

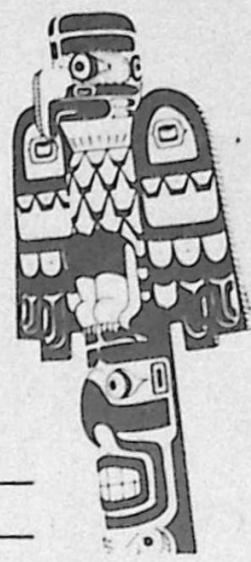


# TOTEM TIMES

Keep your Christmas spirit below .08

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## 409 VOODOO SHOOT DOWN SANTA

### Reindeer and sleigh mistaken for UFO



TWO SUPERSONIC CF101 Voodoos of 409 Squadron meet Santa in flight. (Artist's impression of the encounter between Voodoos of 409 Squadron and the UFO)

COMOX EXCLUSIVE (TTP) -- It was learned today, from embarrassed Base Comox personnel, that a member of 409 Voodoo Sqn., CFB Comox, who has not been identified for fear of reprisals from enraged children throughout the world, mistakenly shot down the sleigh bearing Mr. Saint Nicholas, affectionately known to all as Santa Claus.

How this dastardly deed was done is not yet known at this time but will be looked into further by a United Nations Board of Inquiry.

Fortunately a 442 Squadron Search and Rescue helicopter, again, not identified for fear of reprisals from enraged parents bent on having an inflation-free Christmas, on a training flight in the vicinity of the incident, were able to rescue the Laird of the North Pole from the icy waters of the Channel before he could be fatally exposed.

This was in no way due to the efforts of a 407 Sqn. Argus and its spotters, unfortunately. Unconfirmed reports have it that the crew were on a 'recreational flight' and 'stunt flying' at the time, possibly causing the incident. The Commanding Officer of 407 Sqn. was not available for comment.

The eight reindeer able to fly as we all know, were anxiously circling the rescue operation until the burley gentleman was on board the helicopter. Then, they formed two four-man, - or reindeer - lines in either side of the helicopter and escorted Santa to an anxiously awaiting Base Commander.

Reliable sources quote St. Nick's first words to the Base Commander as: "Ho-ho-ho! (A-choo!)"

Interviewed by an alert Totem Times star correspondent, at first a non-believer but, later a FIRM believer in the Jolly Gentleman, St. Nick said: "Well (ho-ho); from reports I have received from my trusty elves I was worried about the world situation as it stood today particularly the fuel crisis, the food crisis, the Middle East crisis and inflation. I was afraid that I would have to cancel my Christmas journey this year, a heartbreaking thought when untold numbers of children are looking forward to it.

"This is why I decided to make a special journey first, to see what lay ahead of me at Christmas time."

Here, our T.T. star correspondent reports, Santa tapped his nose and a twinkle (that well-known twinkle) came into his eyes. "However," he continued, "I was 'persuaded' by reasoning that I should leave the world affairs to others, who know more about them, and stick to my own particular brand of peace and harmony and goodwill. For no matter where children are in the world today, Christmas will always be Christmas. For them, it will be a time of love and joy, of giving and receiving." A sob escaped from an over-come Servicing Lineman. An officer chuckled and was given a cuff on the head with the butt of an FN by an unknown MP.

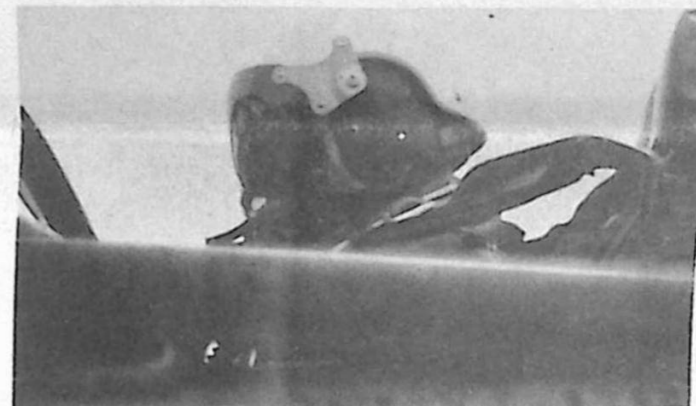
Amidst the emotional hush of the Base personnel gathered 'round, "in the twinkle of an eye", he was in his newly constructed CE sleigh, grasping the reins and urging "On Donner! On Blitzen! ..." As his sleigh lifted skyward, heading back to the North Pole, where he would prepare for the one journey that could not, would not be interrupted by anything or anyone, they heard his final words drifting back to them, words that sent a chill down their spines, words that they knew by heart and would hear again in their dreams or in a few weeks time, whichever came first:

"Merry Christmas to all, and, to all, a good night!"



442 SQUADRON to the rescue!! As Usual.

Ellis Photo



HE DID IT!! This unidentified member of 409 Squadron, doing his duty, shot down Santa.

### Inside exclusive

### How they did him in!

'T'was the weeks before Christmas, and, all through the Base, not a creature was stirrin' ... except the ground-crew on the Hangerlines cursin' another unserviceable aircraft, except the MP's at the gate receivin' the curses of another "under the weather" motorist, attempting to leave, except at the Messes where the guys were cursin' 'cause they just wanted to curse.

In the Tower, all was quiet. The Duty Controller was slowly falling asleep as his eyes followed the radar screen around in its uninterrupted circle. But, hold it! What's that? A blip! But, there wasn't supposed to be anything flying around in this soup!! (It was as foggy as French Pea Soup.)

What to do? What to do? 'Control yourself, young fella. Be calm. Think,' he said to himself. With that thought in mind, he panicked. He pressed the 'Scramble' button.

Immediately, all hell broke loose. The 'standby' crews, cursing their way out of dreams of sugar plums dancing in their heads, ran to their aircraft where they cursed the groundcrew cursing them. In minutes they

were rolling down the tarmac, listening to the whining instructions of the Duty Controller, who was whining because he had received his compuncence from the Ops Officer, who had been awakened from dreams of sugar plums - well, he had been sleeping soundly, anyway.

The situation boiled down to this: a UFO, unidentified flying object, which did not respond to any attempts to identify itself, had wandered into their airspace. It was moving slowly towards the Base and, "if it did not identify itself, it would be considered hostile!" (This from the Ops Officer, still mousing curses to the Controller, whining behind him.)

Meanwhile, the MP's had scoured the Base, being cursed for their efforts by those trying to get ON, the Commanding Officer cursing the loudest (for which he got to spend the night, in comfort, in the cells). The Hospital was preparing itself for a possible deluge of casualties (the Med A was making himself a sandwich). The Messes merrily continued to make merry and take profits over the bar. Who cared?

To the lead pilot, the situation looked grim. Actually, he had an upset stomach. He was edgy; he admitted it. 'Must have been that peanut butter and ketchup sandwich', he thought, cursing. In minutes, they would be in visual contact with the "enemy". What would he do? His palms were sweaty on the trigger. Would he panic? Would this upset stomach go away? No! he must not panic! He must - not - panic! And, the upset stomach would not go away. "There it is!" he shouted into his mike (deafening the Ops Officer), and almost hit his head on the canopy. "There it is!"

His finger seemed to freeze on the trigger as he watched the fiery stream of his rockets unerringly find their target.

Wood splintered. (Wood?) Animals cried out in pain. (Animals?)

His mind was a jumble of confused thoughts as he watched his prey slowly spiral down, out of control, into the cold, gray Channel (Channel No. 5). Had he been seeing things? Was his mind going on him? Did he actually see a little fat man with a

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"HO-HO-HO! Next time I'll file a flight plan.

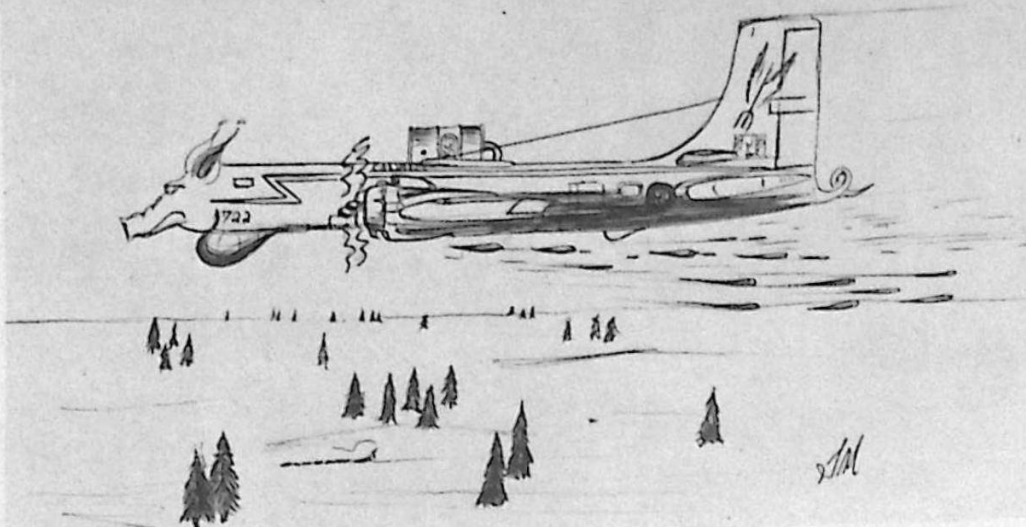
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## 407 Tech Ramblings

Just in case you have tucked your all-ranks Christmas party tickets away and have forgotten all about them, a small reminder that the Demon's social highlight of the year kicks off in the Rec Centre at 2030 hours, Friday, Dec. 14th. Bus schedules for the affair have been distributed to all sections so, in the event you intend to indulge in the juice of the grape, please use this service — it is provided for your protection. Speaking of grape juice, after a year's absence, Vancouver Island's largest motorized punch bowl will reappear this year with its taps providing a flow of free shandy.

Since we have now all but rambled our way through 1973, it is time for our annual wish that you and yours may enjoy a happy and safe holiday season and an abundance of the good things of life in the New Year ahead.

### TORP TOPICS

The old Torp Shop has been pretty quiet these last few days. We extend a warm, wet, western, welcome to Cpl. Harry Lundie. Our gain was Shearwater's loss and Harry says that he is happy with the arrangement. His family will be joining him after he completes his courses down Greenwood way.

Daniel Choiniere will be joining the "brown baggers" if he shows up for his wedding to Miss Katherine McManus on December 21st. The section wishes the young couple well and we are all looking forward to meeting the bride. The boys have promised to avoid telling any stories on Dan until the marriage is at least three months old.

Well, that's it for 73, except that the Torp Troops would like to extend a thank you to all the sections on the base and in particular, CE, MSE and Photo for their fine co-operation during the past year. Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to you all.



