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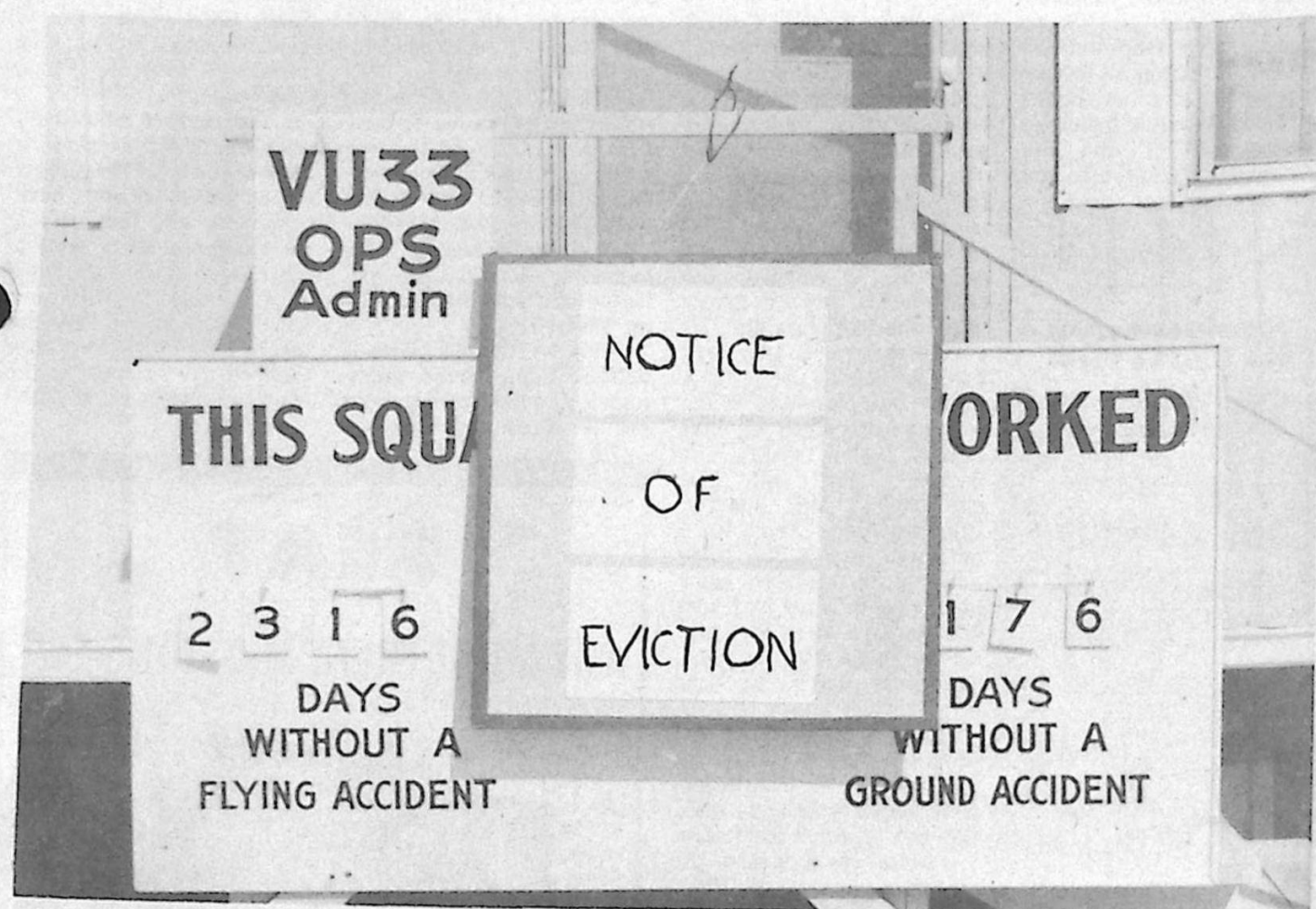
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VU 33 Slowly Folding its Wings



Notice of Eviction

Let it hereby be known, that in accordance with the powers vested in this office, it has been found fit to issue this NOTICE OF EVICTION. This NOTICE OF EVICTION shall pertain to VU 33 Squadron in that they have shown JUST CAUSE.

1. The primary CAUSE found as a result of SEARCH was that the forementioned Squadron was remiss, in that they did not remain among all others of the element that at one time was known as "The Senior Service," but did in fact, encroach upon the territory that at one time was Hallowed, and was solely responsible for the nesting of that species known as, "The Winged Fat Crab."
2. It was also shown in SEARCH that these intrepid aviators did, in fact, fail to show fitting respect for the Scavenger of the Airways, depicted on the Air Ops Cap Badges.
3. It was discovered, that these amiable heroes of the West Coast Fleet Air Arm did cast great amounts of ridicule toward the members of that previously Junior Service,

In their inability to accept the fact that the surface upon which one walks should be called that which it is; a deck.

4. Finally, and the foulest CAUSE of all, was the members of the Squadron did fail to accept the fact that there were a few dress regulations to which they were expected to conform. This resulted in the complete unnering of: that demi-God, that unflinching leader of men, the authority on dress and deportment, that all-round good guy, Yours truly, The BWO. Let it also be known, in regards to this section that the members of W.C.F.A.A. found it difficult for four men to try to change into immersion suits in the only space available, the bath tub.

As a result of these, and many more causes, I have found that this NOTICE OF EVICTION shall be carried out no later than the THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, ANNO DOMINI 1975.

Signed
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S.L.J.N.C.O.



CAPTAIN IAN PATTEN (left), 29, of Etobicoke and London, Ont., died (April 1) of bullet wounds while serving with the United Nations Force in Cyprus. He was a member of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment and had been serving as contingent economics officer with the force since last December. Capt. Patten was one of two Canadians held captive by the Viet Cong for 18 days while serving with the International Commission of Control and Supervision (in July, 1973).



Brown's Boozers Bowl Best

In what can only be considered as the battle of the century, the action was hottest and heaviest at the bowling lanes Tuesday evening as 442 Sqn's. two teams fought tooth and nail for the Base Men's League crown.

In their meteoric rise from runner up last year, Bill Brown's 442 Boozers fought tooth and nail with the Repair team, champs the last four years in a row to emerge victorious through the smoke and haze, although the last game was a bit of a squeaker. But total pinfall told the story, and the coveted first place was firmly in the hands of the Boozers, who acquired their team name from some maliciously spread rumors regarding their habits. What greater glories lie in

store for these masters of the five pins, no one can tell. But the fact that the Men's League Trophy is in 442 Squadron's possession for the fifth straight year can only lend credence to the belief that Mushrooms, fed their proper diet and given the right growing conditions, just cannot lose.

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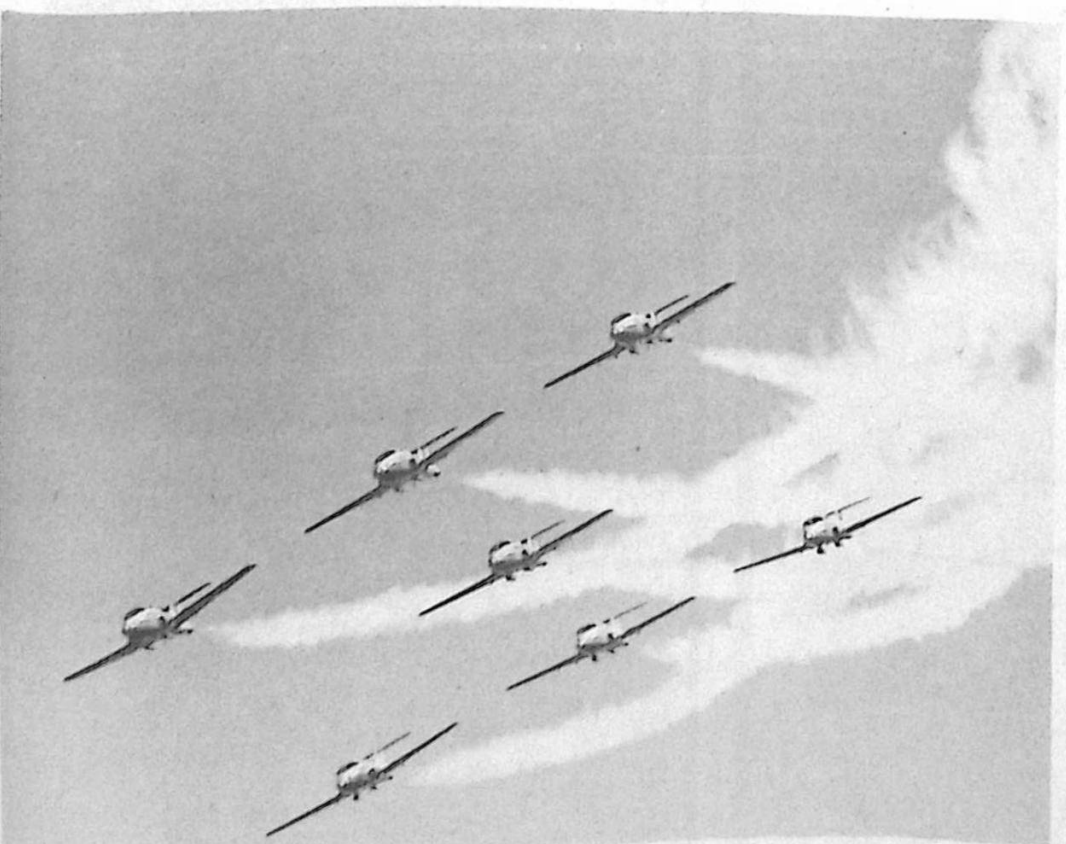
ARE VOODOO NAVIGATORS getting prettier? Not really. See the photo story on page six.

Pioneer Airman Dies

OTTAWA—One of Canada's aviation pioneers, and the last surviving wartime RCAF chief of the air staff, died 31 Mar. He was Air Marshal Robert Leckie, CB, DSO, DSC, DFC, CD (ret'd) of Ottawa. He was 84 years of age. Air Marshal Leckie was born April 16, 1890, in Glasgow, Scotland. He came to Canada at the age of 16 to work with an uncle's firm in Toronto.

His decision to enter the Royal Naval Aviation Service as a pilot in 1915 involved the personal expenditure of \$600, the cost of preliminary flying training. He then underwent additional instruction as a probationary sub-flight lieutenant in Britain and was posted to the RNAS air station at Great Yarmouth, on the North Sea coast. There, he flew H-12 Curtiss flying boats for the remainder of the war. Eventually, he became known as one of the "Zeppelin killers from Canada." During his wartime service he shot down two of the huge German airships. His first "zep" was Germany's first dirigible loss to the low-ceiling flying boats. On board the second was the commander-in-chief of the German Zeppelin Service, Peter Strasser. Air Marshal Leckie also destroyed a

submarine, and flew more than 100 reconnaissance flights into the Heligoland Bight. For these actions he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Flying Cross. After the armistice he was assigned to command No. 1 Canadian Wing of the newly-formed Royal Air Force. Following the war, Air Marshal Leckie returned to Canada and assumed a civilian post as director of flying operations for the Air Board. In this capacity he played a vital role in the (Continued on page 9)



BACK AGAIN FOR spring training, the Snowbirds Aerobatic Team show their stuff during daily practice sessions.



