to me in those early days of my career.

Manning Depot, besides teaching the rudiments of military discipline and decorum, taught one of the finest courses in bed fixing in the world. The first day in barracks I followed father's advice and selected an upper bunk, the theory being that nobody sits on, and thereby messes up an upper bunk.

After an extremely interesting lecture on bed making by the Corporal in charge of our flight I proceeded to make my bunk up in the traditional Air Force fashion. Tucking in the edges of my white blanket I asked the sold corporal most respectfully, what was the reason for such an unorthodox fashion of bed making, that is folding the top blanket over the pillow and tucking it in. "Policy, Airman, just policy, and remember if it's policy there doesn't have to be a reason."

While I have accepted this answer without any further question, I still get static from my wife and children when I insist that all bunks in our house be made in the prescribed manner.

From up on my perch I eyed the disaster and my delighted but sadistic comrades. My comrades, the men with whom I was to devote my life in joint team effort to defend the free world with, had allowed, nay collaborated with an unknown party or parties to put a water filled balloon in my bunk. I quickly became an individualist. The man on the lower bunk, Timothy Teal, snatched his mattress and blankets from beneath the deluge of water and slept on the floor. I turned my mattress over and hung up my bedding to dry. Using my brand new Greatcoat which I had just received from clothing stores I fell asleep plotting revenge. When I awoke, the SMO, a S/L Needleshot, was

As "lights out" drew near on my first day in the barracks I did a final check on my bunk to make sure that no one had "frenched" it on me and went to the washroom to brush my teeth. Upon my return I felt that everyone was watching me. I knew they wanted to see me leap on to my prized top bunk. Mentally I rehearsed the maneuver for the last time as I stowed my issue toothbrush away in my spacious cubic foot locker. Grabbing the edge of the bunk I executed the now famous "Seemore ascending one and a half Geynor". My landing on the top bunk was accompanied by a loud but very distinct "SPLAT", followed by an even more spectacular leap up to the overhead water pipe.

holding the face mask of a portable inhalator over my face. Recognizing the rank I snapped to "Attention at the Prone" as he explained that I had been overcome by the fumes of the mothballs that had been used to preserve my greatcoat.

That afternoon, a fellow airman known as "Freddie the Fink" told me that the flight's "Newfie" Cyrus Clapboard was the rat that had fixed my bunk. Moodyly I plotted revenge. That night, while Cyrus was in the "wets" I frenched his bed and sewed the sheets together in the middle with flax thread from my housewife.

The next night Cyrus filled my bunk with bottle caps, sunny side up. The next night I filled Cyrus's bunk with sand from the fire bucket. The next night Cyrus removed my spring from the bunk frame and then repositioned it with string. When I leapt into bed that night the string of course broke and I landed spring and all upon poor AC2 Timothy Teal. The next night Timothy and I moodily plotted revenge. We took the needle-nosed pliers and removed the center clips from Cyrus's spring and replaced them with thread. That night Cyrus checked his bunk very carefully but found nothing wrong and climbed aboard. While he was falling asleep the threads began to break and he and his mattress began to sink slowly, and butt first, towards the lower bunk. After two hours Cyrus was still sleeping peacefully but with his head between his ankles. Poor Cyrus was so stiff the next morning he called a truce. The truce lasted until our last night in the Manning Depot. On that night I knew that good ol' Cyrus would pull something so I initiated a system of instant and automatic retaliation. I took a large ginger ale bottle filled it with water, corked it, tied a string to the cork and put it at the foot of his bed.

When I climbed into bed I found that my bed was filled with a mixture of wet sand and bottle caps. Mentally gritting my teeth I snuggled down without batting an eye as Cyrus watched. Cyrus, disappointed by my fortitude, climbed into his bunk, felt the cold bottle on his feet, looked over and said, "Come on bay ye can do better than that can't ye?" Chuckling merrily away he reached down and gingerly extracted the bottle. The bottle came out quite easily, the cork, however, stayed in place as I had tied it to the bunk frame.

The principle of this little prank later led to the development of the Water Bomber Aircraft.

Returning the pliers to their place in the ol' kit bag I looked around and noticed;

Wedding bells ringing for that staunch old bachelor Cpl. Grant Morrison.

For three or four years now, that I know of, Cpl. Yvon Genu has been fencing off his section of lawn in PMQ's, and planting grass. For three or four years the kids have ripped the fences down daily and trampled the grass into mud. This year he is plant-



CAPTAIN RAY RASMUSSEN explains the workings of the Ross-Meter to 121's C.O. L/Col. Payne. Capt. Rasmussen has long held the theory that helicopter vibrations fall into two classes, left and righters and up and downers. The clever mushrooms put their heads together and came up with this interesting instrument and gave it to the Captain to further his researches.

— LGM photo

ing Claymore mines and poison ivy surrounded by barbed wire. Carpeting throughout the Base theatre. No more clack, clack, of steel heels running up and down the aisles during the show. Now if somebody can just figure out how to eliminate the catealls, giggling and running commentary by the kids we'll have something. Who said television was a curse? Besides the peace and quiet of your own home, you get a break every 15 minutes.

The No Parking area between the headquarters building and the rec. hall seems to be the personal parking area for the MP Vehicles.

Rumor of the Week. Practice landings on foam covered run-

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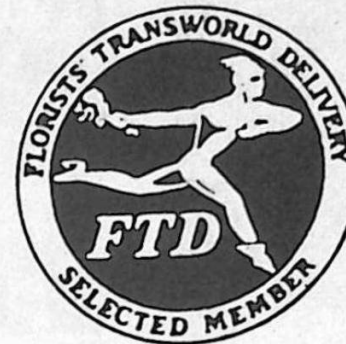
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Saturday, April 6

Lost Command

Anthony Quinn - George Segal
Based on the novel — "The Centurions."

Sunday, April 7

Any Wednesday

Jane Fonda - Dean Jones - Jason Robard
The audacious stage success that kept America grinning from year to year.

Thursday, April 11

Three on a Couch

Jerry Lewis - Janet Leigh
When Jerry takes over as "The King" of great lovers, pandemonium reigns.

Saturday, April 13

Agony and the Ecstasy

Charlton Heston - Rex Harrison
From the age of magnificence comes a new magnificence in motion pictures.

Thursday, April 18

Bambo

Elka Sommers
RESTRICTED — those sensational "Dolls" Italian style.

Saturday, April 20

Bullwhip Griffin

Roddy McDowell - Suzanne Pleshette
Look to the name Walt Disney for the finest in family entertainment.

Sunday, April 21

Hombre

Paul Newman - Richard Boone - Diane Cilento
Hombre means man and man means Paul Newman.

Thursday, April 25

Hell's Angels on Wheels

Adam Roarke - Sabrina Sharr
RESTRICTED — Terror on motorcycles — Must be seen by all.

Saturday, April 27

It's a Bikini World

Deborah Whalley - Tommy Kirk
Girls, girls, girls!

Sunday, April 28

Heroes of Tellemark

Kirk Douglas - Richard Harris
Packed with action from start to finish.

Saturday, April 6

Jubilee Trail

Vera Ralston - Forrest Tucker
The greatest American drama since "Gone With the Wind."

Saturday, April 13

Timberjack

Sterling Hayden - Vera Ralston
Great entertainment for all ages.

Saturday, April 20

Bullwhip Griffin

Roddy McDowell - Suzanne Pleshette
Look to the name Walt Disney for the finest in family entertainment.
Please Note — Children's admission for this matinee only is 25c.

Saturday, April 27

Sante Fe Passage

John Payne - Faith Domergue
One of the greatest stories comes to life on the screen.

