



TOTEM TIMES



Will Margaret's Next Hit Song Be "I've Gotta Be Me"?

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CFB COMOX TOTEM TIMES

THURSDAY, FEB. 5, 1976

For fourth year

Totems retain Championships



Base Photo

— The Champs —

The CFB Comox Totems Broomball team retained their Pacific Region Broomball Championship during the past week, the tournament played here at Glacier Gardens saw some of the finest broomball played in this area in several years. The Totems who have been Pac-Region Champs for the past three years added this one and must have established a name for themselves and are the team to beat, at least on the Coast. This tournament has been the toughest several years for them as a tough CFB Chilliwack team would not buckle under tremendous pressure from the Totems. Of the three games between Comox and Chilliwack, two required overtime to reach a decision. The final game of the tourney saw Comox defeat them by a 4 to 1 score.

Lt. Col. L.G. Jenks representing the Base Commander, officially dropped the first ball and the exciting three day tourney was under way. In the first game between the two small bases involved in the tourney, Kamloops defeated Beaverlodge by a 3 to 2 score, with the final Kamloops goal being scored with just 2:27 remaining in the game. This game eventually decided who would be small base champions, as neither team won another game.

A very disorganized Esquimalt team ran afoul of the Totems in the next contest, the Totems played fine positional ball and displayed some accurate passing as they completely demoralized their opponents, scoring two goals in each period for a 4 to 0 final score. Excellent defensive work by the Totems defence limited keepers Ron Burnell's work to just five saves during the contest.

In the final game of the day Chilliwack completely out-classed Kamloops and turned in the only lopsided score of

the tourney, whitewashing them 8 to 0. On the second day and certainly the longest for both teams and officials, the navy lads showed a complete reversal and shut out Beaverlodge 4 to 0. Scoring three goals in the first ten minutes of the game, Beaverlodge just did not have the horses to come back although you wouldn't know it by the goalie's performance. He was outstanding as he

blocked twenty of the twenty-one other shots that were fired his way. Next on tap, the first of the thrilla's (All Slang). Comox jumped out of the starting gate and treated the 150 fans to some fine team play, the Totems controlled play for the first ten minutes of the game and only the Chilliwack defence stopped them from scoring by limiting the high flying Totems to just five shots.

Steadily regaining their composure, Chilliwack scored first and added a second early in the second period. It looked like the writing was on the wall for the Comox team but they did not fold and with a strong team effort fought back and tied the score with both goals coming in a five minute span.

During the last four minutes of this contest the action went from one end of the ice to the

other, with both keepers keeping their respective teams in the game. Overtime, a ten minute regulation period which saw one goal scored by the Totems about half way into the period and then Chilliwack throwing everything they had into the fray trying for an equalizer. But it was not to be and the Totems won this round, the first of three.

Next game would see

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OMM To SAR Specialist

Capt. Ron Aumonier was appointed to the Order of Military Merit in recognition of his exceptional record of "Search and Rescue Good Shows" accumulated while serving with various RCAF and CAF Search and Rescue Units. Capt. Aumonier, who served with 442 (T&R) Sqn. from Sept. 72 to May 75, personally participated in over 40 major air searches, 30 marine searches, 80 air evacuations and countless missing person searches over his 15 years in the SAR role. He is currently serving with MARPAC HQ in Victoria.

The Order of Military Merit was established to provide a means of recognizing conspicuous merit and exceptional service by regular and reserve members of the Forces. Professionalism, outstanding service and devotion to duty form the criteria of the award.

The badge of the Order of Military Merit is an enamelled, straight-end "pattee" cross with four arms, narrow at the centre and expanding towards the ends. The ribbon is blue, edged in gold. The insignia of the grade of Commander is worn suspended from a ribbon around the neck. Officer and Member badges are worn on the left breast.

Nominations for the Order of Military Merit may be

initiated at any level in the Canadian Forces and ultimately come before an advisory committee, which

assesses the nominations and recommends the degree of membership to be awarded in individual cases.

'Joe The Group' Dead at 59

OTTAWA (CFP) - Wing Commander Joseph H.L. Lecomte, one of the RCAF's most colorful figures of the Second World War and post-war, is dead.

He died Dec. 18 at St. Bruno, Que., 30 miles from his west Quebec birthplace, Acton Vale, 59 years ago.

Wing Cmdr. Lecomte joined the RCAF in October, 1939, and was trained as a pilot. After serving as a flying instructor on the Prairies and in Quebec, he was transferred to England in early 1943 to fly on bomber operations with the famous Canadian 425 "Alouette" Squadron of Bomber Command, including the Alouettes' deployment to Tunisia. He served with distinction as a flight commander and later was promoted squadron commander with the rank of wing commander.

For his outstanding gallantry he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, France's Croix de Guerre with Silver Star and twice mentioned in despatches.

In 1944, he commanded 415

Squadron and, later that year, RCAF Station Tholthorpe, Yorkshire, Eng., where he was promoted to group captain.

After the war, he served in various RCAF appointments across Canada and in Metz, France. During the mid-1950s, he commanded two jet interceptor squadrons.

Missing Man's Body Found

Bevan Lodge reported to the RCMP that Samuel Williams born September 23, 1942, resident of Bevan Lodge was missing. A search was conducted at day break February 4 and the body of Samuel Williams was found in dense bush approximately 3/4 of a mile from Bevan Lodge. Foul play is not suspected.

The intensive search had been carried out by members of the Comox Valley ground search team, the North Island Radio Aids (NIRA) and the RCMP with a tracking dog.

Officer Rescues Four

OTTAWA (CRP) - Capt. John Connors, 27, of Ottawa and Winnipeg, is a real life-saver.

He rescued four persons, three of them children, from a burning downtown apartment building here early Jan. 21 - his third life-saving deed in about five years.

Four years ago, he dived into the Petawawa River rapids after a boy who fell in while fishing.

And a year earlier, he dragged the victim of an automobile accident in Montreal to safety, seconds before the wreck exploded in flames.

"It just keeps happening to me. Everywhere I go, I keep finding people in trouble," he said.

"As I was driving past this (211 O'Connor St.) apartment block, a woman in bra and panties ran out in front of me and into the house next door before I could ask her if there was anyone else inside.

"I opened the door, and heard another lady shouting that her children were trapped inside the building."

He tried to enter through the front door, but when told the children were in a room at the back, he ran around, climbed a fence onto a window ledge, and heard the children's screams.

