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## Benson restructures CFHQ organization

### New management appointed by minister

Military and civilian personnel selected for the top positions in the new headquarters, when it begins operation later this year, were named by Mr. Benson.

As previously announced, Lieutenant-General Jacques A. Dextraze, 52, of Montreal, will be promoted to the rank of general and appointed chief of the defence staff September 15.

Major-General A. Chester Hull, 52, of Vancouver, now commander of air transport command with headquarters in Trenton, Ont., will be promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general and appointed vice-chief of the defence staff.

Maj.-Gen. Stanley C. Waters, 51, of Edmonton and

Winnipeg, now assistant chief of staff, plans and policy, at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), will be promoted to lieutenant-general and appointed deputy chief of the defence staff (operations).

Rear-Admiral D. Alan Collins, 51, of Edmonton, whose promotion to vice-admiral and appointment as chief of technical services was recently announced for May 2, now will become deputy chief of the defence staff (support) in the new headquarters.

Vice-Admiral Henry A. Porter, 51, of Chemainus, B.C., now comptroller-general, Canadian Forces Headquarters, will be appointed, as a serving officer,

assistant deputy minister (evaluation).

In addition, Mr. Benson announced that the Public Service Commission has approved the following appointments:

Mr. David Kirkwood, 47, of Ottawa and Toronto, now an assistant secretary to the Cabinet, will be appointed assistant deputy minister (policy). Mr. Thomas Greig, 40, of Ottawa, who now occupies a senior position in a large Canadian corporation, will be assistant deputy minister (finance). Both these appointments are effective April 1.

Dr. John C. Arnell, 53, of Ottawa and Halifax, now assistant deputy minister (finance), will be appointed

special assistant to the deputy defence minister April 1.

Mr. T.G. Morry, 52, of Ottawa and St. John's, Nfld., now assistant deputy minister (manpower) will become assistant deputy minister (personnel) in the restructured headquarters. Mr. L.G. Crutchlow, 50, of Ottawa and Saskatoon, now assistant deputy minister (logistics) will become assistant deputy minister (material).

There will, therefore, be five assistant deputy ministers, one of whom will be a serving military officer, an increase from the present three. The number of comparable military positions (lieutenant-general) is reduced from four to three.

OTTAWA — Plans for the restructuring of the top organization of national defence headquarters in Ottawa were announced March 28 by defence minister Edgar J. Benson, in line with recommendations put forth by a six-member management review group appointed last June.

Mr. Benson outlined the proposals in a statement to the standing committee on external affairs and national defence. He emphasized that the changes would apply to the department's headquarters only, and will not affect the organization of the armed forces at home or overseas.

### Group studying Forces' structure

The restructuring of CFHQ resulted from recommendations presented to the Minister of National Defence by a civilian group appointed to look into the organization of the armed forces.

The management review group was appointed last June. It was tasked with evaluating relationships between the civil, military and research organizations with the defence department, and to make recommendations to ensure effective planning and control. It reports directly to the defence minister.

Chaired by John B. Penefather, MBE, of Montreal, the group's other members are John D. Campbell, retired chairman of the board of the Canadian Westinghouse Company; Henry de Puyjalon, vice-president of Telesat Canada; John D. Harbron, formerly associate editor with the Toronto Telegram; Maj. Gen. Hugh McLachlan of Canadian Forces Headquarters; and Kenneth A. McLeod of the deputy minister's staff, department of national defence. John R. Killick of the Treasury Board is executive secretary.

It is expected that the review will be completed during the coming summer months.

### Nuremberg raiders' help needed

A book is being written about the RAF Bomber Command raid on Nuremberg, Mar. 30-31, 1944, in which 96 British bombers were lost.

Anyone involved is asked to write to the author giving your name, address and the squadron.

His name and address are: Martin Middlebrook, 48 Linden Way, Boston, Lincolnshire, England.

The new concept proposes that the headquarters "should function as a single entity," and that "account should be taken of the special requirements and characteristics of a military force."

He explained that the headquarters changes are being proposed so that "its management can more effectively direct the activities of the department."

Until now, the Ottawa headquarters has tended to operate as three separate components. They are the deputy minister's civilian branch, the Defence Research Board and Canadian Forces Headquarters.

A shifting of tasks and responsibilities is recommended in the proposed organization. Under the new concept, there would be assistant deputy ministers for each of evaluation, policy, finance, personnel and materiel. The review group also recommends the appointment of two deputy-chiefs of the defence staff, one for operations and the other for support functions, both under the vice-chief of the defence staff.

Most of the comptroller-general functions will be transferred to the assistant deputy minister (finance), with the remaining ones being taken over by one of the deputy chiefs. Many functions now the responsibility of the chief of technical services will become the responsibility of the deputy chief of defence staff (support), who will also be responsible for the administration of both military and civilian personnel. Once these changes are implemented the positions of comptroller-general, chief of personnel and chief of technical services, as they exist, will no longer be required.

The five assistant deputy ministers will have under their direction integrated military and civilian staffs. "To ensure that they have the benefit of the best military advice and assistance possible at the most senior levels of their organizations," Mr. Benson said that each civilian assistant deputy minister will have an associate assistant deputy minister in the rank of major-general.

In order to further enhance the current coordination between the Defence Research Board establishments and the rest of the department, the new concept envisages the tasking of the Board's laboratories and research analytical establishment by assistant deputy ministers.

The Board's chairman, Dr. L. J. L'Heureux, would continue to be the adviser to the defence minister in the relationship of science and technology to the departmental policies and programs. Board members, appointed by Governor-in-Council, are prominent in the fields of science and technology.

The defence department's senior policy committee will continue to be the defence council, chaired by the minister. Its members will include the parliamentary secretary, the deputy minister, the chief of defence staff, the chairman of DRB, the vice-chief of the defence staff, the assistant deputy minister (evaluation) and the assistant deputy minister (policy).

The chief of the defence staff's advisory committee will be merged with the

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### AGAIN THIS SUMMER

#### Changing the guard

OTTAWA — Changing the guard on Parliament Hill will be performed daily again this summer, from June 25 through Labor Day, Sept. 4.

The centuries-old ceremony is in its 14th consecutive year. For the past four years it has been performed by the Canadian Forces Militia.

Providing the 120 guardsmen in scarlet tunics and bearskin head dress will be Ottawa's Governor General's Foot Guards, and the Canadian Grenadier Guards from Montreal, both oldtime militia regiments.

Nucleus of the instructional staff will be drawn from the public duties detachment of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, at CFB Petawawa, Ont. Bulk of the reservists are university students who spend a one-month training period at Petawawa before moving to their summer quarters at nearby CFB Uplands.

Musical accompaniment on the Hill this year will be by the Training Command Band, Winnipeg; The Royal Canadian Artillery Band, Montreal; and the Central Band, from CFB Rockcliffe, Ont.

### Firearms licence mandatory in B.C.

Citing growing public concern over the alleged careless use of firearms, the Hon. W.K. Kiernan, Minister of Recreation and Conservation, announced that as of April 1 it will be mandatory to have a licence to carry firearms.

The Minister said he ex-

pected that benefits of the new procedure would include greater safety because the legislation would enable more effective public education and control of gun handling.

The new licence will be required by anyone carrying a firearm out of his own home (Continued on page 2)

### Masset now fully operational

Canadian Forces Station Masset, Queen Charlotte Islands, will mark its official opening on March 28 when Lt. Gen. M.R. Dare, vice chief of the defence staff dedicates the facilities.

In 1942 a Royal Canadian Navy wireless station was established for naval ship-to-shore communications at Masset. However, it closed in

1945. The station was reopened in 1948 as a high frequency direction finding station and staffed with about 35 men.

In 1967 the Department of National Defence decided to improve the operational effectiveness of all stations within the Canadian Forces supplementary radio system to effect savings in operation and maintenance costs.

CFS Masset was one station selected for modernization and improvement. As the result of this decision communication resources in B.C. were redeployed and some stations, including the wireless station at Ladner, B.C., were closed down.

New construction started in 1967 and consisted of a new operations building located three miles from the village of Masset. In addition, other buildings including an administration building, eight-bed hospital, barracks, messes, recreation centre, 179 married quarters, roads, water and sewage system were constructed in Masset to integrate with the community.

Commanded by Lt.-Cmdr. J.A. MacDonald, this municipality within the village of Masset will be the home of 14 officers, 257 men and 49 civilian workers currently on establishment.

Total cost of clearing, grading, construction, landscaping, and installing water and sewage systems for the entire complex was about \$11 million.

### Summerside to stay open

OTTAWA (CFP) — Speculation about the imminent closure of CFB Summerside has ended with the announcement that the federal government no longer is actively considering its closure.

The base was one of several defence establishments recommended for closure a few years back under a base consolidation plan. In December, 1969, an extension was granted until April, 1973.

Purpose of the extension was to permit a study of the economic impact a closure would have on the local community and the province. A thorough investigation of the alternatives now has demonstrated that the base should be confirmed in its present role.

Situated three miles northwest of the town of Summerside, the base was officially January 25, 1941.

The base comprises approximately 16,000 acres, has a military population of about 1,000 and about 250 civilian employees. It is the home of 415 Maritime Patrol Squadron, 413 Transport and Rescue Squadron and the Maritime Proving and Evaluation Unit.

Its strategic location on Canada's east coast makes it

an excellent site for anti-submarine warfare patrolling by Argus aircraft operating with 415 Squadron. Search and rescue sorties are flown by 413 Squadron using Labrador helicopters and Buffalo aircraft.

Originally, it was the home of No. 9 Service Flying Training School, under the wartime British Com-

monwealth Air Training Plan. When that unit moved to Centralia, Ont., CFB Summerside housed No. 1 General Reconnaissance School until the end of the Second World War.

From 1948-51, it was the site of the RCAF's only air navigation school.

Commanding CFB Summerside is Colonel Roy Sturgess, 42, of Toronto.