(L TO R) Cpl. Jock McLaren (lead), M.Cpl. John Meider (second), M.Cpl. Rollie Cramer (third), WO Nick Dikur (skip) 442 Sqn. and Sgt. Lory Geldart (President, Thunderbird curling club, CFS Holberg).

Finest Kind Time

In what can only be described as a brilliant tactical maneuver, 8 staunch members of 442 Sqn. were airlifted by Labrador Helicopter to the rocky shores of Coal Harbour where they were met and challenged to the combat of frozen granite at the CFS Holberg Thunderbird Curling Club. Firstly however, they were graciously wined and dined and placed at a proper disadvantage before taking to the ice.

Sam Edwards succeeded in putting the sport of curling back into the stone age during his first game, which, much to Bud Keech's consternation was lost to Holberg's Big Chief, LCol Bill Read at a score of 9-1. Sam zippered up his flying boots though, and assisted his team to a mere 2-4 loss to Holberg's Major Bob Stadel's warriors.

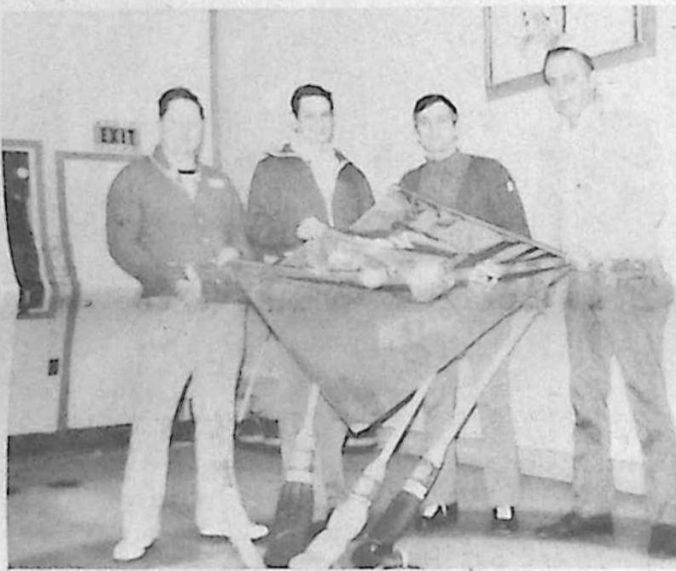
Nick Dikur's foursome

faired somewhat better as they dumped Major Stadel's troop 5-0 before going down 4-2 to LCol Read.

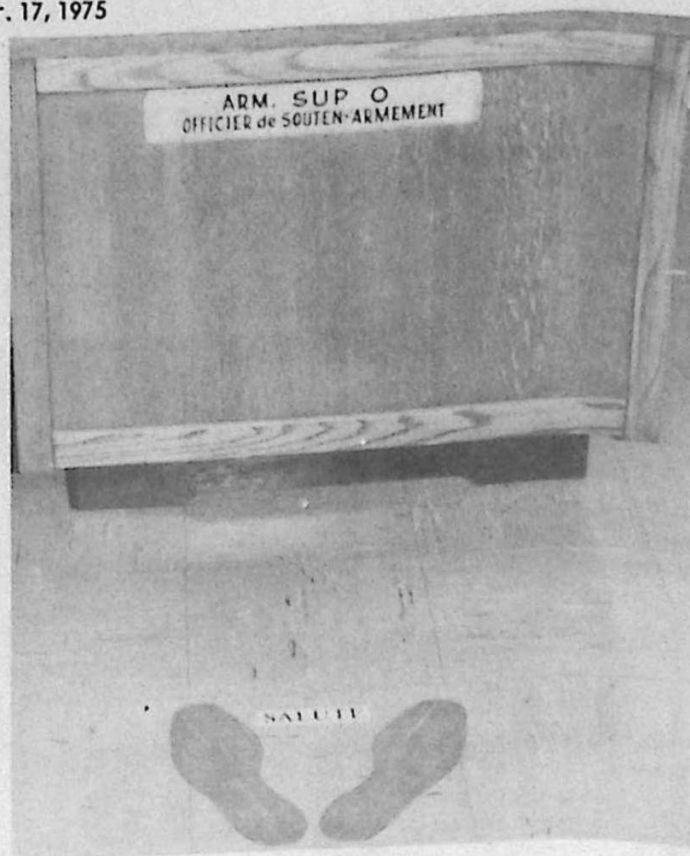
Following the monumental demonstration of skill all combatants retired to the ante-room of President Lory Geldart's Thunderbird Curling Club to consume portions of the famous Rare Holberg Barley Brew and to witness the presentation of the prized 442 Sqn. Detachment banner to Holberg's CO, LCol Read by MWO Keech. (Now if Holberg ever gets lost all it has to do is wave the banner and we'll come a'runnin'.)

The hospitality at Holberg was absolutely great and it is hoped that more events of this type can be arranged between Holberg and 442 Sqn. or other units of CFB Comox.

Thanks for a fine time, Holberg. You guys too, Bill and Andy.



(L TO R) WO Hector Macdonald (lead), Sgt. Jeff Rochon (second), Sgt. John Leski (third), LCol Bill Read (skip). CFS Holberg.



ALL SET UP for P.E.R. interviews at Base Armament. A Crafty Jack Photo.

Mushroom Mutterings

Harv Herauf has departed to balmy Esquimalt to take part in the Junior Leadership course. After five weeks down there, he will have to bring back an interpreter to translate all that Navy slang into Air Force slang.

The great wind that came upon us on Easter weekend kept our standby aircraft and crews working long hard hours in our role of search and rescue. It must have been some rough flying in that wind. For the time being at least, I think we have the only completely air conditioned hangar in the Forces. The wind blew the roof off all over the runway and now the night shift can work by starlight.

Thursday April 3 saw the whole Farm move over to the Totem Lounge to partake of a few bubbles and cheese. The Peekin' Deacon committed the most terrible sin of the afternoon. He was LATE! He offered his apologies and excuses, proceeded to gulp copious quantities of a substance that resembled what to most of us would look like beer, but our model of sobriety assured us it was just colored water. After his great thirst was quenched, he proceeded to crucify five departing Mushroomers in the hot seat. Pete Kury, Gord Welsh, Sam Edwards, John Thibault and Fred D'Amico were all cleansed of their sins in and around the Mushroom farm and were given their final chug-a-lug before they ride off into the sunset.

I see Jim Ross, the Green

Onion Baron of the Mushroom farm finally got his name in the Totem Times. A little notoriety pays off I guess because here he is in print again this week.

The inter-section bowling championships will see the 442 Boozers fighting it out with the 442 Repair team. The Boozers team is made up of Brown, Blake, Bryson, McKenzie, Cote, McGuire, Jackson and Fiske, while the Repair team has McCormack, Ball, Grant, Elieff, Carr-Hilton, Dikur and Carter. These two groups of super stars met at the bowling alley on the 8th of April and the outcome of that encounter was Bill Brown's Boozers winning by 116 pins. Len McCormack says "They whopped us," but next week he is going to ensure the fridge is locked and the key lost, so the Boozers' source of strikes will be cut off, and the 442 Repair teams will come back and win the final game by 117 pins. So, you boozers, better watch it next week!

The weekend of Sept 5 and 6 will see 442 Sqn. receiving its Standard. This will require an extra effort on the part of all Mushroomers, however, the big bash at the end should be something to remember. Hopefully we will be reunited temporarily with some of the original Mushroomers, still serving or retired.

Don't forget Daylight Saving Time is coming up, which means you can sneak away earlier.



Devils Brigade

The BSUpO juggled his brigade this week to conform to the requirements of DEVIL organization. Personnel will soon transcend to the Automated Computer System and the mystery and awe will disappear.

Welcome back to the following: Cpl Medland, who recently completed three weeks on DEVIL Base Instructor's Course at CFSAL, CFB Borden. Cliff appears happy to be back to the workload as he flashes the smile of a contented groom. Cpl Whaley returned from the Junior Leader Course at CFB Penhold and was relieved that he no longer hears, "Swab the deck you matelots!"

MCpl Grennon and Cpl Berger took a reading on the Winnipeg area last week and have not requested transfers yet. Sgt Stagg and MCpl Fredette have completed two months of training all Supply Techs and are no doubt relieved to be out of the classroom. Sgt Orr and the "moonlighters" played the last theme on the stock cards last week.

Thanks to all who provided

or helped prepare the excellent smorgasbord for the Barn Dance recently held in the Social Centre. A free function requires a lot of work by a lot of people and another function will be planned when time permits. Thanks also to Sue MacKenzie for all her assistance with canvassing. Thanks to Judy Brown for all her artistic presentations.

Our valued Customers have recalled their briefings and voucher preparation has improved greatly this week. The co-operation in this area is really appreciated due to the current stock taking and projects scheduled for April. Remember folks the DEVIL has something for every body.

Gravel Pit News

The exercise. An early morning phone call developed into the following scene:

PHONE RINGS: Medicated (eyes) person wakes up and tries to see, but can't. Eyes won't open and phone continues to ring.

PHONE STILL RINGS: Tired person wakes up, tries to answer phone but legs are locked stiff and he can't get up. Phone ringing.

+!?!- PHONE STILL RINGS: Blind person vainly tries to find lame person so he can be lifted up to answer

phone. Blind person has to help lame person pull on pants (see QR&O 17.04(1a)). Phone stops ringing.

As the sports co-ordinator, I would like to thank everyone that turned out for the games; without people we can't have a success, and this was a successful, but short, season.

In closing, a word of advice to all Armed Forces personnel: don't worry about the cost of inflation, even if they could pay its way over on the ferry, none of us could afford to buy it. - - -

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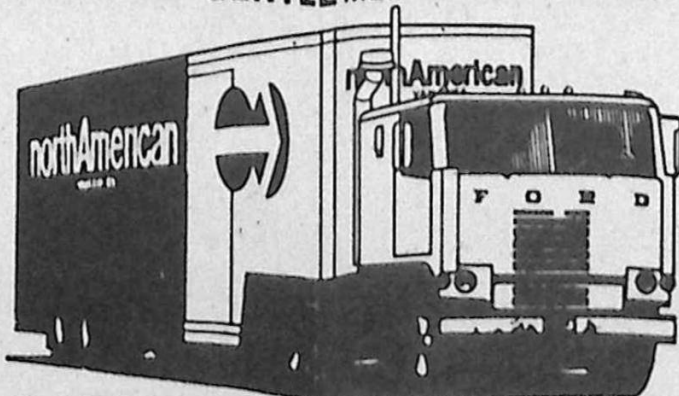
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Rescue Bits

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In the period from 10 p.m. on Saturday until 8 p.m. on Sunday the rescue centre handled 46 incidents. Not to say the number was baffling but the degree of seriousness was boggling. Not only was everyone in trouble but in danger of succumbing to the elements. At one point we had nine sailing vessels heading for the rocks in the Gulf Islands, one in Tsawassen, one off Ballenas Island and the whole of English Bay in Vancouver in full turmoil. In the course of the 22 hour period our combined resources checked out and gave assistance in all reported cases. The Labrador

Helo. flew over nine hours and the crew personally plucked 13 people from the icy waters. Quite a feat when you consider that the Para-Rescue man, M. Cpl. Bill Wacey of Comox, went down the cable, in turbulent winds, at least 13 times and was flung into the water once. Not only that, the crew found time to complete mercy flights from Saturna and Mayne Islands. The Buffalo from Comox and the USCG Helo. from Port Angeles checked out the other cases and were able to assess and render the degree of assistance required. Although it was days in some cases before people got home and there was loss of life, the effectiveness of the aircraft in assessing initial needs brought about a relative successful culmination of the days events from what was potentially a major disaster. May the winds never blow gustily on a long weekend again.

