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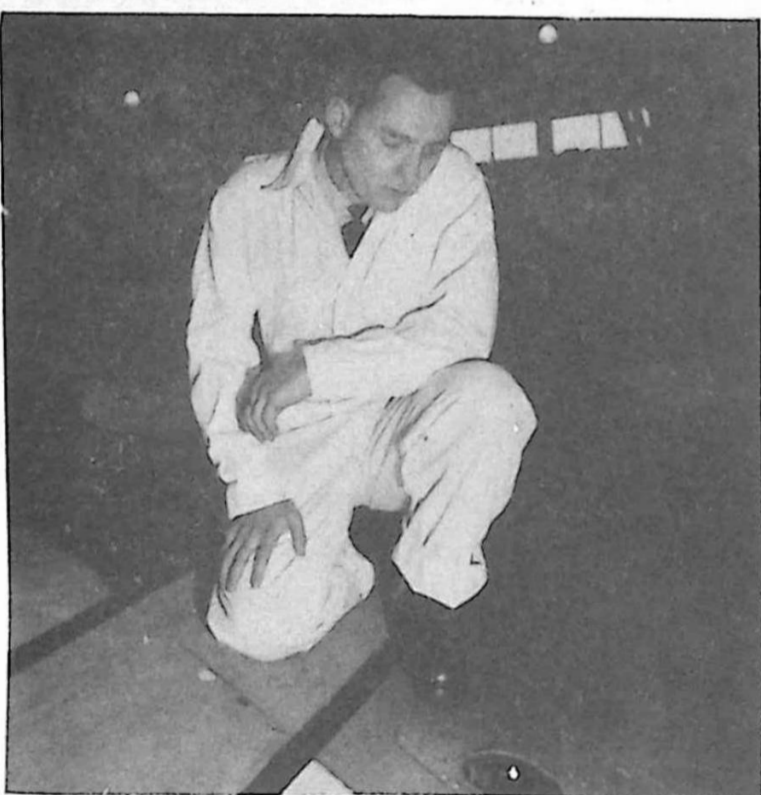


GOOD SHOWS RECOMMENDED



CPL BRUCE, while checking a hydraulic leak inside the tail section of an Albatross, noticed signs of corrosion on the rudder boost bellcrank around the rudder control cable attachment points. On disconnecting the rudder cables from the bellcrank, corrosion and deep pitting was discovered in the vicinity of the attachment points. The extent of the corrosion and pitting indicated what could have been a failure of the bellcrank. As a result a special inspection has been raised to cover the above item.

— Base photo



DURING RECTIFICATION of a minor malfunction reported from a DLAIR Program on Albatross A/C 9305, Cpl Jones noticed corrosion in the starboard box wing extension area. Notwithstanding that this area was of no immediate concern to his trade, he investigated further, and determined that the condition had not been reported. Investigation of another aircraft has resulted in a similar inspection being carried out on all Albatross aircraft and the possible prevention of an unnoticed condition growing to serious proportions. The Good Shows have been recommended by the airmen's section heads and approved by the Squadron C.O., and are presently being submitted to the Flight Comment Magazine for their Good Show Award.

— Base photo

Glacier Gardens

The additions and renovations to the Glacier Garden arena are nearing completion, at a cost of \$65,000.

Four more Hockey dressing rooms (Would you believe heated fella's) are being added as well as a referee's dressing room, washrooms and shower facilities. A new snack bar, with complete facilities is included along with a new entrance foyer and waiting room. The old snack bar will become a vending machine area with a large selection of items. A warming area will also be built at both ends of the arena. Expected completion date at press time is January 31, 1969. There are no plans for addition-

al seating because of soaring costs, and due to a restriction placed on all bases by the Deputy Minister of Defence, Major Ford reports that the base is unable to pave the parking lots at this time. Upon completion, the total N.P.F. investment in the arena will be \$215,000.

Color TV Winner

Winner of the color TV set was MWO E. M. Schiller of the Radcon site.

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1968 began with the biggest and most difficult search of the year — SAR Foslén. For five weeks Albatross and Labradors were deployed between Enderby and Rocky Mountain House, searching for a Cessna 320 missing with three persons aboard. Those who participated in this search got their thrills for the year, if not for a lifetime.

The Squadron was involved in many lesser searches throughout the year, both for aircraft and for marine vessels. The incidence of success was higher this year than it has been in some time. Many downed aircraft were located and many lives were saved. As might be expected, the success factor varied in direct proportion to flight plans filed and emergency equipment carried.

Mercy flights and air evacuations kept standby crews and Base medical personnel quite busy in 1968. Approximately 90 persons, most civilians, were airlifted from remote villages, towns and, even from ships at sea to hospitals in Vancouver and Victoria. Again this "flying ambulance" role saved many lives. The Albatross and Labra-

dor are the primary aircraft used for this work with the reliable Dakota pinch hitting as required.

The highlight of the year for the 442nd is commonly referred to as the "Cold Fish Caper." Contrary to the adverse publicity which has been given to this activity, it is the source of the Squadron's major accomplishments in 1968. Skill of pilots and crews resulted in four successful forced landings; aircraft repair and maintenance were carried out under the most difficult of field conditions; a damaged chopper was moved successfully from Cold Fish Lake to Watson Lake, and 442 personnel involved in the operation had an opportunity to evaluate safety equipment under very realistic survival conditions.

The Transport types had their usual busy year moving freight and people from A to B on scheduled flights. In addition they gave excellent support to the many search and rescue detachments.

1968 has been a good year for 442 Transport and Rescue. It is hoped that 1969 will be even better.

DIS Chief Promoted

THE PROMOTION and appointment of a senior officer was announced today by Canadian Forces Headquarters. Colonel Louis A. Bourgeois, 52, of Moose Jaw, Sask., Director of Information Services since August 1964, was promoted brigadier general effective Dec. 1. Brigadier General Bourgeois was military assistant to the chief of the general staff before taking up his present appointment.



Minister Denies Reduction Report

OTTAWA (CFP) — Defence Minister Leo Cadieux Thursday denied here a CBC report that the cabinet is considering that the forces be reduced by two thirds.

He described as "wildly speculative" a national CBC news item the night before which also said cancellation of a number of major equipment contracts was being considered.

Mr. Cadieux added "as announced many times, the current defence and foreign policy review is inevitably examining all options of defence available to Canada but no recommendations will be placed before the Cabinet before the review is completed."

Reserves Get Raise

New rates of pay for reserve members of the Canadian Armed Forces to be effective from Oct. 1, 1968 have been announced by the Honorable Leo Cadieux, Minister of National Defence.

A modification of the Regular Force pay structure, the new rates are based on a 6.5% increase in the current Reserve Force payroll and reflect re-defined tasks for the Reserves in various categories of duty and training.

New definitions of duty and training for the Reserves include normal duty or training at local headquarters, temporary duty on staff or course for

a period in excess of 14 days and full time duty in a regular Force establishment position.

Pay in the first two classifications are based on daily Reserve Force rates, while members of the Reserve on full time duty are paid Regular Force rates.

Under the new system, a private will receive \$5.20 a day, an increase of \$1.07; a Sergeant \$11.60, an increase of \$2.35, and a Major \$26.20, an increase of \$6.20.

On the 16th January the Squadron was honoured by a visit from the Minister of National Defence, Hon. Leo Cadieux. The Minister took time to inspect the Squadron's technical facilities as well as reviewing aircraft types as well as reviewing aircrew lined up in front of the Squadron aircraft.

The Demons began operations in February in fine style by bringing two searches in the interior to a successful conclusion. F/L Lynn Winn's crew were fired off to the Fort Nelson region to look for overdue wolf hunters, but whilst setting up the search pattern a fire and red flares were spotted. Subsequent investigation with the searchlight proved that the crew had found their quarry. The other crew to be involved was Capt. Don Loggie's in the Queen Charlottes area, where a float plane had gone down. In April one of the Demon technical types distinguished himself by winning a \$250 award from the Suggestions Award Committee. Warrant Officer Mottershead became concerned about the corrosion of the Neptune's generator circuits and designed a successful 'fix.'

SQUADRON TRADES IN ITS HOME, PLANES and BOSS

In May the Demons moved into No. 7 Hangar in preparation for the arrival of our six Arguses (promises, promises, promises). Very shortly afterward, the first of the big birds arrived and as soon as three of them had been persuaded to roost, a Neptune Phasing Out Ceremony was held on 17th May. In spite of being rather short on range and size, the Neptunes had logged 62,623 hours in the air whilst flying the demon colours, had covered over ten million miles with only one major incident. Barely had the Squadron personnel recovered their breath from that ribbon cutting ceremony than we were saying goodbyes to the CO, Lieut. Col. 'Herb' Smale, CD, who had been posted to Halifax, whilst handing over the Squadron to Lieut. Col. 'John' Middleton, Col. Smale

said that the Demons 'faced a challenging period whilst converting to the Argus, but he was sure that the Demons would do the job quickly and well.