ENERGY CRISIS HITS 407 SQN. — The glum look on the Armorer's faces is caused by the order to stoke the Argus and forget about the table centre pieces for the annual Christmas party. The wood is used for cooking and cabin heat to conserve other types of energy on the orders of the STechO who said: "A fat and warm aircrew are a happy aircrew". For NDHQ this is a prototype only and plans to convert the fleet will be forwarded soonest.

## Hospital Mischief

The hospital personnel worked in their usual methodical way throughout the general chaos that was created in the name of renovation. As one of the partitions was unceremoniously detached from the hospital, one of the more astute minds was heard to comment "a room a day takes the hospital away". (As Wayne Warman, otherwise known as "Super Clerk" would say — "just a little humor there.")

Medical procedures were carried out in a way that has become famously legendary. It was noted that during a period of rather noisy

renovations, one of the patients for the vasectomy clinic became rather violent and incoherent, causing it to become necessary to have him sedated in order to perform the operation. While in recovery, only for a brief period of consciousness, the patient became lucid enough to explain that he was one of the construction workers and has just come in for a drink of water.

Legal action is pending, but I have been informed via the grapevine that all involved are pleading high tone hearing loss. The patient recovered rapidly and was

recently heard to say that he was doing it more but enjoying it less. The more profound intellects are attempting to find out what he meant by that.

It was further noted that the gleeful, smiling, dogged determination displayed on the faces of the demolition men, while employed in that particular line of work, did nothing but lend praise to the morale of these men. The fact that the "Quiet — Hospital Zone" sign, was seen to be totally demolished during the initial renovation period is no discredit to them.

All in all, the renovations

have proceeded rather well, with the exception of a very minor detail. One of the M.Cpls. has totally disappeared without a trace and was last seen conversing on the telephone prior to the removal of that particular section of the hospital. We have since discovered that M.Cpls. are easily replaced and have now stroked him off the inventory.

Our female Med. A. responding to an urgent call from one of the patients, was seen to do the 25 yard dash straight through one of the newly constructed partitions.

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## The Gravel Pit

WISHING YOU AND YOURS A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Before going on with our Christmas wishes, we, at this time, would like to make one thing "Perfectly Clear". We, the authors, wishing no ill tidings to anyone during this happy festive season, must respectfully decline to accept any responsibility for errors which may occasionally appear in this column. These errors, many of which the casual reader may be completely unaware, may be broken down into, in our opinion, the following categories: (1) Omissions — words, sentences or entire paragraphs may be left out. This could be done for several reasons, none of which we intend to go into here.

(2) Additions — usually just a word here and there for the same reasons as above.

(3) Typographical errors — at this time we wish to state that we have not and do not plan to have, anyone by the name of Jack Garbutt or Ron Hunt. These names, which appeared in our last column should be changed to read, Jack Garbutt and Ron Huot. Sorry fellas.

(4) Spelling errors — which we don't worry about because it seems to be a lot of trouble to go to when you have to learn how to spell a word in order to look it up in the dictionary to find out how to spell it. So, now that you know the type of errors with which we scribes are plagued, the next time you see one or more of them in this column, please ignore them. You may rest assured that we will.

On the 30th of November, we had the pleasure of hosting a group of MOT controllers from Vancouver and Victoria. We would like to thank all who joined in making the visit the SMASHing success it was.

We feel this may be as good a time as any to welcome a couple of new people to the fold. This would have been done in the last column but, as you may remember, we ran out of space. Lt. Helen Wickham and Cpl. Brian Pilon have recently joined us to undergo On-Job-Training in the fine art of Air Traffic Control. Lt. Wickham will become the "other woman" on the mike, the first being as you are undoubtedly aware, Lt. Denise Ferguson who recently became the Canadian Forces first qualified Air Traffic Control lady. Cpl. Pilon, as many before him, will join the ranks of the silent (?), oppressed majority.

While we hate to put a damper on your enthusiasm for the Section Christmas Party on the 14th, we would like to offer this small warning. Remember, the date of the party coincides with the scheduled arrival of the RCMP "Sniffer". The streets won't be a safe place for a drinking driver that night. So remember — Free transportation. Use it.

In closing for this edition, we of the ATC Section wish to extend our sincere best wishes for the holiday season and the coming New Year to the Base Commander, Col. McNichol and all personnel of CFB Comox. May our future dealings with each other be happy and let's remember, most problems can be ironed out if we talk to each other instead of about each other.

(Ed. Note: We will print ANY material... regardless of quality; Merry Christmas).



"PINKY" HOGG giving a quick spotter briefing to Civil Defence Air Service pilots from Port Hardy, Nanaimo, Victoria and Qualicum at Victoria. Civil Defence exercise in April, 1973.

## Mushroom Mutterings

From 442 Sqn.

Once again, relative sanity reigns over the Fungus Farm, now that search operations in the interior have terminated. (For how long?)

It would be suffice to say that all who attended the Annual Dinner Dance on the 1st had a good time, as the Totem Lounge was filled to capacity.

Last week saw the Annual staff visit by BGen Allison from ATCHQ, who gave us the proverbial "good news and bad news", which boils down to this: if you haven't got the parts to fix the Buffalo, don't worry. It'll give you more time to shop for sun tan lotion, get your shots up to date and pick yourself a blue beret that fits. Anyone for the pyramids?

### ATHLETIC ANARCHY

Monday night the 442 hockey team beat 409 by a score of 4 - 2, with Bill Frain getting a hat trick assisted by Len McCormack twice and Jock McLaren once. Ted Miller got the other goal, on an assist from Dave Lane of

AMU. Coach Bill Brown sez don't give them too much praise, or they'll be going after Allan Eagleson to get them fat contracts flogging breakfast cereals.

The Fungus bowlers are keeping the alleys hot, with the Telestars still in first place and Repair currently holding the high single. The Boozers are up from last to second to last place, thanks to Marcel Kujli rolling a 790. Marcel says he likes that number; it matches his golf score.

This week's "Bucket O' Tears" award goes to a certain sergeant who was bowling a perfect game up to the last frame, then hit the head pin and blew it all. Oh, the pain!

Again this year two Mushroom curlers, Gabe Sehn and Harvey Herauf, will be on the team representing Comox at the Zone Playdowns, Just don't drop the rock on your foot, Harv.

PEOPLE

442 Squadron members

were concerned upon hearing of the unfortunate accident involving Jim Ennis, a retired Mushroomer. We all wish you the best of luck Jim, see you soon.

Couple of new engineers on the choppers these days: Al Ward and Andre Gloutnez. Welcome to the Mushroom Patch. And Fungus Felicitations go out to Stan Prime of avionics, who made sergeant recently.

Don't forget the annual Christmas Stag, scheduled for the 21st of the month, with refreshments and goodies for all. We hope to have a "Bird Dogs versus Groundhogs" broomball game before the festivities start, so save your strength. And with that we shall cease these scribbles for this issue.

The first irrigation canals in the United States were built by the ancient Hohokam Indians in Arizona's Valley of the Sun more than 700 years ago.

## THE NEW PHARMACARE PROGRAMME FOR THOSE 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER IS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1974.

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### How do you enrol?

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**YOU CALL ME** Cuthbert one more time and ... BGEN C. Allison, Chief of Staff, Operations, for Air Transport Command arrived at CFB Comox on Wednesday Dec. 5, to conduct the annual Search and Rescue readiness inspection of 442 T&R Sqn.

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

Following the inspection of the hangar and 442 Squadron facilities, the General briefed all squadron members on recent developments in Command and NDHQ.

## Flash flaredrop

"There's no justice, ya hear me, no justice!" screamed Flash as he crushed his scalding cup of tea, ignoring the pain now enveloping his hand. The scourge of the skies had barely returned from a dangerous search mission in Peachpit, (a real dull place), when he found himself as orderly Joe, the very night of his squadrons annual soiree. Flash really missed these functions, having captured the adoring hearts of flyer and groundcrew alike, and really looked forward to entertaining the troops and their ladies with his tales of bravado.

But what knawed at his vitals most was that in a few days time Flash's idol, General Jetstream, would be paying his annual staff visit from Command H.Q., and our

intrepid eagle was detailed for airstrip alert! Oh, there were so many ideas Flash wanted to discuss with his beloved general. His latest was a plan to save fuel by searching on one engine. (This would also save manpower, as nobody wanted to fly with him).

"But", muttered our hero, thinking of an old Newfie proverb, "I do the best I are. My skills are of such magnitude that I must cast aside personal pleasures for my sacred duty. Besides my silk scarf is in the laundry."

The evening of General Jetstream's visit found our Captain of the clouds wracking his brain over a game of solitaire, hard by the Operations phone, oblivious to the fact that he was very much alone. Suddenly, the phone jangled, only to be

snatched from its cradle in a millisecond. "Flaredrop here," barked our man, already halfway out the door. "Major Minor here, flash. I was on my way home from the mess when I noticed your car in the hangar lot. It's one A.M.; the General's retired for the night, and the strip alert was cancelled six hours ago. What are you still doing there, anyhow?"

"I didn't hear anyone leave," gasped Flash, suddenly realizing he had been wearing his helmet all evening. Alas, his chance to bend the General's ear had eluded him again. "What'll I do now?" he wailed, wringing his hands in despair. "Just one thing," answered Major Minor, as he hung up the phone. "Turn the lights out before you leave. G'night Flash."

## Voodoo, Nuts Bolts and Volts

A paucity of information about BAMEO groupies has resulted in no VNBV column in the last Totem Times, and very little for this one.

Engine Bay has a Smart new sergeant, and Bagotville is now avec MCpl. Cote.

Encouraging news for under-achieving salmon fishermen is that a fishmeal plant in Ladysmith is paying \$40 a ton for dogfish. This is to provide our chickens, pigs, etc., with the fish protein that was once obtained from Peru. What is this to do with VNBV? I dunno. It rained last week. If you want a bigger VNBV column, please call Norm B. at local 330 with some news. Merry Christmas all.

## Doctor Spook

HOW TO LOOK LIKE MARK SPITZ

Have your trunks shrunk? Want to look like a candidate for the 100 meter butterfly? You can by next summer if you'll follow these rules:

1. Eat a good balanced breakfast.
2. Never mind the Danish with coffee.
3. Order fish for lunch. Broiled or baked. Not fried. Salad and green vegetable (Potato is not a green vegetable). Fruit for dessert.
4. Park at the far corner of the lot and walk briskly. Don't use the escalator. Walk up.
5. Trim the meat at dinner. Pretend you prefer the salad with just a splash of vinegar or lemon. (You may find that you do.) No rolls. No potatoes. No pasta.

You'll look fit - and your trunks will fit.

## SHAPE Reunion

Is there a SHAPE in your past?

A committee has been formed in Ottawa to organize a reunion of people, military and civilian, who served at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), in Paris, France, or at its present location, Casteau, Belgium.