Did you hear about the pilot who transferred to the Army

and while on manoeuvres was instructed to blow up a truck? He burnt his mouth on the exhaust pipe. Do you know why they don't give naval types coffee breaks? Takes too long to retrain them.

There is talk of changing our name from Rescue Co-ordination centre to the Reserve-a-sink centre. So many fishing vessels have sunk or turned over in the last three weeks that we are contemplating a system like Eatons or Simpsons have. Take a number, stay afloat until it's called, give a position and then sink. Really I guess it sounded like we are taking the situation lightly. Not so, but a certain degree of levity in the midst of all this death and destruction is needed or a guy would go stringy. Why did it happen, this rash of sinkings? I don't think there is any one cause but a person might consider foul weather, possibly worse than anticipated, eagerness to make a living, lower fish prices, and probably first and foremost

the old axiom, "It will never happen to me." We are taxed beyond the limit during the first two weeks in March and we weren't even involved in all the sinkings. We are keeping a tally however and the score sixteen days into the herring season was 15 boats down, 53 people rescued by various means and 14 lost. March came in on a net and went out on a wake.

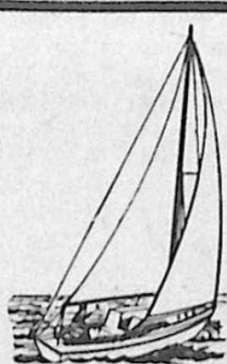
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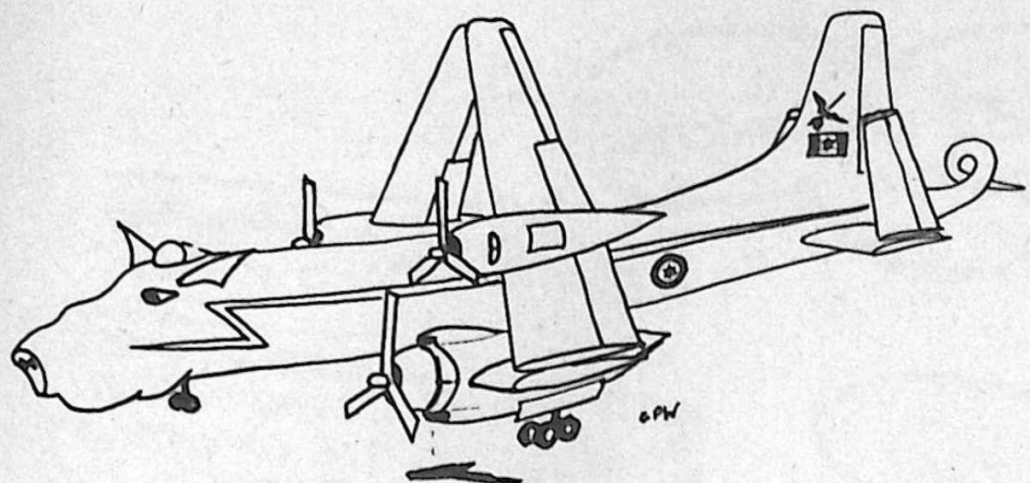
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407 Tech Ramblings

REPAIR

April Fools' Day, Zulu times and now Celsius temperatures all contribute to the dilemma that is our constantly changing society and, whether or not we are in agreement, these changes are here to stay and we will adjust to them.

Things are rather quiet in The Olde Shop at the time of writing as all hands contemplate getting their car-casses back into gear after the four-day Easter layoff. A few quietly discussing the "quake of '75 as they tinker over a last cup of coffee and try to prepare themselves mentally for the tasks at hand. Others have slipped silently into the hangar and commenced the task of slowly awakening the slumbering giant.

Sgt. Larry Bourgeois is wandering about with a long face as he attempts to fathom the intricacies of the newly-introduced supply system and, since he is our authority on the subject, we must treat him with the utmost care and attention. Sgt. Don Sterling has been in fine form of late as attested to by his constant singing and whistling as he goes about his tasks. It is hard to say what has come over him, however, it is understood that he has given his wife a few days off to visit family and friends the other side of the daffodil curtain and as a sequence he is the acting cook and bottle washer.

Cpl. Chuck Murray has had his last go at a periodic inspection in the Canadian Forces and is currently enjoying his final session of leave. On behalf of all your cohorts in Repair, Chuck, the best of luck in your new profession as a civilian and may the grass be greener on your side of the fence.

MCpl Marc Hull is back from Greenwood all primed for battle while MCpl Graham Wilson is putting his talents to the test as he tries to rebuild his swivel chair which, from all appearances, should be retired. No matter what you do to it, Graham, it will never be the same again.

Well, the speculators are speculating and the rumors continue to fly but, like everything else, we will just have to wait it out and hope for the best.

AVIONICS MAINT.

Well, PER time is once again behind us with most of the hired help having completed their head shed interviews which couldn't have been too devastating since the outcome of same was only five internal transfers and one posting that is not so local. Would you believe that the latter is all the way across the country to the land, or should we say the sea, of the big boats? Yes, MCpl Winston Jones, our super Radar Tech, is heading for Shearwater come summer. In the local moves category, Sgt. Norm Smith is being lost to no. one crew servicing and replaced by Cpl. John Martin from Labs. One crew had better be sharp since Norm has just returned from the Supervisor's Course, Gung Ho, etc.

Com Systems are losing two Ptes, Cliff Andre to Labs (was he a recent headliner in the Green Sheet?) and Andy Fontaine to Servicing three crew. Our loss is their gain or whatever. The electricians scored a definite plus when Cpl. Jim Whelen came to our shop but then we had to give up Wally Brown, so the pluses and minuses equalled out.

Jake Cummins is currently enjoying a five-week sojourn at the south end of our island - something to do with training to be a junior supervisor. Jim Draper enjoyed a couple of weeks on loan to Servicing and was rewarded with a few days trip to the sunny south. Bud Wrangler endured a four-day course in Victoria: how many nights was it, Bud?

Avionics Maint would like to thank the other half of the Maint gang for inviting us to their small beer bash. Everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves fully, didn't they Jim Draper?

In signing off for this time, I trust that our regular scribe will be back for the next issue. It just goes to show that if you haven't got fifteen cents, you

had better possess a sharp pen (private joke).

ASW LAB

The posting season has started with a bang as witnessed by the offer of a one-way ticket to Shearwater for Hal Dicks. It's not the recruiting centre in Newfyjohn, Hal, but you're getting closer.

Some recent comings and goings include Steve Yaroschak sharpening his parade ground skills while on the JLC which, incidentally, should qualify him for a key position in the upcoming 407 Sqn. spectacular. Then there's Jim Gillespie down in Greenwood absorbing some radar smarts and Don Schneider who has deserted us in favor of two crew.

Brian Burke must be doing something right (write) up in Log Control since they seem rather unwilling to let him go and, finally, Francophone U. has changed shifts again with the resultant loss of several familiar faces at morning coffee as our troops do their bit to further Bilingualism on the west coast.

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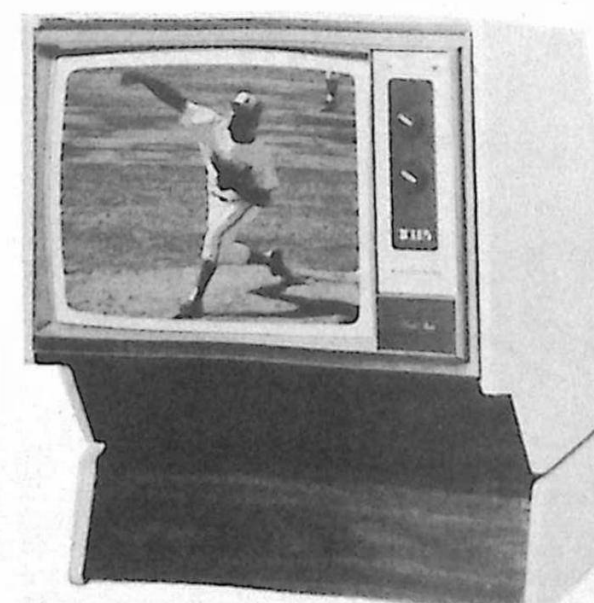
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DEMON DOINS

Due to the fact that Crew 6 departed Hawaii three days after Crew 3 and 5 this article comes to you as the 2nd instalment of Demon activities on RIMPAC. If it seems rather disjointed, that's because it was written in parts between Mai Tai's and the occasional flight.

We arrived in Nas Barbers Pt. March 10th at approximately 1500 hours L. The weather was warm and windy. We were greeted by our Crew VPCC and TACCO; who preceded us to this enchanted isle. The former was tanned by two weeks of golfing in the sun (on leave). The latter was red by three hours of sleeping on the beach.

A quick check through U.S. Customs and we were met by our host Sqn. 'VP22', with beer in hand. After a short delay we were settled in our quarters.

Thus began 16 days of work and relaxation. The flying consisted of night sorties, during which we saw Carrier Based Fighter Aircraft on our wing tips, just to mention one of the different aspects of the exercise.

The relaxation part was as

differing and varied as were the number of crew members. Some to museums, some to art galleries, others to local cultural highlights.

Actually the only museum artifact we ran across we were flying, and as far as Art was concerned, our CO gave an excellent demonstration in aircraft decorating.

As for the latter we all will remember the remarkable system of modern highways that surround Honolulu; and the number of different ways one can travel from the Base to downtown and back.

It was the day before our departure and all were resting; that is until the word went out. Launch the standby crew; being the only one left, we were again asked to stand up and be counted. What task was put before us? "To arrive in one hour in uniform aboard HMCS Kootenay and Provider, for the purpose of being hosted at another official gathering." I know war is —

Departure from Nas Barbers Pt. March 26th 2300 L. 13 hours later arrived Comox March 27th.
"Aloha Home".



"I THINK I pinned my fingers to your jacket" says L. Col. Jenks, as he presents the C.D. to Sgt. D. J. Walmsley of the Combined Mess. Base Photo

A SEA KING helicopter from VT 406 Squadron, CFB Shearwater, lowers a DND fireman onto the cargo vessel Colon Brown which ran aground at the approaches to Halifax harbour during a severe storm Apr. 4. Two DND firemen with portable sea pumps were airlifted to the ship to assist in combatting a leak which had developed in the forepeak of the vessel. Canadian Forces Photo

Hospital Anesthesia

It seems, when I sit down to compose this epistle, that it should be a relatively easy job when there has been no

hospital column for a month. Somehow, that is never true, as funny stories always lose something in the translation, and news items become out-of-date faster than one would believe possible. However, here goes!

