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This is an invitation to all BASE ORGANIZATIONS - Squadrons, Units, Sections, Messes; and BASE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS - Canex, Credit Union, Wallace Gardens, to sponsor a candidate for the MISS CFB CONTEST, to be held Dec. 15th and 16th.

Candidates must be female Service Personnel or female dependents, 16 yrs. by Jan. 1st, 1976 and not 21 before Feb. 8, 1976. The girls will be judged on personality, poise, speech and beauty.

The judges will be from all ranks, including a female representative. The winner will represent CFB Comox in the Comox Valley Winter Carnival to be held Feb. 1st to 8th, 1976. The sponsor is responsible for a \$25.00 entrant fee. For further information call G. Wilson at 339-2486, mornings to 11:00 and evenings after 16:00 hrs.

Maritime Exercise

Demons Down Under

Two 407 Squadron Argus long-range patrol aircraft based here departed Saturday, November 8, for exercises in Australia and New Zealand.

The exercise, named Tasmanex 75, the most ambitious Maritime exercise ever planned by New Zealand authorities, is to take place in the Tasman Sea from November 16 to 30, and will involve ships and aircraft from five nations.

The Canadian contingent will join crews of more than 40 aircraft from the Royal Australian Air Force, Royal Australian Naval Air Arm, the United States Navy and the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

The Canadian crews will operate from the Richmond Royal Australian Air Force Station near Sydney, one of five air bases involved in the exercise.

A twenty-two ship naval task force, including five tankers and support ships, will comprise conventional ships of the Royal Navy, Royal Australian Navy, United States Navy and the Royal New Zealand Navy.

Two Australian navy submarines will also take part.

The exercise will be conducted across the full breadth of the Tasman Sea, the first occasion on which a New Zealand sponsored exercise has been conducted in this manner. Opposing forces will sail from each side of the Tasman Sea and carry out a series of tactical exercises designed to test ships and aircraft in all aspects of maritime warfare.

The exercise command and control arrangements will be handled from Maritime Headquarters at Auckland and Sydney.

A wide range of aircraft taking part include Neptune, Orion, and Argus Long-Range Maritime Patrol aircraft, Skyhawk strike aircraft from the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal New Zealand Air Force and the Royal Australian Air Force F-111 swing-wing fighter-bombers.

Tasmanex will be under the joint direction of the Chief of Naval Staff, Rear-Admiral E.C. Thorne and the Chief of Air Staff, Air-Vice Marshal B.B. Bolt.

The Vancouver Island

based team is scheduled to return on December 6.

More Emphasis Required

The National President of the Royal Canadian Air Force Association, Walter A. Gryba of Ottawa, came out strongly for increased support of military and civil aviation when he spoke to a mess dinner of No. 1 Canadian Air Group in Baden, Germany on November 21st after the dedication of a Sabre memorial aircraft at the Base entrance, a joint project of 4 (Group Captain Buck McNair) Wing of the Association and 1 Canadian Air Group.

His presentation centred on the challenges that face Canada in the area of aviation and stressed the need for the public to be aware of and take action to ensure that National Defence was provided with adequate financial support and that continued development of civil aviation was undertaken to ensure the growth of our economy.



Base Photo

3 PPCLI "Piped" Aboard Cyprus Bound 707 Last Week

Creditors have better memories than debtors. (Proverb).



"Pats" In Meditation Prior To Takeoff

Base Photo

Vancouver Island

Limit Stays At 50

OTTAWA — Defence Minister James Richardson has announced that a maximum speed limit of 55 m.p.h. has been adopted by the Canadian Forces for its 11,000-fleet of vehicles using the nation's highways.

The move is part of an energy-saving program with implications throughout the Forces. Included is a gradual replacement of standard-size station wagons and staff cars by compact, sub-compact and intermediate-size vehicles.

Also under consideration are studies of aircraft and ships' performance to ascertain optimum fuel conservation methods, adjustment of air transport schedules, and more frequent cleaning of ships' hulls to reduce drag.

The Canadian Forces are forming energy committees at all commands and bases to monitor the use of all forms of energy. The committees are to identify and eliminate causes of unjustifiable use. Recommendations of committees will be studied to identify methods to stimulate forces-wide fuel conservation practices.

Mr. Richardson said that short-term restraints adopted by the Forces during fiscal year 1974-75 resulted in savings of 2.9 million gallons of fuel and 26 million kilowatts of electrical power. This resulted in cash savings of \$1.7 million, the minister said, and that the new program will result in even more dramatic savings.

Mr. Richardson considers that the defence department, as a large user of energy within the federal government, should set a leading example of support for the federal government's energy saving program.

Action Called For

The Royal Canadian Air Force Association, following its policy of dynamic action in the fields of civil and military aviation, approved several resolutions at its 1975 Annual General Meeting in Edmonton in October. Several of these bear on important aspects of our national development.

The Association — called on the Government to remove the special 10 per cent excise tax on non-commercial aircraft.

— encouraged the Government to make compulsory the installation of Ground Proximity Warning Systems in aircraft over 12,500 lbs.

— encouraged the Government to proceed with a replacement for the Argus reconnaissance aircraft.

— recommended to the Government that ex-servicemen's pensions be indexed to the cost of living immediately upon retirement.

— asked the Government for more specific rules for guidance in flying the Canadian flag.

— asked the Department of

National Defence to maintain the Cadet Instructor List at its current level.

— encouraged the Chief of Defence Staff to provide identity for former Navy, Army and Air Force members who now serve in support trades in the Forces.

— asked the Government of Canada to ensure that the safety of aircraft remained paramount over language considerations in the field of air traffic control.

— adopted a cumberbund and tie manufactured of RCAF Tartan as items of formal dress for Association members and encouraged the Chief of Defence Staff to incorporate them in formal dress for the Air Operations Branch.

— resolved that the National Headquarters, Groups and Wings and individual members of the Association attempt, through a major publicity campaign, to gain public support for National Defence.

The Association has had a good track record in

achieving results from its resolutions in previous years and is confident that the Federal Government and the Forces will give serious consideration to those now being promoted.

Flip Money

OTTAWA — The Canadian Armed Forces will spend an additional \$748,620.00 in several British Columbia centres between now and next May to carry out selected winter works projects under the Federal Labor Intensive Program (FLIP).

Work will take place in Comox, Chilliwack, Esquimalt, Kamloops, Holberg, and Massett, and will involve activities classified under general labor, minor maintenance and administrative support.

Funds have been allocated as follows: Comox, \$156,600; Chilliwack, \$128,200; Esquimalt, \$382,720; Kamloops, \$3,000; Holberg, \$24,100; and, Massett, \$56,000.

Work in the general labor category under FLIP may include such projects as stores handling, kitchen help, snow removal, brush clearing, driving and cleaning.

Minor maintenance covers repair and maintenance of buildings and works, while the administrative support category involves projects using clerks, typists, draftsmen and general office help.

The B.C. program will be controlled by the Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters in Esquimalt.

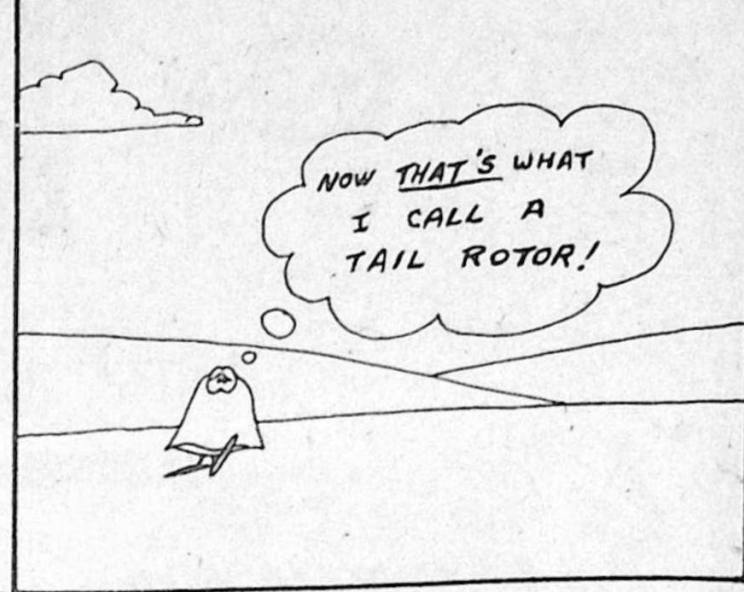
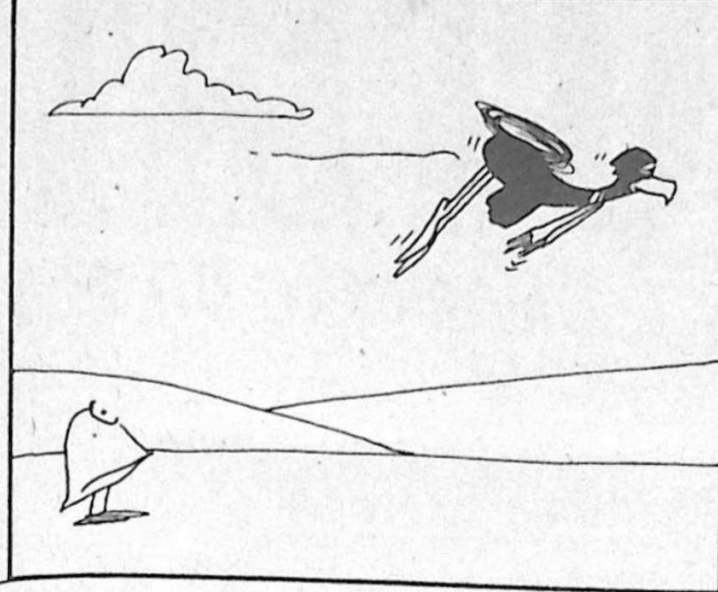
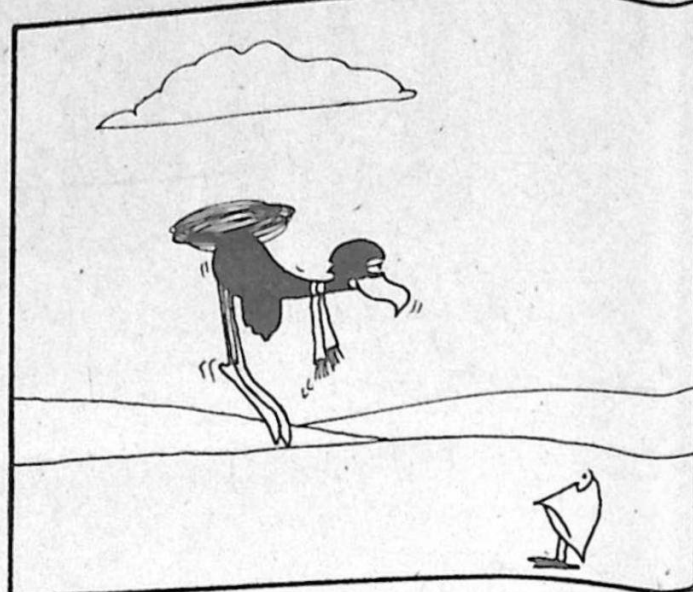
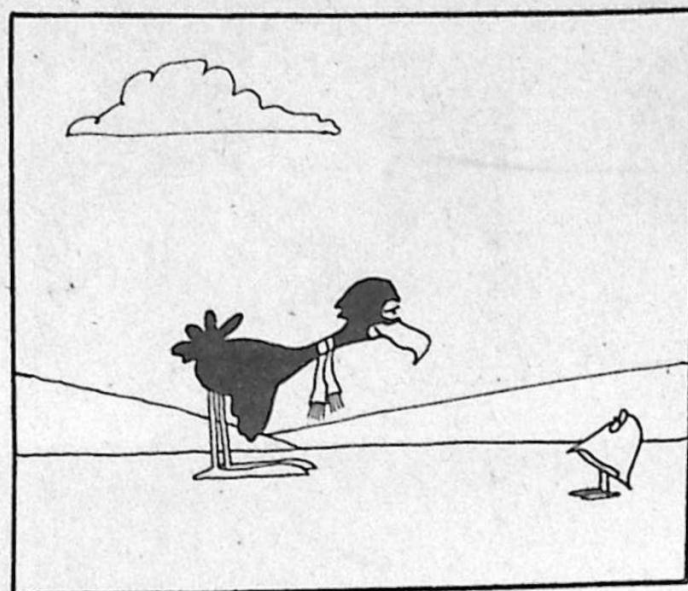
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Suit of the Month