For a while both Neptunes and Arguses continued to fly side by side, one Neptune was deployed with a Demon crew to CFB Cold Lake, to record the blast of exploding dynamite in Exercise Prairie Flat. Extremely accurate navigation was necessary for good results, and during the live run the crew was only one fifth of a second early at the on top position. At the same time, other Demons were engaged in Yo Ho Ho-ing it in the Victoria to Hawaii Yacht Race. Cpls Mike McPhee and Gord Clarke and Capt. Doug McGill were all picked for the race in the Oriole, the Canadian Forces only entry. Still another Demon made news when, while on a training trip from CFB Greenwood to Ottawa, Capt. 'Jim' Ilean was co-pilot and as they were flying in and out of cloud Capt. Ilean glimpsed an aircraft directly in their path and at the same altitude. Immediately assuming control of the aircraft, Capt. Ilean manoeuvred to avoid collision. In a sharp diving turn to the right, a collision was avoided by one hundred feet. Jim received a commendation for his action. On 22nd August Crew 4 captained by Capt. 'Bill' Short, took the CO to Barbers Point, Hawaii to show off the Argus to the Blue Shark Squadron and to lay the ground work for A Flight's arrival at a later date. This was the first time that the Demons had made it to Hawaii non-stop. Shortly after A Flight's return, B Flight was sent en masse to Moffet Field, California to participate in Exercise Beef Trust. These deployments have the dual effect of testing a squadron's ability to deploy to a strange airbase in a hurry and allows the aircrew to co-operate with friendly anti-submarine forces and share views with other VP crews.

With the recent arrival of experienced Argus groundcrew and

This year, 1968, is one that the Nighthawks can look back on and feel justifiably proud of their achievements. It was a year in which the squadron showed the Tac Eval team how a Tac Eval should be run. It was a year in which the squadron called the shot at Call Shot. It was the year in which the squadron flew the last sortie ever to be flown by the RCAF, thereby earning a host of public relations accolades.

The Minister of National Defence, the Hon. Leo Cadieux, visited the Nest in January. His visit included a tour of the Combat Alert Centre, our facilities and a look at the Alert Hangar. Our final contribution was an impressive scramble by two Voodoos. This allowed the Minister to see for himself the speed with which a Nighthawk can react.

Soon after, the squadron had another visitor, or rather, a host of visitors. This particular visiting gaggle was the Tac Eval team which, they say, came here to help us. The squadron, its ground crews, and other support systems withstood every test the team could devise. After several days of pushing men and machines to their outer limits, the team called a halt to the proceedings. On the basis of the work done during the Tac Eval, the unit was awarded an "Outstanding."

This was the first time an ADC unit had gained this rating. 409's prowess so impressed ADC that the command saw fit to disband the EWU detachment which for five years had provided targets and ECM training for the Nighthawks. It was not a move that was popular with the squadron, for it meant that, in future,

aircrew and the period of conversion almost over, Argus operation has become almost as routine as when the Neptunes were on the flight line — after all, when you have converted five times from one type of aircraft to another the job of conversion becomes routine.

—Happy New Year from the Squadron Historian.

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The ECM training would be on a far sketchier basis. Austerity is wonderful, but it won't replace training.

One of the highlights of the Air Defence year is a competition called Call Shot. In this joust, all squadrons send carefully selected crews to Beyondville, where they compete for the Macbrien trophy, emblematic of the top squadron; the Vincent trophy, symbolic of the top crew and the Tyndall trophy, given to the best controlling team; and the aircraft maintenance trophy, given to the top ground crew. 409 was fortunate enough to win the Macbrien trophy, while the ground crew just missed getting the maintenance trophy. The Tyndall trophy was presented to Capt. D. Cook, from McChord AFB, who was part of 409's control team.

Members of the flying team were: Major A. Letter and Capt. L. Dodd; Capt. D. Walker and Capt. F. Brittain; Capt. B. MacLeod and Capt. R. Sherratt; Capt. M. Warren and Capt. W. Bland; and Lt. Putland and Capt. W. Mason. Sent along to watch the fun were Lt. G. Liddiard and Capt. M. Marsh.

The success enjoyed by the aircrew was indicative indeed of the effort put forth by the ground crew who performed miracles of maintenance while working at a strange airbase, Bagotville is very strange.

Throughout the summer the Nighthawks pressed on with their flying training, with the routine being broken only by selected air shows, during which the sneakier crews would skulk up behind some unsuspecting group of taxpayers, and terrify them with afterburner explosions. Abbottsford and Comox natives particularly were found to be fair game for this type of sport.

From then until the end of the year, the flying training continued at such intervals as the government could find some money to buy some JP4. But the flying wasn't the only training the Nighthawks got. Far from it.

There was, for instance, the sadistic little game called sea survival. In this gala little sport, an unsuspecting Nighthawk is hurled from a speeding boat and told to survive. This just goes to prove that the CFHQ spokesman who said that the number of navigator captains in the service would be reduced by 60% knew what he was talking about. The winner is the one who comes back inside the biggest whale.

The social notes for the year show that bags of people left, and bags more were transferred in. In June, the Grey Fox, Lt. Col. Patterson, departed for ADCHQ, where he would sit on the right hand of somebody or other and thence he shall come to judge... The new CO, Lt. Col. Hammond, arrived from Mobeom, and pronounced himself pleased to be away from all those pongos.

Turning quickly now to the sports pages, we find that 409's hockey team won the championship this spring, and is in there fighting for the title this year. The volleyball aggregations is also fighting for a place in the sun, while the softball team is, as usual, 20,000 leagues under the majors.

1968 was a good year for the Nighthawks. But it wouldn't have been had it not been for the wholehearted support that the squadron received from everyone based at Comox. For this we thank you all and extend our best wishes for a happy, and insofar as Edgar Benson will allow it, a profitable New Year.

WHEELS DOWN



442 Squadron's replacement helicopter "404" Captained by well known Captain Al Winters and with Captain WG Charland as Co-pilot was taking off on a special flight to scenic Holberg last week. As the big chopper rose, a round black object lay still on the ground. The object was simultaneously spotted by

sharp eyed Cpl Ness who happened to be staring out the window at the time and quick witted Sgt Nick Krawchuck who was crossing the wind swept tarmac between Nos. 1 and 2 hangars. Both airmen investigated immediately and found the object to be none other than the starboard outer main wheel, which had parted company with the aircraft

because of a bearing failure. Feeling that the aircrew might be interested, Cpl Ness phoned the control tower who in turn passed the information on to the aircrew. After making another hasty landing Captains Winters and Charland examined the faulty undercarriage and commented "Nuts."

(LGM photo)



"Holy Christmas tree lights," cried L/Col. G. Felton Hammond, "Let's ladder let me down."



Triple split for boob of the month award for parking. Nice going fellas! — RFE photo

Sabre Stand Down at CFB Chatam

by MAJ. G. C. MORRISON 409 Squadron

A feeling of nostalgia swept over hundreds of aircrew and ground crew personnel who gathered at Canadian Forces Base Chatam, N.B. on 30 Nov 68, to pay tribute to the F-86 Sabre on its retirement from the Canadian Armed Forces.

The program opened with a band concert by an Armed Forces band from Montreal.

Col. A. J. Bauer, Base Commander, CFB Chatham addressed the personnel and introduced Maj. Gen. M. E. Pollard, Commander, Air Defence Command, Maj. Gen. Pollard inspected a guard of honour compiled of pilots and ground crew of the F-86. In his address he said, "We are here to mark the passing from service of the greatest air superiority jet fighter aircraft ever built, the North American F-86. With its passing the Canadian Forces loses the only aircraft now in service that Canadian pilots have flown into battle against a shooting enemy. The record of the F-86 against the MIG-15 in Korea is the most outstanding of any fighter aircraft in history. Flown by the USAF, assisted by a handful of RCAF pilots attached to the 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing, the Sabre destroyed 795 MIGs for the loss of 78 Sabres, more than 10 MIGs for each Sabre shot down. This is an almost incredible record, not even approached by any other fighter in any war. The courageous, skilled pilots will always have, at the time of Korea we had the air combat doctrine and with the Sabre the first class air superiority fighter needed to achieve the essential victory in the air. In the next ten years, this combination of outstanding pilot and successfully improved marks of Orenda powered and Canadian built Sabres, twelve Squadrons strong with a front line strength of 300 fighters established the Canadian Air Division as the

best fighter force in Europe. A whole generation of Canadian fighter pilots grew up with the Sabre in this atmosphere of excellence where only the best was good enough. Once the best, the Sabre has been eclipsed by new and more powerful fighters in the air forces of other countries. Inevitably its day was done. But, it is additionally sad to note that with its passing, for the first time the Canadian Forces will have no air superiority fighters in service, old or new. Its departure closes an era. Only the fighter pilot can really know the fighter aircraft for what it is. A graceful living thing, instantly responsive to the touch, yet an instrument of shattering power unique among many creations. Its full measure is revealed only to the men who fly alone, one with their machines. Now we who know, say farewell to the greatest fighter aircraft of all, the Sabre."

Unfortunately, inclement weather prevented the flypast of 16 Sabres. Presentations of photo albums outlining the pictorial history of the Sabre was presented to distinguished guests. Following this, all messes on the base held open house.