"I kicked out the window and pulled a huddling little girl out by the hands as carefully as I could, and lowered her eight to 10 feet to a man standing in the alley."

Told by Angel Vachon, 8, that her two-year old brother, Carrie, still was inside, he crawled in. "I tried twice to find him but the smoke was too thick. Then, on my third trip in, all of a sudden, I bumped into him. I put my arms around him and lowered him out the window."

"Then I saw this lady in the window above," he said. "And she was screaming. I reached up to her, but could barely make it. She handed her baby down to me, and I dropped it to the men who were waiting below."

Capt. Connors then helped her down by bracing himself between the building and a fence, and the woman climbed down onto his back.

Waiting for the ambulance, he helped give medical assistance to the children, checking them for cuts and smoke inhalation. Neither child was seriously injured. Firemen brought the blaze



CAPT. CONNORS

Hurry!

Feb. 15 Deadline

OTTAWA (CFP) - An urgent call has gone out for eligible officers nearing retirement to apply for time extensions, so that they may be considered for selection later this year under terms of service contained in the new Officer Career Development Program (OCDP).

A Feb. 15 deadline has been set by National Defence headquarters for those eligible to apply.

Included are all General Service Officers (GSO) lieutenants and captains commissioned under the Canadian Forces Regular Plan (CFRP), or the University Training Program (Men) (UTPM), and all GSO majors and lieutenant-colonels, who are being released under the provisions of either Item 5A or 4A of the table to QR&O article 15.01, and who, as of Dec. 22, 1975, have not begun terminal leave.

Item 5A refers to those reaching retirement age for their ranks, and 4A encompasses those requesting retirement when entitled to an immediate annuity or pension.

This means that all officers in the above groups scheduled to begin terminal leave before June 30, 1976, and who are not now on such leave, may request an extension of service, so that terminal leave may be begun July 1, 1976. This permits an officer to be available for consideration in the OCDP selection process.

Requests for extensions are to be submitted through normal channels to NDHQ on a priority basis. Requests

in the 31-unit apartment building under control about two hours later.

Staff Insp. Armand Soucie of the Ottawa Police praised the actions of Capt. Connors and Robert Brunet, one of the tenants, who grabbed the children as they were passed down.

"Some people might stand and scream. Others say, 'to hell with it; I just have to get on with it', and do what has to be done," Capt. Connors says.

He lives at (27 Kingsland Ave.) CFB Ottawa (South), with his wife, Lydia and one-year-old son, Sean. He is the registrar at National Defence Medical Centre.

received after the Feb. 15 deadline will not be considered, says NDHQ.

It is also pointed out that submission of a request for extension of service under the OCDP plan does not imply that the applicant necessarily will be selected to be offered an OCDP period of service, nor does it obligate applicants to accept any such offer.

The selection process to be applied to serving officers is contained in an OCDP Transition Plan. The Plan is fully described in an OCDP Transition Information Package, to be distributed to all officers in GSO classifications who in 1976 are eligible for conversion offers.

Debbie's Body Found

The body of missing teenager Debbie Burns was discovered in the ocean about 12 miles north of Campbell River last Thursday.

Police spokesmen say foul play is not suspected. A coroner's inquiry will be held.

The fully-clothed body was found by a fisherman near Brown's Bay.

Debbie, 14, had been missing for six weeks, since leaving her home in Comox on the evening of Dec. 22.

Police say cause of death is presumed to be drowning. They have "no reason to suspect foul play" according

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Base Photo

BDF Digs in For TAC EVAL?

Retirement Certificates

Congratulations are in order for Mr. Larry Beaton, DND, here at Comox. Mr. Beaton for twenty years and Mr. Pete Mossey for 10 years. Retirement Certificates were presented by LCol. Jenks, BAdO. Best of luck in the future gentlemen.



