

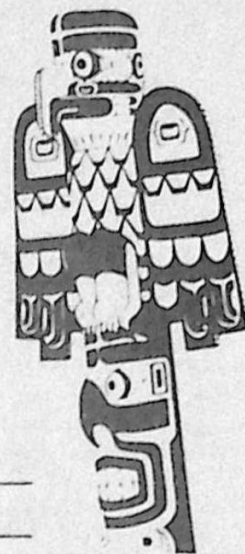
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New leave policy takes effect April 1



THIS WINTER'S supply of logs is awaiting dozens of eager volunteers to clean up Air Force Beach in preparation for the summer sun. - Raindahl Photo

Europeans dominate CF Ski Championships

OTTAWA (CFP) — European region teams ended perennial Quebec region domination of Forces skiing at the 1973 Canadian Forces Ski

Championship held at CFB Calgary and Mount Norquay, Alta., Feb. 26 to Mar. 2. One-hundred and twenty competitors representing six regions (Europe, Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Central and Prairie) competed in the five day event.

Foreign allowance changes

OTTAWA (CFP) — Increases in the Dislocation Allowance have been approved for personnel posted overseas on or after April 1. The new rates are \$325 for accompanied personnel and \$175 for unaccompanied personnel who are not occupying public quarters. The rates and conditions of Dislocation Allowance on posting back to Canada and the continental USA remain unchanged.

Dislocation Allowance is paid to compensate for extra expenses incurred in a move of this nature. Such expenses include packing and crating, conversion of appliances and purchase of extra luggage.

Effective April 1, personnel receiving Foreign Service Allowance, but not in receipt of Transition Allowance, will be entitled to ship a standard size car at public expense to or from Canada and the continental USA.

Shipments to and from non-European countries are regulated by the Director of Transport Operations (DTO) NDHQ. DTO should be notified 70 days prior to the proposed shipment date.

Only one-way shipment expenses for cars can be claimed for each foreign posting.

In most cases payment will be made directly to the carrier by DND.

Europe's 'A' team, paced by Cpl Paul Nadeau and MCpl Johnnie Lalonde, made a clean sweep of the Nordic events. The European team beat out an ever challenging Quebec 'A' team in the 15 Kilometer, 4 x 10 Relay, Military Patrol and a 30 Kilometer cross country race held in lieu of the Biathlon. The 30 Kilometer race was held at Lake Louise when poor snow conditions forced the cancellation of the Biathlon (a combination of Nordic skiing and rifle shooting) at Calgary.

Although Europe's 'A' team dominated the competition, Sgt. Marc Bouchard of the Quebec 'A' team won the Nordic Individual Combined honors. He was followed by Paul Nadeau and Johnnie Lalonde from Europe.

In Alpine competition the Prairie 'A' team won the Slalom and Giant Slalom events, while the Quebec 'A' team captured the Downhill race.

Europe's Alpine team wasn't quite as successful as its Nordic counterpart. Although they failed to win any of the team competitions they managed two second place and one third place finish.

Two of the top Alpine skiers were Pte W. K. Smith of the Prairie team and Cpl J. G. M. Noel from Europe.

CFB Calgary hosted this year's competition.

What MPs ask

OTTAWA (CFP) — The following is an extract from Hansard:

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. In view of persistent reports that the government intends to abolish traditional ranks and titles in the Royal Canadian Navy and replace them with their army equivalents, would the minister advise the House whether the government is considering such a move or intends to take such action?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): No, Mr. Speaker. There is no change in that regard.

Mr. Hees: I know there is no change so far, but does the government intend to take such action or is it considering such action? Mr. Speaker, may I rephrase my question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps before rephrasing the question the hon. member might allow the minister to reply.

Mr. Richardson: No, Mr. Speaker, no such change is contemplated.

Three Baden squadrons to receive colours

OTTAWA (CFP) — The Duke of Edinburgh will present squadron standards to 421, 439 and 441 Tactical Fighter Squadrons at Baden-Soellingen, Germany, Friday, May 4.

All three Canadian squadrons serve with 1 Canadian Air Group, part of Canada's air contribution to NATO. Air squadrons qualify for standards after 25 years of service.

421 (Red Indian), Sqn., now commanded by Lieutenant

Capt Hayes new BC at Esquimalt

Captain Godfrey H. Hayes, 53, of Winnipeg, now chief of staff logistics at Maritime Command Pacific, assumed command of Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt during hand-over ceremonies Mar. 13.

He replaced Commodore R. V. Henning, commander CFB Esquimalt since Jan. 1969 and former commander of HMC Dockyard who retires from the forces.

After wartime service with the Royal Navy and Royal Canadian Navy, Captain Hayes served on the reserve training staff at HMCS Malahat, Victoria Naval Division, HMCS Discovery and as training commander of HMCS Ontario.

He also commanded HMCS St. Stephen, Canada's first weather ship, and HMCS Crescent during the years from 1949 to 1953 before being transferred to Naval Headquarters, Ottawa.

In 1956 Capt. Hayes commanded HMCS Saguenay on its commissioning in Halifax and later served as co-ordinator personnel structure committee in 1958. He was promoted to his present rank the following year.

He was appointed director of officer personnel at Naval Headquarters until Sept. 1962 when he assumed command of the Second Canadian Escort Squadron, Esquimalt.

From 1964 to 1967, he served as a staff officer, on the Canadian Joint Staff in London, England. He returned to Canada Aug. 1967 to command Canadian Forces Base Halifax.

Capt. Hayes returned to Victoria in Nov. 1969 as chief of staff logistics and administration, Maritime Command Pacific.

25 working days, no travel time

OTTAWA (CFP) — A new Forces' annual leave policy goes into effect April 1, giving everyone, whether homebody or world traveller, equal holiday time.

Leave plus travel time is being replaced by a guaranteed annual leave of 25 'working days.' The old policy, in effect since 1946, allowed for 30 consecutive days leave with up to eight days travelling time, depending on leave destination.

If taken consecutively, 25 working days leave equals 35 calendar days.

Moreover, under the new policy leave can be taken in 'single' days with the approval of superiors, allowing short vacations for such things as golfing, fishing, or, if necessary, changing storm windows.

Everyone enrolled before April 1, 1973, will be entitled to the maximum 25 working days leave. Those enrolled after that date will get 20 working days leave per year for the first five years and then the maximum.

Also, everyone who asks for it will get at least 10 working days leave during July or August, unless denied because of operational requirements.

The new leave policy will be fully explained in an upcoming CP Newsletter and in the order itself.

The underlying principle of the new policy is that leave is considered an entitlement which can be denied only because of service requirements.

403 Squadron reunites at Gagetown

C.F.B. GAGETOWN, N.B. — Former and serving members of 403 (Wolf Pack) Squadron will hold a reunion here, June 15-17, to celebrate 25 years of service.

Highlight of the weekend festivities will be the presentation of colors to the squadron June 16, by the Honourable Hedard Robichaud, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick.

Former members of the Squadron wishing further details are asked to write Major G. B. Bartley, 403 Helicopter OTS, CFB Gagetown, Oromocto, N.B.

Formed in 1941, flying Spitfire aircraft, the squadron is credited with having destroyed 123 enemy aircraft during the Second World War. In peacetime it was twice disbanded and reactivated.

Portage NCOs win 1973 Timmy Award

OTTAWA (CFP) — Raising \$50,000 for crippled children's work in the past 15 years has earned the senior NCO's mess at CFB Portage la Prairie the national "Timmy" award.

The Warrant Officers and Sergeants mess was presented with the award at a luncheon meeting of the Canadian Rehabilitation Council in Toronto, Feb. 23.

Frank S. Kovitz, president of the Society for Crippled Children and Adults in Manitoba made the presentation to Warrant Officer Jim Kerwin and Sgt. Carl Simpson, who accepted the award on behalf of the mess.

Mr. Kovitz said "I want to make sure that this gathering is fully aware of the tremendous impact this year's recipient has had on the Easter Seal campaign in Manitoba over the past 15 years, and in general, furthering the cause of crippled children everywhere."

Principal activity in the mess' fund raising is the annual "Timmy" dance and lottery, which attracts 1,500 people.

Last year the "Timmy" weekend raised \$6,500 for the Manitoba Society.

OTTAWA (CFP) — "Give So Others May Live"

That's the motto of the Canadian Red Cross Blood Donor System and a way of life for Chief Warrant Officer Robert J. Cameron, 47, CFB Petawawa.

As a result, he was awarded the over 75-pint scroll Feb. 28 for 80 blood donations during the past 21 years. CWO Cameron, technical maintenance officer with 702 Communications Squadron, was one of 125 people presented with awards.

He started giving blood in Ottawa in 1942 and some of his donations were made while he was serving in Korea with 191 Workshop RCME.

Forces' professionalism, skill praised in House of Commons

OTTAWA (CFP) — The Canadian Forces came in for praise during the recent House of Commons budget debate from Len Hopkins, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence.

Mr. Hopkins called the \$236 million increase in the new defence budget "something that is not only needed in order to take the strain off many areas of departmental personnel at this time, but is also necessary if we are going to keep pace with modern equipment, training and everyday demands on members of our armed forces."

Defence estimates tabled in the House of Commons 20 Feb. amount to \$2,126 billion for the fiscal year 73-74.

Stating that "the Canadian Forces can do just about any job that is given to them," he cited several examples of their contributions at home and abroad.

"We have asked them to fly into the middle of a shooting war between Indian and Pakistan, to pick up Canadian civilians."

"We have asked them to fly 4,000 miles south to earthquake-ravaged Peru on a humanitarian mission for Canada and to operate off tiny airstrips high in the Andes

evacuating the sick and injured."

The supervision of the cease fire in Vietnam and previous United Nations operations from the heat of Yemen and the jungles of the Congo to the Himalaya Mountains were also mentioned.

He cited the Canadian Forces professionalism at home in rescuing crews of foundered vessels in the Atlantic, parachuting to crash sites, controlling a giant oil spill on Canada's east coast and building six airfields in the high Arctic.

"We have asked them to keep under constant surveillance the million and a

half square miles of the Canadian north."

"We asked them to dive 2,000 feet into the sea in highly sophisticated submarines and to take a good look at our Continental shelf."

Mr. Hopkins said: "The Canadian Forces have pioneered in virtually every major field necessary for getting into the Arctic, living there and working in the extreme climatic conditions."

"In each of these instances they have done what we asked of them without question and with a skill and professionalism which has often drawn international praise."

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The Mouse Trap opens tonight

Rehearsal: as seen by Joan Fordham

Agatha Christie, the "First Lady" of all whodunits, needs no introduction from me, nor does the director, Mrs. Alice Winsby. I missed most of the opening of the play because the actors made their entrances in semi-darkness, also trying to overcome the distraction of a very noisy fan. Someone yelled "lights" and light there was. The play then started. Daphne Skinner, who plays the character of Mollie Ralston, is a gal worth watching. From her sexy "Louka" which she gave us in G.B. Shaw's "Arms and the Man" she has made the transition to the field hockey-playing, muscle-bound, stocking-legged, sensible-shoe'd young lady of the British lower upper middle class - and that is really something.

Tony Cammen plays Giles Ralston. I've not seen this young man on stage before, but was very much impressed with the subtle modesty he gave to the jack-of-all-trades much needed to start an "high class" guest "house" in post-war England on a shoestring. There are times during the play that he needs to assert himself as the Master of Monkwell Manor. I'm sure this will be righted before opening night.

Action, mystery, suspense, murder arrive with the oddities of guests - to me unexpected!

