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REMUSTER? RETIRE? RESTORE!

The details of Plan Restore, the Canadian Armed Forces plan to repair the imbalances between trades brought about by the current reduction in strength were released to all Canadian Forces units last week. Briefly, the plan identifies those trades in which there are surplus tradesmen, and identifies others into which those surplus tradesmen can remuster. Additionally, the plan makes provision for those tradesmen who do not wish to remuster but who would sooner retire.

Those trades which have surplus tradesmen are: ARTYMN 021, AFTech 512, IS Tech 521, RS Tech 523, SS Tech 531, OPE EQT 932, AETech 511, AVN Tech (Sgts. and above) 513, CSTech 522, AVS Tech 525, and IETech 551.

Plan Restore is a two-part plan, with one part applying to privates and corporals, and the other part to sergeants and above.

If you are a corporal or a private with more than six years to go to CRA, and you are in one of the trades which have surplus tradesmen, you have three options. You can: stay in your present trade; remuster to one of the trades which has room for you, or; be considered for retirement under QR and O 15.01 (C). If you have fewer than six years to go to CRA as of September 1, 1970, you will not have the option of remustering, as it is not economically sensible to train a man for but a few years of service.

Under Plan Restore, sergeants and above in those trades which have surplus tradesmen have two options. They may remain in their present trades, or they may be considered for retirement under QR and O 15.01 (C). If you have fewer than six years to go to CRA as of September 1, 1970, you will not have the option of remustering, as it is not economically sensible to train a man for but a few years of service.

Those opting for retirement should also do so prior to Sep-

tember 1, 1970, and they should indicate a preferred release date, which must be before October 1, 1971. Once retirement has been opted for under Plan Restore, no change will be permitted unless authorized by CFHQ.

Implementation of Plan Restore will take place in the following sequence: Retirement of sergeants and above will be approved up to a total of the trade or feeder trade surplus;

If there is still a surplus in the trade, the retirement of corporals and privates will be approved;

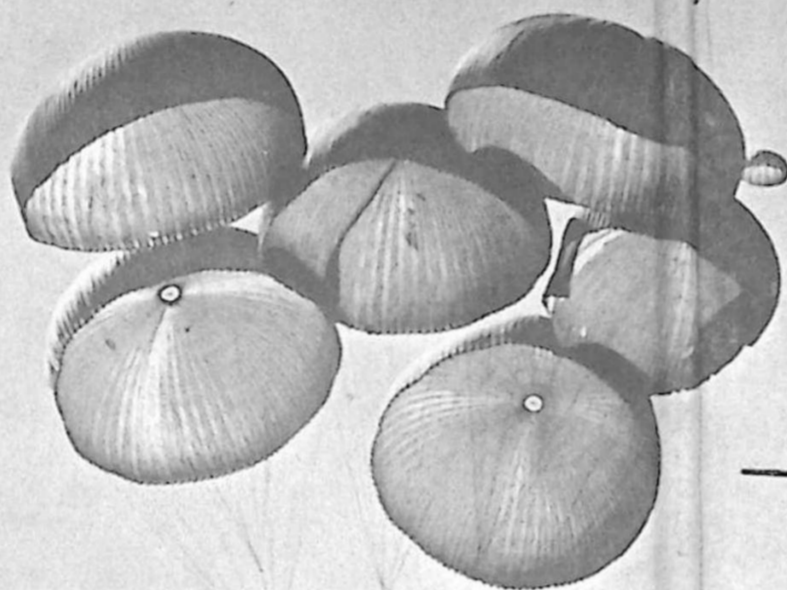
If there is still a surplus in the trade, the remusters of corporals and privates to other trades will then be approved.

It is obvious then, that if you dash into the orderly room today and say, "Remuster me," they won't be able to do it. What they can do is take your name and forward it to CFHQ. As the retirement and remuster requests flood into CFHQ, the personnel managers there will be able to determine if the number of retirements under Plan Restore will be sufficient to reduce the numbers of tradesmen in overstocked trades to authorized levels. If they're not, your application for remuster will then be considered.

There are a couple of points to remember. If you are a bit slow making up your mind and do not put your application in before September 1, 1970, you will not come under the provisions of Plan Restore. Also, if you are not in one of the trades identified as having surplus tradesmen, you do not come under the provisions of Plan Restore.

Plan Restore applies only to enlisted personnel, but an analysis of the officer structure is underway at this time. If there are imbalances in the officer structure, a similar plan will be announced at a later date.

Your orderly room will by now have full details of Plan Restore and how it applies to you. If you are in one of the surplus trades, you will want to have a long hard look at it. Go in now and see how the plan applies to you, personally. It could be just the opportunity which you've always wanted. But act now. September will be too late.



A 12½-TON BULLDOZER floats to earth under six 100-foot parachutes after being dropped from a 435 Squadron Hercules aircraft. Six troopers from the Para-Engineer Squadron of the Canadian Airborne Regiment cautiously follow the dozer out of the aircraft during pre-exercise trials at Canadian Forces Base Edmonton, Alta.

Hercules drops a big one

EDMONTON, May 5, 1970 — Bulldozers are normally seen ploughing through the dirt but at Canadian Forces Base Edmonton they are floating through the air.

Edmonton based 435 Transport Squadron completed two successful paratroops of heavy equipment this week when they air delivered a 12½ ton bulldozer and a 9 ton road grader.

Working in support of the Canadian Airborne Regiment the squadron was conducting heavy drop trials with the regiment in

preparation for an exercise being held on Southampton Island from 9 to 18 May.

Flying in variable wind conditions at 1500 feet, 435 Squadron air-crews were able to deliver the loads within 50 yards of the target on the drop zone just north of the airbase at Namoo.

The heavy equipment is operated by members of the Para Engineers Company of the regiment who would be responsible for preparing landing areas and roads in an operation making airlanding of

other units possible.

After the extraction chute drew the 25,500 pound dozer from the C-130 Hercules, six paratroopers chased their equipment from the aircraft. The troopers chutes were dwarfed by the six 100 foot parachutes supporting the dozer as it floated to the drop zone.

435 Squadron, as the main carrier of the Edmonton based Airborne Regiment, carried 400 para troopers on the longest flight to a para drop ever carried out by the regiment. The 1300 mile five hour flight was made during the early morning of 13 May with the heavy equipment being air dropped later the same day on the drop zone near Coral Harbour on Southampton Island.

Evergreen playsuits

Approximately 20,000 Canadian servicemen have received their new green uniform since outfitting began last summer. Conversion from the old uniform to the new is scheduled to be completed in early 1972.

Recruits at Canadian Forces Bases Cornwallis, N.S. and St. Jean, Que. began receiving the new uniform in August 1969, while officers have been outfitted upon commissioning since November 1968.

Personnel at two other forces establishments in the east, Petawawa and Valcartier, have already received green uniforms and those at five more will be outfitted by the end of this year. They are bases Shearwater, Halifax, and Greenwood and stations Barrington and Sydney.

Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt, B.C. is now issuing uniform kits, and station Masset on the Queen Charlotte Islands, is next on the list. Five other western bases will convert this fall. They are at Comox, Chilliwack, Kamloops, Holberg and Baldy Hughes, all in B.C.

Canada's NATO-assigned soldiers and airmen serving with the mechanized brigade and air division in Germany will be outfitted beginning this summer. The schedule calls for ser-

vicemen in Europe to be in green uniforms upon co-location of the forces in Lahm, Germany, on October 1.

The largest issue of new uniforms, however, will take place in 1971. Nineteen eastern units including those in the Ottawa area, will make the change during the spring and summer months with twenty five more units, mostly in the west, scheduled for the fall-winter period.

Flying Safety nominees sought

OTTAWA (CFP) — Nominations are now open for the annual James Martin award presented to the British Commonwealth or NATO airman whose idea or deed has helped make flying safer for the military airman.

Air operations directorate here asked for nominations and citations from commands in a message dated April 22. As Canada's nomination must be submitted by July 31 commands were asked to hasten selections. Names should be submitted to Director General Operations Air, CFHQ.

74 Bells for the forces

The government has authorized the Department of Supply and Services to purchase on behalf of the Department of National Defence 74 Bell light observation helicopters.

Procurement of the turbine-powered helicopter increases the operational effectiveness of land forces by providing them with a high degree of operational mobility and flexibility with less manpower.

The Bell OH-58A, delivery of which will be at the rate of five a month beginning in mid-1971, will be employed with the combat groups in Canada and the land forces in Europe. Its roles will embrace visual observation, target acquisition and adjustment of fire, armed reconnaissance, command and control, limited aerial photography, and transport of personnel and cargo.

The OH-58A is a single turbine helicopter that can be flown by one pilot. Its useful payload is 727 pounds excluding the pilot and

fuel. It can carry three armed troops as well as the pilot and, in an emergency, four. Its cruising speed is 110 knots and its endurance more than three hours.

The new helicopter will replace an obsolescent fleet of 44 small helicopters and fixed wing aircraft including the CF-112 helicopter, L-19 and L-182 light planes which now perform some of these functions in the Canadian Forces.

The OH-58A is an "off-the-shelf" buy of a military version of the Bell Jet Ranger and is in its second year of production. It is fully supportable through Canada's cooperation with U.S. Military logistics in North America and Europe. The OH-58A was selected by the U.S. Army in 1968 and they have ordered 2,200 OH-58As on a multi-year procurement program. Deliveries commenced to the US Army in 1969.

The total program cost to Canada, including ground support equipment, training cour-

ses, and equipment, publications, spare engines and mission kits is \$23,700,000. The contract will be negotiated through the U.S. government. The aircraft, associated spares and equipment will be produced on the same line as the U.S. Army's aircraft.

The light observation helicopter is an integral part of the composition of Canadian land forces as will be 50 CUH-IN twin-turbine utility transport helicopters on order for delivery in 1971-72. This order was announced Sept. 19. Shipborne helicopters already form a vital part of Canada's anti-submarine warfare capability. The ASW role is carried out by the heavy, all-weather Sikorsky CH-53 Sea King. Other helicopters in the forces are employed in transport and search and rescue.

Call shot

NORTH BAY, ONTARIO (NORAD) — Air Defence Command Headquarters has announced that the annual air defence competition for air-crews, ground crews and controllers will take place from May 30 to June 1.

Operation "Call Shot", will be held at Canadian Forces Base Bagotville, 110 miles north of Quebec City and Canadian Forces Station Senneterre, 300 miles west of Quebec City. Representative all weather fighter aircrew teams from 409 Squadron, CFB Comox, B.C.; 425 Sqn., CFB Chatham, N.B.; 429 Sqn., CFB Bagotville and their groundcrews plus a groundcrew team from CFS Val d'Or will fight for four efficiency trophies. While controller teams from Backup Interceptor Control sites at Othello, Washington, Senneterre, P.Q. and St. Margarets, N.B. will vie for the Tyndall Trophy as best team in their specialty.

Four flying crews representing each of the squadrons will carry out missions ranging from low level interceptions to supersonic missions against electronic-countermeasures targets while ground technicians, radar controllers and armourers compete to keep their airborne teams in the winners' circle.

This year as in 1968, the squadron teams will be brought to Bagotville, where the keen spirit and close proximity of the competitors should add a little more heat to an already tight contest. The controller teams will be doing their thing from Senneterre.

