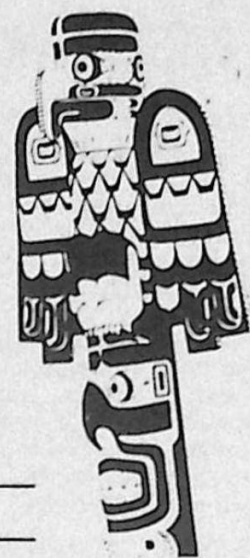


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CFB COMOX TOTEM TIMES

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1973

On Hwy 400

Downsview firefighters douse blaze

TORONTO (CFP) — Service firemen from CFB Toronto used their new Oshkosh foam truck, to put out a serious gasoline fire on Highway 400, just north of Toronto early Thursday morning Feb. 2.

The armed forces equipment was called out when a gasoline tanker truck, including semi-trailer and pup overturned and caught fire at the Major MacKenzie overpass on the north-south super-highway.

Vaughan Township fire department phoned CFB Toronto at 2:13 a.m. to ask for "foam assistance".

Six minutes later Fire Chief Master Warrant Officer C. M. Brookes with three firemen were leaving the base gate with their Oshkosh major foam vehicle.

By 3:25 a.m. the military firefighters had the blaze smothered with their foam equipment.

The driver got out before his cab was enveloped in flames and no one was injured in the fire.

The Oshkosh fire equipment is primarily for use in event of an aircraft crash at CFB Toronto. The vehicle's tanks hold 110 gallons of foam producing chemical and 833 gallons of water.

The Vaughan Township firemen provided military firefighters with another 800 gallons of water from another tank truck.



COL. McNICHOL tried to explain to General Dextraze when he visited last week, that it isn't always sunny and warm in Comox during February, and we really couldn't support NDHQ if it moved here. Dave McNair Photo

CFB Credit Union assets up \$350,000

The eighth Annual General Meeting of the Comox Canadian Forces Credit Union was held in the Totem Inn lounge, Friday, 23rd February, 1973.

Another very successful year was reported by W. H. Hicks, President. He stated that assets had increased by over \$350,000 to \$1,378,289.42 and that the interest paid on withdrawable-anytime non-chequing savings accounts was 6 per cent, and that the Patronage Rebate of 10 per cent in effect left our members' borrowings at 10.9 per cent in lieu of the 12 per cent originally anticipated, and presently our Term Deposits are paying 7 per cent.

Mr. George May and Mr. Doug McTaggart from B.C. Central Credit Union attended and after a very few words from Mr. May a slide film presentation was given in respect of Credit Unions in B.C. This was well received by the members and it is hoped that in future years we shall be able to include more scenes from this area.

The election of officers was ably handled by A. W. Rowlandson, R. G. Zwicker and G. L. Smith were re-elected for 3 years, A. J. Mitchell was elected for 3 years to the Board of Directors and W. H. Brown was elected to the Board for one year.

W. D. Tillack presented the Credit Committee report which showed \$1.37 million had been approved for loans to our members during fiscal year 1972. It was also reported that due to constitutional changes there will be no further elections to the Credit Committee.

Mr. Glen Lang of Monks, Lang and Co., C.G.A., presented the financial statement. R. G. Zwicker submitted the delinquent loan report which showed a total delinquency of \$6,320.13 of

which is anticipated 60 per cent will be collected in the next few months.

Mrs. Eileen Gooding was appointed Recording Secretary and Mr. E. H. Rick Kellow chaired the meeting.

The Savers' Game TV set was drawn by Mrs. Ken Stagg and was won by Roger G. Taillon. The \$25 in shares went to D. K. Christensen, \$10, to J. D. Shilling and the \$5 shares to E. H. Smyth, R. J. Blake and R. H. Salmon. The draw for the car will take place sometime at the end of April 1973.

After the meeting the members enjoyed dancing to the "Starliners" and a beautiful smorgasbord in the mess. The turnout was gratifying to the Board and Committees of the Board and it is hoped that next year's 9th Annual meeting will take place in the same place, under the same conditions.

Henning retires

Commodore R. V. Henning, 54, Base Commander of CFB Esquimalt, is retiring from the Canadian Forces March 13.

Commodore Henning entered the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve in 1941 and served in various Royal Canadian Navy and Royal Navy ships and establishments during the war. After the war, he transferred to the RCN as an ordnance officer. He served in various staff positions in Canada and abroad until his appointment in March 1967 as Commander of HMC Dockyard in Esquimalt. In January, 1969, he became Base Commander of CFB Esquimalt.

Air Force tartan for pipe bands

OTTAWA (CFP) — The Royal Canadian Air Force tartan may continue to be worn by all air element pipe bands of the Canadian Armed Forces.

These include Air Reserve pipe bands at Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg and volunteer regular force pipe bands at Ottawa, Trenton, Cold Lake, Portage La Prairie and Lehr, Germany.

The RCAF tartan was officially registered with The Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland on Aug. 15, 1942. It's design resulted from discussions at a "Robbie Burns Night" mess dinner at Summerside, P.E.I. in January, 1942.

This distinctive blue, maroon and white Canadian tartan is the only tartan authorized for use by a

Commonwealth air force.

Air Reserve pipe bands, like their militia counterparts, maintain and update their pipe band regalia through unit funds. Volunteer regular force pipe bands may retain the RCAF tartan kilt and other band accoutrements by using their non-public funds. A modified Canadian Forces green uniform tunic can be worn as a highland doublet with the kilt.

The Maple Leaf tartan worn by the pipe bands of The Royal Canadian Regiment is another distinctively Canadian tartan. The two RCR pipe bands are based at Petawawa, Ont., and Gagetown, N.B.

In addition, several militia units are authorized to wear other traditional Scottish tartans.

100°F in Saigon

Vietnam peacekeepers miss joys of winter

OTTAWA (CFP) — Most Canadians think fondly of milder weather in the midst of this country's annual deep-freeze.

Not so for the Canadian troops with the International Commission for Control and Supervision (ICCS) in Vietnam.

Capt. W. T. (Bill) Lashley told his wife in an Ottawa

radio interview that he would gladly change some of the capital's sub-zero weather for the hot, and humid 100 degrees in Saigon.

The telephone call to Saigon was set up by Bill Roberts of radio station CKOY in Ottawa.

There are two officers from each of the four nations on the truce teams in the field and at

the moment a Canadian heads each team. But the command will rotate, probably to Hungary next and in alphabetical order through the other nations as well, he said.

Capt. Lashley who is with the Search and Rescue in Edmonton, at CFB Calgary, National Defence Headquarters and recently completed four years with NATO at Ramstein, Germany.

Capt. Lashley is with Canada's second contingent of the international truce team which arrived in Vietnam Feb. 12, raising the total military commitment to 244.

He said that the weather in Saigon was the major problem facing the new troop arrivals.

"Some of our fellows are having trouble adjusting to the heat and humidity. The first few days here were pretty rough and the accommodation is not the best." "There's still a bit of fighting going on. Just a few minutes ago I could hear artillery fire in the distance," Capt. Lashley said.

"The Canadians aren't armed but our troops out in the field at regional headquarters can carry small arms if the commander decides it is necessary for their own protection."

He reported that the Canadians are getting along well with their counterparts from Poland, Hungary and Indonesia, who make up the other members of the four-nation teams.

"They know they are here for the same reasons we are and they are also anxious to do a good job."

New air trophy established

OTTAWA — The Royal Canadian Air Force Association Gordon R. McGregor Memorial Trophy has been established by the RCAF Association to commemorate the late Gordon R. McGregor, a Past Grand President of the Association, in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of air transportation in Canada.

The inscription on the trophy states "In recognition of outstanding and meritorious achievement by Canadians in the field of Air Transportation".

Any Canadian citizen of good character, engaged in the fields of military and civil air transportation who has been recommended, is eligible to be considered for the trophy which it is expected may be awarded for the first time at the 25th Anniversary Convention of the RCAF Association in Moncton, New Brunswick, October 10-13, 1973.

The recommendation of potential candidates for the trophy may be made by an individual or a group who wishes to propose a candidate. All recommendations must be submitted on or before June 1st, 1973 in writing, to the Secretary of the Screening and Selection Committee, National Headquarters, RCAF Association, 424 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa K2P 2C3, and each must contain a fully detailed and substantiated statement of the achievement or achievements that prompted the recommendation.