Benighted by a heavy snowfall, home and guests are isolated. A ghastly, brutal, obscene murder has been perpetrated miles away from this lonely place.

Where is the connection? "Anyone for Bridge? Or murder most macabre!"

Come, Mums and Dads - leave your "Tellys" - bring your children to see live theatre where anything can happen. But if you guess who sets "The Mousetrap" - don't tell!

I saw a very hard-working group of artists that will give visual pleasure and keep the old brain ticking over, guessing "Whodunit". Have fun - I did!

The cast includes Jay Norton, Gail Field, Phyllis Hawkins, Ron McPhedrian, Paul Kew and Ed Fordham.

Poison prevention begins in the home

Since 1960, deaths from poisons by solids and liquids have more than doubled. This is partially due to a dramatic rise in the number of accidental overdoses of psychotropic drugs.

About 1,600 persons died from poisoning by gases and vapors in 1971. Of these 1,200 occurred in and around the home. During the same year, 3,500 persons died from poisoning by solids and liquids, and 3,000 of these occurred in and around the home.

It is estimated by the medical profession that there are more than 50,000 non-fatal poisoning cases a year.

Below are listed the more common types of poisons found in various areas of the home. Also listed are some of the poison symptoms and precautions that should be followed.

Poison Symptoms

One point about poisoning which is not covered too much is the symptoms that would indicate that a poisoning has occurred. The following "signs" should serve to alert a person to suspect a poisoning:

- Odor of poison on the breath;

- Discoloration of lips and mouth;

- Pain or burning sensation in mouth or throat;

- Whenever bottles or packages of drugs or poisonous chemicals are found open in the presence of children;

- Evidence in mouth of eating wild berries or leaves;

- Unconsciousness, confusion or sudden illness when access to poison is possible.

Poison Precautions

Never:

- Store potential poisons with foodstuffs

- Store potential poisons in pop bottles, drinking cups, or other food containers.

- Save prescriptions or other medication after patient has recovered - flush down the toilet.

- Transfer poisonous substances to unlabelled containers

- Re-use containers of chemical substances

- Tell children you are

-- keep unlabelled preparations

-- store poisons with first-aid supplies or in medicine cabinets

-- permit perishable foods to stand without adequate refrigeration

-- drink doubtful water without first boiling or purifying it

-- leave children at the home of sitters, friends, relatives or neighbors unless you are sure their home is as safe as yours

-- underestimate the reaching distance or climbing height of a child.

POISONS IN THE HOME

Living Area

Lighter fluid, plastic cement, poison plants, poison berries, fireplace crystals, matches, all medicines.

Bedrooms

Cold wave preparations, hair dyes, hair bleaches, nail polish, polish remover, astringents, perfumes, all medicines

Garden

Snail bait, slug killers, ant paste and syrup, insecticides, castor beans, fox glove, oleander.

Bathroom

Aspirin, candy-flavored medicines, tranquilizers, boric acid, iron pills, ointments, suppositories, all medicines.

Kitchen and Laundry

Disinfectants, detergents, laundry bleaches, furniture polishes, oven cleaners, metal cleaners, spot cleaners, caustics, all medicines.

Garage

Paint, paint thinners, paint removers, weed killers, gasoline, kerosene, motor oil, turpentine



BGEN RADLEY-WALTERS presents Lt. Don MacInnis with a plaque to carry with him on his trek from Fredericton to Quebec City. Exercise Redcoat Resolve retraced the steps of the 104th Regiment of Foot who 160 years ago, completed the original march in 24 days. A 12-man team from the Second Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment completed the 370 mile march earlier this month. Canadian Forces Photo

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By Consumers Assn. of Canada

Want to buy a new car or open a charge account?

Applying for insurance or for a new job? The decision taken by the prospective credit grantor, insurance company or possible employer may depend on information contained in a credit bureau file far from your sight, and perhaps far from your mind as well.

What do you know about your credit rating? What is a credit bureau? What is in a credit file? Are you aware when requests are made for information recorded in your file? Do you have access to the file to examine and, if necessary, to correct information appearing there?

The term "credit bureau" refers to any reporting agency or clearing house that gathers, stores and disseminates information relating to the credit worthiness, or suitability for employment, bonding or insurance of a given individual. Credit bureaus are, therefore, in the business of selling or exchanging information. Their motive is self-interest. They carry on their trade, just as other businesses do, in the hope and expectation of making a profit.

The average credit bureau reporting only for financial purposes, records various pieces of information in its files: the name of the consumer, his age, place of residence and previous places

of residence, marital status, family, place of employment and previous places of employment, estimated income, paying habits and outstanding credit obligations. In addition to these details, judgments and writs relating to consumer debt, registered chattel mortgages, conditional sales contracts and criminal convictions are recorded.

The average credit bureau file does not record information of a sensitive or intimate nature. Sensitivity of information comes largely into play, however, in an investigative report. Much of the information involved in investigative operations is "opinion" or "character" information. Neighbours and associates of the consumer are consulted. This is particularly the case when the report is requested for personnel, employment or insurance purposes.

An individual may not have any idea that credit information about him has been communicated to a prospective credit grantor, insurance company or employer. A simple remedy for this difficulty would be the notification of the consumer. However, within the credit reporting industry, opposition to such notification is strong. Credit bureaus complain about the extra cost of informing the consumer each time a credit report is made to a prospective credit grantor, insurance company or employer - millions of such reports are made each year!

Poster contest

Don't get trapped in a deadly game - that's the message portrayed in an anti-smoking poster that won the top provincial prize among Grade 6 and 7 students in British Columbia and the Yukon.

The winning poster is the work of Leslie Lake, 13, a Grade 6 student at Westside Elementary School at Kamloops. The contest was sponsored by the B.C. and Yukon Division of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Leslie's poster vividly gets across the message that "smoking is a deadly game - play it safe, don't smoke!" It portrays a little mouse peeking from its hole at a loaded mousetrap, and the bait in the trap is a cigarette. She took the top \$50 prize. There also were 36 other prize winners, with a first prize of \$25 and second of \$10 in each of 10 districts.

Close to 300 posters were submitted for the final judging.

The posters were submitted through school principals and the top entries were chosen from each school before being submitted to the Cancer 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 Society's continuing education program to remind students of the dangers of smoking.

Dr. David Boyes of Vancouver, chairman of the Society's education committee, commended the students for the calibre of their work.

He said their ability to get their message across in the posters reflects an increasing knowledge and concern about the dangers of smoking and the link to lung cancer.

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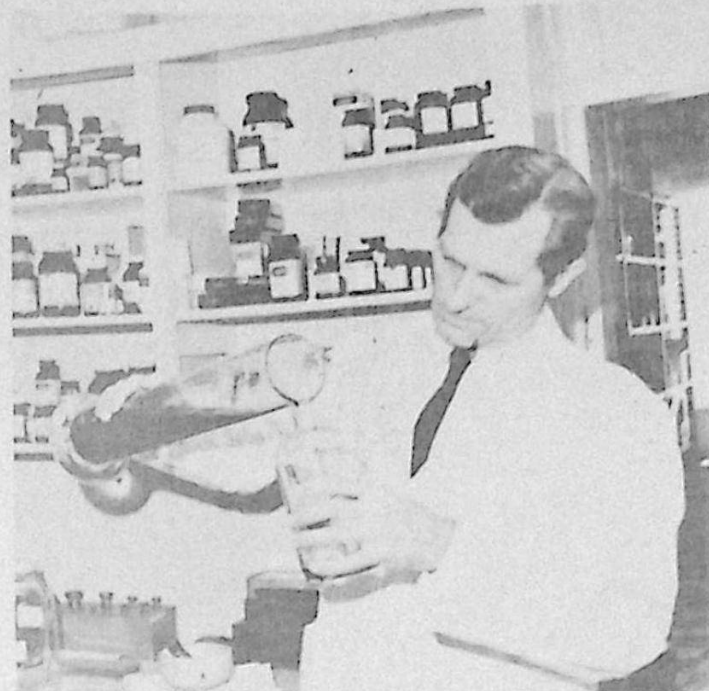
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CAPTAIN JOHN FADDEGON, Chief Pharmacist at Base Hospital, brews up a new miracle cure for the ailment known as the Comox Crud that has stricken hundreds of local residents this past winter. With royalties of two cents an ounce, Capt. Faddegon expects to be able to retire into the lap of luxury this summer. Ford Photo

Introducing your friendly pharmacist

This is to introduce "Big John", Base Hospital's Head Pharmacist. Would you believe the only pharmacist?

Capt. John Faddegon first put on a blue uniform and joined the RCAF as an AC2 in 1941. Since John was born and raised in Winnipeg, he was soon transferred to Torbay, Newfoundland. More war stories later. He was released in Oct. 1945, having worked his way up to the dizzy height of Sergeant.

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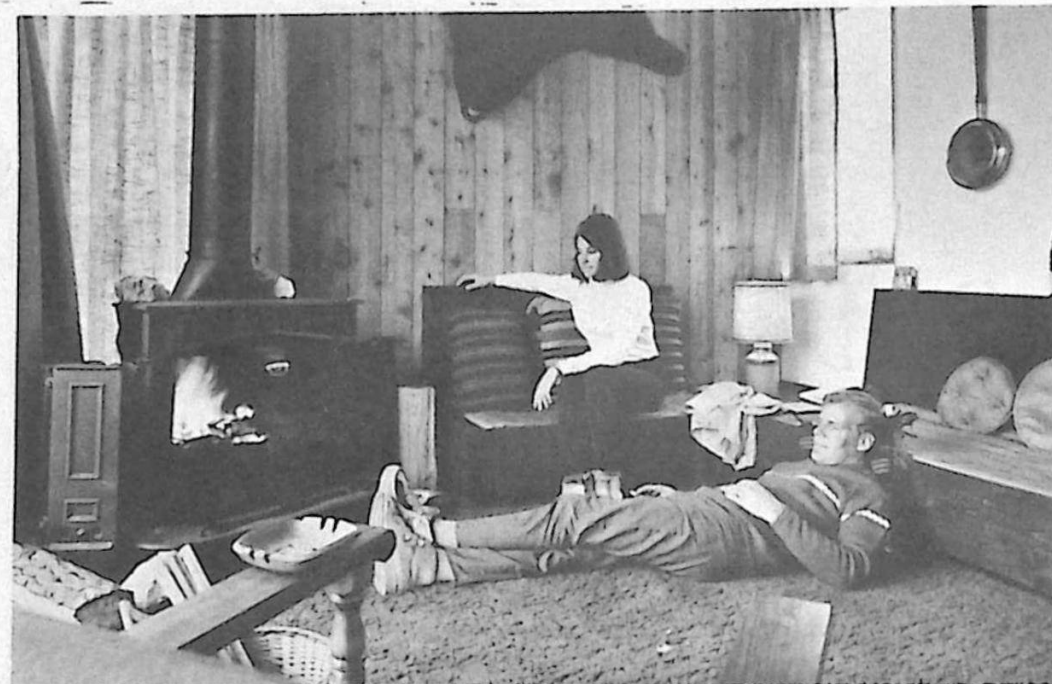
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CAPTAIN ED LEASK, 409 Squadron, hosted the tour of girl cadets from 257 RCAC Ladysmith who visited CFB Comox on March 7 to kick off the annual air cadet visit program. Approximately 300 cadets from 24 air cadet squadrons located on Vancouver Island and the lower mainland will tour base and squadron facilities during the visit period ending May 30. Canadian Forces Photo



CORPORAL AL SKEER relaxes in his newly refurbished barrack room after a long, hard day on the flight line. Al and his friend, Miss Anne Thropie, both agree that the new barracks are a great improvement, but with a monthly rent of \$45, perhaps the firewood could be supplied free.