A number of high ranking officials from both the Canadian and U.S. Air Defence Commands as well as NORAD are expected to attend the meet and be on hand for the trophy presentation scheduled for June 2.

Two war aces meet

WINNIPEG — The top two fighter aces on both sides during the Second World War meet here in September at a four-day Commonwealth Aircrew Reunion.

They are Germany's Lt. Gen. Adolf Galland, one-time confidant of both Hitler and Goering, and Britain's Air Vice-Marshal J.E. (Johnny) Johnson. Both, now retired, have met in the past, on the ground and in the air.

The reunion, organized by the Winnipeg Wartime Pilots and Observers Association, is open to flyers of any war, regardless of rank or aircrew specialty, who flew with Commonwealth air forces. It takes place Sept. 24-27.

Another equally prominent legend attending is legless ace Douglas Bader of Battle of Britain fame. Bader, immortalized in the movie Reach for the Sky, for his daring aerial feats in combat, was shot down and taken prisoner in 1941.

A wooden leg dropped by the British was delivered to Bader by the Germans. While a prisoner he was also invited to dine with the German ace, Galland, and his officers.

The reunion, organized as a "giant nostalgic happening," calls for an attendance of 2,000 on a "first-come-first-served" basis, say officials.

"More than 500 inquiries have been received from various parts of the world already," says chairman Jack Johnstone, "and we announced the event only three months ago."

He said that inquiries to date represent close to 50 Second World War squadrons. Also attending will be several First

World War flyers.

Another guest, credited as "the man who saved the city of London," will be Canadian wartime bombing leader, retired Air Commodore J.E. Fauquier of Toronto.

He led the attack against German V-1 rocket sites at Pennemunde, setting back the German threat for almost a year, allowing time for the Allies to take the offensive.

Also on hand will be several Canadian generals still in uniform, headed by the current chief of the defence staff, Gen. F. R. Sharpe, also a wartime bomber commander.

Program for the event so far calls for a banquet, dance, luncheon and western-style breakfast. Separate hospitality facilities also will operate for former airmen of fighter, bomber, coastal, training and transport ferry commands. The reunion also ties in with a Centennial Air Show, in observance of 100th birthday celebrations for the province of Manitoba. An attraction at the air show will be the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerobatic team.

Contributing to the reunion also are several international air industries.

Apart from Canadian and other Commonwealth veterans, inquiries have been pouring in from U.S. citizens who formerly served in Commonwealth air forces.

Reunion inquiries are handled by a staff set up as the Commonwealth Air Reunion, P.O. Box 1702, Winnipeg, Canada.

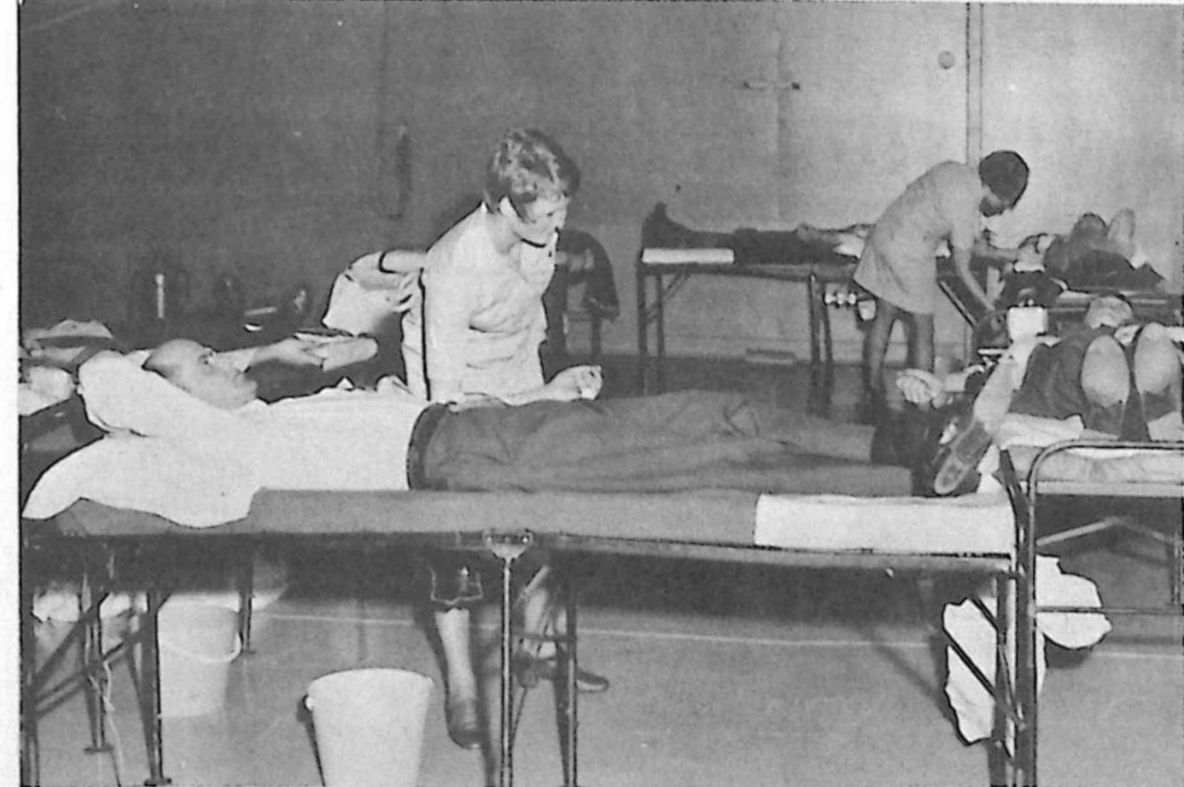
GOOD TO THE LAST DROP

This years combination blood donors clinic and Vampires convention was a rousing success. Attendance topped last years record by two donors. Of the ninety-four volunteers, ninety-three were accepted. The success of the caper is due to the efforts of many of the Base personnel and dependants.

Co-ordinating and publicizing the event was handled by the B Surg O, Major Thatcher and Sgt. Velesstok. The tedious job of setting up beds and chairs and other equipment was handled by the Base Warrant Officer and his merry band of volunteers.

The Senior NCOs Wives' Club under the leadership of Mrs. Larouchelle and seven of the members: Mrs. Lena Crumpton, Mrs. Muriel Shaw, Mrs. Millie Turner, Mrs. Jean Snider, Mrs. Ruth Calberry, Mrs. Teddy Cramp and Mrs. Jean Scheiner were of great assistance in the blood letting.

The Base Exchange, in an unparalleled show of magnanimity supplied the donors with war surplus coffee and three day old donuts.



THE ANNUAL blood letting in the Rec Hall was marred by only one mishap this year. This occurred when one of the attendants left the top running and went for coffee. When she returned she discovered to her horror she had drained the poor unfortunate victim dry.

Our Day next month

Saturday, June 13 has been selected as Armed Forces Day, and across Canada military units will play host to their civilian friends and neighbours as the civilian friends and neighbours flock out to bases to see if they can find that big drain down which their tax dollars keep disappearing. Armed Forces Day, or Air Force Day, as it was known in the bad old days before the glories of unification burst upon us, has long been an auspicious event in the Comox Valley tourist season, and it shows every sign of being so again this year.

The Nighthawks are busy polishing their sleek swept-wing kerosene burners and practicing sneaking up quietly on unsuspecting multitudes, the better to scare them half to death when they plug in the burners directly overhead. Just next door, the Westcoast Whalekillers are even now stocking an Argus with flight lunches, which it will shower all over the crowd. At the far end of the line, Payne's Pre-Owned Planes Ltée., is busy turning back the mileage counters on its lot full of Daks and Alberts which the colonel of the Reserve Regiment will personally auction off as an exciting finale to a grand day.

The displays inside the

hangars will be particularly eye-catching. BAMEO is reportedly working on the all-new Rocket Ride for children. What he is doing is taking one, each, child, sitting it on a surplus Air2A rocket, and touching his cigar to the fuse, for a most exciting tour of the base.

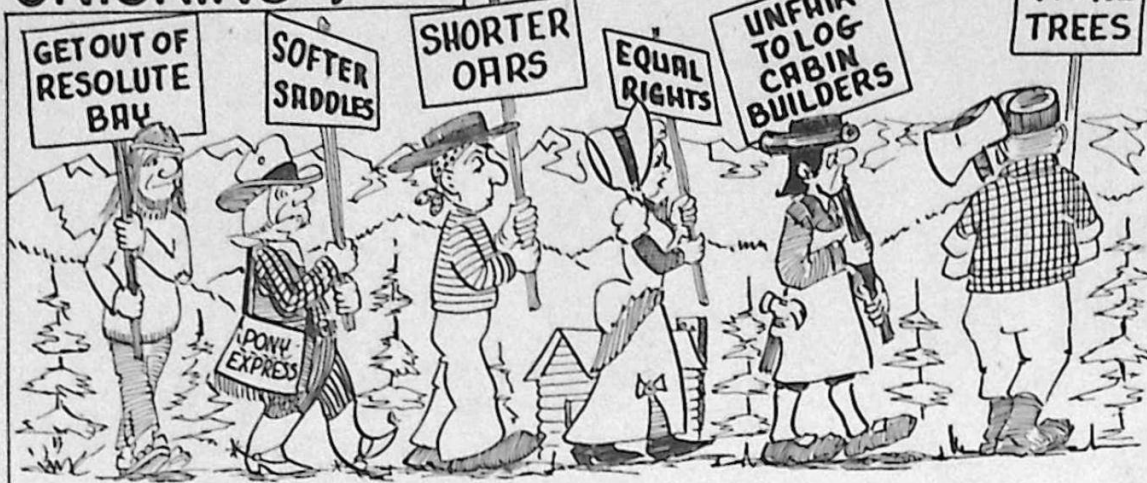
To demonstrate the efficiencies of unification, the BADMO will put on his jump boots and give a demonstration of gravel crushing, while 409's super-subbie, John Clark, will drive the Bonaventure down runway 18 as a 407 Argus bombs him with surplus ROs.

Other surprises, too numerous to mention, await the unwary visitor to this year's Armed Forces Day ceremonies, and it should be a day of fun.

But while it should be a lot of fun, the day also has its serious side. It is our one chance of the year to show our friends from the local area just what our purpose in life is. Few of them have the opportunity to learn much of the roles of today's armed forces. It is also an excellent chance for dependants to learn why daddy is away from home so much.

Don't look upon Armed Forces Day as just another working day. It isn't. It is our day; our chance to show why we exist. Let's make the most of the opportunity.

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Nighthawks' nest

Great indeed has been the activity around the old Nest during the past couple of weeks. In the first place - as well as in every other place - the escadrille has been overrun with painters, who have added the final touches of confusion to an already chaotic scene. Briefings now take place from scaffolds, in obscure corners, and on the way out to airplanes, if such things actually still exist.

In the midst of all this, the Callshot team is still patiently attempting to find five airplanes that will work better than the others. That means five that will get off the ground. At last report they were still searching, searching, which is more than their radars will do.