The heavy rainfall of the last few weeks has made black the "in" color. Shown here is M. Comox Valley '75, just after emerging from the "Lewis Lake". This fall creation (costume accoutrements) is in big demand by local and is considered by them to be a last survival prior to the coming of the winter. The costume was made at CFB Comox and was shown at the 17 November, 1975, fashion show. It was much flatter than the Courtenay

CUDGEL STEW by Rick St. Germain



~ NORMAN GOES ROTARY (FOR A WHILE) ~

Demon Doins

CREW THREE

Capt. Hunter and Crew 3 were overnight guests of HMCS Provider Oct. 21 to 22. An interesting tour of Marpac Ops and HMCS Rustyguts was enjoyed by all present. A scenic tour of B.C. Highway 19 topped off the fun filled two-day visit to Dark Blue Territory. All involved look forward with much eagerness to their next visit.

CREW TWO

Crew 2 is nobly rushing around these days preparing for Longex. For awhile, it was uncertain as to whether or not the pilots would get back from ZX in time to accompany the crew.

After a 24 hour delay, the Boeing finally got started on its Eastern flight then the 720 was delayed coming out of its periodic in ZX, then it lost some vital flight systems

after T.O. and finally on the next attempt, had to detour through the "states" to avoid bad weather on the way home. Through all this, Capt. Dave Wrenn, Maj. Ken Allen, Siggy Wiedner, Pete Cauchon, Herb Lightfoot and Eric Matheson persevered to bring 720 home. "PER ARDUA AD ASTRA".

CREW FIVE

Once more Crew 5 found its way across the vast expanse of ocean to Hawaii. Our walking guests were Maj Rose, Capt Taylor and Lt DeLong. The WX as usual was par excellent. The cold beer offered at the other end was heartily welcomed.

The following day it was off to the PX's to get in a little shopping. Unfortunately a power outage shut down Pearl and Hickam for a day so it was off to the beaches. Honauma bay was the popular

spot. LCdr Jerry Watson is credited with the first sighting by a Canadian of a Peter Jackson fish (Latin - smallus boxus withus tinyus spotus).

The fickle finger of fate award goes out to Reid Delong for fighting with a sea urchin and coming out second best.

The observers got together and rented a little cottage by the sea - after all why go to Hawaii and not be by the surf. Vic Jordan and his mates extended an invitation for all air and ground crew to partake in a wine and steak party.

George Giles, a gentleman of leisure that he is, provided the wine. George is a very conscientious consumer. He shopped around until he found the exact wine to suit the pocket book and at the same time enlighten the ardent wine connoisseur.

The result "POLAR BEAR WINE" - 90 cents per bottle - must be served "incredibly cold!" The price was right but with the tongue frozen the full taste (was there any) of the wine could not be appreciated.

It has been rumored that after Bob Delorme saw the movie "Jaws", he was happy to do his surfing in the bath tub; Wayne Lachepelle acted as life guard.

On the home front we welcome back Al Scott and Mike Gibbs. In September, Smokey Alexander and Bob Delorme received their CD's. Time sure flies when one's flying.

By the time this column gets to press the crew should be somewhere in the vast Vancouver Island wilderness living off the land in Survival Training.

Nighthawk's Nest

Well, for the past two weeks activity around the squadron has been at a minimum. Fast Eddy and Mike McKay recently returned where they were away on TD in Winnipeg for the HAI course. After an SOP Takeoff, the famous words "I have control" turned the otherwise docile T-33 into a bucking, plunging beast of terror: However, aircraft control was eventually regained when about an hour later and 40 miles west of Calgary, the legendary and speedy Ed recaptured the elusive pole.

Seconds later, all hell broke loose as a giant invisible hand grabbed the aircraft and proceeded to shake, rattle and roll us beyond comprehension, much as a giant would dislodge damp salt from the bottom of a salt shaker. I asked Eddy right away if he wanted me to take it again while at the same time I thought I did a great job in keeping him advised of the position of the fluctuating altimeter needle.

30 seconds later, relative peace and quiet again resumed and continued for the rest of the trip broken only by the occasional chuckle from the back seat. It wasn't quite so funny the next day however, when we tried to sign out the aircraft and found out that it was unserviceable for excessive "G". So our two intrepid aviators spent another night among the bright lights of downtown Winnipeg.

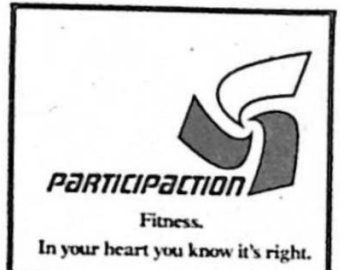
On a more official note, I would like to announce on behalf of my 409 Sqn superiors that Ron Headstrong has been officially designated our squadron AI approach officer. It seems that just recently,

Ron did a beautiful job in directing Tom Goodall to an approach on Runway 29. It wasn't till the final stages when Radar asked him to confirm what he was doing that Ron realized that he was going the wrong way. Blithely, Ron tried to con us by saying he was directing Tom to an overhead position for a dumbell approach to 11. This was immediately met by jeers and guffaws of disbelief. Nice try Ron.

Bob Lamb, who has just returned from Staff School, wishes to pass on the information that 96 more members of the CAF have once again had their sense of humour tested in the military way - and survived. Bob can now be seen madly shuffling his briefing slides trying to get them into staff school approved order. It looks like he is not succeeding.

Hazen Codner has been sporting a new cast these days. Delegated to the back ranks and, having his aircraft taken away from him, Hazen has been seen spending his time running the Stimulator and sitting in the Snake Pit recounting how he played two hockey games with a broken elbow before it was diagnosed as such. Tough? No - dumb. Seriously though, Hazen, picking bone chips out of the net isn't my idea of performance even though the shot was stopped.

Well, all of you have



probably heard that, apart from the extreme isolation, boredom and long hours that we 409'ers have to work with in the QRA, we have to live with the snoring of Paul Gill, Hazen Codner, John Bourchier and Molly to name a few. Well, we have another threat to contend with. The Wick Spooner does not snore in the QRA. He groans. Now can you imagine what this is like to live with? So to you, Mike, one warning and one warning only. Keep groaning. It keeps the snorers awake. Rumor of the Week:

Canada's new proposed fighter is the BD-5J.



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The Gravel Pit

Air traffic control at Comox hosted a representative hockey team from ATC Vancouver on Monday the third of November. The M.O.T. team arrived Monday at noon and after an official face-off by the Base Operations Officer, Col. Carney, the contest began. The Comox team was composed of the players from our "B" division intersection hockey team and after scoring early in the game went on to defeat the visitors by an eleven to two victory. Our team and the many fans present will attest to the fact that the score does not indicate the calibre of play as it

was an evenly matched two teams that participated. Outstanding goal tending by John "mini-ken-dryden" Fader gave us the edge.

The M.O.T. players were most appreciative of the welcome and the use of base facilities, and at this time I would like to extend to all the sections that assisted us in this undertaking, the thanks of all ATC staff at Comox, players and fans.

A challenge has been issued by the M.O.T. team for a rematch and a chance to win the plaque that was made for the game. The game will take place in Vancouver, and we have no doubt the plaque will

return to its present place of residence, the wall of the RATCON offices.

In keeping with the hockey theme of this article, I would like to remind all readers that Intersection hockey has been under way for a month now, and it is a rewarding, surprisingly interesting form of cheap entertainment for anyone interested in coming out. We play Monday nights from 1900 hrs on and on Wednesdays at 1830 until casual skating and after casual skating. An additional game is played on Friday afternoons at 1415. Ten teams of both "A" and "B" variety play at these times, and it is

well worth the effort to come out to cheer for your own section or to just be entertained.

