

An elephant is a mouse drawn to government specifications.

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post office opened Monday Improved service

Two classes weekly

Drivers' course expanded

The enthusiastic response has been so overwhelming to the Defensive Drivers' Course being presented by MSE Safety that they have had to expand the size of each course to thirty students. This entailed a move from the old classroom in the MSE garage to the former main BX store in the Base Gymnasium. That's upstairs beside the former snack bar.

The DDC classes are now being held twice weekly, on Mondays and Wednesdays. Despite increasing the numbers of personnel being processed each week from 15 to 60, Capt. Richardson, the BTnO, reports that positions on the course are booked through to 17 April.

Each class there are several no-shows. If you can't wait or find that you haven't anything to do on the morning of one of the classes, give MSE Safety a call at 263 no later than 0815 and they may be able to fit you in if vacancies

Commander thanks Voodoo Medicinemen

the Base Commanders of the three CF-101 bases at Bagotville, Chatham and Comox, the Commander ADC, program is now complete. I M.Gen. N.L. Magnusson applauded those involved in the fix of the Voodoo engine problems which came to light nearly a year ago.

"The J-57 compressor failure problem was one of the

In a message addressed to most severe tests that ADC has faced since the introduction of the CF-101 and I am pleased that the recovery recognize that the dedication and competence shown by all those involved, and particularly by those at your units, was a major factor in our early return to normal operations. My sincere congratulations."

New boss for 25 NORAD

Major General Jack K. Gamble has arrived at Mc-Chord AFB to take command of the 25th North American Air Defense Region and its Air Force component, the 25th Air Division of Aerospace Defense Command. He comes to his new command from Ft. Lee Air Force Station, Virginia, where he commanded the 20th NORAD Region and Air Division.

No stranger to the Pacific Northwest, General Gamble served a two-year tour of duty as Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil Engineering at the 25th Air Division headquarters beginning in July 1961. Now he takes command of the United States and Canadian forces who defend a one-million square mile area of southwestern Canada and the northwestern U.S. against air attack.

The Region's forces include radar sites, direction centres, supersonic jet interceptors and ground-to-air missiles, and more than 7500 U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and Canadian Forces personnel and Washington, Oregon and Idaho Army and Air National Guardsmen.



INSPECTING THE NEW POST OFFICE from the side normally only postal workers get to see, is L Col. D. Warren. In opening ceremonies, L Col. Warren was the first to mail a letter at the new building which is situated alongside the Bank of Commerce and the CANEX Buildings. Customers are advised to wear their gumboots if it's raining when they go to pick up their mail.

(McNair Photo)

Medals for Indo China

Lost: deserving ex-servicemen

OTTAWA Defence department medal custodians are getting a little hot under the collar. Their best efforts to date have been unsuccessful in finding some 350 Canadian ex-servicemen who have Indo-

China medals coming to them. The medal is for duty with the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Indo-China. Records indicate that there were about 1,400 Canadian servicemen who saw duty with the commission, normally a one-year tour.

The Honors and Awards Section at Canadian Forces Headquarters, Ottawa, has located over 1,000 of these Indo-China veterans, and their medals have been presented. However, the awards people still have about 350 unclaimed medals.

Unless these deserving exservicemen are found, the medals will have to go into storage, and space is already at a premium these days. But the awards section would

much rather present the medds to their owners than pack them away.

All service personnel and ex-service people are being asked to search their Section, CFHQ, Ottawa.

memories for names and current addresses of friends and compatriots who served with the commission, and pass the information along to the Honors and Awards

more letters to help pay for the new edifice.

CFHQ moves Confusion starts July 1st

Defence Headquarters building is continuing on carried on at both locations in schedule and the target date such things as comof 1 July is still firm for the munications, security and start of the move into the new

quarters. Situated across the Rideau Canal from the present headquarters, the two-tower building, originally designed for the Ministry of Transport, will accommodate a planned 4,500 people. The towers are 19 storeys and the centre block is

Planners say that while the move will start in early July, it will continue almost to the end of December in a progressive flow which will

Work on the new National obviate any interruption in are no longer required at the old locations. service. For example, A program, including parallel services will be

briefings, is now being developed to keep members of the headquarters staff inoperations until the respon- formed of the details of the sible staffs are satisfied with move and what they can their capabilities at the new expect at the new location, or until such services headquarters.

Falcon hatched

OTTAWA - The Falcon, an base personnel and in the unofficial service newspaper of nearby Uplands armed forces base, made its bow March 10 in Ottawa.

The eight-page tabloid will be published twice a month initially. It starts off with a circulation of 3,000 among

Boyle has been serving in

Ottawa as director of per-

sonnel plans, requirements

Commodore Boyle is the

only Canadian ever to com-

mand NATO's standing force

in the Atlantic, comprising

ships from six countries. He

saw wartime service on

and production.

adjacent married quarters. Other financial support comes from a fund drawn from operation of messes and amenities on the base.

Captain Peter F. Collett. ground training officer on the base, is managing editor of the new enterprise. Others on the Falcon's masthead have regular duties in squadrons and other elements on the base, being new-born newspapermen in their off-

duty time. Lieutenant Chris Watts of 412 Squadron is editor and there are two assistant editors - Lt. Bill Baker who serves on the base staff, and Sergeant Terry Broderick of the base photo section.

Capt. Collett, who triples in brass as the Upland's Base information officer, says the first issue has no big scoops on the front page, which is inaugural in flavor.

Birth of The Falcon brings the number of unofficial newspapers and newssheets throughout the Canadian Forces at home and overseas to 63. There are also 15 radio and one closed-circuit station, all television operating under similar auspices.

It is estimated that they serve more than a half-million servicemen, dependents and civilian employees of the defence department, as well as members of the Reserve forces.

Supplying news stories, features and pictures to all is the Canadian Forces Press, a small element of the defence department's directorate of Information services.

The modern new Lazo Post Office was opened Monday with a small ceremony. The acting Base Commander, L Col D. Warren and the BAdminO, L Col S. Lloyd were taken on a tour of the enlarged facilities and given a briefing on the workings of the new, roomy building by Postmaster Dennis

412 reunites

for Lazo customers

Williams.

position.

years.)

Lazo has had a Post Office

for fifty years, long before

CFB Comox was even a gleam

in a military planner's eye.

The first Post Office was

located half a mile down Little

River Road from its present

When RCAF Station Comox

was reopened in 1952, the Lazo

Post Office was set up in a

small building behind the

present guardhouse. When

expansion of the base began,

the office was forced to obtain

more room and moved to its

familiar spot next to the Base

Theatre. One lady who still

works at the new Post Office

remembers working in the

small office under the wat-

chful eye of the Air Force

Police. Mrs. Rose Liscombe

has been a diligent worker for

161/2 years (a record only

exceeded by Al Ford the CPO

who has been here for 19

The new Lazo Post Office

should do much to make

mailing and receiving letters

more comfortable at CFB

Comox with the new indoor

mail boxes. No longer will

stamps fall off due to the rain

nor will letters dissolve as in

the past. We at CFB Comox

should appreciate the gesture

by the Post Office and write

in September 412 Sqn. has a history of both transport and fighter operations that dates back to Sept. 10, 1939. On the weekend of Sept. 8-10, 1972 it is planned to commemorate the Sqns. 33rd anniversary by holding an all ranks reunion of retired wartime and post war members and their wives, and currently serving members and former members and

their wives at CFB Uplands. The reunion committee has decided that the festivities will start with a meet and greet on Friday afternoon and evening followed by a day of planned activities (participants choice on Saturday). Saturday evening will be the gala ball and buffet with breakfast being served from 0330-0830 hours on Sunday. The reunion will officially terminate at 1330 hours on Sept. 10.

Former members are asked to forward names and addresses of personnel who served with 412 and who may be interested in this reunion or, to direct queries to: 412 Sqn. Reunion, General Delivery, CFB Uplands, Ottawa, Ontario., K1V OK5, telephone numbers 995-3412 or 995-3413.

Minister thanks **B.C.** Forces

In a letter to Rear-Admiral R.H. Leir, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, The Vice Chief of Defence Staff conveyed thanks from the Secretary of State for the Canadian Force's support on the occasion of the British Columbia Centennial 1971, and he specifically requested his sincere thanks be conveyed to all officers and men who were concerned with the various arrangements.