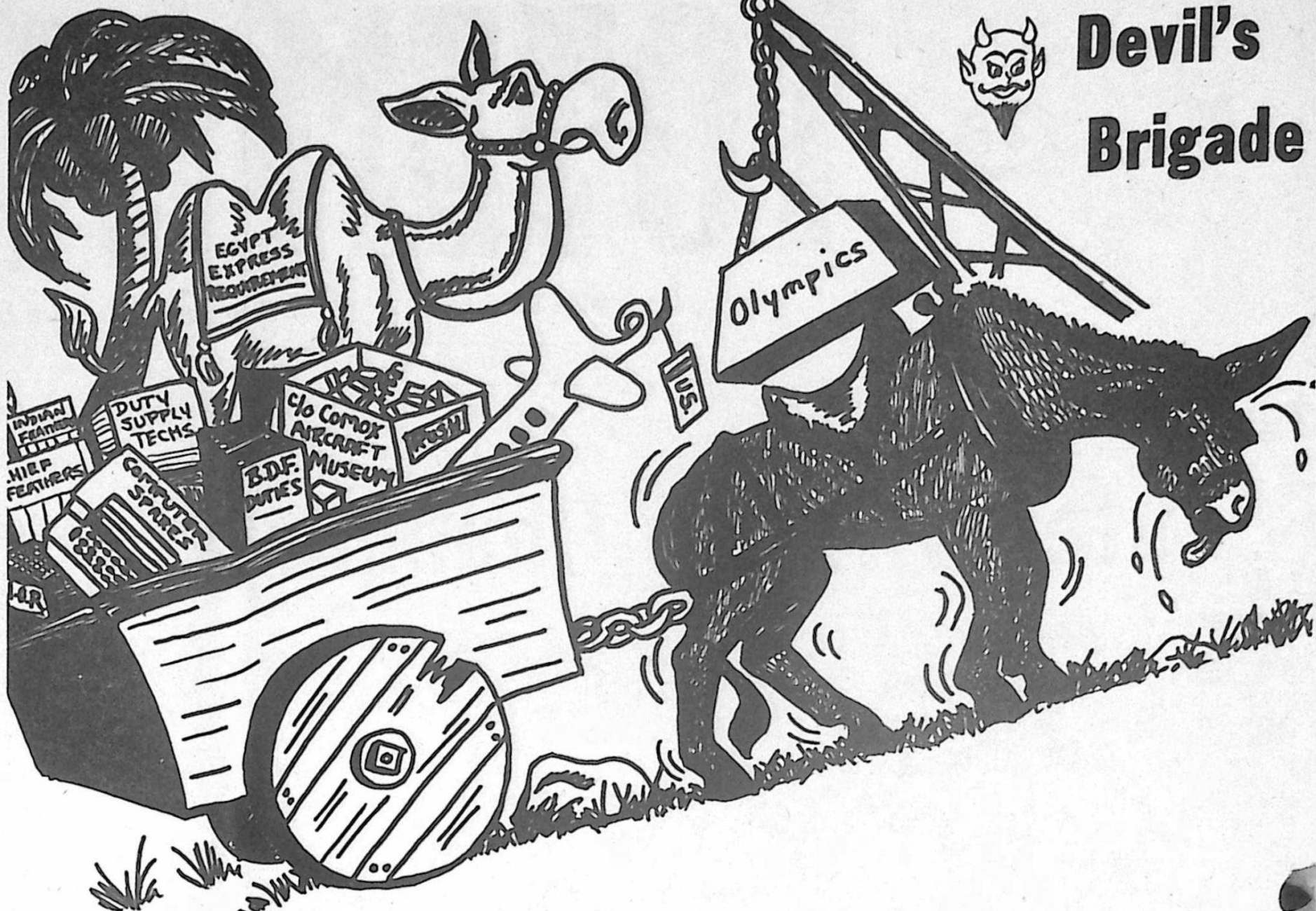
Mr. Larry Beaton

Base Photo



Mr. Pete Mossey

Base Photo



Devil's Brigade

DESPITE PERSONNEL SHORTAGES, BASE SUPPLY STRUGGLES ON..

A picture is worth a "thousand words", and if plans are successfully carried out the picture will be in close proximity to these few words. We extend our thanks to our sweet smiling artist,

"Pte. Judy Brown", for her talent and keen co-operation. Get well wishes to Mr. Mowbray on his slow recovery from a cracked rib which he cracked when he lunged across the counter for Queen

and Country. "Road Rash Racicot" is welcomed back by his friends and the "Computer". Sgt. Stan Ponsford's dream of a quiet departure after 25 years with the CAF became a

reality as he enjoyed a quiet luncheon last Thursday. Also, a quiet farewell party was held at the Glacier Greens where Capt. Buick presented him with a B.C. cedar plaque with CFB Comox crest, on

behalf of Base Supply. To Stan and Agnes, the best of health and happiness!

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407 Tech Ramblings

AVIONICS

Since our last submission we have multi-personnel moving far and wide. As a result of our Career? Managers visit earlier this month, they certainly passed some "true gen" in the way of postings. M-Cpl. Sandy Sams to Shearwater (he's taking his water wings just in case), Wayne Roberts to Summerside (you'll retire a maritimer Wayne), Mike Rusnak to Trenton and Arnie Jepson has a real biggy - right across the tarmac to 442 - don't trip on the way Arnie.

A-Cpl. Chris Brassard is getting ready to depart for the higher levels of learning in Borden. Cliff Andre is wearing a big smile these days. After remustering to Com

Tech some time ago, the ivory tower finally came through with his A-Cpl. backdated to Sept. 74. Congratulations: If your lucky you might just clear enough of that green stuff to pay ICKY BICKY insurance on that Corvette. And these old time IE techs about to retire are something else. M-Cpl. Bill Priday is about to start training for his world cruise following his retirement later this year. He has excellent guidance in this aspect though as he has been taking hints from his Warrant Officer who has been practising for the past six months or more.

Cpl. Semple is currently enjoying a holiday in Ireland - in a Green Uniform?? The

Norpat Crew comprised of Karilla, Cox, Brassard and Cummins have returned to the green belt none the worse for wear and tear.

Remember folks, keep the right foot forward it's that PER time again.

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Base Photo

Officers' Wives Club

On Wed. Jan. 21 the OWC held their monthly meeting. Major Dave Stroud was guest speaker and gave a very interesting informative talk on Wills, Pensions and Succession Duties. A question and answer period followed. The Feb. meeting will have Dr. John Lawder speaking on "Hypnosis in Medicine".

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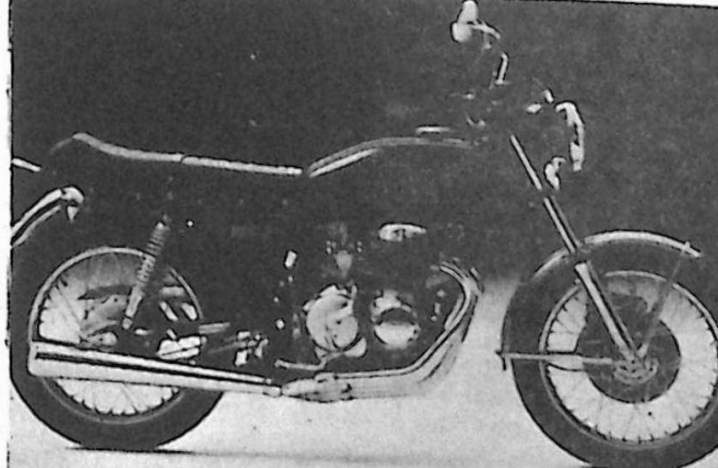
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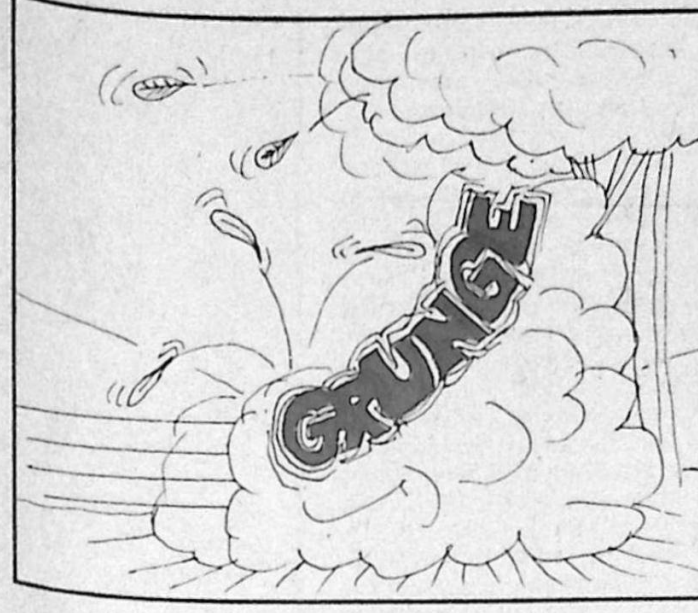
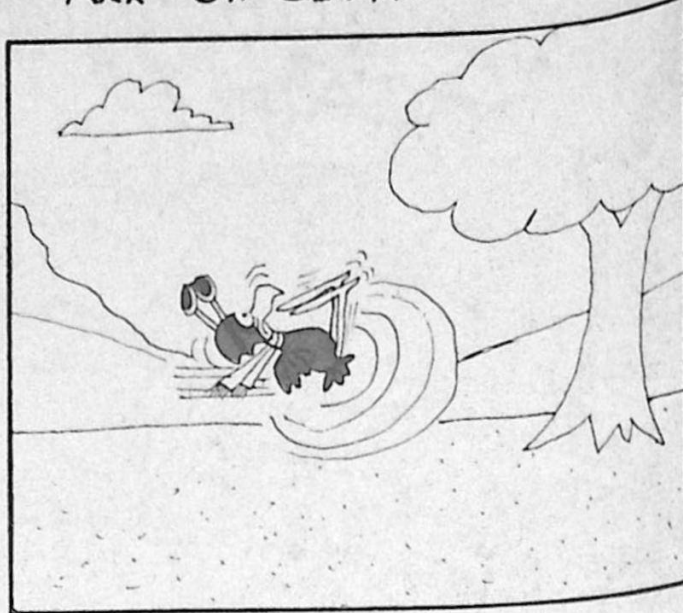
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Nighthawks Nest