For those of you that do not know, the ATC team is now holding a five wins, one loss record, and the team is composed of three quarters of the ATC section. We also have three Nav Aids techs and two Telecom techs playing for us, and they represent their respective sections very well. We are playing the team that beat us on Friday afternoon, the 28 Nov. at 1415 hrs and it should be a good one. Skip your sports afternoon and come on out and watch some hockey.



COL. D. E. CARNEY drops the puck for the official face-off for the game between CFB Comox Air Traffic Control, and their civilian counterparts, the M. o T. Comox in the dark sweaters is represented by M. Cpl. W. E. Wright, and Mr. Dan McLoud on the left, the M. o T. Final score, Comox 11, Vancouver 2. Base photo

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The Honourable Alex Macdonald
Minister Responsible for Energy

Andrew R. Thompson, Chairman
British Columbia Energy Commission



Ol' Number R60053 Put Out To Pasture

After 35 years plus 2 months of service with the RCAF and CF, CWO Harry Fee has cleaned out his desk for the final time. He left without telling the troops what went on at Cooking Lake during the period May 1946 to June 1947. Would you believe over

40 TD trips in and out of that fishin' hole? Harry and his wife, Eileen, plan to remain in the local area and can be reached at home in Royston.

407 Tech Ramblings

Just in case you haven't yet picked up your tickets for the Demon's annual social highlight, just a small reminder that the all-ranks Christmas party will kick off in the Rec Centre at 2000 hours, Friday, Dec. 19th. Bus schedules for this gala affair will be distributed to all sections so, in the event that you anticipate indulging in a bit of bottled sunshine, please use this service - it is provided for your protection. As per usual, Vancouver Island's largest motorized punch bowl will be in operation with its taps dispensing "Demon Dew" which, to the uninitiated, is commonly known as hydraulic fluid punch. Food will be hips of beef with all the trimmings while the dancing and entertainment musical requirements will be catered to by the "Campa Stage Band" and the "Music Factory". Oh yes, there'll also be a couple of sides of beef offered as door prizes and another draw for a case of 12 Royal Guards.

ARMAMENT ANTICS
So many of our shop personnel are away on either courses or deployments that there's hardly anyone left around to talk about; however, our numbers have been increased slightly as the "BC Rain Forest" welcome mat goes out for newly arrived Cpl Pat Sweezy and Pte Neil MacLean. Pat comes to us via the Petawawa brown job route while Neil is a recent graduate from CFB Sand Dunes.

We understand that old "Have a Heart" Zielke is trying to make the base bowling team and that he has been given his age as a handicap. You know the old saying, Art, "Old bowlers never die, they just lose their balls!"

Our only (thank goodness) female in the section succeeded in stopping everyone cold last week when she was detailed to answer all incoming phone calls and promptly asked if this also gave her the authority to make the requisite decision. The immediate reaction of the poor old WO and his Sgt was a near heart attack, Jack

Huffman hid in the retro room, Art Zielke locked himself in the tool crib and the rest of the crew hasn't been seen since.

In case your are still wondering Gloria, the answer is "NO".

ED'S NOTE: A running mate for Gloria arrived on the base during the night and apparently had not yet reported to the section at the time of writing. Pte (W) Cunningham should be on inventory as you read this.

It seems that Cpl (cry me a river) Holt is currently reading the story of the Ancient Mariner - something to do with water in the adobe hacienda. Don't worry, Gary, the rains will have stopped ere July rolls around again.

Ever since our "Boss" became the editor of our beloved fishwrapper, we have witnessed a parade of strange people passing through the shop. It all started with a LCol who was looking for a photograph of his boys in south east Asia, then came Lt (Scuba Tanks) Begin, followed by the crusty old Chief (they never offered me an extension) Brown and finally Lt (I'm only the advertising manager) Legault.

We now answer our phone, "Totem Times, Armament Desk." Anyway, it's lots of fun and life would be pretty dull without a daily ration of organized confusion.

AVIONICS SERVICING
Greetings from the "Slackards" as we are sometimes known by the rest of the servicing gang. We are currently experiencing a rash of inter-crew exchange visits thanks to the departure for down under of Sgt Norm Smith, MCpl Priday and Cpls Pond, Hagar, Hillaby, Ledrew, Reid, Brown and Hamilton. May they meet with success in their efforts to show those "dumb grasshoppers" how to hop.

Congratulations are in order for Arnie Jepsen on his recent appointment to MCpl, farewell to John Martin as he heads east for his PL5 course and welcome back to Sgt Mercer and Cpls Blackmore and Buchanan who have been learning the intimacies of the Argus in the Land of

Evangeline. We have also noticed that Cpl. Zaleschuk has been walking about with his head high in the air since his return from the down island charm school.

Our Xmas party is on the 19th this year so let's all come out and ho, ho with Santa and, rather than donate to the Policemen's Ball, as some of our esteemed members have been known to do in the past, leave the driving to Santa. Seasons Greetings to all and may the Tooth Fairy be nice to our WO this Xmas.

We of Avionics Servicing extend to Chief Harry Fee our best wishes for a happy and prosperous retirement which we trust will not find him lonesome for the solid support he has occasionally received from us with respect to our "Totem Times" submissions.

ASW LABS
Now that the rains have abated for a few days, a quick head count of the lab indicates that no one was washed away, with the possible exception of Sgt Al Tomlinson, but that's another story.

For various reasons, however, we do have the usual number of missing persons including Sgt Andy Croitor and Cpl Jim Hagar who are sojourning "down under", Cpl Gene Prystay who gladly volunteered for a week of BDF training and Cpl Bill "what's the smell" Ouellette has taken some leave to clear his sinuses. Bill's latest request for a direct phone line between the APS 20 bench and the fire hall is being considered. Meanwhile, Pte J.P. Lavoie is filling in for Bill on the bucket brigade.

We take this opportunity to say farewell to CWO Harry Fee who has reminded us so many times in the past of Tech Ramblings deadlines: he now turns the reins over to CWO Russ Bush who will do the bugging in the future.

Getting back to that other story, what do you make of a guy who blames a "foggy scope" for a missed shot? Sounds more like a case of a foggy eyeball to us.

SERVICING SNICKERS
Here we are at long last with a bit of gen from the ASO section.

Lt Delong is presently down

in the cold east where he is absorbing yet another course, this time in Hog Town. He should be back with us sometime in early December when we'll be able to judge whether or not he is becoming overtrained as the result of his academic endeavors.

No. one crew is back up to strength now that their resident wet back has returned from touring the western provinces with the recruiting mobile display unit. We are happy to have his smiling countenance back in our midst and, if his recruiting sales pitch is indicative of his performance on the road, the recruiting units should be doing a land office business.

Mike Dandurand is now a proud pere as his wife recently presented him with a brand new son and heir. He claims that the loss of sleep attributable to these early morning feedings are hard on an old man - he should have thought of that nine months ago.

MCpls Boucher and Yager are preparing to leave the fold with Paul heading for North Bay and Gerry slated to take up residence in Edmonchuck. We wish them both all the best at their new units.

We trust that our down under travellers are enjoying

themselves as well as providing a smooth operation under the guidance of Major Poole and Tex Peters.

Jerry Marks has just returned from the ZX knowledge bin and assures us that he is now a full fledged Argus tech. He also advises that our flying machines have two more engines than he had previously been aware of and that they use more oil than he had ever dreamed possible.

The welcome mat is out for WO Bob Adams who is the new crew chief on 3 Crew and who came from the garden of the gulf to join us here on beautiful Vancouver Island. We trust that his hired help will have him fully trained within the next few months.

Our farewells go out to Chief Harry Fee who, after 35 plus years, is retiring from the (RCAF). He has been our Tech Adj for the past several years and, from all of the boys in the ASO organization, our best wishes to him and his wife for a very happy retirement.

407 Sqn. STECHO Coffee Fund
goes for a chop. It is rumored that the first blow against inflation is to be made within the 407 Sqn. STECHO Coffee Klatch.

A cup of coffee will revert to 5 cents per - the lowest price in North America - in honor of the retirement of our "Chief". We will drink many a merry cup in toast to Chief Fee and seriously wish him well, good hunting and good fishing in his retiring days.

ONE OF TORONTO'S first horse drawn street cars attracts the attention of a young airman in 1940.

Daring Rescue

OTTAWA - A hazardous, night-time helicopter rescue, involving a hunter stricken with heart attack, has earned official commendations for three Canadian Forces members from the chief of the defence staff, General J.A. Dextraze.

Cited were Captain Larry G. Fischer, 33, Ayton, Ont., Capt. Earl T. Whalen, 45, Halifax, and Master Corporal William M. King, 39, St. John's, Nfld. All were members of the Petawawa-based 427 Tactical Helicopter Squadron in the time of the incident, in the early morning hours of Sept. 28, 1973. Whalen and King still

serve at Petawawa, and night-time helicopter rescue, Fischer now is with Edmonton's 435 Transport Squadron. Fischer, as pilot, with Whalen as co-pilot, flew a twin-engine Huey helicopter to an isolated area near Foran Dam, P.Q. about 30 miles northeast of Petawawa. MCpl King was the crewman.

Fog and haze forced the crew to fly by instruments, and a complicated radio-telephone link eventually was established between the helicopter and the hunting party. The hunters were in-structed to flash their vehicle lights to assist in spotting them.

After spotting the vehicles, Whalen called out altitude and air speed readings to the pilot, while MCpl King hung out the door to give directions on clearing ground obstacles. Because of low-hanging clouds, helicopter landing lights were useless in the descent.

At that time the search and descent had consumed about 60 per cent of the helicopter's fuel load, permitting only one descent at the site before having to return to base at Petawawa.