COLONEL D.W. McNICHOL officially opens the Pee-Wee provincial playoffs held last weekend at Glacier Gardens. Burnaby Winter Club captured the Provincial Trophy by winning six straight games in the three day round robin tournament. Base Photo

Entrants, a 30 year old veteran of Nordic skiing, stood first in both the 15 km and 30 km events.

Runners-up in the individual Combined events were Cpl. J.A.P. Nadeau and MCpl J. M. Lalonde, both of the Europe Region "A" Team and members of the 1st Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment. The two other members of the winning Europe team were MCpl J. C.

Cpl J. F. M. Nadon, an 1st Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment, and MCpl H. Easterbrook of 3 Mechanized Commando, Canadian Airborne Regiment. This team placed second in the Downhill and Slalom, and third in the performance of the Quebec Region "A" and Prairie Region "A" Teams saw the members of the winning Europe squad come out ahead in the combined total times.

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The lady from Maryland said, "I've been reading that British Columbia is bigger than all California and Washington and Oregon. And my, my, that's awfully big, so I think it was wonderful of you people to leave a place for a nice city like Victoria."

It was her first visit and she was pleased. But no more so than the 160,000 Greater Victorians who think there is no better city on earth.

It is very possible that her sentiments were shared by the 2,000,000-odd visitors who annually visit Victoria and stay in the area for nearly five days, making the city one of Canada's major tourist areas.

And why not? James Douglas, the towering and autocratic officer of The Hudson's Bay Company,

thought the area was just about perfect when he established the first post in 1843. It soon became the trading centre for the vast British colony when gold was discovered on the Fraser River and later in the Cariboo in the late 1850's and early 1860's. Today, it is still the capital of British Columbia, although Vancouver on the mainland long ago outclassed it in size and importance.

So what?

Warmed by the Japanese current and year-round mild climate, plus only 26 inches of rain annually, on the average, it had to qualify as a garden city. A city of parks and magnificent views over the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the islands to the east. A city of quiet, tree-shaded streets and fine homes and, so important, where a few minutes' drive means green fields or wave-pounded seashore or deep forest. Think how tough it must be to live in big cities!

Victoria has always been conscious of its image of peace and tranquility and the Old English atmosphere. The former "Follow the Birds to Victoria" slogan was known around the world. People who didn't know where Vancouver Island was knew a lot about Victoria. That's image-making!

And there is plenty to do. It is an experience in itself to walk through the Empress Hotel, overlooking the Inner Harbor, a massive pile of grey stone and ivy, so solemn and dignified and the very symbol of what a hotel should be. Very few hotels have had a book written about them, but the Empress has. Inside, it is still quiet and elegant, but the old girl is taking on a few mod airs with an English pub now installed. But that is balanced somewhat by the dear old ladies who sit in the deep chairs in the lobby in the afternoon and nod their heads in time to the far-off melodies

of the now-departed Billy Tickle and his orchestra playing at tea and crumpet time.

Outside you can catch an English double-decker bus for a tour around the city and district. See the main sights first and then go back and see the most interesting first-hand. Or take a tally-ho in summer, wagons bright as if painted by gypsies and pulled by horses at clip-clop pace. Or why not a cruise of the Inner Harbor, passing sailboats from far ports of the world? You will be told that some of the worst features - rotting docks, crumbling buildings, dumps, the junk yard-effect of any harbor - will be disappearing if a harbor beauty plan is implemented.

You must visit Beacon Hill Park. Pick a nice day. Pray to the rain gods to take their bad medicine to some other part of the world. To walk through this park is to truly understand man's love for his environment. In all seasons, it is a joy to behold. And your soul will be uplifted. Really!

And the totems in Thunderbird Park across from the Empress. The truest expression of the art of the West Coast Indian. An art recognized around the world as superb.

And then the impressive new Centennial Museum. It has become one of British Columbia's most visited attractions. A master's hand and a touch of genius have gone into the scenes of a village street of long ago. Small children visiting the print shop, or the store with its replicas and mannikins dressed as a century ago, have been known to start talking to the "people" in the exhibits. A pity they can't answer them. What stories they could tell. Book half a day for this one.

And if you have a car, and about 500,000 visitors' cars call in at Victoria every year, do some driving. Out the Malahat, along the eastern and protected shore towards Duncan. Marvel at the high cedars. Only 70 or 90 years ago, vast areas of the island were covered with trees like that, only usually much bigger. This is truly big-tree country!

Butchart's Gardens. Years and years ago before tourism was much at all, a family

decided to do something about a useless old lime pit. Now, it is one of the wonders of Canada, if you want to spread your net wider, in all North America. These 25 acres are visited by about 250,000 visitors each year who spend their time oohing and aahing and shooting color photos and asking one another if they might possibly do something like that at home in the back yard. They can't. This is a monumental achievement.

Back in the city, visit Bastion Square. Poke into the little shops. Try one of the several restaurants. Walk down Douglas Street and nose around in the boutiques. There are some fascinating china shops, English china, and linen shops, Irish linen. If you're interested in antiques or nuts over old books, ask where the stores are.

If you're still rarin' to go, drop in at the tourist information booth on the Causeway, just across from the Empress. The people there have stacks and stacks of information and they just can't wait to pass it on.

If you've the least bit of seafaring blood in you, the Maritime Museum is worth a try.

Victoria is a good place to have a picnic, with lots of fresh air and grass for the kids to run on. You can rent a boat with guide to go after a salmon. Or find oysters free for the eating on rocks at low tide. When was the last time any kids under 25 had a ride on a real steam train? Good old Victoria has one.

For many tens of thousands, Victoria is the jump-off point for the rest of British Columbia to visitors who come from the United States via the ferry from Port Angeles to Sidney or from Seattle to the Inner Harbor. Canada may be a new ex-

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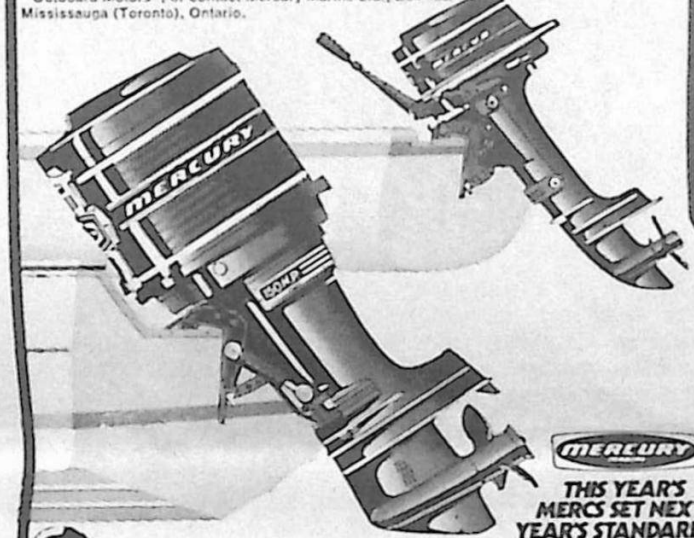
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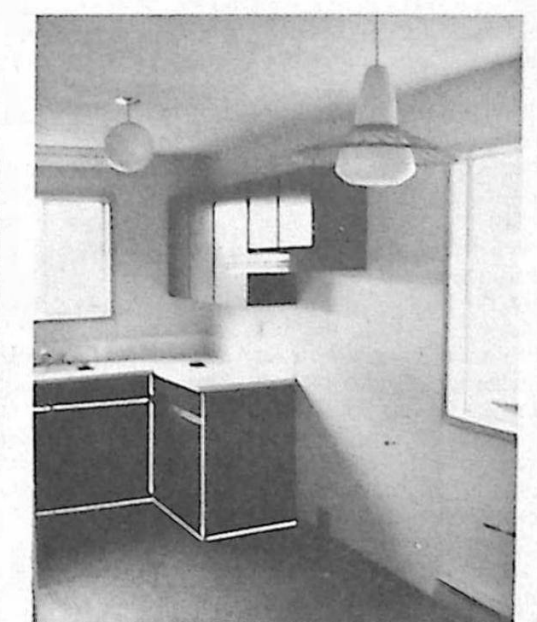


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Project Fishwrapper

By P.A.M.

We've had "Miles for Millions" and "Project Pipeline" and "Skate-a-thons" and now "Share Lent". You all support these endeavours with vigour and make them successful. Now that you have the opportunity to support YOUR newspaper actively, all of a sudden it's "let someone else do it". Well, after weeks of pleading by the editor it is obvious that "someone else" isn't going to do it - it has to be YOU.

One prospective editor told me he will not volunteer because of the extreme lack of help. If enough people offer a few hours a week to assist him he might reconsider.

"But I can't write" you say! You can talk, can't you? Just put it down on paper once in a while - that is all the literary effort needed. And if you still hesitate to have your words appear in print, there are many other ways in which you can help. For example, all the service newspapers from across the country must be read. All releases from various headquarters and wire services must be read. All local submissions must be read. After all this reading the editor tries to gather enough copy to fill OUR paper with material of interest to YOU every two weeks. There is typing to be done. There are ads to be sold, photos to take and captions to write, headlines to dream up, galley proofs proofread, and so it goes. If enough of us do just one small part of the work the paper would be published without any great strain on any one individual.

I have heard rumours that some people feel this has become a "409" paper. Why do you suppose that is? More to the point, what can YOU do about it? Apart from the regular columns (and thank goodness for the devoted people who write them) a great deal of the copy comes from people associated with 409, and, after all, one writes about what one knows best. Think about THAT for a minute.

All servicemen and their dependents (and that includes all you young adults) are invited to think seriously about helping OUR Totem Times. If you continue to wait for "someone else" to step forward, then one of these fine Thursdays there just won't be a paper and it will be too late to hear from you then.

I offer you a challenge! If you truly don't care about YOUR paper then no amount of pleading will bring a response. But if you do care, please say so - just call Mike Pollard and let him know if you are willing to give a few hours of your time. If you will write something once in a while - fine. If not, he will find a way to use your time and talent to the advantage of our beloved "fishwrapper".

Is anyone listening out there??? Does anybody care???

Continue Your Education

By VIC CAMILLERI

Academic classes form a regular part of our Continuing Education programs; this is also common practice in other school districts in the province. These programs are designed to help adults whose formal education had been interrupted, to reach a level of education comparable to secondary school graduation. Academic classes in our school district are offered in two semesters: the Fall program from September to January, and the Spring program from February to June. The content of these programs is determined by your requests. We conduct surveys during August of each year specifically for this purpose; others interested are also invited to submit their requests to us. In addition, students attending academic classes from the previous semester are asked for their choices. From information gathered from these various sources we select those classes that appear to have a chance of attracting sufficient students to make the class viable. We usually look for a minimum of ten students for a class.

Administration and admission to the Adult Secondary School program is governed by regulations set by the Department of Education in Victoria. These restrict entry to persons eighteen years or older and list the breakdown of the subjects required for completion of the program. This program requires the student to complete seven subjects. English 12 and Socials 11 are a "must" while the others may be selected from a number of options depending upon the specialty one chooses. These other five subjects are of Grade 11 and 12 level. Otherwise regulations simply repeat what is applicable to regular day school e.g. selection of properly qualified instructors, examinations, etc.

Our district also makes provision for counselling services on this program by Mr. Schellinck and his staff at G. P. Vanier Senior Secondary School. This counselling is available to all adults by simply contacting the school and arranging for an appointment. The counsellor will analyse your present level, obtain B.C. credit for out-of-province courses where possible, advise you on the particular program that you should follow and the courses that you must complete to meet the B.C. standard.