Our big news, of course, is the wedding of our Base Surgeon, Dr. Bob Barnes. His

remaining single hours were spent at a late night musicale, courtesy of a combined chorus of twittering Snowbirds and nurses. Bob and Norma were met with a rousing "over the balcony" rendition of "I'm getting married in the morning," which wasn't even appreciated by the RCMP. A (Continued on page 10)

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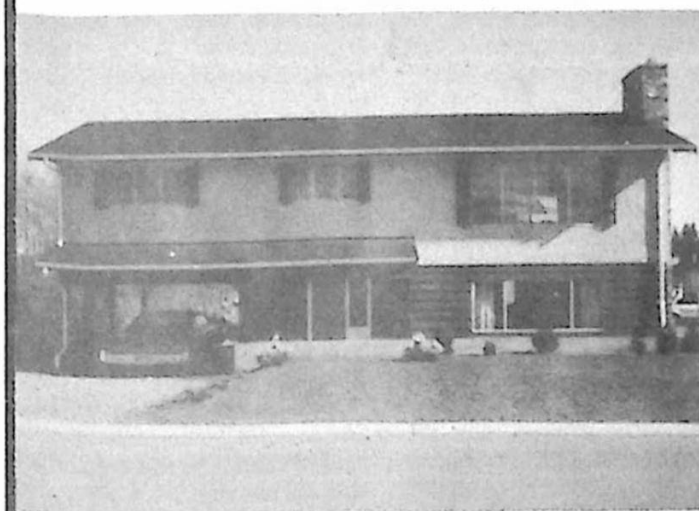
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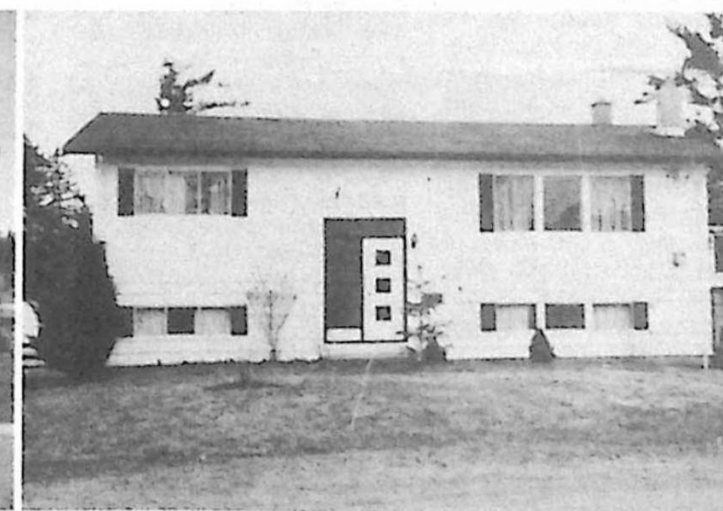
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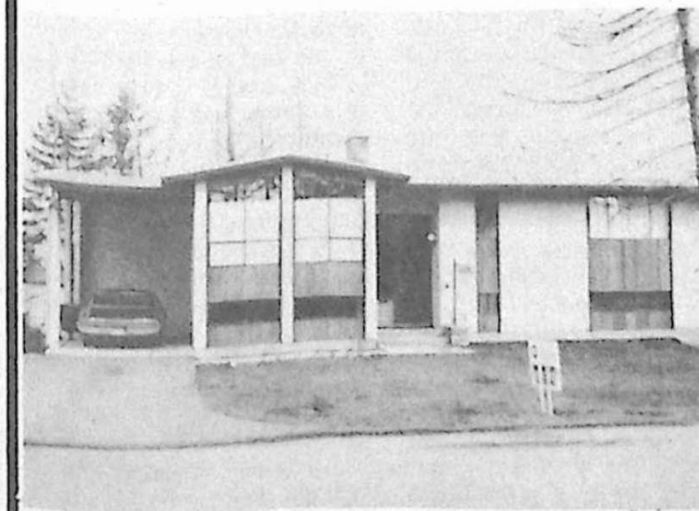
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This modest farm home has 2 bedrooms and basement, situated on 4 acres all cleared, fenced and cross fenced. Apple trees, decorative shrubs and tall evergreens surround the house. The old barn on this property needs fixing up. Phone and let me show you this property on piped water for only \$38,000.

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EDITORIAL

Somebody Cares!

Personnel based in Comox are all familiar with the many rescues performed by 442 Sqn. and the numerous aeromedevacs carried out, but not too many personnel are aware of the fact that in time of need many agencies in the CF come to the fore and render assistance.

A situation came to light recently where a serviceman at this base required assistance to get his dependent wife to the Mayo Clinic for an examination by specialists. The dependent wife was unable to sit for any prolonged period of time which necessitated the requirement for a stretcher. You can imagine what the cost would have been to this man had he been required to travel by commercial means Comox - Rochester, Minn., and return.

Upon learning of this situation, certain individuals and sections commenced to investigate the implications involved as regards the use of Air Transport facilities. The medical situation of the dependent wife was outlined to ATC, Surg. Gen. Ottawa, and NDHQ. As a result of the investigation and a request for aeromedevac, many CF agencies became involved and the following is a brief summary of the itinerary and agencies who provided

assistance to the subject man and his dependent wife:
CFB Winnipeg - provided nurse to accompany wife.
1 AMU Det Comox - provided assistance for wife's comfort on sched. flight Comox-Winnipeg.

429 Sqn. Winnipeg - provided aircraft and crew for trip Winnipeg to Rochester, Minn., and for return trip Rochester to Winnipeg.

CFB Winnipeg - provided facilities at Base Hospital for wife and husband overnight.

429 Sqn. Winnipeg - provided aircraft and crew for trip Winnipeg to Comox.

In addition to the above mentioned CF agencies the "behind-the-scenes" authorities were: Surgeon General Ottawa, NDOC Ottawa, Air Transport Command, Training Command Headquarters, Base Surgeons at CFB Winnipeg and Comox, and many other persons too numerous to single out.

The forementioned story is outlined to pass on to all personnel that even though it appears in many instances that the "people upstairs" don't care what's happening "downstairs", always remember that in a time of need SOMEBODY CARES!!!



407's Wartime History

No. 407 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron was formed at Thorney Island on paper on 8 May, 1941, (Authority Coastal Command Letter S 9394 25 Org. of even date). However, personnel were not actually posted to the new Unit until the 22nd May, 1941. This Squadron was one of the quota formed under the Empire Training Scheme agreement. The aircraft establishment was 20 Blenheims, Mk. IV. This was altered, however, and the few Blenheims that had been delivered were withdrawn in June, 1941, and the Squadron advised that they were to be armed with Hudsons, Mk. V.

The work of this Squadron may be described in two phases: the first phase lasting from the inception of the Squadron until January, 1943, during which time it was engaged in shipping strikes against the enemy; the second phase lasting from January, 1943, to disbandment in June, 1945. During this latter period the Squadron was engaged in anti-submarine patrols.

On July 11, 1941, the Squadron was moved to North Coates where little by little the pilots were checked out on their new aircraft. By September 1, 1941, the Unit had become operational and was engaged in shipping strikes in the North Sea. They returned to Thorney Island on 18 February, 1942. Such had been the calibre of their work accomplished during that period that on March, 1942, the Squadron received a letter of commendation expressing the appreciation of the Air Council and A.O.C.-in-C. of Coastal Command for their excellent operational record during the six months ending December 31st, 1941.

On 31 March, 1942, the Squadron moved again, this time to Bircham Newton. The losses had been so heavy that it was now necessary for the Squadron to reform effective 1 April, 1942. By 26 May, 1942, members of the Squadron had earned two D.S.O.'s, two D.F.C.'s, and three D.F.M.'s.

The following excerpt taken from the Squadron Diary gives some indication of the amazing amount of work done by the Squadron at this time: "During the month of May, 1942, the Squadron set up an all time record for damage caused to enemy shipping. A minimum of 83,000 tons of enemy shipping was attacked from April 30th to May 31, 1942. Several crews had successfully attacked three ships each during this period and with the exception of very recent arrivals all crews had made claims. The previous record in Coastal Command was also held by this Squadron when from September 1st to December 1st, 1941, they were credited with damaging 150,000 tons of enemy shipping. Since the reforming of the Squadron on April 1, 1942, 12 crews were lost - in all 50 persons either killed or missing. Furthermore, on every major operation at least two or three aircraft were so badly damaged that they were of no further use."

Small wonder that they had

by now been named "The Demons".

On 25 June, 1942, the Squadron took part in what was to them a new aspect in aviation warfare when 11 aircraft were detailed to participate in the thousand bomber raid on Bremen. Of these, six aircraft reached the target area, the remainder bombing alternative targets because of fuel shortage. Having on one occasion acted in the capacity of fighter escort on the St. Nazaire raid, the Squadron now felt that they had only to act as an Army Co-Op. Unit to complete their experience.

On 16 August, 1942, the design of the Squadron crest was completed prior to the approval of the Chester Herald. The motto design "To Hold on High" was extracted from the poem "In Flanders Fields" written by John McRae during World War I. The badge consists of three objects, a red trident symbolic of control over the sea suggesting the striking power and mode of attack of the Squadron on its duties at that time, the golden wings representing the speed, strength and superiority of air power, and a broken black anchor in the form of a "V" emblematic of victory and representing crippled, sunk or damaged enemy shipping. The Royal Canadian Air Force frame completed the badge. It was the feeling of the Unit at that time that the ideas so embraced would be an inspiration to their present members and at the same time serve as a tribute to those who had already "passed on".

The Squadron continued active operations from Bircham Newton scoring spectacular successes on enemy merchant vessels until October 1, 1942, when they began to train for anti-submarine patrols. On 5 October, 1942, the Squadron was considered operational and the following day eight crews carried out their new patrols.

On 10 November, 1942, the Squadron was moved to Docking and their aircraft largely passed on to other Units.

Because of insufficient armament, Hudsons had in the main proved unsatisfactory for strikes against heavily armed convoys, and losses had been high. Moreover, it was soon obvious that they did not possess sufficient range for anti-submarine patrols. What with no aircraft and an uncertain future the morale of the Squadron was ordered to assemble at Docking for return to operational duties from the United Kingdom.

On 25 January, 1943, the Unit was advised that they would be converting to Wellington aircraft and on 29 January, 1943, the first two of this type were received. On 16 February, 1943, the Squadron moved to Skitten, Caithness, to continue conversion training. On 17 March, 1943, operational flying with the new aircraft was first completed. The end of March, 1943, found the Squadron

moved to R.A.F. Station, Chivenor, North Devon, from which they were to operate during the greater part of the next two years. On arrival the aircraft were equipped with Leigh Lights. Operations against enemy submarines from this Station were quite successful. On 27 January, 1944, the Squadron moved to Limavady, Northern Ireland, where they started concentrated training in preparation for D-Day. Operationally they had little success from this aerodrome and unfortunately four crews were lost through crashes or failure to return from training exercises. On April 28, 1944, the Squadron returned to R.A.F. Station, Chivenor. On June 6, 1944, D-Day, two crews were sent out to participate in patrols over the Channel. Of these, the senior Flight Commander did not return.