The rescue was successful on the first try, and the stricken hunter was loaded on a stretcher and flown to the Pembroke General Hospital. Ten minutes remained of the helicopter's 2 1/2 hour fuel supply. The crew would have been justified in deciding the mission was impossible and returning to base, said the Squadron commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Donald McNaughton. However, they were reluctant to do so until all possibilities had been exhausted, he said. Their action probably saved the hunter's life, added Col. McNaughton.

Pioneers made fences from pine roots, cedar rails and rock taken from the fields.

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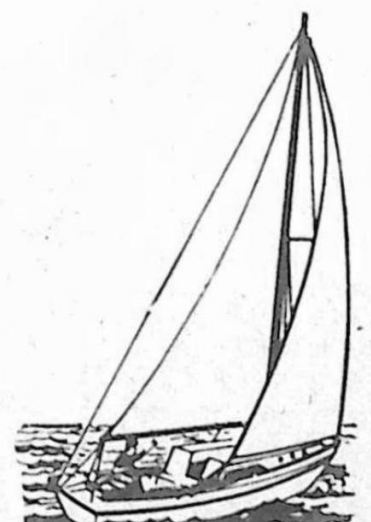
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From The Fur-Lined Foxhole

The Provincial election, recently announced for Dec. 11th has, I suspect, taken almost all of us by surprise. It is a significant political event and will be the subject of much discussion as the weeks go by. What has almost passed unnoticed, however, are the municipal elections which were held November 15. This is a pity because those who govern us municipally also have a significant impact on our daily lives. To a large degree, they determine what kind of community we live in and how and in what manner it is to change and grow.

Don't grumble and bind about the politicians, as many do, go and talk to them and try to see their point of view. Ask them straight out what they stand for (in 500 words or less) and why you, as a voter, should vote for them or their party. Talk, discuss, question and of course vote. If you don't vote, then you don't have the right to grumble. If you do, then grumble as much as you like regardless of who wins.

I can't subscribe to the popular opinion that most politicians are somewhat shady, self-seeking individuals, prone to corrupt ways. My experience has been that they are, by

and large, honest public minded people trying to help their community, province or country as best they can. They are no better nor any worse than any other group.

They are, of course, more vocal, more visible and absolutely open to criticism, justified or not. They are necessary to make the democratic process work.

No matter how badly we feel that we are being served by a particular politician or party, we must not react by not voting. Even voting for the lesser of 2 evils is to exercise a choice and to exercise a choice is to have freedom.

Sure it's inefficient, slow, at times ineffectual and open to corruption and abuse, but it can be made to work. Remember Churchill's statement about Democracy being the worst form of government, except for all the rest. Well, if you don't vote in these elections, then you have in your own way voted for one of those other systems. Besides, as the Military, we are pledged to support this system with our lives if need be. The very least we can do then is to support it at the polls.

Guest Editorial

"O, What a Tangled Web"

"O what a tangled web we weave," said Robbie Burns 200 years ago. The Canadian economic scene had yet to make an appearance, but if Burns could have seen it, he would probably have written the same thing.

We live in a world of demand versus counter-demand, of charge and counter-charge, even of effect and counter-effect. Not a little of all this confusion is created by the great prominence being given labor's often irrational clamour for parity and pecking order. Those afflicted by the parity syndrome seem always to demand equality with whomever is the highest paid, whether the other person is in the same occupation or not. The meatcutters' representatives say the longshoremen are worth more than \$20,000.00 a year. "Why, they ask 'Isn't the meatcutter worth the same amount of money?'"

Even when the demands are not so wide-ranging, they still insist on parity with somebody who can be considered in similar employment. For instance, policemen in one Canadian community might seek parity with those highest paid in the nation.

ICBC workers may want parity with Hydro employees, but B.C. woodworkers are studiously ignoring their U.S. counterparts. The reason? B.C. Forest workers already get considerably more than the employees of our American competitors.

Woodworkers want more just because everyone else is getting more.

It used to be that a settlement meant that everyone went back to work until the next round of negotiations. These days, if another group in the same industry gets a higher settlement, the demand from the first is to reopen the contract.

To make matters worse, where there has traditionally been a differential in wages, no effort is spared to maintain that difference, regardless of what it does to the final settlement.

Economic wisdom, even common sense, have been thrown out the window in this madcap game of wage catch-up

and parity. One wonders if the eventual outcome might not be one common wage for everyone. Yet that is obviously not what people want. They still yearn for a higher place in the pecking order.

The other anomaly in the labour scene at the moment is the very real damage which a union brother does to other union brothers. Not malicious or intentional perhaps, but damage none the less.

The pulp workers picket operations employing woodworkers who are not on strike. The woodworkers are effectively removed from employment because it is against their principles to cross a picket line.

Transport drivers delivering beverages go on strike, supplies of beverages dry up, beverage rooms run out of products and lay offs occur, more lost wages, more inconvenience and hardship to families.

If the postal workers go on strike, it is really not a strike against the government and the post office, in effect it is a strike against the general public, including every other union brother. If, as a result of a postal strike, business financing slows down, orders become slack, mail order houses cannot work and lay offs occur, it is a direct effect of one union's action against the livelihood of its brothers and sisters in the labour movement as well as a great many other non-union employees.

No matter how uncomfortable or disastrous strikes may be, we still have a majority of union members authorizing their leaders to take strike action. We can therefore assume that unions accept responsibility for their actions. It surely is a tangled web!

Labour management affairs and labour demands are very sensitive areas embodying emotions as well as economic aspirations. But surely when labour, management and the public look at this unhappy situation existing today, there just has to be a way to untangle the web. All of us had better set about finding it.

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Firing Away

We have become so used to electrical living that we take our electrical devices for granted. Electrical cords are a good example. People walk on them, overload them, yank them out of sockets, children play with them, and some of them are even chewed on by mischievous pets.

Here are a few simple rules that, if followed, will help prevent electrical fires.

- 1) Buy only those electrical appliances which have the approved label of Canadian Standards Association, Underwriters Laboratories or Factory Mutual.
- 2) Electric motors are dangerous if they are not oiled periodically and kept free of dust and lint.
- 3) Always use a non-

combustible insulated pad, such as asbestos, with electric irons, soldering irons, and other such heated devices.

4) When cords become frayed, have them replaced immediately.

5) Never place cords under rugs. Cords should not be hung on nails, over piping or behind radiators.

6) Beware of "octopus" wall outlet fittings which will allow five or six extension cords in a single socket.

7) If the insulation on an electric cord becomes hard and brittle, it is a danger signal. The cord is being overheated, possibly by overloading or by short-circuiting. Call a qualified electrician immediately.

8) If you notice the lights dimming when one of the electric motors in your house starts up, it is another danger signal. It is a sure sign that the circuit is overloaded and that the motor should be moved to a separate circuit.

9) Do not place the back of a TV or radio against other furniture. The back of a set contains heat vents and the set becomes dangerous if the air cannot circulate through them.

Not too much exciting has happened at the "brick Fire House" since last issue. We have had a couple of transfers; Cpl. Frank Kirkham is going to sea for a couple of years and Sgt. Tom Cranidge is going to Alert for six months. It seems as if some sergeant in Summerside wanted to go but Tom talked him out of it. Must be nice to have friends in postings and careers, Tom.



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Letters to the Editor

Fox Hole Under Attack

After reading your article on Remembrance Day, I was left with the feeling that you have little faith in today's generation. I am a servicewoman but I have only 7 years service so I guess I fall into your category of "untested" - untried or unproved.

November 11th isn't just "another day away from the office" for me. I remember the vast numbers of men and women who died in the wars, who fought to let us keep our freedom, enabled their children to grow up freely in a country they loved. We were at war then and they gave their best and many of them gave their lives to make sure we had all the opportunities that they didn't.

Our role is of a different nature now. The CAF is indeed a well-trained force but a peace keeping force; striving to prevent another World War from reoccurring.

Your article, to me, reads that I would have to die for my country to prove myself. Well, I live for my country. I wear a uniform I am proud of, I march on parade, salute our flag, sing our national anthem and I feel proud.

I was privileged to have a tour of duty with 437 (T) Sqn. During my tour I flew all over the world. I had tiny Canadian flags to give to people of the countries I visited. When I gave one of these mementoes to a customs man, a bell-hop, a salesclerk or a small child and they smiled and pinned it on, believe me, I felt proud to be both a Canadian and a servicewoman. And even then I knew it wasn't for all our war veterans and so many who died for us, it may not have been possible.

Remembrance Day does

have great meaning for me and I think it has meaning for a lot more people than you give credit. I have great respect for the aged and aging veterans and I remember the sacrifices made, but not only on November 11th, all the time; when I see a veteran, when I pass a cenotaph, or when I visit my parents and see the rows of small white crosses and statue erected as

a memorial to the dead. I remember.

This past November 11th there were a handful more to remember. The servicemen who have died in the Middle East; gave their lives, not so much for a Canada at War but in support of peace for the world. Did you remember them?

Cpl. S. Robinson
407 Sqn.

Perry's Delight

Dear Sir:

On Nov. 12 Premier Dave Barrett announced during a speech to students at Cariboo College in Kamloops. "A law barring foreign purchase of land in B.C., including land for industrial purposes, would be one of the first priorities of an NDP government if the party wins the Dec. 11 general election."

One of the items that Barrett has failed to mention in his announcement is American reaction to this type of legislation. For example:

- 1) C. J. Johnson, chairman of county commissioners, said he favors good relations with Canada, but added that Barrett's proposal isn't acceptable.
- 2) Land in Johnson's county has been heavily sought after by Canadians, who are using American developments for recreational purposes.
- 3) Canadian ownership of

some developments, he said, is as high as 97 per cent.

4) Canadians own 85 per cent of Sudden Valley.

5) They own 86 per cent of Mt. Baker Rim.

6) 83 per cent of Glacier Springs.

7) 88 per cent of Paradise Lake.

8) 75 per cent of Point Roberts.

"If Mr. Barrett has the idea he doesn't want Americans doing anything in Canada, we'll have to retaliate in some respect," said Johnson.

"I don't like it. We should try to get along with each other."

Since Karen Sanford has not been opposed as NDP candidate in this area, I can only conclude that the NDP accepts her statement that "It is not in the interest of the people to own private property."