### Smallpox outbreaks reported

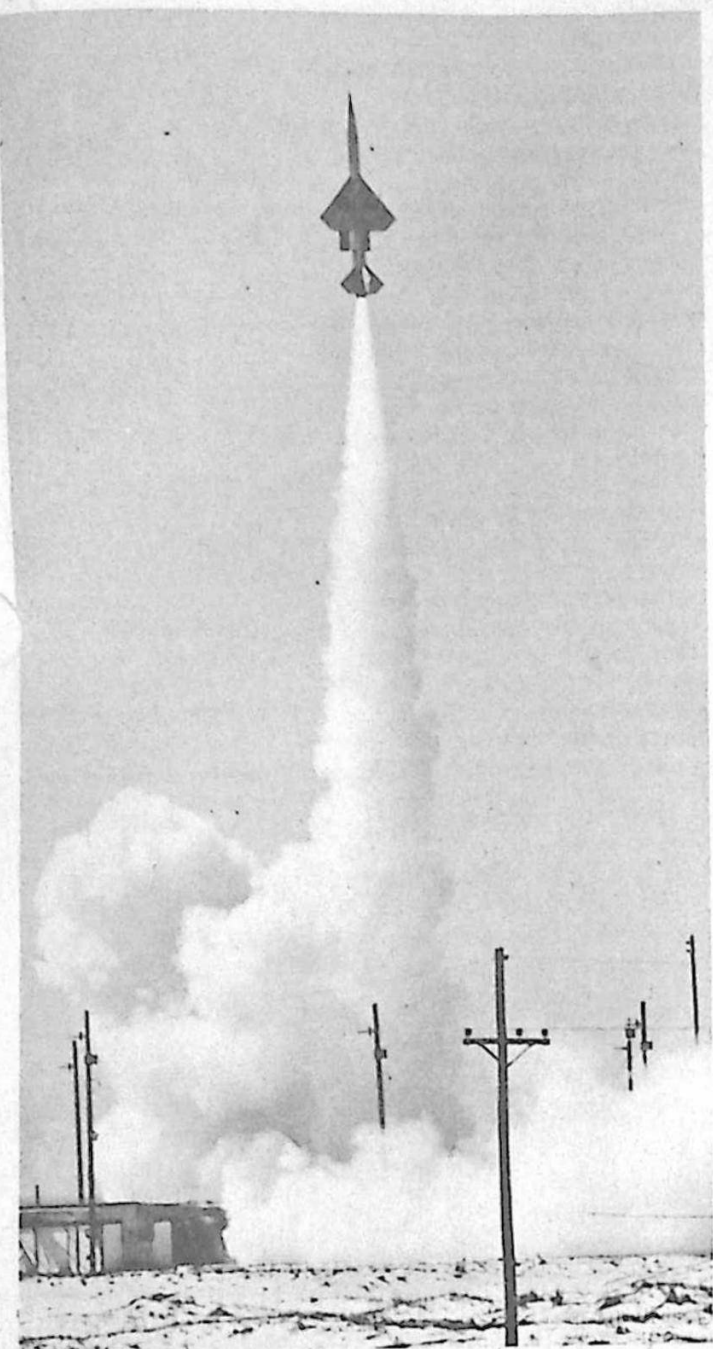
VICTORIA — The Honourable Ralph Loffmark, Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, advised all British Columbia residents planning to travel abroad in the next few months to make sure that they have a valid International Certificate of Vaccination against Smallpox among their travel documents.

In the last few months, Mr. Loffmark said, many countries, including most European countries, had relaxed their regulations and would permit Canadians to enter without proof of smallpox vaccination.

Within the past few weeks, outbreaks of smallpox have been reported in Yugoslavia, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Iran and Syria. Contacts to cases in these countries are being now sought in several other countries and it is always possible that a few sporadic cases may occur elsewhere in the world.

It is quite impossible to predict which countries may suddenly reimpose vaccination requirements on all visitors and it is equally impossible to tell whether contacts or incubating cases will be discovered travelling about the world by aircraft, bus, ship or train.

For reasons of personal safety and in order to avoid embarrassment from suddenly re-imposed travel restrictions, British Columbia residents leaving North America are strongly advised to be sure that they have a valid vaccination certificate with them.



A CANADIAN FORCES Bomarc launches into the blue, but isn't one of the 56 that is being recalled to the U.S. This one destroyed the target during a practice firing in Florida several years ago. On April 31, the Bomarcs at Lamacaza and North Bay were withdrawn from Air Defence Command's forces in preparation for their return to the U.S. At two cents deposit each, we should get \$1.12 for the lot. The sites are Canadian owned, but the bullets are U.S. Government Property. (Alacazam Photo)

### LAMACAZA SOUVENIR FOR SALE

OTTAWA (CFP) — A pictorial "closure" booklet, depicting the 10 years of operations of 447 SAM Squadron at CFS La Macaza, Que., will be available in May, 1972.

Anybody wanting a copy may write, no later than April

17, to the Editor, Bomarc Bulletin, CFS La Macaza, Ecowi, Que.

A 50-cent money order payable to CFS La Macaza Station Fund, should be included to cover postage and handling costs.

## NORAD units prepare for Willy Tell

HQ ADC — Fighter intercept elements of major U.S. Air Force commands, the Canadian Forces, and the U.S. Air National Guard are beginning to hone their already razor-sharp skills in preparation for the Aerospace Defence Command's William Tell '72 Weapons Meet, scheduled Sept. 18 - 29 at Tyndall AFB, Fla.

The kick-off date for the Weapons Meet purposefully

coincides with the anniversary date of the U.S. Air Force, when the air arm of America's military might became a separate service 25 years ago.

The Air Force's 40-year association with the U.S. Army ended Sept. 18, 1947, when Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson administered the oath of office to the first secretary of the Air Force, W. Stuart Symington. Eight days later,

Gen. Carl A. Spaatz was sworn in as the first Air Force chief of staff. Thus began a new era in which airpower became firmly established as the nation's first line of defence and its chief hope for deterring war.

In addition to observing the 25th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force, one of the primary purposes of the William Tell Weapons Meet is to inform the American public of the

strategic defensive role of ADC.

The Weapons Meet will also recognize the best aircrew - maintenance, controller, and weapons load teams; demonstrate the capabilities of interceptor weapons systems; and evaluate the ability to maintain, handle, and load weapons.

In addition to ADC's three F-106 Delta Dart fighters intercepting air defense units will include one F-4 squadron each from United States Air Forces, Europe; Pacific Air Forces; Alaskan Air Command; and Tactical Air Command.

The Canadian Forces Air Defence Command will send one CF-101 Voodoo intercept team, and the U.S. Air National Guard will have two F-101 teams and two F-102 Delta Dagger intercept teams. The 57th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, an ADC unit serving Air Forces Iceland at Keflavik, NI, will compete in the F-102 category, against the ANG units.

Three different types of targets will be used during the weapons competition for the various profiles, or types of missions: the BMQ-34A Firebee drone will be fired on for two profiles, the TDU-25 tow target will be used in another profile, and the B-57 Canberra bomber will be used for the electronic countermeasures profile.

Each weapons team will be composed of four aircraft and four primary crews, with a fifth aircrew available as backup; one controller team per unit, two primary

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THIS SCENE WAS REPEATED aboard many of Her Majesty's Canadian Ships as naval personnel mourned the passing of their daily tols on March 30. Petty Officer Doug Walters (right), issues a last tolt to Lieutenant-Commander Mike Young, Able Bohn Rod Prowse (in sea rig), and Petty Officer Robert Christy (with the sergeant's stripes). From now on the sailors will have their choice of (Canadian Forces Photo).





**PRESENTED RECENTLY** with a certificate to commemorate the occasion, Ron Mitchell of 407 Log Control passed the quarter century mark with the Civil Service. Shown with Major C.L. Smith, 407 STechno, Ron first came to Canada with the RAF, then transferred to the RCAF to serve to CRA.

(Canadian Forces Photo)

## CREW ONE IN AUSSIELAND

There it was — gone. Crew One, that is, for all of March and a few days of February as well. Their big chance to make good at the game of ASW and to promote the Canadian image abroad to boot.

The transit to kangaroo land was fairly routine with only a few incidents to spice up the humdrum of an ICAO transit. In Hawaii the controllers had us taking a dirty dart at the wrong airport until the eagle-eyed pilots twigged to the unusual approach.

The equator was crossed on 1st March closely followed by crossing of the international date-line. This led to mass confusion while everyone tried to promote his own version of what day and time it was; the most popular opinion being that since crossing the equator one should stand on one's head to tell the time. A small informal ceremony was held at which water was observed vacating the sink and, yes, it does swirl the other way south of the equator.

The beachcomber tour in Fiji proved to be a popular diversion. It consists of a boat ride to a sandy island where after you turn the hue of a boiled lobster, you are treated to some native songs and a fine feast to native foodstuffs. It was grand. Some other tours were enjoyed as well, including visits to mountain villages and glass-bottomed boat excursions.

Everyone enjoyed touring the duty-free shops in Nandi to price watches, cameras, and stereo gear. Some bargains are to be had, depending on what skill one possesses at the ancient art of haggling with the merchant princes, 99 percent of whom are from India.

You aren't going to believe this, and I'm sure that the Totem Times staff will clap their hands with glee, but we departed Fiji with a \$7 box lunch each. Highly overrated. Arrival at the exotic ports of call is always enhanced by the arrival on board of the agriculture man. Before you can crack a hatch this rascal

empties a "BIG" can of bug killer into the aircraft (gasp). This stuff hangs like a pall in the aircraft and if you think that smokers cough, then try a lungful of Fiji bug-kill.

We were made most welcome in Australia on 4th March and on the 5th we scuttled off to RAN Station Nowra for our instant ASW expert course. One week we spent at school while our heads were being crammed full of all sorts of goodies. We all left feeling certain that the poor sub didn't have a chance.

While in Nowra we threw a wee party for our hosts and it was well attended and well received. It was a grand opportunity for flag waving and meeting the wives of the instructors and coursemates.

Well, I had better stop there for this week and reserve some space for next issue. Tune in for the next exciting Totem Times which will contain the second chapter of "Crew One in Australia" or sub title "What You Always Wanted to Know about Australia but Were Afraid to Ask".

## Ping pong anyone?

Canada's national table tennis team has run into a new problem — being too popular. The People's Republic of China — because of its high esteem for Canada — has reinforced its national table tennis team which begins a tour of Canada this week with seven world ranked players.

The Chinese team will play matches in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto before arriving in Vancouver, April 7, 1972, for matches at 8 p.m. that night at the Agrodome against the Canadian national team.

The Chinese team whose visit is part of a four-sport exchange program between Canada and China is led by Chuang Tse-tung, three times world champion and a national hero in China.

The roster of the Chinese team, announced this week by Canadian Table Tennis Association President Art Barran, includes:

Lin Hui-Ching, World Women's Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Champion.

Cheng Min-Chih, World Women's Doubles Champion and Singles Finalist.

Cheng Hui-Ying, Women's Singles Champion 1971 Afro-Asian Friendship Invitation Tournament.

Chang Hsieh-Lin, World Mixed Doubles Champion.

Li Fu-Jung, Three times Finalist of World Men's Singles.

Laing Ko-Liang, Member of the 31st World Championships Men's Team event Champion, Finalist in Men's Doubles.

Ho Tsu-Pin, Finalist of Men's Singles of the Second National Championships.

The Canadian team selected to play China in Vancouver will include: Derek Wall and Violette Nesukaitis, National Men's and Women's Champions, both of Toronto; Zolton Patakay, Philip Cheng, Leslie Ward and Eddie Lo, all of Vancouver.

"Because of the high esteem the Chinese seem to have for Canada," says Barran, "they are sending their strongest possible team to play us. It is considered a gesture of goodwill, even though such a powerhouse could easily demolish us."

"It is reported that the Chinese team which visits the United States after its Canada tour will be received at the White House by President Nixon."

The total Chinese delegation numbers 28. In addition to Chuang, six women players and seven men players, there are two deputy heads, secretaries, interpreters and correspondents.

This delegation will be joined after arriving in Canada by several Chinese Embassy-in-Canada officials.