He wished to acknowledge the large part that the officers and men involved played so effectively to make the year 1971 a memorable chapter in the history of British Columbia. The numerous events proposed by Admiral Leir's sub-committee, highlighted by the visit of the Royal Family, made a significant contribution to national unity and in particular, proved once again the versatility of the Canadian Forces in peacetime.

On behalf of the Minister and the Chief of the Defence Staff, the Secretary of State extended to all personnel who contributed to the success of B.C. Centennial '71 his congratulations and appreciation. Well done!

NEW MAIL POLICY

Effective April 1st, all governmental branches will be required to put stamps on letters, the same as private industry. Only the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and Members of Parliament will continue to use postage free mailing. Anyone on the base not among these categories should be aware that many people will not appreciate being sent a postage due letter from the Canadian Armed Forces.

Region tests AWACS

craft, ground equipment, and night to avoid the heavy personnel of the 25th NORAD Region began support of a four-month test program for the new Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) radars, beginning Monday, March 21. The purpose of the test program nicknamed BRASSBOARD, is to evaluate two prototype radars for the new system under varying atmospheric and operational conditions and over different types of terrain.

plant from the upwind side.

Westinghouse and Hughes Aircraft have developed the competing radar prototypes. One will be selected for production models of AWACS after the evaluation phase is completed.

The Semi-Automatic Ground Environment (SAGE) facility at McChord, a groundbased air defense control centre, will support the BRASSBOARD testing. McChord-based F-106 interceptors, as well as F-4s and B-57s flown in for the program, will fly designated routes over portions of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and southwestern Canada. The AWACS aircraft will track these flights, and resulting radar data will be compared with the proven returns from SAGE and its groundbased radars throughout the Region.

Most of the BRASSBOARD

McCHORD AFB - Air- test flights will take place at commercial and private air traffic present during daylight hours. This region was chosen for

TWO MEMBERS of the Soviet trade delegation which passed through Comox last

week are Mr. Tikonov, right, and we didn't catch the other gentleman's name.

The Russians were on their way to Campbell River to tour the pulp mill there.

Fortunately a southeast wind was blowing and they were able to approach the.

the airborne test program because of the variety of terrain features present, from mountain peaks to desert to ocean surface; the presence of SAGE and ground radar facilities; and the proximity of Boeing Aircraft Company activities in and around Seattle. A small Boeing test team and Air Force radar controllers will monitor the BRASSBOARD tests from the SAGE building.

When it is fully operational. AWACS will employ the airborne radar, compact solid state computers and communications gear, and skilled technicians and radar controllers to detect and track an attacking bomber force and direct friendly interceptors against the attackers. The AWACS aircraft will be a modified Boeing 707 known as an EC-137. Boeing is the prime contractor on the AWACS project.

The AWACS development program is managed by the Air Force Systems Command's Electronic Systems Division at L.G. Hanscom Field, Massachussetts. AWACS is being developed for use by the Aerospace Defense Command and Tactical Air Command.

(Canadian Forces Photo)

OTTAWA (CFP) - The Trans-Canada (McKee) Trophy, awarded for meritorious service to Canadian aviation will not be awarded this year.

Nominations for the award were not solicited for 1971 because of an impending administrative change which has now taken place. However, the awards committee felt that an award of such importance, "should not be handled in a hurried and informal manner." Therefore, the McKee Trophy will not be awarded in 1972.

Administration of the trophy, formerly a Department of National Defence responsibility, has now been transferred to the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute. The institute is now soliciting nominations with a view to making an award in 1973. A representative of the Department of National Defence will continue to be a member of the awards committee, to assist in the selection of annual winners.

The Trans-Canada (McKee) Trophy was originated in 1927, retired in 1964 and reinstated in 1966. Over the years it has been awarded to many famous Canadian aviators, including C. H. "Punch" Dickens, a pioneering bush pilot and Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. White, who established the present Canadian altitude record.

High level changes at CFHQ uniform, Gen. Laubman twice promoted to the rank of rearadmiral May 1. Commodore

OTTAWA - Three senior armed forces officers figure in promotions and new appointments, the defence department announced March

Named chief of personnel and promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general May 1 is Major-General Donald C. Laubman, 50, of Edmonton. One of Canada's last Second World War aces still in

LAUBMAN . . . new CP

won the Distinguished Flying Cross before being shot down and taken prisoner in April 1945. He has been serving in Ottawa as deputy chief of

personnel since last August. Promoted to vice-admiral to become chief of technical services May 2 is Rear-Admiral David L. Collins, 51, also of Edmonton. He will succeed Lieutenant-General Michael E. Pollard, 51, of Montreal, who is retiring after 34 years of distinguished service. During the Second World War General Pollard served as a pilot and was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Air Force

Rear-Admiral Collins has been serving as deputy chief, logistics, at Canadian Forces Headquarters. He joined the navy in June, 1940, as an ordinary seaman, and was commissioned two years later. During the Second World War he served aboard ships of the Royal Navy and Royal Canadian Navy.

Appointed deputy chief of ersonnel to succeed Maj. Gen. Laubman is Commodore Douglas S. Boyle, 48, of Revelstoke, B.C., who will be



POLLARD . . . retires

DID YOU EVER WONDER what it takes to tear an aeroplane apart and put it back together again piece by piece? These men will tell you it takes a lot of time and a lot of hard work. The BAMEO's Peace Wings acceptance team and modifications on 409 Squadron's last new old Voodoo.

(Canadian Forces Photo)

Peace Wings musings and ask God for assistance. name and they moan that all

One day we got a new boss and a new job in another place and no information so the boss said go forth and make do, when you do what you do. Almost lost the race right there because no one else was interested. Or they couldn't care less. We've all got troubles. You can't stay here, there's no room so you'll have to go someplace else. And the other place is the same. And we're vexed since we can't get in because THEY won't get

So we knock it down and build it up around us. Then they're out and we're in. But there's still no place for our birds to come to nest. Better start digging another hole. So we did. One strange plane with a

wart on its nose appeared and the commencement began. A party of little men, I mean a little party of men, proceed to

Anyway, pieces are strewn around and everything is inspected, normally and

specially, and modified by this body of drunken teetotallers (or was it teetotal drunkards)

When we find where the tail is and where the nose is, everything is removed because hundreds of modifications are waiting.

Modifications. After we've built an airplane, we take it all apart to put them in. They're a tradition is what mods are. Although our aircraft look lovely and actually go, mods replace or add to or strengthen bits because we don't like the way anything works. As someone once said: "A mod is a mod is a mod." And besides if it weren't for modifications how else would we find such a pleasant occupation for the ergs?

We deal with inspections and modifications so there is a right way. Natch - it's all laid down somewhere. In fact, it's laid all over the place. So much so that some people find it easier to clutch the brow

Nighthawks Nest

recovered by now from the fireplace in protest. flurry of social activity in the last two weeks. The Squadron dinner for all the posted dinner on the 11th was an than average.

farewell gifts were presented to departing 409ers. Some notable mementos includes member for a change instead Steve Bunyan's bronzed travelling shoes. This proved to be an opportune gift since Steve forgot to wear his shoes to the dinner.

Major Mo was presented with a scale model of a Blue Ford built by Henri from parts of the original that had fallen in the parking lot. (This makes a total of 3,642 words written in the Totem Times about Major Mo's ex-car) Unfortunately for the Squadron, Major Mo has to wait for his copy of the paper in the mail since he is already involved in brain trust work in the temporary buildings of Ottawa.

The squadron members had a full week to recover from the dinner and then were back at it again. The wives organized a surprise Welcome-to-the-married-

world party for our latest bagger and his new wife, Phil and Melanie Schreiner. The Sugar Shack was invaded en masse in a raid that even MobCom would have been proud of. This marks the first time that 409 has put on a mixed shower. No men except Lynn Wagar, who kept

Most Nighthawkers have throwing himself in the

Just after we had the gala comrades (that's so Colonel unqualified success from all Sam can get used to the word) standpoints. Even Harry another posting came in. It Chapin's heckling was better seems that Don Kinney is going to 414 Squadron in Nord All sorts of squadron Bay to practice his own unique brand of navigation.