Therefore Barrett couldn't care less about what happens to Canadian ownership of private property on either side of the Canadian-American border.

Yours truly
Fred Perry
Courtenay

Watch "Bill Payer" Loans

By DAN HODGERT
Directorate of Social
Development Services -
NDHQ

OTTAWA (CFP) - A Mo-Ped sits in the window of a bank in downtown Ottawa and a sign on the seat states that it may be purchased for "X" number of dollars per month. This scene is repeated in financial institutions throughout our fair land, only the articles may be cars, boats or whatever.

Now we know that the financial institution does not sell Mo-Peds but it will gladly lend the money to enable a customer to purchase one. In fact, most institutions are so friendly they will gladly lend money so that Canadians can buy houses, cars, household appliances, furnishings, clothing and even knick-knacks. Why, you can even take your vacation on the instalment plan, and should you wish, you can even borrow to pay educational costs.

So you ask: What else is new? Credit is our way of life and as long as there are massive advertising campaigns telling us to buy more and more, over-indebtedness will be a fact of life for many Canadians.

I would venture to say that there can be little doubt that debt as a way of life is so deeply entrenched in our economic system that there is no possibility of a return to the attitudes and practices of 50 years ago. In fact, if we tried to turn back the clock there would be the danger of an economic turn-down, based

upon any marked reduction in the use of credit.

So, whether we like it or not, credit, which is just an imposter word for debt, poses a problem for many of us today.

Now let us take a look at what happens when credit gets into arrears and the creditors start to bear down. Some people will yield to the blandishments of financial institutions to get a "billpayer loan," or what is commonly known as a consolidation-of-debts loan.

In theory, a person will borrow enough money from one creditor to pay off all outstanding debts and then he only has one payment to make. These people have the idea that they can "borrow" their way out of debt - which of course is a mathematical impossibility. What they are doing is merely trading creditors and when the consolidation has taken place they owe just as much money, and over the term of the loan can sometimes pay a great deal more in interest.

Unfortunately, when they have only one bill to pay it is not long before they start looking around for other avenues of credit to explore. Their conscience is quite clear; they only have one debt now, and after all, they really need that new snowmobile or color TV.

So take a tip from the Old Dapper and watch consolidation loans very carefully. If you find yourself over extended credit-wise, seek advice from your Base, Station or Unit Financial

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"METAL BASHER" ON HIS WAY - Warrant Officer G.Y. Rennie receives his new rank badge from Major Dandeno at a 407 Squadron ceremony recently.

Base Photo

Kapyong Veterans

2 PPCLI will mark the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong from 25 Mar. to 27 Mar. 76 in Winnipeg. Ceremonies will include a trooping of the colours, a full scale military tattoo, all ranks ball, memorial service, and a veterans reunion. Interested Kapyong vets, who have not been contacted, are asked to get in touch with Major KD Lidgren, Chairman of the Invitation Committee, at the following address:

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YBC Tournament Winners

Congratulations go to (L-R) "Master Bowler" Hal Justus; "Juniors" Joan Justus and Mike Brown who took third place in the recent "Master Junior Tournament." Second place went to "Master" Pat Lowney; "Juniors" Tracey Sleigh and Glen Peters.

First place went to "Master" Len McCormack; "Juniors" David Zielke and Janet Jones. Congratulations to all the bowlers who participated in the event and to the four score keepers. Hosford photo

Totems Win Opener



"Here It Comes!"

Photo Begin

On Saturday 8 Nov the CFB Totems defeated the Parksville Cohos 4-2 in North Island hockey action.

After the puck was dropped by the Base Commander to officially open the Totems season, play began. The first half of the first period was rather sloppy but as the period progressed the Totems started to come alive. There was no scoring in the first period but in the second period the Totems outscored

the visitors 4 to 1 with Parksville scoring the only goal in the third period.

The big man for the Totems was Rod Stewart in goal as Rod made many key saves. Goal scorers for the Totems were newcomer Ken Bain, Dan Cloutier, Jim Whelen and Ernie Strocel.

The Totems were glad to see Larry Harker back with the club.

Next game will be on Tues 25 Nov at 8:30 p.m. at the

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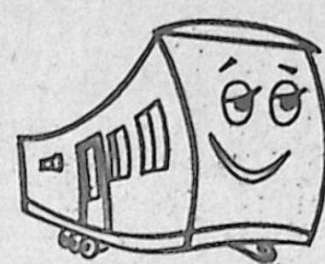
The local Judo Club has had a busy week. It began with a training session with the Campbell River Club, where the boys took a lot of lumps. An excellent training class was given by the Senseis Mr. Nelson Cook and Mr. Sid Bennett.

This past week-end we took our team to Nanaimo for a friendship inter-club meet. There were teams from Victoria to Campbell River and all points in between. When the dust settled, we had taken our first real tournament all in stride. Our boys fought very hard, what they lacked in experience they more than made up for in sheer determination. Two of our boys took first in their weight classes - ROBBIE WILSON and STEVEN ROBERT - both had to beat team mates in order to get to the top. This is the type of tournament which is so necessary in preparing for the upcoming tournament in Vancouver. For next week-end the team travels to its first provincial tournament to be held in Richmond. After the tournament last Saturday, we all filled up on "Big Mac's" and boxes of cookies.

Via this column we would like to thank the parents who drove their cars, on behalf of the Judo club.

To all members of the Judo club there will be many tournaments in the upcoming months. Training will have to become more intense if we are to take part.

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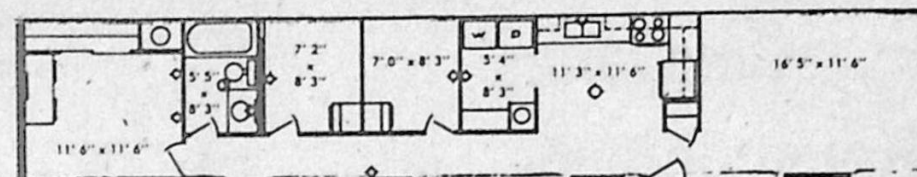


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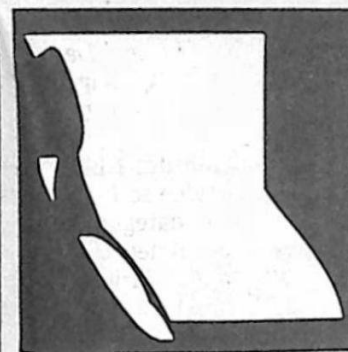
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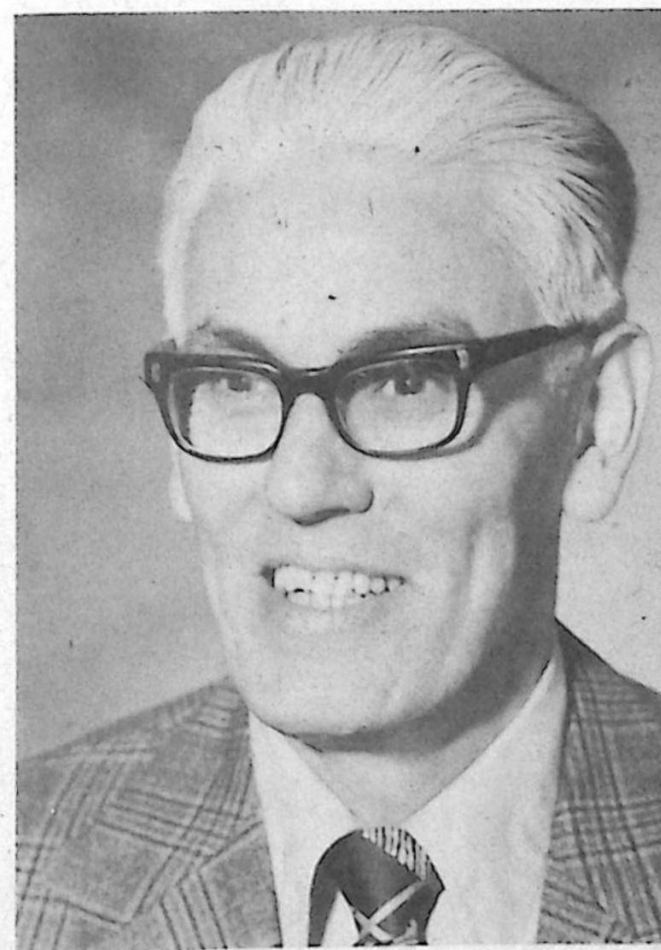
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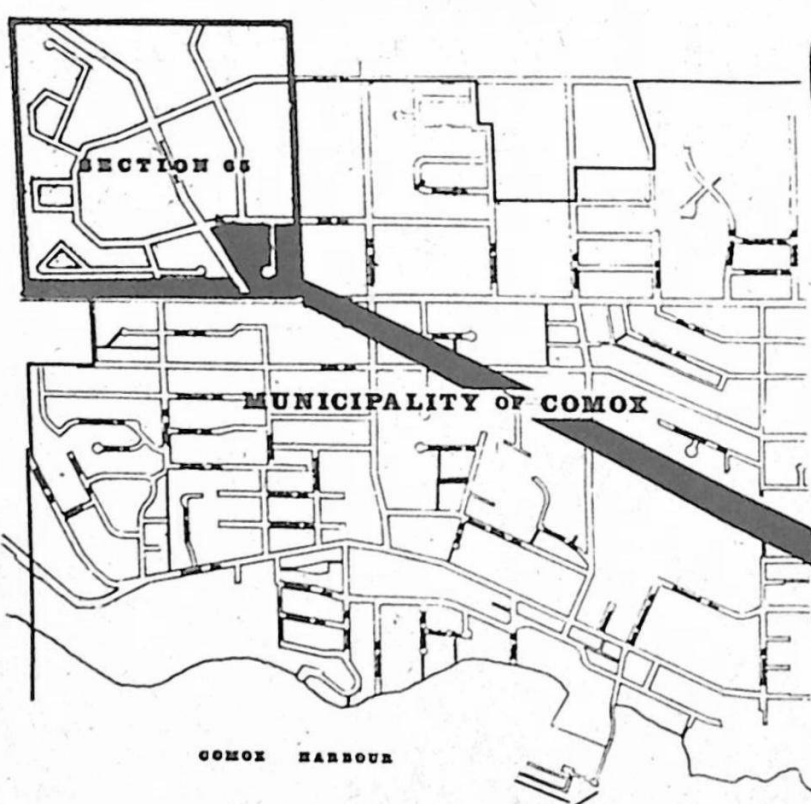
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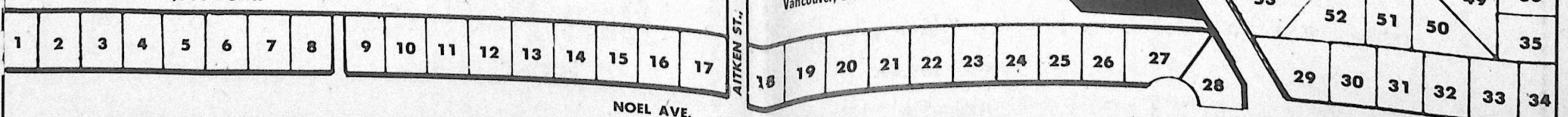
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Three of the 45-foot helicopters, each weighing about 9½ tons were transferred here from 450 Helicopter Squadron Ottawa; and 450 Detachment, CFB Edmonton, last August after 450 Squadron received CH-147 Chinook helicopters earlier this year.