## Willy Tell

(Continued from page 1) weapons controllers and one backup; and a maintenance crew of now more than 30 men, including the maintenance officer.

A team composite score will be composed of points earned by the aircrew - maintenance team, controller team, and weapons load team. A winner will be selected in each category for aircrew - maintenance performance, load crew performance, and controller team performance. In addition, a winning team will be selected in each category for accumulating the highest total points. No overall meet winner will be selected.

Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place winning team, and individual awards will be presented to the winning units. Each participating team member will be presented a William Tell '72 competition patch.

## Old stuff for history buffs

OTTAWA — The marketing division of the National Museums of Man is providing a bonus to the military collector this year.

They have produced for sale high quality postcards, hasty notes, and framing prints of Canadian military uniforms, at a very reasonable price.

In addition, professionally-photographed colored lithographs, depicting a wide range of current Canadian Armed Forces equipment and activities, are available.

The postcards consist of four caricatures by H. Ross Wiggs, entitled "Tommy", "The S.M.", "Jock", and "The Brass Hat". Also immediately available are cards by R.J. Marrion of a PPCLI Drummer, 1927; R.C.D. Officer; Q.O.R. Rifleman 1885; and an officer of the R22er. The cost is 15 cents each.

The hasty notes, ten cards, four subjects, 12 envelopes and plastic wallet, carry the Marrion figures. They retail at \$2.50 per set.

An additional eight Marrion prints will be available by the end of March, and eight more Wiggs by the latter part of this year.

The framing prints, 12x16 inches, are produced on an excellent backing and sell for \$1 a piece. Those immediately available are the same as the Marrion postcards, although eight additional prints will be available shortly (i.e. Grey and Simcoe 1885), along with prints of Indians, Eskimos, historical figures (Wolfe, Montcalm) historical regiments, aircrew and sailors (Centennial series), ships and carriages.

Detailed order lists are available from: The National Museums of Canada, Marketing Services Division, Room 926, Century Building, 360 Lisgar St., Ottawa Ont., K1A 0M8. Orders must be accompanied by cheques

made payable to the Receiver General of Canada.

Military messes, historical societies, Royal Canadian

Legion branches and collecting societies are invited to make inquiries for special purchasing prices on bulk orders.

## CFHQ restructured

(Continued from page 1) defence management committee, which is chaired by the deputy minister. The chief of the defence staff will become co-chairman.

The defence minister emphasized that the chief of the defence staff will continue to control the resources required to maintain an effective military force, and that he will continue to have direct access to the minister.

In endorsing the recommendations of the management review group, Mr. Benson said he believes that "lines of authority in the department have not been sufficiently clear and, consequently, areas of responsibility have been somewhat blurred".

Referring to the proposal that field commanders across the country and overseas be given more administrative authority, Mr. Benson

## Licence mandatory

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unless that person is already in possession of a current hunting licence. Exceptions are provided for individuals carrying firearms on their own property, in the process of moving household effects, and for non-residents travelling in a motor vehicle on provincial highways. The fee for the licence will be \$1.

Mr. Kiernan stressed that the licensing will be of individuals rather than of particular firearms. "It is not our intention to register firearms, but rather to licence those people carrying them," he said.

## Demon Doins

The big event of the past two weeks was the annual inspection by Rear-Admiral R.W. Timbrell, DSC, CD, Commander Maritime Command. Music for the occasion was provided by the PPCLI Band, which, I am told by Dan Verfaillie, is not peanuts, popcorn, candy, licorice and ice cream at all, but Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

The Admiral presented Clasp to the CD to Capt A. Tompkins, Sgt. T. A. Crawford and Cpl H.J. Desjardins. After the parade the Admiral thanked the

squadron for the work they had done in the past year and commented on the high degree of professionalism displayed.

The Admiral attended a luncheon in the Officers' Mess where he and all other sea element members present were given a tot of Nelson's blood to mark the occasion of the last issue of grog in the Canadian Forces. The tradition dated back to the 1600's in the Royal Navy where it was served prior to the noon meal.

After his grog the Admiral reiterated his morning ad-

dress and congratulated the squadron for maintaining a sense of humor during the difficult times of re-structuring and re-organizing the Forces. Noting that Comox was once a Maritime Command base, Admiral Timbrell presented the Base Commander (our "caretaker") with a Maritime Command plaque.

When the luncheon was completed the Admiral had a quick tour of squadron facilities and a meeting with the senior NCOs.

## COMINGS AND GOINGS AND SUCH

To start this section of the column, congratulations are in order for Capt Glen Goodman who has been promoted to Major. A little belatedly, but congrats nonetheless to Lts. John MacDonald, Ed Hornby, Russ Crum, Rick Proulx and Einar Larsen, all promoted to Captain. We now have a new Major and some new Captains, so all we need is a new aeroplane.

Two officers have recently been posted, both of them to VP 449 in the early summer of this year. From Crew 6 we have Jim Anderson and from Crew 2, Ray Windsor. Ray may be able to get the Capt. TACCO course now when it will be just a short walk down the hall.

## Torp topics

W. O. Wood is finishing off his leave with some on-the-job carpentry training as he undertakes the task of putting a new roof on his adobe hacienda. We trust that he will get the job completed between snowstorms.

Jerry Lanouette is currently in Camp Borden partaking of a month long first aid instructors course. When he returns, we will all feel a lot more secure knowing that we have a qualified medic in our midst.

Ray St. Michael enjoyed a short respite from the torpedo course at Greenwood when he managed to spend a week at home with his family over the Easter holidays.

Ron Livingston is back from Cold Lake and is now a member in good standing of the Supersonic Technicians Club.

Bob Collins tells us that, since the last batch he partook of made him quite ill, he has signed the pledge with respect to indulging in Chinese food. His latest diet consists of pastrami and dill pickles.

John Chequiss would like to see them stop pushing Ironsides around.

## Lahr wins international bonspiel

LAHR (CFP) — The largest and best military bonspiel in Europe, the Canadian Forces Rhine Valley Curling Club's Fourth International Bonspiel, came to an end here March 25 after five days of hard curling.

From the time the first stone was thrown on Wednesday until the last rock went down the ice Sunday afternoon, 284 curlers, making up 96 rinks, played 237 games. There were A, B, C, and D events, as well as a special European event.

Due to the large number of

Canadian entries — 41 rinks from CFB Europe and 11 rinks from Canada — only 44 rinks from European countries could be accommodated. Response came despite the fact the bonspiel was held at the same time as the World Curling Championships in Garmish Partenkirchen.

Grand winner of the military 'spiel was a Canadian rink from CFB Europe, Lahr, skipped by Al Fisher of Kerrobert, Sask. It was made up of Ray Stanfield, Calgary, Alta., Dave Bodway,

Orillia, Ont., and Ken Robertson, of Vancouver.

In a speech prior to presenting the trophies, the base commander, Colonel A.M. Ogilvie, praised the work of the committee, especially the club president, Captain Glen Archibald, for making it the "best bonspiel ever".

Bruce Fortune, the icemaker, was also congratulated for 10 excellent sheets of ice.

Mr. Rolf Wandmeier of the Gstaad Sweepers Club in Gstaad, Switzerland, one of the many Swiss rinks in the competition, presented the Rhine Valley Curling Club with an enormous Swiss cow bell and leather neck yoke, suitably engraved. It was accepted by the club president.

Mr. Wandmeier said that the gift was in appreciation of the invitation to curl in the bonspiel, the hospitality of the Canadians and the contribution made by the Canadian curlers of CFB Europe to the sport of curling in Europe.

Three other main events also were won by Canadian Forces rinks. The "B" event was won by Major Golding's rink from Lahr, the "C" event by the Dumbrell rink from CFB St. Hubert, and the "D" event by the Wedge foursome from Baden. The special European trophy was won by the Wandmeier rink from Gstaad, Switzerland.

## Conservation stressed for National Wildlife Week

"Conservation education is survival power." That's the theme of National Wildlife Week, April 9 - 15, and, as in past years, getting the message across will be a cooperative effort of the provincial Fish and Wildlife Branch and Department of Education, and the Canadian Wildlife Federation and British Columbia Wildlife Federation.

During the observance there will be a special emphasis in the schools and in the press throughout the province on the need for conservation education.

Dr. James Hatter, director of the Fish and Wildlife Branch, stressed the importance of being aware of environmental issues by selecting this quotation from editorial material provided by the Canadian Wildlife Federation:

"Ecology is not likely to become one of the 'glamour' sciences. It is not likely to achieve anything as spectacular as putting man on the surface of the moon. All it offers is the opportunity to avoid impending environmental disaster — the opportunity to survive."

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# Do your own thing

BY NOLA WELLS

A woman in Seattle for 14 years was married to a good, kind, and adequate man. They had three children. After a number of years this lady decided that marriage was a suffocating situation for her, and leaving the word LOVE out of it ... she left her home and children in order to pursue an independent life on her own. Her opinion of life and marriage had been completely different at 19, but then what some women want at 19, they do not necessarily want at 35. This lady felt marriage to be a trap against her ability to be herself. Her husband had apparently believed marriage to be something similar to what it had been for his parents and their parents before them. So the lady left, and became a visiting mother to her children. Shocking! Or is it?

Another woman, the same age, works steadily every day in the kitchen of her farm home. She also has been married for about 14 years, and loves every moment of it. Her husband is a hard-working farmer, and they have five children. She bakes her own bread, and loves the look of contentment on the face of her husband as he walks into her warm kitchen after a hard day's work. She tries to keep up on all the latest magazine articles etc., but often she falls asleep in the middle of them, because after all 5 a.m. comes mighty early. It is rather doubtful that this lady, would leave her marriage, husband and children to pursue an independent life similar to her Seattle lady, because it seems like she has found her own thing, and is mighty happy doing it.

Still another lady, reads the same articles, and keeps up on what is going on in the world. She believed at 19, that she was marrying a man whom she loved very deeply. She tried to not let that love die, but love somehow does fade away when it isn't returned on an adequate enough level. This lady is also 35, and she has come to realize that her marriage is far from fulfilling to her. She also has children, and is a good mother to them, and because of the children she tries to believe that on the majority, she is happy. But is she?

Wouldn't her children suffer greatly if she decided to leave her husband and branch out on her own? Wouldn't she suffer greatly from guilt, if she did leave? After all her husband didn't beat her, and he didn't withhold all of his pay cheque, in favor of trips to the local pub! Was it his fault that they operated on different mental levels? Was it her fault that she felt lonely, as he related to his friends at a n evening card game, while she was supposed to dig up her own friends with whom to relate. Whose fault was it that they had drifted apart, while still living in the same house every day? While basically not fulfilled, this intelligent woman has gone over completely, what her thing is and what it probably always will be. She knows that she would probably find more fulfillment if she took the kids and left, but then what of the kids' need for a father? What of the father's need for his children? What of the need within herself to be true to herself, regardless of women's liberation and regardless of the examples

she sees everyday of women getting out on their own, for the same reasons she could leave for.