The Squadron has gained a of losing. Ron Power has moved to his familiar place in the CAC which means Gary Soule may get his semi-annual trip in a Voodoo any day now. Doug Stuart and Peter

Dunda flew down to Wright-Patterson Ohio last week, so Peter could get an early audition with the Dayton Polka Kings. Since he was in the area anyway he decided to take a look at his new school for thought. Al Robb took our BTSO for a

trip in a 101 recently as Colonel Anderson continues to seek out a machine that is faster than he is.

Gus (airshow) Hay and Tom (propagator) Murray have just returned from the wouldn't be able to get the T-33 started at Moses' lake, but when the battery start failed Gus had a better idea. He simply pushed the plane down the runway at 100 knots, jumped in, and pressed the airstart button. The incredible hulk was back in Comox seemed to mind too much before you could say Forbidden Plateau.

But we persevere and make many removals and put multi mods in for that other gang to rob. Other parts, too. And nothing is ever put back. But they talk gibberish and say "ain't it a shame" and "can't help it." It seems the only time they're happy is when we have rashes of nothing to put

Suppose for instance, we have a pilot, a runway, and a spanking new craft all inspected and modified. And suppose when he gets in and takes off, he is disconcerted because it doesn't go forward. It just goes around. So he says the silly nuts must have worked standing on their heads because the tail is upside down and we need a new stabilator stabilizer to stabilone the airplane.

Well we never say what a thing and funny init and ain't they hard to please because what's stabilator? Is it a new kind of rocket? And surely a plane that flies sideways is really the old bee's knees. However, we add, if they want a new tail they shall have one, be the old one ever so nice. And we communicate this

willingness to Supply, a gathering of merchants. They mull it over and send a letter to AMC, a body that sits in committee. Yes, we say, there are umpteen airplanes with this defect staring us in the eye all this time. Was everybody blind or just

lazy. The contractor must have done it on purpose and should be made to pay. The unscrupulous creature! But of course we know he won't really. Because he's smarter than we are and always comes out ahead. We're bugged because the price of umpteen new tails would buy us a whole row of houses and a new car.

But never mind, we pay up without a squeak and at the last minute, we get them. And then the trouble starts because all the other planes are sick and four dozen pilots are waiting for this one. Impatience is their middle

and it isn't fair. We say that it'll be ready tomorrow and much good may it do you.

In a lot of due course, the bender menders get them and start tinkering away like mad. And we think Per Ardua we shall be able to go forward. And they are ever so happy. But although they've been provided with many books and pink leaflets giving them all the gen, they get the aircraft in bits and can't put it back together again. And for the sake of all the overtime they get, they dawdle all day and work far into the night. And they say it's not a party, we're having - it's a ball.

Anyway, they wind up the rubber bands. Then one day the job is done. Back with the pilot, the runway and the modified plane. When he takes off he doesn't go forward, he goes around and sideways. Now it starts all over again. This time he needs a new wing. We never fixed it right the first time.

And we say that's the other gang's worry, not ours. Hope they get the bugs out before we finish here and go up there. The last one's in the mill even if there's only half of it left. I wonder if we'll ever catch up. Maybe it'll snow for 40 days and 40 nights. Then we'll clear the slate.

The gnashing of teeth, the scratching of heads and meshing of mental gear is not over yet. It has hardly begun because we have to dodge the Contractor so he won't charge so much. He does anyway and then we have to play mental gymnastics with PERs and keep 100 percent of the people at work and another 100 percent on leave and 100 percent on compensatory time off. This is all possible because at this time a 100 percent effort is called for.

Anyway, spring is sprung, time for fun. Not weepin', not sleepin, just thinkin'.

Voodoo Nuts, Bolts and Volts By Paul Klem

and his Peace Wing repair

crews held a victory

celebration for competing the arduous task of accepting the

last of our new used trade-ins.
I found the party in such an

exuberant mood that I

decided to join them for a little while. They had all the

trimmings, refreshments,

food, and even a beautifully

decorated cake for the crew

that tries harder. They had

good reason to celebrate — it

was a long hard job and I'm

sure every one of them felt a

real sense of accomplishment

and were glad it was just

Perhaps their celebration

was a bit premature, I un-

derstand the boys did such a

good job that someone decided to give them two

Back in 7 hangar our ASRO

Lt. Bob Atkinson and WO

Frank Elvins are sorting out

all the Performance

Evaluation Reports: behind

locked doors for final sub-

Capt. Joe Kenkel our

AMAdO is on a short TD trip

to CFHQ, to see if he can get

any advance information on

postings and careers and

whatever else that would keep

the troops happy, also to

check our the rumor that CFB

Bagotville is looking for

volunteers, of any description.

You don't have to be bilingual,

you can pick it up there quite

easily if you are so inclined.

sais pas" quite effective to get

out of any embarrassing

situations I got into, like

getting caught poaching -

trout that is, since all the

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red lights aren't quite so

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green and blue, but we're all

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and can be purchased from

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working toward that goal.

lakes are private domain.

I found the words "Je ne

mission to the BAMEO.

about over.

more to do.

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We had three postings overseas from the JEFM Cpls. Malcolm MacKinnon, Roy Meluck, and shop, MCpl. Dave Paquet all of whom are very happy with their impending moves this summer. Cpls. MacKinnon and Meluck are already to CFB Cool Pool getting acclimatized and preparing for their new jobs.

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land of the big BX, where Tom 10 per cent off any order over \$5.00 was briefing controllers on appropriate comebacks when Ingredients and equipment for the amateur wine bad-mouthed by a Nighthawk. and beer maker. There was fear that Gus

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calories; 95% of it is burnt up by the liver at a constant rate. Coffee, exercise, or cold showers cannot speed up the process. 5. People who use alcohol as a sedative,

a painkiller, or for escape should realize it can be addictive and dangerous to their health.

6. Alcoholism is the one illness that results in problems in all the major areas of a person's life - physical, mental, social, and spiritual.

7. There is no known "cure" for alcoholism, but most alcoholics have a reasonable chance for recovery.

8. A person who "needs" a drink is at least psychologically dependent and can become physically addicted. 9. A person who averages five or six

drinks a day is a "hazardous drinker". 10. British Columbia has at least 80,000 hazardous drinkers; of these, approxi-

mately 42,000 are confirmed alcoholics. 11. Only a small percentage of alcoholics are on Skid Road. 12. Industry and business lose millions of dollars annually through absenteeism,

accidents, damaged equipment and upset public relations due to problem drinkers on the payroll. 13. At least 50°; of traffic deaths involve drinking drivers. If you drink, that's your business. If you drink and drive,

that's everyone's business. 14. A positive approach to life's problems and tensions is more realistic than using alcohol as an escape.

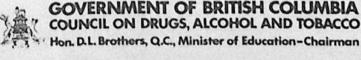
15. If you have a drinking problem you can get expert, confidential help by calling the nearest office of the Alcoholism Foundation of British Columbia or Alcoholics Anonymous.

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Government of British Columbia Council on Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco Parliament Buildings, Victoria, British Columbia Please send a free copy of "What You Should Know About The Use And Abuse Of Alcohol.

Name

Address





407 Tech ramblings

TORP TOPICS

Cpl. Tom Moar was over to the big city for a few days last week for officer candidate selection and is patiently awaiting the results. While we are all pulling for you, Tom, and in no way wish to stand in the way of progress, we would hate to see you leave the shop. The Crummy Canoe

Company has ceased operations, but not before hey produced some very sleek and colorful craft. In the best interests of safety, we would think that a course in the proper handling of these tricky craft would now be in order, particularly since the recent few warm days have brought about the unfolding of the Buttle Lake area maps in preparation for the first fishing trips of the season.