All of this has necessarily led to some confusion in the scheduling department, but it wasn't until the other day when it was realized how great the confusion was. Throughout the ages, the squadron has become inured to the sight of genial George McAffee standing in front of the board and piling change upon revision upon amendment and so forth. Heretofore, these changes concerned days that had yet to happen. Last week, George was seen making changes to days that had already happened. A bad sign, that.

Peter the Proselytizer Dunda is doing his best to snare some converts for the Russian Orthodox Church in Port Hardy, which he attends weekly. Or should that be weekly? Anyhow, at about 4 a.m. of a recent Sabbath, Mumbles Munro and his menagerie were awakened by a clamouring at the front door. It was Peter the Missionary, imploring them to attend church with him, and to prove that he meant business he had brought the communion wine with him. For some inscrutable reason, he was carrying it internally. After a suitable dialogue it was decided that the Clan Munro would return to their slumbers, and that Peter could go to, well, Port Hardy. Instead of undertaking the trip, Peter volunteered to become a member of the Protestant Chapel Committee.

ADC has recently informed Fred Williams that the neat bit of character assassination which he wreaked upon Captain Twig and Tom Murray will soon be released to ever so many newspapers across the land. Not that many of them have pages large enough to encompass all of Tom's family, but in any event, keep alert and watch for papers full of typical Nighthawks and their typical families.

Carl Hammerschmidt hasn't been seen around the squadron at all lately. The reason for this is that he has been down at the EW Theatre all week, picketing the Battle of Britain. When he gets tired of carrying the signs, Rudy Witthoft and Erwin Sippert take over. Hugbert Fischer, the terror of the North Atlantic, was going to help them, but he has gone to Toronto, where the staff at Charn School now has its work cut out for it.

Now that we have two ex-ROs on the squadron the lumps troops have an almost impossible task keeping the ice-box stocked with anything edible. Ernie Briggs is doing his level best to get in-flight feeding for the Voodoos, but failing that he can eat while taxiing out. Tony Brett doesn't say much about it, having been taught that it is impolite to talk with your mouth full.

Happy-go-lucky Don Middleton is busy preparing for his role in the Christmas pageant. At least, that is the impression he gives. The way he does out trips, one would suspect that Don would be the number one prospect for the role of Ebenezer Scrooge. There is a story to the effect that he once gave someone three trips in a week, but is most likely some form of science fiction.

The Elphicks are the proud owners of a brand new son, and at nine pounds, 4 ounces it can readily be seen that he takes after his father. When last seen, Don was out arranging a paper route for Donald Gary, Jr.

Rumor of the Week: The squadron has already been re-equipped, with Phantoms and Mirages, because that's all there is on the flight line these days.

Snow time '70

Esquimalt - A joint Strategic Air Command (SAC) and North American Air Defence Command (NORAD) training exercise took place in air space over British Columbia and the western part of the United States during the evening hours of May 12 and early morning hours of May 13. Canadian Forces Air Defence Command radars and fighter interceptor aircraft participated in the exercise which is named "SNOW TIME '70".

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Our ground crew "Call Shot" team has been selected and is looking sharper than ever. By the time this appears in print the crew will be ready, packed and raring to go.

The team will consist of 30 tradesmen headed by Lt. Tony Ravenda and WO Al Roque. The airframe techs will have Sgt. McCooey, Cpls Don Brooks, Lionel Foulm, Marsh Pyke, Gerry Poth and Vern Evers. Engine techs will consist of M Cpls Bill Barber, Bruce MacMillan, Dallas Patterson, Cpls Irv Gillard and Huey Knockwood.

The radar tech crew will be headed by Sgt. Don Turner, M Cpl Paul Smith, Cpls Willie Holland, Dick Kenseit, Chuck Webster, Jerry Burt and Luke Cote.

M Cpl Bob Fennel and Cpl Nort Kennedy, will represent the electrical trade, Cpls Brian Boxall and Bruce Johnston will cover the instrument section. Safety systems will have Cpls Len Arseneault and Al Goodall.

Cpls Chuck Perry and Joe Frauley will look after the telecommunications problems. The Weapons loading techs will have M Cpl Charlie Cronmiller, Cpls Earl Smith, Claude Jacques and Norm Black.

There may of course be an odd change if someone should break a leg or something, but we still have many keen techs who could fill the bill should it be necessary. We wish them all the luck and hope the competition isn't all work. We have every confidence they'll come out on top.

If there's any poachers in the Call Shot team, the trout season should be just about right. 90 per cent of the fishing holes are on private lakes, so poaching is the only way to get some nice Eastern brookies. There are

Restore a Corporal's hopes - retire a Sergeant today.

some dandies if you know where to go and don't get caught. I used the old standby "Je ne comprend pas" when confronted by a game warden. He'd shake his head shrug his shoulders and walk away or remind me its private property. The object was not to get caught twice in the same place. An alternate was to get friendly with the natives. Most of them were extremely friendly and would even show you where to get the big ones.

The blood donor clinic appeared to be doing a lively business when I donated my precious pint; Capt. Browning looked kind of pale waiting for the needle. I didn't stick around to see what the end result was; but I understand they can even draw blood from stone. They got their pint from MWO Geo Stone who is a regular donor. It would have been nice to see a better representation from the Voodoo Nuts, Bolts and Volts sections at the clinic. It doesn't hurt a bit but your donation could help save a life.

The Voodoo Maintenance officers WOs and Sgts had a great time on their first get-together at the WOs and Sgts Mess last Saturday night. This was a mix affair with the BOWOS supplying the entertainment. Capt. Grant was again in the limelight as Master of Ceremonies.

The entertainment was, to say the least, unusual, original and hilarious featuring a new singing sensation - The Cardinals - now available for auditions. We hope we can have more of the same.

Cpls John McEwan and Bill Molnar of the RST Section displayed good seamanship and common sense when a sudden windstorm blew up last Monday. They beached their boat on Hornby Island until the storm subsided. Its better to get on shore in a hurry and wait a storm out rather than fight it and, in all



THE CARDINALS a new singing sensation starring Bob Bonner, Don Turner and Wally Kruchel on their opening BAMEO NIGHT at the WOs and Sgts Mess.

probability create another job for Search and Rescue, to say nothing of the anguish the families have to go through.

We welcome MWO Andy Swan, formerly a CPO 2 from CFB Shearwater to our Voodoo maintenance organization. They couldn't get any Voodoos on the deck of the Bonnie so they brought him here for cross training. I'm sure his Navy savvy will be an asset to our organization.

Andy lost no time in getting on a course at CFB Bagotville. Sgt. Bud Dash who was so anxious to go, will have to wait till there's another opening. We hope the blue backs will still be running when he gets the word.

It was significant that the Safety Systems section finally got a suitable receptacle for all the dirt that's been kicked around the section. It was the first item purchased at the New Cumberland Auction, for the princely sum of 50 cents, by a

Sgt. from the section, of course, it could have been purchased for private use.

The BAMEO Golf Tournament last Friday (another BAMEO first) was a huge success.

The enthusiasm of the participants was dampened somewhat by the weather, but was quickly re-couped in the Clubhouse after the game.

Amongst the winners of some very fine prizes were Cpl Paul Cronk for the most honest with a total score of over 200. Cpl Morty Martin for putting the biggest dent in the turf, others were Cpl J. B. MacDonald, Jerry Powers, Ted Henn, John Webber, Vic Makowichuk, Huey Knockwood, and Jerry Boucher.

The prizes were presented by Major Ron Thacker.

Our congratulations to WO Jerry Woodard on his recent promotion. It may influence his decision for an early retirement.



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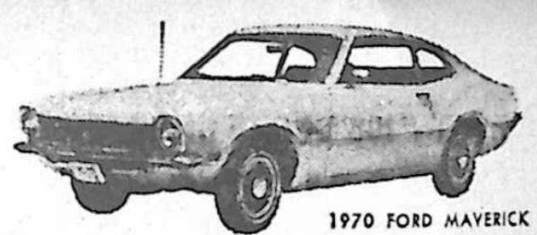
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MENS LEAGUE CHAMPIONS: Vic Makowichuk, Dave Harrison, Dick Taylor, Lt.-Col. Lloyd, Ken Ned, Norman Taillon and Al Ross. — A MacPhoto



MIXED LEAGUE CHAMPIONS: Ray and Laura Webber, Dave and Marg Harrison, Lt.-Col. Lloyd, Bill Harris, Joan and Vic Makowichuk, Kit and Les Spilsbury. (A MacPhoto)

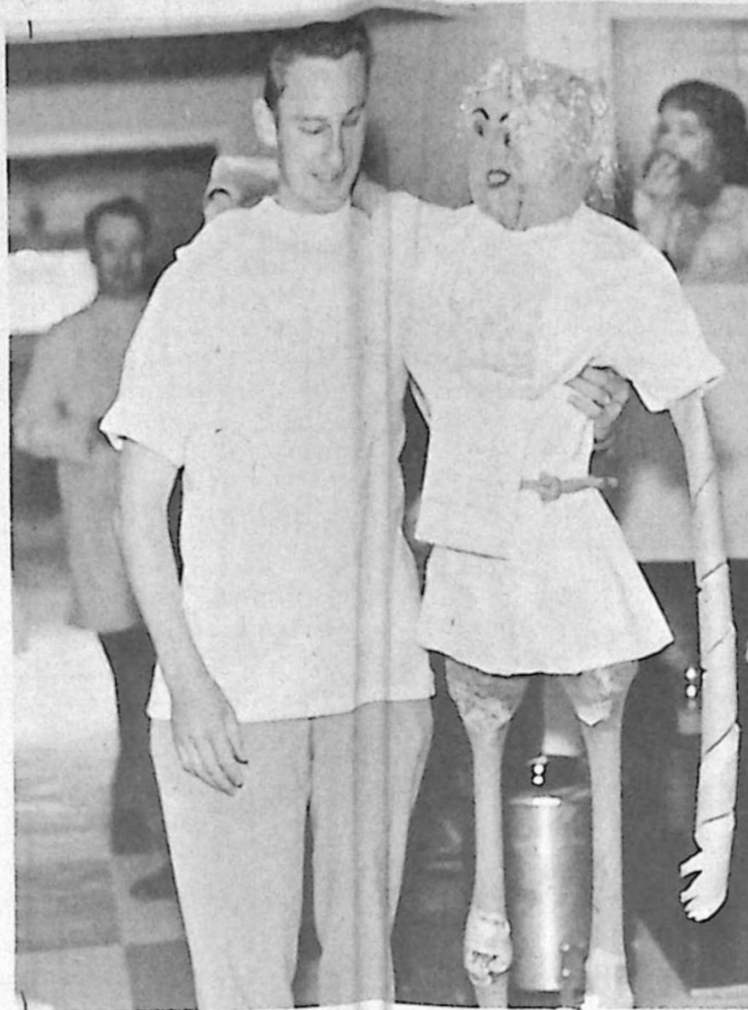
Awards Night

Other bowling awards presented at the bowling banquet were as follows: Ladies' league: Runner-up 'Hic-ups' were M. Morris, J. Sleeman, J. Woodman, M. Jackson, E. LeBlanc, M. Patterson, and C. Upton. Roll-off champion 'Alley-oops' were R. Hoffman, J. Smith, S. Rowlandson, J. Dawson, I. Guilderson, S. Boucher, and M. Kennedy. High Average was R. Hoffman, High Triple was K. Spilsbury and A. Amor, High Single was J. Woodman, and most improved was A. McIntosh.