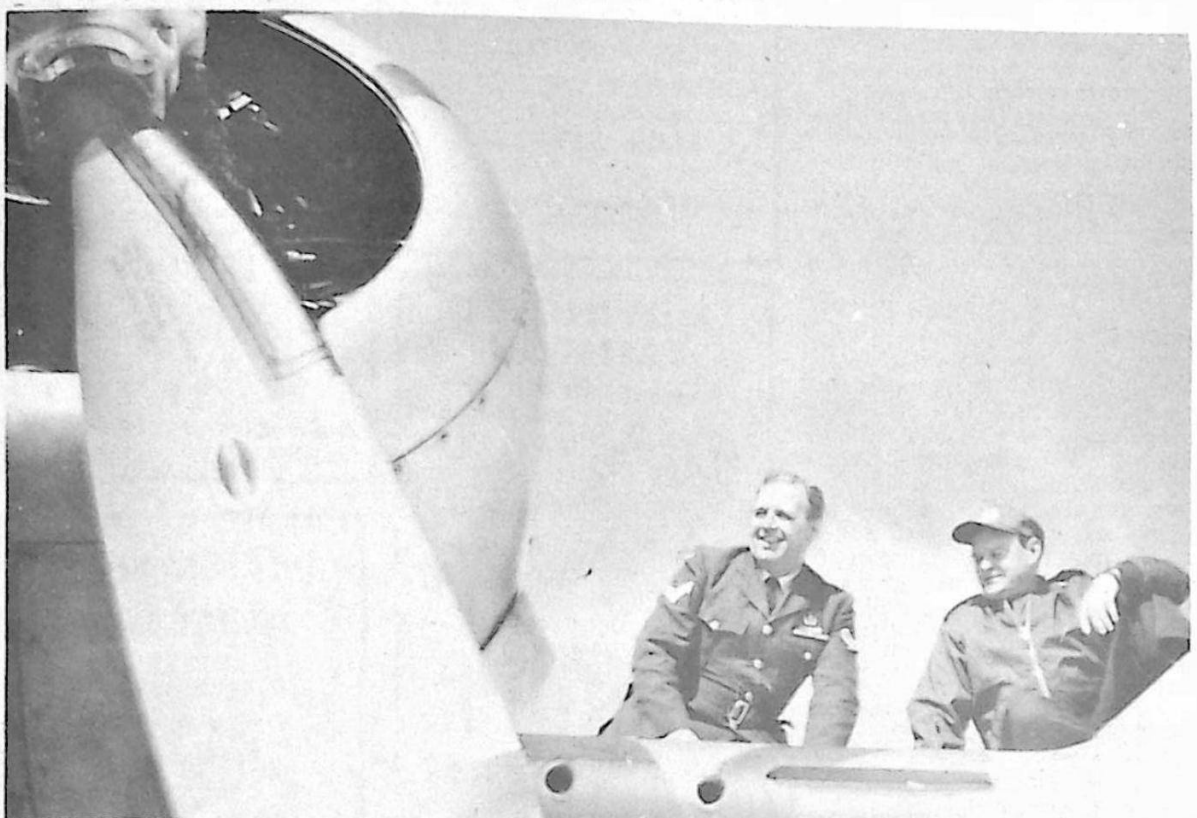
NOTE — Proof of age must be submitted on request when attending RESTRICTED films.

TIMES OF SHOWING — Evening performances - 2000 hours — Matinee performances - 1400 hours — (children - 20c)

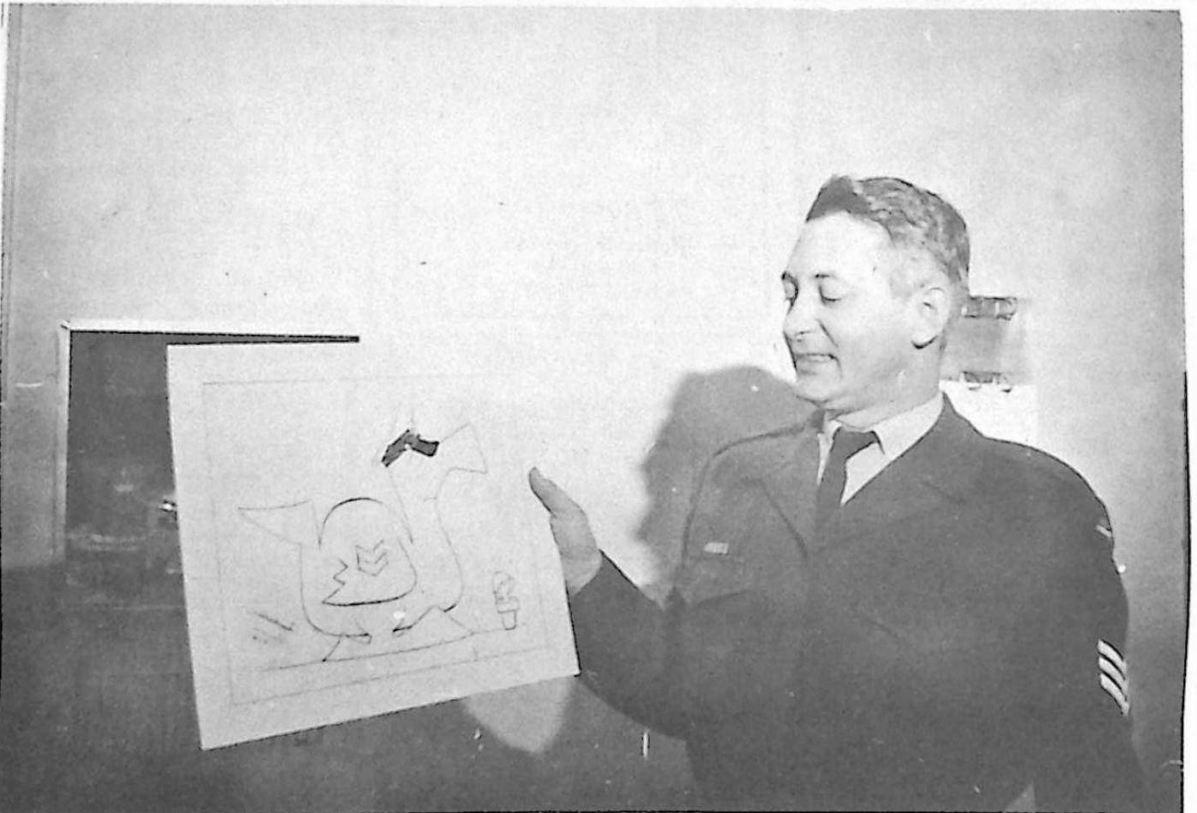
Winners of the Bobby Win-a-Trip Contest



WINNING CAPTION by Cpl. D. F. Collings of the Tel Air Workshops.



"WHEN I HAVE the whole Albatross fleet in the water I sit up here and command the entire flotilla," explains L/Col. D. M. Payne to Cpl. G. L. Williams. L/Col. Payne conducted Cpl. Williams through the Albatross as 2nd Place Prize in our Win-A-Trip Contest. Cpl. Williams said that he enjoyed the tour so much that he plans to enter every Times contest that he can. — LGM photo



SGT. M. BUSH of the 409 Orderly Room could hardly contain himself when told of his winning third prize. Third prize was an autographed picture of Seemore and a three-month subscription to the Totem Times. "I'm planning to retire soon and I'll hang the picture over my fireplace... I will read the Times to keep in touch," said Sgt. Bush... This tricky photo was shot with a Bushnell Televar F8 through a mirror mounted on the opposite wall. — LGM photo



"FIX" CRIED CPL. MARTY FRASER as he withdraws the dart he fired when he heard that he had come in fourth in the Win-A-Trip Contest... Cpl. Fraser is one of 121's leading sportsmen. — LGM photo

Pre-Teen Sock Hop Great Success



SOCK HOP A GO-GO: The last Friday of every month is the night all the pre-teens gather in the PMQ School auditorium for a Sock Hop. While the kids might be short on stature they make up for it in stamina and for real Go-Go.

Youngsters Swing

On the last Friday of the month the school auditorium is opened to the kids for a sock hop. The attendance at these "blasts" has been rising steadily as the kids are finding that they have a place to go and "really swing".

Mrs. Jean Hall explained that the "Hops" were run in conjunction with the YAAC Club. A canteen is set up at each function and run by the club members. The proceeds are planned to be used for a beach party at the end of the season.

Mrs. Hall, who has been the organizer of this effort has been assisted by Mrs. G. Leather, Mrs. Rayward and Mrs. Fogarty, will be leaving soon as her husband has completed his tour in Canada with the USAF. And is to be transferred south. The ladies are looking for help so any of you gals want to help the young swingers swing, you could contact any of the ladies mentioned above.



"IF YOU THINK they were swinging on that one, wait till you see them go on this one," said Miss Julie Wirk, this week's Sock Hop D.J. Mrs. Jean Hall looks at the cover and wonders if the building structure will stand the gaff. — LGM photo

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PALM SUNDAY, April 7. We will have as special guest this coming Sunday Archbishop of Victoria, The Most Rev. H. E. Sexton, of Victoria. The Archbishop will administer the Rite of Confirmation to the candidates in Padre Rose's Confirmation class. Invite a friend to come with you to this important service in the life of the Chapel.

Thursday, April 11 - at 7:30 p.m. those newly-confirmed will receive their first Communion. Members of all denominations are urged to attend.

Friday, April 12 - GOOD FRIDAY. A service of Meditation and Communion will be held, beginning at 11 a.m. Many young people in the congregation will be participating in this special service, to make real in a new way, the events of the first Maunday Thursday and Good Friday. You will not want to miss this event.

EASTER SUNDAY - April 14. The Service will begin at 11 a.m. sharp. Special music will be rendered by the Senior Choir under the direction of Mr. Walter Yeomans. The recently-installed electronic chimes will be dedicated and used for the first time at this Easter service. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Congregational Family Supper

The Protestant Chapel is holding a Congregational Supper in the Combined Mess Dining Room on Wednesday April 17 at 6:30 p.m. Menu will include Southern Fried Chicken, at a cost of \$1.00 per person. Super-table singing will be directed by Mr. Walter Yeomans, with Guest Speaker a B. C. Telephone executive who was a member of the New Westminster to EXPO Canoe Team last summer. He will speak and show slides of this unbelievable trip. This will be a very interesting evening for every member of the family.