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## Hospital Anesthesia

Don't confuse this sharp, witty column with that other column written by the unknown "Red Baron". Obviously, the success of our writings has produced an unknown spy within our Section who wishes to capitalize on our glory. We hate to admit it - naw, we DO admit it - the "Red Baron" has something going for him (or her, or it). It's good and we hope to hear more from the "Red Baron" in the future. But, we will keep a lookout for him, and, like Snoopy did before, "shoot him down" if he gets better than the original, HOSPITAL ANAESTHESIA.

Say, we can't emphasize enough the Blood Donor Clinic being held on Dec. 14th (or today if you're reading this on the 14th). You never know when you or someone you love will have to be a recipient of someone else's blood, someone who did give at the Blood Donor Clinic. So, do

your share and give. A pint of blood may be the best Christmas gift someone will receive.

### NEEDLES & JABS

Two important events happened these past two weeks to give us something nasty to write about.

The first was Ron Ruggle's Farewell party, and as usual, he wasn't on time. Only kidding, Ron! Enjoy beautiful Victoria as a civvy now. Without dropping any names, a few questions have to be asked, however:

- Who ate up all the eggs (during the food crisis, too!) at a certain someone's house?
- Which daring Doc dared to do the driving home?
- Who spiked the punch with alcohol? (Everybody knows the Medical staff don't drink)
- Who chopped down the Cherry tree? (George Washington! that's who).

The second great event was

the Hospital Staff Curling Bonspiel. The competition was rough and dirty, but skill and fluke shots won the day. Tied for first were the Hope and McKay rinks, having 2 wins and 1 loss apiece. Next were the Anderson and Barnes rinks with 1 win and 2 losses. (That's a Bonspiel??) No prizes were awarded because the recipients felt too embarrassed to accept them.

Les Andrews wanted to see if the Med A's really DO work so he stayed in the hospital for a week as a patient to see ... and saw. He got so much Hospital Orderly Room business on the Ward that he did behind his own desk that he said "Fergit this!" and is now happily ensconced behind his desk in the H.O.R. and doing what he normally does. (-er, what DO you do, Les?) Actually he likes Mrs. "T's" cooking - yellow, green or orange - jelly?

Our Matron, Capt. Antwis is in a fog these days. Actually, she's visiting merry old England which is in a fog - if you believe all those stories. If it's anything like back here - rain and all - she'll think she's never left Comox!

In the spirit of Christmas, your "Hospital Anaesthesia" team would like to wish all our staff and their families, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. WE DO hope that everybody has taken our jests and jibes in the spirit with which they were intended - as an inner look at the Hospital goings on and a little poke in the rib at a bunch of dedicated, serious guys and gals who do their job without publicity or fanfare. (Wait until next year, gang!)

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RESTRICTED. Excessive brutality and some swearing.  
Showtime: 2000 to 2155 hrs.

Fri. 28 Dec.  
Horror

**GORGON**

Peter Cushing  
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FRIDAYS, DEC. 7, 14, 21, 28 — TGIF.  
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SATURDAY, DEC. 15 — Children's Santa Claus Party.  
1400-1600. Hot dogs - Candy - Soft Drinks.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19 — 407 Xmas Dinner.  
Open dance. 2100-0100. Cameos. Informal Dress.

THURSDAY, DEC. 20 — Host the Senior NCO's.  
Commencing at 1500 hours.

MONDAY, DEC. 31 — New Year's Eve Ball.  
Receiving line commences at 2130.

The Bobby Horner Quintet. 2200-0300.  
Buffet 2300 - 0200.

Cost \$15 per member couple \$25 per guest couple.  
Reservations will cease Dec. 20th.

Members limited to one guest couple and guest reservations will not be confirmed until after Dec. 20th.

## JR. RANKS CLUB December Entertainment

Fri. 14 — TGIF in the Annex

Sat. 15 — Sun. 16 — Band "Sunset Trio"

Tues. 18 — Movie

Sat. 22 — Band "Tim Kinnelly"

Sun. 23 — in the Annex.

Sun. 23 — 1300 hrs. - Children's Christmas Party in the Lounge.

Wed. 26 — Wives Cocktail Party. For 1900 hrs. 2100 hrs.

Band "New Music Express."

31st — NEW YEARS EVE BALL.

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Dec. 15 — Turkey Bingo and PMC's Draw - 2000 hrs. Admission: Reg. and Assoc. \$1.00. Hon. and Guests \$2.00. Dress - Winter Casual.

Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve Ball - Tickets for regular and associate members go on sale from the 3rd of Dec. thru the 14th and for honorary members and guests from the 17th thru the 21st. Reg. and Assoc. \$15.00. Hon. and Guests \$25.00. Get your tickets early, there are seats for only 150 couples.



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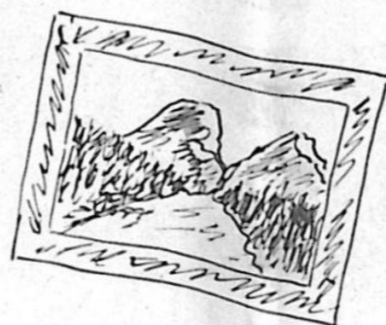
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## Little People's Corner

Hello again, and I want to thank you all for writing to me. I was very surprised by all your letters, but I hope you will keep sending them in. I expect you are all busy getting ready for Christmas. If you go to school you will be getting ready for your Christmas concert. And at home you are all busy making lists of what you would like for Christmas. But I hope you won't forget another list, the list of all the gifts you are going to give to all your family and friends. Remember it is lots of fun to give somebody a present and then watch their face as they unwrap it.

I expect that by this time you will also be putting up the decorations. Not only will you be decorating the inside of the home with a beautiful tree and lots and lots of colored balls and chains, but you will also be putting lights up outside. When it gets dark you will be able to look out the window and it will be just like fairyland.

Christmas is also a time for parties, lots and lots of them. I hope that you will enjoy yourselves, and have many good things to eat. You can do all sorts of things at parties, wear funny hats, play with balloons, blow hooters and make a big noise, and of course there are all kinds of games to play.

Now I must leave you again and a Merry Christmas to you all.

MAE

### SANTA'S HELPERS

Once upon a time there lived at the North Pole, an elf called Freddy. He lived with his mother and father and two big brothers, Johnny and Tommy, in a small house just across the street from Santa's workshop.

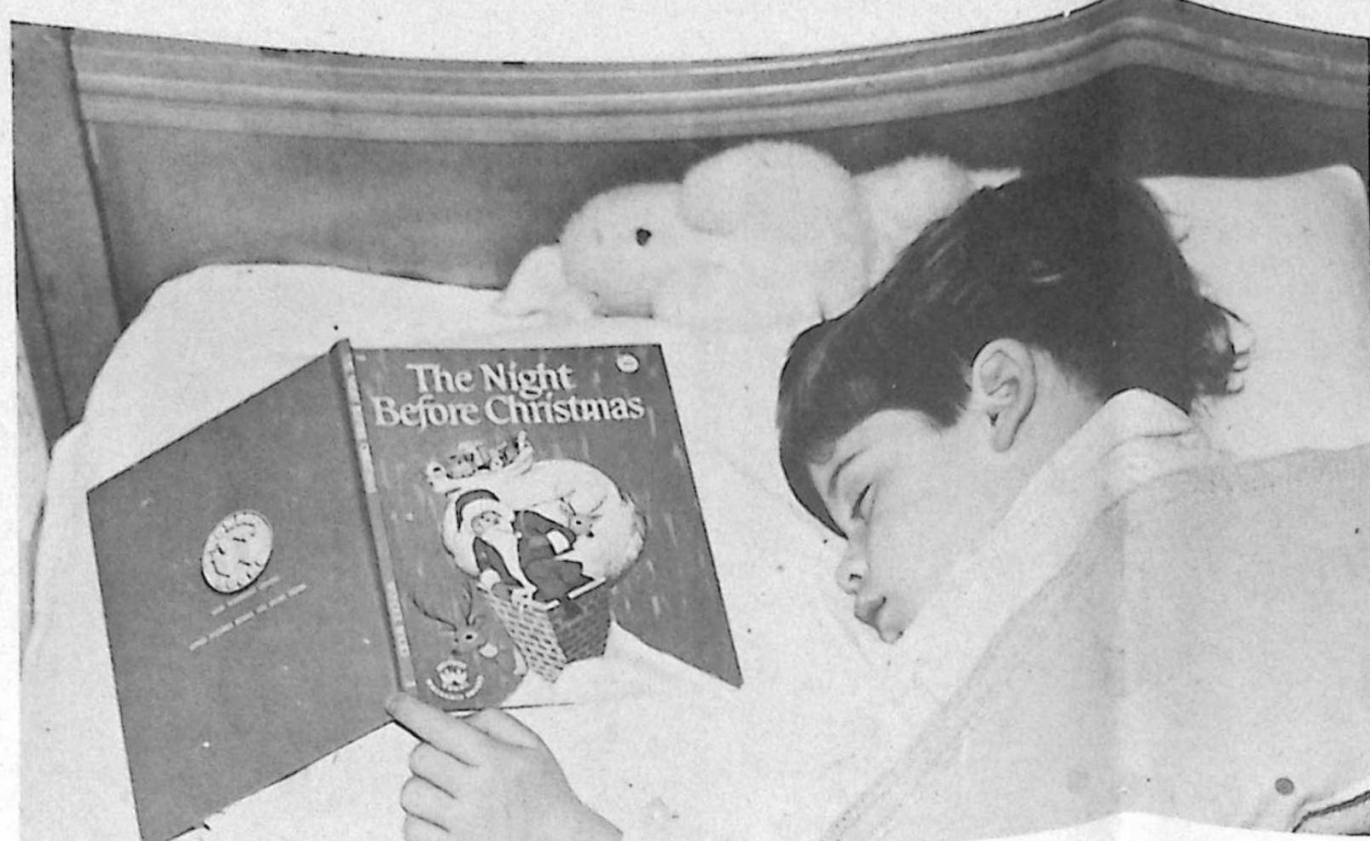
Every day Mr. Elf, Johnny and Tommy would get up early and after a big breakfast, would all cross the street and go to work for Santa. Soon after they had gone Mrs. Elf would go upstairs and wake Freddy and get him ready for school. You see, Freddy was only a very little elf.

Soon it was that time of the year when Christmas was coming. And as usual all the schools in the North Pole closed, so that all the little elves could help Santa prepare for his special ride.

Now, instead of going to school, Freddy would go across the street with his Mother and Father and Johnny and Tommy. All the little elves had their own special jobs. Freddy's friends, Henry and Billy helped to mix the red paint for the toy trains and ran messages for Mrs. Santa.

Freddy had a very special job. He had to polish all the silver bells that Santa used on his sleigh. As this was a big sleigh there were lots of bells and Freddy soon got tired of sitting and polishing. The thing he liked doing best was walking through the workshops to see all the other elves at work.

Mother Elf was busy sewing pretty dresses for all the dolls, long ones and short ones, all the colours of the rainbow. But Freddy wasn't very interested so he soon wandered off to see what else was happening. On the way he bumped into his friend Billy who was running with another message for Mrs. Santa.