Men's League runner-ups, from CE section were: J. Richard, J. Ball, D. Wright, L. Yendall, A. Hughes, C. Hastings, G. Mattin, and B. Whitehead. Roll-off champions, from accounts, were R. Peters, G. Blenkarn, B. Bujold, L. Manuel, G. Boucher, H. Smith, B. Dutton, and D. Adams. High average was A. Hughes, high triple was M. Taillon, high single was D. Wright and most improved was D. Betteridge.

In the Mixed League, the runner-ups 'Oddballs' were Jack and Reina Ball, Joe and Verna Richard, Pam Bland, Rod Peters and Len McCormick. The roll-off champion 'Misfits' were John and Alice Aimoe, Bob and Hazel Smith, Norm and Millie Keillor, and Don and Helen Russell. Ladies' high average - L. Webber, Men's high average - D. Harrison, ladies' high triple - D. Rough, Men's high triple - L. McCormick, ladies' high single - V. Hastings, men's high single - G. Jackson, ladies' most improved - N. Denton, and men's most improved - G. Boucher.

HOSPITAL HUMBUG



DENTAL ASSISTANT, Sexie Susie, joined the rest of the hospital staff to bid farewell to our dental officer, Bill Ebert. —A Mac photo

Last week, the hospital and dental staff joined to bid a sad farewell to retiring dental officer, Capt. Bill Ebert, but it didn't turn out sad after all - in fact, it was the best party we had all week, thanks to a little clever chemistry!!! After five years of service

dentistry, Bill has decided that the northern lights shine brighter on oral cavities and is on his way to private practice in Prince George, where he'll be seen this summer - fishing, hunting and perhaps building his own home. This article will conclude here because the B Surg is back.

430 Pilot shoots to win

LAHR, Germany (CFP) - a 430 Silver Falcon squadron pilot is the air division's 1970 top gun but his effort wasn't enough to bring the Top Gun strike attack competition trophy to the squadron.

Capt. Ray Dunsdon out-hustled his mates and pilots from the three other strike attack squadrons to take individual honours. Second was Capt. C.W. Hatch of 1 Wing's operational flight tactical training section with Lt. E.G. Thurston of 427 Lion squadron third. Top squadron in the com-

petition was Baden-Soellingen's 427 Lion. The Silver Falcons took second place with 421 Red Indian and 422 Tomahawk squadrons third and fourth respectively.

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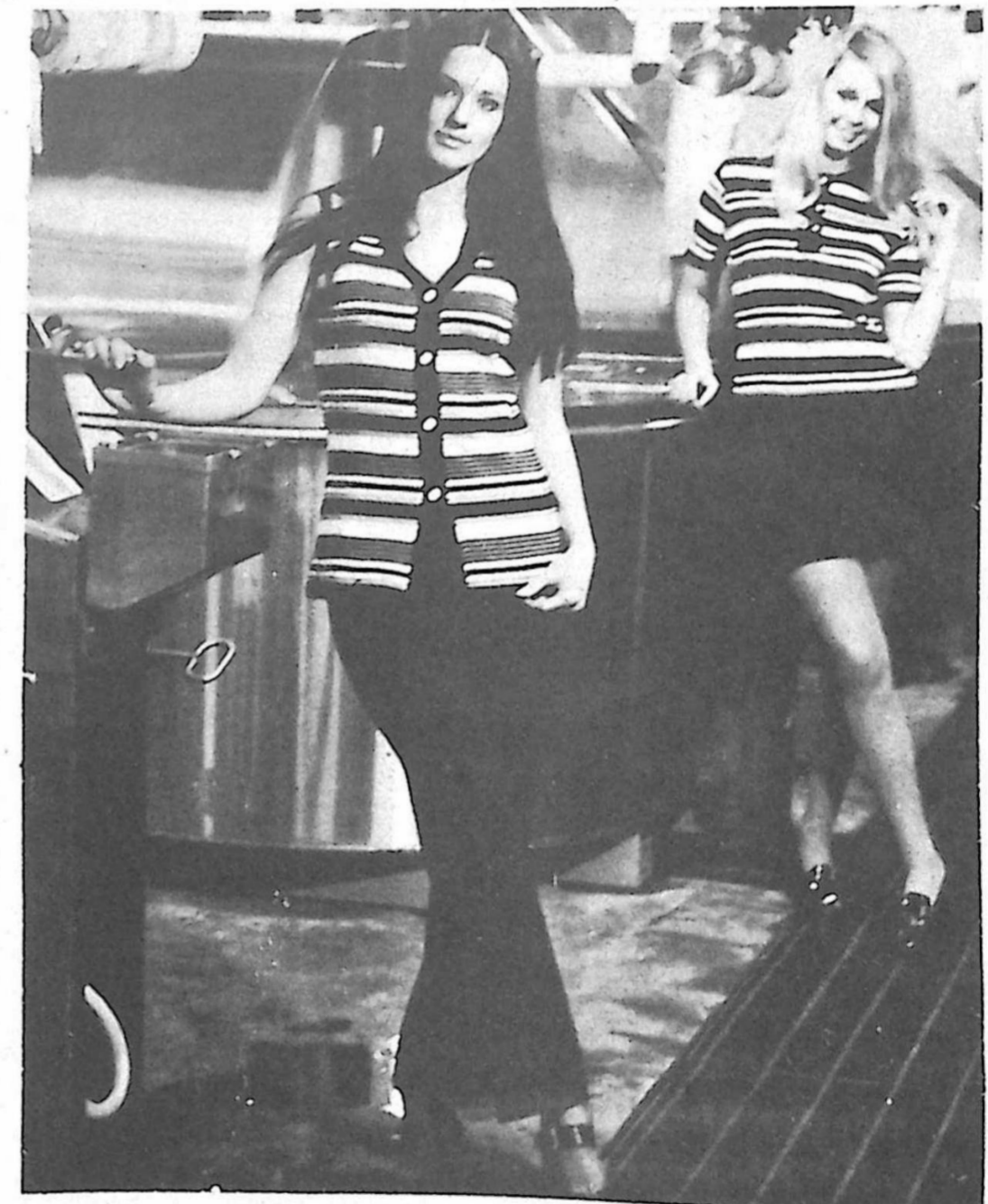
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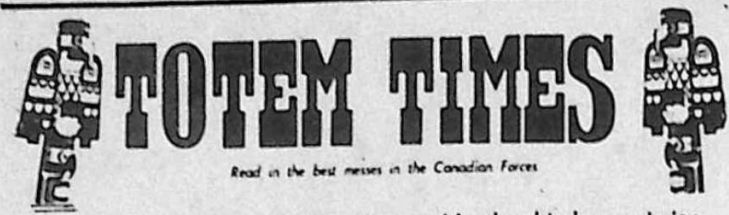
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Restore Me, Oh Lord

If we assume that Treasury Board is made up of a handful of misanthropes of the genre Scrooge, top military management has indeed staged a coup. Those venerable 'money-bags' have always viewed with a jaundiced eye the military practise of retiring a serviceman in the prime of life with a generous pension which he could likely collect for two or three decades. What diabolical magic, then, led them to agree to retire a segment of servicemen at an even earlier age?

It wasn't magic at all, but logic. Given: the situation of a military service which must reduce, not because of any mismanagement or error in planning, but a viable solution is difficult indeed. The simplest solution, that of wholesale lay-offs of servicemen would never be countenanced by a benevolent and fair-minded Defence Council. Indeed, top military management hastened to assure all servicemen that there would be no forced attrition.

Personnel planners normally control the number of servicemen required in any particular trade by regulating the inflow of trainees for that trade. If the number is static, then the number of graduating trainees must just equal the number in that trade who are retiring and resigning. On a much larger scale the same type of planning is carried on for the service as a whole. If a rapid reduction in the total number of servicemen is required, normal attrition is much too slow for the purpose. And of course, to cut out recruiting entirely would be a mistake of the first magnitude, since any organization without new blood will stagnate and turn in upon itself.

With the present blueprint for a mini-service and the current existence of maxi-trades, (any trade which was understaffed in the bull days is probably just the right size now) an obvious solution is to reduce those trades. But reduce those by increasing the others? That would be like moving that ugly fat from the waist to the hips (of course, if you can't remove it entirely, the hips may be a better place for it).

The beauty of the restore plan is that it seeks to achieve the aim — of reducing overall service strength — by reducing the adipose trades. In the reduction of those trades, the affected servicemen can only stand to gain. Each adoption and priority of the plan is a step forward. The first offer is to NCOs with twenty years or more in the service: they can retire early, with no penalty, or they can carry on as if nothing had happened. For each NCO who does retire early there will be a position opened up for promotion, so the NCO gains, and the lower ranks gain. The second offer is to Corporals and Privates with twenty years or more of service: they can retire, remain where they are, or perhaps remuster, in that order. The twenty-year NCOs, Corporals, and Privates in the affected trades are all better off because they are given the opportunity to either stay where they are, or retire from the service under the most favourable circumstances and accept those jobs they've been talking about for so long. The others in those trades are all better off because the promotional climate will soon improve.

Restore seems like a great plan indeed. Pity it couldn't be broadened to include the full range of trades, and extended past '71. Treasury Board would be apoplectic.

Perhaps they will be anyway, when they see 'Operation Restore — Phase II', officers for the retirement of. Come September.

6 month Gruniforms

One of the more inefficient arrangements plaguing the service in recent times is the system by which officers can purchase, through Canex, green uniforms in advance of the general distribution. At least, the theory is that the uniforms will arrive from the contractor prior to the arrival of green uniforms in supply. Well, that is fine in theory, but in practice it is not working out very well. People who ordered uniforms last November are still awaiting them, and that is a hell of a long time to have to wait for a new uniform.

Let it be said at once that the fault lies not with Canex.

Well, where does the fault lie? Again, according to base sources, there was a hold-up on the supply of gold braid for the new hats. Then, there was some sort of trouble with material. Then, something else went wrong, and deliveries, which never did run on schedule fell further and further behind. There is no sign that they are catching up, and one might be forgiven for wondering why, particularly in view of the fact that the tailor out at the main gate can now promise four week delivery on green uniforms, which are made by a different contractor than the one selected by Canex.

One might also be forgiven for wondering what sort of performance standards the contractor was supposed to meet before he was allotted the contract to produce the uniforms. Nowhere in the glowing literature which described the offer was there any mention of a six-month holding period between the ordering and the delivering, or of the four weeks that it takes for alterations should they be required.

What can be done about it? Probably not a great deal. The contractor has accepted a deposit from everyone who ordered a uniform, and cancellation of the order would undoubtedly mean forfeiture of the deposit. We're stuck with this particular contractor and his slow production, and that is that.

In six months, one can have a house built, a car built, a cabin cruiser built, or even an airplane built. But one cannot have a green uniform built, and that seems a bit ridiculous. What is the problem?



I'm sorry sir but we just can't take on another inspection. All of my Fitters and Riggers have retired or remustered to cook and my last two Avionics types are just leaving to take the bar stewards course.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir:

Many people were delighted that your paper has discovered that there are young people on the Base here who are really involved in bringing happiness to others through the vehicle of their voices, musical ability and friendship. I refer to the picture of Jim Papp that appeared in the last issue of the Totem Times and accompanying caption or remarks. Undoubtedly most people have questioned the means by which this was done — that perhaps another means could have been discovered which would have brought this to our attention and yet at the same time would have given some encouragement to the young people to continue this wonderful work. However, the means usually varies with the outlook of the person expressing himself.