These courses may be completed in any one of three different fashions. You may attend night school classes when the applicable subjects are offered; you may attend regular day school; or you may take some of the courses by correspondence with the Department of Education in Victoria. There are of course some limitations in any one of the three methods mentioned; together with your counsellor you should be able to plan the most convenient and practical route to your goal. The facilities are there, waiting for you; the importance of achieving at least this level of formal education is obvious. All that is required is a little determination on your part.



Our greatest shame -- Part IV

By PROMETHEUS

Much has been written lately on matters concerning public education. A redefinition is long overdue and it is to be hoped that Government authorities will, as quickly as possible, set forth a policy statement on the aims and objectives of education within British Columbia, and then institute efficient means whereby these objectives might be achieved.

In spite of the conscientious endeavours of most teachers in the province, our educational system is failing to meet the development demands of too many of our young people. The incidence of wastage in this all too valuable human resource is far beyond what society can accept, not to mention the personal tragedy involved.

Olof Palme, 46-year-old former education minister, and now Prime Minister of Sweden, is currently promoting educational reform in that country with the view to provoking what the Swedes consider to be necessary social change. Surely this is amongst the fundamental purposes of education! And it is in

precisely this area that educational reform in B.C. should hit the hardest.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Totem Times is a column with accompanying articles on Education submitted by the Base Education and Training Officer. He advises us that a sub-committee of the Comox Educational Advisory Committee will shortly be conducting public hearings on the subject of the formation of "Alternate Schools".

These hearings should be very fruitful. The fact that they are being held, however, indicates that educators themselves believe that the present system isn't doing enough for the development of our young in spite of the prodigious efforts of some very skilled, dedicated and capable teachers.

Alvin Toffler in his book Future Shock says, "Failure to diversify education within the system will simply lead to the growth of alternative educational opportunities outside the system. Thus we have today the suggestions of prominent educators and sociologists, including K. B. Clark and C.

Jencks, for the creation of new schools outside of, and competitive with, the official public school systems. Clark has called for regional and state schools, federal schools, schools run by colleges, trade unions, corporations and even military units. Such competing schools would, he contends, help create the diversity that education desperately needs."

But really, alternate schools have already been with us for years. The private and separate schools in the country have been performing yeoman service and with great success. I suggest it is time the Government consider decentralizing the huge, wasteful and amorphous control of overstuffed school districts, and with a redefinition and clear statement of education policy set up the means whereby the successful methods employed by private and separate schools might be utilized by public educators. Is there a message in the fact that of the 400 boys registered at St. Michael's University School in Victoria, 80 of them are the sons of Victoria teachers?

Education

By BEETO

The latest column by Prometheus couldn't have come at a better time in view of the study which has just been made by a sub-committee of the Comox Educational Advisory Committee (CEAC). This sub-committee was charged with investigating and advising local educational authorities on the subject of "Alternate Schools". I would like to highlight the proposals in terms of the arguments of our learned Prometheus.

First of all he makes a big play on discipline or the lack of it in our present school system. The alternate school system would allow parents, of his persuasion, to send their children to "The Academy" which would place great emphasis on disciplined learning - much similar to his beloved private schools. However, for those who believe in a more liberal type of education for their children, the sub-committee proposes the "democratic" school which would not differ in curriculum from the Academy but in the approach to learning. The present "middle of the road" schools would still accommodate the greater number of students. This would satisfy the majority of parents who are fence-sitters anyway.

Prometheus lists what he believes to be the problem areas and I agree with most of them. However, whereas he blames the educational system to a large degree for creating these problem areas, I believe that one can look deeper than that and place the blame on parents. Parents who set an

example of over-indulgence in all things, particularly the greatest additive of all time - alcohol. Parents who by their gross behaviour at athletic or so-called sporting events set a very poor example for all children. Parents who take little or no interest in the appearance and manners of their children. Parents who are indifferent or lacadaisical to the educational problems and difficulties of their children at school.

How many parents show a genuine interest in the education of their children? How many understand the present educational system? How many care enough to take the time to attend meetings of the local school trustees (second and fourth Mondays of the month at the School District offices in Courtenay) to visit the schools and talk to their children's teachers, to join lay organizations such as CEAC? The results of the last school building referendum showed the indifference of most parents.

What falls from all of this is that parents do have the ultimate responsibility when it comes to deciding what type of education their children should have. They also have the power to elect whoever they wish to represent them in Victoria and on the board of school trustees in their own communities. Through their elected representatives or through belonging to and attending meetings of such groups as the Comox Educational Advisory Committee, or both, they can exercise their power to decide what type of education their children should have. With a system of

alternate schools (an experimental system starting in Victoria this autumn) they may have the ultimate in educational systems.

ALTERNATE SCHOOLS

CEAC has been investigating the matter of alternate schools. It is apparent that in endeavoring to provide the best schooling for the most students, within its terms of reference, School District 71 has been notably successful. But it is equally apparent that a uniformity has set in which many are regarding as undesirable.

For those parents and students who believe that the existing system does not meet their needs, and for whom independent schooling is out of reach, CEAC believes that schools offering a different philosophy should be available, and that the system should be flexible enough to contain such differences.

Two alternatives have surfaced with CEAC and they are to be proposed at each of five public meetings within the district. One of these is for an authoritarian approach to learning, emphasizing academic covering grades 7 to 12. The democratic institution in which meetings and intellectual study pursued along with standard curriculum.

Members of the local teaching staff have been advised of these proposals and are to bring parents together to explore such possibilities and to decide whether or not they are providing a choice would be

Meetings for the public are p.m. as follows:

March 26 - Black Creek Elementary
March 28 Union Bay Elementary
March 29 Lake Trail Jr. Sec. Courtenay
April 2 Comox Jr. Secondary
April 3 Cumberland Jr. Sec. Cumberland

Please come to your local public meetings.

Boswell Picks a Poem

I THINK CONTINUALLY OF THOSE WHO WERE TRULY GREAT

I think continually of those who were truly great
Who, from the womb, remembered the soul's history
Through corridors of light where the hours are suns,
Endless and singing. Whose lovely ambition
Was that their lips, still touched with fire,
Should tell of the spirit clothed from head to foot in song.
And who hoarded from the spring branches
The desires falling across their bodies like blossoms.

What is precious is never to forget
The delight of the blood drawn from ageless springs
Breaking through rocks in worlds before our earth;
Never to deny its pleasure in the simple morning light,
Nor its grave evening demand for love;
Never to allow gradually the traffic to smother
With noise and fog the flowering of the spirit.

Near the snow, near the sun, in the highest fields
See how these names are fed by the waving grass,
And by the streamers of white cloud,
And whispers of wind in the listening sky:
The names of those who in their lives fought for life,
Who wore at their hearts the fire's center.
Born of the sun they traveled a short while towards the sun,
And left the vivid air signed with their honour.

Stephen Spender

Letters to the Editor

New leave policy

Dear Sir:

In reference to the latest change in our leave policy effective 1 Apr. 73, there is an observation I would like to make that might be of interest to various personnel within the Armed Forces. This observation centres around the shift worker.

The memo concerning the new leave policy made mention of the fact that the leave system had not been altered since 1946. I am of the opinion that the attitude of the Armed Forces towards the shift worker has also not been altered since that time. The adjustment in the leave policy, I am sure, is a welcome change to the day worker, but what about the servicemen who are employed as shift workers? A rough calculation will show that the day worker actually benefits from the alteration, now being able to get a week off by taking only five days annual leave in lieu of the compulsory seven days under the old system. To the shift worker, however, the only difference brought about by the change is the fact that he now gets five days less.

Let me say a little more about the shift worker. In reference to the shift worker I am referring to the individual who works days, midnights, and afternoons regardless whether the day, midnight, or afternoon falls on the Lord's Birthday, Canada Day or whatever. He is the serviceman to whom statutory holidays are non-existent, unless of course he happens to take leave over one or more of these days whereupon he is reimbursed for the same. He, having a 24 hour commitment, is compelled to work during the silent hours thus depriving his family of his company during their leisure time. Stand-downs mean nothing to him, being only aware of their presence by the absence of other tradesmen. He works on holidays, week-ends, as well as a number of his slated days off, should he become involved in a station exercise. All this he does with no compensation.

In view of the shift worker's plight, would it not be advisable to grant an additional number of days leave as compensation for the extra hours worked, or failing that, perhaps we should allow him extra pay and allowances.

I know of two sections on this base currently operating in this manner, one of these being permitted to take ten extra days' leave a year. Why not the other or others as the case may be?

I would be greatly interested in reading any other comments made in regards to this nouveau système de vacances.

H. F. Price MCpl.

Are readers apathetic?

Dear Sir:

I would like to comment on your recent advertisements for workers for the Totem Times.

After contributing to the paper for well over three years, I fail to see how you will ever succeed in rounding up an ounce of enthusiasm from your readers. Frankly, I don't think they give a damn.

I do dislike generalizing. However, after all these years of contributing to the newspaper - with the sincerest dedication, I might add - I have no other choice but to evaluate your readers in this general manner.

Through all this time, I have received very little communication regarding my articles, either positive or negative. And what few comments I did receive were from friends who knew me well enough to realize the time and effort I had given to write these articles.

To say this writing business is an inadequate one-way street would be an understatement indeed.

From what I can gather, my experience with your readers is not a unique one. In fact, it is rare, if ever, to hear of any reaction to the editorials in your paper.

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What to buy for baby

By Consumers Ass'n. of Canada
Well-meaning friends, neighbours and relatives always seem "to know best" when the time comes to shop for an awaited baby. Rather than ruin your budget, try and stick to a few general principles.

Carbon tet extinguishers dangerous

Last July, an Oregon woman was killed and her husband critically injured by fumes from a broken fire extinguisher in their home. The extinguisher contained Carbon Tetrachloride (CTC) which, when released to the air, converts to hydrochloric acid gas (chlorine) which is extremely toxic.

CTC extinguishers were banned by the Food and Drug Administration in the USA in 1970. These extinguishers had been used extensively in Canada and the U.S. for 25 years. Many cities in Canada have banned these extinguishers for home use and as I recall, the city of Windsor, Ontario, banned them in the early 1950s. They were phased out of the Canadian Forces in the late 1950s, but there are still a number of these extinguishers in use in private homes.

Carbon Tetrachloride, when released on a hot surface, forms phosgene gas which can cause permanent damage to the heart, lungs, liver and kidneys and may be fatal. Persons owning CTC extinguishers, particularly the old CTC glass-bulb type, are advised to get rid of them. The glass-bulb type should be handled carefully and be destroyed by qualified personnel. If you have one of these old CTC extinguishers you should call the fire department for disposal instructions. Additionally, if you have any extinguisher whose contents are not labelled you should drop it in the fire hall or call us for advice.

On the lighter side, here's one for you to think about - architects cover their mistakes with ivy, doctors cover theirs with earth and sod, brides cover theirs with mayonnaise, and fire fighters cover their mistakes with parking lots.

Chapel Chimes

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R. J. Ritchie - Base Chaplain
Phone 339-2211 Local 273
25 Mar. 73 - 1100 A.M. Divine Worship
1145 A.M. Holy Communion in accordance with the custom of the Anglican Church.
1 Apr. 73 - 1100 A.M. Divine Worship.
7:30 P.M. Informal evening service and hymn singing.