"The squadron now has on-the-spot rescue capabilities; something we didn't have before with the Twin Otters," a spokesman said. Equipped with direction-finding homing radios, the helicopters will be able to "home in" on radio distress-signals from downed aircraft or boats in distress.

The Voyageur, a proven search and rescue aircraft, is noted for its versatility and ability in marine rescue situations. With a normal cruise speed of 125 knots (its speed for search and rescue activity is about 90 knots), it has a 350-mile range and 3½-hour flying endurance. It can hover over crash-sites or marine distress locations, land in confined areas, or on the water, and lower rescue specialists or hoist survivors.

The squadron works regularly with the coast guard who have been dealing with increased search and rescue activity on the Great Lakes and Ontario and Quebec waterways.

"The Voyageur has increased our effectiveness in

the marine and rescue aspect of our job," Lt.-Col. K.O. Simonson, 424 Squadron's commander, said. "The Twin Otter was an excellent fixed-wing, all-weather aircraft for us, but we still can fill the requirement for fixed-wing aircraft with the Hercules or other aircraft located with us

at Trenton."

The squadron is not fully operational at the moment because some of the 22 pilots and flight engineers still are being trained in the use of the helicopters. "But we should be fully operational by Nov. 15," the spokesman said. "We now have two crews; two

pilots, two flight engineers, and a rescue specialist."

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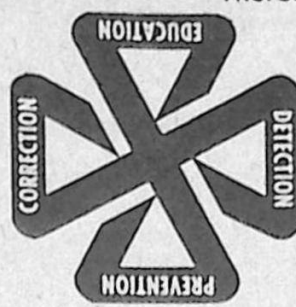
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This is the time of year when your personal safety program needs attention and the items that need it most are you and your motor vehicle. Why? Because motor vehicles are the leading causes of deaths and disabling injuries and because at this season of the year, driving conditions change drastically, placing more demands on you and your vehicle.

Consider our local area for the hazards of winter. Our temperature range almost guarantees some "wet" ice conditions when the road surface will be twice as slippery as at colder temperatures; our visibility is usually restricted during the winter months by mist, fog, rain, sleet or snow.

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There are five main areas to remember for safe winter driving - visibility, steering, speed, stopping and the danger of carbon monoxide from engine exhausts.

VISIBILITY
See and be seen. Take time to scrape the frost or snow from all windows and your head and tail lights before you start off, and don't forget the air intake, so your heater and wipers can work efficiently. Have your windshield wipers and washer system checked so you can clear the windshield quickly of road splatter, rain or snow.

STEERING
Keep tires up to normal pressure and avoid sudden turns or oversteering. Watch road conditions ahead and anticipate skids or "hydroplaning". Signal your in-

tentions well in advance and make lane changes gradually. Should a skid occur, don't jam on the brakes, which makes steering impossible, take your foot off the gas and steer in the direction that the rear of your car is sliding. Straighten your wheels when you "feel" recovery.

SPEED
Keep your speed down. Avoid spinning the wheels or rapid acceleration. Keep well back of the car ahead and anticipate the distance required to stop.

STOPPING
Slow gradually - never jam your brakes on. Use a gentle pumping action, alternately applying and releasing the brakes to keep steering control.

CO
Have the entire exhaust

system checked for leaks and never run a car in a closed garage. Carbon monoxide is called "the Silent Killer".

You don't need to be a genius to remember how to drive safely in winter. Just exercise common sense and these rules:

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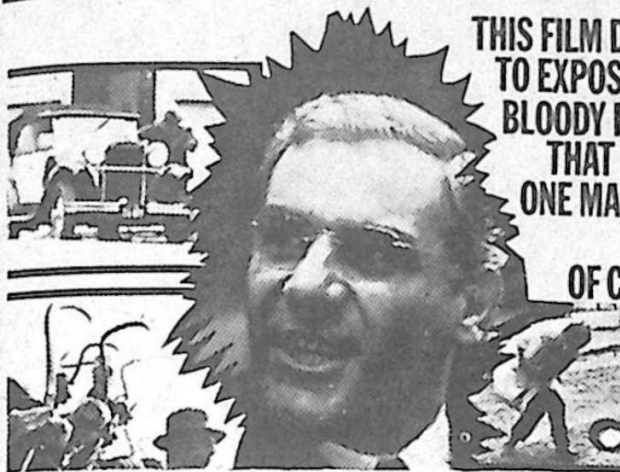
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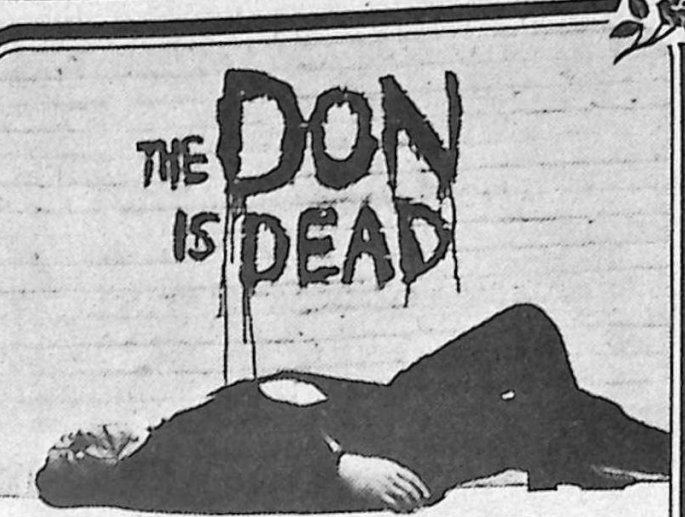
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Commandant Royal Roads Military College presents awards to Sgt. R. Erickson (1) and Sgt. L. S. Philp.

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CPL. G. D. GARNER receives plaque for best student at CFB Penhold Junior Leaders School. Plaque was presented by BGen Wylie COMD CFCC.

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Help Needed

There is a growing demand for concern, assistance and equipment for sufferers of multiple sclerosis.

Multiple sclerosis can affect anyone, and among us in the Comox Valley there are already approximately twelve officially known sufferers. Some of these are confined to a wheel chair.

It is my desire to form an active society here, and for the success of this your help is required. All kinds of assistance will be gratefully accepted and a committee is needed to further this need.

If you are interested, please phone Sheila Carvalho at 339-5617.

Counsellors tour CFB

Thirty-four School Guidance Counsellors (plus one escort officer) from Calgary, Alberta, are currently visiting this military airfield. The tour was arranged by NDHQ to give the counsellors a brief introduction to the operational and support facilities on the Base. It also gives each an opportunity to speak to some of the boys or girls from back home; service persons who are under training or have recently completed same.

Another group, from Winnipeg, Manitoba, is scheduled to visit CFB Comox during the period 23-25 November.



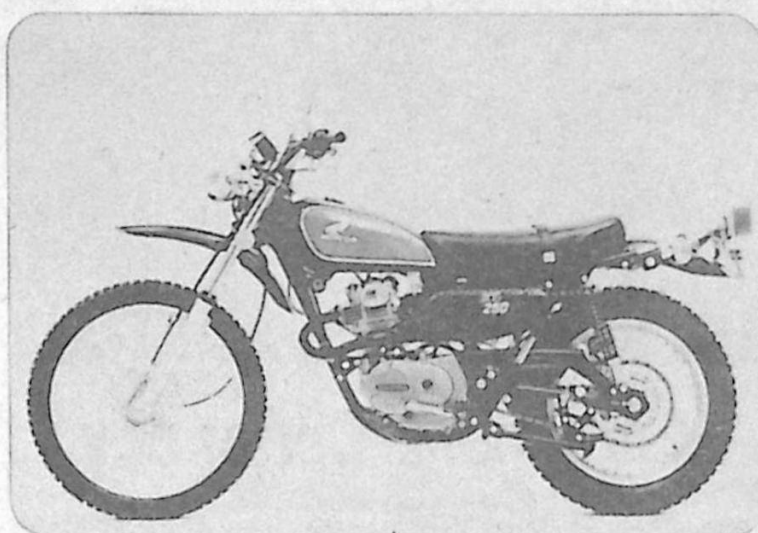
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And that's just what it is. You have arrived at Whippletree Junction.

Art Dawe, one of the owners, explains: "We decided to build a street to look like a typical street in a Vancouver Island small town at the turn of the century. We wanted to let people have a look at a part of history they might otherwise never see."

Whippletree's main street has a livery stable, a firehall, a general store, a barber's shop, a garage and a stove store.