"Where are you going?" Freddy asked.

"Mrs. Santa wants another sack to put presents in," Billy puffed, "and I have to go and get one." And with that he turned and ran off to the sack workshop.

Freddy went on his way, looking into the cowboy shop where the elves were all busy making toy guns and holsters, but they were all too busy to stop and talk to Freddy.

"Why don't you go and finish polishing the bells?" they all asked.

Next he went to the Red Indian room. Here his brother Johnny was busy putting red, green, blue and yellow feathers in an Indian Chief's beautiful headdress.

"Oh, please, may I try it on?" asked Freddy.

So Johnny held up the headdress and put it on Freddy's head, but, as you all know, Freddy is only a very small elf and the feathers all trailed on the floor. Johnny laughed, "You will have to grow a bit more," he said, "maybe next year. Now you had better go and finish polishing the bells. It's almost Christmas Eve." So Freddy said goodbye to Johnny and off he went.

Next he went to the Robot room. Here brother Tommy was busy putting all the robots in their boxes.

Freddy went up to a big green robot and looked him up and down.

"He is funny," he said, "Please, Tommy, can I wind him up?"

"Alright," said Tommy, "but be careful."

"Course I will," said Freddy, and reaching up he started to turn the key that was sticking out of the robot's back.

"One... two... three... there off he goes." Freddy had to jump back very quickly as the robot started to move.

A big yellow light went on in his head and started going round and round. Then a door opened where his tummy should be and a funny gun came out and started flashing red lights. Then the robot swung round and headed straight for Freddy.

"Help, help, stop him," Freddy yelled and ran to hide behind Tommy.

Tommy laughed, "It's alright, he won't hurt you, but I think you had better go and finish the bells. It will soon be Christmas."

Freddy quickly ran out of the room. He didn't like the green robot very much.

Next he decided to go and see where Father Elf was. He soon found him in the stables.

Father Elf was in charge of the reindeer and as Freddy went through the door he could hear him talking to them.

"Now Rudolf, it's time to polish your nose."

There was Father Elf standing at the top of a big step ladder with a duster in his hand.

Rudolf Reindeer very gently stuck his nose out so that Father Elf could start to make it shine.

"Why you doing that?" Freddy asked.

"Hello, Freddy," Father Elf looked down.

Rudolf looked down and blinked at Freddy.

"Hello," he said, "have you finished work?"

"Oh no," said Freddy, "I just wanted to see what all the other elves were doing."

Father Elf came down the ladder very fast.

"Freddy, don't you know it is time. All the toys are ready. Mrs. Santa has packed all the bags and now Santa is having his supper. All I have to do is polish Rudolf's nose so that he can lead the way across the sky. All we are waiting for are the bells."

"Oh dear," Freddy squeaked and turning, he ran helter-skelter back to his little workshop and the bells.

When he got there he found Mrs. Elf, Johnny and Tommy all busy polishing the beautiful silver bells.

Mrs. Elf looked up. "Oh Freddy," she said, "where have you been? Santa's is almost ready to go and the bells aren't ready."

"Why does he need so many?" Freddy grumbled. She smiled. "So that when he is flying through the sky, all the bells ring sweetly and all the children on earth know that Santa is on his way!"

Mrs. Elf told him, "When they hear the bells they go to sleep and dream of all the toys Santa will put down the chimney for them."

Just then they heard, "Ho, ho, ho" and they knew that Santa had just finished his supper and was on his way to the sleigh.

"Quickly, boys," Mrs. Elf helped them pick up all the bells and out they went to the sleigh.

Then Freddy saw a wonderful sight. There was Santa busy putting all the sacks into the back of the sleigh. Mrs. Santa was putting a red blanket on the front seat, and Father Elf was fixing the last reindeer into the harness. All that had to be done was to put on the silver bells, and quickly all the elves gathered round and in a twinkling the sleigh was shining and ringing, and everybody laughed and was very happy.

"Well," said Santa, "I think it is time to go."

He looked around at all the elves. "Thank you my friends. I know all the boys and girls all around the world are going to be very happy in the

morning." He turned to Freddy. "And, thank you to little Freddy for my bells."

Freddy looked sad. "But I didn't do them all," he said, hanging his head.

"I know," said Santa, "but you know all about them now, and next year you will do them all."

"Oh yes," Freddy laughed, "I won't forget, I promise."

"Now, Father Elf, is Rudolf ready?" Santa called.

"All ready, Santa," Mr. Elf jumped back.

"Then away we go," and at a flick of his wrist Rudolf stepped out.

"Oh," said Freddy, "listen to the bells."

"See you in the morning," shouted Santa, "and a very merry Christmas to you all." All that could be heard was the sound of the bells as Rudolf led the way through the starlit sky.

Freddy followed his father and mother across the street and went up to his room. Quickly he opened his window and listened. Then he heard, a long way away, the jingle of all those beautiful silver bells.

As he jumped into bed, he whispered "Merry Christmas," and closing his eyes he fell asleep, to dream of all the toys he would find in his stocking when he awoke.

—MAE

Thursday, Dec. 13, 1973

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## Christmas Parties

"Christmas is a-comin'," as the old crooner Bing Crosby would sing, and, along with Christmas comes — inevitably — the annual Christmas Parties.

Inevitably? Well, some would think so, for a number of good — or not so good, depending on your own feelings — reasons.

Some will feel that it is obligatory that they be there. Why, who knows. Maybe they feel that if they are not there, they will be considered as "being snobbish" or "too good to associate with certain others." Or, maybe, to impress the bosses, they go. Actually, the only obligation we have is to ourselves. If you go, be only obliged to have fun.

Others don't want to go because of the cliques that inevitably form, some because of the rank-consciousness of others, some because of the "backstabbing", some because of the hugeness of the affair, because ... because ... because.

Maybe there are a lot more "because's". This, naturally, does not say that everybody thinks of Christmas Parties as being inevitable.

However, maybe a few tips to those who do go to the parties will be handy, here.

So let's stick with the smaller parties, the ones with one section, or two sections combining.

Obligation. Don't go if you feel that it is an obligation to

go, only. You're not going to have fun; you are not going to be fun to anybody else. If you haven't missed anything before, you're not going to miss anything now.

Cliques can be avoided by "circulating". If you are of one or two sections at a party, visit the members of the other section, introduce yourself, let them know that you are having fun at THEIR party as well as hoping they are having fun at YOUR party. Besides, when friendships are made at the party, it usually carries over into work — friendlier relationships between the sections and more co-operation.

Rank-consciousness could be "toned down". Although one person works under another's supervision, it should be realized by the latter that he may not be able to get along without the former.

A Christmas party should be a "gathering of the clan(s)" to celebrate, not berate, and to have fun along with one another.

One may realize another's superior rank (Corporal to Captain, say) and show respect, openly or overtly (by tone or act). But, the reverse must hold true, also. The Captain should realize that the Corporal knows what he is, without the uniform and as a sign of fellowship and goodwill say: "Look, Joe, my first name's Bob (as Joe may or may not know). Let's have another drink!" Joe is going

to realize the 'Bob' tonight is Captain So and So tomorrow and will probably look up to him more in the future.

Remember, the Christmas party is where you get away from work, DON'T TALK SHOP! The other guy may not care what you did around the section — he did it too. The wives wouldn't appreciate it, either.

To end, HAVE FUN!! Whether you drink or not, don't spoil the other guy's gaiety. If you don't drink don't be critical of the drinker; if you drink, don't be critical of the non-drinker. We all have our foibles. Don't make your foible his foible!

Joyeux Noel and have a fun Christmas party.

L.M.

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# After the party, you could sleep at our place.

# And that's just the beginning.

Let's be optimistic and assume you don't have an accident. Or hit any parked cars. Or speed. Let's assume you stay at the party longer than you planned and had three or four drinks—enough to drink to make you legally impaired. All in good fellowship. All without malice. And for some reason, you are stopped.

Here's what to expect:

**1 Breathalyzer** Police officers are extremely adept at spotting impaired drivers. There are dozens of telltale clues. If you are suspected, you will be asked to submit to a breathalyzer test. This is mandatory and refusal can result in serious charges. If you have consumed enough to give you a .08 reading, you can be charged with impaired driving.

**2 Jail** Very likely, you will be jailed overnight. For the average citizen, this is a terrifying experience. Impaired driving comes under the Criminal Code, and that

is just how you will be treated. You will be fingerprinted, asked for alias, relieved of your belt, tie, shoelaces, and personal possessions, allowed one phone call, and be placed in a cell. In the morning, your breakfast will be slid under the bars of the cell door. You will find the night harrowing and have plenty of time to reflect. In the meantime, your wife and children will be worried, distressed and slightly mortified.

**3 Fines** The arresting officer's report, corroborated by your breathalyzer reading, will normally result in a conviction. The number of convictions is increasing every year. Over 12,000 are expected in British Columbia alone this year. If the Judge lets you off with a \$250 fine for the first offence, you can consider yourself lucky. For having accumulated ten penalty points, the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles will assess you a charge of \$25.00 which will be used to pay for public information

messages like the one you are now reading. Add to this the \$50 to several hundred dollars you'll spend on a lawyer and you've dropped quite a bundle.

**4 Suspension** Even if you have never had so much as a parking ticket in thirty years of driving, you can expect to have your right to drive reviewed by the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles. On his judgement and your driving record, your suspension may be one month, three months, six months, or even indefinitely.

**5 Insurance** The costs don't stop at fines and lawyers. When your insurance company hears all about it, your insurance premium will be surcharged. That means your insurance rates will soar until you can prove yourself a good risk again. That could take years if you have no more problems. And here's another point to ponder. Had you injured or killed

someone while impaired, your liability coverage was void anyhow. Your insurance company will pay the claim, but they may demand repayment from you.

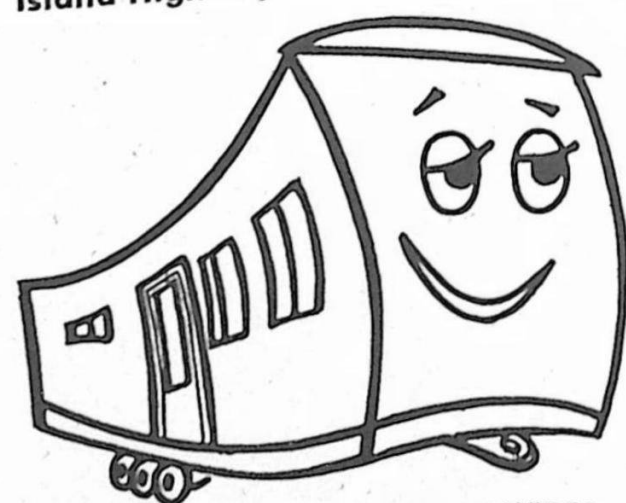
**6 Publicity** Criminal courts swarm with court reporters. In some smaller communities, your conviction will make front page news. They will list the details of your arrest, trial, conviction, breathalyzer reading, fine and suspension. They will print all this, along with your name and address, for all your friends and business associates to read. It is the coup de grace you can expect about one week after the trial.