It was interesting to renew old acquaintances at the ceremony, during the "Sabre Club" reunion in the mess, attended by approximately 300 ex Sabre jockeys, hangar flying was taking place in all areas and one would hear: "Remember when I told him to break right and the clod broke left;" "Red Tails in my gun sight;" "Heads up, it's an

airliner;" "Let's get those Krauts, TIGERS;" "Marville Tower - I'm flamed out; Roger, you're number two in the flame out pattern;" "Take the high pair three - I'll cover you;" "Blimey, here come those crazy Canadians;" "Ignore him, it's only a Clunk;" "Gros Tenguin Tower - Head the ship into the wind, we're comin' in to land;" "This flight shouldn't last long, it's only sailboats from 3 Wings;" "I've lost your lead!" "Here come the 4 Wingers out of the sun;" "Some planes you fly, the Sabres - you wear;" "Have the years gone by that fast? - Why it was only the other day - well, maybe 12 years ago - 16 you say - you haven't changed a bit;" and so on until the small hours of the morning.

Fighter pilots are a strange breed and at Chatham the challenge was "Are you a Sabre jock?" - The proud reply always came - "You bet your sweet Bippy I am."

Ed's Note: Major G. C. Morrison is presently a Flight Commander in 409 Squadron. He had accumulated 20 years in the service and over 6000 flying hours. His tour on Sabres was with 430 Squadron at Gros Tenguin, France. This is his second coast to coast trip in one day. The trip from Comox to Chatham in a CF 101 took six hours total including one refuelling stop. On 23 May 1951 he flew a Lancaster from Sea Island to Summerside in 11 1/2 hours non-stop. Time Marches On!

Night Hawk's Nest 409

Lieutenant Steve Buryan and Miss Kathy Webb became the Nighthawk's newlyweds on Saturday. Although the low clouds and rain cancelled a formation fly past after the ceremony it didn't dampen the spirit of the occasion. Congratulations Steve and Kathy from all the squadron and may your future be happy and healthy.

Captain George Spolsky has left the squadron and the service. He has returned to Toronto and will become involved with the real estate business. Good luck George, we hope you find your new career enjoyable and profitable.

The senior officers of the nest threw a gala soiree for all the "working" troops in the mess on Sunday. To simply say we enjoyed ourselves would be understating the results of their hospitality. Practically everyone was there so it would be a bit ridiculous to relate the happenings of the entire evening. However, some things just clamour for mention - like Len Dodds

attempt to walk on air; or Ed Goski's imitation of Snoopy doing the frug. Lt Pete Armour and Bonnie celebrated their anniversary and caused the odd champagne cork to pop. (Congratulations from all the Nighthawks and best wishes for a prosperous future).

At great private expense some of the guests provided the best entertainment that money could buy from the local area. "Hoof and Mouth" Elphick and "Hands" Williams got together to produce a funny little runt that kept the crowd in stitches. I don't know if the character has a name, but I'm sure "what's-his-name" will be in demand in the future.

Captain Burt Marcotte has returned to the squadron and his family after attending the OTU at Bagotville. Welcome back - Burt, and in case it was missed this summer, a big welcome to you and Mavis on joining 409 Squadron.

This is being written long before Christmas and will be put to bed just after the big day.

Skating Yea - Santa Nay

"A mother who believes in Santa Claus at Christmas" plus "Some Other Mothers" queried the decision of the council to have skating. Also that we are discontinuing the fire truck ride of jolly old St. Nick through P.M.Q.'s. Possibly if she saw the whole picture she would feel differently. I'll try - In any of the past years that the above ride has taken place it rained and rained (no doubt) and the mothers screamed that their dears ran unclad out into the mud and rain to get 2c worth of poor candy.

Secondly the clutter of kids crowding around the fire truck caused the poor driver to age noticeably. He hates to drive those big tires over their tender bodies.

Thirdly from personal survey it has been found that the bigger and more aggressive children get numerous donations of candy by following the fire truck and repeatedly asking, while the small, the weak, and the timid

get nothing but the frustration and the mud and the rain and the tire tracks on their bodies. This could lead to an aggressive hate of Santa and be later transferred to their parents when they learn the truth.

So dear mother, please see what we are saving you - Do you want your child to hate you in his teen-age because of 2c worth of candy? Break down, buy him some candy and if the white whiskered gent is a must in his infancy take him somewhere else or dress the ol' man and try to get him down the chimney.

A fire truck riding Santa you don't need under these terrible conditions and hence the council in their wisdom cancelled this once 'cause of mayhem and hostility to bring instead the soothing strains of the Skater's Waltz and the pacifying glide of the blades.

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—PMQ Councillor I/c Publicity.

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The party is over and from the reception it had, there should be a vote of thanks to the committee who put this extravaganza on for the squadron. The best news of all being that the party was self supporting and even made a little profit. From all the members of 407 to the party committee a well done.

In the visitors column there are two groups who made it to garden of the straits. 449 squadron had a crew in Comox during the weekend and they all made it to the squadron party. Major Shumka's group then proceeded on to the southern States. On Tuesday a crew from VP-2 came to see us. After deplaning in the rain and cold wind they did declare that it was a little bit warmer than Adak Alaska. The visitors were treated to a sojourn in the bar and sent flying the next day.

Many of the pilots to be amongst the RO and Nav fraternity are now getting their dates for the pilots' course. It would appear that they will all be gone by this time next year. The major change in the squadron that this will bring about of course will be the replacement of this group with NCO aircrew. By the time Christmas party 1969 rolls around there will be a definite change in the makeup of the squadron.

There have been a few people ringing the bell in the mess lately, LT's Wragg and Bartels are now Captains. This should take the pressure off the last Junior Captain if another parade is called in the near future. Also, there has been another new addition to the unit, Lt. Mulcaster has reported in to the Demons. A hearty welcome to the Garden of the Straits. That would

appear to be all the changes for this year, but then we have not had our first of year shuffle yet.

Now that all of you have had a chance to ponder over the significance of those funny ties and what notes you received for Christmas, it is time to get ready for the new year. Those of you prone to making New Year resolutions will have your list ready to break on the first opportunity. There is one resolution though that might well be a good one to keep. Next year please drive carefully. The province now has a law which makes it mandatory that anyone caught driving while under the influence will be suspended for one month from driving. This does not make it very convenient to make it to those odd hour briefings or late night shifts. If you wonder why I am making this statement, I just paid my car insurance, and was given a note about defensive driving. Their statistics show that anyone who adheres to these rules has a much better chance of finishing his driving career without mishap. The people who are driving today, have a 50% chance of either being killed or hospitalized before they stop driving. In the areas where defensive driving has been extensively taught you have only a 25% chance of having a serious accident. So, if the other fellow makes an error, don't you be the one to let him know by hitting him to force your right of way. Another little statistic to keep in mind, if you drive by the speed limit you are only one hour later than the man who drives twenty miles per hour over the limit at the end of a 800 mile trip. This has been proven by actual test in several

COBOC Cacophony

Once upon a time there was a great and wondrous kingdom known as Comoxelot. It was situated in a beautiful valley betwixt many snow-capped mountains with clear rushing streams and an azure blue sea called the Sea of Georgia. Comoxelot also contained a gathering of very interesting inhabitants.

The ruler of the kingdom of Comoxelot was a man known as good King K. C. Arther. He was quite popular amongst his followers and although he didn't associate directly with all of them, was generally well known. Since his kingdom is too large for King K.C. to rule alone he entrusted his Knights of the Egg-shaped Table to stand guard over Comoxelot for him. The ruler of Comoxelot wanted dearly to roam over his Kingdom with his Knights however he was unable, because of a bondage called marriage. Some Knights of the Egg-shaped Table had no such bondage.

One of the leaders amongst the Knights of the Egg-shaped Table was Sir Bazy Valiant. Sir Bazy was a robust and well fed knight with a cherubic countenance and a fun loving disposition. He was respected throughout Comoxelot for his courage in foraying far and wide in search of adventure. Sir Bazy's jaunts into the untamed wilds of Saskatchewan were especially well known.

Another Knight who could speak highly of his reputation was a converted minstrel called Sir Wayne Lancelot. Sir Wayne was known mainly for his beautiful melodic voice which he claimed was mightier than the sword. This Knight was also the lord of a private domain centered in Comoxelot sometimes known to its residents as "actionland."

One of the most feared of the Knights of the Egg-shaped Table was Sir Douglas the Dark. Sir Douglas was the Knight of the realm given the task of supplying King KC's Knights with strong healthy steeds on which to conduct their areas.

After that sermon I am taking a month's leave and may be seen in my basement cursing and what not as I fix the rec room. A very happy New Year to you all.

A reliable horse was a necessity in those day and Sir Douglas took it upon himself to supply all the Knights of the Egg-shaped table with the finest steeds available even if it meant personal suffering.

The Knights of the Egg-shaped Table could even boast of international flavour amongst their number. Sir Pepe La Gwayne was a Knight from Western Gaul who gave up his heritage to seek fun and adventure in Comoxelot and abroad.

Other loyal Knights of the Egg-shaped Table were Sir Dicky, Sir Bearcat, Sir James, Sir Gilles, and Sir Toad. To say the least the non-harried members of the Egg-shaped Table were members of a fun loving and loyal Brotherhood. The Bachelor Knights disassociated themselves with their married counterparts and their spouses. The Knights of the Egg-shaped Table Wives Club.

As it came to pass, the fearsome foursome first mentioned in our fable Sir Bazy, Sir Wayne, Sir Douglas, and Sir Pepe, decided to conduct a crusade to the kingdom of Vancouver during the festive season. With flasks filled and steeds fed, the foursome received King KC's blessing and set out on their journey.