On 24 August, 1944, the Squadron moved to Wick, Caithness. Operations along the Norwegian Coast were not very fruitful as far as attacks on enemy submarines were concerned. However, it is felt that this Squadron's success may be largely estimated in a negative way in that when no submarines were sighted it was felt that the Squadron was doing the job keeping them beneath the waves. One interesting incident which occurred at this time is recounted. On 6 September, 1944, an aircraft developed engine trouble near the Coast of Norway. Rather than attempt to return to base, the Captain headed for the mainland of Norway and when contact with base was broken off he had been pinpointed well over the Coast. It was subsequently learned that a successful crash landing had been made, the Germans in the area eluded, and the entire crew taken over by the Norwegian underground movement. Seventeen days later word was received that this crew was safe and had already been transferred to the United Kingdom. One week later they returned to the Unit to pick up their kit.

On 9 November, 1944, the Squadron returned once again to R.A.F. Station, Chivenor, and continued their anti-submarine patrols over the Irish Sea, North Atlantic and Bay of Biscay. During the month of March, 1945, the Squadron set a new record in 19 Group on Coastal Command for both operational and flying training, and the Squadron navigation section once again led all other Units or Sections in Coastal Command for operating efficiency.

In April, 1945, a detachment from the Squadron at Langham scored some outstanding success in the North Sea against the midge submarines operating against Allied shipping in that area. The final order to disband No. 407 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron, "The Demons" came on June 2, 1945, (Authority, Signal from Headquarters Coastal Command, 0-583) to become effective June 4th, 1945, and by July 20, 1945, all personnel had departed either for home or for duties elsewhere.

Dog's Best Friend

Mr. Editor:

For the past few weeks the people living in the P.M.Q.'s, and the readers of your paper have been plagued with notices and comments in the PMQ Preamble about the quote "Dog Problem" unquote. We have been told of packs of dogs that run wild, scattering garbage in their path, doing "their thing" on everyone's prize blue-grass, and generally terrorizing the neighbourhood.

Well I'm a dog owner and to this I say "Bull". I walk my dog everyday and night and so do many other dog owners. I also know that several dogs are tied up or fenced in; doing their thing on their home turf.

Yes there are pests in the P.M.Q.'s, however don't use your local canine as a scape goat to cover for the inability to cope with the real and more serious problems of the area.

How many residents have been awakened at 3 or 4 o'clock to the joyful cry of the local felix "doing his thing"? It's that time of the year again. Had a good look at your newly dug garden lately?

That strange looking pile of dirt sure wasn't put there by rover! And we mustn't forget that cats love to root through uncovered garbage. Who's giving the owners of these cats a \$25 fine for allowing their felines to prowl at will? You can bet your sweet bippy it's not a cat owner!

If the powers to be would like to get down to some of the real problems in the area, try this on for size.

Take a long stroll through the woods bordering the top of the playing field: Best you wear your work boots, that glass is SHARP. Did anyone notice the trash and broken beer bottles that were left on the hill last summer and fall? Did anyone hear the noise at night from down there? How about the motorcycle that tore up the turf on the field?

That area is a disgrace to this base and a potential danger to anyone large or small, man or beast who should wish to go to the playing field.

I'd sooner see my child come home with a little dog dirt on him, than have to take him to the hospital with a nasty cut caused by falling on a broken beer bottle.

ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS:

Who's deliberately running across newly seeded grass and tearing down the fences in the area?

Who's breaking car aerials, stealing gas caps, throwing eggs on the buildings and cars?

Who's tearing down the goal posts in the playing field, banging on doors and ringing doorbells?

Who's destroying little childrens toys, and creating tears instead of joy by kicking

over a little ones very first snowman?

Who's using language that would embarrass a stevedore and being down right disrespectful to any adult that should have the misfortune of crossing their path?

Who have parents that jump to their defence, swearing that their's is not capable of doing any of this because they come from a good home?

WHO?? THE ANSWER IS EASY!

IT'S THE DOGS!!

Dogs best friend

Canex Policy in Europe

Dear Sir:

Since "Der Kanadier" of CFB Europe no longer publishes "Letters to the Editor" other than the odd thank you note, it is impossible for anyone to criticize CANEX, or its department stores. Many are unhappy about some of their schemes, but have no means to freely express themselves.

To clarify this, I have met with the Base Canex Officer, and I did receive answers, but when I left his office I felt I was no further ahead than when I went in. Of course, the Base Canex Officer has nothing to do about the control of the outlets since they are

governed by Lahr, thereby forcing everyone to accept Canex policies.

The following statements and observations are true, and by them you will realize where the majority of Canex income originates, and how it operates to obtain it. These statements are without prejudice against Canex, but are reported facts that I have observed and queries in the period that I have been here.

On our first shopping day at the Base grocery store, my wife and I were surprised to see clerks busy as bees fixing new prices on every shelf item. Although old prices could be seen on some newly priced items we were to pay the new price. As you know, this practice is illegal in B.C. and other parts of Canada, but not here. I questioned it, and I was told by the manager that prices were changed every four weeks. Some items have tripled in five months. In six months alone, everything went up approximately sixty per cent. They had a ten per cent reduction on all groceries one Friday night, because they gave out their flyers late that afternoon (good move for them) and four days later all shelf items went up ten to fifteen per cent.

Before Christmas, the American P.X. had a ten per cent off sale on everything except foodstuffs. So Canex, in fear of losing customers and sales, created a sale on the very same day, fifteen per cent off on cameras, etc. and ten per cent off on audio equipment. Needless to say,

During your absence the babysitter is responsible for the safety of your children and your property. Impress upon her that in the event of fire, the first and most important thing to do is GET THE CHILDREN OUT QUICKLY AND STAY WITH THEM. Tell her to wrap them in blankets, not take time to dress them. The following rules will assist you in advising her:

1. Show her through your house so that she will be familiar with each part of it.

2. Be sure she knows the

quickest way out if she has to get the children out.

3. Show her the alternate escape routes in case the regular route is blocked off by fire.

4. Show her how to control the heating equipment in case this should be necessary.

5. Give her the telephone number of a nearby friend who can come to her assistance quickly, as well as one where you may be reached.

6. She must call the Fire Department as soon as possible from a neighbour's house.

Letters to the Editor

four or five days prior to it everything went up ten to fifteen per cent accordingly. This is a fact, since I was checking prices every day for a week before the Christmas sales and saw this happening. The audio equipment in question went up ten per cent and yet they did not have it in stock or on the shelf. Bizarre, is it not? Three weeks later it arrived and I paid the original price for it, because some items were down to their previous prices. When I questioned this, I was told it was on account of the D.M. fluctuation. I don't fool that easy. Did you know that three months before Christmas the audio dept. had recorded sales of approx. 300,000 D.M. (\$12,500 CDN) during one Saturday. Think of the profits and this is only one dept.

Furthermore, the auto shop sells batteries for approx \$65.00. They are "Botsch"

brand, but still are \$5.00 more than downtown. A similar rating battery is \$35.00 at the American P.X. Would you believe there is a \$1.50 difference between a Canex light bulb and one of the same make in a local German shopping centre?

At one time a few years back, it did not cost you a penny for a car transaction when one bought a car 'on the economy'. Now you must pay up to \$60.00. It appears Canex has their hand in this also.

I could add more, but I do not wish to bore you or the readers. But from what I gathered so far, and of course it's only my point of view, Canex is in Europe to make a ton of money, and at the rate they are going, they may grow as big as Eaton's. If they published a book on how to operate a business, it would be a best seller.

'A Wise Buyer'

Not Interest - ed

Dear Sir:

Black Marks to the Credit Union! Did you know that it is possible to have \$1,000 (or any sum) in a Credit Union from Feb. to Aug. and not collect one cent interest??

All you have to do is close the account!

This poorly advertised fact hit home when it happened to me. I was sitting at home waiting for the interest cheque to arrive in vain.

Why is this common to Credit Unions and not Banks? (A) I was told that non members cannot collect interest.

(B) That it is difficult to trace former members when they leave. (I made sure to leave my forwarding address).

(C) The cost would cut the interest paid to members.

These are doubtful reasons considering that the time of service postings seldom take into account when the interest is given out. A member should not be allowed to close his

account without being told of the interest he will lose.

A. Patterson
Campbell River

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STAFF
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Instruct Your Babysitter

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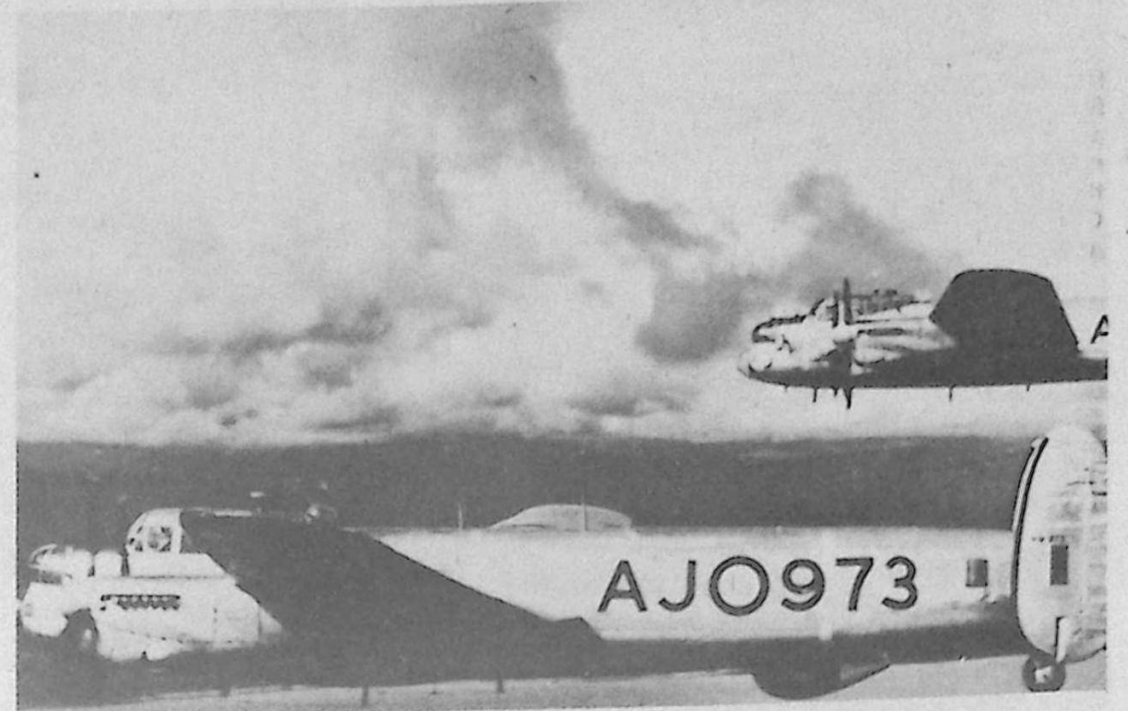
VP407 TO RECEIVE SQUADRON STANDARD

Lieutenant Governor to Make Presentation

The Honorable Walter Owen, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia has agreed to present the Squadron Standard to 407 Maritime Patrol Squadron based at CFB Comox. The presentation will take place on the afternoon of 28 June 1975 at CFB Comox. The Standard is presented to an air squadron after 25 years of service. 407 Squadron was formed in England in May of 1941 and served with Coastal Command until June of 1945. The Squadron was reformed at CFB (then RCAF Station) Comox in 1952 and has served at Comox since that date. The presentation of the Standard was originally planned for June of 1973 but was delayed until June of 1975 because of delays in completing the Standard. The Standard is made of light blue silk with gold outer edging and gold and blue fringe. The inner edge consists of continuous embroidered flower chains incorporating the floral emblems of the Canadian provinces and territories. The central theme of the Standard is a large embroidered Squadron heraldic badge flanked by embroidered bars depicting any Battle Honors for which the Squadron may have qualified. A maximum of eight such honors may be depicted.