The trophy may be presented annually; however, there is provision to withhold presentation if there is a shortage of suitable candidates in any one year. Each recipient shall be entitled to hold the trophy for one year from the date of presentation and shall be presented with a suitable plaque for his permanent retention. Establishment of this trophy represents an additional step in the fast developing program of the RCAF Association to become more deeply involved in all aspects of both military and civil aviation in Canada.

Failure rate high in car inspections

Following are the results of the voluntary testing unit which operated out of the MSE section during the period 26 Feb. - 2 Mar.

Passed on 1st inspection - 348; Passed on re-inspection - 26; Rejected - 96; Total vehicles inspected - 470; Percentage of reject on 1st inspection - 22 per cent.

The breakdown of reasons for vehicle failure to pass tests is as follows: Aux lights - tail - top - signal - 18; Brake problems - 21; Glass - windshield - 16; Headlights - 20; Exhaust - muffler - 28; Steering gear - 22; Tires - 11. Approximately 75 per cent of total inspections received headlight adjustment.

It can be ascertained from the above results that the majority of vehicle failures can be attributed to the following: faulty exhaust system; faulty steering gear; faulty brakes; and headlights not adjusted correctly.

Oyster limits reduced

Regulations governing the taking of oysters from vacant Crown foreshore in British Columbia have been amended to reduce the number that can be taken or be in possession of persons for non-commercial purposes.

Described as a "general conservation move" by the Commercial Fisheries Branch of the Department of Recreation and Conservation, the regulations now state that a person cannot take or have in his possession, from Crown lands, more than 25 oysters in

the shell or more than one quart of shucked oysters in any one day. Anyone exceeding the possession limits is subject to prosecution under provisions of the Fisheries Act.

The previous limits for recreationists were 100 pounds of unshucked oysters or one gallon of shucked oysters per person in one day.

The changes were made to conserve oyster stocks on tideland areas where there is a heavy recreational use of the oyster resources.

By Forces Letter Special rate for Vietnam air mail

OTTAWA (CFP) — Three to five days delivery of mail for Vietnam is possible if you use a Forces Air Letter available at any Canadian Post Office.

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But the bargain rate is still the Forces Air Letter going for eight cents.



OUR LAST BASTION of the Wedgie Generation LCol. (Duke) Warren, threw in the scarf this week after his last trip in a vintage T-Bird. His distinguished career began 32 years ago, ended with the words "I'd rather quit than switch." Dave McNair Photo

At CFB Edmonton

Kensett wins judo crown

EDMONTON, Alta (CFP) — A CFB Halifax officer walked off with top honours at the Canadian Forces 2nd Invitational Judo Championships hosted by CFB Edmonton last month.

Winning the Black Belt divisional crown was Lt. R. G. Kensett, a physical training instructor. He became champion by virtue of three successive wins in the final round of competition.

M-Cpl. K. G. Frost, CFB-Moosonee, Ont., was runner-up in the Black Belt competition.

A total of over 60 competitors were involved in the championships. They represented bases from across Canada and Europe.

Judo is a well accepted sport within the Armed Forces. According to Sgt. Denis Belanger, organizer of the tournament, it's a sport that develops a co-ordination of the mind and body and is demanding of self-discipline.

If you toss in respect for oneself and of others, a formula evolves which could be beneficial to every man and woman in the Canadian Forces.

Other individual winners of the tournament are as follows:

Lightweight Division: M-Cpl. J. J. P. L'Italien, CFB Edmonton, Cpl. L. E. Naylor, CFB Chilliwack.

Middleweight Division: Cpl. J. J. Samson, CFB Calgary; Cpl. J. C. Lemay, CFB Edmonton.

Light Heavy Division: Cpl. W. R. Johnston, CFB Edmonton; Pte. R. Vanmil, CFB Chilliwack.

Heavyweight Division: Cpl. A. Gil, CFB Kingston; Capt. D. A. Whalen, CFB Toronto.

Team Competition: The East, made up of members serving east of Winnipeg, defeated the West. The outstanding sportsman award was presented to Cpl. J. J. Samson of Calgary.

Demon history

15, Feb, '44 - 3, May, '44

SYNOPSIS:

Since last January 407 Squadron had been patrolling the Western Approaches from Limvady in Northern Ireland. Four of the five attacks that the squadron made were in the first three weeks of operations. After that, however, the patrols were relatively uneventful and the attacks fewer.

"Log Here"

HISTORIAN'S NOTES: It was on the 3rd of March that the squadron said goodbye to the last of the Mark XII Wellingtons. Henceforth, until the end of the war, 407 flew only the Mark XV version of the Wimpy.

With regard to the crew that was lost on March 11; only one body was discovered, washed ashore in Galway. A similar incident occurred two weeks later. On this occasion a crew was lost while on a night navigation exercise. Six weeks later one body was washed ashore in the Orkneys.

The training that LAC Hopkins refers to was, of course, in preparation for the cross channel invasion. After training was completed, 407 returned to RAF Chinenor and played its part in the sea blockade. It had been anticipated that the enemy would make every effort to harass the great cross channel convoys by both surface and sub-surface attacks. How effectively the Royal Navy and Coastal Command did their tasks is now history. Demon Squadron had their share of the victory; while paying it's price, three of their own aircrew.

Feb. 15

I saw the worst crash since "R" at North Coates. Danny Blesser went in "H" to do an air test, and pulled up half way down the runway and started a steep climb. He was about 100' up and got out of the wind and the engines pulling with all their might, but to no good. As he started to stall, then the nose went down in a dive. It caught fire instantly on hitting the ground about one-quarter mile away. The whole crew of five were killed, they were Lt. Danny Blesser, FS Mathews, Sgt. Taylor, Sgt. Soakes and Sgt. Westel.

Mar 10

We sent 4 kites out in co-operation with the Navy and did alright. S/L Farrel, P/O Biddel, F/O O'Connor, F/L Brown, W/O Grant and W/O Packowski went in "A" and reported they blew a sub all to flack, amid a great deal of flack, but they didn't get hit. They left at 8:30 p.m. and got back at 6:30 a.m.

Mar 11

At 4:30 p.m. we sent F/O Hoffman, F/O Shaw, F/O Gilchrist, Sgt. Sorely, P/O Grant, W/O Gaudet, W/O Smithson and W/O Travers, but they failed to return. No word was heard as to what happened. A search party went out on the 12th but found nothing.

Apr. 18

I've not written for quite sometime, but the reason is we've not been doing any ops. All our time is taken up with training, and we're of the opinion it's not anti-sub. All the aircrew say it's going to be very deadly for them soon. It really looks like the long awaited 2nd Front. We expect to leave here soon.

Apr. 27

The advance party left here for Chinenor, Devon, but hate the idea of going back. We're on ops now as out training is finished.

May 3

At 9:15 p.m. tonight "M" went out with F/O Bateman, F/O Keele, W/O Peter, W/O Aulenback, W/O Miller and Sgt. Harries. They made a direct hit on a sub that was just cruising along on top charging its batteries. They came back at 8:30 a.m. on the 4th and found the trailing aerial missing.

Up to Date

This instalment completes the serialization of LAC Hopkins log. I should like to thank all those who have been kind enough to express their interest in the column. Should anyone be interested in reading more about 407's wartime history, particularly the last year of the war, please feel free to contact Capt. Jones at local 308.

As Squadron Historian I have access to diaries, logs, scrapbooks, files etc., all of which can provide those interested with several hours of thoughtful reading.