Having spent the past few years servicing torpedoes, the conversion to 104's should be quite a change for Ron Livingston and we trust that he is enjoying the cool exhilerating air at Cold Lake. Just to set the record straight, we would point out that Ron has not been posted to the Cool Pool but is merely on course at ten foot two for a couple of

Bob Collins is back at the old grind after spending a couple of weeks leave catching up on his domestic For the answer to this and chores. He tells us that he worked pretty hard and, if this was so, we are at a loss to understand the apparent increase in thickness around his middle. We suspect that constant quizzing on the subject might well result in an

programmes during the We are wondering why Jack McNaughton and his dog are spending so much time in his new trailer. Is it possible for a human being to become in-

expert summation of the Tely

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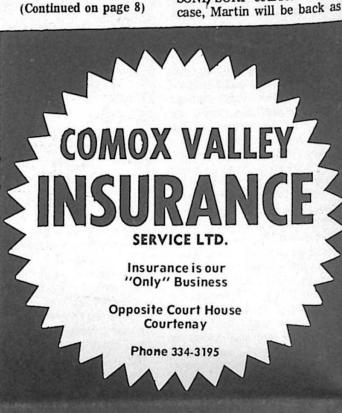
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By SCREWDRIVER
Another week, another deadline. I don't know how Lynch does it. It may be that he has a little more to write about in the big outside world than yours truly has in our little fighbowl

POSTINGS, COURSES AND ALL THAT

There are two postings of note that have come to my attention, the first that of Cal Desserault, who will be SOFT.
That is, Cal will be SOFT in Victoria. Actually, Cal has been posted to Victoria as Staff Officer Franco Training. And it's true, Jim Franko has a lot to learn, but surely not enough to warrant his own staff officer! The second posting is the proud possession of Captain Albert Szawara, better known as Satch. The illustrious Deputy Dog is being posted as an Operations Officer in the Maritime Warfare school in Halifax, famed bastion of Canadian Maritime defence. It was rumored that he will be the only Captain there, but this is not so. There are several Captains in Halifax, other burning questions, tune many of whom actually in next issue for the exciting command ships.

On the course side of things we will shortly find Capt. Martin Vogt back from the his young lad is quite a chess SANC course in Winnipeg. For nut. We suggest that in future those of you not up in acronimity, SANC is the old SONI/SORI course. In any case, Martin will be back as



Jack was just saying that

you refer to him as an avid

chess fan.

Demon Doin's

Tacco on crew 5, which will no doubt relieve Major Bradley,

Howlett is the people's choice.

Beware the Ides of March. who has been suffering under few wandering, itinerant Taccos.

Lt. Ray Windsor, Boy Tacco of crew 2 will soon be going on the SANC course. This was necessary to give said Wandering Taccos a haven for the next few months. That leaves us only with the internal shuffle the seemingly

bi-annual migration from the Headquarters building to the hangar. Jim Franko is soon to leave ASCAC/CACAS, and Ed Robichaud will soon be leaving the dais. Which starts the inevitable round of questions, to wit: "Who will be going into Ops/ASCAC CACAS to replace these gentlemen, and where will these gentlemen be going?" One thing seems certain; they will not be going into the Deputy Flight Commander's office. The word is, by confirmed rumor, that Gerry

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By the ASCAC/CACAS

Several changes have taken place in the Ops /ASCAC empire. John Paul Leboeuf has moved into ASCAC, replacing John Arkensteijn, who is going to a jammy job in the Victoria area. The present situation in ASCAC is extremely confused (what else is new?) with nearly enough Johns to fill a washroom. When the SOpsO shouts "John" at least three people hide their comic books and come running.

There is a new smiling face on the dais as well, worn quite nicely by Pete Hill. Between Pete and Doug MacKean everything is in good hands. Even the coffee seems to be improving. (SOpsO take note! Capt. Collins has been in

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A summer job

A recruiting advertisement that has been running for the military colleges in the Weekend and Canadian Magazines pictures a sports car loaded down with luggage. In eye-catching print beneath is "We give you a summer job and a month's vacation with pay". Attractive? Sure. But let's stop to think. Who are we trying to attract?

Are we trying to attract young men who are so short sighted that they can't see any farther than a guaranteed summer job and a paid vacation? Surely not. Can't the admen come up with something a little better than that?

The forces have always had trouble hanging on to very many of their RMC graduates. There aren't many that stay beyond their compulsory length of time which they serve out in return for the free education and their frivolous worry free summer spent with a month's vacation with pay and an assured summer of enjoyment.

Why can't the ads tout the career aspects and encourage the high school graduates who might consider a career in the armed forces? Or is it that the only thing attractive about the military colleges and the forces is that you get a full thirty days away from it all every year? Surely we have more important advantages that come with a military college degree than the fact that you earn while you learn.

There are better ads in the military college series. Let's use those and drop this one.

What purpose porpoises?

It was reported last week that the U. S. Navy has withdrawn its secret force of armed porpoises and their trainers from active duty in Vietnam. According to reports, these porpoises were armed with switchblades attached to their noses, and were guided by radio to attack Viet Cong frogmen attempting to sabotage ships tied up in Cam Ronh Bay.

Of course, animals have long been used by the military to help carry out the mission. In other years, horses, camels and elephants have borne troops and equipment. Dogs have been used to help patrol installations and used in crowd control. Pigeons have been used to carry messages to farflung units in the battle field. Animals have been trained for years to do things for which they are better adapted by nature than man. Training porpoises to kill frogmen certainly isn't the first time that man has trained animals to do his dirty work, nor will it be the last.

Dogs were just mentioned as being useful in crowd control. Mounted horses have been, and still are, very effective in controlling rioters. But can you imagine how effective a three thousand pound bull moose, or a whole herd of them, would be in helping to disperse an angry mob. The moose, each trained to respond to command, with lowered heads, steaming nostrils and pawing hooves advancing on a group of dissidents, would convince the crowd rather quickly that the troops and the moose had control of the situation. And this could be done with relatively few troops to look after the animals. As a result the forces could continue to reduce its manpower levels and still be effective in this role. The resultant savings then could be used to buy a destroyer or maybe a hundred Phan-

Another possibility, in the light of the forces' yet unexercised role, that of assisting in national development projects, is the militarily trained beaver. Nature's own engineer, the beaver could be used to clear land, build dams and, with a little training, perform a myriad of other tasks alongside the engineers and troops that will be assigned to carry out works of national development.

The Americans really missed out on this eager little fellow when they didn't take him over to South-east Asia. He could have helped out their defoliation programme by chewing down the trees. The money that would have been saved is incalculable, and there wouldn't have been the adverse publicity associated with the chemical defoliants.

Who knows what secret projects are underway at this time to train animals to fight man's wars for him?

Daily Colonist there was an article by Robert Cameron entitled, "Canadian Forces Well Paid But With the Wrong Currency".

Mr. Cameron's view was that instead of DND attempting to chase pay parity with the civilian sector of the government service that DND attempt instead to make the Forces sufficiently attractive to the Serviceman by reinstituting and sustaining extra benefits generally known as "perks" (for perquisites).

Mr. Cameron doesn't define just what form these "perks" would take. Nor does he consider the misunderstanding they would generate amongst the unknowing and uninformed civilian sector and the hue and cry which would follow.

The Serviceman today fully deserves to live as well as his counterpart in civilian life. A survey amongst Service personnel in Ottawa during the period 1965-67 revealed that over 90 percent of Corporals and below either had to hold a second job or their wives had to work in order for them to make ends meet. Yet these are highly trained and skilled men, often employed in very complex trades, without the right of collective bargaining, yet with all the responsibilities of family men, bills to pay, and still subject to what the Personnel Branch calls "Career turbulence" i.e. frequency of posting (with and without families) disrupted schooling, separated families, and without the opportunity to establish a permanent

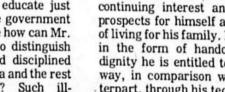
So how can the Armed Forces redress the imbalance which it finds itself in? The Joint Treasury Board DND Advisory Group made a giant step forward when they announced the decision of pay parity last November 5th. If there's anything that people understand today, it's money. Money talks. Civilians understand it and Service personnel understand it equally well. We have children to raise, to clothe, to feed and to educate just like other citizens be they in the government service or in business. Therefore how can Mr. Cameron have the effrontery to distinguish between the highly trained and disciplined members of the Forces of Canada and the rest of the Government Service? Such illconsidered opinions and thoughtless positions

By PROMETHEUS and do nothing for the betterment of the Canadian In the 18 March 1972 edition of the Victoria Armed Forces and, if followed, would lead to stagnation and a picayune organization where young men would come to train, to learn a trade, and then quickly revert to civilian life and choose not to make the Forces a career.