Out rode the foursome in search of adventure in the name of their King. South to a sea port they travelled and soon they were sea-borne bound for Vancouver. Days later they arrived at their destination, and lo and behold they did not find a place entrenched in squalor, filth and deprivation, but instead found a city filled with mirth and full of beautiful people. Sir Bazy turned to his three cohorts and humbly stated, "This is great. Let's take advantage of it." The three quickly nodded their approval.

So again as it came to pass the foursome made their way to an inn known as the Ye Olde Devonshire, a pub of rather high repute. They had just settled in to a flagon of meade when a dragon of rather small proportions took a fancy to them. The dragon made its way to Sir Wayne's side and he quickly remarked "what's a dragon like you doing in a nice place like this?" The dragon retreated once again proving Sir Wayne's philosophy, the voice is mightier than the sword.

Soon it was closing time and the quartet from Comoxelot found themselves roaming the streets. They wandered around in search of refuge when they happened on a joyful gathering of merry-makers and were quickly invited to join in. The svelte Knights from far away soon found themselves in favour with the many fair-haired maidens in attendance much to the chagrin of their suitors. All through the night the merry making continued until exhausted the Knights slipped into slumber.

Much later the foursome awoke and lo and behold a miracle had taken place. Where once there were but four now there were eight. The Knights were admiring the sleeping beauties beside them when the tumultuous shouting from an approaching mob brought the Knights back to reality. "Where's my daughter?, where's my wife? Who's with my sister? Which one of you rats is with my girl friend?" came the shouts from outside. The knights quickly clothed themselves, kissed their

new friends good-bye, exited to the rear, mounted their wailing steeds and absconded. Soon they were back in Comoxelot with gay hearts, pleasant memories, and empty pockets. The moral of our story? Crusades sure haven't changed much!

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Hello 1969!

1969 is just around the corner and what it brings for members of the Canadian Armed Forces is anyone's guess. Ottawa is presently in the midst of the most comprehensive Defense and Foreign Policy review ever undertaken by a Canadian Government. The big question in everybody's mind must be "will we get involved in something next year?"

Hopefully, the Vietnam war is in its dying stages and peace keeping in the Far East is not an unlikely possibility should the fighting be halted. We have been on the International Control Commission for many years now, along with India and Poland and should a truce be declared, we would be an extremely logical choice for peace keeping operations.

The Trudeau government is showing signs of increased interest in South America. Canada has for some time had many economic ties in Central and South America, however, our past governments have rarely shown any formal concern for political affairs down South. Prime Minister Trudeau has stated that he is more concerned over trouble from the peons in South America than the Soviets in Europe. We have thus far avoided participation in the Organization of American States since its inception, however, this could change in 1969. Should increased Canadian involvement in Latin America and South America become a reality, it's quite reasonable to assume that this could include military involvement. The Banana Republics still show no signs of attaining political stability.

Our present commitments to NATO and NORAD will probably be honored in 1969. To what extent we will honor them still remains to be seen. For some time now we have been hearing arguments for reducing our military contributions to NATO and NORAD in favor of increased social spending at home. As Korea and World War II grow dimmer in our minds, reductions in military spending seem quite logical and only incidents such as the Czechoslovakian crisis serve to remind us of the need for a military.

Lack of funds will probably be the major complaint for the service next year. Our annual budget is not even being increased to remain at par with the inflating dollar let alone the rising cost of new military hardware. The majority of our present equipment is becoming obsolete while the cost of replacement spirals upward. The CF-5s for Mobile Command are in production, however, the prospects for new equipment for ADC and Maritime Command seem gloomy indeed, at least for next year.

All in all, last year was an uneventful period for the Canadian Servicemen and next year will probably bring more of the same. A peacetime military can only be uneventful and all hopes should be for its remaining that way. In the unlikely event that the Defence review now taking place, should produce some new and worthwhile commitments, we could find 1969 to prove an interesting year!

The Spirit of Unity

Having noted my absence from this page in the last issue, a number of people asked whether I had enjoyed my holiday. Well, it wasn't a holiday, but it certainly was a change. I've just returned from a junket to Unity, Sask, and it was definitely a cultural experience. Travelling first class all the way, I swaggered into the ritziest hotel in town and demanded the best room in the place. The little man at the desk wearing a cloth cap (first one I'd seen in years). He cocked an eyebrow at me and said, "It'll cost you. It'll be \$5.88 per night, including tax." I did a rapid mental calculation and decided that I could probably stay for three or four days at that rate.

During the next three days investigating the crash of a CF-104 about 20 miles south of Unity, I met a variety of people that I thought had vanished with the horse and buggy. Everyone was concerned with the welfare of his neighbor, yet it was not a busybody concern, it was more a brother's-keeper attitude. Most of the people were thankful that the pilot had not been killed, and they kept asking how he was. Someone even asked me to express his thanks to the pilot for making sure that the aircraft had not crashed into a house. (The farmhouses there are at least a mile apart). There were six service men guarding the crash site and they had never had it so good. The farm wives brought their steaming cauldrons of stew, scalloped potatoes, piping hot, vats of coffee, batches of hot rolls, fresh from the oven, a huge egg cake with chocolate icing, a jelly roll that you wouldn't believe. "You can't let those boys starve out there on that cold, windswept field." "Invite them in where it's warm. They don't have to guard that hole in the ground." "Show them some home movies." "Give them tea and some good farm cookin'." "I bet they haven't had a good meal since goodness knows when. Besides, a man can't guard on an empty stomach. He needs some good hot food to stick to his ribs."

I interviewed and took statements from a large number of people and co-operation was complete. No one was too busy to help. A farmer would drop his pitchfork and leave his chores to come to the house and answer questions. His wife would have the coffee on and biscuits, jellies and pastries would appear. "Oh, have some more, you must get hungry doing all this travelling around." Everyone was friendly and forthright, telling me all that he had seen and heard and thought and done. Some people couldn't be turned off; they filled me in on the lore of the area for the last thirty years.

I couldn't help contrasting the spirit of Unity with the urban dweller's total unconcern for anyone but himself, the sort of unconcern that allowed a New York woman to be stabbed repeatedly in broad daylight while all the honest citizens glanced the other way. The 'I don't want to be involved' attitude is absent in Unity. Everyone is involved. A group of people are banded together against the elements and everyone has time to help a fellow human in the face of a common enemy. We hired a farmer with a large tractor and front end loader to work at the crash for a number of hours. When he was finished, the farmer insisted that there would be no charge. We had some difficulty convincing him that it would be an embarrassment to us if he did not submit a claim.

A snob would hardly go to Unity to discover gracious living. The living is hard; only the people are gracious. Certainly something in the area helps to produce men who are purest in honesty and integrity.

The last night in town meant the last visit to the pub, it was party time. The season's work was done and farmers could sleep late (11:30 to 8:00, instead of five). The waiters came to shake my hand and wish me a safe and pleasant journey. The tapman wished me a speedy return. Maybe it wasn't Palm Springs. Maybe the weather was cold. But the people there are alive and warm.



POST CHRISTMAS BLUES

By CPL LANCE STERLING

Here it is, a few days after Christmas and you are up to your hips in bits of toys, pieces of string, cardboard - and gloom. Your vision of lollypops has just gone down the tubes because in the day-after-Christmas mall was a "season's-greetings" card from your rich aunt Martha in Buffalo Narrows and she wasn't on your list this year.

There is only one way to avoid such earth-shattering goofs. To make sure that next year you don't forget someone or something, make a checklist.

The first item on your checklist should be presents. As a general rule, you give presents next year to whoever gave to you this year.

There are a few notable variables to this rule, however. If you should acquire a wife between today and next Christmas, plan on getting her a present, regardless of what happened this year. Wives seem to expect something.

The same variable applies to any children accumulated during the upcoming year. It may not seem practical to get a two-month old kid a Christmas present, but refrain from trying logic on your spouse - unless you like being chewed out.

Then too, someone totally unexpected, may give you a present this year. This can be embarrassing unless you have a reserve stock of presents.

You should look at buying a few extra presents the same way Supply looks at maintaining bench stock. It will be used eventually, and it is there when you need it in emergencies.

A suitable "extra" present is a bottle of some vintage Kentucky soda. Wrap it nicely and if no one shows up with a surprise present by the twelfth day of Christmas; well, you have something to help calm your nerves during the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Getting the presents is only one piece of the job. Mailing them off is the hard part.

Having a buddy in the packing and crating business helps. Getting a day off to stand in post Office lines is mandatory. Waiting until the day after Christmas to mail is cowardly.

The next item on your checklist should be Christmas cards. There are two schools of thought on Christmas cards. One is that you only send to those who sent to you. This is more economical, but with the holiday mail jam and the work of logging in received cards, addressing and mailing reciprocal greetings can turn into a full time job.

The alternate approach is the

devil-may-care, hang-the-expense, send-one-to-everybody-in-the-squadron, attitude. This may give you and your wife, or girl friend, or room mate a bad case of writer's cramp, not to mention what all those stamps will do to your tongue. However, it does get the job out of the way.

No matter what system you choose, if you can get the cards in the mailbox before the 26th, you can look the world in the eye.

Another important item for your checklist is Christmas decorations. Decorating is a little like giving to the annual charity campaign. You do it at work, or you do it at home, and sometimes you find yourself doing it both places. How much or how little is a matter of choice.

If you have children, now is a good time to measure the high broken decoration line on the tree. This is the area above which the kids have not smashed ornaments. Next year, put only plastic or homemade decorations below that line and cut down on the expenses.