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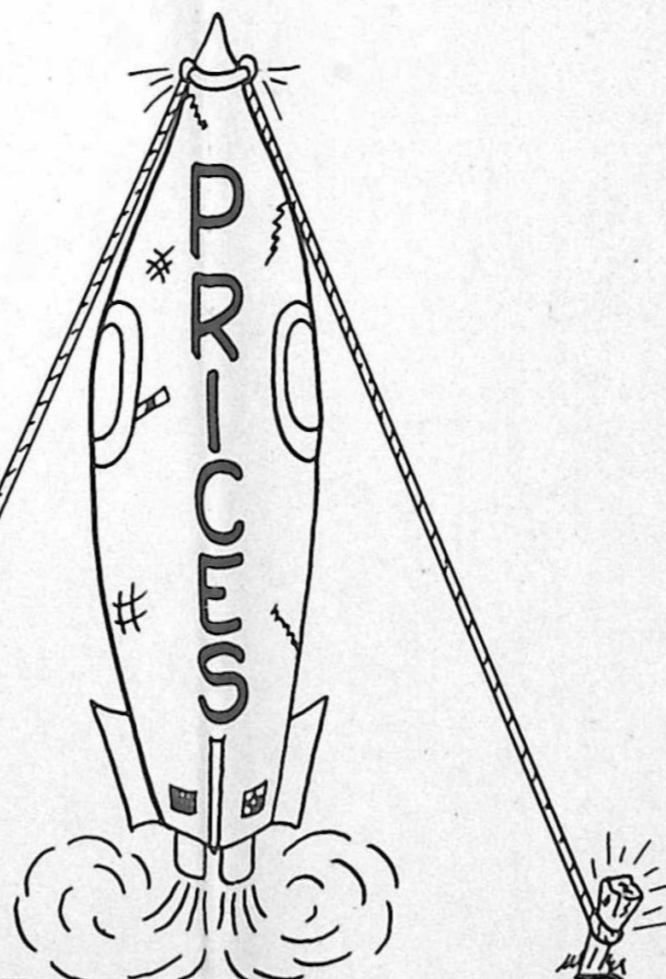
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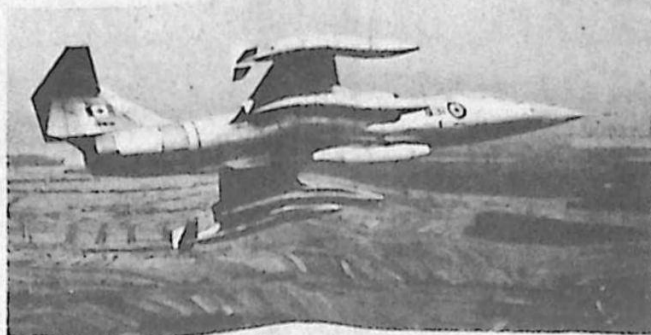
DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE Sylvain Cloutier and LCol. Sid Lloyd discuss the importance of good grooming in the Armed Forces. Now that LCol Lloyd has retired it would be interesting to see him in long hair. Dave McNair Photo



OUR NEWEST MAJOR, Al Haan (AVSO) presents an award to Cpl. Bill MacIver for his suggestion on a better way to drive a Voodoo antenna. He hasn't figured out what to do with the \$40 yet, but he's working on it. CF Photo



LCol. LES PRICE congratulated Doug Jackson as he completed his 1000th hour of wizardry in the decal-cluttered Voodoo, while Doug in turn congratulates Col. Price on his courageous stand for Navigator's rights. Dave McNair Photo



Norwegians train at Cold Lake on CF-104

COLD LAKE, Alta. — Technicians of the Royal Norwegian Air Force began training early this year on various CF-104 Starfighter systems at Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake as part of an agreement between Canada

and Norway last June involving the sale of 22 of Canada's fastest jet aircraft. The Norwegian purchase, estimated at about \$20 million, involves not only the sale of the Mach 2-plus aircraft but also the training of pilots, ground crews and providing spare equipment.

Comox skier wins CAF competition

Private Jean-Guy Rivest of CFB Comox placed first in two classifications during the Canadian Armed Forces Ski Competitions held Feb. 28 at Banff, Alta.

Rivest won the alpine slalom event with a time of 98.68 seconds and the alpine giant slalom event in 133.49 seconds.

In other events at Mt. Norquay, Rivest placed fifth in the alpine combined individual competition.

The Pacific team, of which Rivest was a member, placed sixth in the alpine slalom event and eighth in the alpine downhill event.

Twenty-three technicians began their training in January at 10 Field Technical Training Unit, commanded by Captain Lloyd Sundby and responsible for training Canadian ground crews on systems in both CF-104 and CF-5 aircraft.

Depending on their trades, which include airframe, communications and radar, fire control systems and automatic flight control systems, the technicians will spend between two and 10 weeks at the unit for classroom study, then move to the flight line for practical, on-the-job experience.

The total cost to the Norwegian government is estimated at \$210,000 and will include a second team of 32 technicians and three pilots later in the year. The pilots will be trained at 417 Operational Training Squadron, also based at Cold Lake.

Flammable liquids

Would you permit a few sticks of dynamite to lie around your home. Ridiculous? Many of us, by the careless use and storage of flammable liquids, expose ourselves to a similar situation.

Flammable liquids are very dangerous, but with a little knowledge of their proper care and handling, the danger can be controlled. Know the names of the most common flammable liquids: naphtha, gasoline, kerosene (coal oil), paint thinners, turpentine and varsol.

Use non-flammable

cleaners wherever possible. Liquids labelled non-flammable by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as the Underwriters' Laboratories will not burn.

Paints and varnishes are also flammable liquids capable of quickly turning a tiny flame into a roaring fire. Partly used cans of paint should be stored carefully with the lid on firmly so that vapors will not escape.

The contents of spray type cans such as hair sprays are frequently highly flammable. In use the cans could become a "blow torch" if ignited by a cigarette or other similar source of ignition. Never throw used containers in the fire — they could act like a bomb.

MUMS men promoted

Recently five personnel assigned to Det 5 of the 425th MMSQ were selected for promotion. Selected for promotion to Master Sergeant were Technical Sergeant James J. Logic of the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Section and Technical Sergeant Albert W. Wilford, NCOIC of the Quality Control Section.

Effective 1 Feb. 1973, Airmen 1st Class Norman E. Keen, Kenneth R. Mayfield, and Gerald P. Schwindler were promoted to Sergeant. All are assigned as Custodial Special Agents.

Birdmen play at Victoria

The Base Badminton Playdowns were held at the Rec Centre on the 22 Feb 73. Here are the results: Singles Champion: Capt. Rick Proulx; Singles Runner Up — Pte. Cliff Andre; Doubles Champion — Capt. Proulx, Pte. Andre; Doubles Runner Up — Cpl. Ed Liber, Pte. Phil Connington.

The Base representatives to the Pacific Region in the events which will take place in CFB Esquimalt from 6 - 8 March 73 are in the Singles Competition, Capt. Rick Proulx, Pte. Cliff Andre, Cpl. Ed Liber and Pte. Phil Connington.

In the Doubles Competition are: Proulx - Andre, Liber - Connington and Prime - Dandurand.

In the over forty category the Base representatives to the Pacific Region are: Cpl. Wayne Green, Cpl. Dave Jones, Sgt. Stan Robinson and Cpl. "Lap" Paprairie.

Our representatives are very eager to get the show on the road and come out victorious since the Nationals in Badminton will be held 10 - 14 April at CFB LaRr.

442 Sqn gets SAR inspection

BGen C. Allison, Chief of Staff, Operations, for Air Transport Command arrived at CFB Comox on Friday 16 Feb. to conduct the Annual Search and Rescue readiness inspection of 442 T & R Sqn.

Accompanying General Allison were: Capt. H G. Bould, Canadian Coast Guard; LCol D. C. Francis, Staff Officer Plans and Intelligence; LCol W. G. Doupe, Deputy Chief of Staff Maintenance (Air); Capt. (W) S. E. Aitken, Medical Officer; Maj. D. K. Meldrum, Staff Officer Air Movements and Maj. H. L. King, Staff Officer Search and Rescue.

General Allison and his party arrived via Falcon aircraft and were met by the Base Commander, Col. D. W. McNichol and LCol L. W. Hussey, Commanding Officer 442 T & R Sqn.

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(An Editorial in the Falcon)

It has often been said in recent years, that what we need to get the Canadian people behind their armed forces is another war.

However it took a peace, fragile as it is, to give the armed forces more publicity than it has received in over a decade. We are on the front pages daily and radio and TV features abound. Even the Governor General and the Prime Minister were on hand to wish the servicemen well on their departure from Montreal.

The public image of the Canadian serviceman has not been good over recent years, mostly as a result of an anti-military feeling throughout North America as a result of the Vietnam war. Now, almost overnight, the Canadian people have come around full circle to support their troops half way around the world in Vietnam. Their attitude to those in uniform in Canada has changed in the same way. The serviceman is no longer looked down upon as someone getting a free hand out from the government. But at the same time Canadians are not really sure as to what their servicemen do when they are not in Vietnam.