How proud I am of the Canadian Serviceman. He is well educated, well trained and well disciplined. These attributes qualify him for responsible citizenship. He becomes a credit to the Forces, to the nation and to his family. What a fallacy it is for so many people to think that the Serviceman doesn't deserve a place in the forefront of the nation's citizens. Consider all Government employees: the Civil Service (both federal and provincial), the CNR (railway, steamships and administrative echelon), Air Canada, municipalities with their civil servants, School Boards and School Districts with their myriad teachers, and yes, even the Universities, subsidized so heavily with tax dollars, thus making their teaching staff into a form of civil servant. We must consider also the medical profession, now paid through Medicare, through tax dollars, makes them the recipient of tax dollars - just like the Serviceman.

And how does the Serviceman stand amongst all this. He continues to stand proudly, well selected and well trained. He stands ready to serve his country anywhere in the world, on land, on and under the sea, and in the air. And he has done a magnificent job since the founding of this Nation - not the least of which has been performed since 1945. The Korean War, the Suez Crisis, Cyprus, Gaza Strip, flood relief, mercy flights around the world, training foreign nationals both at home and abroad - he continues to stand fit

and prepared. The Serviceman does not have a union and I believe he doesn't want a union. But what he does want, and what he needs, is a continuing interest and regard for career prospects for himself and a decent standard of living for his family. No amount of "perks" in the form of handouts will replace the dignity he is entitled to through earning his way, in comparison with his civilian counterpart, through his technical knowledge and





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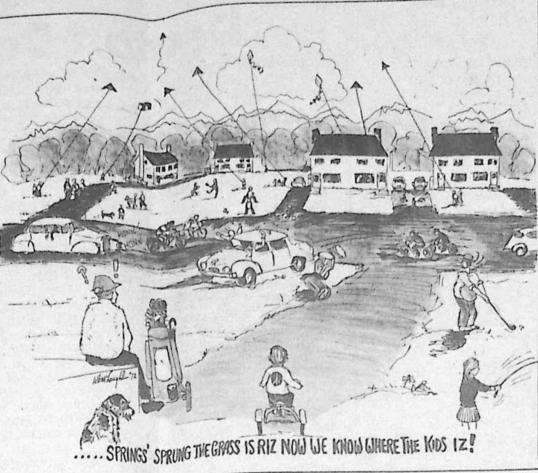
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Letters to the editor

Survival is the question

Dear Sir:

Can we survive? This question has been increasingly asked by concerned people, recently it has been answered.

The Club of Rome asked Dennis Meadows, a computer expert in System Analysis, to find out. He used all available knowledge and expert opinion and fed this into the MIT Mega Competer - thousands of hypotheses were used - all ended in collapse. Using the present growth rates for population and industrial expansion, the computer predicted total collapse as early as 2020. Only complete stabilization of population and industrial activity will give us the chance to survive.

Can we change and abandon this concept of growth? We believe that we can if enough concerned people can see the problem so that a powerful lobby (non-party) can be built up to assist and help the politicians pass the crucial but unpopular legislation that is required. To this end we have formed a Survival Group in Creston with these simple

1. To identify and understand the actions and attitudes which threaten our survival, both immediate and long

2. To promote understanding of the effects of these actions and attitudes in our community.

3. To counteract these by whatever means possible.

We, therefore, appeal to all concerned persons to join us in this endeavour. Write to us. form your own group or join the local anti-pollution group and broaden its scope to include population stabilization. We need concerned people who will write letters - start now, by writing to us.

Yours sincerely, Dr. Peter J. Nunn. President, The Survival Group P.O. Box 1895, Creston, B.C.

Signs-enseignes

Dear Sir:

I noticed the other day, when I was over at the CANEX complex, that the various facilities such as the barber, the beauty shop, and the exits were marked by appropriate signs. Three of them struck me as being rather odd.

The first one which I noticed the one marked was washroom-toilette. It seemed unusual to me that there should be two different interpretations of what lies behind the door. As an anglophone, I would expect to find a sink, but if I were an francophone, I would expect to find what the British call a water closet and the French a W.C. Isn't it a bit unfair to us who don't have a great flair with French to withhold the fact that there is more than a sink in that room? After all the signs are up there in both languages so that a person who speaks only one language isn't denied the information

Another sign that puzzled me was the one indicating the snack bar. It simply has the word "cafe" on it. Why did they use "cafe" instead of "snack bar" which the French have borrowed from the English along with "cocktail" and "restaurant". Even "restaurant" would be a good choice for a single bilingual word. Somehow

appropriate. I expect red and whit echecked tablecloths and candles, neither of which you would find in our snack bar, nor likely any other.

The third sign which had me absolutely baffled was "department store". No French on the sign. Why not? No room? If the sign designer had chosen to drop the "department", there would have been room for "magasin". Perhaps he was afraid that this would confuse the anglophone into thinking that periodicals could be found in that section of the building, whereas the magazine stand is in the snack bar. Parddon me, I mean

I must apologize for having gone on so long about these things which many might find trivial, but it did worry me and I just had to get it off my chest in the hope that the chap who decided what to put on the signs will read this and tell me the reason why. Besides I understand that all signs in the forces are soon to be in both French and English, and in view of the problems I have seen occur in such a simple situation, I shudder to think of what can happen with more complex signs.

Goodwill thanks CFB Comox

Dear Sir:

It would be invidious to single out for praise any particular section of those in the Courtenay and Comox areas who made the recent bag drive for Goodwill Enterprises into such a resounding success, though I would like to express thanks for the generous space given to the drive and our aims and achievements which appeared just prior to this operation for there is no doubt that this was of great aid to us. I would also like, through your more specialized pages, to express our thanks to all of those in and connected with the Forces Base who were so generous in giving materials and time. I personally saw the Cubs and Scouts of the 2nd Comox Group in action and have the greatest praise for them and also for the ladies of their Auxiliary who looked after the inner man (or boy!)

at the Scout Hall. You have already given us space in your columns, but I would like to stress once again that the flow of materials to our workshops is essential for the provision of practical training and paychecks for the 135 handicapped in our employ on the Island. Therefore may I express our heartfelt thanks to all who were so liberal in their donations of time or materials. It means much to all of us at Goodwill.

Yours truly, Alec Reid. Community Relations Officer

Suggestion box

Dear Sir: In the interest of furthering Canadian-American relations and establishing unequaled rapport, I wish to suggest the following: that the Officers', Sergeants' and Corporals' Messes adopt an attitude recently reported from the Officers' Open Mess at Bolling AFB in Washington, D.C.

At Bolling, "Happy Hour" is longer used to describe what happens on Friday nights. It is now called At-

members no longer have cocktails, mixed drinks and the like, but consume "conversation stimulents".

I am most eager to hear how the following will sound in French. "Let's go to the Attitude Adjustment Hour for a couple of conversation

Sgt. Hans A. Crosdeboda

Grey Fox moved

Dear Sir:

Once again, the Comox Fishwrapper arrived by weird and devious routes on account of the chap who runs the circulation department either can't read or refuses to believe that the Ol' Grey Fox would ever leave ADC. In any case, don't take umbrage at the rude remarks, because your hilarious rag is the only link that we in SHAPE have with sanity and such a link is a very slender thread indeed. Prithee, don't stop sending your absurd journal - just stop sending it to the wrong

address. OK? I am delighted to see that you are still haranguing the establishment about things in general and parkas in particular and I have, therefore, included a copy of an article which I wrote for the CFE Weekly Bugle; While the parka season is fast disappearing, that is no reason to stop haranguing, and feel free to plagiarize with my blessing.

My fond regards to the denizens of the best fighter squadron in B.C. (if not the

world).

L. Col. "Pat" Patterson

Sideburns are stylish

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to your paper hoping that maybe you can solve an appearance problem for me. The actual problem has to do with sideburns and the so-called "military length" of them. I can't, for the life of me, understand why we cannot grow sideburns to the bottom of the ear. I have heard some people say "It doesn't look right," etc., but now I feel it's time somebody said something for them.

To say, nowadays, sideburns do not look right is ridiculous. If major advertising companies allow their salesmen to travel around selling their products with sideburns that touch or go below the bottom of the ear, surely, it is suitable for us. Since the government is trying to make us into a more civil force then why not let us look more civil. Working as a civil employee

in uniform I watch other governmental and provincial employees, also in uniform, wearing sideburns to a lower ear level. Now comes the most startling point! Even the RCMP are getting more liberal and their sideburns are drooping fairly low. They are not the only ones, have you seen the foot patrol constables of Vancouver and Victoria lately? And who said about being in the public eye?