These young people under the lead of Jim Papp, Dennis Goodwin and Bob Larochelle and directed by Mrs. J. Geneau, have not only co-operated with up to thirty fine other teenagers in providing a most dignified and inspiring type of song and music to aid worship at the 9 o'clock Mass each Sunday in the RC Chapel but have, every few weeks, visited residences of the aged, the retarded etc. and have entertained those people. They insist on also meeting with and talking to those same people and establishing friendships that are truly wonderful.

This activity has helped put meaning into the lives of these teenagers and has brought happiness to those they wished to entertain and meet. It is wonderful to see the joy such visits have brought to the faces of these youngsters and the earnest desire that is expressed by the people they have entertained and met that they return soon again to see them.

So you can understand why I appreciate an honest consideration acknowledgement of their existence on your part.

Capt. E. Papp
The father of one of those young people.

Dear Sir:

In your last issue of the Totem Times you carried a letter from the Victoria Abortion Reform Committee urging support for their campaign for more liberalization of the criminal code with regards to abortion.

I would like to state they are not speaking for me. I personally feel that childbearing should not be treated in a callous manner.

In this day and age when birth control information is so readily obtainable there should be no need for these so called intelligent women campaigning for the right to murder innocents.

I hope no one is swayed by their argument of protecting these unborn children from neglect and emotional deprivation by destroying their life.

Yours truly,
(Mrs.) Yvonne Mullen.

Sir:

Since I don't know what channels to submit this request for remuster I am sending it to you as you are undoubtedly the most widely read publication in the Forces.

In light of the recent announcement of an overabundance of tradesmen in the Air Element, and in light of the obvious lack of need for officers, in the interest of the service I do hereby volunteer to give up all this and accept a commission.

H. Retsam, Cpl.

Dear Editor:

On submitting a letter to the Editor of the Totem Times a month ago, with reference to the garage on the station in defiance to the method of management and the high cost of many items, I did anticipate someone to repudiate or agree that my statements were either correct or unjust, but now have the feeling that the old adage "Let a sleeping dog lie" is in effect with the hope that this matter will die a slow death, because we as members have no voice in the running of this establishment.

A question I would like answered is now that youth (which I'm all for) has been employed as attendants, how were they selected? Is it that some people have a monopoly as to jobs available to members and their kin on this unit? Was anyone made aware that these positions were open?

Whoever was so thoughtful to write those kind words on my behalf in the last Totem Times (which of course are true) it would be very much appreciated if signed with a valid signature. I have no intentions or desire to contribute a column on other Base Administrations as they are in very capable hands.

I have always seen fit to apply my signature to any letter I must write, or express my opinions openly, which I must say is not good if a person is looking for advancement, as my own rank will justify after many years of service, but having personal pride, I would not have it any other way.

In the near future I will be in the ranks of the unemployed, as my services are about to terminate. My only wish is that the fate of the younger person is not in jeopardy in expressing himself, as freedom of speech should be considered and not held against the individual.

It is with regret that I will be leaving the services under these conditions, knowing that I gave my best and many days leave entitlement lost, due to service commitments, but as they say, that's the way the ball bounces.

K.L. Siddons, Sgt.

Dear Sir:

The Totem Times sure gets around. And as a lowly oberleutnant at the Hedshead in Ottawa I'd like to attempt to answer some of Corporal Mahal's criticisms of the RCAF Memorial fund campaign.

First of all he bangs away at the Trenton location. Yes, Virginia, there was a poll taken, and the choice was Trenton. But Cpl. Mahal is in good company when he objects to the Trenton site; a lot of serving and retired brass wanted it elsewhere, too. Some of them were later convinced that they should change their minds and accept TR, and some of them just backed off and clammed up. The end result was that these same individuals have launched a very successful corporate campaign, and Canadian corporations and business establishments are zapping in the bucks.

But really, the selection of a site is now water under the bridge. The agonizing birth of the whole idea evolved around a few dedicated types at Trenton who spent the time and energy to get the thing launched. They even got free Crown land and a few other assists from the government during these days of tight money. If they hadn't done it, we'd still be talking about it.

Yes, Trenton has raised over

\$13,000. CFS Moisie has raised nearly \$4,000 with a strength of a little over 100 bods, and (sob) some units have contributed nought. But it's catching on, and I don't think that any airman is being leaned on. (The name of the game is voluntary contributions.)

The RCAF Association is doing a good job raising their share, the Air Cadets are organizing a national "march-a-thon" on Battle of Britain weekend to raise their share, the serving and retired airwomen who belong to the "Women of the RCAF" organization are doing well and the RAAF, RANZAF are showing interest in supporting the campaign.

Now we come down to the light blue types in the CAF. Cpl. Mahal's idea of a raffle is a good one. (CFS Rockcliffe is now investigating the legality of setting up one for people on that base.) But the Memorial fund committee has to be a bit cautious. It costs money to organize a raffle — so the question is, should some portion of the contributions now in hand be used to launch a raffle? Let's face it, the guys at Moisie didn't contribute their hard-earned bucks for a raffle, they contributed them for the Memorial.

The Memorial Fund committee has considered a great many fund raising ideas, including raffles. For example, try this one. Buy a surplus aircraft from Crown Assets. Let's make it a CF-104. Raffle off the old bird, and the winner gets the aircraft, free delivery, a free cement pylon on which to mount it, and a suitably engraved brass plaque. The winner can donate the whole shmeer to a school, playground or museum of his choice. A bit far out, perhaps, but the kind of thing that could capture the imagination of any air-minded individual. I'll bet the raffle tickets would go like hotcakes.

And that's just one idea that the RCAF Memorial committee has bootlegged around. But they must play it cool with the bucks that people have contributed.

Personally, I think the idea of individual contributions is a good thing, but a more effective way to raise loot might be to hold base functions, one each month, with part of the proceeds to go to the Memorial fund. But to do it you'd need a pretty active gang on each base to contribute the organizing and overtime.

That's probably the best way to involve the guy on the hangar floor. Sure, it would be nice to see a corporal's name on the list of directors, (it'd be nice to see mine there, too) but never fear, they're there. There's quite a jangle of O.R.s contributing a hell of a lot more than their poney; as a starter, the guys from AMDU who busted their nuts building the models used in the promotion campaign. No Air Marshal could have built them; then, let's face it, no Corporal could have got business and industry behind the project the way the Brass did. So really, everything is relative.

Yup. The Memorial Fund committee has made a lot of mistakes. They'll probably make more, and I for one surely hope so. And I hope guys like Cpl. Mahal think enough about the project to keep griping about the mistakes that are made. It gives people like me a chance to answer back, and as Sgt. Shatterproof once said, "throw down the gauntlet."

Over to you Cpl. Mahal. How

RENTAL INCREASE FOR PERMANENT MARRIED QUARTERS

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): I have a question, Mr. Speaker, for the Minister of National Defence. Has he protested very strongly to his colleague the President of the Treasury Board about the extremely unjust and unfair increase of \$15 a month in the rent for married quarters on military bases across Canada? If so, what was the result?

Mr. Speaker: Order. It seems to me that that question was asked previously.

REPORTED PRESENCE OF RUSSIAN SUBMARINES IN ARCTIC WATERS
Wednesday April 29, 1970. Page 6411.

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Would the minister either deny or confirm the presence of Russian nuclear submarines in the Arctic?

Hon. Leo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I had a similar question yesterday and I believe I in-

dictated at the time to my hon. friend that probably Admiral O'Brien had qualified his statement pertaining to so-called Russian submarines. I did look at the press report and I was happy to find that he did actually qualify his statement.

SPECIAL TRAINING OF FORCES IN CONTROL OF PROTEST GROUPS
Tuesday, May 5, 1970. Page 6578.

Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. Can he assure the House that adequate numbers of our armed forces are specially trained in the controlling of protest groups so that no incidents of the kind which occurred at Kent University, Ohio, yesterday could take place here in the event that our troops were called upon to render aid to the civil power in Canada?

Hon. Leo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): I believe the procedures which regulate the use of troops in Canada are extremely strict. It is manifest, of course, that the troops are always under the authority of the civil power. But we must make sure that in any instance the

regular officers would also represent the ultimate authority for the troops.

Golf course Kudos

In the April 29 issue of the Daily Colonist, Harry Young made some comments which will be of interest to Totem Times readers. He said:

"The Non-Public Funds nine-hole golf course at the Canadian Forces base at Comox is the subject of a feature article in the current issue of the Green-master, official publication of the Canadian Golf Superintendents' Association."

"Comox wanted a sprinkler system but had only limited funds and a lot of volunteer labor to get what it wanted."

"As a result it has acquired an automatic watering system for its greens and a semi-automatic sprinkler for its fairways."

"Bob Tait of Terra Irrigation of Vancouver came up with a plan that met the requirements. Cost — \$12,000 in cash — and callouses on the hands of its volunteer labor squad."

"It just shows what can be done when the spirit is there!"

about seeing the Memorial Fund coordinator on your base and drumming up some ideas to put CFB Comox at the head of the list. And when the opening day arrives and the ribbon is cut, there, spotlighted in the lobby of the RCAF Memorial will be an 18 foot statue of a Mushrooer, signifying Comox's achievement of raising the highest per capita contribution of any base in the C.A.F.

Per Ardua Ad Astra.
Bob Tracy, Lt.
Publicity Committee
RCAF Memorial.

Dear Sir:

Our Mini behind the desk, of the engine bay, the originator of the column "Nuts and Bolts," has expressed views and opinions relating to service life, not only on the happenings of 409 Ground Crew, but on the welfare of every serving member no matter where he is.

Like any reporter his material is proof read and censored but nevertheless he has been able to put across most of his views.

A newspaper such as the "Totem Times" lends strength to a Base not only as a timetable of events or happenings but as an opportunity for everyone to put forth their own ideas, thoughts or opinions.

Constructive criticism is essentially the backbone of a newspaper, whether it be part of the editorial page or appear on the back page in a little six line paragraph.

The Totem Times is of course no ordinary newspaper and therefore one must use caution and discretion in their choice of words, so that no misunderstanding is interpreted against any one particular individual, group, or authoritative body.

Like any organization over a period of years we can expect many changes, for nothing remains the same as the year before.

Now that the outside world (for want of a better expression) has moved from the primeval times to the coming of a complex industrial state — strong unions have come up to us and bypassed us in benefits.

Though some of the benefits they now receive would not fit in with our way of life and vice-versa, some I would like to see incorporated (possibly there are others that I have not thought of.)

1. Free dental care for dependents.

2. Prescription eye-glasses for dependents.

3. Canteen ration card for alcoholic beverages and cigarettes — like overseas.

4. A life long pass to attend the mess of his rank, during social engagements upon retirement, subject of course to the Base security restrictions, many of us would not use this privilege but there are a few.

5. A grant of 4,000 dollars towards the purchase of a house being only given if one has completed five years service and has made his mark to complete 25 years service — or if the individual wishes he may accept the 4,000 upon completion of 25 years service. This is no different than the ill-fated \$1,000 bonuses some years ago.