While the media is expounding on our good deeds in an observational role in the far east, very little is said of the 500 men we have in Cyprus in an actual peacekeeping capacity. Nor do they mention the dirty clean up job of removing oil from beaches, or the countless hours flown in looking for missing aircraft or the building of runways and bridges in the arctic.

Yes, it looks as if the media and the Canadian people are finally coming around to our side. They have come to realize that we will go anywhere we are needed whether it be the arctic or Vietnam. They have come to realize that when we are given a task it will be done promptly and efficiently.

No, we didn't need a war to show our mettle. A little bit of publicity may not help the pocket-book but it sure does wonders for morale.



"Watch the hands fellas ... it's all in the hands!!"

Thanks, Dave

This week's edition is the last one for our ace reporter and photographer, Dave McNair, who is leaving shortly to fly the mighty Hercules in Trenton. Dave has worked on the Totem Times for the past year and a half. We would like to thank Dave for a job well done. Doubtless he will also do an excellent job for the Trenton Contact.

One step forward

Our appeal last issue for volunteers to work on the Totem Times was completely unsuccessful. We're still looking for one editor, two or three persons to help as editorial staff and reporters and two persons for the advertising staff. If you have the talent and the free time every other week, we could use you on the staff. If you don't have the free time, at least think about us and write a letter to the editor or write an article on your club, your section or yourself.

Continue Your Education

EDUCATIONAL GOALS

Parents in our community are reminded about this session in Room 400 at G. P. Vanier Senior Secondary School this week at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9. This and other sessions to follow are being offered to give you an opportunity to express your wishes and desires for the future educational goals in our school district. This is the first session and is open to all parents. Other sessions will follow to allow teachers and students to express their opinions.

SUMMER SESSION.

The University of Victoria is offering the following courses in Nanaimo from July 3 to August 17, 1973: Educ. 342 - Foundations of Reading - July 3 - 25. 1 1/2 units Educ. 343 - Reading in the Elem. Sch. - July 26 - August 17 1 1/2 units. Educ. 423 - History of Education - July 3 - August 17. 3 units.

Students who have previously registered at the University of Victoria and who wish to register for these courses should complete an Application for Re-registration form (available from this office) and return to the Registrar, University of Victoria.

Students who have never attended the University of Victoria should write direct to the Director of Admissions for the appropriate form.

A limited number of copies of 'Summer Session Supplement to Calendar 1973-74' is available for perusal in my office in Courtenay Junior Secondary School. My phone number is 338-5383 (338-5385 after 4:30 p.m.)

Prometheus on education

Our greatest shame -- Part III

By PROMETHEUS

Perhaps there is now a glimmer of hope that all is not lost with matters educational in British Columbia. The deterioration of the education system over the past 20 years is widely recognized for its many faults and it is to be hoped that corrective action might soon be forthcoming. The B.C. government has just appointed two government commissions to study the public and post-secondary school systems. John Bremer, a 45-year-old English educator who is noted for his work in Britain and the U.S., has been appointed chairman of the commissions. It is considered that the studies might take as long as three years and possibly more.

It's high time, believe me. What will all this entail? Mr. Bremer has said, "We are not so much concerned with creating a plan for the improvement of education in B.C., we are concerned with improving education in B.C., and that's a very different thing." Bravo, Mr. Bremer! If I read you right, you are suggesting that there is nothing wrong with what is taught so much as how it is taught - and the accompanying disciplines which should go with the training of our young. Or am I reading something into your statement which really isn't there? That would be a pity, for my corollary to your statement is exactly (in part) what is wrong with education in B.C. and the area of attention most needed in the education of our young people.

THE PROBLEM

Let me attempt to identify the problem areas as I see them. This is most necessary as it is unjust to the system to criticize without identifying. In addition, the problems we encounter within the educational framework bear their poisonous and destructive fruits on the tree of society - and God knows we have a very sick societal tree, largely attributable to the failure of our educational system.

The problem areas are: loss of authority, lack of discipline, absence of personal disciplines, absence of values, too much permissiveness, no concerted emphasis on the value of moral and ethical behaviour in the development of character, lack of emphasis in the development of character, lack of definition of "taste" and cultural interest, no emphasis on the importance of "manners" in social intercourse, no direction or authority in the importance of personal dress and hygiene (again as they relate to the development of character), and the lack of emphasis on the importance of verbal and written skills.

Some educators may rail against me for these accusations. But it is my experience

that the most successful and respected teachers are those who emphasize the importance of what I have listed above and who gain the respect of their students through making them "more human" by the influence of these very values which they subtly impose on their students.

Again some teachers will say that their task is to present facts which students are expected to digest and that is where their teaching responsibility ends. How very wrong that position is! That is the least important side of education.

The purpose of education is enabling an individual to meet the standards of an academic or technical syllabus and the development and refinement of that individual inculcating the precepts of honesty and decency with a corresponding natural rejection of addictions and a discernment of right and wrong. That is how we should be educating our youth to a much greater degree than we are, and it is in this very area that we fail the most.

No wonder so many young people today seek more and more freedoms and that some (far too many) get swept away on the rushing tide of evils that wash away the sands of an education which would suit them for a proper role in a decent life. Wrong, am I? Look about you! Sixteen deaths from drug overdoses in Kamloops last year. Weiridos and kooks all over the place; emaciated, and I suspect, "hooked" teenagers begging on the streets of Victoria; marijuana and heroin importation growing at epidemic rate in all communities - and society is to blame, make no mistake about it. We have failed our youth tragically and it is OUR GREATEST SHAME.

Thinking teachers are worried. One vice-principal told me the other day he believes that the deterioration and failure of the school system is almost irreversible. There are some teachers in all communities who shouldn't be teaching and it is to be hoped that the new government will give teeth to the administration in all school districts to set and enforce standards of dress and deportment for the teachers which will root out the unfit amongst them and insist on standards which are becoming to professional educators. I'll forstall the argument, "Who is to say what is a fit standard?" by saying that if they have to ask, they shouldn't be teaching.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

The most successful schools in B.C. today are the private schools. They, thank God, can still impose their own proven and preferred

standards of dress and deportment, and develop a young person's character as best they see fit within the framework of their private teaching institution. But the rest of our youth are left to the happenstance of individual schools in some shoddy school districts, without sufficient disciplines and standards, and if they turn out decently it is almost in spite of the school system and not necessarily because of it.

Society in all its manifestations is the product of how we fit or misfit our youth to take their place. Oh, yes, educators will scream, "But it is the home environment which has the responsibility for the development of character!" And my answer to that is, "Only in part!" For the parents of our youth are themselves the product of a wasteful education system, the product of their own peer group influences, the product of a society with many false values. As Dorothy Thompson once observed, "Who ultimately will save the masses from the masses?"

A SUGGESTED SOLUTION

Now that I have identified the problems in education in B.C. as I see them, it is only proper that I make some suggested solutions to help the sightless educators in positions of authority so they can discard their conjecture about what their real role towards society is, and get on with the direction of a more full and meaningful education of our young.

I would begin with a greatly increased emphasis on the importance of the English language in both written and verbal communication. Prominent educators in Canada today have recently expressed dissatisfaction with the literacy level of High School graduates. And they are completely right! I would reintroduce elocution universally in the schools.

I strongly advocate the use of a common school uniform in all schools. Any argument about added cost must be dismissed as invalid for it doesn't hold water. A standard of dress could then be determined and the tendency would be for pupils to meet the standard and thus realize what should be a precept of citizenship.

Health and fitness education would have a greater emphasis. The extolling of the ancient Roman axiom, "Mens sana in sano corpore", could be subtly inculcated in the thought of all youth. Accomplished citizens should be held up as models for youth and there should be greater societal rewards for accomplishments of real merit.

False values should be more readily identified within the school system and exposed for what they really are. Respect for authority and the inculcation of personal disciplines would follow from the influences of these few suggestions.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY
The federal and provincial governments would have to get together and identify dysfunctional influences within society which would have to be curbed. There are too many freedoms for exploiters of taste.