I read an article once, that summed up so well, what 'doing one's own thing' really means. It discussed the experience in recent times that our society has had toward free expression, and greater individualism, and if it all is indeed worthy of the deed. It talked about some people simply not being able to adjust to the 'do your own thing' attitude, regardless of how popular it all seemed to be, and it named the reasons why. Some were because of an old-fashioned upbringing, where restrictions were many and freedom seldom known. Some were because people apparently don't believe in doing one's own thing at the expense of others rights and feelings.

Maybe we all should simply do what we believe to be right, regardless if it is our 'thing' or not. Our own opinions of ourselves, if we were allowed freedom from responsibility ties and the need to care about other people's feelings ... is what really counts in the long run. Certainly we are allowed to seek our own roads in life, ... we are not prisoners behind bars. But shouldn't it be a road that we ourselves would feel worthy of following?

Decide what your own thing is, but for goodness sake, be sure it's the right one for you, at this time of your life, and considering your personal circumstances. Then regarding the new freedom we're all supposed to have in society today ... simply go about doing it. It's allowed!!!!



THIS IS the first of a series to help our readers to discover the beautiful areas around CFB Comox. We visit the beautiful Englishman River Falls this week. Located about one hour's drive from the base, it makes a very spectacular place to explore. To get there you merely follow Highway 19 to Parksville, turn right on Highway 4 and drive 4 1/2 miles. You then will see a sign to your left and you drive another 4 miles and you are there. As well as the falls there are camping grounds, picnic grounds and pleasant walks for you to enjoy.

(Dave McNair Photo)

## Nighthawks' nest

If you see some strange chaps lurking around the hallowed Nighthawk nooks, fear not. They more than likely are the scouts from the new World Hockey League trying to tempt our pugnacious puck pushers with bonus contracts, after having seen them in action in the Annual Pilots and Nats Hockey Game. Apparently they offered Dan "Swish" Baker a firm verbal five-year contract for \$28.12, plus a year's supply of polish for his Peggy Fleming autographed Hockey Skates. Who could forget those dramatic power plays that Dan learned in Arizona by fighting hordes of rattlesnakes with a club?

Hugh Fischer, even, was in rare form, as he picked up the award for the most gentlemanly player; by limiting his rinky dinks to less than one per minute (a truly remarkable feat.)

The classic game demonstrated many unusual and desperate plays. This was probably the first time in hockey history that the last minute and a half took over thirty minutes to play. The Nats finally had to let the game end and lost by 2-1, but remember, it's not how you play the game but whether you win or lose.

We had the pleasure of the company of the controllers from Othello last week. This enabled them to see, first hand, the problems we have to face in our day to day operation. They saw where Uncle Ern keeps his file of nasty comments, and were also given a Comox Salmon Checkout, by our senior naval officer adrift, Major Sos. A total of 52 salmon and one beer were encountered; or was it the other way around?

The exercise this week was a success as the required number of surplus rations were consumed. Carl and Dale were at it again checking each other, and the weather was nice and wet to give more incentive to play just one more game.

Rumour of the week: Al Schulte is alive and well and living in the Comox Valley.

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## Voodoo Nuts, Bolts and Volts

BY PAUL KLEM

Now that we are fully operational again finding or getting information from the sections to keep this column going is more of a job every week. Everybody is tight-lipped afraid they may divulge some unauthorized information or afraid they may be misquoted - not that I'd do such a thing!

Mr. John Giles, of our Log Control Section informed me that starting in April, we will have two "Lead the Force" (LTF) Voodoo flying machines. To any of the old timers LTF is nothing new - to the uninitiated all that LTF means is that the two birds are priority one all the way. They are the first to fly the first to be serviced and repaired. The idea is to give them as much flying time and use as possible to see how they stand up. Of course everything that is done with and to these two LTF birds must be scrupulously recorded and reported. From

these records and reports our friendly chiefs at the Headshed can feed their computer (including the DEVIL) and project our spare parts requirements, manpower, and all kinds of other information that is necessary to keep us in a peak operational posture. It's almost as good as a crystal ball, but a little more reliable, providing of course that all our reporting is religiously followed through.

A small internal re-organization of personnel brought another 40 people from the Base Armament and Photo (BARMPO) organization under the BAMEO. This has great possibilities and may even ease the duty crew work roster - welcome aboard all you lucky people.

Cpl Jim Work, a machinist from Base Workshops with 35 years experience, the last 21 of which were spent in the service making and fixing parts from aircraft to almost anything under the sun, will

be retiring next month. Jim will be moving to Belleville Ontario where he plans to open a photo shop, which started as a hobby and which he hopes will develop into a thriving business. Our best wishes go with you Jim on your retirement and new venture.

Our friendly supply section is still coming out with new goodies. Last week we received our new issue of lightweight summer raincoats. Its a welcome addition to our wardrobe in this unpredictable weather zone called the Sunshine Coast.

Speaking of clothing, I don't think a week ever goes by that I don't get a request or two to say something about our work boot situation. There's no question about it, it's far from satisfactory, in some areas particularly in shops and line servicing, but it needn't be so. We have and have had for a long time a boot that is ideal, but try and get it, that's another thing. We have submitted UCR upon UCR pointing out the need and desirability of procuring this boot for line and shop use but to no avail. The reply is usually "we're still testing" or "it's under investigation". How many years does it take to accept a proven product? The boot I'm referring to is called "Boots Shipboard" issued to the navy and various user sections. It has had its user trials for several years and has proved superior by far from any other boots issued to my knowledge. The moulded composition sole seems indestructible and the proud trial users wouldn't part with them for their weight in gold. I could understand the reluctance to issue such a boot if the cost was excessive but it's not the price is the same as for the other boots, even then the cost should not be a problem or a factor since we are paying cash for our boots out of our taxable income. Surely we should be able to buy the best boots available for our money instead of spending our whole clothing upkeep allowance (taxed) on inferior boots.

## Base sportnotes

BY SCOOP PALMER

It will not be too long before another minor baseball season is in full swing. The opening games are scheduled for Monday May 1 for the teams connected with the Comox Valley Minor Baseball Association.

If this is to be a successful season it is going to take a lot of help from quite a few people. If there are any people who would like to donate their services as either umpires or score keepers it would be very much appreciated. Please call Gord Palmer at Local 365 or 338-8798 and give him your name right away.

The Comox Valley Lions Club are donating the proceeds from one of their bingos to the Comox Valley Minor Baseball Association. The bingo will be held at the Comox Rec Centre on Friday, April Seventh. Why don't you come out and help to support minor baseball.

One of the big changes in minor ball this season will be the changeover to Babe Ruth Baseball. This program is divided into two divisions. One section is for boys 13 to 15 and the other is 16 to 18. As far as we know right now there will be eight teams competing in the younger division. There will be three from Courtenay, two from Comox and one each from CFB Comox, Royston and Cumberland. So far there are only three teams entered in the 16 to 18 division. The teams are CFB Comox, Comox and Courtenay. It is hoped another team will be found. The league games will be played at various parks throughout the Comox Valley. Why don't you plan on coming

out to see the boys play? I think you will see some interesting games.

**HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Canadian Forces Hockey Championships were held at CFB Edmonton last week. There were six regions competing in the single round robin tournament. The regions and their representatives were: Europe, Baden 4 Wing; Maritime, CFB Greenwood; Quebec, CFB Val Cartier; Ontario, CFB Camp Borden, Prairie, CFB Cold Lake; Pacific, CFB Comox.

The championship was won by the CFB Cold Lake Packers as they won four games and tied one to finish up with nine points. Just a single point behind came CFB Val Cartier with three wins and two ties. In third place was CFB Greenwood with seven points from three wins one loss and a tie. With four points came Europe from two wins and three losses while CFB Camp Borden had one victory and four losses for two points. Then came CFB Comox with no wins and five losses.

I spoke to Coach Gerry Murray of the Totems when the team arrived back home. He told me that they ran into some pretty tough competition this year. They played their best but it just wasn't good enough. They will try again next year.

Here are the scores of the Totems five games: CFB Greenwood 9 - CFB Comox 3, CFB Camp Borden 10 - CFB Comox 1, CFB Val Cartier 5 - CFB Comox 2, Europe 5 - CFB Comox 4, CFB Cold Lake 16 - CFB Comox 1.

more news in the sports world for this week: Our international ski team consisting of Dan Baker, Gus Hay, Lance Chambers and Barry Watkins zipped down to Squaw Valley to have their faces roasted by the California Sun. When they returned, the BAMEO used them for T-33 Rotating beacons.

In the latest promotion shuffle on the base, Doug Stuart was informed that he is to become major problem. It is reassuring to see that promotions are still being handed out and it gives us 'page 18 members' of the pilot seniority list some hope.

Dale Killshaw is now managing the reins of the pedantic paradise in his new capacity as Squadron PadO. With the volume of paper work flowing out from his new task, the pulp mill stocks have already started to rise.

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Joy Woodrow is Dolly Levi and Don Bowen plays the part of Horace Vandergelder. Ray Marquette comes on strong as Cornelius while his youthful sidekick Barnaby is portrayed by Ted Little. Adele Ennis is charming as the Widow Molloy and Frankie Perret is gauche as her assistant Minnie Fay. Others in the cast are Wayne Perret as Ambrose, Nancy Young as Ermengarde and Lillian Cousins as Ernestina.

trade your green uniform for a waiter's tuxedo.

If you've seen past Co-Val productions you'll know to expect an exhilarating evening. If you haven't, ask your friends. But whatever you do, don't forget Hello Dolly on April 19! Tickets at Courtenay Drug, Comox Jewellers or phone 334-3524.

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# EDITORIALS

## Splice the mainbrace

On March 30, a tradition which has its roots in a practice started over three hundred years ago was performed for the last time. The last tot was poured before lunch last Thursday, and for many, it was a double as the order went out to the ships to "splice the mainbrace". This is a reward for a job well done.

It seems a shame that such an ancient tradition should be discontinued, but Canada was the last of the Commonwealth countries to follow the Royal Navy's lead in doing away with this daily fare. However, in light of the Navy's new look, it is apparent that the daily rum ration has hung around a little longer than necessary. After all, not many people these days really care for the heavy dark rum and would prefer a lighter drink before lunch.

The tradition goes back to Nelson's day, when it was difficult to keep fresh water from going bad on long voyages. So they started carrying wine and beer, which kept better than water. This was a popular move with the sailors who considered water as something one washes with and were loath to consume the brackish stuff. For some reason, later on, the navy found that they were cramped for space aboard their warships and looked for a spirit which took

up less room. They discovered that rum, a distilled wine, occupied less volume per degree proof and adopted that as the daily ration. At this point in the history of the tot, there is no mention of fresh water and one can only assume that because of space limitations, it was no longer carried.

Rum was discovered in Jamaica around 16 something or other, and found to be cheaper than brandy, so the navy switched, rather than fighting. Admiral "Grog" Vernon, in 1740, ordered water "Grog" aboard the men o' war, and had the booze mixed with it to make the rum go further. This was before Coke was discovered so the old salts had to grin and down it. And that's how it all got started. When the RCN was formed in 1910, they thought it was a fine tradition and adopted it for their new navy.