These are the hard cold facts of how a jovial evening can turn into a nightmare. The police have seen too many dead children to have much patience. The courts have heard too many tragedies to give you much mercy. And that's the way it is.

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## Chapel Chimes

### PROTESTANT CHAPEL

Rev. R. J. Ritchie - Base Chaplain (P) Telephone No. 339-2211 Loc 273  
 Dec. 16, 73 - Third Sunday in Advent: 0930-1030 hours - Church School - White gifts of canned or packaged goods.; 1100 hours - Divine Worship; 1400 hours - Sunday School Pageant - parents and friends invited.  
 Dec. 23, 74 - Fourth Sunday in Advent: 0930-1030 hours - No Church School this Sunday or next.; 1100 hours - Divine Worship; 1900 hours - Christmas Candlelight Service of Carols followed by Holy Communion.  
 Dec. 30, 73 - 0930-1030 hours - No Sunday school; 1100 hours - Divine Worship.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL

Rev. J. A. Borg - Base Chaplain (RC) Telephone No. 339-2211 Loc 274

### CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE:

Dec. 22, 73 - Advent Penance Celebration for School Children 3-4:30 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass.  
 Dec. 23, 73 - 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Regular Sunday Masses  
 Dec. 23, 73 - Sacrament of Penance 2-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.  
 Dec. 24, 73 - Christmas Midnight Mass in the Protestant Chapel. Carol singing starts at 11:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 25, 73 - Mass at 11:00 a.m. only in the Protestant Chapel.  
 Dec. 29, 73 - Sunday Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m.  
 Dec. 30, 73 - 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Regular Sunday Masses

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Before Mass on Saturday from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and before other Masses.  
 Jan. 1, 74 - Masses at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

HAMPER COLLECTION: There will be a pickup of non perishable groceries and usable toys from All PMQ's by the Comox Valley Youth Organization on Thursday, Dec. 13 starting at 6:00 p.m. All items collected are distributed by the Salvation Army to the needy of the Comox Valley and surrounding area so please be generous with your donations.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The members of the Catholic Women's League of Our Lady of the Airways Council would like to thank all parishioners who have helped them in their various undertakings during the past year and wish all a very Blessed New Year.

PLEASE NOTE: Christmas Midnight Mass and 11:00 Mass and 11:00 Mass on the 25th of December will be celebrated in the Protestant Chapel.

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 "The Chaplains would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have given their support to the Chapels during the past year. The church is people and without you it does not exist.

"We would invite all our personnel and their wives and families to participate as much as possible in the Chapel Services during this very meaningful season of the year.

"We wish you all a truly joyful Christmas Season."

## SAR Burdette

Dedicated search aircraft have returned to base after 17 consecutive days of searching for missing pilot Brian Burdett and his single engine Beech Muskateer. The search is still considered open and is to remain under control of Rescue Coordination Centre in Victoria. All training flights and operational flights through the search area will be briefed to maintain a lookout for the missing aircraft.

Two Buffalo aircraft and two Labrador helicopters from 442 T & R Squadron, CFB Comox, two Tracker aircraft from Victoria and a Twin Otter from Edmonton were the main search vehicles used in the mountainous terrain between Princeton and Vancouver. A number of civilian aircraft from Kamloops and Penticton organized by the Emergency Measures Organization and controlled by the military search headquarters in Penticton supported the search. The Burdett family with the aid of a civilian helicopter and a ground search party searched the Hope-Coquihalla pass area where Brian Burdett's aircraft was last seen.

The search for Mr. Burdett was seriously hampered by low cloud, fog, rain and heavy snow showers in the search area. A near continuous snowfall of up to five feet, fell in the first days which made visual searching nearly impossible. Despite the bad weather, search aircraft logged over 240 hours and covered over 25,000 square miles.

Mr. Burdett's aircraft was

not equipped with an ELT (electronic locator transmitter) and he carried no gloves or matches and little if any survival equipment. Search headquarters in Penticton emphasized the need for pilots to carry an ELT on all flights, especially in the light that it will be mandatory next year for all aircraft in Canada to carry this small and relatively inexpensive radio transmitter. The value of carrying an ELT was more than adequately demonstrated when Mr. Fred Kaminski of Vernon went missing on a flight from Wells Grey Park to his home on the evening of Sunday, November 18th.

A Buffalo was dispatched from Search Headquarters Penticton the same evening and Mr. Kaminski's aircraft was electronically pinpointed by midnight, then with the aid of a military and a civilian helicopter the following day Mr. Kaminski was picked up from the 6500 foot level of a mountain immediately east of the Shuswap Lakes. Mr. Kaminski was recovering from his injuries in the Vernon Hospital less than 24 hours after his unfortunate accident.

Two previous searches this fall from Prince George and Cranbrook in the rugged mountains of British Columbia failed to locate the two missing aircraft, neither of which carried an ELT.

The searchmaster, Capt. R. L. Richardson stated that "had Mr. Burdett's aircraft been equipped with an ELT, the chances of locating the missing aircraft the same day would have been excellent."

## 442 Sqn. busy

In the six month period from June 1st to Nov. 30, 442 Transport and Rescue Squadron was involved in 124 air and marine incidents, logging 1500 flying hours.

Of these incidents, nine were full scale searches. Six searches took place during the last three months, during which time members of the Squadron were detached on Search operations for a total of 78 days. Six searches were

successful and three have been suspended pending further information.

It is interesting to note that of the nine lost aircraft, only two had automatic ELT's. These two were located, and crews and passengers rescued within a few hours after search operations commenced. ELT's are supposed to become mandatory for all private aircraft on July 1, 1974.

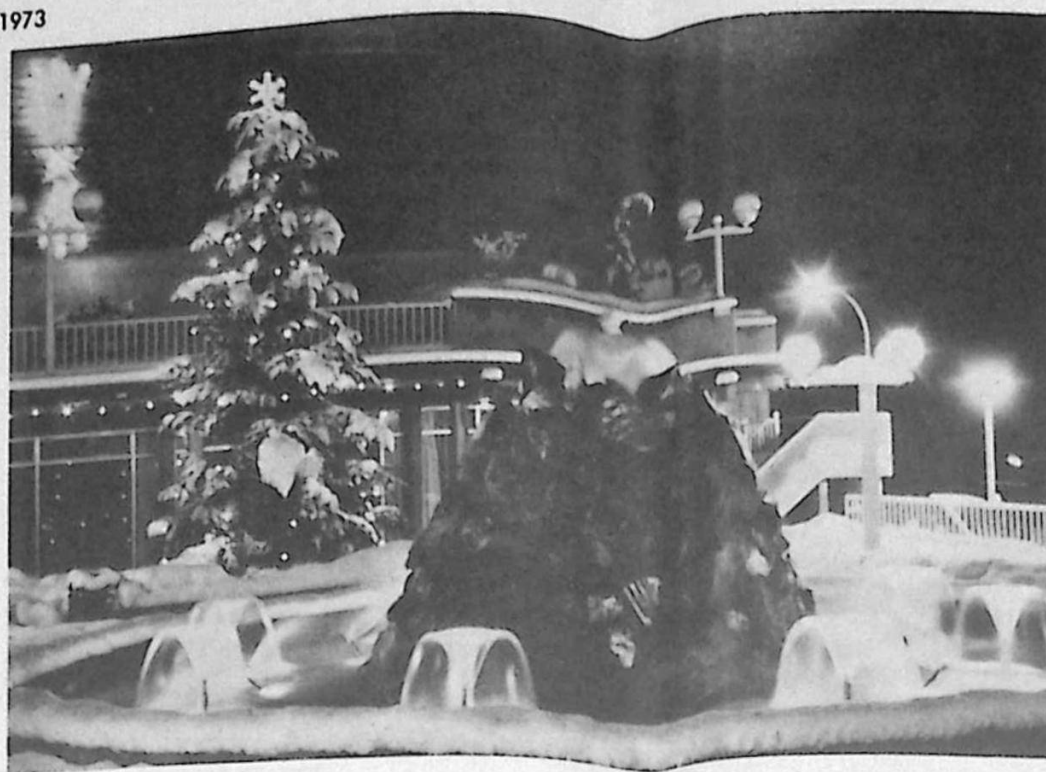
## THANK YOU



I would like to thank the citizens of Courtenay for their overwhelming support in the Nov. 17th election. I will do my best to serve you as alderman.

Sincerely,  
**RON WEBBER**

RON WEBBER



COURTENAY CIVIC CENTRE in all its glorious black and white for the festive season.

## Nighthawks Nest

Remember that little black, sausage-like tube that THE DEPUTY was carrying around with him a week or so ago? That Lil bit O' the back seat that he was pressing heavily to get into the front seat? Well rest easy front-seaters, C'est mortel! When UNCLE ERN first conceived the idea, his immediate reaction was to corner a couple of moldy oldies - preferably without divider in their pockets - to get their reaction to the suggestion of having about 6 inches removed from their instrument covers. Instead, because of its unusual place of insertion, he decided to first seek some expert advice on its

application. He approached ORV and VERN, a couple of old hands at having their faces in it, for their considered opinions. They thought it was basically viable but was a bit too short and needed a little tenderizing. They then whisked it off to TONY and ERNIE, a pair with plenty of muff-time, for the final evaluation. Upon seeing the piece of equipment under examination and considering the remarks by the other group, they did what any self-respecting RO would have done in the same situation - they ate it! So much for the Scientific Method.

Did you know that when

TOM MURRAY successfully completed Staff School he was awarded a Doctorate Degree from Memorial University in St. Johns, Nfld? This is no slight upon the Newfoundland educational system. It is merely a reflection of the importance which Tom attached to the course when he was corresponding with relatives back home. So that there wouldn't be any misunderstanding when he made mention of the fact that he was in Toronto to get an education, he explained that he was attending a career course which would certainly mould his future. Unable to contain their enthusiasm, his relatives phoned L.Col. Jenks for a complete description of the course and were so overwhelmed by his account that they made arrangements for an equivalent civilian document to be presented to Tom upon his graduation. Tom doesn't expect us to address him as Dr. - he just wants us to call him nicer things than we have in the past.

A "WELL DONE AND THANK-YOU" to all those who were responsible for the Squadron Christmas Party. As always it was an excellently prepared and enjoyable function. We look forward to many more such occasions where good company, good cheer and high bar profits prevail. Keep up the fine work guys - it's much appreciated by all.

Speaking of appreciation - Many thanks to the Senior Officers for their spectacular RECOVERY PARTY the following afternoon. If we were going to award prizes for some of the more dazzling performances of the day, a couple of members of the sponsoring committee would be lugging home the first and second place hardware. Good taste and an inherent fear of hoops keeps me from exposing their stunts. Suffice to say that silent flick fans thought that these boys were every bit as good as The Keystone Cops.