The final chore on your checklist should be leaving a piece of fruit cake and a glass of milk for the old gent with the red suit and the whiskers.

Even he likes to get something.

Having heartburn at 7 a.m. is a terrible thing, but then, so is going on a diet.

Next to the Chinese water torture, hunger pains have to be the worst agony in the world. People trying to diet can be spotted by the wistful look in their eyes and the way they clutch their stomach.

The reasons people give for voluntarily starving are varied. A little thing, like being described as a beach ball with a belt or not being able to grab your shoelaces, can do it.

First time dieters are easy to spot. They proclaim to one and all that they really aren't hungry and that it is just a matter of will power. A week later, when even passing pigeons start to look like pressed squab, they talk not at all. It's hard to carry on a conversation and ream about food at the same time.

To land and examine planet Earth than Sioux Lookout, Ontario, the people of which have a tremendous capacity for offering hospitality that is exceeded only by their ability to out-enjoy visitors.

In a more serious vein, there have been a number of sightings located in the general area of northwestern Ontario. Perhaps, Mr. Speaker, you will recall an instance where the Hon. Member for Selkirk brought to the attention of the house the rather spectacular experiences of people in the Falconlake area. However, no satisfaction was ever given the hon. member, and if the government has any information at all about these matters, I think it should be made available to the public. There is, as hon. members know, a great deal of curiosity about this subject.

Shortly after my last visit to Sioux Lookout I was told by telephone, and in person, that there had been a large number of sightings there. An article appeared in the town's paper, the Daily Bulletin, which I should like to quote to bear out my claim that there have been extensive sightings in this area. This is the November 29 edition of the paper, and the article reads as follows:

For the last two evenings several people in town have sighted an unidentified flying object over Pelican Lake.

Last night's sighting was observed by quite a few people outside Jim's Coffee Bar on Front street at about 6:00 p.m. The only information we could

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:-
Recently in a letter to you a person put forth some observations on "Lunatic Hunters" as he called them. Before we go any farther I must say that unfortunately there are some truths in what the Anti-hunter says. But don't; I repeat don't class all hunters in the one category. There are basically three types of hunters. First like myself a lot of people have grown up in the country, have hunted all their lives and have come to feel more at home in the woods. This group has developed the proper attitude toward hunting.

Next you have hunters who have learned most of what they know about hunting out of magazines and books and figure that they are authorities on the art of hunting. This is all well and good if a few year's experience is added to develop an understanding of the outdoors and hunting in particular. This group can be dangerous in the early stages of learning.

Last but hardly least you have the rank amateur hunter from the nation's cities who doesn't know anything about hunting. These happy-go-lucky jacksals look up on a hunting trip as a way to get away from it all. Loaded with guns, ammunition and booze and away they clatter. Once in the woods "away from it all" they hunt in packs along roads, well worn trails and farmland. If they go out alone they end up hunting scared. I'll clarify. Knowing nothing about the woods, and less about their weapons, the bustling commando from the asphalt jungles is transformed when out of sight of civilization. Visions of towering grizzlies, mammoth killer deer and back scratching tabbies terrify him. Hence you get sudden flurries of bullets lobbed in the direction of a movement or sound. The result is obvious as numerous species of non-game animals including humans are killed each year.

Ed's Note: Even if only one of three hunters is a lunatic, do you realize how many lunatics that would be?

Dear Editor:-
I don't see why the PMQ council don't have a carnival for us, and have the events in the evening with a station dance. They could have events such as wine drinking contests, volleyball, log rolling and many more. What do you think?

Ed's Note: I gave up thinking a long time ago. It only gets you in trouble.

Hansard Highlights

Thursday, December 12, 1968
Pages 3849 and 3900.
IMMIGRATION

REQUEST FOR RETRIAL OF DEPORTATION ORDER AGAINST POLISH SEAMEN
On the orders of the day: Mr. J. M. Forrestal (Dartmouth-Halifax): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. It concerns the case of the nine Polish seamen now in detention at Halifax who have been ordered deported back to Poland. Will the minister instruct the legal counsel representing him to recommend or agree to a retrial of this particular case?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the case has been heard by the Immigration appeal board. As I understand it, the board itself can determine to hear the case again if there is a claim of additional facts to be brought out, and of course there is appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. But the minister, under the law, has no discretion whatever to intervene in this particular case.

MR. Forrestal: Mr. Speaker, may I pose a supplementary question, and perhaps it should be directed to the Prime Minister. Is it still the policy of the government, as stated in this house on April 21, 1967, that the government will grant refuge to people from communist countries whose deportation there would certainly mean imprisonment and deprivation?

Mr. MacEachen: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that is the policy. In this case presumably the Immigration appeal board concluded

to receive the answer from the parliamentary secretary that it was Santa Claus trying out his reindeer in anticipation of Christmas.

Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I hope I am not setting a precedent this evening by answering this question, but questions relating to unidentified flying objects should really be directed to the minister who speaks on behalf of the National Research Council. However I undertook to check out the observations made by the hon. member for Kenora-Rainy River, and I am informed that although there were some strange lights noticed in the Sioux Lookout area on the night of November 27, no radar reflections were picked up by the radar station at Sioux Lookout.

I do not like to disappoint the hon. member, but may I take him that there probably will be some unidentified flying objects the night of December 24. There is some evidence that these as a space vehicle propelled by eight unknown objects, and this will be reported through the highly unlikely, however, it is the pilot of this space vehicle either as the hon. member for Hamilton West or the hon. member for Edmonton Centre. Motion agreed to and the house adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

A New Year's Problem

It is a favorite sport of editorial writers to list the problems ahead of us for the coming year and to suggest possible solutions. Problems listed might include Viet Nam, the monetary crisis, bilingualism, Biafra, world peace, hippies, and how to make more money. In reality, there is but one problem to solve.

That problem, simply stated, is the lack of unity in the world. Although the statement is simple, the solution is exceedingly complex and difficult, and will require a personal sacrifice akin to the sacrifice of martyrdom. There are a number of tasks which must be accomplished if we are to obtain this unity.

We must obtain unity in religion. It is unfashionable to speak of religion in these days, but it is impossible to deny the power of religion in shaping men's lives. Religion has been the cause of more bloodshed than any other cause, but it has also been the motive behind many great advancements. We must learn to eliminate the divisive aspects of religion, or we will be consumed by hatred. Unity of religion carries far deeper implications than the Christian churches; it implies that all the world's great religions stem from a common source, and that the followers of one have no right nor reason to regard themselves superior to the followers of another. True unity is impossible without the recognition

of the unity of religion. It is necessary that we learn to be united in politics. This does not imply the creation of one party systems, but rather calls for a system of representative government where service to humanity supercedes partisan aims. The party system is inherently divisive, whether there be but one party or many. Man-kind must learn to create a responsible government which is not shackled by loyalties other than to the electorate. This places a tremendous burden of responsibility upon the people.

Unity among the world's nations is a must. This does not imply the submergence of the nations into a global superstate, but demands that the nations be willing to place the interests of humanity ahead of nationalistic aims. There will always be pride of country; there will always be different forms of government. We must learn that each nation has a contribution to make, and responsibilities wider than its own people. We must learn that each nation has a right to its own existence, and each nation must be willing to accept the authority of a supra-national court of international affairs. We must not let nationalism blind us to the reality that we are now a global civilization.

World peace will never be realized until there is unity among the races. We must recognize that all men are of the same race, and that none are

inferior to another. We must be willing to extend ourselves in order to understand and appreciate one another. We must think of humanity as merely a different color of white-man, but must realize each race has its own character and contribution to make. We must realize that all contributions are equally valid, and that we are depriving ourselves if we suppress a other.

Another essential ingredient of unity is the development of international language. National tongues will not fall into disuse; but rather all peoples must be educated in the speech of an international auxiliary language. The problem of which language to use, or to invent a language, is one which the governments of the world must solve if there is ever to be true understanding.

There is one more task which must be accomplished before we can proceed united with ourselves. We must learn who we are, why we are on this planet, and what we must do in order to progress. We must realize that we are human beings and not merely an advanced animal. What is a man? A man is a creature with free will. He can either choose to unite, or he will destroy himself. To study this problem in its fullest we must turn to religion. But that is not fashionable.

WHY SPORTS?

Sportsmen are such noisy people. They always seem to be holding forth at length on the virtues of sports, on the points of character they help to build, and equating sports-mindedness with all-Canadian boy red-bloodedness. What a bore! Yet no one ever seems to criticize sports; it would be like arguing against motherhood. My own pursuits have always diverged from the athletic, perhaps because I'm rather slight and anaemic, and wear coke bottle-bottom glasses. There always seem to be so many more important things to do than to play sports. Besides, I'm always the last one to be chosen for a team, and I can't imagine why.

I've always dreaded the onset

of winter in this part of the country. The ever-present clouds and constant rain have a depressing effect; mood seems so dependent on the weather. So when the last fit of despondency hit me, I was not surprised, just unhappy. It was a brilliant idea to take by small son skating; he could unleash his energy on the ice rather than on his dad. It wasn't such a brilliant idea a few days later when I decided to go skating with him. That vision I had of cutting a fancy figure on ice soon collapsed into bubbles.