When one thinks of a 25 or 30 year pension he knows that he is getting it some 15 years sooner than his counterpart on civ street, but his counterpart has remained locally in one spot, so chances are his house is completely or almost paid for. The

ex-servicemen confronted with a housing problem must also compete with the very same individual who has been doing that job for the past 25 or 30 years.

What with rising prices in Real Estate it is conceivable ¾ or more of his pension will go into a house — not every garage on main street has a "Voodoo" in it to be fixed.

Promotions: That lively word speaks for itself. Those gray haired figures you see dashing from the servicing shack on a Voodoo scramble or running out with a NADAR can under his arm is undoubtedly a corporal who has between 15 or 20 years service — a professional.

Most of them could have enlarged on their education; the service does offer that opportunity to anyone who has the ambition to do so. Education in itself is not a guarantee for a promotion, as there are some 20 year corporals, with grade twelve.

Rather I believe it to be a combination of diplomacy, ambition, and knowledge and they follow in that order. Personality is rated high, maybe higher than it should be; its brother, Character, is rated but to a lesser degree; mainly because it shows up mostly during a crisis — therefore takes a back seat.

This article was originally started sometime before the latest message on personnel

reduction — come out on earlier retirement, of which ironically enough, my idea was much the same as the one proposed, except where a NCO had between 25 or 30 years give him his full 30 year pension and of course from 20 to 25 year no penalty when a white paper such as this does come out, it comes so suddenly — even though one has heard of reduction he believes it will mostly be done by attrition, it somehow has one unprepared — consequently those who would seriously think of an earlier retirement have either financial commitments, house to sell, children on to higher education, etc. Possibly the only solution along with their pension — a cash annuity would certainly help.

The idea is a good one for the way it now stands one can serve 25 years and never be promoted — except for a reclassification from Private to Corporal.

"Trapper"

Dear Editor:

Reference to Hellyer Corporals.

In reference to the m subject in the last issue of Totem Times, call me anything, but do not cut the pay. I would appreciate it if you could begin right away, before May 17. Just think, no more doing orderly corporal!

I also think that 'Hellyer' is a cumbersome title: what say we change it to 'HELLER'?

Yours for more pay and more work for corporals.

Heller Wilsdon BMT

It's your health

Smoking, according to American cigarette packages, could be harmful to your health. Many reports from many doctors cite smoking as a major factor in the meteoric rise of lung cancer and emphysema to their present prominent positions as causes of death on the North American continent and elsewhere. They also cite smoking as a cause of a generally lower standard of health among smokers compared to non-smokers of similar ages and backgrounds.

The armed forces, which are interested in keeping their people healthy, tend to go along with this. Medical officers, some of them anyhow, inveigh against the use of tobacco. Apart from this, though, the services take little positive action to reduce the incidence of smoking among servicemen.

They might, for example, tut-tut against the use of tobacco, while encouraging its sale in NPF outlets. They allow smoking just about anywhere that there is some chance that an explosion will not occur. And they squander vast sums on ash-trays so that smokers will not grind their butts (cigarette butts, that is,) into the carpeting. It is all very perplexing.

If you are the average short-of-breath smoker, you are by now presumably screaming, "I've got a right to smoke if I wish. They're my lungs, and I'll do with them as I wish." So true. You do indeed have a right to ruin your health if you so wish, but how about the rest of us?

Indeed how about the rest of us? How about the non-smoker who clammers aboard the trusty Yukon and discovers that he has to sit beside a non-stop smoker all the way to Trenton. What of his right to reasonably unpolluted air?

Or how about the non-smoker who ambles into the mess for

supper and is compelled to share a table with some dummy who figures that the best sauce for any food is not tabasco, but tobacco. What about his right to enjoy his meal?

The time to do something about it is now. The armed forces, interested as they are in keeping their people healthy, could take positive steps to discourage smoking among their members.

They could, for example, ban the sale of all tobacco products in all NPF outlets. It is at best inconsistent, if not hypocritical to deplore the effects of cigarette smoking while gleefully accepting the profits from the sale of cigarettes.

They could also ban smoking in all service aircraft, or failing that, they could relegate smokers to their own special room in the noisiest part of the airplane, such as, for example, the baggage compartment, or maybe the wheel well.

They could also ban smoking in all service dining rooms and cafeterias. Many are those who laughed at the old Navy tradition of beheading anyone who was foolish enough to light up a butt in the dining room, but Horatio and his boys were on the right track. That is one navy tradition that could profitably be legislated into uniform.

Smoking, as the sign says, can be hazardous to your health. It can also be hazardous to the enjoyment of life by non-smokers. In the interests of good health, the armed forces should begin a vigorous campaign to relieve people of their dependency on cancerous pacifiers. To effect a significant reduction in the number of smokers in the armed forces would be a great step forward in the field of preventive medicine.

What about it surgeon-general?

FUNGUS FEATURES

by Mac



From up in my perch

By Seemore

I am a nocturnal creature. I hate to get up in the morning, but late parties, all night bachanalias and the late, late shows on TV are right up my alley. I sometimes feel that it is my personal responsibility to witness the last sign off of each station on the TV dial. This dedication to the communications media has left me with my one and only bad habit. I like to sleep late on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Through the years I have learned to cope with some very unusual noises caused by living on or near airports. Any airman worth his salt soon learns to adapt himself to the sound of aircraft and the accompanying equipment, but I have always had difficulty in getting used to some of the sounds that arise around PMQs early in the morning on the average weekend.

To give a few examples: Wagons with wheels that have never seen grease or oil. Little children bickering amongst themselves, starting fights which end up with at least one of them screaming like it has been run through the mid section with a hot sword. Roller skates. Motorcycles that require extensive pre flight run-ups. Conversations between mother

and child while the child is about a block away. Early morning lawn mowers. Phone calls at 7:15 asking if your little boy is up yet. Wrong numbers at 7:30. Aerobatic teams practicing low level formations always like to go over the roofs of PMQs so that everybody can see them. (By the time you get to the window they're gone). Alert Sirens and little cowboys and indians.

Somehow I have learned to live with all of these distractions. I solved the phone problem by taking the receiver off the hook on my bedside phone. (I'll bet the telephone operators get an earful sometimes.)

Last Saturday morning however had something new to offer. At exactly 8:15 a series of loud footsteps thumped across the roof, followed by a succession of deafening thumps right over my head. I jumped about three feet into the air. Several horrible thoughts as to their cause crossed my mind. Had there been an accident on the base? Had the Viet Cong landed para troopers on our roof? Was there really a five hundred pound canary on the loose in our neighborhood? Perhaps Sasquatch was trying to tear the roof off or, maybe "King Kong lives."

The loud thumping was soon followed by masculine shouts and



KINGFISHER MYSTERY SOLVED

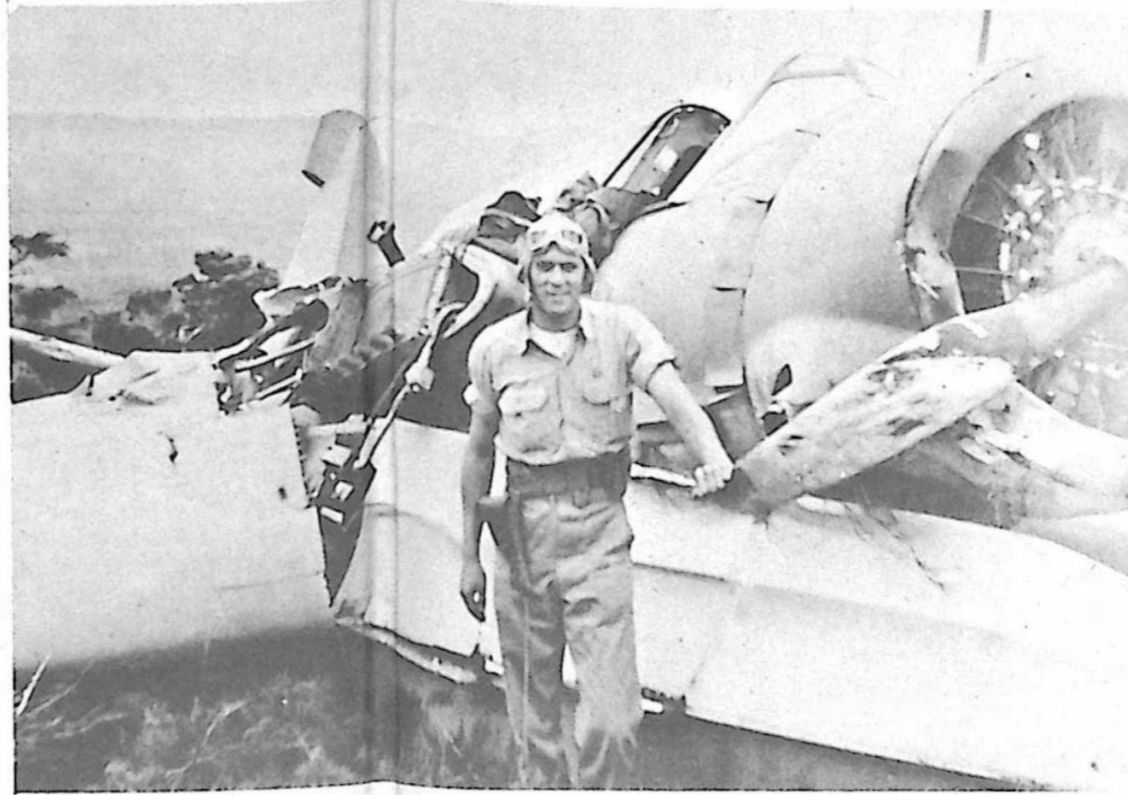
DALLAS, TEXAS, April 70 Mystery surrounding a wrecked OS2U Kingfisher float plane resurrected from a lonely British Columbia island where it had lain since 1942 has been cleared up as the plane is being rebuilt for display on the battleship North Carolina.

The wreckage lay on Calvert Island, 300 miles north of Vancouver, B.C., until 1964 when the Royal Canadian Air Force helicoptered out the remains for the Air Museum of Canada, Calgary. Later the museum turned the plane over to the North Carolina Battleship Commission. Vought Aeronautics Company, which built the plane back during World War II, brought the wreckage back to Dallas, Texas, where members of its Quarter Century employees' club will spearhead reconstruction. When completed, it will be displayed on the fantail of the battleship at Wilmington, N.C.

When a feature article on the rebuilding project appeared in the company's employee newspaper, it rang a bell with one of its employees in Hawaii. Ray G. Thorpe, supervisor of base support operations at the Navy's Barking Sands, Kauai facility, was leading a formation of three Kingfishers flying to Alaska in 1942. One of them, piloted by Ens. Mac J. Roebuck, smashed into the side of a mountain on Calvert Island during a dense fog.

Thorpe, an employee of Krenton Hawaii Ltd., an LTV Aerospace Corporation subsidiary, located Roebuck, now a Navy civilian contracting officer on the Poseidon missile program at Lockheed Missiles and Space plant in Sunnyvale, Calif.