Above a secondhand store where furniture and knick-knacks are sold is the "west's first indoor mall," with an ancient phonograph collection, a bootery, a photographer's studio and a pharmacy.

Each of the stores is filled with turn-of-the-century memorabilia that Dawe and partner Randy Streit have

collected from across Canada and the U.S.

In the pharmacy are bottles of medicine offering cures for anything from a cold to a case of worms - and the alcohol content listed on the bottle suggests that the medicine will at least make you forget what ails you.

High-button boots, wicker baby carriages, dusty old pots and bottles, an ancient horse-drawn hearse, old phonographs with their huge funnel mouths, hip baths and elegant velvet robes nudge up against old cars and horse carriages, huge wood stoves and a dentist's foot-powered drill - and woe betide you if the dentist was old and weak, or his foot tired.

"It's too expensive for people to own this sort of thing anymore," notes Dawe. "We figured we could set this up and then for a nominal fee, people could see what things looked like 75 years ago."

Streit and Dawe hope that people will come to the eight and a half acres south of Duncan to spend a few pleasant hours wandering around enjoying the stores and the displays.

The development got underway several years ago when Streit, then in the construction-demolition business, was tearing down buildings in Duncan's old Chinatown area.

"I kept thinking what a shame it was to destroy all

those buildings. Then I got the idea, why not put up an old town street just like the ones that used to be around here?"

"Nobody on this part of the island had ever tried it. In the interior they have Barkerville, and I was thinking that Vancouver Island had settlers and towns before Barkerville. So, I said, why not do something to show what it was like back then?"

Soon after he made his decision, he met Dawe. Their ideas meshed. Since then, they've been working at

building and furnishing their town with artifacts from across Canada and the U.S.

They hope to keep adding on to the street bit by bit as they find new items to add to their stores and shops. Right now, they are working on getting a carousel that could be set up for the children who visit Whippletree Junction.

"This is just our way of trying to present a little history in the area," says Dawe. "I guess we just want to regress a little in an age of progress."



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Library News

Flying has intrigued mankind throughout history. There are a multitude of stories and legends involving man and flight. Who was the first to fly? Well, the Chinese are believed to have used man-lifting kites for military reconnaissance some 2,000 years ago.

Long before powered flight became possible, poets and philosophers warned mankind of the perils to innocent people if attack were to be possible from the sky. Cowper (1731-1800) even advised that flying should be made a capital offence!

Books about flight - yesterday, today and tomorrow fascinate many readers. I would like to call your attention to 3 new ones which are now available through the local Branch of the Vancouver Island Regional Library.

"A History of Air Power" is by Basil Collier, well-known historian of World War II. It's a definitive book, looking at uses and abuses, achievements and shortcomings of air power.

"The Airship" is also by Basil Collier. It zeros in on dirigibles, giving the history from the earliest models right up to the destruction of the Hindenburg in 1937, which seemed to be the end of airships. However, Collier sees a new wave of interest in airships as freight carriers. Perhaps we will see them again.

Air-sea warfare is a complex story told by Alfred Price in "Aircraft versus Submarine." This one is for military history buffs who will find it an important mine of information.

Q. My family enjoys eating salmon but I find that sockeye salmon costs so much these days. If I bought the cheaper types of salmon would they have as much food value in them?

A. Although the cheaper types of salmon (pink, chum or keta) are lighter in colour as compared to the deeper red of the sockeye and coho there is no difference in nutritional value.

PMQ Preamble

As we all realize by now, Christmas is rapidly approaching and with Christmas comes winter. With winter comes the Comox Valley Snow Queen Carnival, and therefore preparations are under way once again to discover a local gal to represent the base as Miss CFB Comox for the coming year. Why does this involve the PMQ Council, you say? Well to explain, the council is the organizing body for the pageant, due to the fact that we are essentially an off-base group that has contacts with all areas of the base as well as the base residential area.

We request most sections and messes on the base to sponsor a candidate for our local pageant, so that we are able to have as large a variety of female service personnel and dependents for the judges to choose. The Miss CFB Contest is by no means a "beauty pageant" in the sense of the word, but rather a means of selecting the appropriate candidate to represent the base.

As our present Miss CFB Comox, Mary Jacobi, can tell you, there is a lot of excitement involved throughout the year and a lot of interesting people to meet. So if you or your section would like to get involved (we need your

support) please notify the PMQ Controller of Community Activities, Capt. Gord Greer, or our Rec. Director Mrs. Gladys Wilson, as soon as possible, since preparations are under way for the pageant held in early December.

Since the rainy weather has kept most of us indoors working on fall projects lately, we thought that now would be a good time to remind PMQ residents of the CE Self-help program. If you are considering renovations or additions to your basement or bedrooms, etc., remember that you must first get CE approval of your project, particularly since you may have to remove same upon vacating your PMQ.

Most projects are given the OK and self-help is definitely encouraged if it will help improve the living comfort of your residence, but please contact your ward councillor or Mayor first to receive the CE approval. A reminder though that extra bedrooms in the basement are definitely out. Fire regulations forbid basement bedrooms due to the lack of adequate escape routes. So please don't even consider them.

Parking in some areas of PMQs is becoming a problem once again, particularly in the

areas around the apartments. There are a lot of boats, trailers, campers and second cars (some of them old junkers) being parked in the extra visitors spots and other unmarked lots. This causes visitors to park in vacant lots assigned to other PMQ residents, and causes no end of frustration to these people.

We are appealing to residents to please consider storing your boats and campers etc. in the MP storage compound behind the guard house; it doesn't cost anything and is a lot safer than leaving them out in the open. Some residents are complaining about the location of their assigned spot with relation to their apartment. This matter has been brought to the attention of the CE section and next spring most lots will be re-painted and some re-assigned at that time. Also extra lighting is being installed in some areas in an effort to help curb the midnight skulkers.

In closing, we would like to remind you that all council

meetings are open to all residents of PMQs 18 yrs. and older, so if you have a problem of concern please feel free to join us, or at least notify your ward councillor, so that he can speak for you as elected.

The meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the base conference room. The next meeting however, will be held on Friday, Nov. 28th, due to the absence of many members.

No is not a negative in a woman's mouth. (Sir Philip Sidney).

CATCH A RABBIT



NINE "tweenies" become brownies.

Photo Begin

6th Komux Brownie Pack - Enrolment Ceremony

The 6th Komux Brownie Pack held an enrolment ceremony at the Cub and Scout Hall on Thursday 13th November 1975. Mrs. Ruth Hazlett, Komux District Commissioner, was present to enrol nine "tweenies" into the pack as brownies.

Wendy Laliberte, Rebecca Ott, Suzanne DeLong, Brenda Erickson, Rachel Ott, Cecilia Tims, Betty Belliveau, Kim Holloway and Dawn Winterburn stepped over the stepping stones of smiles, cheerfulness, good turns and obedience into the Brownie

Ring to receive their enrolment pins from the Commissioner. The new brownies received the "grand howl" from the rest of the pack and then, they too joined in for the "grand howl" for Madam Commissioner.

Other presentations were made to Michele Grosvenor who received her 1st year service star and Nicole Bouchier, Maribeth Arsenault, Janine Dupuis, Cheryl Auld and Nicole Sinclair were awarded their 2nd year stars. Proficiency badges were presented to

Kelly Everill - Housekeeper, Brenda Potter - Swimmers and Suzanne Gagnon - Collectors. Terry Breffle was presented with the Canadian Brownie Friendship Pin as she returns to the U.S.A. this week after 2 years in the 6th Pack.

After entertaining the visiting parents, refreshments were served and the brownies enjoyed a lovely "winking owl" cake, baked by Mrs. De Long for Suzanne's 7th birthday. The meeting came to a close with "taps."

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BAPTISM - Services of Holy Baptism are held every month.

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HOSPITAL VISITATION - The Chaplain would appreciate the co-operation of the members of the congregation and would request that they phone the Secretary's office (339-2211 local 273) to report the names of any members of the congregation who may be in the hospital.

COMING EVENTS:
The month of December will be here before we know it. December is to be a very special time in the Protestant Chapel for the 14th. December will mark the special celebration of the 20th Anniversary Service held on the 14th December at The Protestant Chapel. We shall have guest-speakers and a Special Reception following the service. Plan to share in this special celebration.

Remember that in December the Chapel will be holding special Christmas celebrations for all.

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday 7:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil); Sunday - 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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CATECHISM CLASSES: Catechism classes for Grades 1 to 8 are held regularly each Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Airport school in PMQs.

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BAPTISM: By appointment.

MARRIAGES: Minimum of three months advance notice. Marriage counselling and preparation courses are required prior to marriage.

PARISH SOCIAL:
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish will hold their Pre-Advent Social in the Totem Lounge from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, November 24th.
Music by The Sound of Music. Bring your own bottle. Mixes provided. Free admission. Everyone welcome. Come and bring your friends.

Aggressive GSE

The night was dark and stormy, the wind was blowing cruel. Cpl Phillips walked into the Dark, to put gas in a mule. A noise arose out in the black, it gave poor Phillips a fright. And a T-Bird tow bar attacked the mule, there was an awful fight. That crazy tow bar attacked with force, to kill was its desire. A mighty rush it forced itself, right under the poor mule's tire. It dropped and writhed a little bit, and then became quite still. It appeared to Cpl. Phillips, it had lost its desire to kill. The servicing Sergeant was called, and came out shaking his fist. "It serves you right towbar," he said, "You're now on the critical list!" The mule was very carefully checked, for any dent to tear. But not a single chip was found, its defence was pretty fair. Now we realize WO Harvey, you'll want proof this story is true. So the towbars scream was captured, it's in the bag - For You. The Green Horn



"A FINE TURN OUT!" says BCEO Capt. Fred Mills to the gals of the CE Section standing rigidly to attention - resplendent in their new CE outfits. I wonder if International Women's Year had anything to do with the gals going semi-military? Perhaps Revolution??? L to R: June Waite, Vera Lewis and Flo Guthrie. Missing from photo Judy Roach. (Editor's Note: The Oxford Grey outfits are accentuated by the white mock turtle neck shirts and red and white name tags).