Margaret (Ma) Murray, 86-year-old editor and publisher of the Bridge River - Lillooet News recently told the Calgary Teachers Convention, "The teaching profession must improve or the whole system will fold at the grass roots level and a dictatorship for this free land will result. The people of this free land are paying too much and getting too little for it. Somewhere along the line anarchy has crept in and the youth of today who would sabotage the system are incapable of building or restoring a better one."

Reginald Mauding, former British Home Secretary, has just written that, "Freedom cannot succeed without order. The choice must clearly lie between a discipline imposed or a self-discipline freely accepted. The challenge here is to find a means whereby free men in a free society can be led to accept their responsibilities and to act in accordance with them."

Ogden Nash.

Financial Counsel

(Courtesy Cold Lake Courier)

By MAJ. R. E. AVERY

Some time ago I read a magazine article on a family who were experiencing financial difficulties. This family was headed towards financial disaster. Over the previous two years they had purchased a new car, an automatic washer and a colour television, all on time payment plans. They had also run up a \$500 debit in revolving charge accounts and had borrowed a few hundred dollars from a small-loan company to clear up overdue bills.

All in all, the family owed \$2800 in short-term debts. The payments on these debts were draining \$175 a month from a take-home pay of \$700. That left \$525 a month to support a family of four. They were so short of cash that as fast as they reduced a revolving charge account, they had to add new purchases to the balance. When they finish paying the small loan company, they will have to borrow again for the youngsters' dental work.

Except for the amount of take-home pay this story is a pretty familiar one. It's very easy for families to flounder blindly into debt these days. Unless we're on our guard, it can happen to any one of us regardless of how much take home pay we have. Here are four unmistakable signs of credit trouble:

Twenty per cent or more of your take-home pay is going into debt payments.

You have been stretching out your debts by borrowing for longer and longer periods.

You are letting your debts snowball by adding new obligations before paying off old ones.

You always have debts outstanding with banks or lending companies.

If this couple had followed the safety rule, that they should never owe more at any one time than they could repay within 12 months at their current rate of payments, they wouldn't be having credit trouble. To be able to owe \$2800, they should have been able to pay \$233 per month. If they couldn't pay \$233 on instalment payments per month, then they shouldn't have borrowed \$2800.

Knowing your borrowing limit is only half the battle. The other half is knowing when to borrow wisely. The wise family does most of its buying out of current income or savings, borrowing only occasionally and for worthwhile purposes. For maximum mileage from your credit power follow these rules:

Don't borrow unless you must. Don't fall for the misconception that borrowing is just "saving in reverse". The 1 1/2 per cent service charge on an ordinary revolving charge account equals 18 per cent a year interest.

Before you buy on time, use whatever free credit you can get. You can probably cover such big items as TV sets or a drier with a regular 30 day charge account. If you buy at the start of the billing cycle, you won't be billed for about 30 days and then you still have another 30 days to pay.

Don't tie yourself down to a long-term loan for small amounts or for luxuries that have, in effect, a short life. If you finance a vacation on a two-year loan, for example, you will still be paying for it when next year's vacation rolls around.

Always shop around to check interest rates. You may find that it's cheaper to finance a car with a bank or credit union than with a dealer.

Try negotiating a different kind of loan. A bank sometimes lends to a good client on a short-term note at a much lower rate than for ordinary instalment loans. And remember collateralized loans are normally less expensive than unsecured loans.

If you are experiencing serious financial problems, don't let them become a career problem. Talk to one of the following members of the Financial Assistance Committee: Base Financial Counsellor: Capt. R. S. Taylor, Local 212; 407 Sqdn. Rep. Capt. B. A. Roberts, Local 204; 442 Sqdn. Rep. Capt. R. L. Norman, Local 422; BAMEO Rep. Capt. J. Kenkel, Local 304; BARMPO Rep. Maj. W. R. Peigl, Local 237; BSecO Rep. Capt. M. Slievert, Local 312; BTnO Rep. Lt. M. A. Rafferty, Local 261; BCEO Rep. Capt. R. A. Lee, Local 378; BsupO Rep. Capt. J. Gibson, Local 376; BTelo Rep. Capt. L. Sackett, Local 418.

Parking lots and signs

Dear Sir:

In the past, your illustrious journal has pointed out some deficiencies in the traffic signs on the base. The one I recollect was a one-way sign to the parking lot behind Barrack Block 79 across from the Dental Clinic. It seemed that this sign changed around every day. I've been waiting for you to mention a couple of other cases similar to this, but perhaps they have escaped your attention.

It appears as though the Canex parking lot was laid out by a Newfoundlanders with one-way mania. As you know, the entrance to the lot is by the Post Office; the exit at the far end. This means that the hundreds of Lazo P.O. customers daily must drive the length of the lot to exit after picking up their mail. And in doing so, they must pass behind the rows of cars parallel parked in the lot. This greatly increases their chance of having an accident when some clot with his rear window fogged up backs out of his parking space. This, I feel is an unnecessary addition to the risks one already faces in daily driving.

In addition, if someone is planning to shop in the BX (Why anyone would, I don't really know) and he drives along the aisle hoping to find a spot close to the door but finds all the spots occupied, he must then exit the lot, drive along the road and then re-enter near the Post Office. This is absolutely ridiculous!

I recommend that each entrance be made two-way and the two rows of parking spots down the aisle next to Canex towards the Canex entrance and don't find a spot, you can turn 180 degrees left at the end and try the rows closer to the road.

The other sign that I think is hilarious is the one that says "Entrance Only" to the lot plan to exit by this entrance, there is nothing can see is the back of the sign, which is blank.

I hope that the person responsible for parking lots has someone read him this letter so that he can do something about that silly Canex lot before I go crazy.

W. W. Corrigan

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Boswell Picks a Poem

I Never Even Suggested It

I know lots of men who are in love and lots of men who are married and lots of men who are both,

And to fall out with their loved ones is what all of them are most loth.

They are conciliatory at every opportunity,

Because all they want is serenity and a certain amount of impunity.

Yes, many the swain who has finally admitted that the earth is flat

Simply to sidestep a spat,

Many the masculine Positively or Absolutely which has been diluted to an If

Simply to avert a tiff,

Many the two-fisted executive whose domestic conversation is limited to a tactfully inter-

polated Yes,

And then he is amazed to find that he is being raked backwards over a bed of coals never-

theless.

These misguided fellows are under the impression that it takes two to make a quarrel, that

you can sidestep a crisis by nonaggression and nonresistance,

Instead of removing yourself to a discreet distance.

Passivity can be a provoking modus operandi;

Consider the Empire and Gandhi.

Silence is golden, but sometimes invisibility is goldier.

Because loved ones may not be able to make bricks without straw but often they don't need

any straw to manufacture a bone to pick or blood in their eye or a chip for their soft white

shoulder.

It is my duty, gentlemen, to inform you that women are dictators all, and I recommend to

you this moral:

In real life it takes only one to make a quarrel.



LORD BADEN-POWELL would have been proud of the followers of his ideals as they took part in the church service last Sunday in both the Protestant and Roman Catholic Chapels Dave McNair Photo

Hatch o' the Patch

At no time of the year is the necessity for keeping PMQs clean and tidy more obvious than in the Spring (eat yer hearts out easterners). The accumulated garbage from the ghetto is enough to make your average dump envious. Remember with the new regulations the cleanup can be done for you. If you are that well paid to be able to afford 150 per cent of the labour costs, the CE section will gladly send over X number of men at 1 1/2 times the labour costs to help with the trash problem.

The Bingo was a success even though only 97 people showed up. Frank Creamer came to the base to drop his wife off for bridge, won the \$150 Bingo jackpot, and then chucked all the way back to Comox. Congrats Frank. The next PMQ Bingo will be Monday, March 26 at 8 p.m. in the Totem Lounge. The jackpot will be \$150 and must be won.

The Mayor is descended from a long line of Conn artists. Hizzoner will be leaving soon for a year's tenure at Staff College. Finding a replacement will be a Major decision.

Don't you people care if your kids play any organized sports at all? Let it not be said there are no parents in PMQs. It is one of the greatest ankle-biter hateries in the free world. Call the Rec Director at 391 if you would care to give a hand.