Tickets are available at all Chapel Services; from Mrs. June Hayes, Tyee Park; Cpl. Ted Williams, PMQ 114B; Mr. Walter Yeomans, or from the Chaplain's Office; or by phoning 339-3781. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Pet Peeves

There are some things in this life which annoy, irritate or otherwise peeve a guy. Nine times out of 10 these 'peeves' are of a very minor nature which occur every day at home at work and at play. Insignificant little things but things which have the uncanny knack of destroying a whole day. I would like to read of other's peeves just to find out if it is me getting senile and cantankerous or whether such things aggravate others also. Here are some of the things that gripe and peeve me:

The character who comes into the office, using the typewriter and carbons, takes off leaving the carbons laying loose. The person who opens filling cabinets and leaves drawers partially open. Those ignoramus or ignoramii that stop outside the post office in the five minute zone and spend 10 minutes and more reading their mail; Those females who persist in having conversations in the centre of the bank doors or at the end door of the supermarket; My wife when she asks me to cut the Sunday joint and immediately afterwards tells me I'm in the way for dishing up; I know I leave my clothes hanging about the bedroom instead of hanging them up and that peeves the wife; I hate that perisher who peevs me beyond words when he uses my ball point pen and gives me his (underhanded) because his has run out and he knew it; Those people who 'name drop' especially christian name drop (Yuck climbers); Those nuts at a ball game who have never held a bat or ball and ridicule (not heckle) the players; That volunteer who gives me the work to do when he said he'd do it; All those folks who answer a telephone with 'hello'. You get any peeves. If you have air your grievances and perhaps the Editor will run a pet peeve column with no names attached. Reading of the peeves could cure the peever. If it doesn't I suggest an attack with a petroglyph.

DRUMMER

Election Results Announced

His Honour, Major K. M. Pulham, Mayor of Wallace Gardens released the results of the elections held in various wards in PMQs last week.

Elected to the coveted office of Councillor are: Cpl. Ouellette, ward one; Sgt. Aucoin, ward two; Sgt. Stubblefield, and Warrant Officer Shields were elected to ward three. Cpl. Theiss in ward seven and Sgt. Roque in ward nine.

To the successful candidates the Times extends its heartiest congratulations.

WINNERS OF THE MARCH "STAY AT HOME BINGO"

"STAY AT HOME BINGO"

Sgt. J. Putman won the "full card". Cpl. J. Conrad and Cpl. Starnski split the "single line". Cpl. C. Amor won the "2 straight lines". Mrs. Barrett took the "T". Bert Warren a Commissionaire won the "Red Cross". Tech. Sgt. Thomas won both the "large picture frame" and the "X". Mrs. Bourgeois and Cpl. Torchuk split the "Small Picture frame". Congratulations to the winners, and to the losers try again next month.



"ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS you will learn on this course is that, if it is big enough and carrying a load of gasoline he has the right of way."

Defensive Driving

The Base Transportation Safety Staff at CFB Comox are currently giving all service vehicle operators a refresher course on the art of "Defensive Driving."

Under the direction of the Base Transportation Officer, Captain R. G. Gribling, two qualified instructors, Corporals W. McIntosh and J. E. Duggan are responsible for the course presentation. Cpl. McIntosh, originally from Sydney, Australia, has over eight years experience in driver training and has successfully graduated from the school of Instructional Technique and the Safety Supervisors course. Prior to joining the Canadian Forces he was a member of the Australian Military Mission in Berlin, Germany where he first became interested in safe driving tactics as a result of hiring and training civilian drivers. On joining the Canadian Forces, his first posting was to the staff of the Canadian Air Attache at the Embassy in Bonn, Germany. His prior experience was once again very beneficial in training civilian drivers for the operation of Embassy vehicles. On his return to Canada he has been employed as a unit check driver and instructor at various units and is now Safety Supervisor at Comox.

Cpl. Duggan, originally from Kelowna, B.C. is well known locally for his unstinting efforts and invaluable aid as a driving instructor for School District 71 where he has been active for the past three years on the Driver Education Course. Cpl. Duggan was one of the original members responsible for this very successful program.

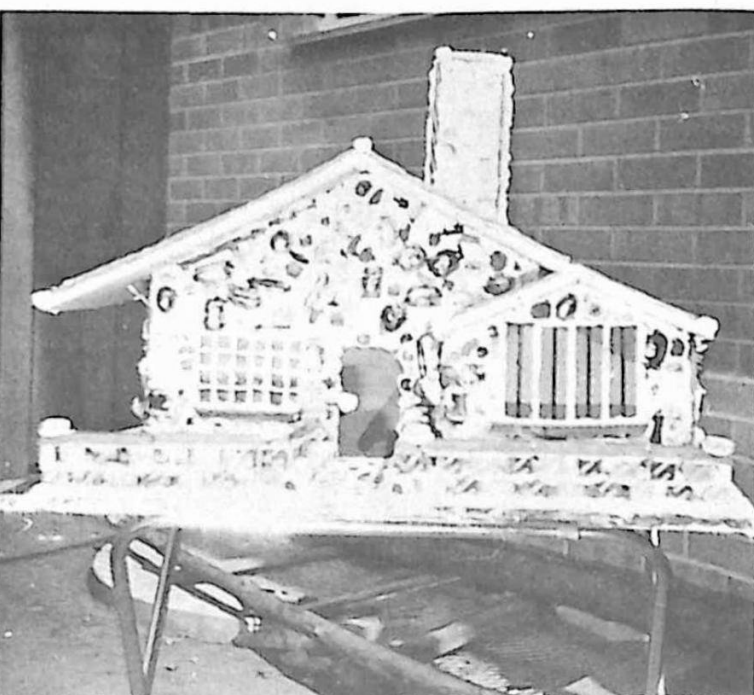
Safe driving requires the adoption of a special attitude toward operating a motor vehicle.

This is known as Defensive driving. The defensive driver is not timid or overcautious, but he is determined to take every reasonable precaution to prevent traffic mishaps, over and above what the law requires him to do. Students are given the opportunity to learn what is involved in driving defensively; why and how various types of motor vehicle accidents occur, and what it takes to prevent them. They are provided with a standard of driving excellence that they can use to evaluate and improve on their own driving.

What emerges is a point of view toward operating a motor vehicle that is designed to give them a practical insight into the problems of driving and enable them to see predictable and controllable patterns in traffic situations.

The ultimate success of such a program is proven by the fact that CFB Comox has been awarded the Air Defence Command Safe Driving Award for 1967. Winning of safe driving awards is not a new experience for Captain Gribling, who has been involved with driver safety since 1943 and has spent three years on actual instructional duty in driver training. This will be his third trophy win; others include the Peakes Trophy, a tri-service award which is presented annually to the Command which obtains the best safety record. Captain Gribling was the Staff Officer Mobile Support Equipment at Training Command who were the winners in 1965.

Interest by participating personnel has been extremely encouraging and the course is now open to all service members and their dependents who are honestly desirous of improving their driving ability.



THIS DELICIOUS CANDY HOUSE will be won by some lucky soul next month, at their annual bazaar if that soul has a ticket on the CWL's Candy House Draw.

Credit Union News

Your Comox (CANADIAN FORCES) Credit Union reached the wonderful goal of having two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in assets as of the end of March 1968. The Board of Directors and all

committees are extremely proud of this achievement and thank all members, committee members and staff for the continual assistance in helping us to reach this goal.

By the looks of the profits we should be able to pay a 6% dividend if the members so wish for the year 1968 but our annual meeting in January 69 will determine this.

Your Board of Directors will

soon make a decision on setting up deposit accounts without checking privileges and are considering paying a SEVEN PERCENT dividend. The terms of the deposit account will be known shortly and will be announced by a notice to all members we are able to reach by mail.

If you do not yet belong to YOUR credit union drop into the office at the back of the theatre building on Tuesday or Thursday from 1300 to 1600 or 1930 to 2130 and make inquiries. The Managerial Staff Sgt. John Drummond and Mrs. Barb Cormier will be glad to assist you and answer any questions.

Toastmistress Club

Fresh flower arrangements at the head table and lecture side emphasized the theme of spring at the Cocoro Toastmistress meeting of March 13th. Topic: toastmistress, Pat Callender, used this method to complement her topic and encourage the impromptu speeches called for by her.

Inspirational thought was given by Rose Taylor. The induction ceremony was performed by Sally Hughes and Gail O'Connor to admit Loressah Rollins as new member. Sharon Whiteaker presented the lexicology lesson using word opposites.