Greetings to the world from all the relatives of Norman Nighthawk. If you find today's prose different from the accustomed, it's because young Mike McKay volunteered to go to Charm School. He said he'd do anything to get away from writing but as an alumni I have bad news for him. His writers cramps are just beginning. By the way, donations towards his "Live in the Big City" fund will be gratefully accepted. At last count he only needed another grand.

Top news story of the week must go to the visit by General James. I hear he was suitably impressed with our professionalism, however, not enough to cancel the forthcoming Tac Eval. Back to the Red Book troops. He certainly impressed Brass and peons alike with his powerful personality and stole the show at the Mess Dinner with his speech.

In fact Fast Eddy was so spellbound that later he also tried his gift of gab, however

he had less than successful results. One party a weekend was not enough for some stalwarts so Boss McKay, Right Hand Zinkan, Cowboy Yash and Tricky Dicky Borys went to the Land of Yankees for another Dinner. The occasion was a presentation to the 318th FIS for being the best Squadron in A.D.C. I'm really surprised that the fearsome foursome didn't claim the hardware as their own because after all we are the best. Alas the only souvenirs they brought home were empty wallets.

Kulka take note: Our once chubby Major Nichols has gone on a rigorous diet. So strong is his determination to lose weight that he even volunteered for arctic survival. It's okay Tony; yellow snow has no calories.

It was good to see all ex air, water and dirt types enjoy themselves at the integration bash over the weekend. However Officer Breeden not only set the entire entourage agape with his historic outfit,

he also threatened to use his sword on anyone who wouldn't buy him a drink. It's okay Ron, I think we all owed you a drink anyway. By the way, where were our duty drunks Gladders and Smith?

It's good to see the Arthurs back in town after their Hawaiian sojourn. The only problem now is to tell Rad and Paul apart. They even have the same hairline. Maureen also looks a picture of health until you see her limp around. Her story has her falling off a surfboard but our spies say it was cleverly disguised as a barstool.

Uncle Parky and his Frau are still over there which must have something to do with the fact that pilots make more money than anyone. Somehow it doesn't seem the same with the schedule not changing every hour.

Question of the Week
Why is Bart the Wick anxiously waiting for Valentines Day and what is the present from Peggy going to be that he keeps mumbling about?

The Totem Little Theatre group is presenting Neil Simon's comedy "Plaza Suite" and as an added bonus a one act farce "L'heureux Couple" which will be performed in french. Performance dates and times are: Monday and Tuesday, 16th and 17th of February, 8:00 p.m. at the Base Theatre. "Plaza Suite" was first performed at the Plymouth Theatre in New York, starring George C. Scott as the male lead. It is actually three plays in one all taking place in the same setting, Suite 719 in the Plaza Hotel. We have selected

what we believe to be the best two of them to perform for you. In the first act Karen Nash has booked the suite as she and her husband Sam spent their honeymoon in it 23, or was it 24, years ago.

Their house is being painted and Karen has decided to take advantage of the situation in an attempt to save a marriage that appears to be going on the rocks. What occurs when Sam arrives is far from what she intended.

In the second act Norma and Roy Hubley have booked the suite as a dressing room for their daughter Mimsey

who is to be married in the reception room downstairs. Mimsey has had a change of heart and has locked herself in the bathroom. Their attempts to get her out are ignored completely by Mimsey, who is to blame?

The one act farce "L'heureux Couple" was written by Jad Poirier. It takes place in Jean-Paul's somewhat neglected home in a suburb of Montreal. He is quite a rake and takes advantage of his wife's absence to have a girlfriend in. Unfortunately for him his

wife and somewhat bullish mother-in-law turn up at a most inopportune time. The dialogue is in French but the action is fast, furious, easy to understand and slightly risqué. Parental guidance is advised. We assure you, even if you do not understand a word of French you'll get the message.

Please support our efforts on the 16th and 17th and at the same time treat yourself to an evening of entertainment, which, to say the least is different.

Little Theatre Gets In Gear



JEAN-PAUL'S mother-in-law asks, "Where did this bra come from?"

Photo Begin

Mushroom mutterings

Well, the naves finally did it, they enticed two of our courageous, fearless pilots to go night flying while they practised celestial navigation! Cpts. Vic Lee and Warren Wasylik were so confident that they went 100 miles out to sea before returning to the safety of land and the Tofino beacon. As you gathered we made it back O.K. but it's somewhat disconcerting hearing comments over the intercom like "Mars shouldn't be over there" and "This sextant isn't working right" etc., etc.

Maj. Ken Durrant has been busy with his first aid course and anxiously awaiting the big opportunity to slap a bandaid and splint on someone. Our sympathy goes out to Marj Durrant who has been his practice victim after work each day.

Belated congratulations are due to Capt. Doug McGill who is now a qualified aircraft commander, having dazzled the testing officer on a trip to Edmonton. Doug hasn't

changed though, he still sits with the boys (at another table), endures the chatter of the first officers and we can still use his first name with discretion. The only thing he lacks is that extra two inches on his right arm that all AC's acquire from carrying a publications bag containing charts, etc. to cover ANY contingency.