Thanks to Hy Jean and San I Tation for taking the lid off the trash problem. I too think the time has come to let the gulls and the ravens fend for themselves. Let it not be said that Wallace Gardens is for the birds. A word of warning to those who let this advice go unheeded and who continue to put their refuse out in plastic bags or worse yet, no bags at all. Housing Office has been empowered to take whatever action they consider necessary to alleviate the trash problem and it costs you bucks. Some morning, as you put out the leftovers in your seedy container, the Housing Officer will step out of his disguise as a tree, wring out his pantlegs and assess you right then and there for the cost of the cleanup. Remember to keep the area adjacent to your house looking respectable too. There is no need for Wallace Gardens to look like a refugee camp. The refugees can't help themselves.

Congratulations to that new and industrious strain being hatched in PMQs. It's the new councillors and a worthy lot they are too. Cheer up men, keep a lip upper stiff, it's only a year and it's fun. As they say on the Academy Awards, the winners are: Ward One - WO Bartlett; Ward Two - Cpl. R. W. Bryson; Ward Three - WO Hayward; Ward Four - MSgt. Nix; Ward Five - Lt. Bell-Chambers; Ward Six - Capt. Boychuk; Ward Seven - MCpl. Jazey; Ward Eight - Sgt. Miller; Ward Nine - Sgt. Sleigh.

Remember tie your neighbor, spay your dog, smile at your cat, and clean up your yard and house area. The hatch is complete ...

BASE THEATRE

NOTE: All Evening Performances start at 1900 Hrs. (7 p.m.)

Thur. 8 Mar.	MCKENZIE BREAK	Brian Keith Jan Hendry
WAR - Germans escaping from British P.O.W. Camps Showtime 1900 hrs. to 2055 hrs.		
Fri. 9 Mar.	NIGHTMARE IN WAX	Cameron Mitchell Anne Helm
Horror Frozen into zombies - doomed to unbearable horrors Showtime 1900 hrs. to 2050 hrs.		
Wed. 14 Mar.	THE VIRGIN SOLDIERS	Lyn Redgrave Hyllwell Bennett
Thurs. 15 Mar. Showtime: 1900 hrs. to 2030 hrs. Restricted		
Fri. 16 Mar.	DRACULA HAS RISEN FROM THE GRAVE	Christopher Lee Veronica Carlson
Showtime: 1900 hrs. to 2055 hrs.		
Sat. 17 Mar.	HANNIE CAULDER	Racquel Welch Ernest Borgnine
Sun. 18 Mar. Racquel Welch plays the part of Clint Eastwood RESTRICTED: Western, action Packed Showtimes: 1900 hrs. to 2050 hrs.		
Wed. 21 Mar.	LOVE STORY	Ali McGraw ADULT
Thurs. 22 Mar. Last chance to see this great movie Showtimes: 1900 hrs. to 2055 hrs.		
Fri. 23 Mar.	CHAMBER OF HORRORS	Pat. O'Neal Suzy Parker
Showtimes: 1900 hrs. to 2055 hrs.		
Sat. 24 Mar.	OUT OF TOWNERS	Jack Lemon Sandy Dennis
Sun. 25 Mar. Comedy Showtimes: 1900 hrs. to 2055 hrs.		
Wed. 28 Mar.	DEEP END	Jane Asher
Thurs. 29 Mar. Restricted Dianna Doris Action - Drama Showtimes: 1900 hrs. to 2050 hrs.		
Fri. 30 Mar.	BRIDES OF FU MANCHU	Christopher Lee Marie Versini
Horror Showtimes: 1900 hrs. to 2050 hrs.		
Sat. 31 Mar.	TRUE GRIT	John Wayne Glenn Campbell
Sun. 1 April Showtimes: 1900 hrs. to 2110 hrs. Western		

Brownies prepare for Cookie Day

The 2nd Comox Brownie Pack has been very busy since Christmas. New Brownies Cheryl Nykorak and Danielle Turmaine were enrolled on January 31 in a pack ceremony conducted by Brown Owl Brenda Jones. The pack now numbers 21 with three Tweenies, nine working on the Golden Bar, eight working on the Golden Hand and one ready to fly up to Guides.

Badges - The following badges have been earned and awarded during the past two months: Skater badges to Tracy Bell, Kim Kay and Karen Kay; housekeeper and collector badges to Karen Gillard, housekeeper, collector, book lover and writer badges to Terry Middleton and the writer badge to Janet Jones.

Thinking Day - the anniversary of Baden-Powell's birth was observed by a special project in which 10 countries were researched by the girls and a display of their efforts exhibited at a pack meeting. Several girls also took part in a District sing-song held at Village Park School on Feb. 22.

Baden-Powell Sunday - Members of the pack attended the Catholic and the Protestant church parades. At a special ceremony during the R.C. service Dawn Dumont and Danielle Dumont of 2nd Pack were among those receiving Religion in Life Emblems. A great deal of effort is required to be awarded these emblems and the pack is very proud of Dawn and Danielle.

Cookie Day - In preparation for the annual Guide Cookie Day in May, the pack made posters during one of their meetings. The best poster from 2nd Pack was designed by Dawn Dumont and the runner-up was Andrea Turmaine. These two posters will be entered in the District poster contest. Third place went to Terry Middleton and fourth to Janice Malugani. Good work girls!

Mothers are reminded that the next Ladies' Auxiliary meeting will be at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday March 21 at the Comox United Church Hall. This meeting will be the annual fund raising Bake Auction and a prize will be awarded to the pack with the most mothers in attendance so try to get out and have our pack well-represented.

Share Lent '73

What was Lent like in the old days? Why did our ancestors fast? Pope Leo said it simply in the 5th century: You fasted so you would have food to give away to people who were hungry. There were lots of them. There still are. Fasting was for almsgiving.

And you prayed. Christians met more often to listen, and reflect, and ask God for light. There were sins to be faced, wrongs to be righted, God's commands to be understood and obeyed. There still are.

The poor nations abroad, and the poor in our own country, are finding ways to tell us we are unjust and arrogant. Lent is a time for real conversation; so Lent is a good time to reflect on what the poor are saying.

Share-Lent '73 is a nationwide program of support for self-help projects in the poor world. Share-Lent is the best way for most of us to do something concrete about helping the poor to build a better world.

The theme of the Share Lent '73 campaign is "Development is ... People". In choosing this theme, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace wants to underline the efforts that the people in Africa, Asia and Latin America are making to develop themselves. Their policy in Development and Peace is to assign funds to small projects under \$10,000 which allow people to participate in the project.

Again this year, we are trying to renew the traditional spirit of Lent. Instead of a collection on a given Sunday, we are hoping that each parish will develop a Lenten "collection of sacrifices". We ask each family to put an ordinary empty soft drink can on the kitchen table on Ash Wednesday right through to Easter. Each Sunday, a gentle reminder that fasting is voluntary, but it is by fasting that we can help the poor of the world.

Chapel Chimes

PROTESTANT CHAPEL
R. J. Ritchie - Base Chaplain (P) Telephone No. 339-2211 Loc. 273
11 Mar 73 - 11:00 a.m. Divine Worship
18 Mar. 73 - 11:00 a.m. - Divine Worship.
BIBLE STUDIES
Tuesday, 13 March - 8:00 p.m. PMQ No. 9
Monday, 19 March - 8:00 p.m. PMQ No. 6
These informal discussions are open to both young people and adults.
LADIES GUILD: Tuesday, 20 March - 8:00 p.m. All ladies are invited.
YOUNG PEOPLES: Every Sunday in the Protestant Chapel at 7:30 p.m.
RC CHAPEL
Father Joseph A. Borg - Base Chaplain (RC) Telephone No. 339-2211 Loc. 273
MASSES:
Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday 09:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays:
Monday 7:00 p.m. in the Protestant Chapel
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. in the Protestant Chapel
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. in the Protestant Chapel
Friday 7:00 p.m. in the Protestant Chapel.
PARISH COUNCIL CHAPEL COMMITTEE MEETING
The regular meeting of the Parish Council-Chapel Committee will take place next Sunday, 11th of March at 1300 hours in the Parish Hall.

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CHILDREN'S MATINEES
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SATURDAY MATINEES
NOTE: All Matinees are 40c admission price. All Matinees commence at 1400 hrs. (2:00 p.m.)