Now the free rum is gone. In the modern navy, with radars, gas turbines, sonar, sea-green uniforms, the rum ration didn't quite fit. Now the sailors will belly up to the bar for their beer or whatever, just like the pongsos and the airmen do. Most will miss the old tot. But not the poor old Parkinsonian taxpayer, as he was forking out over a quarter of a million smackers a year for the free issue.

It really is a shame. Up spirits!

## About uniforms - Chapter LIX

When the new CF Working Dress first made its appearance on the base, there was much jesting about the wearers not having their running shoes on. It looked as though the base had been transformed into a training school for gas station attendants, or was it bus drivers? But the initial shock seems to be wearing off and even the most conservative types have been heard to say, "It's not bad".

It's a good uniform. It's comfortable, practical, easy to care for and above all, it doesn't collect lint as readily as the other green bag. The working dress was long overdue. The air force had a fatigue dress that wasn't a uniform, the army had that awful brown mess that the MPs and armourers seem to enjoy wearing and the navy had their blue jeans, or were they black? None of the old work dress was fit for much.

Those horrible blue lab coats that the supply and technical bunch slop around in might just disappear with the arrival of this new dress. And now maybe there will be enough summer flying jackets to go around for the aircrew. Just imagine, if all those people

who somehow parleyed their way into possessing one of those lovely jackets turned them in, the scale of issue might even permit three jackets for every two flyers.

The new working outfit doesn't replace the old battledress which some remember fondly and others try to forget. But then, it wasn't intended to. It might be a good idea to fill the gap that exists between the gaudy green bag and this new one. Something a little less formal than the tunic, but not as "blue collar" as the working dress. The USAF has something with a windbreaker that doesn't look as though you're dressed to do manual labour, nor does it look as though you're on your way to a parade.

Newly arrived on the fashion scene is the lightweight raincoat which made a timely appearance in Comox. Again, the rain coat is comfortable and certainly keeps the rain out. It's a boon for the itinerant serviceman. It can easily be stowed when you put on your parka to step off the 707 in Namao. The new raincoats aren't perfect, though. The rain trickles down the coat to attack your knees. Takes the crease right out.

## One man's view

By PROMETHEUS

Dr. Jan Kupp of the University of Victoria recently let go a blast at what he terms the sad condition of education in Canada today. Why is it, in this seemingly enlightened time, when we have more and better qualified teachers than ever before, when we have more classrooms, better equipment and better facilities than at any time in our history, that so many young people are "dropping out", not achieving an acceptable degree of literacy, and rejecting the disciplines and values becoming to the human condition? How can such an expensive educational system so fail today's young?

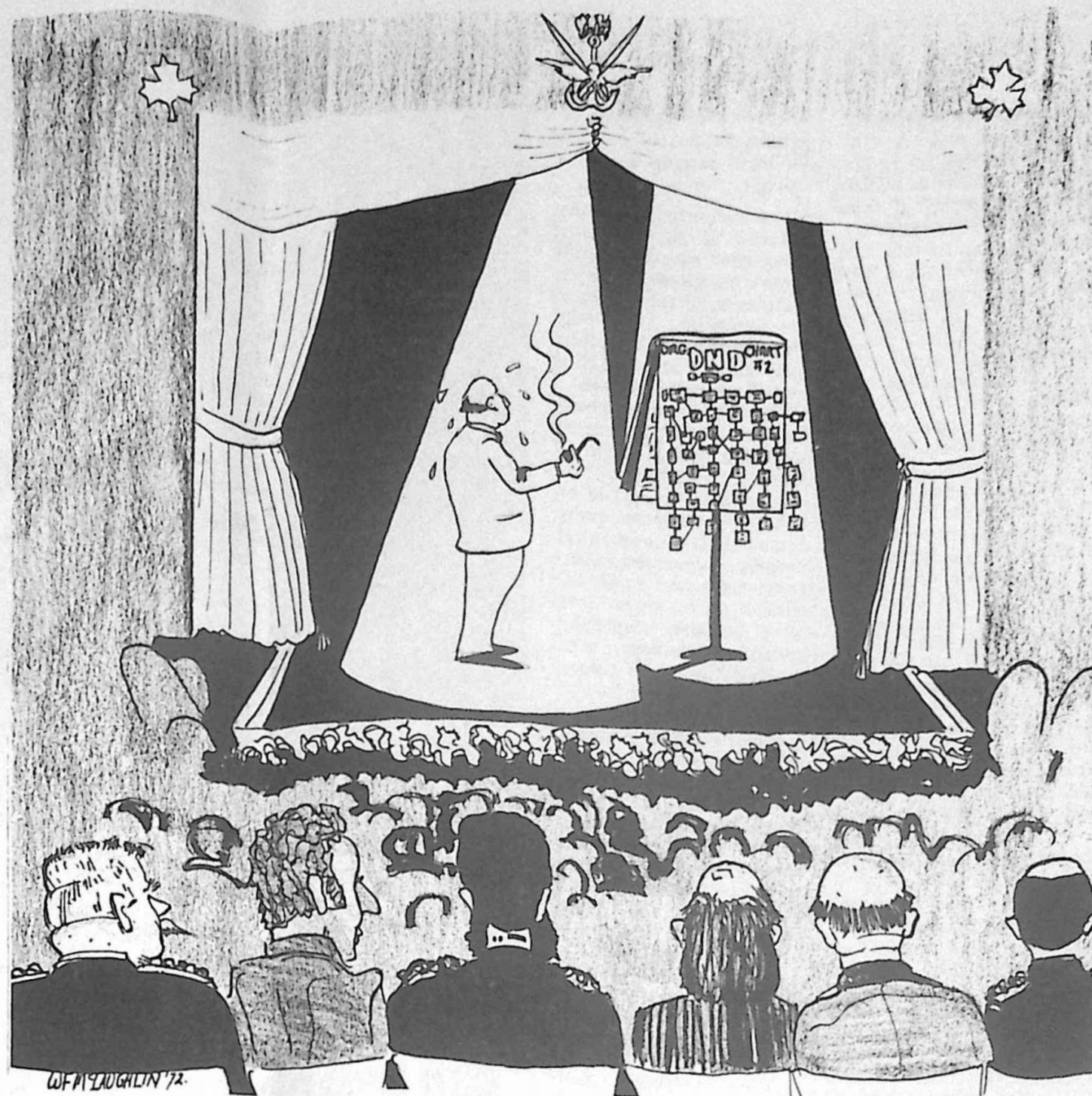
One of the quotes of the year in 1968 (by Prince Philip incidentally) was, "A nation deserves the young people it gets". How true! For the failure of the young to aspire to decent precepts reflects the failure of our generation to offer them worthwhile goals. As Dr. Kupp says, "If you have mass education, and lower standards so that everyone can get into every course, you also get a necessary lowering of discipline, because learning means discipline, especially self-discipline". In his indictment of decreasing standards in the province, Dr. Kupp said proof of the matter lies in the fact that the University of Victoria has been forced to start remedial reading and writing courses for high school graduates who still cannot handle a comprehensible sentence.

As parents and members of the generation immediately preceding the present one, we are all vitally disturbed and concerned about what we see in education today. We see liberal attitudes and open area experiments, we see the denigration of the "three R's" and emphasis on everything else from basket weaving to finger painting. We

hear complaints from some very liberal teachers (who are themselves the product of the system) to loosen up on discipline and let the children "find themselves". We see young people roaming the streets at all hours, often down at the heels, bedraggled, dirty and unkempt. We see the vileness of the drug culture corrupting our disaffected youth. What a disgrace it is that we can't offer our young, the nation's greatest natural resource, a better heritage than that.

And we can if we but analyze the problem. We must offer youth worthwhile goals and teach them from an early age that in such precepts as values, morals, moral worth and ethics lies the key to adult happiness. It is the responsibility of government to subtly educate the young to discriminate between what has intellectual worth and what is tripe. We must have teachers in the education system who by their personal characters, power of personality and abilities can inspire our young to achieve. Schools must have the power to discipline and suspend habitual misfits and troublemakers who cannot be, or refuse to be, inspired to achieve to the best of their ability.

There are no tricks or gimmicks which will short circuit hard work and discipline in gaining an education. We must make our young people literate once again. Through this we will make them human. By literate I mean able to express themselves in an educated manner both verbally and in writing. Particular emphasis should be given once again to elocution and diction. By making them more fully aware of beauty in the proper use and appreciation of their own language and literature, we can make them, through their increased humanness, better suited to adjust to contemporary life.



"... lines of authority have not been sufficiently clear and areas of responsibility somewhat blurred ..."

## Letters to the editor

### A blow parried

Dear Sir:

As a member of the CAF stationed at Cape Parry, N.W.T. I wish to thank the personnel involved in the 'therapy' drop that was depicted in the MUCKLUCK illustration of your 10 Feb issue. I would like to point out, however, that the Captain for whom this northern resort was named spelled his last name with an 'A'. (After becoming acquainted with the female personnel dropped to us we better understand why spelling had a low priority in the crew's minds at the time of the drop.)

It may be of interest to your staff to learn that on completion of an extensive survey involving many man-hours and much financial expense, it was found that 93 percent of the military personnel at this base preferred to wrap their Arctic Char in the Totem Times. The Hudson Bay catalogue was runner-up.

Please keep up your excellent work as we look forward to each new issue. There may be a delay in this letter reaching you as we recently learned that the primary mail-carrier between here and Edmonton has lost his best lead dog.

Yours truly,  
Capt. R. Sutherland,  
Ops Officer,  
Cape Parry

Ed's note: What is a chap with a name like yours doing so far north?

### Concerned

Dear Sir:

The Feb. 24 issue of our beloved fishwrapper carried a

brief letter from one Dick Merrick addressed to your position which read, quote: "This is to cancel my Mutual Life of Canada advertisement which has been a standing account for one insertion each month. As well, please take my name off your mailing list."

A subsequent letter to the editor of the other local newspaper (weekly variety) appeared in their issue of 22nd March and was in essence an explanation by Dick Merrick of how the press had previously misquoted him. The following statement was included in this letter, quote: "As Mayor Comox, I hope to increase the co-operation between the Base and the Town of Comox, not the opposite". unquote

My quandary relative to the foregoing is this: was Mr. Merrick misquoted by either or both editors with respect to his letters to them or, who is he trying to kid?

H.J. Fee

### 404 Sqn.

#### reunion

Dear Sir:  
404 Squadron Reunion.  
His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia has accepted our invitation to present the Squadron Standard on 24 June 1972. The squadron is planning a Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Reunion weekend in conjunction with the presentation. All former members are invited to attend this gala gathering of Buffaloes and are

encouraged to contact the squadron at the following address for further details: Chief Buffalo, 404 Maritime Patrol Squadron, CFB Greenwood, Canada.