Base Photo

The Home Front



By MAUREEN ARTHUR

Last week, I hope you started on the exterior of your home after reading my article on saleable homes. Rain and snow, the real estate market goes on, as people are still on the move.

Don't be half-hearted, protect and show your home to its best advantage, a showcase, so let's do the interior today.

Over crowded rooms filled with furniture makes a house look smaller. The kitchen cupboards should be clean and neat, I realize it is the heart of the home, but your own clutter is very undesirable to someone else, and we all want a spotless kitchen, to view anyway.

Linen, coat closet and broom closets always look larger if tidy, so remove all unnecessary articles, so that the prospect will see the full value not a pile of coats on the floor.

The clearing out for Dad and the kids should be the basement and storage areas, as four bicycles, lawn mower and motorcycle parts can sure create an impression of square footage shortage, plus a bad impression of your home.

How about that leaking tap, now is a good time to fix it, as a hot water tap dripping hot water once every second uses 159 gallons (it's true) a month, at a cost to you of sixty cents, so replace the washer.

Does the bath-tub and shower tiles need caulking? Use a silicone sealer to seal the joints and around the enclosure. This room should be spotless, mirrors and tubs bright and shiny for the total well-cared for look.

How is the hot water tank holding out? Water or dampness under hot water tanks usually mean that the tank has begun to deteriorate, and it will require replacement.

soon. The average life of a hot water tank is approximately 5 years, depending on usage. I can see everyone running to the basement for a peek - good luck!

Have you any squeaks in your floors? A prospective buyer could subtract up to \$2,000. from his offer as he would instinctively feel the house could be ready to collapse. The cost to repair this would run you about \$150.00 so please call in a carpet layer, have him lift and peel your carpet back. Then re-nail the floor in a cross nail effect with hot-dipped galvanized nails. That should do the trick and put money in your pocket as well as make your home more saleable.

You have a lot invested in your home, it makes sense to preserve the home for its full value. List with a reliable Realtor, who can sell it for you without any hitches. We at Nanaimo Realty (Courtenay) Ltd. can discuss and help you with any problem areas regarding your home and

assist you in putting it in top shape for the market.

My Foot-Note-today is - The definition of a budget: "An attempt to live below your yearnings."

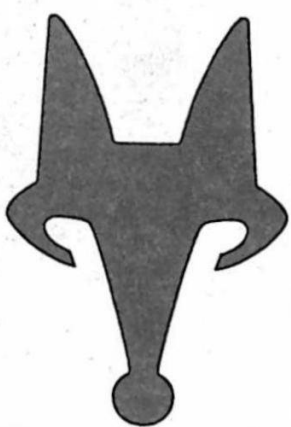
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About Face!!

OTTAWA - A new name has been adopted for the Canadian Forces band based in Kingston, Ont. Formerly known as the Air Transport Command Band, it now reverts to a name it held four years ago, the Canadian Forces Vimy Band.

The change comes about as a result of the disbandment of Air Transport Command, and the absorbing of its functions by the newly-formed Air Command.

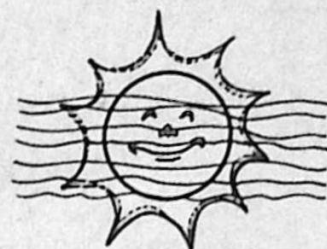
Vimy Band, one of nine major Canadian Forces bands serving across Canada, was formed in 1968. It has performed in a number of major functions in Canada and overseas, including the 1974 ceremonies in Normandy commemorating the 30th anniversary of D-Day.

It has also welcomed visiting royalty and foreign

dignitaries to Canada, and its fanfare trumpeters have played at many state occasions.

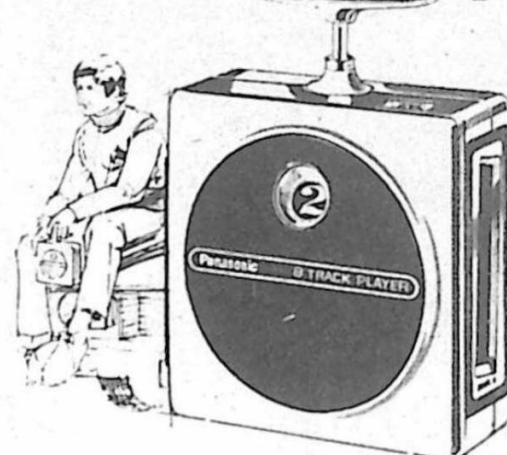
Another of its major engagements has been performances on Parliament Hill in Ottawa for the summertime "changing the guard" ceremony.

The Canadian Forces' eight other bands are the Stadacona Band, Halifax; the Royal Canadian Regiment Band, Gagetown, N.B.; La Musique du Royal 22e Regiment, Quebec City; the Royal Canadian Artillery Band, Montreal (St. Hubert); the Central Band of the Canadian Forces, Ottawa; Air Command Band, Winnipeg; Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Band, Calgary, and the Naden Band, Esquimalt, B.C.



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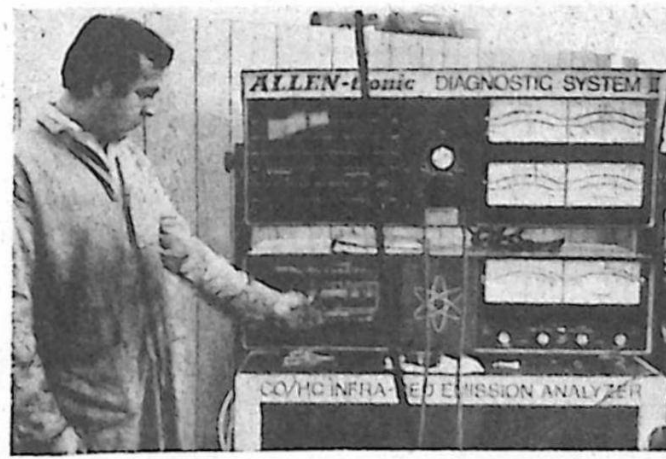
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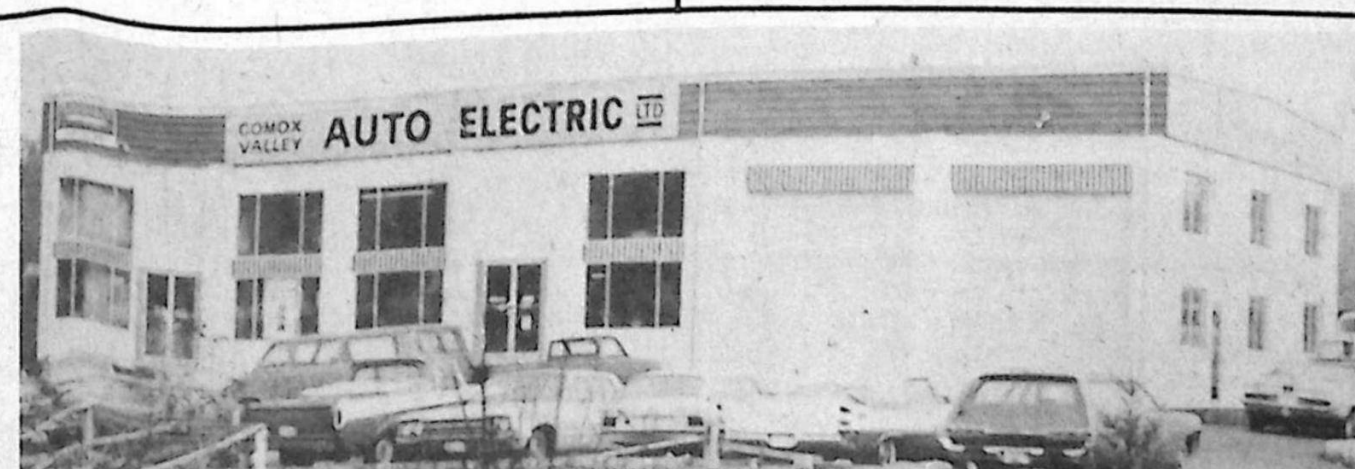
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New Right Hand

OTTAWA — Defence Minister James Richardson's new right hand man in the House of Commons, 39-year-old Maurice A. Dionne, is described as "a personable individual who exudes that informal 'down home' charm."

The freshman Liberal member for the central New Brunswick riding of Northumberland-Miramichi, where Lord Beaverbrook grew up, was appointed parliamentary secretary to Mr. Richardson by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau Oct. 14.

Like his predecessor in the job — Len Hopkins from the Ottawa Valley constituency of Renfrew North Nipissing East — Mr. Dionne is a former school teacher and principal, having spent 18 years in the education profession.

In an interview in his House of Commons office, Mr. Dionne said "I am here to assist the minister and, hopefully, bring problems of the forces before my colleagues and the public

generally, in whatever capacity the minister wishes."

He said that he's had a long-standing interest in public affairs, and when the seat in his constituency became vacant with the retirement of Liberal Percy Smith, he decided to contest it.

He told his supporters that, despite his name, he spoke English only, although he reads French. They told him "We don't care what language you speak, as long as you speak to us." Following a tough battle he won the nomination and was elected in July, 1974, general election.

Mr. Dionne was born in Bath, N.B., and educated at Woodstock High School, the N.B. Teachers' College and St. Thomas University, Fredericton, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree.

He is the son of George Dionne and the former Mary McLaughlin. He is married and has five children, but despite his name, they're not quintuplets. He is married to the former Precille Babin of Charlo, N.B.

Towbar's Reply

Your story Sir of my attack is wrong and quite untrue. It's now my turn and truth to tell, especially for you. Because the night was stormy, parking was not too neat. And so the bar was left, in front your massive feet. We all have our positions and a normal resting place. But ahead of you O mighty mule was a positive disgrace. The rain at night no doubt made it hard for you to see. But this surely was not reason for you to pounce on me. As I lay here in workshops, nursing my injured back, I wonder what brother next you will attack. In future mighty mule take care, especially in the night. We will then survive to take our place, In doing a good job right.

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