Sat. 10 Mar.	SON OF LASSIE	Gerard Barry
Showtime 1400 hrs. to 1550 hrs.		
Sat. Mat. 17 Mar.	SEA PIRATE	Gerard Barry
Showtime: 1400 hrs. to 1545 hrs.		
Sat. Mat. 24 Mar.	BELLBOY	Jerry Lewis
Showtime: 1400 hrs. to 1550 hrs.		
Sat. Mat. 312 March	WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY	Gene Wilder
Showtime: 1400 hrs. to 1550 hrs.		

Follow the Blue

It'll guide you through the new tax form

In the blue pages of the new tax guide are six steps which explain how to fill in your form. I suggest that if you follow the steps carefully, chances are you'll get it right. But if you still have a problem, and it isn't solved in the detailed part of the guide, call or go to your District Taxation Office.

For more help, visit or simply call your District Taxation Office. If it's long distance, dial the operator and ask for ZENITH 04000 (it's free).

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your guide to the 1972 income tax return

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Weapons Wanderings

Greetings all you weapons types and all the rest of you people, in or out of uniform. This glamorous new bit of babble you see before your peepers is all about those wonderful people who are the well dressed, under paid, over worked, the elite of CFB Comox, the Weapons Tech Air trade. These guys may be found in many places around base such as Base Arm't, Missile-Farm, EOD, Bomb Dump and SAS, doing our jobs, to hold good old "409" together.

Now that the Tac-Eval is over with, we can all start getting set for the CI, to keep ourselves at the high standards, which we are used to. In the past, it has been found that one of the most important trades on this base has all but been forgotten, so it is felt that we will make our own noise. There are two of us responsible for this mind rupture. We are both members of the 409 Weapons Load Section.

The Tac-Eval of course, went off without a hitch, for us. One of the major contributors to the Tac-Eval was your hard working WTECH Air trade who held up their end of the job, and absolutely gave their very best, working together as a well oiled machine. These days a well oiled machine is hard to find. The rest of the day of the Tac-Eval was very hectic for us. During one part of the night things got a bit rough, we all looked like a bunch of lepers who just received their first air drop of two week overdue penicillin.

Over the past little while our wee section has gone through a few changes, and people. There are more to come. Vern Truesdale is just in from CFB Chatham, welcome aboard Vern. We hope you like the section and the people here. Bob Hayes and family arrived here just awhile ago. Welcome to beautiful B.C. We hope your trailer comes around okay. Ernie Berry and Art Sayer are down in wonderful CFB Borden learning a bit more about their trade. Good luck boys. Rusty Macdonald and Ray Crotley are in the same area, something to do with EOD. Take it cool boys and carry a large, wide, bandaid. Trev Hawkins is back from Ottawa now, we hope things are all okay with you. As rumor has it, Trev may be going to SAS soon. We understand that Red Leblanc will be making tracks for Bagotville. Smile Red, there are better days ahead.

If there is any one interested in a real sharp boat, that really floats right side up, contact Doug Paige or our Missile Farm man, Jack Morgan. I'm told that this boat has a flying bridge and is well equipped as well. Things in the WLS are becoming organized once again now that John Barkemeyer has just returned from a first aid instructors' course. Still with the Weapons Load Section, Derrick Cropper in his third week without smoking and fingernails. Harold Smith, from standards, will be on his way across the pond soon, to the land of small cars and large glasses. Abe Newman has been 104'd and will be heading the same way, along with our non puffer Derrick. We are all going to miss these

guys. We have a new crew chief, congratulations Danny. The EOD section under the control of Ron Peigl moves pretty smoothly these days. EOD personnel, led by Lou Forbes and Chuck Stemin have been visiting different schools around the area, giving the students a general safety talk on explosives. The way these guys operate those talks must be interesting.

The Arm't Repair section (Ratchet Renegades) are hard at it these days doing their thing. Jim Moro will be on his way to the land of funny door knobs soon, carrying his wee ratchet, wherever he may go. Brian McMillan is coming back to us shortly, those racks do get difficult. Clay Arniel and George Sansom left for Bagotville to revise a set of Arm't EO's. It took a long time and a lot of hard work to put that EO together.

Rumor has it that Harold Mulholland is finally getting his new uni-bag ready for his well planned retirement.

Now to ease your mind and eyes, this is it until next time.

Opinion of the Week: Why can't the shirts with our new uniforms be made of a less coarse material. They hold a fine crease but they scrape off a lot of skin. The material should be of a smoother type.

Rumor of the Week: Bing will be buying a new toupee. PAY FIELD (C) FOR 73.

Voodoo Nuts, Bolts and Volts

The last few weeks have been unusually quiet. It could be because most of the section chiefs were away on TD or catching up on their well earned annual leave. Anyway they're all back now and everything is back to normal with weekly exercises to keep everybody on their toes.

After two weeks in Bagotville, where French is spoken exclusively, Capt. Ted Johnston is happy to be back where he doesn't have to do his snowshoes every morning. Everybody was under the impression that he headed east as a CFB Comox representative to the Quebec Winter Snow Carnival, but he assured me that although he was involved in a lot of snow it was no carnival!

A few postings are in for some lucky or unlucky people, depending on their point of view. Sgt. Ted Henn of Base Workshops (407) is taking a crash course in carpentry, under the professional tutelage of Mr. Len Willing. He says he's getting the jump on the "Incentives for Youth Program" locally so that when he gets to CFB Winnipeg (Training Command) there won't be anything that he can't handle in the workshops. Cpl. Abe Newman (WTECH), is heading overseas for 1 CAG Baden Soellingen. M.Cpl. Harvie Johnson (RSTech) was overjoyed with his posting to CFB Bagotville.

He'll now be able to practice his bilingualism in depth! Cpl. John McEwen (I & E) is packing his bags for CFB Trenton. Cpl. Gordy Gorringer (AFTECH) is looking forward to a change of scenery more at home to brown uniforms. I understand that the first thing you are issued on arriving at 450 Helicopter Sqn. Detachment in Edmonton is a new pair of marching boots!

On the sports scene, a noteworthy sports event took place on Sunday evening in the form of a Mixed Curling game between the Thomson-Elvins "foursome" and the Webster-Atkinson "wonders". With "Killer Atkinson" at the controls it was a tough battle, but Atkinson's "off the broom" luck in the sixth end nearly collapsed the Thomson rink, counting one point to break the tie after a couple of unorthodox ricochets. The turning point came in the seventh end when one of the Atkinson team members threw 3 rocks leaving one for the old master, and missing his shot gave the Thomson foursome a well deserved three points. The final end saw the Thomson rink sitting second shot and the "wonders" failing to encourage the crucial rock to its mark, the game ended 6 to 5 in favour of Thomson.

WRITER'S NOTE: We didn't see a BAMEO News Release on this game Bob!

Nighthawk's Nest

Guess who just purchased a spanking new Volkswagen? This one is brindle brown in color since he discovered that yellow and ice should be confined to a tall glass and go by the name of Harvey. We wish you better luck with this one Amigo, but should the wrath of Lady Luck befall you a second time could you please keep Canada litter free and take what's left home with you, wherever that may become.

Debbly and Ben Dennis are the proud owners of a real live seven pound some-odd ounce bundle of noise that should put an end to peace and quiet in their home for some time to come. It seems as though Deb's father lost a fortune unknown since the departure of Peter Dunda. While Dad was taking all bets a beautiful little girl appeared rather than the reputed whale. Congratulations on a job well done even though we thought for a while that you were faking it.

Boy, can you ever tell that the navigators are feeling the brunt of the last pay raise. Paul the Guru, come mystic, come unintelligible intelligence officer squawked severely when he was enticed to play pool the other day in the QRA. He asked if he could play now and pay never if he lost, but if he won then you could disregard his appreciation of it. When told that the cost of admission was a mere nicker, he savagely broke the tips off all the cues and retired to play a game of chess pretending his opponent was Alfred E. Newman. Paul was never very good at games playable while awake.

This week saw two Nighthawks achieve distinction in the promotion racket. Don LeMiddleton now becomes Major Danger and Bud LeJenks becomes SIR. 409 Sqn. congratulates these two well deserving comrades. Maj. Middleton will stay on as CINCPACCAC while L-Col. Jenks assumes the BADMO. The rest of you guys are just going to have to wait your turn.

O. J. Malcomson has finally returned from his latest course and is now awaiting further instructions. He possesses so many patches and diplomas that sooner or later we are going to have to call him Doctor. Actually Orv is just plain lousy at anything he does so the safest thing to do is keep him moving. Sooner or later someone will want him to stay on as an instructor at something.