Indecisions regarding spring attire were voiced by Toastmistress, Phyllis Meek before she introduced first speaker, Sylvia Beech. Second speaker, Ina Bennett, told members about the poet laureate of Ukraine, Taras Shevchenko. Third speaker, president Lynn Clark, reminded members of the purpose of toastmistress' and their achievements. Fourth and final speaker, Dora Strain,

spoke on unrealized abilities. Round table evaluation followed. Winner of the Oscar was Sylvia Beech for her maiden speech, My Island Home. Spur was presented to Lynn Clark. Closing thought was given by Bette Mason. Pam Whitley was guest for the evening.

CWL News

Members of Our Lady of the Airways CWL held a welcoming reception for Father Leo Perusse, Command Chaplain ADC, during his recent Staff visit to CFB Comox.

Father Perusse, who is stationed at CFB Longueuil, told the ladies of some of the work done by the Military Vicariate Council and praised CWL members on the work being done locally.

Following his brief stay at CFB Comox, Father Perusse left to visit CFB Holberg before leaving for the east.



By D. RAWLUK

The executive committee wishes to express their sincere apologies to all those who were inconvenienced by the unexpected closing of the club this weekend. The club renovations had been completed but the P.A. system was found unserviceable. The Gyrat Club quarters will definitely be open on the 5th April.

The club has progressed a long way since its inception last October. The members have been patient with what at times appeared to be slow progress in the many renovations required. From now on we should be down to a normal routine.

Notice - A general meeting will be called within the next month probably during the Easter holidays. We hope all members will attend.

Play at Home BINGO

Commencing 5 April

- Cards at \$1.00 each may be purchased at No. 7 Hangar Canteen, No. 1 Hangar Canteen, 121 KU Canteen, Base Snack Bar and from representatives, including Gyra Set Teen Town members.
- Numbers will be drawn each working day at 0830 hrs. An initial draw of ten numbers will be drawn to commence the game and three numbers will be drawn each working day until all prizes for the game are won. Ties will divide the prize money equally.
- Numbers will be posted at No. 7 Hangar, No. 1 Hangar and 121 Canteens, in the Base Snack Bar, Combined Mess and Post Office daily. Numbers may be obtained at 339-2211 local 449 between the hours of 0845 and 1200.
- A winning card must be declared and presented for checking at the MP Training Section (Rear of Bldg 22) before the next numbers are drawn.
- Open to all CFB Comox personnel, DND and DOT employees and their dependants over the age of 18 years.
- A total of \$400.00 in prizes for each game is divided into eight prizes as indicated:
 - \$25.00 for the first straight line.
 - \$35.00 for the first two straight lines in any direction
 - \$40.00 for the first letter "T".
 - \$40.00 for the first letter "X".
 - \$40.00 for the first Red Cross.
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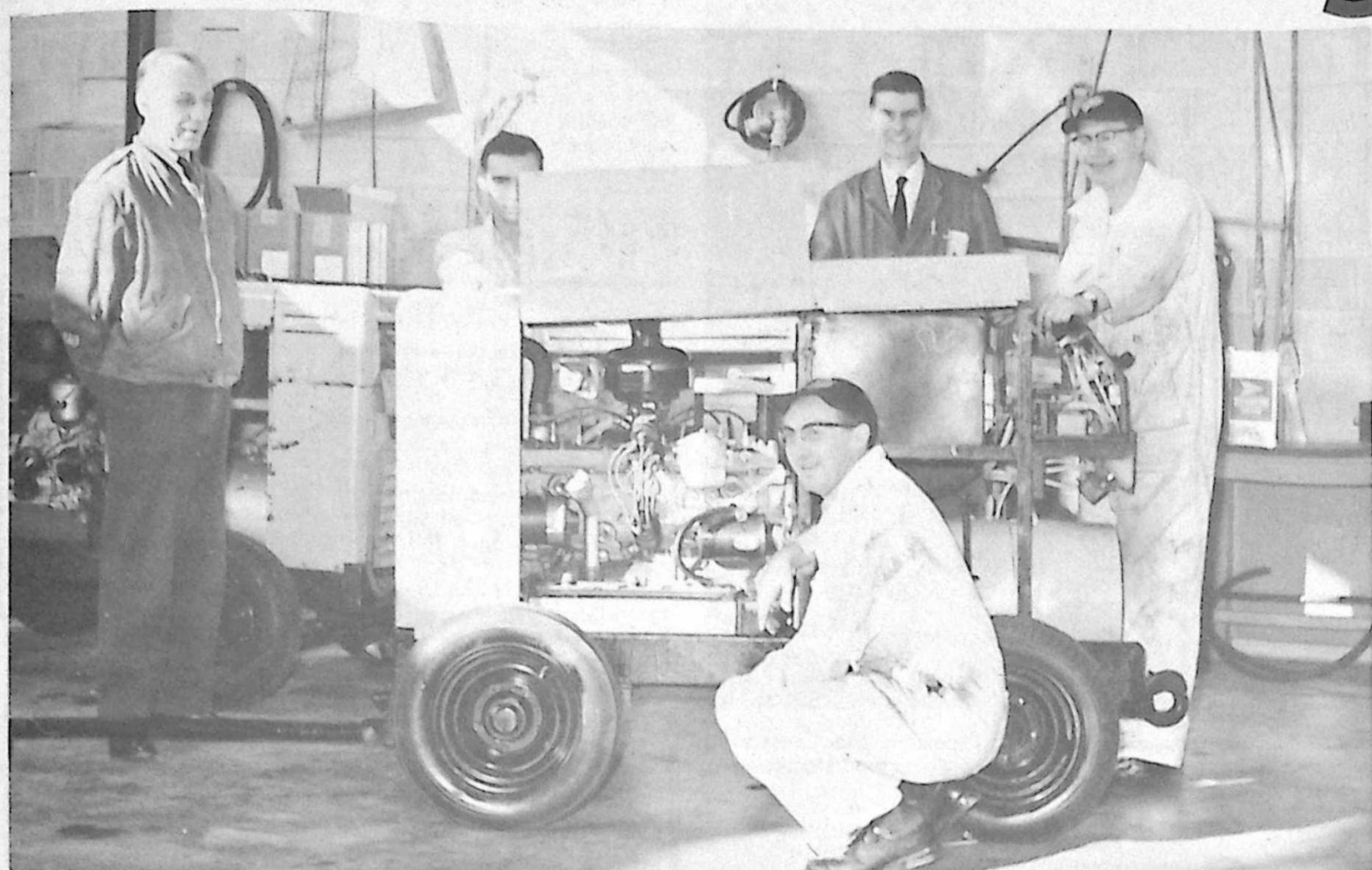
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Beyond the Flight Line

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A NEW HOT ROD getting a check over? Actually it is an old reliable Comstock electrical energizer for starting aircraft. Left to right: MWO F. Zaruck,

Cpl. McGuffey, Sgt. Duncan, Cpl. Wilk (crouching is good old Mel Thompson on inventory here).

A Visit to Ground Support Equipment Section

Story and photographs by Jim Tremblay.

For a few decades, a handful of men were given the task of maintaining equipment used for aircraft support. They had to work in corners of old buildings, outside, sunshine rain or snow. The work was always done; they were the forgotten ones. Today this section now located in a new building near hangar 7, where over 1500 or more different pieces of equipment ranging from aircraft chocks, to high power generating units are continually maintained by a group of men from all trades.

These technicians are allocated to this section from various squadrons on the base, they stay here from one to two years.

The man responsible for the whole operation, is Master Warrant Officer F. Zaruck, a veteran of 30 years of military service, he has served at 10 different units in his career.

With him, the two gentlemen who keep him informed and assist him in this task, are Sgt. Bird G. Aviation technician and Sgt. R. Duncan Instrument and Electrical. They constantly keep a check on the progressiveness of the maintenance program carried out, and supervise all technicians involved in the whole operation. These technicians are from all trades, Aero Engine, Airframe, Instrument and Electrical. Some are from the Mobile support maintenance section. All technicians at GSE receive "on the job" training. When assigned there, an individual becomes aware of the great task that rests upon him, and recognizes quickly the importance in maintaining millions of dollars worth of equipment in top shape, since both Aircrew and Ground crew depend on ground support equipment to keep them going.

On the flight line, personnel using small equipment such as hydraulic stands, ladders, chocks, etc., are not always aware of the condition and serviceability of those items. Sometimes little or no attention is particularly given until something breaks down. But every day a friendly ghost comes by and is constantly checking the condition of those items. We pay little attention to this man with a small black book in his hand and writing down what? Snooping perhaps? This man is from GSE, and every day he is there to make sure that the gear you are using is in top

shape; or back to the section it goes for repairs. He also increases your life span by reducing possible accidents. All powered equipment is also checked daily (every morning). When you become part of a crew like those men, you know you are playing a key role in our forces. After a tour in GSE a man returns to his section or flight line with great knowledge that he will never forget. He will still be an active member of this team, by continuing to operate valuable gear. And keep alert for possible hazards that could endanger someone not aware of such things, and make others realize the importance of checking their equipment constantly.

Take time out and have a visit at GSE, become acquainted with the staff and you will find out that you too can contribute to the great task they have been given.