Rumor of the Week:  
 Eskimo Nell is alive and well and living in PMQ No. 91.

## The gift

BY W. R. S. ANDERSON

Assistant Fire Chief, CFB Cold Lake

And as time passed, the great star cooled and luscious vegetation grew in abundance over its surface.

And as it was in those days, huge storms arose, jagged fire came from the black and cold heavens, and the destruction upon the lush growth was great. The animals that abounded there were sorely afraid.

And as it was written, creatures of great intelligence lifted themselves from the great waters and reigned over all things, for this was the makers plan.

And so it was that great gifts were bestowed upon these creatures, one of which was fire, and from this many other were found which brought great joy.

But it came to pass that the creatures were careless with their gift, and great was the destruction upon the lush growth, and the animals that abounded there.

And it came to pass that great structures arose from the land, and the creatures came from their caves and dwelt therein. With them they brought their gift of fire, for it was found that it gave both heat and light to their bodies and dwellings.

And it also came to pass that those who understood the power of the gift came forth with rules and regulations for the protection of all the creatures, and to these and those that obey, blessed be ye, for it is written thus:

Blessed are they that keep all exits free of snow: For they shall have a clear path to travel.

Blessed be they that have a family escape plan: For unto them safety is assured.

Blessed are they that hire a trained baby-sitter: For unto them shall come peace of mind.

Blessed are they that teach fire safety to their children: For they will be spared anguish and despair.

Blessed are they that check the wiring of Christmas tree and gala lights: For unto them shall shine the lights of happiness.

Blessed be they that do not smoke in bed: For they shall open their eyes to wonder each morning.

Blessed are they that smother a cooking-pot fire: For they shall remain free of disfigurement.

Blessed be they that know and respect gasoline: For they shall not perish in a ball of fire.

Blessed are they that read and heed the labels: For they shall read of greater things.

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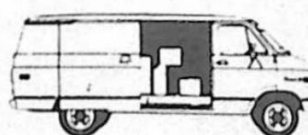
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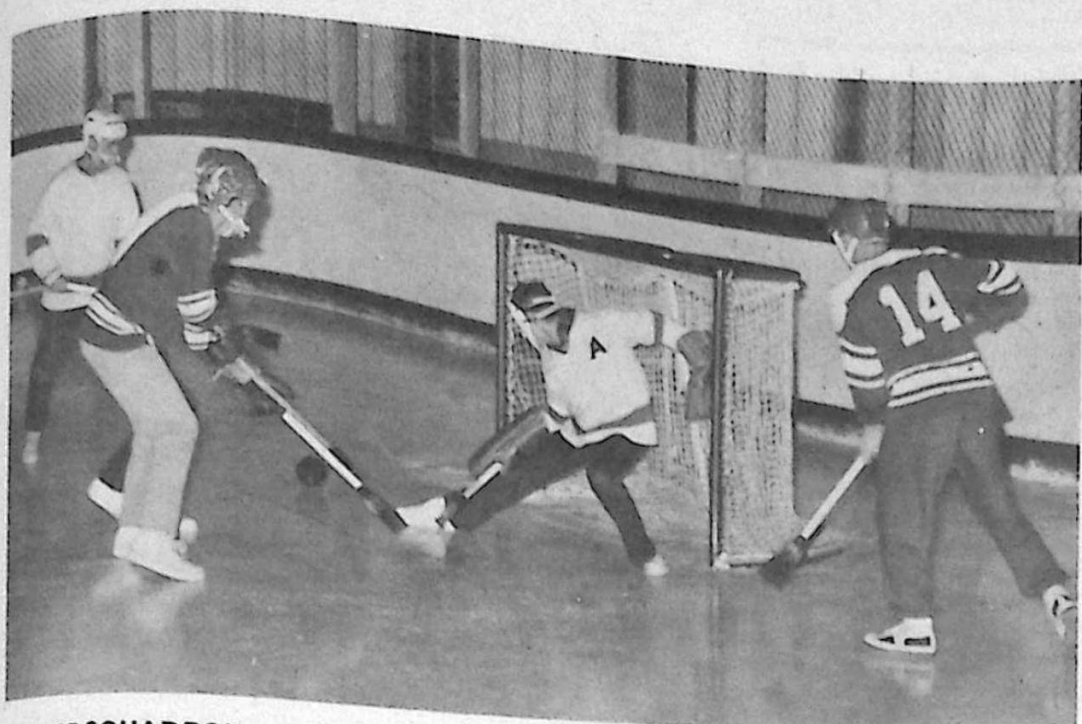
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407 SQUADRON vs USAF in Broomball action at Glacier Gardens.

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## Safety - 75 - Securite

### HOW IS YOUR GENERAL SAFETY PROGRAM?

Xmas preparations, gay decorations, toys, visits, driving and a cup of cheer are meant to be enjoyed and they can be. Include safety in your guest list!

Here are a few gift tips on toys:

Consider the age and abilities of the child.

Electrical toys should have the Underwriters Laboratory Label.

Pass up toys with sharp edges or parts that can be pulled off and swallowed.

Avoid "shooting" toys that may injure eyes.

Now - let's look at what the "Remembrance" month of November brought us!

Keep a simple pastime peaceful - treat darts like a weapon - they are!

### AN ARRESTING DEVELOPMENT!

She's heavy, she's yellow, she's ugly and she's engaged! The announcement was not followed by a party, as the establishment frowns on fraternizing between snowplops and runway barriers.

been - there's still time to compose some good New Year's resolutions.

T'was the night before Christmas

Not a sound could be heard While everyone waited For the Great Safety Bird

Then on Ryan Road There arose such a clatter We called out the MP's To see what was the matter.

There, bathed in moonlight T'was the Great Safety Bird And the silence was shattered As his squawks became heard.

"Safety!" "Securite!" "Safe Working Conditions!" "Great Fire Hazards!" "Exploding Munitions!"

"Vehicle Accidents!" "Unsafe Acts!" "Endless Statistics!" "Accident Facts!"

Was it another performance That safety men fear? The best of intentions But too much of the beer?

There was one way of telling I'm sad to relate And they did, and he did, And it was point zero eight!

So Christmas for him Was over and done For ignoring the Good Rule Of one-drink-in-one.

As they led him away One last cry could be heard "Merry Christmas to All - and watch your Bird!"

Standard operating procedures are designed to guide personnel and ensure safe operation. Compliment them with good communications.

### I SPY DEPT.

-- Safety getting the squeeze-play during the stand-off between the Provincial Government and the Becher Mountain Ski Development Society on who will plow the uphill parking areas.

-- A few graveyard shift workers heading home against heavy eastbound traffic without their headlights on!

-- A tendency to confuse accident prevention with accident report prevention. Automatic membership in the SYA Club is assured.

-- Voluntary co-operation to boost our safety program image! Large thank-yous for the donations of imagination and manual skills.

-- A strong effort by MSE Safety to promote Safe Driving as part of National Safe-Driving Week. Including Channel 3!

-- A good effort by our Fire Department in alerting everyone of the fire hazards that accompany the heating and Yuletide seasons.

Air Defence Command is hard at work redesigning the General Safety Accident Report forms. The name of the game is to make it easier for supervisors to complete the form and to eliminate the need to have CFAO 66-3 there at your side.

FORWARD! This has been an eventful year for all of us. If you have been spared the inconvenience, suffering and expense of an accident - count your blessings. If you haven't

### ACTION IN THE ORR HOUSE

A body in motion tends to stay in motion - unless diverted by another and sometimes directly opposing force. Then, says Newton "There will be a constant stream of intersection hockey players to the MIR".

One more time, gang - the objective is physical fitness - for the players - not the Medical staff!

### DIGITAL DEVIATION DELIVERS DYNAMIC DENT

Lever fever strikes as snow season starts. What should have been a smooth, powerful, hydraulic, upward movement of the plow became an unplanned demonstration of cement plowing. But it wasn't a total loss. The dump box did go up in a smooth, powerful, hydraulic, upward movement.

Remove unsafe conditions - look-alike levers should be separated and unnecessary ones removed, disconnected or immobilized, and obstructions well-marked.

### BEGIN WITH A DOUBLE AND LOSE WITH A TRIPLE!

A permanent corneal scar on one eye was the result of allowing one of three darts to fly loose during a triple extraction by a determined dartist.

## Holiday season PE&R schedule

The Base Gym will be open over the Holiday Season according to the following schedule. Dependents recreation will be organized by the duty PERI according to the schedule with activities such as floor hockey, volleyball, basketball, badminton and active games being offered, depending on the wishes of those in attendance.

Sunday, Dec. 23, 73 - 1330-1630 - Open Recreation; 18:30-2130 - Normal Routine; 1830-2130 - Open Recreation.

Monday, Dec. 24, 73 - 0800-1630 - Normal Routine; 1830-2130 - Open Recreation.

Tuesday, Dec. 25, 73 - Closed.

Wednesday, Dec. 26, 73 - Closed.

Thursday, Dec. 27 - 0800-1630 - Normal Routine; 1330-1445 - Dependents Org. Rec; 1830-2130 - Ski Trg. Open Rec.

Friday, Dec. 28, 73 - 0800-1630 - Normal Routine; 1330-1445 - Dependents Org. Rec.

Saturday, Dec. 29, 73 - 1330-1630 - Open Recreation.

Sunday, Dec. 30, 73 - Preparation New Years Ball.

Monday, Dec. 31, 73 - Preparation New Years Ball.

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 74 - Closed.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Jan. 2, 3, 4, 74 - Closed - Gym floor will be closed for refinishing.

The Swimming Pool will be open according to the following schedule. Admission is 25 cents per swimmer (Servicemen free) or a book of tickets (value \$5.00) can be purchased at the Canex snack bar for \$2.50.

Sunday, Dec. 23 - 1830-2030 - Public Swimming.

Saturday, Dec. 29 - 1400-1600 - Public Swimming.

Sunday, Dec. 30 - 1830-2030 - Public Swimming.

The open skating schedule for Glacier Gardens Arena is finalized as follows:

Monday, Dec. 24, 73 - 1400-1600 hours.

Wednesday, Dec. 26 - 1400-1600 hours.

Thursday, Dec. 27 - 2000-2200 hours.

Friday, Dec. 28 - 1400-1600 hours.

Saturday, Dec. 29 - 1400-1600 hours.

Sunday, Dec. 30 - 1400-1600 hours.

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 74 - 1400-1600 hours.

## BASE SUPPLY

JOYEUX NOEL FROM BASE SUPPLY

By GORD PALMER

Your friendly Base Supply

Section would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. At this time of year, with all the parties taking place, remember it will be a lot safer if you take a cab to and from the different places. I don't think any of us would like to become members of the "300 Club".