THE LOCKHEED HUDSON was the workhorse of 407 Sqn. for the bulk of the war years. Although the Squadron started the war on Bristol Blenheims and finished Wellingtons, the bulk of their successes were accomplished in the Hudson during the period 1941 to 1944. C.F. Photos



THE AVRO LANCASTER was the first post-war aircraft assigned to 407 Squadron. The aircraft was reliable and had reasonable endurance, but had only rudimentary equipment to perform the complex tasks assigned. The Lancaster saw service with the Squadron from 1952 to 1958.

The Squadron Standard

Standards have been in use for hundreds of years, mainly because of the need for some mark or distinction between battlefield units and the need for a rallying point in battle.

In early times banners and standards such as the Roman eagle served to show the position of the commander. The standard or banner was trooped or paraded before the ranks so that every man might quickly recognize it. Within the British Empire the first regimental colors appeared in the 17th century. Since about 1880 these standards or colors have no longer been carried in battle.

The Canadian system of standards and colors follows that of the British military. The squadron color presented to Canadian Forces air units is based on a "fringed and tassled silken banner" created by His late Majesty King George VI to mark the 25th anniversary of the Royal Air Force in 1943. Squadrons qualify for the award of colors after 25 years of active service or for especially meritorious operations.

In addition to their military significance, colors also have a semi-religious significance in that each color is consecrated by the chaplains to the service of the squadron, and the colors, when a squadron ceases to be an active unit, are laid up in a public or sacred building - under the care of religious authorities for preservation.

Each color for an air unit is emblazoned with the battle honors of the squadron and serves as the shrine of the squadron's traditions, a memorial to the devotion and sacrifices of the men of the squadron in years gone by, and an inspiration to those who continue to serve.

The color is honored as a symbol of the trust which the sovereign places in the squadron and as an emblem of its achievements. It is saluted by all military men and always moves under an armed escort.

It is in fact the squadron's most prized possession.



THE 407 SQUADRON Heraldic Badge consists of a winged trident, symbolic of maritime air power, breaking a black anchor, symbolic of Axis sea power. The motto is from the poem "In Flanders Fields". The motto was particularly apt at the time the badge was authorized because of the heavy losses being sustained. The Squadron has continued to be maritime oriented, and the badge remains a meaningful symbol of the Squadron's role.

BATTLE HONOURS

English Channel and North Sea	1941-1945
Bay of Biscay	1942-1945
Fortress Europe	1942
German Ports	1942
Atlantic	1943-1945
Normandy	1944

Squadron Reunion

Planned

In conjunction with the Standard presentation, the serving members of 407 Squadron are extending an invitation to all former "Demons" to attend a reunion. A tentative schedule of events follows:

Friday, 27 June: 1300 - 1700 Registration; 1800 Monster Mixed TGIF; Buffet dinner and dance.

Saturday 28 June: 1000 Squadron tour for visitors; 1400 Presentation ceremony; 1500-1630 Reception; 1815 Cocktails and Dinner; 2100 Semi-formal dance.

The program for Sunday 29th will depend upon transportation arrangements and other factors. However, a number of other functions are being considered.

After careful consideration of the costs involved, it has been decided that the Registration fee will be \$50 per couple, \$30 single, which will include all portions of the planned functions.

All former squadron members who are interested in attending the Standard Presentation and Reunion are asked to contact the Squadron at the address below at their earliest opportunity. Space may be limited and reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. It is emphasized that registration fees are fully refundable. It is hoped that all "Demons" interested will register prior to 1 May 1975 so that firm arrangements for the many facilities required can get under way.

Commanding Officer,
407 Squadron
CFB Comox, B.C.
V0R 2K0
Attention: Executive Officer



THE LOCKHEED P2V-7 Neptune entered Squadron service in 1958. The aircraft, from the same manufacturer as the Hudson, was designed from the ground up as a maritime patrol aircraft. The addition of a large number of modern detection devices greatly enhanced the Squadron's capabilities.



THE CANADAIER CP107 Argus arrived on 407 Squadron in 1968 to replace the aging Neptunes. Although the Argus did not offer significant increases in capability, it did offer nearly twice the range of the Neptune and had a large capacity for additional equipment which the heavily laden Neptune did not have.

First? Photo Fly Gal in CF 101



WITH CAMERA and safety equipment all checked out, Pat heads for 409 Sqn. Base Photos



AFTER AN INFORMAL BRIEFING, ... Base Photos

Pat Cross Goes Nighthawk

On a recent request from the Base Commander of CFB Comox to the Base Photo Section for a complete new series of briefing color slides, Pte. Pat Cross was selected to do the air to air shots in a CF101 Voodoo.

Pat comes from Lethbridge, Alberta where her father owns and operates the Cross Studios. Prior to joining the CAF, Pat attended a technical photo course at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton, which qualified her to P.L. 3 upon reporting to CFB Cornwallis, N.S.

She then spent five weeks in CFB Edmonton on contact training before proceeding to CFB Borden for her service photo course.

Pat arrived at CFB Comox last July and began her employment in the base photo section at that time. A short T.D. trip to CFB Cold Lake for the H.A.I. course qualified her

to fly in jet aircraft. As far as can be determined at this time, Pat is the first qualified T.L. 4 female photographer to have been employed as an airborne CF101 air to air photographer.

Pat has since received a letter of commendation for a job well done from the Base Commander. Our congratulations are also extended to you, Pte. Pat Cross of Base Photo.



SGT. BOB DUTCHIN, a Finance Clerk with Base Management Services, recently managed to get gonged by Lt. Cdr. Kitson, Senior Staff Officer, Financial Management at ADCHQ North Bay. Base Photo



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TENNIS CLINIC

A tennis clinic for all military personnel will be held at the Base Courts Wednesday, 23 April at 1330 hrs.

All interested persons wishing to learn the basics of this sport are asked to show up at the designated place with running shoes and a racquet.

For further information, please contact the PER staff.

"MAYTIME OR ANYTIME IS DEFENSIVE DRIVING TIME"

A Defensive Driving Course will be held in the Rec Centre Conference Room starting at 1900 hrs on 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th of April 1975, for Dependants 16 years of age and older.

All who are interested to attend or for more information please contact MSE Safety Local 263.

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Judo Jottings



JUNIOR JUDO CLASS - Back Row L-R: Lori Haughn, Mark Whorral, Gayle Robb, Sharon Beatty, David Byers, Donna Bergquist, Wendy Bergquist, Gary Van Nest, Steven Roberts, Bob-Jay Garrison. Front Row: Mike Staples, Ed Wilson, Rory Wilson.



Since this is our first report, we shall try to bring the readers up to date in a few short paragraphs. First off the Judo Club is now located in the base gym in the old fitness room. Last Dec. the Judo club selected a new president, chief instructor, who is also trying to be a reporter.

With the advent of a new club structure, a new constitution was written and passed. New grading syllabus was set down and training was revised along harder lines. As of the 7th of Jan. this year, the club came under my direction. Since I have no claim to fame, I tried to remould the club into a likeness that is being practised in other areas of the country. As with anything that is moulded, some of the material is lost and does not make it to the final product. So it was with the Judo club, past students and instructors who didn't fit the mould were lost. However, in most cases the end product will be finer without them.

Last week we held our first junior club tournament, in three weight classes. Winners were: In the heavyweight Steven Roberts, in the middle weight, Rob Wilson, and the lightweight, Billy Lavers. Our Sumnari of the month award went to Steven Roberts, for the best all around Judoka. There were outstanding fights in all divisions, some being: Steven Roberts and Ken Wilson had a very hard match most of it being in ground work. Mike Staples had his

match almost won, but got trapped in a holddown by Rob Wilson. The Lavers, Ed and Billy showed no brotherly love as they met in an outstanding match, Billy was the winner. Next time, who knows.

Of the many others who fought and names not listed "congratulations" to each of you. For you are the club, win or lose.

The club photos reflect the end result of some very hard work. Judo is not all the picturesque throws, it is 99 per

cent hard work, repeated many times to polish it into a recognizable technique. With the hot weather upon us our club will close the middle of June. Practice during the summer will be reduced to casual nights only. Remember there will be a club grading in May, if you're not ready by now, time has run out! In closing again our congratulations to our junior club champion, Steven Roberts.

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Sailing Club News

The weather for the Open House was straight out of the Comox Chamber of Commerce tourist brochure - brilliant sunshine, a spring crispness in the air and a wind which was strong enough to demand respect but gentle enough to be forgiving.

There was a good turn out of people who'd rather be sailing. The new members watched and asked questions while the more experienced

raced against the Comox Bay Sailing Club. Our Club won the afternoon's races against good competition. The second race was made more exciting by the unplanned (?) and unscheduled (?) convoy of ten towed whalers plowing through the regatta.

Last Saturday, the biggest ever Canadian Yachting Association White Sail Beginners Course got under way with twenty-four keen members who learned among other things that a rope can be a boom vang, mainsheet, halyard or a painter and that a boom can be a swinger. This is the first year that the sailing course is being taught to CYA standards.

The Club fleet consists of 5 plywood Mirror Dinghies, which are 10 feet 10 inches long, have 70 square feet of sail, are easily handled by two people, are not too fast but very seaworthy. The Mirror will continue to be the fleet boat of the Club, but the Executive have started the ball rolling towards the purchase of a keelboat, which would introduce members to another facet of sailing. A keelboat would permit us to provide training for a greater number of people on a larger, (Continued on page 9)

Glacier Greens

By GLEN CASLAKE
A Mixed 4 Ball Tournament was held at Glacier Greens on Sunday the 6th of April. We had a good turn out for this event, all told 65 people participated, which worked out to 17 teams for this 9 hole event.

First place was captured by the team of Larry and Ann Cote, Rick Cote and Stan Hodgson with a score of 33. Second place went to the team of Harry and Eileen Fee, Larry Harker, and Hal Dicks with a score of 35. Third place was won by the team of Ivan Grant, Mona Ledgard, Jamie Freeman and Hugh Knockwood with a score of 35.

Fourth place went to the team of Wally and Trudy Berger, Brian Uddenberg and Jack Adams with a score of 36. Fifth place was won by Garney and Carol Boutet, and Vic and Pattie Ingram with a score of 36. Sixth place was captured by the team of Doug Vaughan, Gord Smeeton, Larry Caldwell and Gen Beeher with a score of 36. Seventh and final place went to the team of Bob and Terry Sleigh, Randy Doan and Steve Kingens with a score of 37. The closest to the pin on No. 2 hole was won by Stan Hodgson. The longest drive on No. 5 hole was captured by yours truly, Glen Caslake.

Prizes consisting of golf balls were presented to the winners at the completion of play.

A very nice food spread was put up by the Ladies committee which was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. The weatherman was in favour of this event and we had beautiful weather for this time of year, which was enjoyed by all.