To Master Warrant Officer Zaruck and his staff, thank you boys for a good show.

New Salute April 1, No Joke

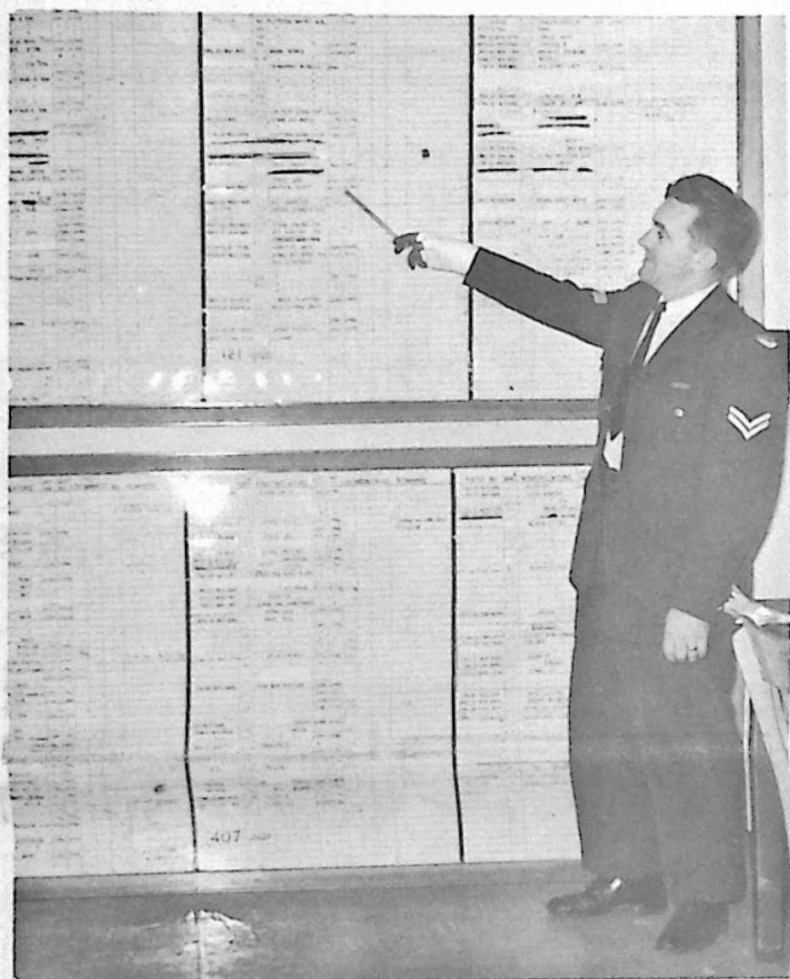
OTTAWA (CFP) - When the regimental sergeant major snaps his first salute of the day April 1 he'll do it palm downwards. But it won't be an April fool's day trick, nor are the heavens expected to open and strike him dead on the spot with an avenging thunderbolt.

The familiar palm-to-the-front salute of Canada's soldiers and airmen is no more. A new salute has been on trial for six months at 11 recruit training centres across Canada. April 1 marks its adoption across the board by the Canadian Armed Forces.

For former army and airforce people in the unified force, the new salute will be largely a flick of the wrist to get that palm turned downwards towards the right shoulder. Sailors need modify their normal salute only slightly to conform with the new method.

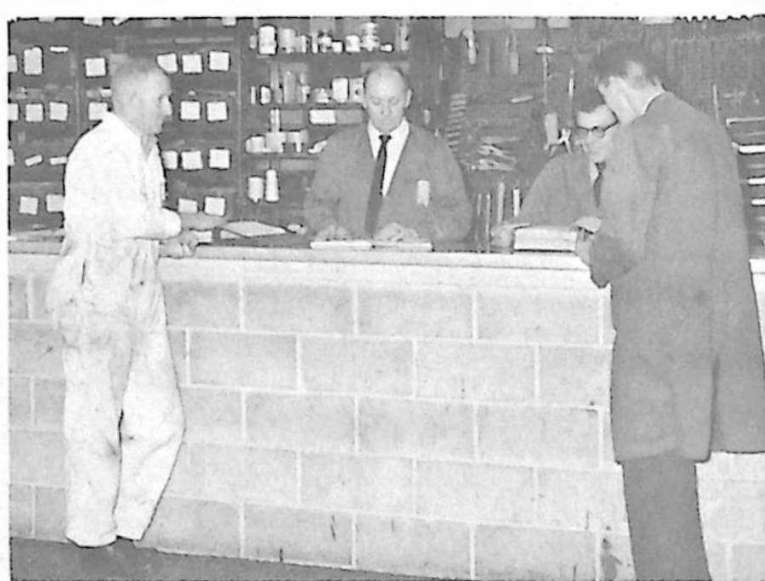
One very senior sailor has been telling his soldier and airman acquaintances: "Now you'll have to keep both front and back of your hand clean".

The open palm salute is still common to soldiers and airmen of Commonwealth and some other countries of the world.



CPL. DICK CASSELMAN, AE Tech, points out the 1,500 different pieces of equipment maintained by GSE.

— Jim Tremblay photo

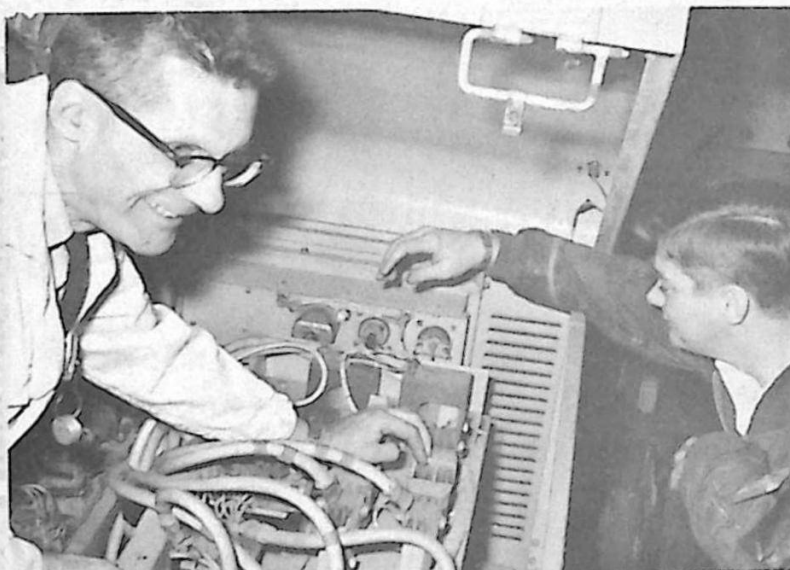


CPL. McKENZIE (centre) AND LAC LUSSIER operate the supply section at GSE. They provide all necessary stock required. Cpl. Arnold (left) and Sgt. Duncan (far right) are giving the boys a hard time ordering parts for a Caddie.