RC CHAPEL
Father Joseph A. Borg - Base Chaplain (RC)
Phone 339-2211 Loc 274
MASSES:
Saturday 7:00 P.M. Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
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
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Before Mass on Saturday from 6:30 to 7:00 P.M. and before other Masses.
BAPTISM: By appointment. Whenever possible on the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 P.M. On other Sundays for a good reason.
CHOIR: The Junior Choir meets in the Protestant Chapel on Wednesday evening at 8:00 P.M. following Lenten Mass. Ages 10 years and over.
CATECHISM CLASSES: Every Wednesday evening in the PMQ School from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. for Grades I to IX inclusively.
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The regular meeting of the CWL will take place on Tuesday, 3rd of April in the Parish Hall at 8:00 P.M. All ladies welcome. Come out and bring a friend.

consider second-hand items for your baby. These are often a good buy since babies frequently outgrow their equipment before it is worn out; for example, check second-hand cribs, baby carriages and strollers.

The carriage should have a good brake and a genuine spring suspension. The rails of the crib should be close together to prevent the baby sticking his head through. Rollers may make the crib easy for you to move but they also allow the baby to move it by bouncing. Carpet-padded coasters are a good substitute. The side of the crib should have child-proof hooks. Never use loose plastic to cover a mattress, as there is a danger of smothering the baby. Sheets are especially handy if fitted. They can easily be made from the good parts of worn double bed sheets. Three or four sheets are plenty. Pillow cases make good bassinet sheets. Blankets should be light-weight and machine-washable. Thermal weave is probably most comfortable and is also easy to wash and dry. Hand-knitted shawls are soft, easy to manipulate and can be made from synthetic yarn for machine washability.

When purchasing clothing, remember that sleepers - also called playsuits or coveralls - are by far the handiest garment you could have for a baby. They are comfortable, lightweight and cosy without being too warm and are very easy to launder. Quality is important because

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Hatch o' the Patch

BINGO
Come one, come all, meet your elected PMQ representatives. Watch them scurry, nickels in hand, as they entertain you with glibness of tongue, swiftness of hand, and sweetness of smile. See the drinking number caller, listen to Hizzoner's excuse about why he couldn't be there earlier. Hear Bud Malugani moan about his transfer to Florida. Nickel BINGO sponsored by your PMQ council. Where: The Totem Lounge, 8 p.m., Monday March 26. The jackpot is \$150.00 and must be won.

If you happen to see a stranger in your yard lifting your dog's tail, don't panic or call the police. It's just your friendly neighborhood councillor doing his pet check. Be sure and read the little goodie from the Housing Office about pets.

Remember, your trash is modest. Keep it covered up. You people that have been waiting eagerly but refrained from calling about baseball can anticipate news in the near future. An organizational meeting will be held soon under the chairmanship of somebody???

Goodnews, goodnews, Gord Staley had two thousand dollars to spend. It was a toss-up between spending his money to replace the rubber bands in his Japanese car with a motor or spending council's money on playground gear. Gord figured pedalling his car is good exercise so he bought the playground equipment. Soon your child will be able to come home with shiny new pieces of swings, loops from monkey bars, and tether-ball cords. Please admonish your child should this happen and have him return the parts. Work should be in full swing in a month. Once again many thanks to Nelson McInnis, the Staff, and the Kids at Airport School. Thanks also to Jim Daniels and his crew at the CE section, and to you, the PMQ residents for supporting your council.

Heard that 409 Sqn is going to resume their Canex patrols very shortly.

So many people turned up for last Thursday's council meeting that I thought Hizzoner was buying the beer. Howsoever it were not true, it were just the new council members acquainting themselves with their year long task of governing the patch. The new members and their delegated tasks are: Lt. A.A. Bell-Chamber, Controller Special Activities; Sgt. P. L. Miller - Deputy Controller Special Activities; WO B. A. Hayward - Deputy Controller Recreation; MSgt J. C. Nix - Deputy Controller Community Activities; Sgt H. E. Sleight - Deputy Town Clerk; Capt. D. N. Boychuk - Deputy Controller of Publicity and Member Works; WO V. S. Bartlett - Member Special Activities and Community Activities; MCpl A. M. Jazey - Member, Publicity and Recreation; Cpl. R. W. Bryson - Member, Recreation and Community Activities; Cpl. A. E. Young traded in his publicity job to be Controller Recreation. Judging from the spontaneity and smiles this council will be as good as the last.

442 Sqn is so at Comox 'cause Perry Cunningham just retired from it and when I asked him what he was doing, he said "Oh, nothing different."

The Fire Hall will be co-ordinating a Spring Clean-Up in early April. Any usable but no longer needed articles will be collected by the Fire Hall. Now is your chance to get rid of Aunt Maude's old stuffed sofa that's been in the bathroom for the last thirteen years. Watch the flyers for the dates and times of pick-ups. This is one of the many ways to help keep your home fire-safe. Fire does not need a head start.

The time has come, let's think, just me and you, About raking grass, weeding lawns, cleaning up our PMQ. This season comes but once a year and plants begin to seed, As Nature makes this Spring, the nicest one to heed. The lawns grow green and the grass does grow, It's time to get out the rake and the hoe, To rake out the lawn and clean up the dirt, It's nice to get out in jeans and a shirt, To turn o'er flower beds takes but an hour, And in six short weeks comes the bloom of a flower. Flowers and care, lawns neat and green, Let's make Wallace Gardens the place that it's seen. So come all you residents, let's each do our share. Behold Wallace Gardens, it's a pleasure living there. Remember, tie your dog, spay your cat, and smile at your neighbour. The hatch is complete...

they are used constantly. The fabric should be very thick and stretchy. There should be no collar because babies have very short necks and a collar is uncomfortable.

Snaps should be closely spaced, especially in the crotch area, and extend all the way to the ankles. They should have a loose rather than a tight hold, and should be set into a special band of thick twill rather than just a fold of the material, as otherwise they tend to pull out.

For outdoor wear, a sweater with a hood is more useful than a sweater and separate bonnet because there is no gap at the neck, and the hood cannot be misplaced.

Don't buy a lot of baby cosmetics. Powders may cake in the folds of the skin, and talc-based powders are dangerous if breathed in by a baby. Try corn starch - it's an excellent substitute. Vaseline will protect the skin from moisture as well as mineral oil, and it's cheaper.

One last point, there are a number of basic necessities that you will find useful to assemble before the baby is born: 3 to 4 dozen diapers; 4 to 6 sleepers; crib or other place to sleep; mattress; 3 or 4 sheets; 3 blankets; 2 to 6 quilted pads; ten 8-ounce bottles; four 4-ounce bottles; nipples, bottle brush and a diaper pail.

For complete details, write to Consumers' Association of Canada and ask for their buying guide, "Baby's Needs", price 25 cents.

Much has been written lately concerning public education. A real long overdue and it is to be Government authorities will, as possible, set forth a policy statement and objectives of educational British Columbia, and then institutions whereby these objectives achieved.

In spite of the conscientious of most teachers in the provincial educational system is failing to development demands of too many young people. The incidence of this all too valuable human resource beyond what society can accommodate the personal tragedy in

Olof Palme, 46-year-old foreign minister



PADRE RITCHIE draws the winning ticket for the 10-speed bike as Father Borg assists. The bike, won by J.R. Richardson, was raffled at the annual CWL Bazaar held last week. The ladies of the CWL held the bazaar to raise money for charity. - Ford Photo

Our Lady of the Airways CWL Bazaar big success

BAZAAR
The annual CWL St. Patrick's Day Tea and Bazaar was held on Saturday March 17th in the Airport School Gym from 2 to 4 p.m. A special thank you goes to Bazaar Conveners Laura Webber and Lois Young who devoted countless hours of their time to ensure its ultimate success.

Congratulations also go to Tea Convener Helene Taillon and her committee. The area was beautifully decorated in a St. Patrick's Day theme and the Tea Room was a great success.

Joyce Geneau, Peggy Newman, Karen Clark, Yvonne Mullen, Claudette Bedard, Louise Aucoin, Bernie Erikson, Dianne Webster, Anne Redmond, Sandy Wilson and their many helpful friends are sincerely thanked for the success of the various other tables at the bazaar.

Father Joe Borg and Roy Webber spun the wheel of fortune and provided a lot of the afternoon's entertainment. Our thanks also to "the American gals" who so ably dispensed the Kool-Aid and pop corn.

Winners of the draws are as follows: the dinner for Two at Mr. Mike's was won by J. VanderBrink, the cake, artfully decorated by Mrs. Fredette was won by Vern Langill, the Food Hamper went to S. Salter, the Shampoo and Set by "Peggy's" was won by Shirley Dicks and the major prize, a 10-speed bike was won by J. R. Richardson of Comox. Congratulations to all the winners and to the League women and their friends who sold the tickets.

MEETING
Father Borg is presently on

his way to his homeland, Malta, to spend a well-deserved holiday with relatives and friends. We wish Father Borg a safe and happy journey and extend a warm welcome to Father Farrell who will take over Father Borg's duties during his absence.

Members are reminded that the April meeting will be held after Father Borg's return. The exact date will be announced later.

A letter will be sent shortly to the many women who expressed the desire to join Our Lady of the Airways' Council CWL. It would be a tremendous boost to the morale of the new executive should all these women attend the April meeting.

A reminder that anyone interested in purchasing religious articles may do so in

the Crying Room of the chapel following 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday.

Don't forget - Share Lent! WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

CFB Comox and our parish was privileged to host the Women's World Day of Prayer on March 3rd. Mrs. Teresa Schellinck spoke on the theme of the day, "Alert in our Time," as it applies in her community activities. We were most fortunate that she accepted our invitation to be guest speaker. Soloist at the church service was Mrs. Arlene Austad and organist was Mrs. Holt. A social in the parish hall followed the service. All arrangements for the day on parish level were made by Mrs. Yvonne Mullen who is our Church Life Convener.