The annual Christmas Party will be held at the Totem Lounge on Friday December 21st. If you haven't picked up your tickets as yet you had best do so before they are all gone. I heard a rumor that one of the Door Prizes is going to be a FREE dental examination by "Skip" Solomon of the Dental Clinic.

The biggest bit of news in Supply lately was the Promotion to Sergeant of

Norm Girard, Mac Hersey and Keith Stagg. A very warm welcome is extended to Paul Pare who arrived recently from CFSAL Borden. Two of the boys decided to take their releases, namely Don Livingston and Bob Wilson (who has now gone to New Zealand). In Egypt by this time is Don Grenon, and John Kani has departed for Calgary. Heading for Ottawa in January will be Mac Hersey and Dick Waite.

We were very glad to hear that Jerry Lauzier is coming along quite well down at Naden after his bad car accident. There are rumors floating around that Bill Torchuck will be arriving here from Germany very soon for the holidays.

Wally "Red Light" Berger, going to be pretty busy for the next few months now that he is the new Coach of the Totem Hockey Club. Other Supply personnel giving him a hand are Larry Ferris, Wally Romanuk and Gord Palmer. That nickname for Wally apparently was tagged on him back in his younger days when he was a goaltender of some renown.

We have had visitors from quite a few places recently. Still on the Base are the DM Auditors; there was an inspection by "Devil" and also the Performance Evaluation Team from Ottawa.

Well, that's about it for this issue. Take care over the holidays.

## Hospital Mischief

(Continued from page 2)

inadvertently self-injecting a sleeping potion. To date, she is still unable to receive visitors and has not responded to orthodox treatment willingly administered by our dedicated, conscientious male Med. A's.

The hospital 'Maitre De' was seen beating one of the workers over the head for removing her steaks, together with her stove, from the kitchen area. She did not appear to be making an impression on that particular worker who was apparently

enjoying a "Bon Appetite", completely unaware of her presence due to the fact he was wearing his regulation hard hat.

A final observation was made when one of the CE Sr. NCO's, gesticulating madly, appeared very upset and irate as he disappeared into a recently dug hole, in the bucket of a front-end loader. He was saved only by knowledge obtained while attending the Survival Training Course.

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## Sports & Recreation

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The Minor Basketball Program being conducted by the PER Staff at the Base Gym each Tuesday and Thursday starting at 1600 hrs is now in full swing. Thirty-eight dependants between the ages of 11 and 14 yrs. have been receiving instruction in basketball fundamentals for the past three weeks from Capt. Bill Keener, Lt. John Power and WO Harvey Gates.

The PMQ Council has supplied shirts for four different teams and a house league schedule is now in operation. The four teams are naturally called the Celtics, the Bucks, the Knicks and the Supersonics. Registrations are still being accepted so show up at the Gym and learn

the popular game of basketball.

The Base hockey Totems are now scheduling regular practices at the Arena. The team coach is Wally Berger of Supply (while the manager is Lt. Mike Rafferty of MSE). The Pacific Region Championships are scheduled for CFB Comox Glacier Gardens Arena 18 - 22 Feb. 74 so plan to support the hockey Totems.

The very successful CFB Comox Invitational Basketball Tournament was held 30 Nov. to 2 Dec. 73 at the Base Gym. The details of the tournament will be covered in another article - however, special congratulations to the organizing committee headed

by the PERI Staff (Capt. Bill Keener, Lt. John Power, WO Harvey Gates, M.Cpl. Chub Lenz, Cpl. Dave Marshall and Cpl. Hal Patterson) and their wives who donated freely of their time to make the tournament a success.

The Base servicewomen enjoyed a successful weekend of fun and sports in CFB Esquimalt recently. Curling, bowling, volleyball and badminton competitions were enjoyed by all, and the social mixing with girls from other Bases was well received. Pte. Ruth Laidler of the BCompt staff is currently working with the PERI staff to help organize better programs for the servicewomen of our Base. Keep up the good work girls.

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OPENING TIP-OFF at the recent Basketball tournament held at CFB Comox - Ellis Photo



FLASHING THAT FAMOUS McNichol P.R. smile, the Base Commander presents the team championship trophy to John Power of Comox. Which one uses Close-up??

#### COMOX WINS

### Basketball tournament

The CFB Comox Totem Basketball team won four consecutive games over the Dec. 1st weekend to capture their own invitational round robin tournament; with Terra Nova, Chilliwack, Esquimalt and Masset finishing in that order.

The tournament was officially opened Friday evening with a congenial welcome extended by Colonel McNichol, who threw up the first ball between Comox and Chilliwack to get the tournament underway. From then on the rest of the tournament belonged to our Totems, with wins over Chilliwack 53 - 37, Terra Nova 54 - 37, Esquimalt 44 - 33 and Masset 54 - 28.

The Totems, playing an aggressive man to man defence had no real trouble with the opposition. They got consistent scoring from John Power, John Peterkin and Bill Keener and very solid rebounding from the big guys, Mike Monteith, Gus Hay, Harvey Gates and Ken Harvey. The Comox team also received strong performances from their bench strength, made up of Barry Watkin, Brian Schow, Russ Crum, Zed Alston and Terry Huxely.

It tends to look fishy when the host team wins a tournament, but in this case they also won most of the awards. Besides capturing the Lorraine Trophy as the top team in the tourney, they placed two players on the all star team, John Power and Bill Keener, with the most valuable player of the tournament going to Lt. John Power.



M/CPL. RAY CROTTEY of Base Armament making a point with a blunt instrument. - Base Photo

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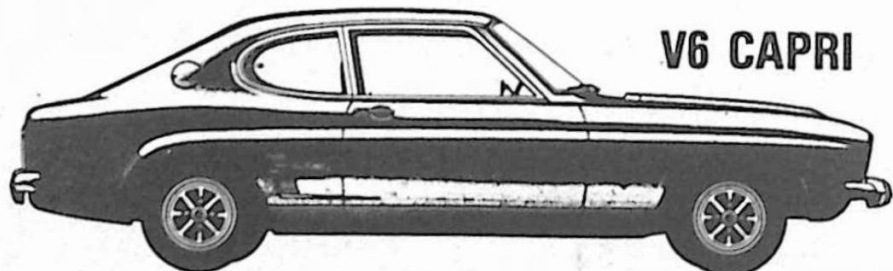
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## Comox Gliding Club

By DANNY WEBBER  
& AL HAAN

Air activity has slowed down a great deal this fall, and will slow down even further with the grounding of the Berg Falke. Two of these machines crashed in Europe and ours is grounded until we hear further from MOT. We are planning continued operation with the Dohlerche and privately owned gliders, however.

We had our last general meeting for 1973 on the 21st of November and it was well attended by the hard core of our membership. A number of serious, and light, subjects were covered during the two hour session led by Al Haan. Talk of club expansion was hot and cold. Additional equipment, including a winch and a winter trailer were given support but financial considerations are such that we have delayed a decision until our next get-together. Although the club finances do not permit purchase of major equipment, we are in shape as far as operational costs are concerned. During the winter period, when our operation slows down a lot, we decided to keep the present fee structure.

The members have discussed for some time the desirability of a club crest and we finally picked one of 3 designs entered by Brian Wight and Dale Hogg. The design by Dale proved most popular and we hope to be wearing them early in the new year. Seems every group has a Xmas party and we are the same. That is earmarked for late December; maybe at last we can get high in some manner. Also, we accepted the resignation of our Technical Chief Joe Wittington, one of our founding executive. Joe will stay with the club though, as an active member. Our many thanks Joe for your contribution to our formation and growth. Jerry White will be taking over as Technical Chief.

Congratulations are in order for Don Travis. On our last flying day, Don culminated months of training by reaching his "solo" status in our hard flying Rhonlerche, and included this with a record 1920 foot launch off the wire! Well done, Don! Keep in there; your Glider Pilot's Licence is next. And the reminds me; Dale Hogg became our first Abinitio pilot to earn his Glider Pilot's Licence. This entails, after 4 hours minimum dual training and a successful MOT exam, 2 hours and 20 launches solo. Dale well exceeded these requirements. There are several other members well on the way to licence status.

We welcome to the Comox Gliding Club a recent arrival, Gil Boulay. Gil was one of the original members of the Lahr Gliding Club way back when we started building this sport for our people in Germany. He

brings considerable experience as a pilot to our club; his flying of Sailplanes in Europe and power aircraft in Eastern Canada constitute a valuable source of knowledge. Welcome back to motorless flying, Gil!

Our second batch of Ground School graduates are also to be congratulated for their success with the MOT exam. The seven week course in Airmanship, Air Regulations, Theory of Flight, Meteorology and Navigation is well covered on the exam and everyone should be proud. A special mention must also be made of Barry Fraser, our Ground School Organizer and tireless teacher - most of the credit for the well run, thoroughly taught and smoothly co-ordinated school lays with Barry. From the students and executive, our warmest appreciation.

On weekends and holidays, local 380 will be manned from 0800 to 0830 to advise if the club can operate that day. One of the instructors will have checked field condition, talked to the Met Section, etc. and then have decided if we fly. So instead of driving to the base early in the morning, you can telephone if you're not sure of the weather. Also, for the next several months, operations begin at 0830 instead of 0730.

Student members may contact me, Danny Webber, to establish a preferred period of training. Members may choose any one of the following periods, Saturday AM or PM, Sunday AM or PM. That way you don't have to hang around the field all day. On holidays we fly on a first come first served basis or by draw.

Well, despite the bad weather lately and a recently grounded Bergfalke, the club has nevertheless experienced a very successful year. Next year we look forward to improved launching facilities. To all members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## Judo club

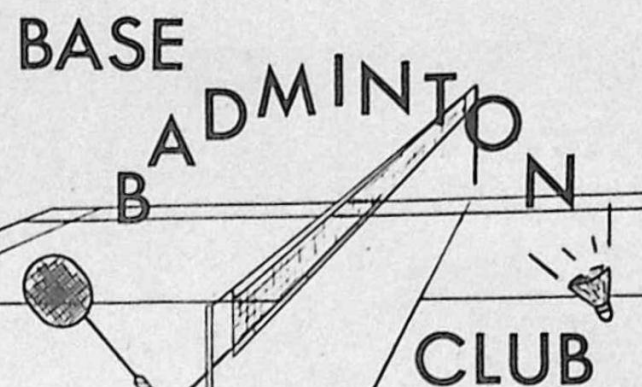
By BARRIE WOODS

Are you fit? If you think so read on!

The 73-74 Judo season is now in full swing. Recently some members of the CFB Comox Judo Club attended a training clinic held at the Victoria Judo Club with the B.C. Judo coach, Jack Denbow. All came home weary, as his standards are high, 500 push ups a day and the same for sit ups, just to mention a few exercises. To enlighten a few enthusiasts, the standards in Japan are unbelievably tougher; for example at the Tokyo University, their daily 7 day a week routine includes 1500 push ups per day and 2000 sit ups (that is thousands!) - to be exact, 546,000 push ups per year and 728,000 sit ups per year; no wonder they are built like wedges!