What really amazed me was that in spite of my lack of success on the ice, I felt so much better than before I had tried

it. The dopiness was gone and I felt like going out and planting the rest of my tulip bulbs, the ones that have been sitting in my basement for the last two months. I've decided to take up curling and to play hockey as soon as my skating improves enough. The ski slopes are also going to take a beating for the rest of the winter. As for the rest of my projects, I plan to finish them all off in grand style with all this extra energy and zest for living that I never knew I had. Who says sports is a drag? With the old lungs cleaned out and filled with fresh air and the old heart beginning to pulse more vibrantly, I feel I can go out and lick the world. I bet I might even live to retirement.

DiETING Isn't Fun or Profit

CPL. LANCE STERLING

Once on a diet, food seems to crop up all the time, everywhere. In the morning, while you are trying to make the most out of your vitamin pill and skim milk, the radio babbles on about pastries, cookies and school lunches. During the day, you can hear the "zunk" as somebody pulls the lever of the candy machine and the crackle of the wrapping paper - even if you are on the flight line and they are in a hanger.

There is no respite after work either. At night you are assailed with the odors of cooking coming from every house in the neighborhood. Usually, after the first month of a diet, the average eater can tell you the exact table fare of his entire community.

Television also does its bit to give you a vast wasteland. No sooner are you settled into a good drama and a 4,000 calorie

Both descriptions tallied on checking them out and the U.F.O. was described as a flat circular object of bright greenish hue, which appeared to be pulsating. It was travelling at conventional speed for an airborne object and glided down behind the tree line out of sight.

Then the article concludes with the question: Anyone have an explanation?

That brings me to the point of my question, Mr. Speaker. We do have this very extensive facility at Sioux Lookout that is operated by the Department of National Defence. Surely if anything was in the sky over that period, records would be kept by this most efficient establishment, one which, I might add, is also an expensive establishment. Therefore I should like to ask the parliamentary secretary -- and it is very kind of him to stay up so late -- whether he could release some of this supposedly confidential information for the benefit of the Canadian public. The Christmas holiday season is fast approaching, but I do not want

commercial comes on. During the entire period you are trying to lose some of those pounds, you keep meeting skinny people that eat like there is no tomorrow. These same people take great delight in telling you about the snack they had after dinner last night. Most of the time their snack is more than you have had all day.

Then you will meet people who solemnly assure you they have a foolproof way to lose weight. "Just light up a cigarette and it kills your hunger pangs."

You just don't have the heart to tell them that you got fat from eating every time you craved a cigarette when you quit smoking. And sobbing is so undignified.

P.S. - Sorry about the sloppy typing, but I just ate my eraser.

FUNGUS FEATURES

by Mac

THE M.O. PUT ME ON A STRICT DIET

GOT TO LOOSE 35 POUNDS

NO EATING OR DRINKING FOR ME

NO PARTIES OR CELEBRATING THIS SEASON EITHER

BAH! HUMBUG

Stripper Steals Show at Christmas Concert



LGM photo

Protestant Chapel Sunday School Stage Christmas Concert

A Standing Room Only crowd of anxious parents and eager children filled the auditorium of the Wallace Gardens school this past Sunday afternoon for a Christmas Concert put on by the Protestant Sunday School. It was the first such event to be held here for several years, and was greatly enjoyed by both parents and children alike.

Close to two hundred children participated in the carol singing, recitation, and short word plays. The afternoon's performance was opened by the quiet and meaningful singing of the old carol "Lullay, Thou Tiny Child" by the Chapel Junior Choir under the direction of Mr. Walter Yeomans. Following a short play "The Presentation of Gifts" by the two teen-age classes taught by Mrs. Eileen Orpen and Mrs. Ruth Archer, the Junior Choir sang a medley of Christmas Carols. Mrs. Elizabeth Cousins played the piano for this choir.

Then came the highlight of the afternoon when Kindergarten Superintendent Mrs. Ellen Matthews led her "flock" of some 75 pre-school and grade one children through the auditorium to place their gifts under the Christmas tree, and up onto the stage to present an amazing variety of Christmas songs, finger plays and recitations. The complete lack of self-consciousness of these children greatly added

to the interest shown by the audience. Mrs. Matthews is assisted in teaching these children by Mrs. E. Munroe, Mrs. A. Kilburn, Mrs. E. Williams, Mrs. G. Fleet, Mrs. J. Westerman, Mrs. D. Hind and Miss L. Buchanan.

The meaning of "Merry Christmas" was then ably demonstrated through recitations by the children of the primary classes, taught by teachers Miss D. Poirier, Miss B. Cronmiller, Miss B. Worth and Miss W. Ennis.

The afternoon's program was brought to a fitting close by the Junior classes, under the supervision of Mrs. H. Ellis, Mrs. J. Eggleston, Mrs. G. McIntosh and Mrs. M. Fulton. They sang several songs to the accompaniment of Mrs. Petch at the piano, ending with the old favorite, "We Carols. Mrs. Elizabeth Cousins played the piano for this choir. The Master of Ceremonies was Bill Andrews, who is the superintendent of the primary, junior and intermediate sections of the Sunday School.

White Gifts laid around the creche by all the children have since been taken down to the Salvation Army in Courtenay — there to become part of hamper which will brighten the Christmas of many needy families in the Comox Valley.

From Up in My Perch



By SEEMORE

The other morning I was awakened from a sound sleep by a loud clatter on the roof and an even louder clatter as all my kids hit the deck in a fit of excitement. Leaping nosily from their bunks they yelled at me to "get up, Santa Claus has been, Daddy" and raced each other to the stairs. Realizing that the great day had finally arrived I threw back the covers, leaped from the bed and was half way down the stairs when I realized that in the excitement I had forgotten to don my P. J.s. Hastily I retreated to the bedroom, dug through the bureau and after a lengthy search came up with my pyjamas, blue, Airmen for the use of, NSNs 8420-21-104-3425 trousers and 8420-21-103-7991 jackets. Impatiently, I dressed. Doing so, I noted with some satisfaction that the PJs were still in mint condition and would probably last long past my retirement date. Suitably dressed I again descended the stairs.

The kids had already taken their stockings down. There on the wall over the hot air register (in lieu of a fire place) remained my beloved kit bag. It has long been my annual custom to hang up my ol' kit bag in the hopes that old St. Nick will bring me my third hook. Now, some people think that's funny, but in this day and age anything is worth a try. It was with trembling fingers that I took the ol' kit bag down and opened it and began to examine the little gifts the good saint had left.

First, there was a bottle of metal preservative to use on my button stick, a type writer ribbon patching kit, a subscription renewal to the Sentinel, a bottle of plastic cleaner and polish for the care of my new I card, a plaque containing my old regimental number and rank permanently engraved in brass, a T-shirt showing my retirement date, a years supply of air sick bags, a copy of CAP 10, in pocket book edition, a glass plate negative showing CWO Ostrander receiving his LAC badges, and a new draw string for my old kit bag, but no third hook. I could hardly believe my eyes. The good Saint had let me down. I'm positive that he received the memo I sent him which listed all the things I wanted for Christmas because every thing else I had asked for was in the bag. Giving the bottom of the bag one more check I came across a little note which said Merry Christmas, Ho, Ho, Ho. Do you think someone is putting me on? Do you suppose that promotions really do come from CFBQ and not Santa as I have always believed? Pondering the question I turned and noticed;

It was Boxing Day. In addition to the above question, another question has plagued me annually. What does Boxing Day mean? Does it mean the day when everybody packs the excess Christmas wrappings into the pile of boxes that suddenly appeared on Christmas morning? Does it imply some medi-

val Yule custom where everyone went outside and Boxed with each other? This year I finally did it. I took the time to get the encyclopedia out and look it up. I found that "Boxing Day" is a term used throughout the British Empire. On that day the gentry were accustomed to give presents, generally of money, to their servants or others of humble life. These presents came to be known as Christmas boxes. This strikes me as a very fine idea indeed. It could be readily applied to Corporals in the Canadian Forces. Are we not servants, public, civil, or otherwise? Name one creature on earth that is more humble than an old Corporal in the Canadian Forces. Let's return some of these fine old customs and traditions. Let's be kind to Old Corporals during the festive seasons.

RUMOUR OF THE WEEK: A severe financial pinch will be felt by the majority of Forces personnel between Jan. 2 and Jan. 15, 1969.

RUNNER UP FOR RUMOUR OF THE WEEK: Mount Washington, pride of the Comox Valley District is to be renamed Mount Nixon.

Mushroomer - Shoulder flashes for the new green uniform will be bi-lingual, the left flash will be in english while the right will be in french.

Come back Cpl. Bruce, all is forgiven.

Two 422 Dependants Selected In Snow Queen Contest



MISS SUE CLARKE, daughter of our beloved P Ad O was selected over nine other contestants to represent Vanier High school at the Comox Valley Snow Queen contest to be held in February 1969. Miss Clarke was crowned on Saturday, 14 December, at the Christmas Dance at the Vanier High School.



RUNNER UP, and princess in the Vanier High Snow Queen Contest is Miss Marlene Senft, daughter of our dynamic Supply Co-ordinator WO Senft. The Totem Times extends congratulations to both these charming ladies.

A New Years Hello to Northerners

OTTAWA (CFP) - A special New Year's broadcast of the CBC's "Northern Messenger" Dec. 31, will carry season's greetings from relatives and friends of servicemen and civ-

ilians working in Canada's north, according to personnel support programs officials here. Messages should be mailed directly to CBC Northern Messenger, P.O. Box 6000, Montreal P.Q., giving name and location of recipient. Be sure to state date of broadcast, Dec. 31.