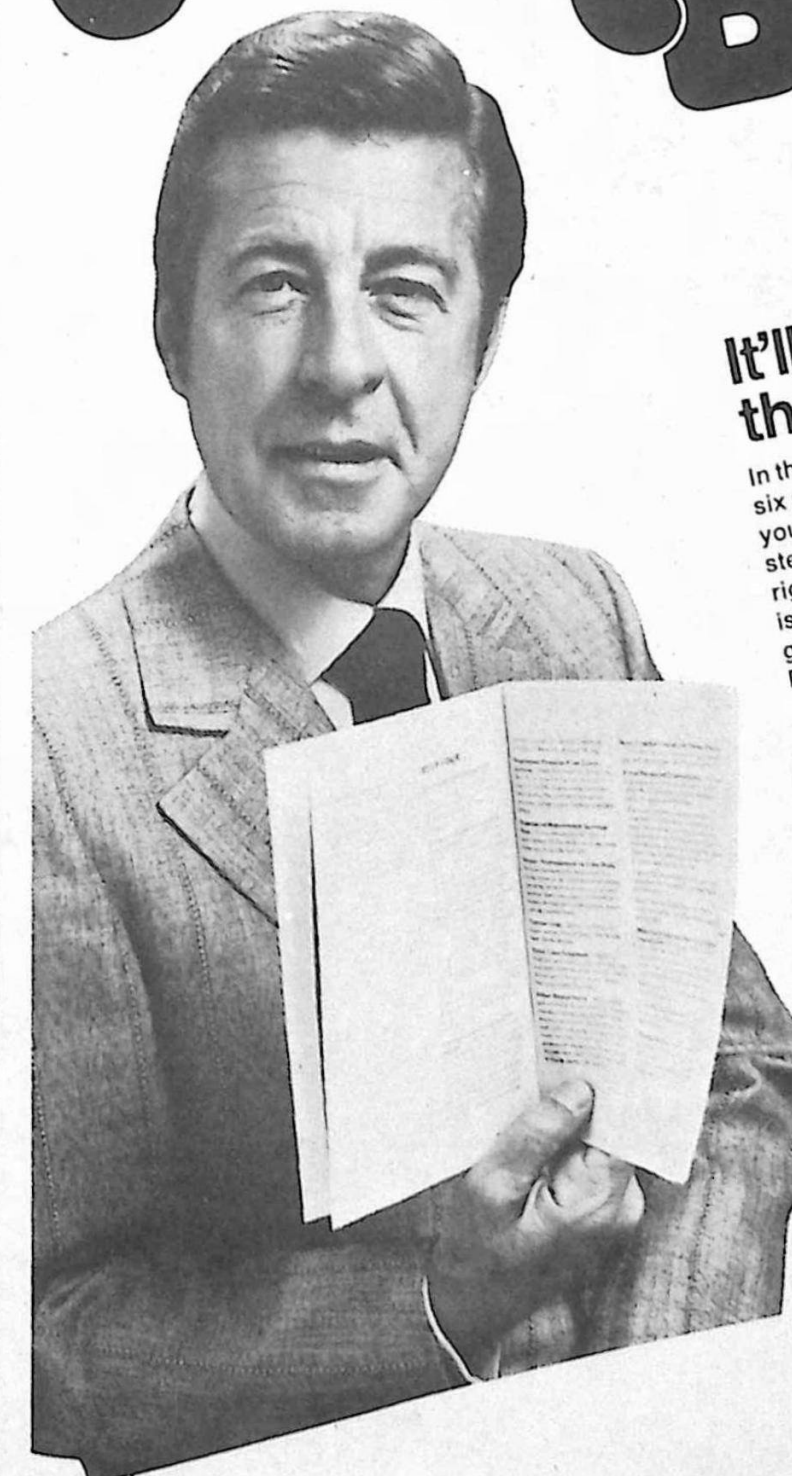
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Sat. 24 Mar.	OUT OF TOWNERS	Jack Lemon, Sandy Dennis
Sun. 25 Mar.	Comedy	
Showtimes: 1900 hrs. to 2055 hrs.		
Wed., 28 Mar.	DEEP END	Jane Asher
Thurs., 29 Mar.	Restricted	Dianna Doris
Showtimes: 1900 hrs. to 2055 hrs.		
Fri. 30 Mar.	BRIDES OF FU MANCHU	Christopher Lee, Marie Versini
Horror Showtimes: 1900 hrs. to 2055 hrs.		
Sat., 31 Mar.	TRUE GRIT	John Wayne, Glenn Campbell
Sun., 1 April	Western	
Showtimes: 1900 hrs. to 2055 hrs.		
Wed., 4 April	THE COWBOY	John Wayne
Thurs., 5 April	Western	
Fri., 6 April	Warning: Some brutality and swearing	
Show Time: 1900 to 2110 hrs.		
Sat., 7 April	GET CARTER	Michael Caine, Britt Ekland
Sun., 8 April	Warning: Brutality, coarse language and nudity	
Restricted Show Time: 1900 to 2050 hrs.		
Wed., 11 April	MAN IN THE WILDERNESS	Richard Harris, John Houston
Thurs., 12 April	Warning: Scenes of animal cruelty	
Outdoor Drama Show Time: 1900 to 2050 hrs.		
Fri., 13 April	NOW YOU SEE HIM NOW YOU DON'T	Walt Disney
Sat., 14 April	Plus Short feature - Arizona Sheepdog	
Show Time Evening: 1900 to 2105 hrs. Show Time Matinee: 1400 to 1605 hrs.		
Sat., 14 April	CATLOW	Yul Brynner, Leonard Maltin
Sun., 15 April	Western	
Show Time: 1900 to 2050 hrs. Everybody is gunning for Catlow		
CHILDREN'S MATINEES		
SATURDAY MATINEES		
NOTE: All Matinees are 40c admission price. All Matinees commence at 1400 hrs. (2:00 p.m.)		
Sat. Mat., 24 Mar.	BELLBOY	Jerry Lewis
Showtime: 1400 hrs. to 1550 hrs.		
Sat. Mat., 31 March	WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY	Gene Wilder
Showtime: 1400 hrs. to 1550 hrs.		
Sat., 7 April	NATIONAL VELVET	Elizabeth Taylor, Mickey Rooney, Donald Crisp
Show Time: 1400 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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public school systems. Clark has called for regional and state schools, federal schools, schools run by colleges, trade unions, corporations and even military units. Such competing schools would, he contends, help create the diversity that education desperately needs.

But really, alternate schools have already been with us for years. The private and separate schools in the country have been performing yeoman service and with great success. I suggest it is time the Government consider decentralizing the huge, wasteful and amorphous control of overstuffed school districts, and with a redefinition and clear statement of education policy set up the means whereby the successful methods employed by private and separate schools are used by public educators. Is there

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PRIVATE JEAN GUY RIVEST of Canadian Forces Base Comox, on his way to the top time in the Slalom event at the Canadian Armed Forces Ski Championships on Mt. Norquay.

Canadian Forces Photo

CF Ski Championships

Comox skier wins Slalom, Giant Slalom

CALGARY — The Canadian Forces Ski Championships were held from February 26th to March 2nd at Banff and Lake Louise, Alberta. A total of 123 Alpine and Nordic skiers from the five Forces regions - Pacific, Prairie, Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic and Europe - participated in the event, which was hosted by CFB Calgary.

This is the first time that the championships have been held in Alberta. Snow conditions, in skiers' terms, were "fair to good" in the mountains, but one of the events, the Biathlon, had to be cancelled, and a 30 km race substituted, because of insufficient snow near Calgary.

The Nordic events were all won hands down by the strong, experienced Europe Region "A" Team, which consisted largely of soldiers from 1st Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment. They won the 15 km, 4 x 10 km Relay, the Military Patrol, and the 30 km events.

The Military Patrol race, held on the fourth day of competition, was the only event which does not have a civilian counterpart. Each team consists of one officer, one senior NCO, and two Corporals or Privates, wearing combat clothing and 55 lb. packs. Each team must stay closed up throughout the race, as a patrol would in winter tactics. The event was won by the Europe "A" Team, which covered the 15 km course at Lake Louise in 1 hour, 1 minute and 32 seconds.

Top individual honours were carried away by Sgt. Marc Bouchard of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment, a member of the Quebec Region "A" Team. Bouchard, a 36 year old veteran of Nordic skiing, placed first in both the 15 km and 30 km events.

Runners-up in the individual Combined events were Cpl. J.A.P. Nadeau and MCpl J. M. Lalonde, both of the Europe Region "A" Team and members of the 1st Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment. The two other members of the winning Europe team were MCpl J. C.

R. Tremblay, and Cpl J. F. D. Noel.

In the Alpine events, Cpl. J. R. Levesque of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment, and a member of the Quebec Region "A" Team won top honours. He did not place first in any one event, but his consistent, steady performance netted him the lowest combined total time in the Downhill, Slalom, and Giant Slalom races. Runners-up were Pte W. K. Smith of CFB Edmonton, and MCpl J. G. Cloutier of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment, CFB Valcartier.

In the downhill event, Pte W. K. Smith, a 20 year old Aero Engine Technician from CFB Edmonton and a member of the Prairie Region "A" Team came first. Both the Slalom and the Giant Slalom races were won by Pte J. G. Rivest of CFB Comox, a member of the Pacific Region Team.

The Prairie Region "A" Team of Pte W. K. Smith, CFB Edmonton; Capt. J. A. Hodgson, CFB Moose Jaw; Capt. W. K. Myers, CFB Calgary; Sgt. R. Lamothe, and Cpl J. R. L. Knowlton, both of the Canadian Airborne Regiment, CFB Edmonton won both the Slalom and Giant Slalom events. The Downhill team event was taken by the Quebec Region "A" Team of Lt J. A. D. Cameron, MCpl J. G. Cloutier, MCpl J. Gignac, and Cpl J. R. Levesque all of the Royal 22e Regiment, CFB Valcartier and Cpl R. G. Gervais of CFS Mont Apica.

In a surprise upset, the Combined Alpine events prize was won by the Europe Region Team consisting of Capt. N. Gervais, Sgt. J. C. Marquis, Cpl J. G. M. Noel, Cpl J. F. M. Nadon, all of 1st Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment, and MCpl H. Easterbrook of 3 Mechanized Commando, Canadian Airborne Regiment. This team placed second in the Downhill and Slalom, and third in the Giant Slalom but a split in the performance of the Quebec Region "A" and Prairie Region "A" Teams saw the Europe squad come out ahead in the combined total times.

Curlers set world record

BADEN-SOELLINGEN (CFP) — If you're a curler — top this!

Eight servicemen stationed at Baden-Soellingen, West Germany took to the ice recently and when they finished an official world curling record had been shattered.

The two teams started curling Thursday morning, Feb. 22. Thirty-seven hours and nine minutes later, after completing 200 ends of continuous uninterrupted curling, they decided to call it a day — or two.

The previous world record was 34 hours and 12 minutes for 152 ends.

Since it's 138 feet from hack to hack and the stones weigh 42 pounds, each of the Canadians threw the equivalent of eight tons of granite 9½ miles.

The eight endurance curlers were skipped by Gary Marr of Cereal, Alta., and Jim Ferguson of Welland, Ont. Both men had returned 24 hours earlier from the Canadian Forces curling playdowns at CFB Shilo, Man.

On the Marr rink were lead Ken Hall of Victoria and Winnipeg, second Don Herbert of Toronto and third Bob Fortune of Vancouver.

The Ferguson rink consisted of lead Joey Yeoman of Toronto, second John (Jingles) Inglis of Victoria and third Bob Stephens of Brooks, Alta.

Coordinator of the event, which kicked off the winter carnival activities at the Base, was Charles Archibald of Melfort, Sask. Jim Hayward of Swan River, Man., umpired the games while Gerry Hipson of Ottawa catered food and drink to the curling buffs.

Just for the record, the Marr rink downed Ferguson's foursome 163-135.

Prairie Region bowling champs

OTTAWA (CFP) — A six-man Prairie Region team is the 1973 Canadian Forces national five pin bowling champion following tournament play at CFB Chilliwack, B.C.

Individual honours went to triple winner Sergeant J. A. Knight of CFB Moose Jaw, Sask. His 270 average, 420 single and 1000 triple beat all 30 competitors.

Second in team standings was Ontario Region with Quebec, Pacific and European teams following in that order. Inclement weather conditions forced a no-show from the Atlantic Region.

Total pin fall for the Prairie team was 38,596, which was 1,035 pins better than second place Ontario.

Prairie region's team consisted of Sergeant Bob Syplski, Corporal J. J. Bonnell, Corporal J. A. R. Dupuis, all from CFB Winnipeg; Corporal D. H. Johnson, CFB Shilo, Man., and Sgt. Knight and Corporal V. J. R. Smith, CFB Moose Jaw.

Tournament play was a double round robin draw with each team pitted against the others twice.

Off to a soaring start Comox Gliding Club



Thousands of enthusiasts in over 30 Nations find soaring a challenging and rewarding sport. Soaring is a sport in which the glider pilot can, when proper conditions prevail, stay airborne for hours, travel for miles across country, and climb thousands of feet. The art of flying without power offers a challenge to the enthusiasts without imposing restrictions because of age, physique, or sex.

Modern gliders and sailplanes provide one of the safest forms of recreational flying. Their graceful lines give very little indication of the structural integrity which make them stronger than most powered light aircraft. Recent aerodynamic improvements have enabled glide ratios to be increased to

nearly 50 to 1 in certain high performance examples, and even basic trainers possess the capability to glide approximately 5 miles for every thousand feet of altitude in still air conditions.