Yours sincerely,  
L.C. Friesen,  
Major,  
Co-ordinator VP  
404 Reunion  
CFB Greenwood

### To whom it may concern

Dear Sir:

I would like to congratulate the person who took my Pentax camera out of my motorcycle saddle bag. You really made an excellent choice. Indeed, it is a good camera and I hope it will keep on serving you as it has served me in the past.

If, however, you feel this camera just isn't quite what you've been looking for, I usually park my bike in the same area. OK?

Cpl. Turcotte,  
442 Avionics

### Looking for former Sea Cadets

The John Travers Cornwell V.C. Sea Cadet Corps in Winnipeg is endeavouring to locate past members of the Corps and its predecessor the Boys Naval Brigade. The latter organization became active in Winnipeg in 1920 under the auspices of the Naval Veterans Association and was replaced in the middle 20's by the Navy League of Canada Sea Cadet Movement.

## The economics of defence

BY CAPT. WAYNE RALPH

In the study of Business Economics there is an expression called: "The Economics of Scale". What it refers to is the size and output of a business operation, as compared to the cost per unit of whatever product is being produced. For example, if the first unit produced costs \$100 and the second unit \$50 and the third unit \$25, then the more units produced the cheaper each unit becomes. This is in part, why a Rolls Royce will cost more than a Chevrolet. The scale of production allows General Motors to sell Chevys at a price not possible if say only one produced.

The Canadian Aviation Industry is faced with the economics of scale every day. The internal demand for aircraft produced is limited and by most standards very small. This limited demand combined with limited production produces a very high unit cost. A recent practical illustration of this position this puts Canada in is to note the amount of money

Venezuela paid for the CF-5s we sold them. It was nowhere near the amount that it cost us to make them. On the world market a Canadair built CF-5 is not selling for 2.5 million dollars because the Northrop F-5 sells for about 1.6 million.

Any aspect of defence procurement is also faced with this economics of scale. The Bobcat armoured personnel carrier and the Bras D'or hydrofoil are two defunct projects which staggered and died simply because the initial cost of research and development could not possibly be delayed over a long production run. In Canada no such production run could be envisaged and with the absence of foreign buyers, the per unit cost is astronomical.

Another aspect of this same situation is the operating costs of small armed forces. All other things being equal, large companies are relatively cheaper to run in comparison with small companies producing identical goods. It is important to emphasize the words "Relative" and "Identical"

Goods", efficiency is higher and cost per unit lower in a large company.

In a small armed force higher percentages are spent in maintenance and running expenses. Why? Simply because there is always a minimum amount which must be spent in order to keep things running. This minimum amount is fixed and in a commercial business would be called overhead. The bigger the organization the smaller this fixed amount is in percentage terms.

This is the situation the Canadian Armed Forces is in. The Defence Budget is fixed, but inflationary increases and their effect on operating expenses is not.

In the March 4th issue of the Winnipeg Tribune, Charles Lynch succinctly pointed out the dilemma:

"The Defence Budget has been frozen for virtually the whole of that 10 year period but in fact inflation has imposed a 38 percent cut. In 1963 the Budget was 1.7 billion. Today it is 1.9 billion — but today's total represents only just over a billion dollars in

terms of purchasing power — One illustration may be found in the fact that this year for the first time, the Armed Forces will be spending more into assorted pension plans than will be spent on equipment. Pension costs go up by 50 million and equipment expenditures go down by 100 million."

Where is all this leading the CAF? I think it is down a one way — no exit street.

Ten per cent of the Budget for this year goes to the purchase of new equipment, which means our overhead accounts for 90 per cent of our 1.9 billion.

Let us assume a 4 percent per annum inflation rate. In two years and six months from now the 10 percent will be eaten up. In two years and six months the CAF will be using all its income to maintain fixed resources.

But of course everybody points out that more money is on the way. Soon the freeze will be off. What will we need? A figure often quoted is 25 percent of the budget to new equipment. A 15 percent increase might allow us to approach that figure assuming that it could all go to

## Many sources for jobs

OTTAWA - CFP) — Starting to get anxious about retirement?

Not only has time a way of creeping up on us, but the recent unemployment statistics make everyone uneasy.

Common sense tells us that more than ever a change involving the outside world needs careful planning and a good deal of preparation.

Fine, but how do you start, and who can help?

One person ready to help is the Base Personnel Selection officer, or the Personnel Education officer responsible for the Civilian Employment Assistance Program.

Briefly, here are some of the ways they can help you:

No matter how tentative, it's a good idea to test your retirement plans by talking them over with someone who can afford to be objective. Economic conditions may make your plans risky or unrealistic.

Help is available in translating your military skills and experience into words which a civilian employer understands. Sometimes this is the major hurdle in stepping out into the outside world.

Vocational guidance tests are available for those wishing to make a clean break with the past.

Help in the preparation and arranging of printing of a career resume will be done for you.

If you are interested in academic upgrading, or attempting occupational retraining, talk it over with the Base Personnel Selection Officer or the Personnel Education Officer.

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Servicemen approaching retirement are invited to participate in the Civilian Employment Assistance Program as outlined in CFAO 56 - 20. Visit your BPSO or Base Education Officer for further details.

## To our contributors

The editor and staff of the Totem Times extend our thanks to those people who have contributed articles and columns faithfully every two weeks. We appreciate your efforts and hope that you will continue to help make the paper interesting.

We would like to ask you to do something that may make it more difficult for you, but at the same time ease our work load a bit. You see, the pressures of our full time job, flying and holding alert, have increased recently to the point where it often looks doubtful whether the old fish wrapper will make it to press.

To give us more leeway when we're putting the paper together, we ask our contributors to try to get their articles and columns into our

office by noon on the Monday the week of publication. Thus we can still guarantee that the paper will be out on Thursday regardless of whether the editor or staffers are spending a day in the barn in the intervening time. We take the material down to the Free Press at noon Wednesday.

To further lighten our load, we ask that all material be typewritten, double spaced, with margins set to give 60 characters per line.

Often we have to edit columns because of space limitations and we hate to have to do this, because you've probably spent a long time writing that paragraph that we have ruthlessly cut out. Try to keep your columns short, then we will be able to fit them all in without chopping them.

new purchases. That amounts to 285 million dollars.

While being an impressive sum it really doesn't buy much when spread out between the branches. That amount alone could be spent on a new ASW aircraft.

That is not the whole story.

In order to achieve the real purchasing power that we had in 1962, we need an increase of not 15 percent but 38 percent.

Of course we are not as large as we once were, nor our commitments as extensive; and as the nature of our commitments become more internal, the equipment required may change. We may not need new equipment, which leaves us with the problem of what to do with the new money we may get. How about Mr. Robert Stanfield's proposal to look into a tri-service system when he becomes PM? That 15 percent should nicely take care of our new uniforms.

By the way, 1972 is the first year that Canada will exceed 100 billion Gross National Product, which means we spend less than 2 percent on Defence. Anyone for tennis? (From The Plainsman)



## TOTEM TIMES

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THE ANNUAL RE-EVALUATION of a suggestion award by Master Corporal Ray Uhl resulted in another \$310. Colonel Nichols presented the cheque to Ray and commented that he never tires of presenting Suggestion Award cheques. Ray said that he never tires of spending the money. A monitoring system to keep track of the TACAN site's serviceability, thus saving many man hours of travel from the tower to the TACAN, earned \$630 for Ray last year for the initial award. (Canadian Forces Photo)

## Ducks Unlimited big conservationists

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN — Ducks Unlimited, the private non-profit international waterfowl conservation organization has proposed a record \$3,000,000 operating budget for their Canadian operations in 1972. Most of the money will come from donations by U.S. sportsmen and conservationists, and will be used to build and restore prime waterfowl breeding habitat at points from coast to coast across Canada.

The announcement was made by Ducks Unlimited (Canada) President, Robert A. White, during the cor-

poration's annual meeting held in Regina.

In making the announcement, Mr. White, a Vancouver lawyer, noted that, "much of the corporation's recent growth and success could be attributed to a growing awareness on the part of the public and all levels of government towards the environment and wildlife. 'The recent emphasis on ecology', said White, 'has done a great deal towards stimulating action to preserve our environment and wildlife.'

As a part of that action, during 1972 Ducks Unlimited

will undertake work on 94 waterfowl project areas across Canada. The construction program will create 54,700 flooded acres and 814 miles of valuable shoreline for nesting waterfowl.

Alberta once again heads the construction list with 32 new projects planned. Saskatchewan will have 22, while 20 projects will be undertaken in Manitoba. Eleven projects will be built in the Maritimes area, and another nine in B.C. In addition to new construction, 10 projects carried over from the 1971 program will be completed.

## Pongos holiday in Jamaica

OTTAWA — A two-week airlift of men and equipment to the mountains and jungles of Jamaica began March 13 for the Edmonton-based Canadian Airborne Regiment.

The 800-man unit of Mobile Command flew to the Caribbean country to stage training Exercise Nimrod Caper IV, designed to practise their skills in a tropical environment. The training exercise also rehearsed the airlift capability of Air Transport Command, using 707 and Hercules aircraft.

Under an arrangement with the Jamaican government, the Canadians rotated elements of the parachute regiment through four of the country's training areas. Also accompanying the regiment were about 80 militiamen from various reserve units across Canada. They underwent similar training, with the exception of parachuting.

In addition, about 35 members of the Jamaican Defence Force were integrated with the Canadians for training, as well as acting as local guides and advisers.

Scope of Nimrod Caper IV included survival skills in a tropical environment, jungle

navigation, crossing jungle obstacles, jungle patrolling, mountaineering and basic tactics, night operations, a para drop and para re-supply.

Other aspects included watermanship, tactical air-land deployment by Buffalo aircraft, rappelling of troops from helicopters, deployment of an airborne artillery battery, and engineering training.

Deployment of troops and equipment went on from March 13-25, with the actual training taking place March 26 to April 14. Re-deployment back to Canada will go on from April 15-25.

Early last December a Canadian Forces reconnaissance team visited Jamaica to confer with government and defence officials. The Jamaican-Canadian training is a two-way proposition. Last June a company-size group of the Jamaican Defence Force underwent training at CFB Petawawa, Ont. Similar training is planned to take place in Canada again this year.

Commanding the Canadian Airborne Regiment is 42 year old Colonel Herbert C. Pitts of Nelson, B.C.

## Cough, cough, cough

A 12-year old Burnaby student who believes "there's just no reason for smoking" has won the top prize in an anti-smoking poster contest sponsored by the B.C. and Yukon Division of the Canadian Cancer Society.

David Steen, a student at Buckingham Elementary School, Burnaby, won a prize of \$50, as the best poster from more than 300 entries from Grade 6 and 7 students in elementary schools throughout B.C. and the Yukon.