The CBC reminds families and friends of northern workers, both service and civilian, that the Northern Messenger's service are available twice daily, the year round, Monday to Friday. They broadcast in both English and French. The address for general messages is the same; Northern Messenger, P.O. 6000, Montreal.

PMQ decorations winners

Winner of the \$10 prize was Sgt. and Mrs. J. R. Tigue of PMQ 24A. Honorable mentions went to Cpl and Mrs. Hartley of PMQ 2A and Captain and Mrs. Bob Merriek of PMQ 64A.

Judges were Mrs. Hillary Henderson of Comox and Mrs. Anita Blundell and Mrs. Don Matheson. Congratulations from the Totem Times and best wishes from the Hydro company.

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THE BILL BALANCE rink returned from the Zone I championships in Baldy Hughes as Zone Champions. Pictured above are the four members of the Balance rink. They had to contend with a strong quartet from Comox — the Chuck Perry rink in order to win the A finals. In the B finals they polished off the brown jobs from Chilliwack — the Barr rink, this made them winners on both sides of the double knockout play.

Once again, out of the wilderness, springs up another curling rink. A small group of ardent curlers under the leadership of Major Madson were putting the finishing touches on their new two sheet rink, and as the last nails were being driven, 64 curlers invaded the small community of Baldy Hughes to participate in the Zone I Playoffs. The building of a curling rink is no minute task, and for a unit the size of Baldy Hughes to cater to 16 teams presents a lot of problems. To top it off, the water main broke, but this diligent group did not get discouraged. With the main repaired, the play-offs started on time and everyone settled down to the task at hand; curling for the Zone I Championship.

Unit representatives were sent from Comox, Esquimalt, Kamloops, Ladner, Chilliwack and Baldy Hughes. The two teams from Comox were composed of Chuck Perry — skip, Bob Carscadden — third, Cyril Raskob — second, and Terry Bloom — lead. The second team consisted of Bill Balance — skip, Gus Palmason — third, Dave Wilson — second, and Harvey Herauf — lead. The double knockout draw was used and when the draw was posted, the two Comox teams were on opposite sides, and would not meet until the final of "A." Chuck Perry's rink curled very well and eliminated the opposition early, reaching the finals in easy fashion. The Bill Balance rink also curled steadily, and the sweeping ability of Wilson and Herauf gave them a slight edge over the opposition. In the final game of the "A" division, Perry and Balance played a see-saw game, with Perry counting the even ends and Balance counting the odd ends. With the score 4-all coming home in the 10th, Balance drew his last rock to the tee line biting the 4' circle, and partly guarded. Perry then decided to hit and stick with his last rock but racked up on the guard, giving Balance the win, 5 to 4.

Perry now had to play the finalist of "B" division — the Barr rink from Chilliwack. The game was very closely contested, but once again Perry came out on the losing end of the score. Going into the finals, Balance had the advantage as Barr had to win twice in a row. As the game progressed, Balance had control of the game and at one point was up 4. After a couple of misses by the Balance rink the game was all tied up coming home. Balance had last rock and drew to the 4' circle, winning the playoffs undefeated, and earning the right to represent the B.C. Armed Forces in the Dominion championship which will be held in Edmonton in January.

Ed. Note: And from the Sports Staff of the Totem Times goes a hearty congratulations to Bill Balance and his group of merry men. We know that you will bring back the Canadian Championship to Comox.

THE STANDINGS

INTERSECTION BROOMBALL — Correct to 13 Dec.

TEAM	F	W	L	T	Pts
407 Untouchables	11	6	2	2	14
Military Police	10	6	4	0	12
407 I & E	11	4	4	3	11
Supply	10	2	5	3	7
407 Aircrew	7	2	5	0	4

INTERSECTION HOCKEY — Correct to 13 Dec.

TEAM	F	W	L	T	Pts
Courtenay Mustangs	10	8	1	1	17
409 Nighthawks	10	6	2	2	14
407 Demons	8	3	4	1	7
Admin Dragons	10	3	7	0	6
442 Haetliks	8	1	7	0	2

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Sat. 28 Dec. 1300 - 1630
Sun. 29 Dec. 1300 - 1630
Mon. 30 Dec. 0800 - 1630
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1900 to 2100 Public Skating
2100 to 2400 Closed

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1330 to 1530 Public Skating
1530 to 2400 Closed Closed

Thursday 2 Jan.
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0800 to 0900
0900 to 1000
1000 to 1100
1100 to 1200
1200 to 1300
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1500 to 1600 Ice Maintenance
1600 to 1845 Minor Hockey
1845 to 2400 Ice Maintenance

Friday 3 Jan.
0600 to 1600 Ice Maintenance
1600 to 2000 Minor Hockey
2000 to 2400 Totems vs. Nanaimo

Saturday 4 January
0600 to 1345 Minor Hockey
1400 to 1545 Public Skating
1600 to 1745 Minor Hockey
1800 to 2015 Figure Skating Club
2015 to 2400

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0945 to 1045 Commercial League
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The next column will cover what is available in ski poles, with ensuing columns on resorts, clothing, etc. Until next time, we wish you good skiing over the holiday season.

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TOTEM TIMES
DEADLINE
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At that meeting it was agreed that the Federal Government would make available to the CAHA the funds necessary to operate the National Team during the 1968-69 season. In turn Mr. Dawson agreed to recommend to the executive board of the CAHA that control and oper-

ation of the National Team be turned over to a new corporation tentatively titled "Hockey Canada." Hockey Canada would begin operations of the National Team with the 1969-70 season and its Board would be composed of representatives of the CAHA, the public and Canada's professional hockey teams. Mr. Munro noted that the CAHA would continue to hold the International Affiliation that entitles Canada to participate in International Tournaments, while the new corporation Hockey Canada would provide the team that participates in the tournaments requiring National representation.

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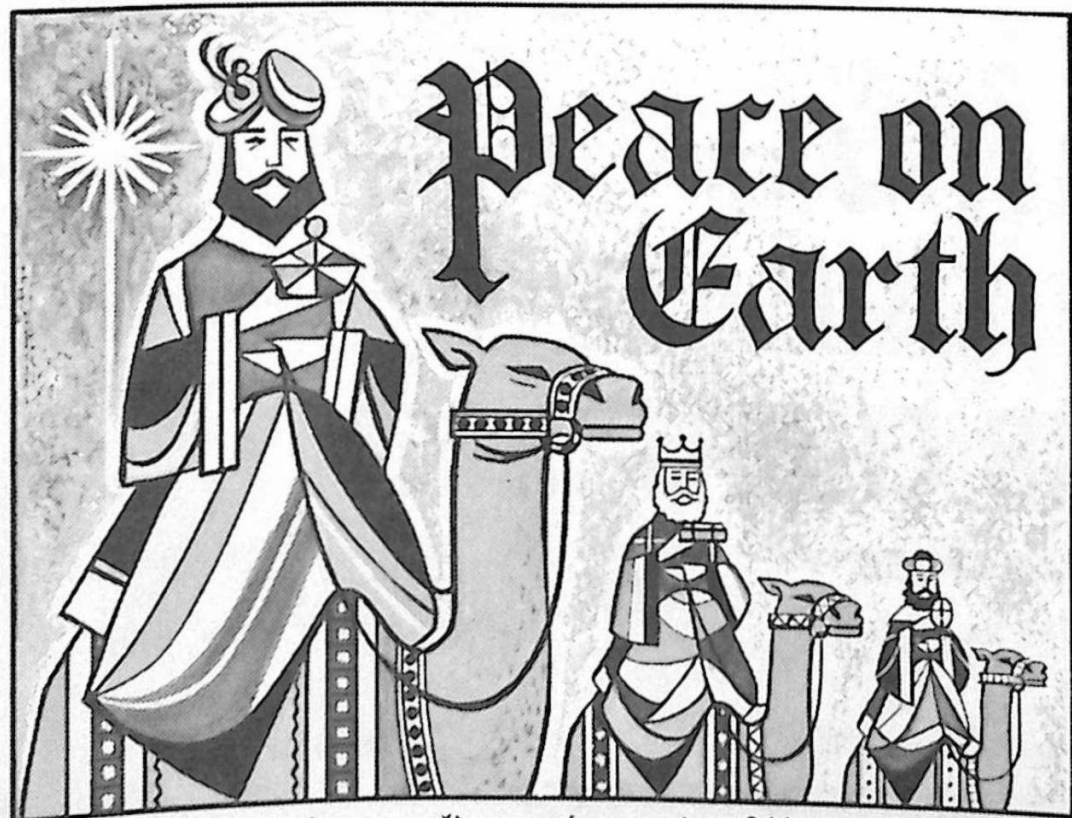
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The next column will cover what is available in ski poles, with ensuing columns on resorts, clothing, etc. Until next time, we wish you good skiing over the holiday season.

**NEXT
TOTEM TIMES
DEADLINE
MONDAY,
JANUARY 6th**



CAPTAIN D. J. McREYNOLDS has been recently appointed base physical education and recreation officer for CFB Comox. Prior to coming to Comox, Captain McReynolds completed tours of duty at Royal Military College, Mobile Command Base, St. Hubert, Air Defence Command Headquarters, and Headquarters in Ottawa as a physical education and recreation officer.