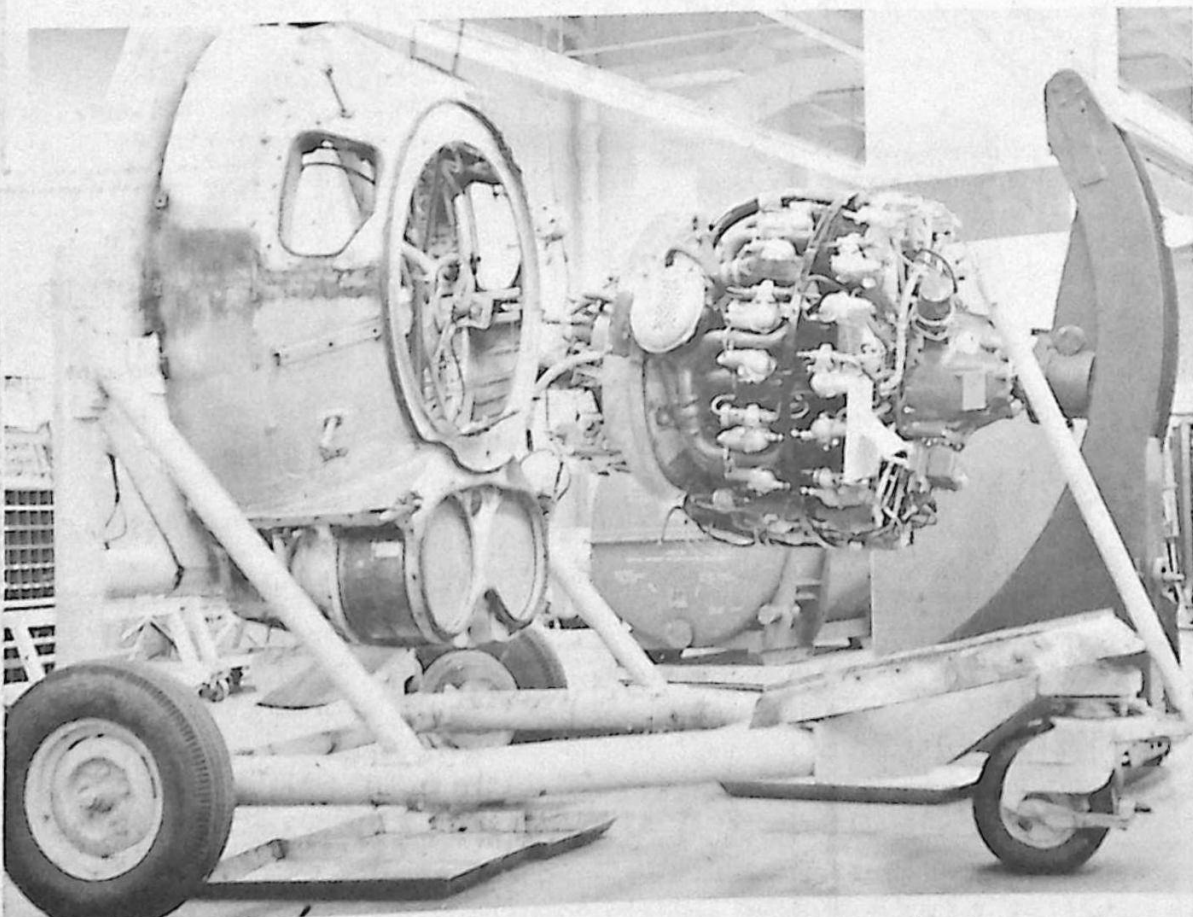


CPL. McDUGALL making final adjustment to an air starting unit. Actually he could not straighten himself up after 8 hours of bending over.

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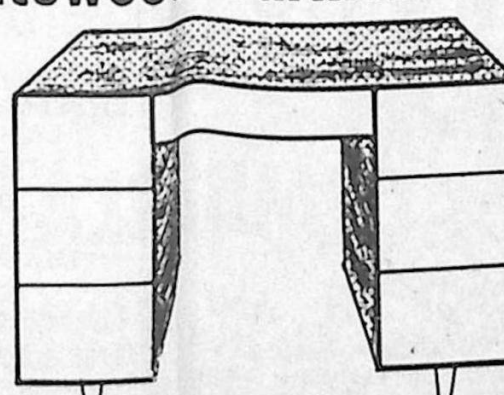
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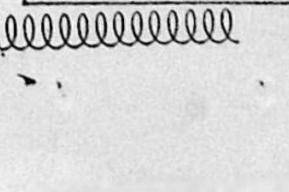
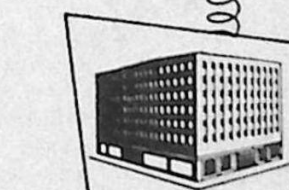
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COMOX VALLEY Minor Hockey Association President Dick Merrick is seen presenting the Comox Marina trophy to the winning Bantam Hawks, coached by Mr. Nelson.

Comox Valley Minor Hockey

The Comox Valley Minor Hockey association closed out the 1967-68 season this past weekend with the finals for the House leagues and a number of exhibition games with teams from down island.

The Big Four League Bay Hardware trophy was won by the Ottawas, as they lost the first game and took the next two to win the series. The Falcons won the Happy's Sports Goods Ltd. trophy in the Pee Wee Division as they went through their five team round robin series without a defeat.

Three exhibition games were held at Glacier Gardens on the weekend. The Nanaimo Pee Wees defeated Comox 4 to 1 in the first game on Saturday evening and in the second game the Nanaimo Juveniles also went home with a victory as they defeated the Comox lads 6 to 1. On Sunday afternoon, the Comox Bantams defeated the Victoria Racquets Club by an overwhelming 13 to 1 count. The Comox Bantams travelled to Victoria on Saturday for a single game and came home with a 6 to 2 victory. At the same time our Comox Midgets were in Port Alberni, scoring a 7 to 5 victory over their Reps team.

MOSQUITOES

The Ponies had won the Mosquito championship on the previous weekend and played the Apaches in an exhibition game to prove it was not luck, defeating the Apaches 3 to 2. Scoring for the winners were Osmond from Price, Jobson unassisted, Osmond from Price and Keller. The Apaches picked up their

goals from Brian Cummings, on a pass from Bloom and Cumberland from Bloom and Saunders.

The second game in this division saw the Blackfeet defeat the Jays 4 to 2 to win the "B" series. Scoring for the winners were Don Hatfield with two goals and an assist, Robin Paisley, one goal one assist, Richard Fridy from Paisley. The scorers for the Jays were Gord Jones unassisted and Mitchell Gable from Jones.

PEE WEES

The Falcons defeated the Mustangs 5 to 1 to win the Happy's Sporting Goods Ltd trophy for the Pee Wee division. Scoring for the winners were Steve Beaulieu from Dean Peterson and Mike McCaffrey, Bruce Larsen from Jamie Newman, Larsen from McCaffrey, Gary Humphrey from Kevin Vallee and Trevor Miller, Alan Grieve from Beaulieu. Mustangs' single was scored by David Harvey unassisted.

The second game in this division saw the Comanches defeat the winless but spirited Iroquois 6 to 2. Scoring for the winners were Dean Collier from Bill Miles and Kevin Koski, Collier from Miles, Tony Tighe from Collier, Bruce Hunter from Ken Tackaberry, Tackaberry from Doug Derkson and Hunter from Collier. Iroquois counters were by Michael Geneau from David Hewitt and Mike Bowie and Hewitt from Geneau and Bowie.

BANTAMS

The first game in this division saw the Hawks defeat the Sioux 3 to 1. The Hawks opened the scoring in the first period as Evans scored on a pass from Hames and in the second period the Hawks' Hope scored on a pass from Robbins to make the score 2 to 0. In the third period the Sioux picked up their single goal as Edwards scored on a pass from Howard Smyth and Evans scored unassisted for the final score for the Hawks.

The second game in this division saw another real squeaker as the Bronces defeated the Cherokees 3 to 2.

Scoring for the winners were John Carswell from Rolfe McCoey, Martin Petersen unassisted and Petersen from Mike Oro-bko. Counting for the Cherokees were William Tanner from Dennis Dion and Don Carto from Jack Campbell.

BIG FOUR

The Ottawas won the Bay Hardware Trophy in this division when they won the last two games after dropping the first game in a two out of three series against the Rovers. The first game was taken by the Rovers 7 to 4 and in the second game the Rovers had a 5 to 4 lead going into the last three minutes of play, then disaster struck in a most unusual way. The Rovers had a two man advantage when the Ottawas scored two fast goals to go ahead. The Rovers pulled the goalie but were unable to score, making the final score 6 to 5.

In the final game on Sunday morning the teams were very cautious. Neither team scored in the first period but in the second the Ottawas picked up two goals to the Rovers' one goal and in the third period the Ottawas clinched the game with two more goals to win the trophy with a final score of 4 to 1.

Source of Free Films

The Crawley Film Company publish a listing of sources of free films which are available in Canada.

The listing includes sources of over 16,000 free films. The content of the films varies greatly but includes a large number which can be used for programs of the many organizations operating at bases and stations. In particular there are a large number of films available of interest to Rod and Gun Clubs, sports organizations and for safety courses and clinics.

Interested clubs or organizations wishing further information are asked to contact the Rec Centre Loc 315 where the catalogue shall be kept.

Basketball

Station Team Wins Zone 1 Championship

Our station basketball team captured the 1967-68 Zone 1 Championship. During two days of undefeated competition. During the 28th and 29th of March, the team, excellently coached by Terry Montgomery and Dick Gillespie, won five straight games averaging 73 points per game while holding their opponents to a fantastic 37 point average.

The tournament consisted of teams from CFB Esquimalt, Queens Own Rifles of Canada, CFS Ladner near Chilliwack and CFB Comox. On the 28th Comox was to play Ladner at 10:00 hrs.; Navy at 13:30 hrs. and QOR at 16:00 hrs., during which time the two remaining teams would be playing.

The first game against Ladner was an overwhelming 72-26 victory for Comox. The scoring was led by Casey Van Dieman with 16 points, Terry Montgomery 14 points, and Orman Kea with 12 points. Great defensive ball by Dick Gillespie, Arnie Jepsen, and Gerry Linton proved to be the deciding factor in the only 26 points scored against them.

In the meantime the Navy team beat the QOR 42-33 at the other gym at Work Point 5 miles from Esquimalt.

In the second game Comox was to meet last year's champs for the first time in their own Navy Gym. The Comox Totems with superb ball control and passing, overpowered the Navy 78-38. The Navy Team displayed poor defensive ball giving the Totems 42 foul shots, who capitalized for 28 points for a fantastic 66 per cent from the foul line. The scoring led by Lee Emery's foul shooting, (14 out of 19) and Terry Montgomery, Arnie Jepsen and Jerry Linton's shooting accounted for 55 of the 78 points scored. Again, fine defensive playing from Gillespie, Van Dieman, Cliff Richardson and Emery in controlling the backboards proved too much for the Navy team.