Whereas Canadians are content to do 200 uchikomi per practice, (uchikomi is turning in for a throw and back out without actually throwing, this repetition produces a perfect technique) the Japanese do sometimes thousands per day. No wonder they are the best in the world. At this year's world championships in Switzerland, the Japanese won all the weight divisions and most of the second and third places we well. I read of one fine old gentleman of sixty-eight, hanging himself to strengthen his neck muscles, to stop an opponent's attempt for a strangulation hold.

In my estimation, and the Japanese have proved it in many sports, Canada is left far behind in conditioning. No matter what sport you pursue, conditioning is critical. I don't mean the kind of haphazard condition achieved in Canada but to go beyond your endurance, and when you are weak from this conditioning you can no longer rely on strength; at this point you must use technique. Once this is achieved your technique (Continued on page 11)



A base badminton club has been formed and is expected to get into full swing (that's a pun?) at the beginning of the New Year. We are looking for a good turnout of servicemen, servicewomen, wives and dependents (13 years and over). The club will play at the Base Rec Centre on Wednesday and Sunday nights at 1830.

The emphasis is on having fun so, whether you are a beginner or an expert, come on out and enjoy a fine game and a great way to keep in shape. Racquets and birds are provided and expert free

instruction is available.

It is intended to charge a nominal membership fee to help cover the cost of racquets and birds. Any surplus at the end of the season will probably be used for a Club social function.

So we'll see you at the Club. If you have any questions please contact one of the following:

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Three members, Bob Smyth, Rudy Obarska and Randy MacDonald are heading to Trenton to represent the B.C. zone in the Forces invitational judo championship in January. Good luck boys and bring home the gold.  
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An announcement in the press similar to the caption causes a melancholy and sad feeling to the reader. Sometime this month MP Badge number 746 is being retired. The man behind the badge is Sergeant Jack Sweeney, - MP 811, his retirement will be no small loss to the section.

'Smilin' Jack as he is known among his many friends in the service elected to retire from the alerts, re-calls and shift work to his Ponderosa in Little River community. He'll not be too far away from the screaming Voodoos and noisy Argus planes that have been part of his life for the last three years. His career spans over 27 years, mainly west of the Rockies, but he has taken the odd sojourn east and also overseas to 3(F) Wing.

There is nothing small about Jack everyone knows of his enormous appetite for food, work, fun and anything else Jack sets his mind to; he goes at it in a big way. Jack is well known as a big supporter of almost any sport - the jogging kick came a little late in his career to attract too much of his attention, but he had a reputation of a powerhouse in the ring in the 50's. His talents lie on the golf course and in the hallowed halls of curling, where he made himself heard.

On the sentimental side, Jack's retirement will leave a big hole to fill in the section.

From the section and his crew, Jack and his wife received many gifts and well wishes for a happy and long retirement, and thanks for a job well done - Big style.

### Your dog and you

The last issue, I wrote about Registration papers, and what you should receive when you buy a purebred dog. I often find that a great deal of confusion exists among buyers over a dog's papers. This seems to be caused by Registration Certificates and pedigrees, so I'll try to sort them out here.

What is a pedigree? Every dog has a pedigree since it is simply a listing of the dog's parents, grandparents, etc., usually written out to five generations. The importance of a pedigree lies in who is listed on that pedigree. If you simply want a pet, a pedigree isn't of too much importance to you. But if you want to breed, then it is all-important to know the dog's antecedents and bloodlines, so you know to whom to breed the dog for best results. So a pedigree is just a copy of the dog's family tree, and unfortunately it is only as good as the person who writes it out is honest.

If a pedigree shows a lot of champions in your dog's background, particularly parents and grandparents, you have a reasonably good chance of getting a puppy you will be proud to have join your family. His ancestors were obviously good specimens of their breed, and will probably pass on their characteristics to their offsprings.

What is involved in registration? First, in Canada, both parents must be registered with the Canadian Kennel Club. When puppies are born, they are registered as a litter, and when the litter

registration is completed, each member of the litter is registered individually, and issued with an individual registration certificate. When you buy a puppy, this certificate is returned to the C.K.C. to have your name entered as the owner, before you receive the certificate. This certificate is usually what people mean when they mention "papers".

Before any dog can be registered in Canada, it must be either nose-printed (similar to finger-printing) or tattooed. These prints or tattoo combinations are kept on the dog's file at the C.K.C. and are a permanent method of identification since no two noseprints are the same. Tattoo letters are issued by the C.K.C. and no two breeders have the same combination. So a dog can always be traced to its breeder or owner, if the registration certificate is passed on with the dog, and transfers of ownership recorded. If a tattooed dog ends up in the dog pound, they are supposed to check with the C.K.C. for the dog's ownership. Unfortunately with the number of dogs running loose these days, the S.P.C.A. would have to be miracle workers to cope with the amount of paperwork required to find an owner who may not even notice that his dog is missing. Printing and tattooing are the responsibility of the breeder, since it is a prerequisite for registration and the buyer should not be asked to look after this extra expense.

### B.Y.O.B.

Since you cannot refrain from drinking, why not start a saloon in your home? Be the only customer and you will not have to buy a licence. Give your wife \$55 to buy a case of whiskey. There are 240 snorts in a case. Buy all of your drinks from your wife at 60 cents a snort and in 12 days, when the case is gone, your wife will have \$89 to put in the bank and will have \$55 to start up in business again.

If you live 10 years and continue to buy all your booze from your wife and then die in your boots from the snakes, your widow will have \$27,085.37 on deposit, enough to bury you respectfully, bring up your children, pay off the mortgage on the house, marry a decent man, and forget she ever knew you.

In Canadian Guiding, Rangers are aged 14 to 18.

### Festive fire safety

Every year, fire turns the happy Christmas season into tragedy. Christmas fires occur because extra hazards are brought into the home, schools, and public buildings. A little knowledge of these hazards and how to prevent them, will help keep Christmas safe from fire.

**CHRISTMAS TREES**  
Remember that coniferous trees are very combustible. They ignite easily and burn furiously. When setting up your tree try and find the coolest spot in the house, away from fireplaces and heat registers.

Try not to block any exits or passageways, even if your tree should happen to fall.

Cut the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch from the original cut. Watering it daily will help

retard the drying out of the tree.

Remove the tree as soon as possible after the holidays. The Base Fire Dept. will be picking up Christmas Trees from PMQ's on 2nd Jan. at 1300 hours.

**LIGHTING**  
Use only standard electric lights bearing the labels of Underwriters Laboratories (U.L.) or Canadian Standards Association (CSA). Inspect your lights for frayed wiring and cracked insulation.

Use no-combustible, fire retardant, or flame proofed materials. When decorating, avoid hanging decorations over door castings and stairways.

**IN CASE OF FIRE**  
Get everyone out of the house immediately and call the Base Fire Dept. 339-3333

— Fire Prevention Bureau

### Library Report

The Library has purchased approximately 130 books. We have books for every taste. The new books should be ready for circulation by the time the New Year rolls in. In the meantime, while you are eagerly awaiting for these books here's a list of some of them:

Potato Printing; Complete Amateur Boat Building; Wild Flowers of B.C.; Complete Manual of Skin Diving; Brew It Yourself; Book of Bottle Collecting; Halfbreed; Joy of Sex; Yukon Calling; Sports Illustrated Badminton; Arthritis Cook-book; Hockey New Champions; Artifacts of the N.W. Coast Indians; Infantry Uniforms in Colour; Arts & Techniques of Soaring; Secrets of Winning Hockey; Snakes of Canada; Red Lights on the Prairies; Kamouraska (English); Home Book of Smoke Cooking Meat; World Encyclopaedia of Dogs; Pottery Making; Marilyn; Guinness Book of Records; Shells of the Pacific Coast; Model Railway Engines; Speaking Canadian English; Speaking Canadian French; Dinosaurs; Model Aircraft.

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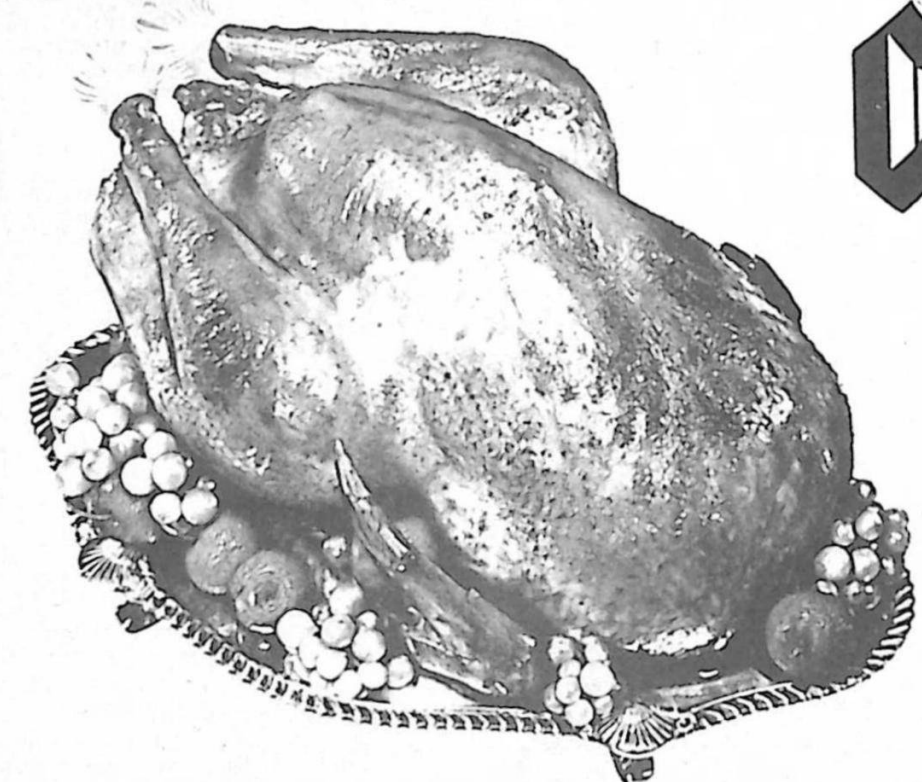
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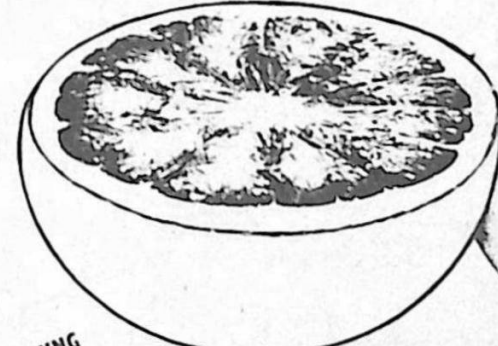
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