HOCKEY CANADA CORPORATION

OTTAWA — The future of Canada's national team has been the subject of several meetings in the past few weeks between officials of the Federal Government and the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. As a result of these discussions a meeting was held this morning between the Honourable John Munro, the minister responsible for the development of amateur sports activity, and Earl Dawson, president of the CAHA.

At that meeting it was agreed that the Federal Government would make available to the CAHA the funds necessary to operate the National Team during the 1968-69 season. In turn Mr. Dawson agreed to recommend to the executive board of the CAHA that control and operation of the National Team be turned over to a new corporation tentatively titled "Hockey Canada."

Hockey Canada would begin operations of the National Team with the 1969-70 season and its Board would be composed of representatives of the CAHA, the public and Canada's professional hockey teams. Mr. Munro noted that the CAHA would continue to hold the International Affiliation that entitles Canada to participate in International Tournaments, while the new corporation Hockey Canada would provide the team that participates in the tournaments requiring National representation. Both Mr. Munro and Mr. Dawson expressed satisfaction with this agreement and its potential for improving Canada's performance in International Hockey.

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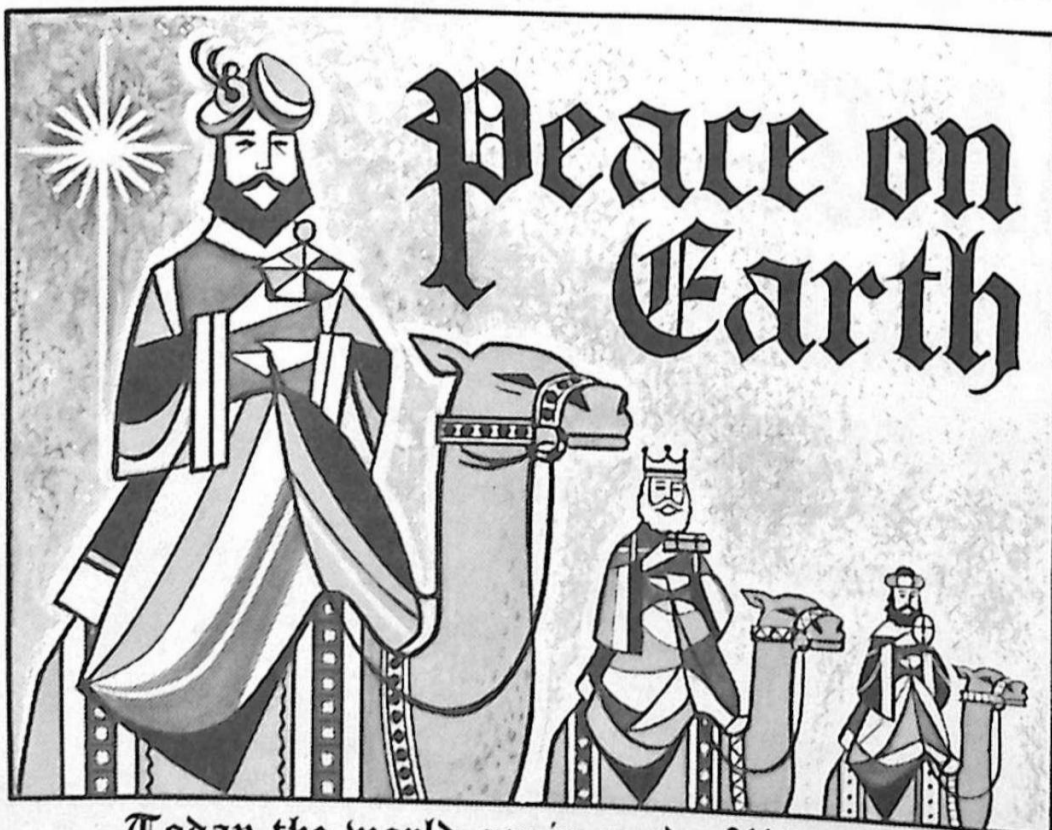
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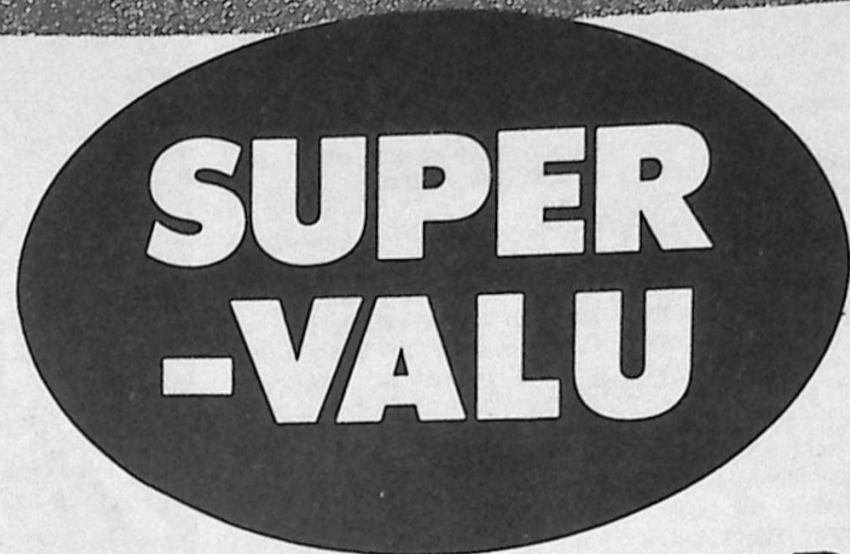
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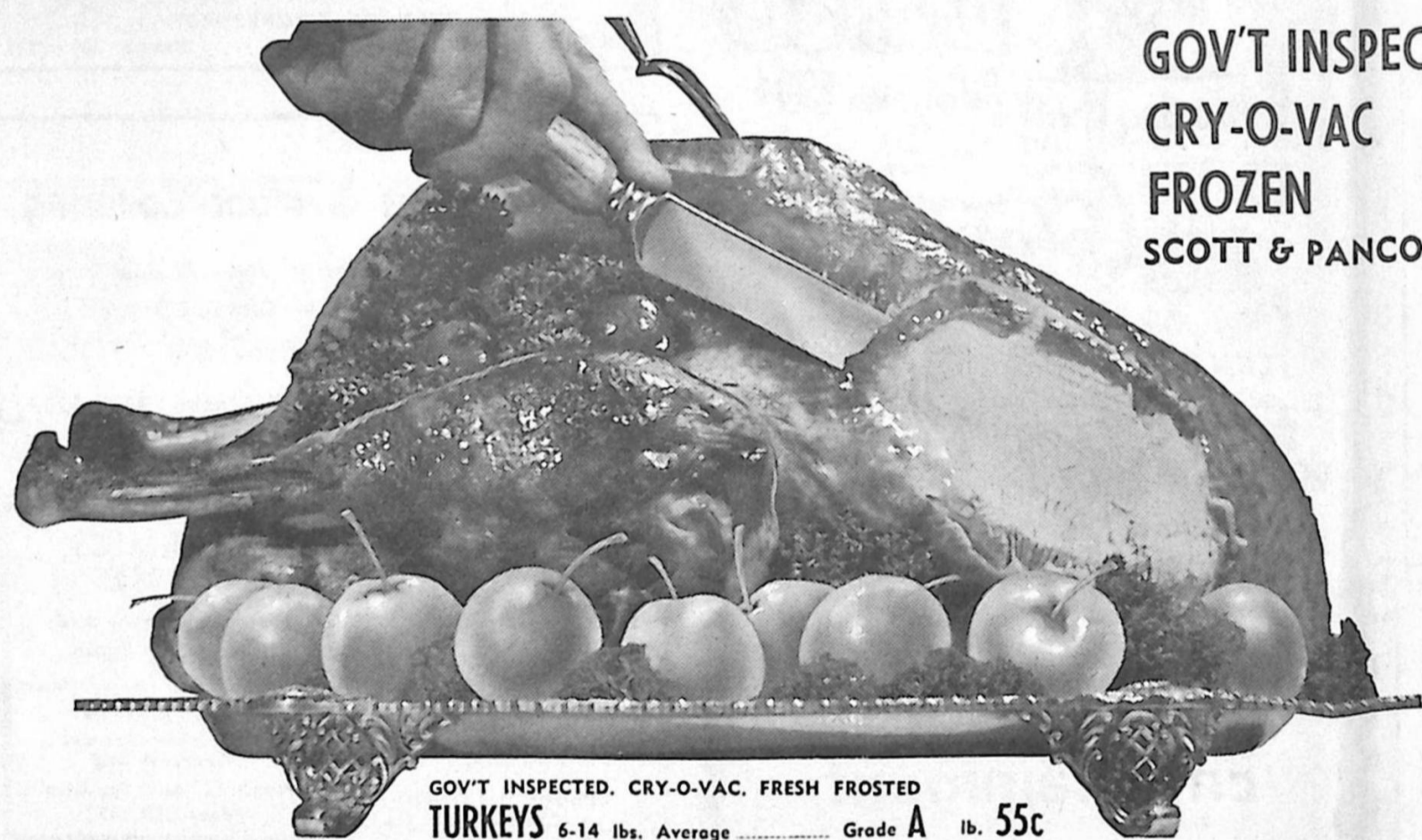


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