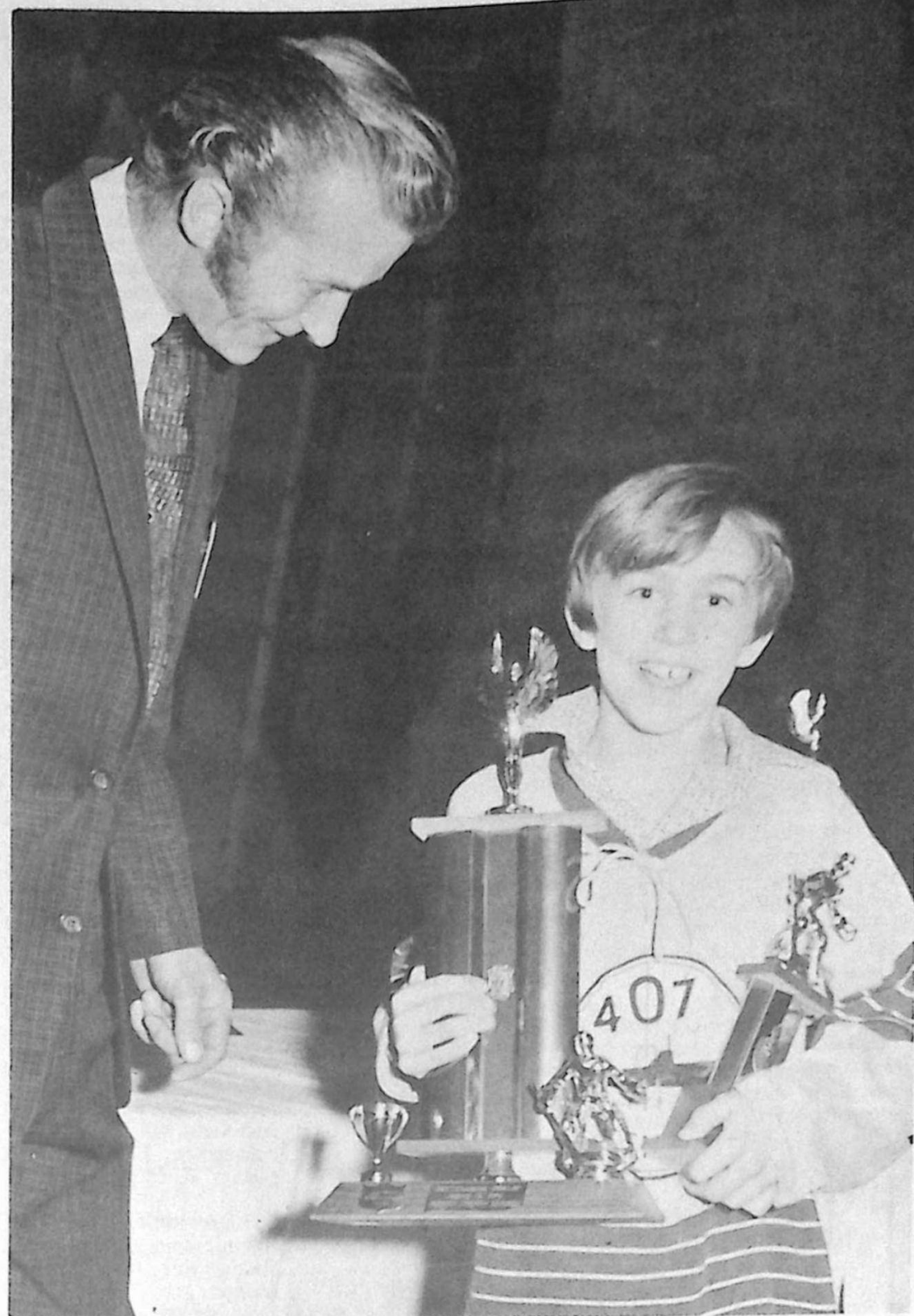
David's poster, with white letters on a black background, strongly illustrates the dangers of smoking through a parallel series of letters that spell out the gradual progression from "coughing" to "coffin". The poster shows

a burning cigarette and uses the contest slogan "Smoking is no joke, get with it ... don't smoke!"

David, who is active in many sports, has a straightforward answer when you ask him why you shouldn't smoke — "People die from smoking. They get lung cancer. There's just no reason for smoking."

The posters were submitted through school principals and the top entries were chosen from each school before being submitted to the Society's divisional office in Vancouver for final judging by a panel.

The contest is sponsored each year among school students as part of the continuing education program to remind students of the dangers of smoking.



THE HAPPY YOUNG LAD holding all the hardware is James Griffith. Lorne Pettit presented him with Pettit's Snappy Service trophy for Outstanding Goalie in the Mosquito "A" division. James was one of many young players and their coaches who received awards at the annual CVMHA Banquet held in 7 Harqar. (Canadian Forces Photo)

## Argus gets new look

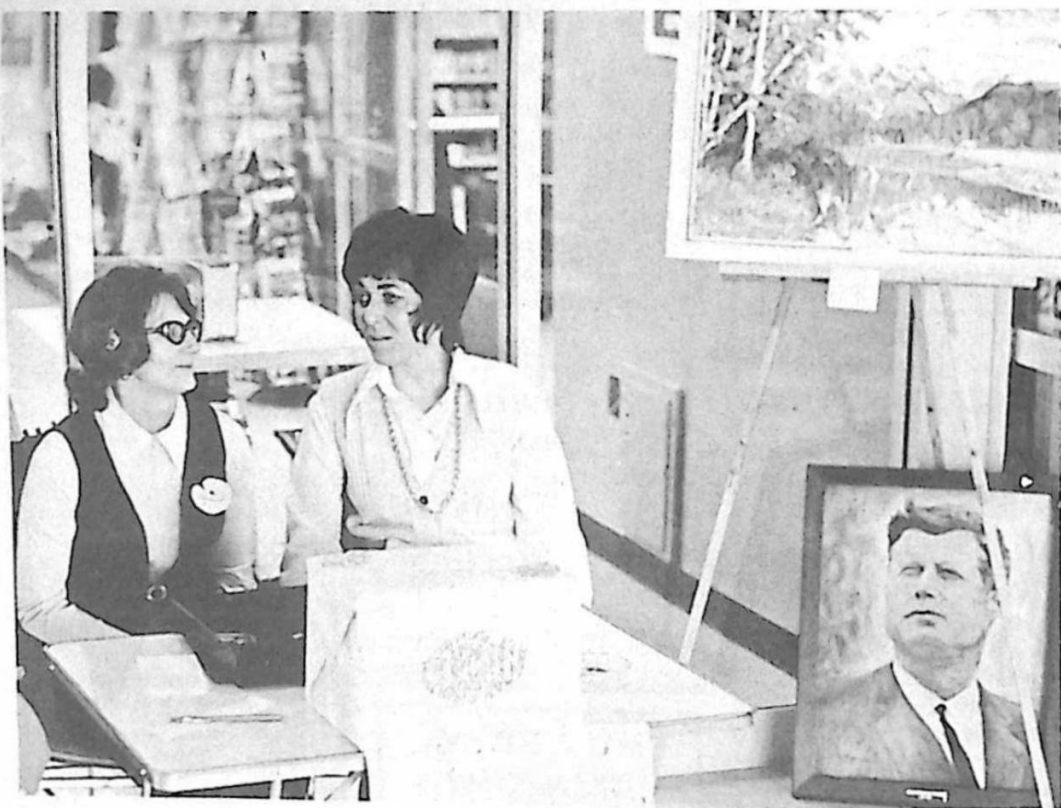
GREENWOOD, N.S. — Base Greenwood's weekly Argus newspaper came out with a triumphant new look at the beginning of March.

The paper switched printers, and in the process to a

seven-column format from its former five. It also changed publication day to Wednesday from Thursday.

In its front page story drawing attention to the revamping, the Argus promised the format changes

will allow more room for news, bigger pictures and more advertising. By a Wednesday issue the long-lived base paper expects to carry more shopping ads. It boasted more than 50 in the new-look issue.



THE GOLDEN PALETTE Art Club is raffling the scenic painting with the draw to be held April 15. The painting of John Kennedy, however, is only for show as the artist who painted it treasures it highly. Ivy Morand, the instructor, and Kathy Chesser (right) are shown selling raffle tickets with proceeds going to the 2nd Comox Cubs and Scouts and the Heart Foundation. (Dave McNair Photo)

## Golden Palette Club has big plans

BY ANNE POWER

An art exhibit and sale will be held at the Airport School on Friday, April 14 from six to ten and on April 15, from ten to four o'clock. A sneak preview of this exhibit was seen at the CWL Bazaar. If the interest shown in this display of seven paintings was any indication of things to come, we predict a very large turnout at the exhibit. Be an early bird and come out next Friday evening when the selection of paintings is at its best.

On Saturday 15, a Cub from the 2nd Comox Pack will draw the winning ticket on the raffle painting. Proceeds from the raffle will be going towards the 2nd Comox Cubs and Scouts and the Heart Foundation. Tickets will be on sale at the CANEX mall and

from club members until the day of the draw.

Because of the overwhelming interest shown in our club, plans are already in the making for the fall. Details are now being worked on for a junior club. The club will be open for children and teens from age eight to fifteen. The cost will be 75 cents per child for a one-hour class each week. If facilities are available to make these classes possible, watch for the fall fliers so that you may register your children.

Plans are also in the making for a fall exhibit for the adult classes. This is due to the fact that our club is expanding and many advanced student artists have expressed a desire to join our club and display their art work. The cost next fall is only \$1.25 a lesson of two hours duration, once a week. At this price anyone in-

terested in art, beginner or advanced, can't afford not to join. Watch for the fall fliers. The number of registrations will depend on the facilities that the club can find.

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You must fill out a simple application form for the grant. Application forms may be obtained by visiting or writing any Provincial Government Agent's office in British Columbia or The Elderly Citizen Renters Grant Act Administrator, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

As numerous applications are immediately anticipated for this new grant, extra staff has been assigned to ensure that applications are processed as quickly as possible.