The mystery of the wrecked plane and its passengers was cleared up finally when Radioman-Gunner Stanley S. Goddard, who was flying in the back seat of Roebuck's Kingfisher, wrote Vought after seeing a letter in an aviation magazine about the restoration. He now lives in Fremont, Calif., only a few miles from Roebuck.



THIS RCAF PHOTO, taken in 1942, shows Ens. Mac J. Roebuck standing beside the wrecked TS2U Kingfisher on the mountain slopes on Calvert Island, B.C. Both he and his radioman-gunner, Stanley S. Goddard, walked away from the wreck, caused by dense fog, without a scratch. Roebuck is now the civilian contracting officer on the Poseidon missile program at Sunnyvale, Calif.

Both he and Roebuck survived the crash without a scratch. Ens. Sanderson, pilot of the third Kingfisher, was killed later in an aircraft carrier accident.

The story started at Floyd Bennett Field, N.Y., August 1, 1942, when Lt. (jg) Ray Thorpe led a flight of Kingfishers on a ferry flight to Dutch Harbor, Alaska. The other pilots were Roebuck and Sanderson, who were to join their squadron which had departed earlier from Alameda, Calif.

Many stops later they arrived at Sand Point, Seattle, naval air station, where they traded their fixed landing gear for floats and proceeded on their way north. On the morning of August 20, they departed Coal Harbor for Kelchikan, Alaska.

Off the coast of Calvert Island they were caught in a dense fog. Ens. Roebuck veered away from the others to avoid a collision. "I was just flying along and

all of a sudden the Kingfisher stopped. I couldn't see a thing and for a few seconds I kept right on flying," Roebuck reported.

"I was doing about 90 knots at the time and when we hit at about 1,500 feet altitude on the side of a mountain, we tore off the float and right wing. I couldn't have landed it any better if I could have seen where I was going." Lt. Thorpe landed his Kingfisher on the water and solicited aid for Roebuck from Canadian authorities at Bella Bella. Roebuck remained near the crash site and with the aid of his mechanic and six Royal Canadian Air Force men removed the guns, instrument panels, radios and engine from the wrecked OS2U.

The engine was loaded onto the right wing, which had been torn off on impact, and the "sled" pulled down the mountainside for salvage. The rest of the plane lay on the mountain from 1942 until

1964 when an RCAF helicopter picked up the fuselage, float and wing and flew them to Port Hardy, on the British Columbia coast.

Following the rescue and salvage operations at the crash site, Ens. Roebuck proceeded to Kodiak, Alaska, where he flew Kingfishers with VS-1D13 squadron for two years while U.S. forces were ousting the Japanese invaders from the Aleutians. Following this he transferred into fighters and while aboard the jeep carrier Natoma Bay, he participated in campaigns of Leyte Gulf, Mindoro, Luzon, and Iwo Jima. He was credited with shooting down a Jap plane during this time.

Roebuck is a native of Texarkana, Arkansas, and following the war he was a member of a Reserve fighter squadron based at Naval Air Station, Dallas, where he flew Vought-built F4U Corsairs.



The early morning Gutter Bug — A Mac photo

a terrible scraping of torn metal. I was convinced that the Comox Queen had slipped her moorings and the crew was trying to dock her next to my bedroom window.

Collecting myself I arose and looked out to see the 'Gutter Bug' and his crew replacing the eavestroughing on our apartment. Thanks a lot fellows, and may a three thousand pound yellow bellied sapsucker lay an egg in your 'gutter bug' truck.

Since sleep was impossible I rose and began drawing the plans for my retirement home. The general outline of the house is

fairly ordinary, although with the lookout towers and gun slits it does, I suppose, slightly resemble a fifteenth century castle. I think it is the yard that makes the design unique. The house is situated in the geometric centre of a square mile plot, surrounded by a crocodile filled moat bordered by a high tension barbed wire fence. The rest of the yard is a garden planted with Claymore mines with a quaint 20 foot stone wall topped with broken glass running the perimeter of the plot.

Fungi fly to Britain

As a result of some astute stickhandling and paper work of the Para Rescue leaders the entire staff of the Para Rescue section (with the exception of WO Doc Savage who will remain here to guard the inventory) are going to visit Kipperland. Travelling in three groups, the first group left last Saturday. The notorious 'three Ms' Cpls. Joe McMullan, Gerry McNutt and Joe Miller spearhead the invasion and visit the 22nd Special Air Services Regiment, where they will demonstrate Canadian para rescue techniques and equipment.

The second group will contain Major Keir, (the boss of Para

Rescue) Sgt. Hank Seltzer and Cpl. Sonney Fullbrook. They will be visiting the 22nd SAS Regiment and the S.A.R. OTU at Valley, North Wales to exchange ideas on mountain and water rescue techniques.

The third and last group consists of Sgt. Jack Austad, Cpl. Harold Gabriel and Cpl. Dutch Franks. They will also visit the 22nd SAS Regiment and then on to the RAF Search and Rescue School for an exchange of ideas.

The British Army is expected to retaliate for this invasion of their privacy in the form of two bunches of Special Air Services people who will visit the Merry Mushrooms at the end of May

and the end of June.

This exchange visit was sparked by the mutual interest generated by both groups when the Brits were here for an exercise last year.

The SAS troops were fascinated by our para rescue people's hobby of jumping into tall timbers, a hobby we might add that they have become most adept.

Doc Savage's venerable leader has laid on many special events for the Brits when they arrive, such as a number of tree and water jumps and various helicopter oriented rescue exercises.



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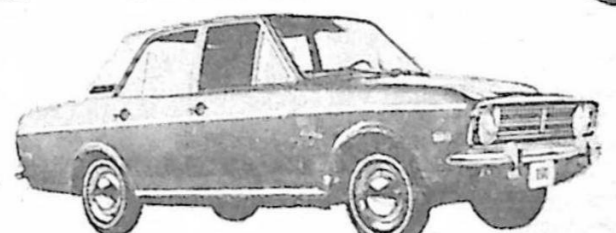
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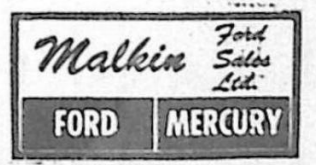
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TEEN BOWLERS RECEIVE AWARDS

A smorgasbord dinner was held Friday evening in the combined mess for the Bantam, Junior and Senior bowling teams. Around 70 bowlers quickly demolished the food. After the dinner and presentations of trophies the bowlers then went up to the Totem Lounge, listened to a few records and had free chips and punch. Many thanks to everyone who gave a helping hand when it was needed. Senior bowler Gail Barlow gave a speech, but many of us could not hear it, so I (Joan Makowichuk) asked Gail if I could put it in the paper.

By GAIL BARLOW:

Good evening kiddies and honored guests: I'd like to start off with several definitions of "Bowling" from my trustworthy source, the dictionary. Did you know that bowling consists of two syllables, "bowl" and "ing". As you already know what "ing" means I will continue my grammar lesson on the "bowl". In the dictionary it has 3 meanings - 1. A basin drinking vessel and the shaped part of a tobacco pipe. After long thought I finally figured out that this wasn't quite what I wanted. 2. A wooden ball made slightly out of spherical shape or weighted on one side to make it run curved courses. Although the balls aren't made of wood but are slightly out of our spherical shape because of the numerous lotters and droppers. Maybe we don't have curved courses but we do have some of the curviest bowlers... boys I mean. 3. Go fast and smooth. We have the speed but the "smoothly" I don't know! I certainly hope that this has put a little bit of knowledge into your heads but some how I doubt it. As you know this year we joined the youth bowling council. This enabled nearly everyone to win some sort of badge. Being under this council we held tournaments like the parentroll-off, Valentine doubles and Four Steps to Stardom. The big thing for the year was the preparation for the zone finals. In this the top average boy and girl were picked from Junior and Senior leagues. There were also two junior teams and two senior teams chosen to play other teams from all over the island. The senior boys placed third but, put up a strong fight against the other teams. Fortunately one of our teams (the girls of course) had good luck and a very minute bit of skill and they became victorious over several other good teams. By the way our junior single Chris Ford beat out all the singles in Sooke, B.C. The senior girls team were Judy Hrechuk, Wendy Ennis, Cheryl Collier, Jo Coffey and Sue Ford, who then travelled to Vancouver but were defeated, all in all they are now the 9th best team in B.C. The junior teams made a good show but, they were nervous with it being everyone's first time in competition. I'd like to say, so I think I will, that we have some great young bowling stars progressing from the little league, (that's not baseball either) some of them can even hold a ball in their hand. Don't laugh. You kids just learned what the object of the game is, it's called knock the pins down. Now we come to the lush part "seniors"! I think lofting the ball is our specialty. Once in a while we do get a smooth delivery only to realize that the automatic pinsetting door hadn't opened yet. All the guilty person can say is "I didn't do it, don't look at me!" or "who pressed the button!" I certainly wish that there was a trophy for the slowest senior girl bowler (P.H.) because it takes her ball 7 3/4 seconds to get to the other end of the alley. On behalf of the bowling leagues I would like to thank Mrs. Makowichuk (supervisor) and the Alley managers Mr. Makowichuk and Mr. LeBlanc (more commonly known as Red) and Mr. Ball who was supervisor for the Bantams, for their support and for making this bowling year a success. I hope everyone enjoyed their bowling as much as I did.



JUNIOR AND BANTAM LEAGUE WINNERS, Front row: Gail Calberry, Carol Morris, Alan Smith, Jeff Richard, Karen Kellett, Wendy Grant and Cathy Solinger (sec. on the left back row). Bantam team. Back row: Junior Team: John Payne, Gary Fleet, Janice Calberry, Carol Makowichuk, Anne Ford and Dave Hewitt. — Base Photo



SENIOR LEAGUE WINNERS: Left to right Joe Cando, Patti Hewitt, Jo Coffey, Cheryl Collier, Danny Worth and missing is team captain Dave Kemp. — Base Photo

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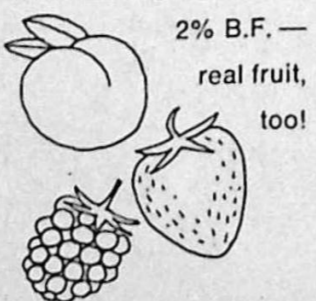
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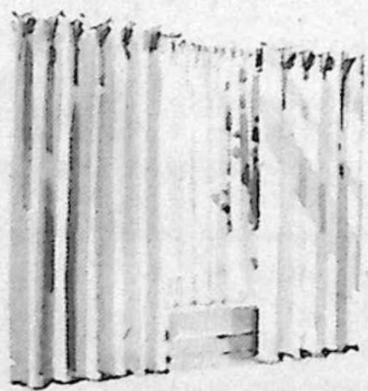
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CWL Meeting

Preceding the regular meeting of the Catholic women's League, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, CFB Comox, Mass was celebrated in the station chapel by Rev. Father J. Campbell.

Following Mass the regular business meeting was held in the Parish Hall, with Mrs. Elena Tighe, presiding in the chair.

Routine business matters were discussed and plans were made for the forthcoming June meeting which will be followed by a "Pot Luck Supper". Members were asked to bring their own husbands to the supper. Mrs. Elena Tighe asked if there were any questions; we wanted her to ask at the Military Catholic Women's League Convention to be held in Ottawa next month.