Five miles away, the QOR in their beautiful satin warm up suits were doing just that before their game with Ladner. An hour and a half later they proved that maybe a uniform does make a

team by defeating Ladner 51-32 in a well played contest.

Just one hour after their Navy game, Comox, using their bench strength very effectively, in order to reserve the first stringers for the next day, combined to beat the QOR 66-37. Again fine shooting from Van Dieman 18 points, Jepsen 16 and Emery 13; and excellent backing up from Frank Niccum, Richardson, McGuire and Linton proved a winning combination against the Rifles.

Orman Kea; USAF, 5'2", who is spending his last year at Comox, left this team with a laughing reminder that anybody can get called for goaltending after reaching over the rim and batting a fine jump shot away. More humour immediately followed when Lee Emery's dunk shot was ruled no basket due to recent rule changes. It felt kind of short anyway!

Again five short miles away Ladner squeaked by Navy 42-40 in an exciting contest which showed Ladner wasn't out just yet.

For the first day of competition Comox was in first place, therefore playing Ladner in the

semi finals the next day at 0900 hrs. Navy was to meet QOR at the Navy gym.

The Totems now with three victories in hand hit the court at 0900. Again showing definite team balance in scoring, Emery hit for 12, Van Dieman and Montgomery 10 points, Frank Niccum, Gillespie and Jepsen 6 points. Kea 5, Richardson and Linton 4 and Sam McGuire 2. Great defensive basketball by all members including Van Dieman, Gillespie, Linton, and Richardson held the Ladner team to only 31 points while the Totems racked up 65 to capture a position in the championship game.

Esquimalt team finally showed a winning combination defeating QOR 66-33.

Well it was the same situation as last year, Navy and Air Force in the Championship game. Navy happened to shade the Totems by five points but it was evident the Totems weren't to be out done in the 68 championship. The Totems were determined they were going to take the trophy back to the BPERO and staff as thanks for the lack of support their basketball team received during the season.

B.Q. River Study

The following is the summary of the Big Qualicum river steelhead fishery operation for the weeks March 11 - March 24, 1968: Fence trap count March 11-24 . . .19 Fence count . . .; Cumulative total above fence . . .421; Angler catch March 11-March 24, Zone 1 - 22; Zones 2-6 - 14; Cumulative catch . . . Zone 1 - 119; Zones 2-6 - 124. Steelhead caught and released by anglers . . .17; Total Anglers March 11-24 . . .195; Catch success (including fish released) ratio of 2.1 Fish caught on roe. . .32; spin-glo - 10; other . . .11.

And that they did on the court against Navy. From the jump ball at the start of the game, to the final whistle, the Totems dominated the game. The score at half time was 37-21 for the Totems.

God's Country

The establishment by statute of the 16,000-acre Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area between the town of Creston and Kootenay Lake is announced by the Hon. W. K. Kiernan, Minister of Recreation and Conservation.

"I am sure this will become one of North America's prime tourist and educational attractions," Mr. Kiernan said. He emphasized that the area will be held in "perpetual trust" for the purposes of wildlife conservation, management, and development.

The wetlands on the valley bottom between the Selkirk and Purcell Mountains, where the Kootenay River flows into Kootenay Lake, has long been famous as a stopping place for hundreds of thousands of waterfowl, mostly swans, geese and ducks, during their spring and fall migrations.

Development of the area involves cooperative agreements between the Provincial Government and the Federal Govern-

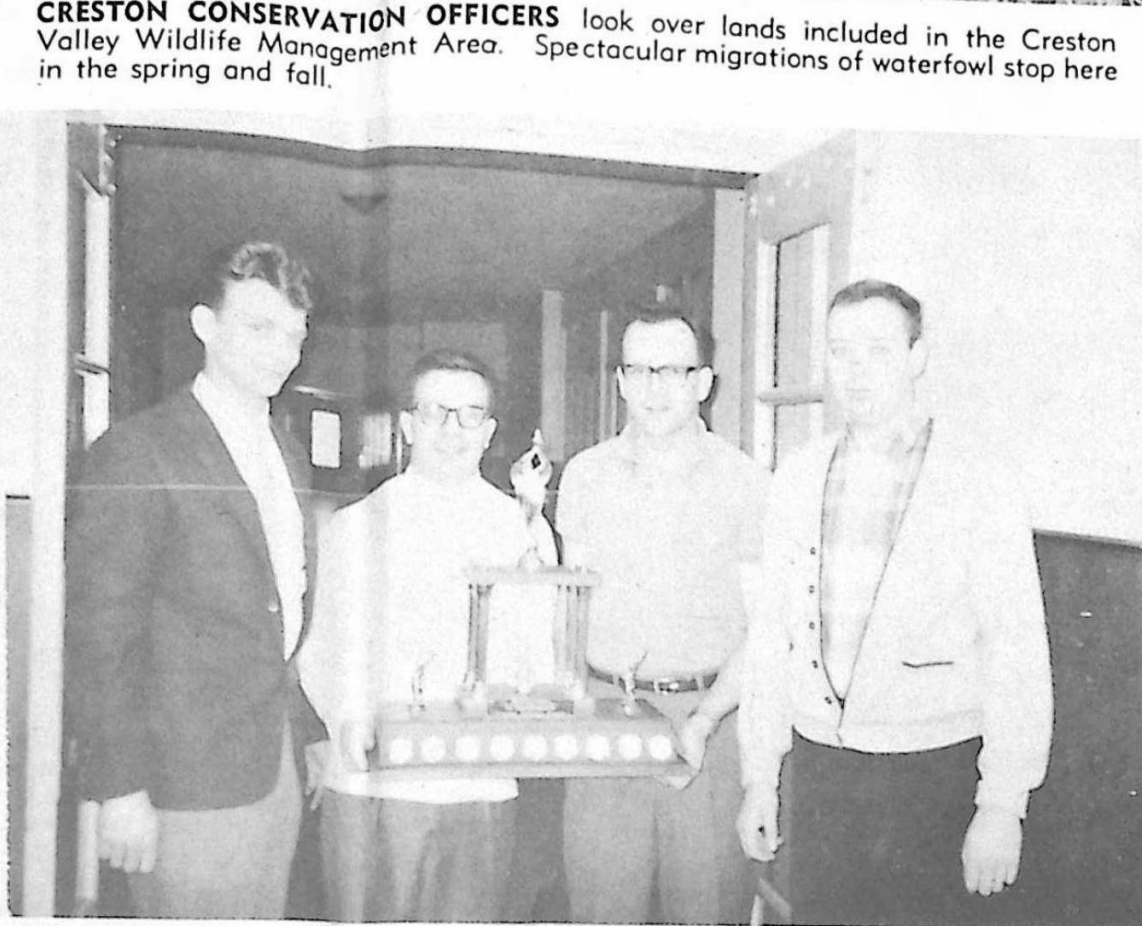
ment and private interests. The Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area includes four main units: Duck Lake, Six Mile Lake, Leach Lake, and Corn Creek Marsh. Most of the property was previously under Crown reserve.

The Minister said that B.C. Hydro had allotted funds for habitat development in the Duck Lake area to compensate for nesting habitat flooded in the Duncan Dam reservoir at the north end of Kootenay Lake.

Mr. Kiernan said that a board of management would be formed to administer the area. It will be composed of the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Branch of the Department of Recreation and Conservation; the Director of the Canadian Wildlife Service, which is an agency of the Federal Government; and a third member at the Minister's option.

Officials of the Fish and Wildlife Branch described the area as having a good sports fishing potential.

CRESTON CONSERVATION OFFICERS look over lands included in the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area. Spectacular migrations of waterfowl stop here in the spring and fall.



RECENT WINNERS of the C.F.B. Griesbach Invitational Curling Tournament are four members of C.F.B. Comox. L. to r., Terry Bloon, second; Chuck Perry, skip; Bob Carscadden, third and Lorn Scott, lead. The Perry rink, which earlier this year walked off with the honours in Victoria did it again, this time in a 64-rink 'spiel' involving teams from Saskatchewan to B.C. They came through with flying colors in the final when they defeated a local ex-Service Edmonton team by a score of 5-4 in ten ends.

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Try for Volleyball

WINNIPEG (CFP) — Eight teams from British Columbia to Nova Scotia will gather here April 3-5 to decide the top volleyball sextet of the forces.

The three-day, double round-robin tournament will see top teams from the eight forces zones compete for the silverware, held currently by CFB Kingston.

Competing will be bases Comox, Calgary, Winnipeg, Rockcliffe, Valcartier, Gagetown, Shearwater and Kingston.