If my reasons for asking for the sideburns to be lowered are not valid that I will have to accept. But then I would like to see one set ruling that everybody would have to follow. Working on this station in my certain job I get to see many people in many different sections. Ours is quite a rigid one on the length of sideburns, they must be kept short and proper, but other

"cafe" doesn't quite seem titude Adjustment Hour and sections are allowed to get away with sideburns a lot of civvies would be proud to be attached to. Also the men who are supposed to set an example for us enlisted men look more like civvies (with sideburns their mustaches) than the now "military look".

By L-Col G.W.Patterson

Once one has recovered

from the severe trauma of

being chucked into the same

bag with bods from the other Canadian services and having

stopped splashing about knee-

deep in rue over the passing of

the old forces, one has an

opportunity to view the

positive possibilities of being

a member of something new.

do not refer to our gaudy

green garb but our mutual

predicament or, if you will,

situation) is not only unique

but a unique opportunity to

get rid of some very elderly, if

not ancient, customs which

are uncomfortable hangovers

While I am not against

traditions, as such, some of

them left much to be desired

and I tend to think of them less

as traditions than as bad

habits. One of these, to be

from our illustrious past.

Now, the new green bag (I

Not only is it different between sections on one base but it is also different between stations. The government unified the three forces into one, surely, CFHQ can make on ruling for everybody and have that ruling enforced.

Disgruntled Serviceman

A strange malady

We recently dispatched 14 officers previously believed to be in excellent health to Comox for an alleged Convention for the Betterment of the North American Bachelor. Three days later we received on board 14 somewhat dazed, significantly fatigued, considerably spent and obviously pleased bodies.

Thorough investigation firmly established these personnel as our attendees to the aforementioned convention. Extensive debriefing to determine the precise nature of the malady have been inconclusive. Subject personnel have most selflessly, and with no apparent fear of death, volunteered to return to the infection site to undergo further exposure in a valiant attempt to determine an antidote. The Bureau of Naval Medicine advises this is too risky. The Bureau speculates that additonal exposure to Canadian wildlife would have unknown consequences. In view of the above we had intended examination of the possibility of hosting the next alleged convention. However the attendees strongly disagree stating that exposure to wildlife was essential and the Hawaiian species is rapidly

approaching extinction. Please extend our sincere thanks to all hands responsible for the Fly-In. The planning and execution was flawless and no effort was spared to ensure its success and our enjoyment. Special appreciation to Lt. John MacDonald for his valued assistance; Sgt. George Dion for a most professional radar approach and 407 Sqn. Servicing for their assistance during our departure. Looking forward to an opportunity for our PATRON to reciprocate, Mahalo Nui Loa. PATRON TWO TWO

NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii

Finger trouble

In our last issue, we published a letter or tried to, from F-L (Ret) Bob Mc-Cartney about declaring bond interest. We, incredible

though it may seem, erred. Bob spoke of a \$500 bond doubling in value by maturity date and pointed out that all \$500 of the profit would be taxable in the year of maturity unless interest were declared each year.

As the letter appeared in his statement print, purportedly read "50 percent of its maturity value of \$500 will be taxable." His letter actually read that "50 percent of its maturity value, or \$500 will be taxable."

These two missing commas and "of" for "or" make quite a difference. Sorry we misquoted you, Bob.

All out of SHAPE specific, is our tenacity in cleaving to the traditions of the European armies of centuries ago in having a greatcoat which was proven useless as winter wear as far back as Bonaparte's retreat from Moscow. This cumbersome piece of absurd apparel may be just dandy on parade in moderate climates on windless days but there its usefulness ceases totally. In olden times it had some utility for, in hand to hand combat, one could hurl it over the opponent's head and when its great weight bore him to the ground one had at him with one's pike with impunity. Great impunity. For that purpose it was a great coat (that's where the name came from), but beyond that it was a thing at which to direct one's loathing. It was certainly great for that, too, for although I loathed the hell out of mine for twenty-odd years, it never flinched or failed in any way. If anything, it just got stiffer, stronger, heavier and hairier and I have even seen it, albeit only from the corner of my eye, smirking. (Mute insolence, another old tradition.)

The disadvantages are too numerous to mention here but a few spring to mind. As a flying student, I was subjected to the usual (horrendous) number of parades which invariably took place on the tarmac in winter in a wind that would gladden the heart of the skipper of a fourmasted barquentine. As the prevailing gale was invairably from the west and we invariably faced north towards the reviewing stand, we graduated a class whose left ears were thoroughly cauliflowered from repeated freezing and thawing. In its way, it was a good thing as it marked our coming-of-age, so to speak, as it rendered us indistinguishable from the staff airmen and pilots who all had cauliflowered left ears; it was our badge of membership and gained for us an insufferable superiority over those fledgelings whose tenderfoot status was so glaringly evident from their

matched pairs of ears. In those days, I was grateful to my greatcoat for winning for me my membership and acceptance into that fine flying throng of blue-suiters; but shortly thereafter it exacted its price. As another winter pounced upon us, following the short Canadian season known as "tough sledding" (in other countries, summer), we found to our dismay that a body, a greatcoat, a parachute harness and the cockpit of a P51 Mustang together were almost an impossibility and resulted in: a) With greatcoat, extended periods of hypoxia resulting from an inability to breathe; or b) Without greatcoat, extended periods of violent shivering and blueness about the lips (nicely matching the absent

Fortunately, the flying suit was invented in Canada shortly thereafter and we were reprieved. (It had been invented some years before somewhere to the south but mud on the runners of the mail sleds had impeded the word.) This reprieve was most timely as our winter combat effectiveness was severely affected by the increased all-up weight of the Mustang with the addition of the (lead-lined, I swear) greatcoat which materially reduced turn radius or, alternatively, the total inability to hear anything on the R T for the clattering of teeth (blue-lipped).

greatcoat).

There is, of course, an alternative garment for winter wear which was invented by the Eskimos, discovered by the company of gentlemen adventurers trading into Hudson's Bay and adopted by the Royal North-West Mounted, etc., but word of its invention had been impeded by mud on the runners of the mail sleds and a covey of indoors types indivisibly welded and wedded to the traditions of the citizens' army (Napoleon's or Wellington's, take your pick). That garment is, of course, to use the Aleut word for it, the parka!

Now, if you want to live in a cold climate (or have to) ask the guy who has one, ie, the Eskimo, the Royal North-West etceteras, the Winnipegonians and, yes, even the Ottawans (those who live amongst the outdoors, like on bases vs comfortable offices). A novel idea! One fitting for a new, green regenerated force! Too novel? Perhaps.

(From Der Kanadier)

Chapel Chimes

PROTESTANT CHAPEL Rev. R. J. Ritchie - Base Chaplain (P) Telephone No. 339-2211 Loc. 273 SUNDAY, 26 MAR. - PALM SUNDAY

1100 - Divine Worship 1145 - Holy Communion in the custom of the Anglican Church.

FRIDAY, 31 MAR. - GOOD FRIDAY

1000 - Service of Meditation followed by Communion. EASTER SUNDAY, 2 APR. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. At 1100 hours there will be a Family Service with emphasis on choral music and congregational singing. JUNIOR CHOIR:

1800 - Every Thursday SENIOR CHOIR: 2000 - Every Thursday.

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Tuesday - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - 4:30 p.m. Holy Thursday - 7:30 p.m. Good Friday - 3:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil - 8:00 p.m. Easter Sunday - 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. SACRAMENT OF

PENANCE: Before weekday Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday Holy Thursday - 3:00 - 4:00

and 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Good Friday - 4:00 - 5:30 Holy Saturday - 7:00 - 7:45 CATECHISM CLASSES:

There will be no Catechism Classes on Wednesday, 5 Apr.

FIRST COMMUNION:

We are having an individual First Communion, that is with the family on Easter Sunday, 2 April 1972 at the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. Mass, when the parents together with their first communicant child and their other children participate together at the Eucharistic banquet. Then on the 30th of April at the 11:00 a.m. Mass we will be celebrating a Solemn First Communion as a

Please return the information requested from the parents of those who are going to receive their First Communion as soon as possible to the Catechism Teacher or to Father Borg.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE The regular meeting of the

CWL will take place on Tuesday, April 11th at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall following Mass in the Chapel. "On behalf of the Parish Council I want to wish you and your families a Happy and

Blessed Easter.' Easter egg

hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt ponsored by the Wallace Gardens Community Council for all PMQ children up to and including age 10 will be held at 10 o'clock on Saturday, April 1 in the school playground. Council members will be on hand to distribute the eggs to the smaller children and to hide the eggs for the older children to find. Some eggs will have a piece of paper in them entitling the finder to a large chocolate easter bunny or other suitable easter treat ... So kids don't forget the date, time and place. In case of rain the hunt will be

rescheduled to 1330 on April 2.