On the more serious side we almost had a search when a light aircraft on skis ran out of fuel not far from CFS Massett. Capt. Dusty Rhodes took all the standby crew on a fruitless ELT night search only to be told the next morning that the aircraft had been found, the pilot was safe and that he had heard the aircraft but hadn't thought to turn on the ELT!

A second mission flown by Maj. Durrant and Capt. Bob Sexton found a light aircraft in the Cape Scott area within one hour. This demonstrated true SAR capability when the ELT is used properly.

In case you didn't know

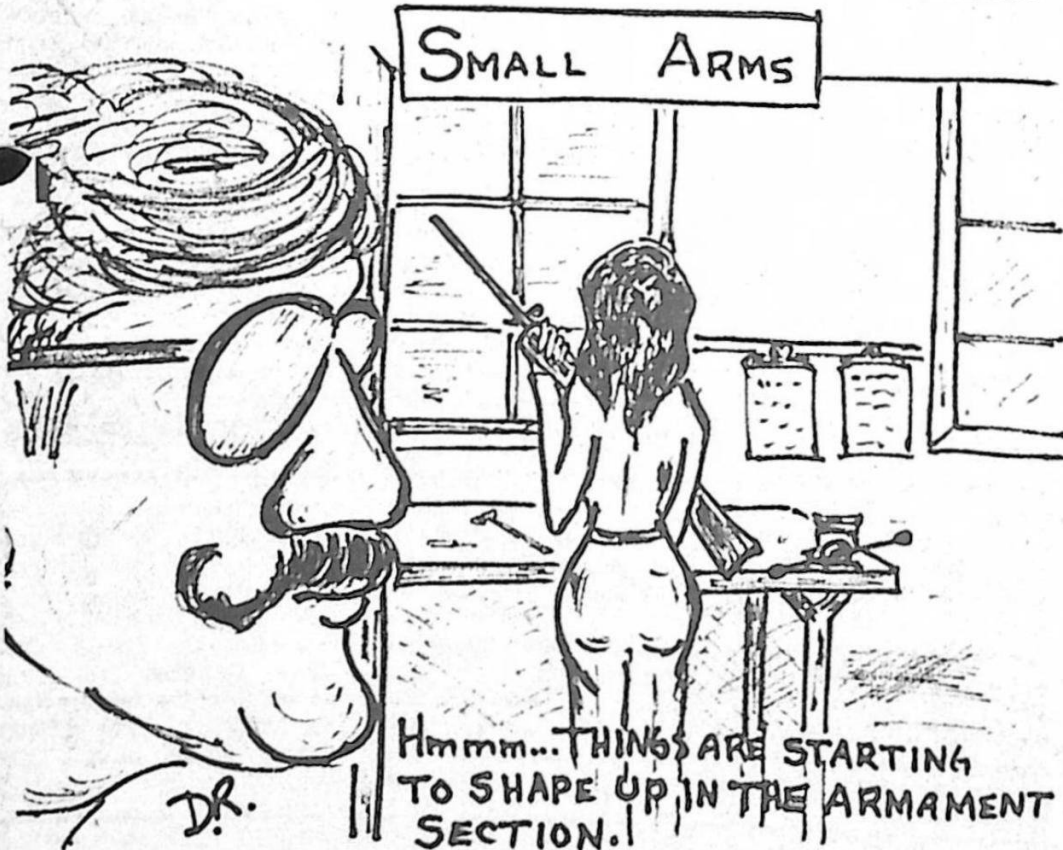
there's a southern trainer scheduled for April. (Sisters Patte and Baker do not need a refresher!) So be nice to the boss.

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CONCRETE EVIDENCE that the second flood is indeed coming can be seen in this cement-hulled ark, currently being built by Maj. Jim "Noah" Simpson. When asked when the flood would arrive, the major replied with a grin "Does Simpson tell Eaton's their business?"

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"Who Am I To Believe?"

An Aerospace Technicians' career management team has just recently left the Base: the anguish still remains.

"I was told by my career manager on his previous visit that I was in the top 10 per cent on the merit list. He now tells me that I have completely dropped out of contention for promotion. I know that my performance hasn't changed! So, what has happened? My boss tells me that my performance was assessed as being tops for my trade on the squadron. Yet, my career manager says that my performance has dropped off. Who am I to believe?"

Since 1968, and the time when Canada's three military services were unified, a single personnel directorate at National Defence Headquarters (NDHQ) has standardized the performance evaluation and promotion systems. As communications is a very important management tool, numerous administrative instructions, orders and briefings were initiated to explain the single service concepts to the officers and men in the field. With the passing of time these instructions, orders and briefings are updated to suit the needs of the service.

Stressed in correspondence and by briefing teams over the years is something to the effect that: "One of the results of the adoption of a centralized personnel system is that quality rather than quantity of service is a major factor in the promotion process. Under the merit principle, the Canadian Forces attempts to select the best man in each trade for advancement regardless of environment, current job and location. The problem is to select the best individuals to fill the very few promotion vacancies that occur from a large number of well qualified contenders. Unfortunately, there is no easy foolproof method of grading individuals; however, the performance evaluation report (PER) system is considered the best of numerous systems considered by the Canadian Forces."

The evaluation given on the PER form by supervisors is supposed to be an honest assessment based solely on the subordinate's performance on the job; i.e., on what he actually did not what he is like, during the reporting period. Any reference to his after duty activities (unless they had a direct bearing on his on-the-job performance) are not to be considered as substantiation for high numerical scores.

The instructions for completing the PER make it quite clear that the majority of people fall into what is classed as the average range. As a matter of fact, on one PER series the instructions stated that the majority of the quantitative scores should be "3".

There has always been some doubt as to the credibility of the performance evaluation and promotion systems. NDHQ counters with words to the effect that they are fair systems. There is a PER monitoring organization which endeavours to ensure that a reporting standard is maintained. It is authorized to inform a commanding officer when his unit's assessments noticeably deviate from the norm for the noticeably applicable. This in-rank and trade applicable. This information is also fed to the annual promotion board. It is left up to the promotion board, however, to decide if there should be an adjustment up or down when evaluating personnel from that unit for a standing on the merit list.