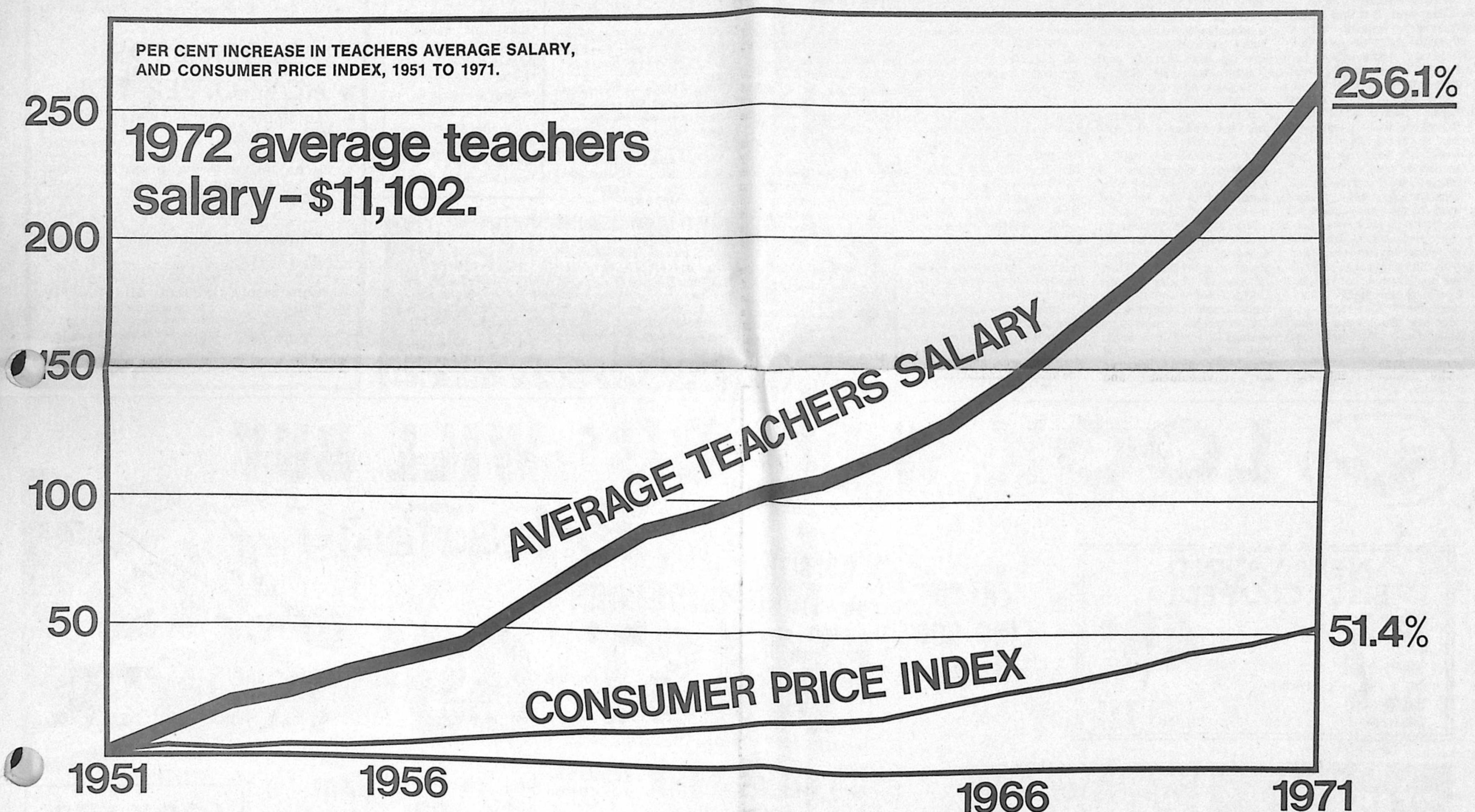
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The WO's and Sgt's Wives Club will be entertaining the Jr. Ranks Wives Club at a Cult Night April 11 in the Mess Lounge. Regular Business Meeting will commence at 8 p.m. with guests arriving at 9 p.m. New Members and Guests welcome at this fun night of fortune telling.



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# Elizabeth Morrison Taylor in concert

By Dale Kilshaw

She came, she saw, she is conquering. That paraphrase on Caesar's triumphs in Gaul pretty well sums up Elizabeth Morrison Taylor's recent arrival in the Comox Valley. Wife of Captain John Taylor of 407 Squadron, "Liz" Taylor has already charmed many hundreds of residents in the Comox Valley with her lovely voice, and everyone else who has met her with her warm, friendly and natural personality.

A professional singer before she married, Mrs. Taylor was born and raised in St. Helens, Lancashire, England. Her interest in music stems from her infant days as her father was a professional singer. Although she showed an early interest in singing, her father was against the idea and encouraged her instead to train for piano. She began her piano training at the age of six and at nine won a scholarship in music to a Grammar School. Her switch to singing came about when she was fifteen. At that time she was piano accompanist for an Amateur Operatic Society in her home town and the female lead in their latest production suddenly became ill. Elizabeth Davidson, as she was then, without the knowledge or approval of her father, saved the day for the Company by singing the lead and scored a personal triumph of her own, the first of many to come.

The need for this young woman to express herself through singing was now clear to herself. Again without her father's knowledge she went to a teacher of voice in St. Helens who agreed to accept her as a pupil at a fraction of the regular cost — it was to be her allowance money each week. Six weeks later her teacher entered her in a local Music Festival and she won it. This double success in a short space of time now convinced her father that she was perfectly serious about what she wanted to do with her life. With the complete support of her family now behind her Elizabeth continued to study under her various teachers.

Her next triumph was to win the first prize for singing at the Liverpool Festival of Music. From this time on her career moved more rapidly

and, at seventeen, she won a scholarship to the Royal Manchester College of Music where she studied voice production under Nancy Hislop, wife of the world famous tenor and teacher, Joseph Hislop.

The Royal Manchester College of Music opened a whole new world for our developing mezzo-soprano. She was singing and studying everyday and taking part in one production after another singing the mezzo leads in *Car men*, *Adriana Lecouvreur*, *Marriage of Figaro*, *Il Tabarro* and many others. At this time she was heard by Gordon Thorne of the BBC and was chosen to sing the part of the Princess in *Adriana Lecouvreur* with the BBC Northern Orchestra in a nationwide broadcast. These were full and exciting days and she never had a moment to herself. How could she, for in addition to one College production after another she was singing in Concert and Recitals all over Britain including in her repertoire, *The Messiah*, *Dvorak's Biblical Songs*, *Lieder*, *Light Opera* and *Verdi's Requiem*.

Those who heard Mrs. Taylor in Concert on February 23rd at the Courtenay Civic Theatre must have wondered at the ease with which she sang so beautifully in four languages. While at the Royal College she went to Germany on a scholarship where she studied both German and *Lieder*. Her facility with French and Italian came, of course, through her studies at College and her holidays abroad.

It was at this time that she was honoured in a way that would greatly complement any woman. A fellow student, Alexander Goehr, now a famous international conductor, wrote and dedicated his first song to her.

Mrs. Taylor spent her final year of study at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama under Joseph Hislop, Chief Advisor of singing to the Covent Garden and Sadler's Wells Opera Companies as well as teacher of such stars as Jussi Bjorling and Birgit Nilsson. During this final year, in order to finance studies she successfully

auditioned for the part of understudy to the lead in the London West End Musical, "Free As Air" by Julian Slade. After the first rehearsal she was chosen by the composer to sing his songs for members of the Royal Family at a special concert at the Fish Mangers Hall in London.

Under her stage name of Elizabeth Henry, our own "Liz Taylor" went on tour with the Company of "Free As Air". These continued to be busy days for she was singing lead parts for Sadler's Wells, doing television for the BBC and ITV as well as singing operatic roles while on tour of Malta and the Middle East. An interviewer could continue on at great length about the variety, fun and excitement which Mrs. Taylor has found in her singing career. One would have to include winning the audition for a tour in Australia as *Eliza* in "My Fair Lady", a role which she turned down in order to stay in London for her part in the musical "Follow That Girl".

It was at this time that a new career loomed for our Mrs. Taylor. Through a mutual friend, the Household Comptroller to Lord Louis Mountbatten, she met a young pilot in the Royal Air Force, Flight Lieutenant John Taylor. Their ideas on life and the pursuit of happiness coincided remarkably and helped by a good old measure of attraction they married in 1962. In 1968 John took a permanent commission with the Canadian Armed Forces and the Taylor family took up residence in Canada, first at Moose Jaw where John was a flying instructor and since last year at Comox where John flies with 407 Squadron.

A thoroughly practical young woman as well as gifted, Mrs. Taylor enjoys sewing and makes all her own dresses and formal gowns. As those who have seen her in recital can attest, "she looks absolutely smashing in them".

In spite of her own recent triumph at the Civic Theatre, Elizabeth Taylor is currently most ecstatic over the success of one of her voice pupils, Miss Kim Catrall, age fifteen, who

just won a double first and was awarded the Silver Cup as the top overall singing performer at the recent Festival of Music at Coquitlam, B.C.

And what of the future? Mrs. Taylor looks forward to encouraging her pupils and other young people to achieve something in music and to learn to enjoy it for its own sake. There are prospects also that she may do a recital tour on Vancouver Island commencing next fall. More immediately, on May 14th, Elizabeth Morrison Taylor will be singing in Concert with the Vancouver Junior Symphony at the Georges P. Vanier High School. This is bound to be one of the most exciting musical evenings for a long time on Vancouver Island, and one which shouldn't be missed. For those of us who heard Mrs. Taylor in February, it will be an evening to look forward to with great pleasure.

## Spring? You're kidding!

OTTAWA (CFP) — Cold weather exercises hardly seem topical as we move into April and a spring that has been too long in coming.

But the Arctic is still in the icy grip of winter, as it was a few weeks ago when Sentinel writer-photogs visited 5e Groupement de Combat on Exercise Patrouille Nocturne at Frobisher Bay.

So the April issue of Sentinel has a very cold look about it; backing up the arctic stories and pictures that make the

lead article is a look at life in an igloo for military men on an arctic survival course.

And no arctic adventure is possible unless you know where you're going — so Canadian Forces mappers described a long, cold summer charting the barrens of the far north.

But the April Sentinel is not all icicles and frozen assets; there are stories about boffins, battles and lifesaving buoys as well.

Watch for it.

## Sailing club launched

By NORM BLONDEL

A number of interested salts met in the Totem Lounge on March 27 to hear the case for an organized sailing programme at CFB Comox, presented by John Fox.

John explained CFAO 50-5, which spells out the aims and principles of the Canadian Forces Sailing Association, and passed around literature dealing with the CFAA and some types of boats in use locally. There was some discussion on equipment and facilities available at airforce beach and Quadra, but the most important accomplishment of the evening was an official motion requesting the Base Commander to apply to the CFAA for a squadron charter for CFB Comox.

To organize the club, the following salts were elected to the steering committee:

Commodore — L. Col. Anderson

Vice-Commodore — WO Fox  
Rear-Commodore — Capt. Brett

Secretary — Mrs. Fox

Publicist — Cpl. Blondel

Work is now underway on a budget and equipment submission, and a draft constitution — necessary preliminaries for a successful club. John's briefing included information about boat types in use locally. These include 410 class, naval 14' dinghies and 28' whalers at Quadra, fast Fireball scows, 14' Signets and 8' Sabots at Comox Bay, and Mirrors, a 21' Buccaneer and a new Paceship among the salts forming the new CFB club. The type raced in the CFAA championships is the 420 sloop — a very hot fibreglass and

dacron creation capable of 15 knots. The Mirror is an ideal cadet boat for the 420, available at around 350 to 370 dollars with two already in John Fox's garage, one more will make a minimum fleet. Anyone interested in building the Mirror should call John at 339-4216 — the Mirror comes at that price in lots of five.

Meanwhile, keep calling your names and particulars in to John (I'm moving, so my phone number isn't active) and the committee will circulate a revised membership list from time to time, so that you can compare notes with, or get information from other salts.

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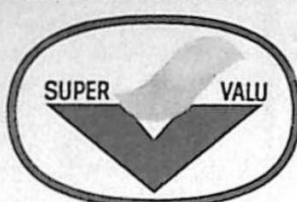
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