THE HIGHEST HONOR in Guiding, the Gold Cord, was presented to Susan Yamamura, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Mitsu Yamamura last week. Pictured here with District Commissioner, Mrs. E. V. McNeill, Susan has been in the Girl Guides for six years and is a member of the Comox Girl Guide Company. (Canadian Forces Photo2

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some of the delicate controls

in the set out of alignment.

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but this is not necessarily

standard practice. Some

dealers include initial ad-

justment of the set in the

home as part of the price

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parts are covered by the

warranties and for how long.

In some cases, pro-rated

allowance varies between

manufacturers and depends

on the age of the set. The

purchaser should be aware

that the cost of labor is not

usually covered by this

replacement allowance. The

article concludes, "it is

recommended that all

skip on service.

issue of Canadian Consumer, published by Consumers' Association of Canada, reports color TV ratings.

The tests were performed by an independent laboratory and covered twelve of some of the more popular makes in the 19" table models which are now the fastest selling line in the industry. The ratings are based on several factors but the most important criterion was picture quality. Other important characteristics were as follows:

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In selecting a color television, the purchaser will depend to a great extent on what he is told by the salesman. But the article suggests a few hints which everyone should follow when shopping for a color TV set. Always visit more than one

store. Prices and service vary enough to make it worthwhile. In viewing a set in the store, always compare two or more sets at the same time.

In judging color try to look at scenes with which you have some reference point. Outdoor scenes are best. The blue of the sky and the green of the grass can be used as a reference point to see how other colors and flesh tones appear.

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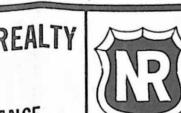
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Through my WINDOW BY ANN CROUSE

A human being is a complex individual who is a mystery to himself and to others. One of the things I know about myself is that I am a reactionary.

If reaction means a return or opposing action, then a reactionary is one who reacts. Today there is a constant demand for and supply of reactionaries. The whole structure of our civilization cries out for more and more reactionaries with constructive purposes.

There are many things I react to. I react to being brainwashed by TV commercials; to having my children see the advertisements of movies and see how our permissiveness has allowed producers to glorify sex in the name of art; to those who laugh on the graves of those who died to make our country great and who spit on patriotism or do nothing to nurture our freedoms. I react to those forces that try to kill in me and my children the basic virtues and shout their creed that God is dead and proceed to prove it by irradicating His name from the schools and other public places.

Yes, I am a reactionary and so are you. What we do about it helps us to answer the question, "Who am I?" Are we who we'd like to be - a person whose love overcomes hate; whose mercy overcomes spite; who can accept criticism without rancour; who knows our destiny; who accepts our faults as human and tries to improve. Can we see ourselves as others see us and like ourselves?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a young German pastor at the time Hitler came to power. He firmly opposed Hitler and was imprisoned in a concentration camp. He was hanged by the Gestapo but shortly before his execution and after long months of imprisonment, he wrote the following poem that asks the question – "Who am I?"

"Who am I? They often tell me I stepped from my cell's confinement calmly, cheerfully, firmly, like a squire from his country house.

Who am I? They often tell me I used to speak to my wardens freely and friendly and clearly, as though it were my mind to command.

Who am I? They also tell me I bore the days of misfortune equably, smilingly, proudly, like one accustomed to win. Am I really that which other men tell of? Or am I what I myself know of myself?

Restless and longing and sick like a bird in a cage, struggling for breath, as though hands were compressing

Yearning for colours, for flowers, for the voice of birds, Thirsting for words of kindness, for neighbourliness,

Tossing in expectation of great events, Powerlessly trembling for friends at an infinite distance Weary and empty at praying, at thinking, at making, Faint, and ready to say farewell to it all.

Who am I? This or the other?

Am I one person today and tomorrow another? Am I both at once? A hypocrite, woe-begone weakling? Or is something within me still like a beaten army, Fleeing in disorder from victory already achieved? Who am I? They mock me, these lonely questions of mine,

Whoever I am, Thou knowest, O God, I am Thine". Bonhoeffer was a reactionary, a great man who sought the answer in his death cell "Who am I" and he found it.



FIRST MUSHROOMER INTO SPACE? Although Cpl. Prasad looks as though he's ready to launch into orbit, in actual fact he is taking a breather from the special inspection he is carrying out on the fuel tanks of a CH113 Labrador Retriever.

(A Mushroom Photo)

Art club

BY ANNE POWER Struggle for survival, that was the name of the game for the small but mighty Golden Palette Club. Last fall a half dozen would be artists and one very qualified art instructor started classes, using a kitchen for a classroom. Drawing lessons as well as instruction in oil painting was

given. In January, the generosity of the Group Committee for the Second Comox Cubs and Scouts made space available to us, thereby keeping the club from folding. Recently the Airport School art room was provided thanks to the helping hand of Joan Makowichuk, Recreation Director of CFB

Comox. Determination and optimism on the part of the club members kept morale from deteriorating as unending problems plagued us, but were overcome. Now our group is a thriving organization becoming bigger

and better, adding in its own way to the Service and civilian community.

At present, our project is a raffle on a painting of Mount Robson, highest peak in the Rockies. The painting is done on double primed masonite. The artist is I.R. Morand, convener and backbone of the art club. This painting is being displayed every weekend in the mall of the Base Exchange where tickets are being sold. Ticket sales will continue there on weekends up to and including April 14.

One does not need to leave his sales resistence at home to keep from buying tickets on this lovely painting.

It is appealing to everyone, or at least 99 percent (they say there's one in every crowd). The total ticket sales will determine the amount of the donation that our club is going to give to the 2nd Comox Cubs and Scouts. Should the sales exceed our expectations, a donation will be made to the

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withourselves and with men,

we must admit that today's

fast-paced life does not allow

the old system to retain any

value. As the tempo of modern

life increased, men were

expected to bear the full

financial burden for their

families, but actually had

little time to enjoy family life.

They worked at jobs that took

environment and were in-

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BY NOLA WELLS

Melba Blanton wrote an woman to help bring about a article, for an Astrology better relationship with men, magazine, which I found and help establish a new extremely interesting. In pattern of equality. part, this is the message she wanted to get across to her readers ...

"Brenda was a bright and lively woman, working as a secretary to the president of a large corporation. She had her own apartment and her own smart sports car. She spent a lot of money keeping herself attractive by buying feminine clothing and going regularly to the beauty parlor. Most of this effort was for the definite purpose of attracting a man. However Brenda was an Aquarian-age woman apparently having difficulty reconciling her new freedom with her traditional ideas of

them away from the home feminity. volved with things that had no Brenda's mother had trained her to be devious meaning to other members of around men. She had ob- their family. Women comserved her mother's sub- pletely housebound, found terfuges as she attempted to themselves the victims of the control papa, and she knew modern scheme of things, how to conceal the truth if it completely isolated from fitted her plans. As a smart other adults. They spent hours woman she resented the tricks alone or with small children her mother had used, but when she could not find the emotional satisfaction she craved, Brenda often succumbed to playing it dumb, and hiding the assets her brains and income gave her just for the basic need to be

loved and desired.

Brenda's dates resented her independence. She didn't want to play dumb and hide her real talents and accomplishments, but she often found herself lonely and unhappy, and what woman doesn't want a man around to lean on a little? Brenda apparently has the 'new age love problem', and she has many sisters-underthe-skin, both married and unmarried. Women who desire to remain loving, tender, responsive and dependent, while still controlling an independent life. How can such women let a man play a dominant role when they no longer need them for financial support? How can such women be acceptable to men as females when they are actively competing with them in the job situation? It is a real pity when all this happens, because there are strong indications that we can no longer go back to the firmer roles in male-female relationships.