The human touch has been maintained throughout the promotion system. If it were a matter of just compiling the quantitative PER scores over a period of years, it would not be necessary to convene annual promotion boards, a computer could quite capably do the job. The human element has been kept in the procedure so that other factors could be considered; e.g. the narratives, and whether a unit tends to rate high or low in comparison with the norm.

Is this the weakness in the system? Supervisors in the field are informed that they should not get all "shook up" if the average quantitative scores for their unit is low compared to the norm in the particular trade across the Canadian Forces as the promotion board is in a position to make allowances for same. But, do they? There remains some doubt in the minds of the local supervisors after hearing the feedback from their subordinates just after personal interviews had been completed with a career manager.

One PER should not have a drastic effect on the individual's overall performance rating over a period of years; assessors change; people are posted; and, there are personality clashes. It does not appear logical that a person's position on the merit list would change drastically in one year if his performance was still being assessed as the highest in his rank and trade on a unit. It is reasonable to assume that the best technician on one squadron, in a trade with a comparatively large representation, is as good as the top man on another squadron with an equivalent group.

THEN, WHAT IS THE PROBLEM? Maybe, just maybe, we all get too emotionally wound up to think rationally when we believe that someone else is getting the advantage. Maybe we should volunteer for duty as a member of a promotion board? If this is not possible, why not talk to the officer or CWO who has just recently been a member of such a board?

From the fur-lined foxhole

Saturday, 31st January, marked the eighth anniversary of the formation of the Canadian Armed Forces. It also marked the eighth anniversary of the formal end of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force. It is the latter aspect that is always noted not the former.

Each year on the 31st I take out my old RCAF uniform and after looking fondly at the relatively few badges and buttons, I try on the old tunic in front of a mirror. Gad it was a nice color. It's a bit too small now, but still smart enough. As I gaze nostalgically into the mirror all sorts of thoughts run through my mind. Firstly, I imagine the words **AIR FORCE COMMAND** as being the new name for Air Command. Similarly **ARMY COMMAND** and **NAVY COMMAND** appear and just as suddenly disappear. "What's more logical" I muse, "than naming the Commands after the services that they represent?" In any case I've given up talking about the Air Element and trying to explain once again that we really are an Air Force even though we are dressed in green.

Suddenly the image of a powder blue ensign forms in my mind, again I see, or imagine I see, our Roundel as part of our flag. In the distance I seem to hear the Air Force march past. Gradually I perceive long columns of blue uniforms marching past on column of route. As

the march past music fades I imagine the roar of a large formation overhead. "Gad", I sigh inwardly, "we didn't know how well off we were. It wouldn't cost much to change a few names, and produce a few flags to flutter in the breeze. These would mean so much to so many and cost so little."

With that I removed my tunic, poured myself a stiff drink of Scotch and gave three silent toasts to the RCAF, the RCN and the Canadian Army. I wonder what we have accomplished by unification that we couldn't have done as an integrated force. Has unification been a failure? The creation of Air Command might lead one to believe that it has.

And if it has in fact failed then why don't we go back as far as is necessary to undo the disturbing effect? Maybe now is the time to take the several small steps which could take us back to integration without unification. For me integration was to save money. As I understand, it meant that we should have common headquarters, common supply and support systems and common procedures where practicable. It did not mean that we were all to wear the same uniform and have the same new traditions.

Unification too could save money. Where we may have erred was that we lost our nerve and only went part of the way. We took away only part of our individual identities.

— From The Arch —

"In 1974 discussion arose in the House of Commons, on the topic of the right of the members of the Canadian Armed Forces to redress their grievances via their Members of Parliament. Just prior to this discussion, it had been strongly suggested to Armed Forces personnel, via a newsletter that they were to keep their grievances within the Redress System of the Armed Forces."

Such strong suggestions, of course, implied that the redress system via Members of Parliament was taboo. A Member of Parliament during this debate brought forward, what was to my mind a startling fact; members of the Armed Forces were NOT second-class citizens.

Clearly, by this statement the MP was implying that members of the CAF were on equal status to all other citizens of Canada. How terribly wrong he was!

By the single virtue that we are authorized to carry and discharge firearms, in the name of our country, have we been set apart from the rest of our fellow citizens. We are authorized to kill. This single distinction, in a certain sense sets us, the military, above the ordinary citizen. However, the price we must pay for this one idiosyncrasy is that of political abstention.

We must neither express publicly

our political opinions nor participate in any political organization. In this sense we are a genre of second-class citizens. For the granting of one right, we are denied one other.

The abstention from expressing certain beliefs, especially within a university environment is extremely awkward. In some cases it can be very frustrating.

The last editorial had the unfortunate experience of being 'censored'. Grumbings were heard throughout the cadet wing, that the cadet paper had succumbed to 'establishment' pressure. What next?

The truth of the matter is though, that the cadets never did have the right to free (public) opinion, in the first place. In fact, cadets as well as the rest of their military comrades if not second-class citizens, were certainly less than first.

And thus, that vague, abstract, mystical concept of military professionalism and its code of ethics crawls once again into the forefront of this militarized Ivory Tower. To our civilian counterparts (at Queen's or wherever) censorship does not reign tyrannical at RMC, but rather, more accurately shall we call it, 'professional restraint'."

Dapper Dan Says:

Restraints Necessary

By DAN HODGERT
Directorate of
Social Development
Services

OTTAWA (CFP) — Ever since the government decided to implement a wage and price program last October, Canadians have been bombarded by advice from all segments of society. Some of the criticism has been constructive and helpful, some irresponsible and other criticism just outright financial fertilizer.

The Prime Minister now tells us that the economic theories of the past can no longer be trusted to find a solution to today's crisis. A crisis which is referred to as being almost invisible because it has crept up on us as we have not been able to recognize its indicators.

Mankind's passion for self-destruction seemingly takes various forms — not the least of which is the current tendency towards financial suicide.

I contend that our present situation is a result of an accumulation of economic ills over several generations. It is a result of slogans such as "Buy Now, Pay Later", and "Low Interest, Easy Terms". A live it up today, forget about

tomorrow philosophy based on the theory that there is plenty more where that came from. We have been living so high on the hog for so long in our frantic pursuit of the good life that we have forgotten our basic principles.

In my humble opinion, we have reached the stage, as Prime Minister Trudeau clearly spelled out in his recent speech, where realistic stock of our real situation must be taken by all Canadians. No longer can we be permitted to waste our resources, excess must be replaced with a new discipline and all of us have to learn to live within our means.