So let's see you all out at our next event at Glacier Greens, which is our Early Bird Tournament for Men - Ladies and Juniors to be held on Sunday the 20th of April, with Tee Off Time being 1000 hrs. So Adios, for now.

Ladies Golf News

The fair weather has seen the fair ladies out on the fairways the past two Wednesdays for Ladies Day at the Glacier Greens. Nineteen ladies were out on both the 2nd and 9th April. This number is most gratifying to the committee who work so hard towards making Ladies Day successful. There is still lots of room though for more of our members to come out and enjoy some golf and a social firmur at the nineteenth green. Please be at the Club by 8:45 a.m. at the latest, as this enables the Club Captain to organize foursomes ready for a prompt 9 a.m. start.

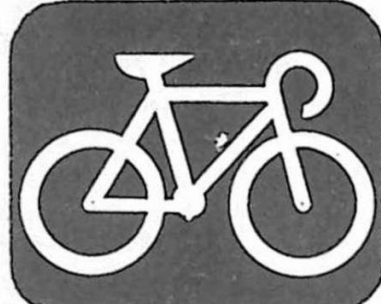
On the 2nd April Mr. Gary McWilliams was on hand to give the ladies a short talk on "golf etiquette". Don't forget to put your name in for the lessons starting on Monday, 21st April.

Winner for the 2nd April was Anne Lang and for the 9th April, Mona Ledgard.

The Club Early Bird Tournament is on Sunday, 20th April and Wednesday, 23rd April is Ladies Day, N.H.A. Tourney 1st Round. HDCP. Start 9 a.m. 18 holes. On Wednesday, 30th April it is Ladies Day, C.L.G.A. Pin Day. 18 holes. Start of Ringer Board. Start 9 a.m.

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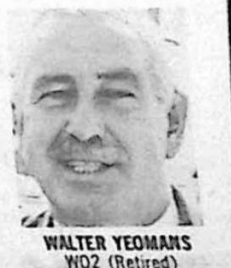
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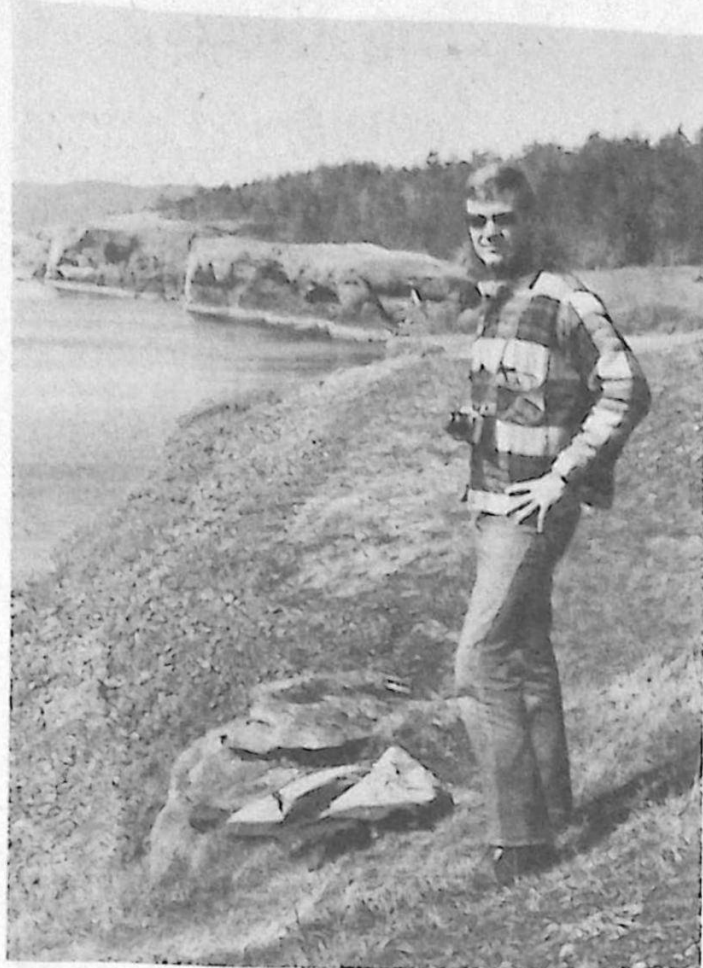
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**FIRST SPRING HIKE**

Harvey Gates, President of the recently formed Base Hiking Club, is shown here standing on a bluff overlooking the tranquil waters south of Hornby Island. Harvey, his family and a number of other small groups enjoyed the beautiful scenery of Helliwell Provincial Park during a (approximate) two hour trek through the virgin timber and around the sea shore over well used trails on a very sunny Saturday morning recently.

**Diving Club News**

Thereafter the meat is perishable and should be eaten or refrigerated immediately.

To shuck and prepare live abalone, force a heavy wooden wedge or tire iron tip between the meat and the shell; move the wedge around until the muscle falls from the shell. Cut off the stomach on the side that was attached to the shell, being careful not to break the sac. Wash the meat in cold water. Trim off tough dark portions around the edges of the meat with a sharp knife, cut across the grain into slices about 3/8" thick. Pound each slice with a wooden mallet until limp and velvety.

Fresh abalone will live for days if kept in a cool place and covered with a sack soaked in salt water. It is best to keep them in their shells until after you get home, provided the abalone is still alive.

Use light, rhythmical motion and pound evenly. If you prefer not to pound abalone, it may be put through a food chopper and minced.

It won't be long and there will be another 10 SCUBA divers in the area getting abalone, as a course has started even though there is no water in the pool. It seems that some preventive maintenance was done on the pool about a month ago and it hasn't been the same since. If it isn't fixed soon the open water will be used for the practical part of the course.

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FIRST SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION was celebrated by our Lady of the Sacred Heart Chapel on Sunday, April 13th. Left to right front row are: Bobby Morin, Glen Belliveau, Michelle Doyle, Peter Milan, Wayne Lyon, Sylvie Gagnon, Brad Campbell, and Ricky Kretschmann. Second Row: Shannon Townson, Kathleen Tingley, Monique Van Nest, Chantal Pelletier, Jennifer Poole, John Ouellette and Debra Redshaw. Third Row: Brian Kroepin, Carol Ann Kroepin, Brenda Semon and Darryl Dickins. Back Row: Father Francis Swoboda, Base Chaplain (RC), Noella Van Nest, Brenda Gardiner, Raymond Towse, Linda Betteridge, Christine MacKenzie, Michael Redmond, Michelle Grosvenor, Paul Thibodeau, Lea Buchan, Rebecca Ott, Mrs. Irma Cave, teacher, and Mrs. Jadwiga Sibierski, assistant teacher.

Thursday, Apr. 17, 1975

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World Day of Vocations

Father Francis Swoboda The World Day of Vocations for 1975 will be celebrated on Sunday, April 20th. This day as its name suggests is a day of prayer and reflection on the urgent need for an increase in vocations of Priests, Sisters and Brothers in order to continue the teaching and sanctifying mission of the church.

"The harvest is rich but the laborers are few." (Mt. 9:37; Lk. 10:2)

It is true that lay people, who are outstanding in faith and witness, are taking on responsibilities and carrying out "ministries" that assist the Christian vitality of their brethren and make the Christian message concrete in the midst of the realities of daily life. These are to be encouraged and commended for their exemplary witness.

But besides these Christ in His wisdom foresaw the necessity for consecrated Priests, Sisters and Brothers to carry out His ministry and to give specific witness to the Gospel.

Our Lord was very clear when He said to his Apostles: "Follow Me, and I will make you into fishers of men." (Mk

1:17). And they left their nets and followed Him.

To some few of his disciples, Christ said: "If you will be perfect, go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow Me." (Mk 10:21)

This special call of Christ to a young man or woman to the consecrated life of a Priest, Sister or Brother is a priceless gift. Through them Christ presents himself today as yesterday, as the one who

proclaims the measureless love of God the Father, as the one who brings pardon, heals the heart and brings fullness of life, as the one who invites us to build a new world upon truth and love. This is the Good News which is proposed to the faith of every Christian.



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Services of Confirmation

The Christian Church has experienced the joys of Easter with all the special religious celebrations. The Christian world has been awakened to the eternal promise of the glorious Resurrection. It has been the customs for the Christian Church to guide its members through a period of study and meditation that the influence of the Easter message might have a lasting effect throughout the year. It is during this season that "study groups" are organized and people are instructed in the deep meaning of Church Membership and Confirmation.

During the past three months Church Membership and Confirmation Classes have been conducted in the Protestant Chapel at CFB Comox. Study courses have been conducted to teach what the Christian Church believes about the following: "God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, The Nature of man, Sin, Salvation, Future Life, Christian Way of Life, The Bible and The Church." Then each special group has been given a special lecture of the meaning of their own Denominational position. This is one of the unique ex-

periences in the Canadian Forces, that members from all the Protestant Denominations can meet around the common table and study the Christian truths for Church membership.

On Sunday morning, 20 April, at 11:00 hours at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Comox, four candidates from The Protestant Chapel are being confirmed in the Anglican Church of Canada. On Sunday morning the Very Rev. B.W. Whitlow, the Bishop of British Columbia, Victoria, will confirm David Edward Boxall, Kelly Tanya Fern, Stephen Morand and Michele Audrey Greer. The Protestant Chapel is very grateful to the Rev. Tom Wilson for inviting the Protestant Chapel, CFB Comox, to share in this service.

On Sunday afternoon, 20 April, at 14:00 hours, Padre D.L. Martin will conduct a Baptism service at the Baptist Church in Campbell River. The following candidates, Barbara Jean Denton, Linda Marie Denton, and Ruth Ann Denton, are being Baptized by immersion and taken into the

membership of The Baptist Federation of Canada. The Chapel Committee of the Protestant Chapel expresses thanks to the Baptist congregation at Campbell River for their kindness and cooperation.

On Sunday, 27 April, at 11:00 hours a special Confirmation Service will be held at the Protestant Chapel. Captain the Rev. F.B. Jenkins, of the Protestant Chapel at Royal Roads Military College, Victoria, B.C. will be the United Church of Canada representative for this United Church Confirmation Service. The following candidates will be confirmed at this service: Susan Debra Beaton, Kathy Sue Cummings and Sharon Lynn Mortimer. A number of lay people will be assisting with the Confirmation Service including Mrs. Pearl Kingens, MWO H. H. Alstad, WO N. Dikur, Lt. R.R. DeLong and MCpl M. Denton.

Following the Confirmation Service the congregation is invited to attend a Fellowship Hour in the Chapel Annex where they may meet with the new Church members and guests.

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more stable platform. The keelboat would also be available for week-long cruises. The boat being considered for purchase is a Quatsino class, 26 foot sloop, with a 4 foot draught, 2½ ton

Sailing Club

Thank You

The ladies of the Protestant Chapel Guild would like to thank all those who donated baking, white elephant items, etc., for our "mini-bazaar" table at the Flea Market last Saturday. A special thanks to Terry Smith and Barbara Denton for delivering the flyers to PMQs, and to Donna, Brenda and Pat for their help at the Flea Market.