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Dave McNair Photo

Kids' baseball

A note to parents and personnel of CFB Comox interested in Little League Baseball. Summer is fast approaching, bringing with it the fact that your children, especially the boys, will be seeking athletic activities to keep them busy.

One of these activities will e Little League Baseball. egistration has now been aken and all leagues are at their maximum. As Little Leagues are in their formative and impressionable years, it is up to you to assist as umpires, coaches and scorekeepers.

Little League is an adult volunteer work program run by the parents and, in some cases, single personnel of our base desiring to make its benefits extend to your children. Each parent should make every effort to help in the operation of the league and not rely on a few to carry the load. Parents who evade this responsibility cannot expect others to bear the entire burden as membership in any league does not carry with it "baby sitting" privileges, nor give you the right to criticize or knock the efforts of others.

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Juvenile "B" 13 - 15 years 1 team - one coach team - one coach.

Two umpires have volunteered for girl's softball, so how about it Dad and Mom, will you volunteer, or will we have to return your child his money due to a lack of interest?

Youth bowling highlights

Combined Mess last Thursday Tucker to mark the end of another successful year for the CFB Comox Youth Bowling League. Guests of honour for the occasion were Major Johnson, Mayor of Wallace Gardens, and Lt. Keener, BPERO. The gratitude of all was expressed to Lt. Keener and Sgt. Sloan for the use of the alleys when the youth bowlers were practising for the Zone and Provincial Roll

High Average awards were presented by Major Johnson to the following:

Senior Division - Richard Woytowich and Gail Barlow. Junior Division winners were John Payne and Brenda Makowichuk. In the Bantam

New age love

(Continued from page 6)

and seldom saw their husband. With the old sharing gone, an arbitrary 'boss' role for the husband became repugnant tosome women. As the pace of life has picked up and more women have become independent, we have begun to experience the transition between the old and the new. The New age love problem, has become epidemic ... what to do when you want to be romantically dependent but still financially independent, and have control over your own personal freedom?

As a woman on my own with children and belonging to the newly formed group in this Valley for Single Parents ... I've become quite concerned with the problem brought out in this article. Surely the transition from the old-age to Juvenile "A" 15 - 18 years 1 the new-age isn't easy. And maybe it's easier and more natural for some than for others. However isn't it time to study our own inclinations and begin to make our own contributions toward establishing newer, healthier, emotional relationships between men and women?

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A banquet was held in the Division winners were Karen and Makowichuk, while David Mulagani and Diana Wiznuk won the hardware in the Jet Division. In the Senior Division for the High Triple and Double trophies, winners were Danny Nelson and Debbie Fleet.

Bantams, Robin Bloom and Wendy Grant. High singles honours went to Robert Larochelle, Joanne Tribe, Ian Hillman, Joanne Hooper, Yvon Taillon and

Susan Ball. Teams that won trophies were the Flintstones who led in the Bantam league, Bantam Playoff Champs, the Pogos, and Senior Champs were Baird.

Mike Ball and Susan Gooding

led the Juniors and in the

The people who made the Youth Bowling possible were Reina and Jack Ball, Vic and Joan Makowichuk, Al Hughes, Len McCormack, Ken Ned, Rod Peters and Anne Smith.

In the Exhibition master junior tournament on March 18, winners were Dave Harrison, Susan Gooding and Rick Chesser.

Sports around the base

interesting stories to tell the

The Comox Valley Minor Hockey Association will wind up their season's activities with a big banquet this Sun-day night. It will be held at No. 7 Hangar at CFB Comox, past season.

getting underway at 6 o'clock.
It is expected that there will
be around 900 people in attendance at this big event. The main guest speakers this year will be ex-National Hockey League great, Charlie Hodge. He is now coaching the Vancouver Nats Junior Hockey Club. He will be accompanied by that great halfback from the British Columbia Lions, Jim Young. He was selected as the outstanding Canadian football player a couple of years ago. I am sure that both of these men will have some very

By SCOOP PALMER

By NORM BLONDEL

SALTS MEET MARCH 27 Local sailors get down to the nitty-gritty at 8 p.m. in the Totem Lounge on March 27, when they meet to select the interim committee which will navigate the channels toward. a CFSA squadron charter for CFB Comox. The agenda includes

briefings on facilities and financing, boat types and training, and an outline of what the CFSA is and does. The positions on the proposed committee are Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Publicist and Bosun (Equipment member). The evening should prove interesting, perhaps more so for those who have not yet sampled the pleasures of

sailing. A newsletter with details of the forthcoming meeting is presently in circulation. Grab a copy and a friend - not forgetting to bring along the Mrs. (sailing is open to women's lib too) - and see and hear what sailing has to

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This has been a very successful season for the CV-MHA. The Laver's Flyers Juvenile hockey team won the Vancouver Island Championship. They lost out in the Provincial Semi-Finals to the Killarney Shamrocks, when they were outscored 10 to 6 in the two game series. This is the second time in recent years that a team from the Comox Valley has advanced to the Provincial Semi-Finals. The Comox Legion Wolves won the North Island Bantam Championship but then lost out in the Island Finals. The Glacier Esso Dakotas competed in the Island Pee Wee Finals as did the Comox Marina Mercury's in the Midget Division. There is not another minor hockey organization on Vancouver Island that has ever had four teams competing in the Island

GO TOTEMS GO The CFB Comox Totems will be leaving for CFB Edmonton some time this weekend. They will be

Finals in the same season.

competing in the Canadian Forces Hockey Cham-pionships that will be held from March 27th to 31st.

There will be six regions competing in the finals this year. The representatives of each region are as follows: Pacific - Comox; Prairie -Cold Lake; Ontario - Camp Borden; Quebec - Val Cartier; Maritime - Greenwood; Europe - 4 Wing. This will be a single round robin tournament. In their first game the Totems will take on Greenwood.

The Totems will go with pretty well the same team that they had for the Pacific Regional Finals. We would all like to see John Kaulback back in action but apparently his injured leg is still giving him some trouble.

Good Luck Totems! Let's see you come back to Comox with the Canadian Championship. Go Totems Go. CURLING ACTION

The 14th Annual Shotgun Bonspiel was held at the Comox Valley Curling Club last weekend. There were a number of rinks from the Base competing in this big spiel.

The John Labatt "A" Primary Event was captured by the rink of Don Sterling, Vince Vincent, Jack Curtis and Wink Finn. The "A" Secondary Event went to the rink of Dennis Viklund, Jack Hawkins, Gabe Sehn and Wally Kruschel.

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AVIONICS We'll start off by mentioning that despite deployments, courses, leave, etc., our hockey team gained the fourth and last "B" League playoff spot behind first place 407, second finishing 409 and Admin in third spot. The semi-finals our stalwarts eliminating the 409 Raiders in two straight games while the Admin boys treated 407 in like manner. Thus far in the finals, Admin edged us out 5 - 4 in the first game behind their very impressive goaltender while we gained retribution to the tune of 6 - 3 in the second encounter. The final outcome will be known well before the

next issue goes to press. If you haven't heard the story about an Argus beating a 707 across Canada just ask John Sturdy. It seems that it took four days for the posh transport to make the trip, but the boys apparently loved their enforced stopover in

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GUN PLUMBER'S CORNER Congratulations are in order for Ron and Mrs. Laxdal whose recently arrived bouncing baby boy is their contribution to the Valley population explosion.

Our "mini" WO McMullen is presently ramrodding the section during the absence of Capt. Fisher who is at Greenwood gaining an insight into what goes to make up an Argus. Speaking of Greenwood, Bob Cuvilier has just joined Ptes Cote, Lunge and

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Zeke has been observed running around checking the hangar doors for an air leak while Neufeld has returned from a sojourn in the bomb dump and Stoyles is in the park, start and refuel

that Pappy has a new trailer, is he looking for a wife?

Question of the week: Now

Don't forget to wear your helmets in the hug and slug.

Demon Doins

(Continued from Page 3) ASCAC too long. He thinks that bilgewater is really coffee!)

Speaking of jam postings, how about Cal's SOFT job? At first he was afraid the title would be Staff Officer Bilingualism (SOB). While still picking on Cal we can't let the occasion pass without mentioning his abbreviated Survival course. Anyone need a nearly-new set of igloobuilding instructions?

That's it for this edition, except to wish Judy Richard a speedy recovery and a quick trip home from the hospital.

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