NOW IS THE TIME — to establish rules and controls. I don't think we will have that choice in a few years' time.

It appears to me that we have no choice but to try to make the controls work. If the controls fail because of opposition from certain segments of society then who really wins and what would such a victory accomplish.

I know that the government has a tricky balancing act on its hands. But it should be possible to find a mix of restraint, compulsion and persuasion to find the eventual solution to this crisis.

Report From Parliament

Hugh Anderson, M.P., Comox-Alberni

various ethnic groups for the fact that jobs are not readily available.

Instead of looking at the deeper causes of unemployment, scapegoats are the order of the day and in my mind this is unhealthy. Not only are recent immigrants to Canada being attacked as causing unemployment but one of the founding races of Canada is under attack and it seems to me the frustrations of inflation and unemployment are being focused on the French Canadians and this founding race is being used as a scapegoat for our economic and social woes.

It is unfortunate that the intelligence and brain power that we possess as a nation are being used in a destructive and fruitless manner because if our intention is to split this country apart we are certainly going about it in the right and venal manner.

We used to look at the race relations in the United States with somewhat a bemused manner and feel a certain sense of smugness and superiority that this was not occurring in Canada. Tain't so!!!

I would say, although we haven't reached the state of the Southern States with the Klu Klux Klan we are certainly progressing in this direction, and if the feelings that are expressed to me

it will be a tough message to get across — that we have come to an end of an era — that now is the time to tighten our belts and unless we make revolutionary changes in the way we live, and cool the "Doing Our Own Thing Bit" we may end up losing many of the freedoms we have taken for granted.

Up until now, the emphasis has been on the government, and what we expect it should be doing. Don't you think it is time to examine the other side of the equation. What should we the public be doing? What can the government expect from us?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We Tried, But . . .

Dear Sir:

Regarding the article on Pac. Reg. Curling Vol. 18, No. 2, dated 22 Jan. 76, it is requested that we explain to your readers why the CFB Comox curling team quote "SAW FIT TO LEAVE PRIOR TO THE PLAYOFFS", Unquote.

The reasons are:

1. The PERI staff of CFB

From the Institute of
Chartered Accountants
of British Columbia

A collection agency was prosecuted and sentenced under the Income Tax Act for failing to report all its commissions over a three-year period. Taxes-in-arrears came to \$31,566 and in addition the owner was fined \$11,000 or six months in jail.

A janitor service diverted company income into personal accounts and did not record the transfer. Taxes of \$16,232 were payable plus a fine of \$16,075 or seven months in jail.

These are two examples published by Revenue Canada, Taxation of tax offenders who have been prosecuted and sentenced under the Income Tax Act during the period January 2, 1975 to March 31, 1975.

Other taxpayers are caught but not taken to court. Nevertheless, they must pay the taxes avoided plus interest and possibly penalties.

Most taxpayers are confronted with the various penalty provisions contained in the Income Tax Act to enforce compliance. For the majority of taxpayers, their only contact occurs when filling out their personal return.

At the bottom of their personal tax return a line states, "It is a serious offence to make a false return". Most taxpayers realize they could be subject to a penalty if they do not file their tax return by midnight, April 30. This is printed as well on each individual's tax return.

Penalties range from amounts of \$25 or less to substantial amounts which can include imprisonment. While prison terms were not mandatory, in the two examples cited above, more serious offences could result in both fines and imprisonment.

It should be noted that the penalty provisions apply not only to the taxpayer committing the return but also to third parties who aid in their preparation either for a fee or as part of their job responsibility.

The Canadian income tax system is predicated on the principle of honest self-assessment. The success of the system is reflected in the relatively low administrative costs associated with the Department of National Revenue which administers the Income Tax Act.

While the majority of taxpayers are honest, the above examples are grim reminders of the dangers that can befall those who do not comply with the Income Tax Act.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: In reply to a number of queries regarding the rights of servicemen, the Totem Times is pleased to reprint the editorial from the Royal Military College tabloid, The Arch.