At present the CFB Comox gliding club is operating on weekends using a KA-7, a two seat, dual control glider owned by Cpl. Danny Webber. The method of launch is car tow with our present 2400 cable, launch heights of up to 1800 feet have been obtained. The two club-owned gliders should be arriving before the end of the month, so by that time we will have three two-seat, dual control gliders on the base in which to give instruction.

The cost is very minimal. Regular membership (open to all forces personnel and dependents - \$20.00.

Family membership (For regular members) - \$10.00 first, \$5.00 second.

Launch (Car tow and first 15 minutes) - 75 cents.

Familiarization flight (for non-members) - \$2.00

If you are interested in joining you can get further information from any of the following people

President: Capt. Ted Johnston

Chief Flying Instructor: Cpl. Danny Webber

Instructor: WO Ivan Cheverie

Treasurer: Lt. Bob Denyer Secretary: WO Joe Wood We will be holding a meeting for all interested people before the end of the month. Watch for further details.



District Cribbage League

DOUBLES

	Won	Dr.	L.	P.
BPOE	14	1	6	29
Sgts. Mess	14	1	6	29
Comox Leg.	12	2	8	26
Cumb. Hotel	11	2	8	24
Sunnydale	11	2	8	24
Cumb. Leg.	11	1	9	23
C.R. Eagles	10	2	9	22
Totem Inn	9	2	10	20
King George	9	2	10	20
Court. Leg.	8	3	10	19
Lorne	7	4	10	18
Fish. Ldg.	8	1	12	17
Waverley	7	2	12	16
Elk Hotel	5	5	11	15
Islander	5	4	12	14

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C.R. Eagles	11	5	1	27
Sgts. Mess	12	2	7	26
Lorne	11	4	6	26
Court. Leg.	11	4	6	26
Sunnydale	11	3	7	25
Islander	11	1	9	23
Cumb. Hotel	10	3	7	23
Elk Hotel	11	0	10	22
Fish. Ldg.	10	1	10	21
BPOE	8	2	11	18
King George	8	2	11	18
Totem Inn	7	4	10	18
Waverley	8	0	13	16
Cumb. Leg.	5	5	11	15
Comox Leg.	6	2	14	14

Pee Wee crown to Burnaby

Friday, March 16 saw the opening of the BCAHA Pee Wee provincial playoffs at Glacier Gardens Arena, CFB Comox. Pee Wee teams competing were the winners of the six BCAHA Districts and the host club Comox

Glacier Esso Dakotas. Hockey Fans were treated to some very exciting hockey in the next three days with the Burnaby Winter Club winning the Provincial Trophy. Standings at the end of the three day round robin were:

W L T F A Pts

Burnaby 6 0 0 53 8 12

Castlega. 5 1 0 23 16 10

Nanaimo 2 1 3 18 21 5

Comox 2 1 3 17 26 5

N. Kamloops 2 0 4 15 22 4

Ft. St. John 1 2 3 11 27 4

Kimberly 1 0 5 14 31 2

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Ottawa hosts Forces fencing finals

OTTAWA (CFP) — CFB Ottawa (South) will host the 1973 Canadian Forces Invitational Fencing Championships.

The two-day competition, which opens March 31, will provide a basis for the selection of athletes to represent the Forces at the Canadian National Fencing Championships scheduled for mid-May at Vancouver, B.C.

Athletes from the Royal Military College of Canada, College Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean and CFBs London, Petawawa and Trenton are slated to compete.

The competition will include individual and three-man team events in ladies and men's foil, epee and sabre.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded for individual and team events. A grand aggregate trophy for a base or club accumulating the greatest number of points in individual and team events will also be awarded.

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ARMAMENT HANG-UPS
Our four stalwarts have returned from the gun plumbers' curling wars which occurred recently in a picturesque setting on the outskirts of CFB Borden, otherwise known as CFAD Angus. Heading up the contingent was our able Captain in charge of curling, Ron Fisher, with Joe Woods as second in command and Don Hamel, who filled in at the last minute, rounding out the rink. Bruce, upon learning that the room service in the Hilton-type setting was out of this world, decided to make the most of his rest from the rigors of maintenance. Alas, the calibre of play of the other rinks combined with the attendant social commitments led to the untimely downfall of our illustrious quartet.

The recent rash of postings and removers within the section have resulted in a few of our entrepreneurs giving serious thought to the possibility of becoming shareholders in the local moving companies.

Now that our annual PER's have entered the pipeline enroute to Ottawa and our best uniforms have been put back in the closet for another year, we can only hope that the computers have a sense of humor.

A certain Sergeant was recently observed travelling around the confines of the arena ice surface precariously balanced on a pair of skates. Could this be Canada's hidden talent prepping for the '76 winter Olympics?

Our spies tell us that Gordie Graham's new finger nail clipper was not too successful and that a second prototype may be in the offing.

TORP TOPICS
Since HOOD-WINK has been so busy this week that he didn't have time to sit down and burn some words of

wisdom onto paper, you will just have to put up with his understudy, WOOD-WINK, for this issue.

First off, we welcome Dan Choiniere to the Torp Shop and wish him well with his upcoming course at Greenwood. It shouldn't take him long to learn the lingo as George has been enlightening him with respect to the bewildering world of underwater warfare.

Sports seem to be the "In Thing" these days what with John and Fred off to Summerside with the Base team in quest of the Forces broomball championship while, at home, Dennis and Joe are sporting a multiple of bruises as they help the Sqn. team in its efforts to wrest the "B" league hockey championship from 442. Closer to the shop, golf and fishing talk is starting to pick up the pace led by Camper Bob who has been observed eyeing the "Big Rig" so it may not be too long before we make our annual trek to the bush in quest of our toll of trout. Keep us posted, Bob.

The time has come to dispel the rumor that we have started a light delivery service: all those trucks in the parking lot are privately owned, with Jack's half-ton green job being the latest addition to the fleet.

Alex finally took all the ribbing he could stand about his Rambler and traded it in on a new Volvo. He now wheels around with a smile replacing his worried look. Joe blew his incentive pay on a new Montego which leaves him with only one problem - getting it away from our friendly operator.

Paul and Barb have a new addition to their family circle in the form of "Chimo" a Siberian husky so, if you have any old fish in your freezer or own an Eskimo bone sled, call Paul. Suspicion has it that he is anticipating a northern posting.

AVIONICS
The principal current topic of jaw wagging is the new service leave policy with its 25 working days per year entitlement. Now, let's see, if I take every Friday preceding a designated holiday and every Tuesday following a holiday... Oh! Oh! The Sqn policy for 1973-74 has just arrived and squelched those notions.

The list of new vehicle owners in Repair has lengthened appreciably what with Steve McNamee sporting a newish camper, John Moller a shiny new car and Dick Beard a new van. Rumor has it that Dick is going into the bread delivery business on a moonlighting basis.

Signs of spring are everywhere as groups of bosses are clustered in every available corner discussing PER's or the latest Newfie joke, or both.

June 30th is the most prominently marked date on the Derosier family calendar and small wonder since that is the day on which they will be departing for Peterson A.F.B., Colorado, U.S.A. It sounds very good now, Joe, but after a dozen years with the Argus, anything else will seem like it is only half there. We have been led to believe that the benefits of foreign service are pretty good except for the 3.2 per cent beer. However, you'll always be welcome back for a visit. We'll send the odd old flight lunch down to you should you feel homesick.

All personnel are cordially invited to drop in at Avionics Servicing for the purpose of participating in their truly honest hockey pool. Some people there even remember the time when an outsider won. Let's think, was that in 1966 or 1967?



LCOL. LES PRICE congratulates Capt. Hank Dielwart on his achievement of accumulating 1000 hours' flying time in the Voodoo. Hank is presently serving in the CAC at Val d'Or and will soon be working on his first 100 hours on his Volksplane if spring ever reaches that part of the country.

- Base Photo

Voodoo Nuts, Bolts and Volts

Last week the BAMEO was happy to announce that we are within easy reach of meeting our flying commitments for the fiscal year 1972-73. The success of the flying programme is a reflection of the efforts of everyone in the BAMEO organization doing his best and pulling his

weight. It just goes to show that no matter how difficult the job seems to be, it can be accomplished through perseverance and co-operation. A new annual leave policy has been published, based on working days. This will allow for a more flexible programme of taking annual

leave to suit both the Service and the individual. It would be a good idea for individuals and sections to plan their leave well in advance to avoid unnecessary disappointment. In all probability the 10 per cent quota will still apply so planning your leave will be the key. Another nice thing about it is that you can accumulate your leave but it must be taken prior to retirement.

April must be the busiest month of the year. Aside from starting a new year's flying programme there's the income tax form to be filled out and mailed. Those of you who hadn't anticipated how much tax you will be owing from your friendly Base Credit Union, located next to the main gate. They could also help you plan your future savings programme so you won't get caught short next year. There's a wealth of help and information, including cash, available just for the asking. If you're not a member you're missing out on a good thing.

Getting back to April. Yes! We'll have to do it again; six laps around the track in 12 to 14 minutes. If you're under 45 and physically fit you'd better start preparing for it now unless you have a doctor's certificate stating that you have a wooden leg. The BAMEO has made arrangements with the Base MO to have crutches available to those 45 and over that wish to try it. The crutches will also

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From 442 Sqn.

Mushroom Mutterings

By THE PEAKIN' DEACON

FUNGUS FELICITATIONS
Best wishes to Captain and Mrs. Adam on the birth of a son, born the 8th of March. The Pampers Parade marches on... Cpl. Ken Decoste and his wife Alice are proud parents of a daughter after four boys.

OPS ODDITIES
This week finds L.Col. Hussey and Capt. Eakin once again thrashing their way into the nefarious North in another attempt to retrace the historic route of "lactescent let-downs". Gad, what courage!! But then, how can they lose with Paul Arsenault as flight engineer?

HANGAR FLOOR SWEEPINGS
Harvey Pelletier recently picked up his third, backdated to last December. Nice going Harv, but the taxes will kill ya... Also, M/Ptes "Furry" McLaren of AM-CRO-OR and Gary "Super-Fitter" Johnston got their hooks this month.

On the retiring side, WO Ken Blain, the AM-CRO, is pulling the plug in June after 31 years, and Casey Brunink of Workshops has just about bashed his last rivet; he's hanging up his coveralls at the end of the month. Good fishing, Casey.

Mel Bryson of Safety Systems is leaving "Carter's Commandoes" at the end of the month, also, to work up in Campbell River. Guess he just got tired of all those "Easy Rider" jokes. Good luck, Mel. F.L.A.S.H!! - This reporter has it through reliable informants that a rigger with the dubious alias of "Snidely Whiplash" was seen cavorting with his pals "Dudley Do-

right" and "Sgt. Preston of the North" near the arena one night. Snidely wished them a happy centennial, and they wished him something too... **ATHLETIC ANARCHY**

The Squadron's A and B hockey teams are into the finals, thanks to coaching by Bob Smith and Bill Brown, plus a lot of blood, sweat and tears by the players themselves.

BROKEN BONES DEPT.
Hockey greats Mike Fournier, Bob Morgan and Pat Forgarty are all suffering from "rigours de combat" after that game with 407 "B" a week ago.

A parting note - for all you potential frog men, and frog women (no cultural joke intended), don't forget the upcoming S.C.U.B.A. Course, being instructed by Gary Emery of Para Rescue. Course commences on 26 March with registration upstairs in the Rec. Centre between 1900 and 2100 hours.