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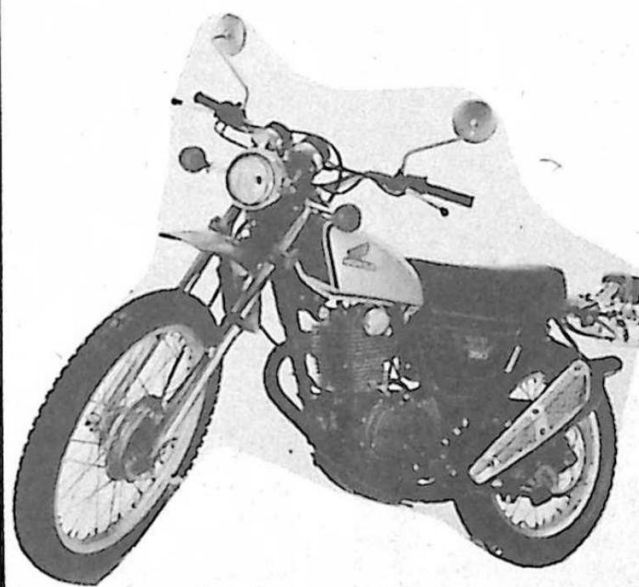
Club events coming up:
20 April - Mirror and Fireball Spring series.

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Pioneer Airman Dies

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development of Canadian civil aviation and organized and helped pilot the first trans-Canada flight.

In 1919 he accepted a permanent commission in the Royal Air Force as a wing commander, and was seconded to the Canadian Air Board. He returned to Britain in 1922 and served in various capacities, including flying from HM Ships Hermes and Courageous, two of Britain's early aircraft carriers.

In 1935 he became director of training for the RAF and was responsible for the training of many of the men who were to fight in the Battle of Britain. In 1938 he became air officer commanding the Mediterranean area, with headquarters at Malta, in the rank of air commodore.

He was primarily responsible for the creation of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, in that he

made representations to the RAF to establish flying training schools in Canada during the Second World War. He was appointed a member of the air council for training in Nov., 1940, and the following year was promoted to air vice-marshal.

He transferred to the RCAF in 1942, and two years later was promoted to air marshal and appointed RCAF chief of the air staff, a position he held until his retirement Sept. 1, 1947.

On March 11, 1948, the then defence minister, Brooke Claxton, announced that Air Marshal Leckie would "voluntarily devote much of his spare time to the Air Cadet movement," and subsequently he was appointed special consultant to the Air Cadet League.

Air Marshal Leckie is survived by his widow, Bernice, and two sons, Robin and John.

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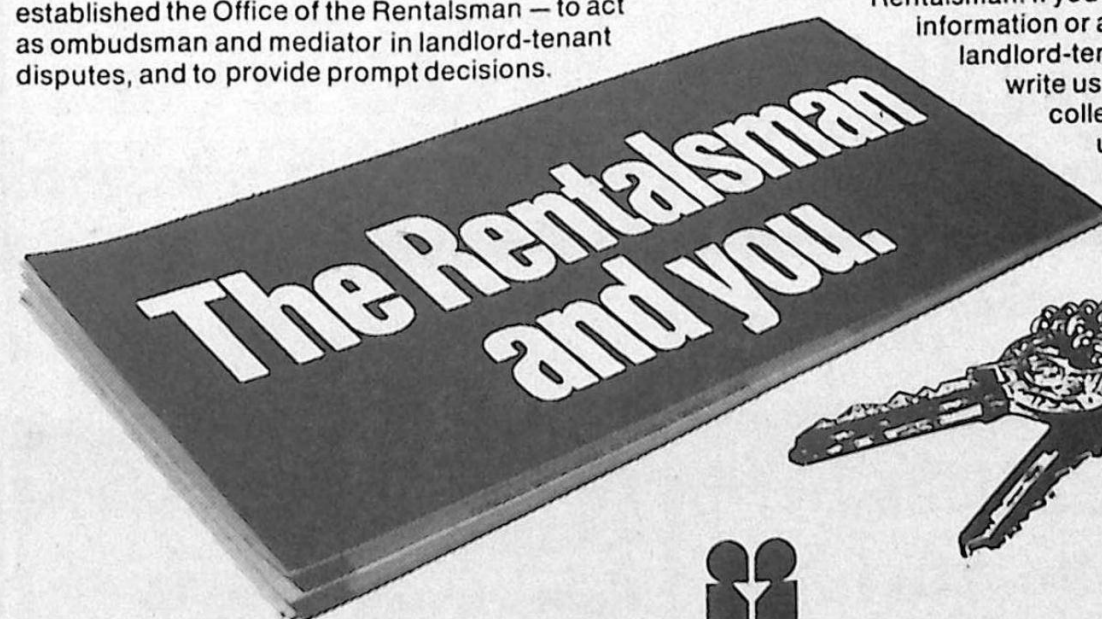
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Safety and the Metric System

Before very long, our existing and proposed safety standards will begin to reflect Canada's decision to adopt the metric system. It seems strange now to think of written, safe handling methods being required when employees are required to manually lift or move objects weighing 45 kilograms or more, or safe loads for chain hoists being measured and clearly marked in Tonnes - the official spelling of the metric ton.

Do we really need this change?

Perhaps the most telling argument in favor of the metric system over our own (if such arguments are necessary any longer) is the basis upon which we set our own standards.

The yard is legally defined in Canada as "nine thousand, one hundred and forty-four ten-thousandths of the international meter". Similarly, the pound is "forty-five million, three hundred and fifty-nine thousand two hundred and thirty-seven one-hundred millionths of the international kilogram". Our gallon is defined as a portion of a cubic metre.

Definition was established on the basis of the metric system because our own units had no realistic basis. Based on tradition, we have used standard units based on such things as "three barleycorns round and dry" for the inch, and the amount of land a man and a yoke of oxen could plow in one day as an acre.

Another example, which suggests by its extremity the illogical bases for our own standards, is taken from the legend of a German woodcut made in 1536 to define the length of a rod: "take sixteen men, short ones and tall ones as they leave church and let each of them put one shoe after the other and the length thus obtained shall be a just

and common measuring rod to survey the land with."

There have been attempts to establish common bases for measurement for centuries. The British were unwilling to accept the metric system from the French because it had emerged from the Revolution. The U.S. gallon was actually an attempt to standardize with the British Winchester wine gallon, advocated by John Quincy Adams, then President. Unfortunately, Adams was unaware that while Congress was doing so, Great Britain had decided to abandon the measure in favor of the Imperial gallon, defined as the volume of ten pounds of distilled water at a temperature of 62 degrees Fahrenheit. (The Canadian gallon is not the same, although it is only about one one-hundred-thousandths larger. The Australian gallon differs by an equally minuscule amount, even today).

In George Washington's first address to the Congress of the United States, he urged conversion to the metric system. The House of Representatives asked Thomas Jefferson, Secretary of State, to investigate the matter and "prepare a proper plan". Jefferson had lived in France and was aware of the system. Instead, however, he was taken with an unusual new system of measurement advocated by James Watt, and recommended it. Watt's system was never accepted, there or elsewhere.

This time metric conversion



-comfortable room temperature

is inevitable. Advancing technology has made minor size discrepancies unacceptable. World trade, especially as Europe gradually get a larger share, is no place for confusing and pointless standards. The Canadian economy is dependent on foreign trade to a greater extent than almost any nation on earth.

As we listen each day to the weather forecast giving temperatures in Celsius as the first impact of change, give some thought to the changes that are to come, and the Safety Standards that will become associated with them.

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SAFETY SAM

A group of young people in the PMQ area are creating many problems which are a sad reflection on themselves and on their parents. Hanging around behind residences, using foul language and leaving a mess in people's yards, then swearing at and insulting residents who become rightly annoyed is completely unacceptable in this community. Over the past few months the mindless vandalism and destruction of such things as baseball benches and bleachers and other such acts are becoming more commonplace. Many residents are complaining about such incidents, but not all are willing to reach out and get a grasp on the situation.

It will take all of our efforts, residents being bothered, and parents of those involved to put an end to this problem. Residents with complaints such as these should attempt to ascertain the identity of the young people involved. In cases of extreme provocation

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call the MPs and be prepared to step out and identify who did what and when. It is felt that for the most part, PMQ dependants are involved. It is up to parents to realize their responsibilities, and also the young people involved to realize theirs.

Harrassing and insulting ladies in their own yards and using loud and foul language is not mature responsible behaviour. The PMQ Council, Base Security Officer and Base Administration Officer are quite prepared to prefer charges against offenders. Discussions between your Mayor, and the previously mentioned personnel have confirmed our desire to stop this. Parents of offenders will be notified and requested to discuss this with their children. Repeated offences will result in charges being laid and if parents cannot or will not control their children it is within the Base Commander's power to order the vacating of a PMQ. It is hoped that no drastic action will be necessary and that the problem can be solved at the parent and young people's level, but it is up to everyone involved to step forward and take action.

Each resident will soon receive the names, addresses and phone number of their ward councillors. This will be in the form of a slip of paper to keep for future reference.

Residents who ordered shrubs and flowers may be able to hope for some action from the CE section soon as the Mayor has been informed that as much as possible will be provided. Don't hold out too much hope for large or exotic orders though. By now almost all PMQs should have received new dining room light fixtures. This was accomplished as a direct result of the improvement study last fall, some suggestions from residents, and the prompt action of the CE Section.

RECREATION Plans are shaping up for the coming ball season. We are generally pleased with the response for help from parents; however, the girls' league softball is sadly lacking in support. We barely have enough coaches for each team and they could all use a couple of assistants, as well as umpires. It seems in this day

and age of women's rights few people think of ball playing as a girls sport and are reluctant to help them.

Tonite, THURSDAY, APRIL 17 AT 8 p.m., there will be a coaches and umpires meeting at the PMQ School. All those parents that indicated on the registration form that they are willing to assist in the coaching and umpiring departments are asked to please be there, also anyone else that is interested in helping is invited to attend. If you can't make it but would like to help, call Dave Godfrey 339-3746.

Again this year we have 3 teams in the boys Peeewe softball division (Ages 7 - 9). In previous years all nine to twelve year old boys played hardball in the House League Division; however, this year, at the request of some coaches and many parents, we have allowed those boys with limited experience at age 9 to remain one more year in softball. Therefore we have some boys age 9 in both softball and baseball. Another change this year in the boys House League Baseball is the addition of a team from Tsolum District. Due to a dispute with the Courtenay division Tsolum was without a league in which to play. The Tsolum team is fully equipped and does not require any financial assistance from PMQ's; we therefore welcome them to join our league and feel that some out of town competition will only improve the enthusiasm and skills of our own boys.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 AT

10 A.M. All boys and girls signed up for ball this season are required to be at the PMQ School playground for the picking of teams. In the event of rain we will try for Sunday same time - same place. Due to the unusually low number of turnouts for Babe Ruth Baseball (13 - 18 yrs.), especially 13 year prep league, registrations are still being accepted. Anyone interested in playing please call our Babe Ruth co-ordinator

Graham Wilson at 339-2468 soonest.

In the next issue we will have more information for you about our Summer Program and our new Recreation Director Mrs. Gladys Wilson.

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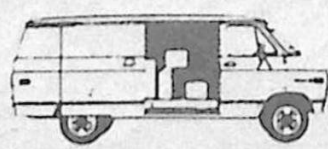
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