Mrs. Geneau said that because of the holiday, Monday May 18 they would not be going to visit the Glacier View Home but instead would go Tuesday May 19.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. Strangward.

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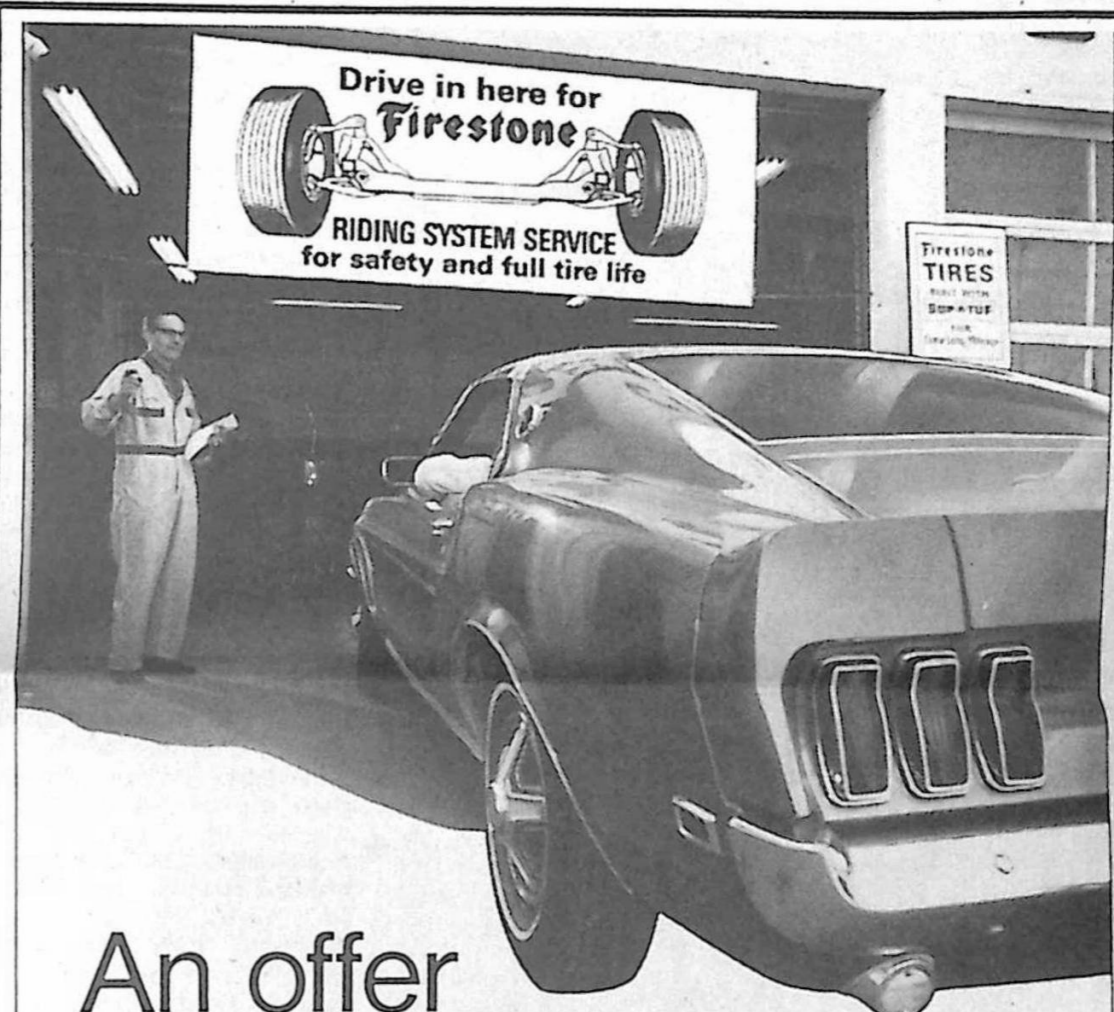


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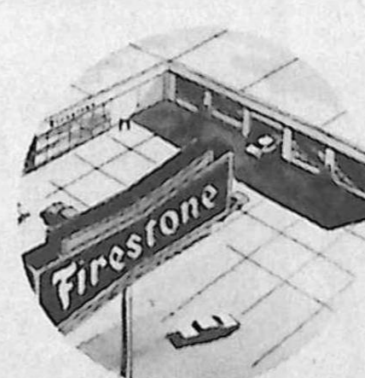
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SPORTS

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BRITISH COLUMBIA FESTIVAL OF SPORTS

Prime Minister W.A.C. Bennett will officially open the first annual British Columbia Festival of Sports at noon Thursday, May 14.

The colorful ceremony will take place in front of the Parliament Buildings, Victoria.

Festival of Sports is sponsored by the B.C. Sports Federation in co-operation with the Government of British Columbia. The Festival of Sports will be staged May 16 through June 1. Over 125,000 athletes from all parts of the world will compete in 48 individual sports events in 64 B.C. centres.

Prime Minister Bennett will send the 16-day sports extravaganza on its way by igniting an Olympic-like torch that will burn for the duration of the Festival.

The Festival of Sports will provide the background for a host of provincial championships, four national finals and 24 international events.

The four national championships are water polo, five and ten-pin bowling, black belt judo and boxing.

Boxing also will hold the spotlight internationally. The North American Amateur Boxing Championships will be staged at Vancouver's Pacific Coliseum, June 1. The event will consist of 11 bouts with Canadian champions trading punches with boxers from the United States. Winners will go on to represent North America at the world championships in Scotland later this summer.

Rugby is playing an important part in the Festival, too. One of England's most famous teams, Middlesex County, will play six exhibition games throughout the province. One of the games is in Kelowna and will mark the first time a touring rugby team has made such a visit to the interior.

In conjunction with the game at Kelowna, Middlesex will conduct a coaching clinic for the benefit of schools in the Okanagan on Friday evening.

May 22. Representatives from the Kootenays, North Okanagan and Cariboo have also been invited to attend the clinic.

Middlesex has won six County championships (two in the past five seasons) and the team includes three Welsh Internationals, one of them John Williams, considered the finest rugby fullback in the world. The team also consists of two international trial finalists. The tour side is captained by Keith McIntyre from Trinidad, one of the games most exciting and brilliant wing forwards.

The Festival of Sports will also bring rowing back to Nelson for the first time since 1934. The Nelson rowing regatta will be staged on the West Arm of Kootenay Lake May 23-24.

Many outstanding entries will vie for honors at the event including University of B.C., University of Washington, Seattle Juniors (an all-star high school team), University of Puget Sound, Calgary Rowing Club, Brentwood College and Vancouver Rowing Club.

Favored in the eight-oared event is UBC, second-place finishers in that event at the Canada Summer Games last year. Now coached by former Yugoslavian national coach Peter Klavara, the UBC eights are given a good chance to represent Canada at the world championships in St. Catharines, Ont., this year.

The Festival of Sports was conceived in December, 1968, by Ronald B. Worley, Deputy Minister of Travel Industry, who felt the need to encourage participation by all British Columbians in all forms of sport activity.

The magnitude with which the Festival has grown is truly amazing. Originally, it was felt that 15 communities might compete in 20 sports in the first Festival.

But, such has been the enthusiasm, that already the Festival is at the 1974 projected level.



JUDO CHAMPS — Canadian Jukokas for the fourth time in seven years, out-wrestled the best in the British Army in Salisbury, England, last month to take the British title. The Lord Strathcona's from Canada's mechanized brigade in Europe outpointed their British opponents 37-2. Back row, left to right: Cpl. Rick Tang, Cpl. Brian Schiratti, Pte. Louis Decorret and Cpl. Johnny Johnston. Front row, left to right: Capt. Darrel Dean (team captain) and Pte. Roger Leduc.

— Canadian Forces photo

MEXICAN DUCKS

(Tijuana Fowl)

Canadian sportsmen and waterfowl conservationists will be pleased to learn of the formation of Ducks Unlimited de Mexico.

The 1970 Annual Meeting of Ducks Unlimited held in San Antonio, Texas in late April was historical in that for the first time all three of the continent's Ducks Unlimited organizations and their presidents gathered to discuss the continental problem of waterfowl conservation.

Representing Ducks Unlimited (Canada) was Lorne M. Cameron, a business executive from Winnipeg. The United States was represented by President of Ducks Unlimited Inc. William P. Elser of San Diego, California. Mr. N. S. Covacevich, conservationist and businessman of Mexico City represented the newly formed Ducks Unlimited de Mexico.

Ducks Unlimited de Mexico was established following meetings in Mexico City with officers of the Executive Committee of Ducks Unlimited Inc. and interested Mexican sportsmen and conservation officials of the government of Mexico.

In commenting on the organization of Ducks Unlimited de Mexico, Ducks Unlimited (Canada) President, Lorne M. Cameron, stated: "Ducks Unlimited (Canada) was very pleased to learn of the formation of Ducks Unlimited de Mexico because it completed the circle insofar as continental waterfowl conservation was concerned. For years Ducks Unlimited (Canada) and Ducks Unlimited Inc. had

been interested in the production, propagation, and habitat of waterfowl in Canada and the USA.

"With this formation of Ducks Unlimited de Mexico (Cameron continued) this organization can work as a catalyst to encourage more effective waterfowl management practices. It will also work towards the preservation of waterfowl wintering habitat and sanctuaries in Mexico. I feel this is a significant event in the continental waterfowl conservation scene of North America and one that Canadian sportsmen will be interested in. Ducks Unlimited (Canada) wishes them success in this important endeavour."

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A new water ski club is coming to our area! To answer the requests of many persons who enjoy water sports, the first meeting of a water ski club, will be held on 14 May at 7:30 p.m. in the CRA small hall.

Al Young announced the meeting will consolidate the ideas of interested persons to form a club to serve Valley and area residents.

All persons interested in water sports are cordially invited to attend this meeting. For further info about this meeting call Bud Holloway at 338-8973.

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Sports Around the Base

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TOTEMS FASTBALL CLUB

Once again this year the Totems are playing in the Upper Island Fastball League out of Courtenay, this is a six team league, Campbell River, Comox Luckies, Comox Tyees, Lorne Hotel, Cumberland and the Totems. From what we have seen so far it looks as though it is going to be a very interesting season, the clubs are pretty evenly matched. The Manager of the Totems this year is Ken Paisley and he has got quite a few young players plus some real good holdovers from last year. They have acquired Lou White and he will give the team some pretty strong pitching along with Larry Manuel and a couple of newcomers to the team. Players like Paddy Keefe, Butch Bujold, Greg Bell, Reg Smith, Harvey Herauff and Billy Rough have returned, plus Tom Sloan a man the Totems played against in the zones last year. So far the Totems have lost their first two games but don't let this shake you up too much, I am sure that

the Totems are going to win their share of games this season. I have a feeling that we will be seeing Ken Paisley in the lineup very shortly after he recovers from a hockey injury. He is too good a player to be out of the Totems lineup any longer than necessary.

BRONZE MEDALLION SWIMMING CLASSES

All children and service personnel who are interested in swimming for the Royal Life Saving Bronze Medallion course or renewing their present award are asked to register at the base recreation centre on 25 May at 1600 to 1630 hours. Cost of the course will be \$5.00 per student classes will be held Monday to Friday from 1700 to 1800 hours. Age 14 years and above holding red Cross Senior award.

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