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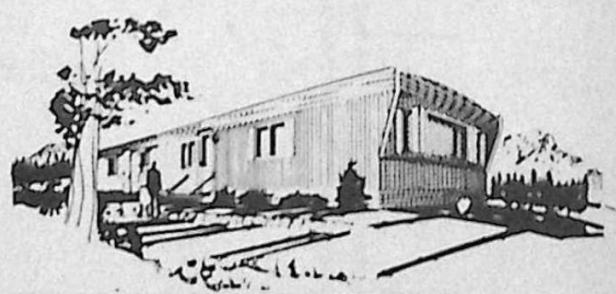
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Sgt. Gord Ellis, the only person who ever really worked in the CAC is retiring this week after 31 years in the forces. Being the last of the second World War veterans on the squadron, Gord was our only link with the glorious past. Gord also participated in the march to Pretoria during the Boer War, according to a well-placed source in the CAC. Your reporter wasn't rather surprised to hear this, but since Scotty Duncan has never lied to him before, it must be true.

We all wish Gord the best. Don't spend all your severance pay in one place.

Alas, the last of the "Bee-doop, Bee-doop" gang has been found out. Unable to withstand any further verbal abuse about his shiny head, G.A.J. let it slip that he is no Irishman but is really a French Canadian and his ethnic background is responsible for thwarting his latest efforts to produce locks of curly protein. Somehow the long-ears in Ottawa got wind of this and are now trying to find suitable employment for Sully. I wonder if that means that for the past 21 years Guy has been unsuitably employed? Or does it mean that

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Guy is now suitable for unsuitable employment? Or is it unsuitable for suitable employment? Mind boggling!

The "Sisty Uglers" are back from their latest escapade or sort of, anyway. Fancy Lance needs a bit more prepping but Gorgeous Gus is in working overtime trying to pay for his new yellow feet. Next year the guys are going to Sun Valley, Aspen and Vail while the girls are going to Union Bay. Some holidays are better than others but these separate vacations are great!

Tim O'Rourke and Jon Pew are changing room-mates. Tim's new one hates garlic, swilling beer, wears fancy clothes and bathes every night while Jon's new one sleeps standing up, lends money at no interest, covers under threat of limb, stays out all night and buys booze every pay day. Now I ask you, who's getting the better deal? Anyway, Jon is out and Rossaline is in and Tim is out and Gary is in. Tim gets to keep the furniture and frying pan while Jon gets the skin-books, pepperoni and future considerations.

The Tech Rep from Roodeburg retired suddenly last weekend. Seems that the chap received a windfall from someplace he had never even heard of. A well done to the guys who organized it but next time how about a cigar or two so we can get sick a little earlier!

Paul Gill wins first prize

with honorable mentions going to Doug Jackson and Angus Hay. Those are for the luncheon, now for the party that followed. (For those of you who forgot that you were at a party too):

First place to the Colonel of the Regiment. I've heard of crawling through a half a mile of broken glass before but never on only three members with the third waving profusely through the air seeking rum, whiskey, wine or whatever. Second place to Bud Jenks. Bud thought he was Spider Man and made several slithering passes up and down the walls muttering things known only to the Green Hornet. Third place to Doug Jackson who thought he was The Green Hornet, leastwise he was the only one who could understand what Spider Man was saying. One Helluva good party.

Ken Carr phoned the next morning to take Jon fishing and was greeted with an odor worse than that of the fish. It was so vile that he hung up and reported the phone out of order. Actually Tim was just trying to find out who took Rossaline home and went to sleep with the phone in his mouth.

Rumor of the week: In order for Maj. Grip to operate as an OpsO he had to go to Victoria and have his brain removed.

Alternate rumor: Grant Clements is posted to Bevan Lodge.

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Military colleges enrol serving men, officers

OTTAWA -- Defence Minister James Richardson, president of Canada's military colleges, announced today that the three colleges will enroll serving officers and men of the Canadian Forces in two sponsored under-graduate training programs this fall.

The programs, University Training Plan Officers (UTPO) and University Training Plan Men (UTPM), have in the past been

associated mainly with civilian universities.

In September, up to 60 successful candidates may be enrolled in the Forces' own Colleges - the Royal Military College of Canada, in Kingston, Ont., Royal Roads Military College near Victoria, B.C. and College militaire royal de Saint-Jean, St-Jean, Que.

The UTPO program provides academic upgrading for Canadian Forces officers to degree standing. Selections

are made from serving officers who are qualified and can obtain a Bachelor's degree within a two year time limit. Because Royal Roads Military College offers only the first two years of the four-year academic program, the UTPO program is not applicable to that college.

The UTPM plan gives selected serving men the opportunity to get both a Bachelor's degree and a commission. Entire undergraduate academic costs are

paid by the Department of National Defence.

Mr. Richardson said the colleges are authorized under existing charters to grant degrees in arts, administration, sciences and engineering.

While final plans haven't been formalized, it's expected that all but single UTPM students will live off-campus. Students under the two programs will wear the Canadian Forces green uniform as opposed to the regular uniform of the military college officer cadets.

In so far as they are able, these students will be encouraged to participate fully in the active sports and social programs of the colleges.

Windover wins medal

OTTAWA -- Lt.-Col. Roy Windover, 48, of Belleville, Ont., will receive the Louis Bleriot Medal for his world record, altitude flight set last April over Pike's Peak in Colorado. He is the first Canadian to win the medal which is given by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, Paris, France.

Lt.-Col. Windover flew to a height of 30,800 feet in a borrowed antique, 75-hp Interstate S-la Cadet built in 1941. The only reason he stopped at that height was that his one-hour oxygen supply ran out. "With more oxygen I could have made it higher," he said.

At the time Lt.-Col. Windover was serving with

NORAD Headquarters in Colorado Springs. He is now with the Directorate of Cadets at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa.

The Louis Bleriot Award was established in 1936 by the FAI in honor of that aviator's historic cross-Channel flight in 1909.

A maximum of three awards is made annually one each for distance, speed and altitude in light aircraft. No award is made unless the previous record is broken.

Lt.-Col. Windover beat the old altitude mark by 2,139 feet.

The award will be presented at the general conference of the FAI in Dublin, Ireland, in September.

Minister defends ATC

OTTAWA (CFP) -- Defence Minister James Richardson recently defended Air Transport Command against charges that it was operating in competition with commercial airlines.

Appearing before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates, the defence minister said that air transport capability is essential to the forces.

Mr. Richardson was replying to Dan McKenzie, PC-Winnipeg-South Centre, who asked if any protests had

been received "from Air Canada and or CP Air about the transport of civilians and if so, how many?"

Mr. McKenzie read part of a letter from the Air Transport Association of Canada which criticized the Department of National Defence for its purchase of Boeing 707s.

Whether the two major airlines had complained about ATC "is not really the main thing," Mr. Richardson said.

"The main thing is one of substance, whether or not we are going to use commercial services exclusively for armed forces personnel. We did not buy the Boeings in order to compete with Air Canada or CP Air. We bought the Boeings to replace the former Yukon fleet, and, as I indicated earlier tonight, we lowered our costs and improved our transport capability."

"I also believe that no armed forces -- and I think this

would apply to the United States forces for even though as you say, they use commercial service as we do, they have a tremendous transport command within their armed forces -- can rely totally upon commercial airlines. If we had to, for instance, in meeting our commitment to NATO, get to the north flank, I would not have to want to phone Air Canada to see if there were any seats available."

Mr. Richardson added: "Or they might happen to be on strike or something of that kind. In other words we must have our own capability, up to a certain point and then use the commercial facilities beyond that as we do."

"We are also very careful not to carry passengers who would normally be travelling on the commercial airlines. So in that sense, we are not in direct competition with either Air Canada or CP Air."

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be available to others but only for the last lap. Deadline for completion of the physical fitness test is April 22.

Completion of PERs is another project deadline for April, with all the section heads sorting out their assets by numbers. Maybe one of these days someone will devise a computer you can strap on to a man, that will read out his brain waves to see if he's worthy of promotion or not. They're doing everything else electronically -- why not this! It sure would save a lot of headaches. Introduction of a separate PER for Master Cpls who are identified as the first supervisory level is overdue. It's not fair that our 16-year Corporals, through no fault of their own employed in non-supervisory roles, should be assessed as "not observed" in up to seven of the critical requirements.

Baden receives colors

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aircraft. Disbanded Aug. 26, 1945, it was reformed in 1951 at Uplands to fly Sabres. Almost a year later it moved to Luffenham, England, with No. 1 Fighter Wing. In February, 1955, 439 Sqn. moved to Marville, France, with Sabre jets.

The (Silver Fox) Squadron, 441, commanded by Lt.-Col. A. L. Young, was formed initially in February, 1944, in Britain, as a fighter squadron flying Spitfires. Disbanded in August, 1945, it was reformed in March, 1951, at St. Hubert, Que., flying Vampires. In 1952 the squadron was transferred

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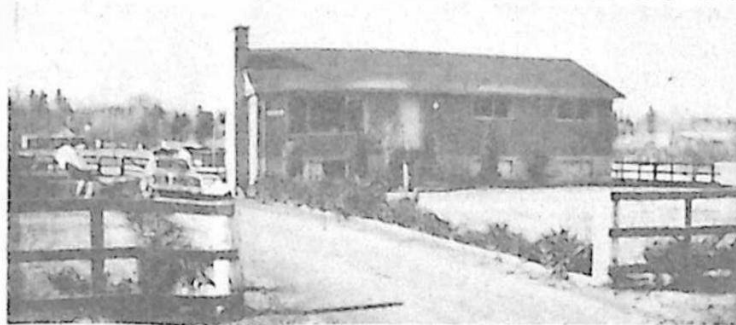
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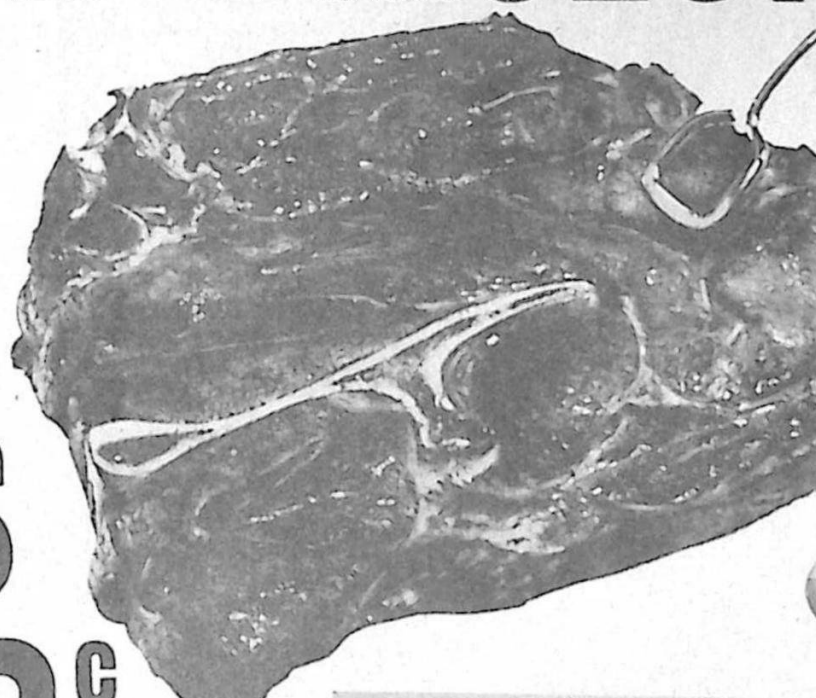
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