Got a letter from Ernie Poole the other day. He is well into his first thousand hours on a chopper and is being checked out on the IHC 57 (a two place fighter commonly known as a jeep.) He says his suntan is coming along well but the guy they assigned him as his jeep driver is making every effort to ensure that the tan is only temporary. He says his next tour on 409 Sqn. will be as enjoyable as his last. Lynwood is very busy with the exchange program (changing all that drab gear they issued him for swimming lessons.) No word from Maj. Sos. I'll bet he either returns home speaking Polish or changes his name to Schwartz and retires early. He knows how much money is in the boat repair business.

Ed Leask and Gerry

McIntosh have completed their combat ready training and may look forward to many a day in the QRA. To their wives I offer my condolences, but to you two I say it's about time! You thought your combat ready training was over; well, guys, it's just begun. When you can put up with Vishnu and the Irish Frenchman in the same room as yourself after dark then you haven't been there before! Murder is a much used word in their presence. If you ever get the urge to commit a dastardly sin with either of these gents as the intended victim please give me a chance to participate. Those two fellows ought to do TV commercials for terminal nasal congestion.

A much belated welcome to Capt. J. Joe Parkinson, Les Cox and Don Ferguson and their families. Ladies, if you ever wonder what your boys are doing late at night racing around the skies in a heavier-than-air machine acting as targets for a bunch of swifter than noise interceptors, fear not, for most likely skill and cunning again overcame ignorance and superstition and the whole fleet ground aborted. Actually though, may I extend a most warm welcome from the entire squadron and we all look forward to many a happy time together. The job of acting as the target force is generally a thankless one but believe me when I say we are all glad that somebody knows how to fly the thing.

A rumor of the week will not be included in this edition since somebody skillfully organized the whole squadron on leave at the same time.

407 Tech Ramblings

ARMAMENT HANG-UPS

The social event of the past month was the gathering of the clan to bid au revoir to Red Leblanc who was about to depart for La Belle Province. Red's wit and humor, which had long provided an uplift for all in this water-logged outpost, will certainly be missed. The success of the affair was largely attributable to the culinary art and catering proficiency of Chico and Paul. It was also gratifying to see Bruce at his true calling, bartending, and a marked increase in his sense of humor was noted when he learned that he did not have to perform the post party washing up chore.

Many a heartbeat was discernible within the nucleus of the section during a recent week as the giants struggled to preserve their precarious positions against the relentless onslaught of the Chirper. The same Chirper was also observed, on another occasion, peering through the glass in the section door and making like a woodpecker. It seems that he had somehow trapped himself by allowing the door to close on his foot so, if anyone in the Comox area possesses a size 15AAA right boot or shoe, he would appreciate the loan of same.

In closing, we wish to appeal to all readers for their assistance regarding the loss of air from our Argus pneumatic systems: please maintain a close watch for suspicious characters and, should any be observed, please report to the SARMO since he may be the "Air Pirate" we are looking for. TORP TOPICS

We are proud to relate, at this time, that three stalwarts from the Torp Shop, Bob Cuvilier, John Chequis and Fred Neild, were members of the joint 407-BSEcurO broomball team which represented the Base and last month won the Pacific Coast regional championship. March ninth should see John and Fred heading for Summerside with the predominantly 407 team that will be attempting to bring the Canadian Forces championship back to Comox. Stiff brooms, men, and the best of luck.

Something new has crept into the financial world of yours truly and are identified as income tax forms T-1 and T-4. I almost fainted from shock after the first run through the T-1 but then realized that something had gone amiss since I couldn't possibly owe the gumvint 200 bucks. After further checking, it became apparent that I was in fact in for trouble, especially since I had given my date of birth as 11 September, 1973. However, after numerous consultations with my fellow tax dodgers, we were able to reduce the total to the point where, if all is correct, I expect a rebate in the magnificent amount of \$1.13.

Jack McNaughton has been busy remodelling his basement for some time and has done such an outstanding job that it is now on the best cellar list.

SERVICING SNICKERS

Once again, greetings from the Demon Doers.

February 23rd was the occasion of a very successful boss's night hosted by the WOs' and Sgts' Mess and, in this regard, rumor has it that Sgt. Don McCulloch spent the entire day pleading with the ASO to accompany him to said function.

"Woody" Woodburn and "Wiener" Lavigne are on their diet kick again with the former claiming that he has lost ten pounds; however, we suspect that the loss was from his chest and, if he checks his waistband, he may find it again! In Wiener's case, the area he has to check is so large and therefore time consuming that he has yet to determine whether or not anything is missing.

Sgt. Bob Sleigh is currently cooling his heels, and the rest of his anatomy, at Greenwood where he is the 407 rep on a board that is engaged in rewriting the course training standards for Argus pay level five riggers.

The pilots of crew six are insisting that all and sundry address them as SIR! Apparently they feel that this sounds much more sophisticated than most of their previous nom de plumes.

FLASH! At a quick glance the crew just heading for their Argus almost look like Air Cadets - nice hairdos!

AVIONICS

We're going to miss the smiling countenance of our clerk, Cpl. Gallagher, who has departed our orderly room in favor of employment in the AMCRO section whose needs were apparently greater than ours. Whoops, he's back! It seems that a very sudden and unexpected posting cancellation arrived when the skipper of a certain DE learned that an intended new addition to his crew was calling for H-U-G-H-I-E three days before his scheduled departure for Esquimalt. Welcome back, Ron, after what must be the shortest internal transfer on record.

MWO Bush is bragging about how his old Plymouth passed the vehicle safety inspection first time around. Not so in the case of a certain other Warrant Officer who, on

a recent morning and with the assistance of one of our Tel Techs, was observed pushing his Volvo to get it started. Sure is too bad that the car manufacturers no longer supply their products with a stemwinder but, again, how many people in this day and age would know what one was or where to stick it? Despite the heroic banner and flag waving efforts of Mrs. Hal Dicks, our avionics hockey warriors were unable to rally sufficiently to escape

a 4 to 3 loss in the semi-finals. Well done, team, it was an honorable defeat, particularly in view of the inclusion of a super-star in the opposition's lineup. Better luck next year.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Keith Cowden who is convalescing in St. Joseph's Hospital following surgery. Meantime, Keith is undergoing a crash OJT program on housekeeping while Mom is away.

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The course is fast rounding into shape and "weather permitting" the clubhouse, with full bar facilities and locker services, will open this week-end. That's "weather permitting".

The introductory membership fees which most people took advantage of have now expired and present rates are noted below. You can still utilize the acquittance roll method of paying, using up to three monthly payments, or secure your membership at the clubhouse with cash.

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Scotty Calder, an outstanding committee member of Glacier Greens from the start and i-c Junior Development, has been promoted to MWO and rightly so, is posted to the Head Shed in Ottawa effective 1 April. Scotty spearheaded many projects towards the building and promotion of our club and he will be sorely missed. We on the committee extend a special thanks and wish you "Bon Voyage," Scotty.

Most people say it takes two

officers to replace a MWO and our establishment agrees. To replace Scotty we welcome Capt. Ken Garbutt and Lt. Mike Rafferty of the BTNo staff. These gentlemen will be in charge of the Bar and Junior Development respectively, and since our club president is the BTNo we expect a lot of footwork out of them.

Don Palmeter is our Course Superintendent and although it is still a bit wet to put heavy equipment on the course he manages to keep himself busy over there. His latest project was the placement of the flagpole between the Geese Pond and the clubhouse. We should call it the Goose Pond because the gander's mate has run off. However, Don is negotiating for another one and in the meantime he has given the gander a mirror for company.

Al Rosen is our full time assistant Greens Keeper and he too manages to keep busy at the clubhouse doing various projects, such as repairing tractors, grass equipment, and building lockers, etc.

Our Early Bird tournament promises to be a gala affair. We don't have a firm date yet but read the Totem Times and watch for the flyers.

It's not too early to get your dates in for Mess, Club or Section tournaments; see our Club Captain or leave word at the clubhouse - Loc. 492.

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That's 30 for this episode; see you on the first tee.

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Sunday, March 18 - Brunch
Wednesday, March 21 - O.W.C. Meeting
Friday, March 23 - Mixed Monster TGIF. Hip-o-Beef
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