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2 Jim	Miller	Alpine	12L	20L	3L	2L	1E	20M	0	2L	60	
4 Ivan	Abolit	Comet	6L	20M	20M	20M	20M	20M	0	11L	117	
4 BJ	Kroening											
Ted	Kenner	Honda	14L	6L	6E	1L	20M	20M	0	4L	71	
10 Janet	McKay											
J	Ziemianski	VW	20L	20M	20M	20M	20M	20M	0	1L	121	
6 Nairne	Plaxton											
RC	Gordon	Cooper	2L	17L	8E	20M	20M	20M	0	20M	DNF	
3 RV	Barnes											
N	Bartels	Volvo	18L	15L	5E	—	—	—	—	—	—	DNF

All competitors are cordially invited to attend the next general meeting of the UISCC, 8:00 p.m., Thurs., 28 March at 100 17th Street, Courtenay. We hope to have some interesting films on the subject of motor sport.

LARRY TOLTON, Comp. Chairman, UISCC

Rod & Gun Club News

Reported by BOB RIVERS

At the March meeting it was decided that the Rod and Gun Club would once again sponsor a season long Salmon Derby open to all Club members. The Derby will run for four months, May to August. This year members will be able to choose either a merchandise prize or select a suitable trophy for their winning entry. Prizes will be awarded for the heaviest Spring and Coho weighed in each month. In addition, trophies will be awarded for the best fish in each category for the season. Hidden weight prizes will also be awarded, so that any fish entered may win a prize. Hidden weight prizes will be salmon lures, lines, or associated hardware. An entry fee was considered, however, this will be waived, so all you need to do is join the Club. The annual membership fee is \$2.00. Your membership card entitles you to a chance at the many prizes, plus the opportunity to rent one of the two 12 foot aluminum cartop boats with 6 hp motors at the excellent rates of 50 cents per hour or \$5.00 per day. You'll be a long time trying to beat those rates anywhere on the West Coast. Your reporter will act as Derby Chairman, and it is intended to keep detailed statistics on all entries and to present regular summaries in the Totem Times.

The Steelhead season is almost over, although there are some late runs expected in the Puntledge, Tsolum, and Oyster Rivers. Your reporter finally broke his slump and beached a 12 and one-half pound buck to take the Club trophy for March.

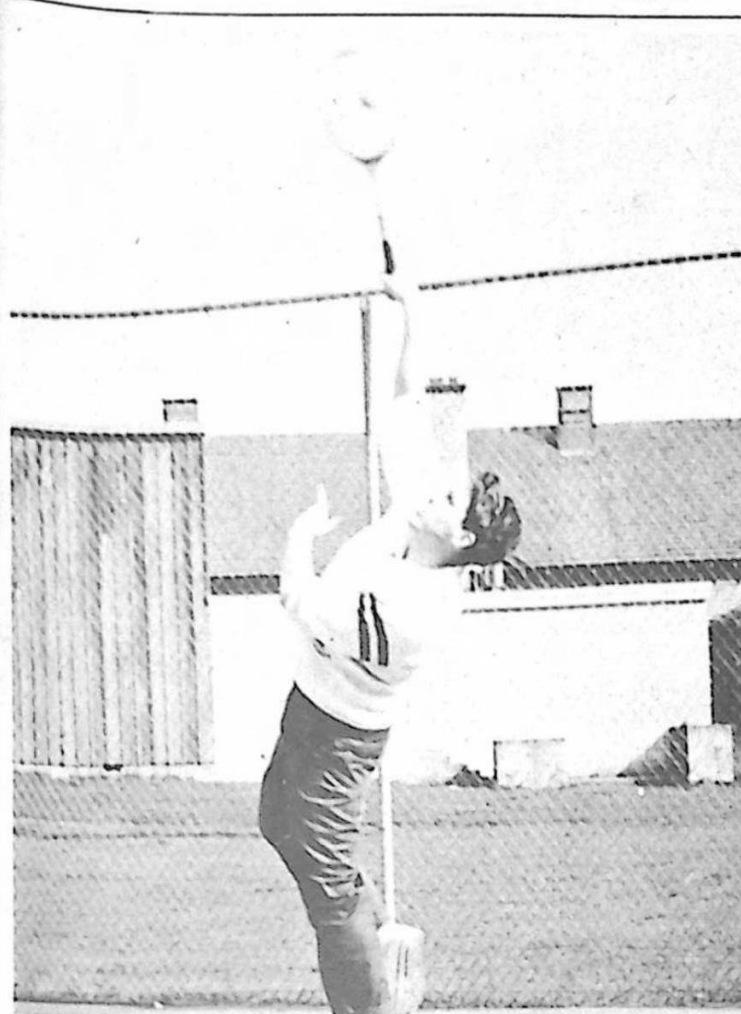
Trout in the lakes, and early Bluebacks, are next on the Fishermans calendar, with the always present Spring salmon there if you pick a good day on the salt chuck. Now is the time to dust off your salmon gear, replace old line, polish your spoons, and sharpen your hooks. Try steaming those beat up Bucktails and Flashes, it perks them up considerably.

The Base Launching Ramp will be cleaned up early in May, a considerable amount of sand must be moved before it will be fully usable.



BASE HAM GROUP flourishing under Lt. McGill and Capt. Tretiak, pictured above.

— RFE photo



SPRING IS HERE and out come those tennis racquets for, we hope, a long wonderful summer. Locally the tennis season had its inauguration at the Courtenay courts last Sunday when tennis enthusiasts joined in the Round Robin Tournament. Above, Ted Woodlands smashes a beautiful serve in last Sunday's action.

— RFE photo

The Ham Shop

As anyone driving past Building 22 will testify, the nuts from the Ham club have been at it again. Despite its resemblance to a Weeping Willow, that 'Thing' on top of the tower is an antenna which really performs. (A 15 minute voice contact with a Dutch station is proof of this.)

The club has been honored by acquiring Hugh Lines, VE7BJT, Hughie is a real asset - he loves Morse Code and accepts Joe Jobs without complaining.

We have 18 constant members now. Theory classes end this month so, we should see a few more licenses in the near future.

Field Day comes in June and initial planning for it has begun. (This to a ham is what a Fishing Derby is to a fisherman). We get together, go into the bush and contact other "Bushed" characters.

A phone has been installed in the room and the phone patch hooked up so, we now have this facility available. We are attempting to start a regular sked with other Bases across Canada. This club has been in being for a year plus now, and has been a successful venture.

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6. The time for registration is now. Don't delay, call us at 315 or come see us in person.

Six a Side Soccer

The first of April has rolled around again and so has the warmer weather with this we also find the outdoor sports creeping into the spotlight more and more often. People getting out and getting themselves back into shape after those long wet months of indoor activity. Fishing has been going on all winter but now not only the fanatics are planning their fishing trips but also the pleasure fisherman who unlike his avid friend waits for the good weather. Then there is the Fanatic Golfer who come rain

or come shine is belting the H out of that little white ball; and now also is the time for the fair weather golfer to come out of hiding and once again take the game up and get back to last years play or we all hope a little better. Then there is the man who loves his game of soccer (not too many around this past winter though) he has played through rain, sleet and snow (we had a sunny day once) and the summer months will now bring him the dry pitch ball and boots he has been waiting for.

For the past two years the base has run a Six Aside Soccer league, for those of you not familiar with the set up a brief explanation. The league is open to all service personnel and their dependents, the equipment worn, running shoes (no boots allowed) socks, shorts provided by the individual. Normal soccer rules and GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP apply. Maximum number of players on the field at one time - 6; minimum - 4. The number of substitutions are unlimited. The games consist of

In the old days we had the closed door, then the open door, and now we have the revolving door.
— Dr. J. D. W. Pearce, British psychiatrist, on mental hospitals.

There are rumors that the old Breed of Night Hawks might challenge the new hawks in the next rally. The June Bug, scheduled for June 23rd.

The 1st rally car left the Super Valu lot in Courtenay at 9:00 p.m. Saturday March 23, 68. The rest of the field left at two minute intervals and arrived at the first check point with less than the maximum penalty per check of 20 points. (one penalty point is given for each minute late or early) By the time most people arrived at check point number two, they were just trying to stay on course rather than stay on time. At a time like this, maps, which aren't really necessary, became helpful. A mistake in the instructions plus some tricky floating instructions caused most people to miss check point six and the organizer to change check points 6 and 7 to a route control. A route control is a check point which if posted, zero points are given and if missed 20 points are given.

Low level de-rivuted cars, with members of 407 Sqn. at the controls grabbed the top five spots in the Upper Island Sports Car Club's Nite Navex Rally. The low level phase was illustrated by one pair of C.O.B.O.C. entrants, as they ended up partially submerged in a small lake. However all was lost for the two cobocers after a six mile hike and a \$13.00 cab fare the car was retrieved the next day suffering only from a few scratches here and there and a bit of water logging.

New Breed of Night Hawks



"IT SURE AIN'T LIKE THIS IN MANITOBA," Carl Ensom told himself after missing a close one, so I better get out of there and make the best of it while I can. A report from weather tracing satellites last week indicated that the western provinces will be facing one of the coldest and wettest summers in '68. Cheer up, Carl, for you could have been cold and miserable in Armstrong.

— RFE photo

There are ten church members by inheritance for one by conviction. — Austin O'Malley

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