These people tend to blame

"Chappie's" Visit To CFB Comox

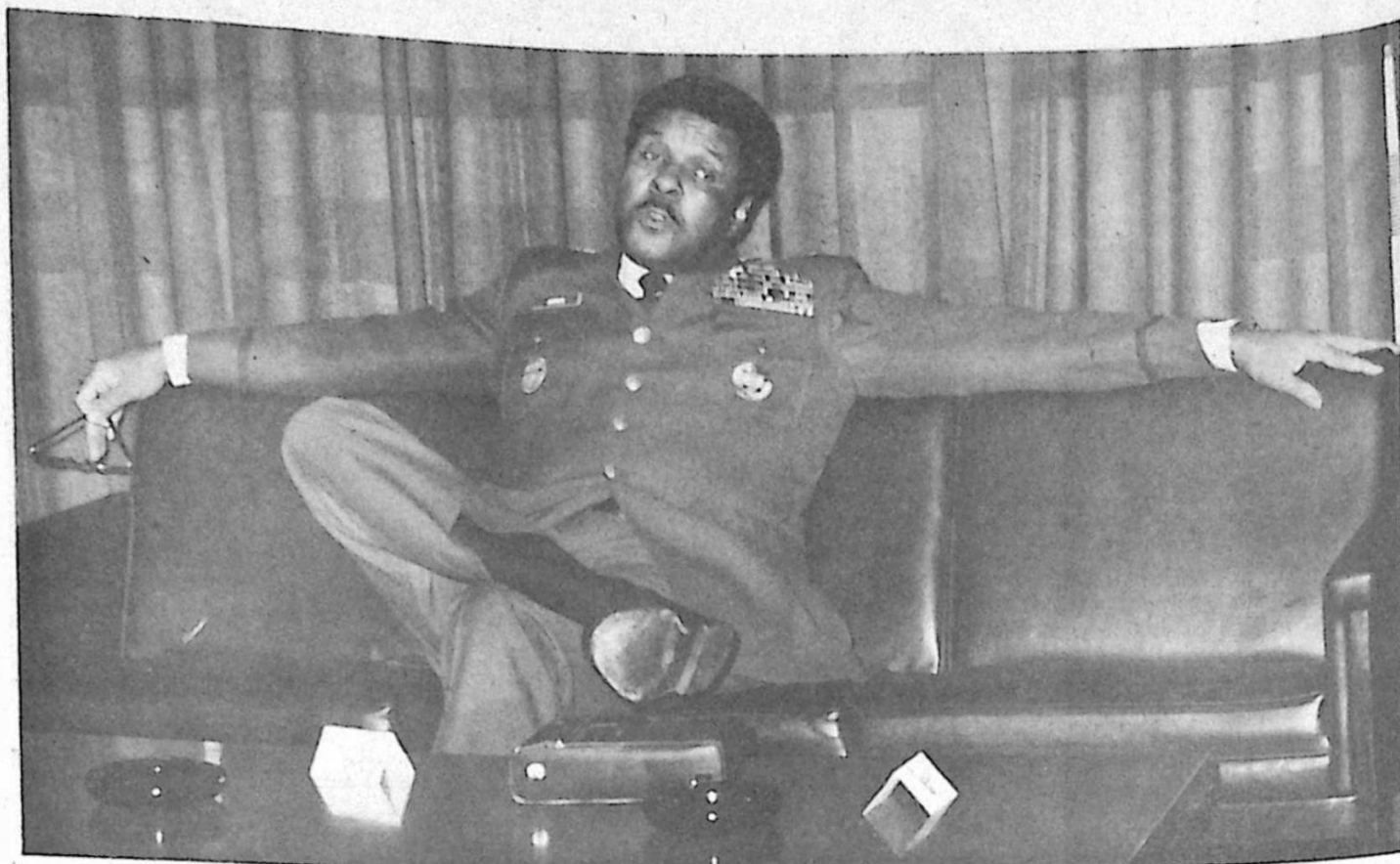
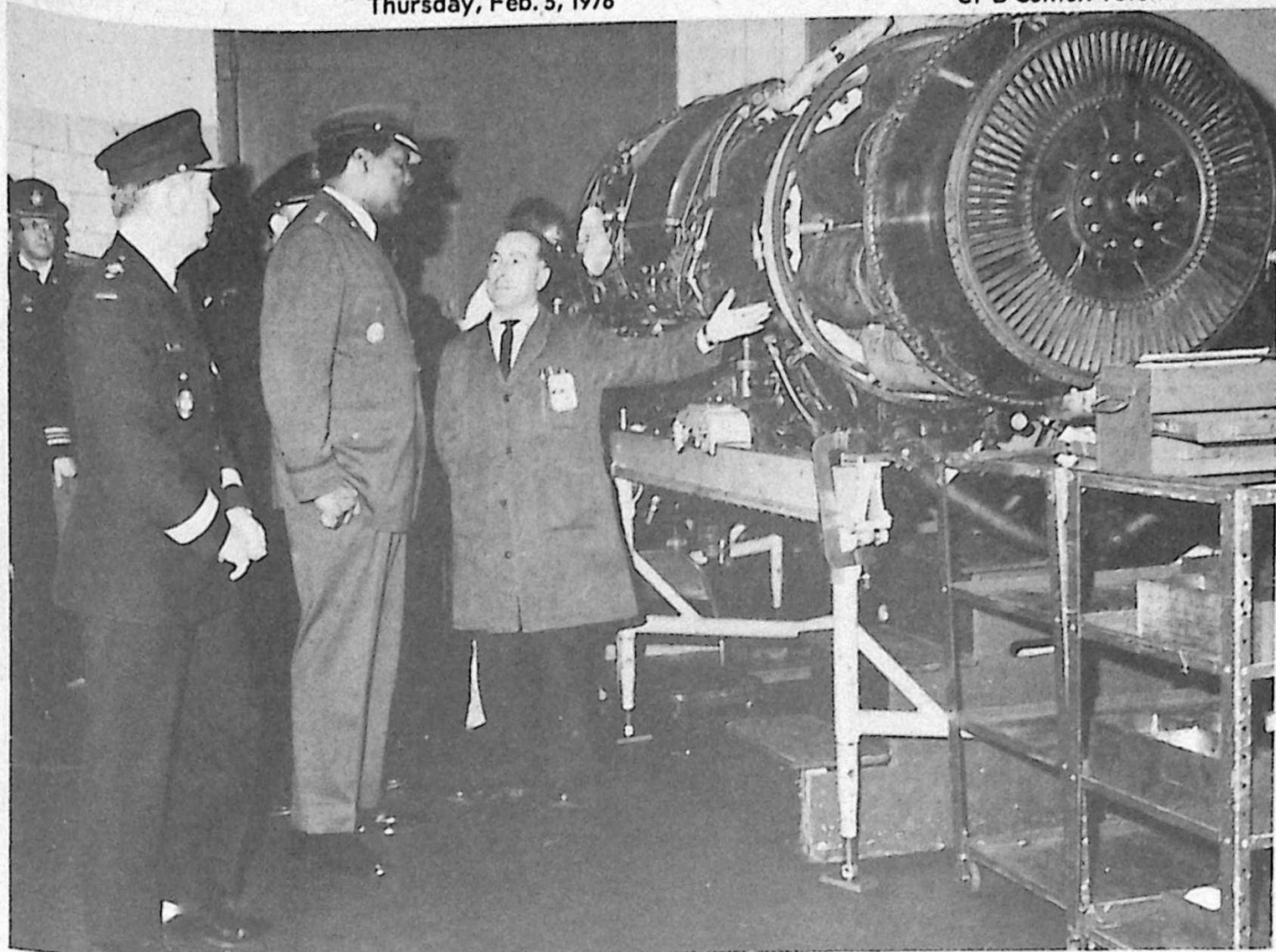


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A NORAD Reach!



Base Photo

This, Sir is a 'Polish' View of a . . .



Base Photo

Gen. James weilds big stick

"Strength, partnership and the willingness to negotiate are the main pillars on which the deterrent is based," stated General Daniel James, Commander in Chief of the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD), during a visit to this West Coast Base on 23 and 24 January. "The current stable situation must be backed up with strength and partnership. A strong alliance is more valuable than any weapon ever designed."

"Concerned people are in the majority, in my opinion," he continued, "those who take the simplistic solution; ie., no one is mad and there's no threat, are usually the most voiciferous." "Don't lose that resolve! War is ugly, but not the ugliest. One must take a stand! I am a fighter pilot. I am a warrior. I will not relax my guard!"

"Flower snipping stage...a weakness? No way! We will carry out the policy of our country!"

"I saw a first class outfit today: a tiger in its lair. Clean aircraft, although over 20 years old, clean work areas and mechanics who take pride in their work." The General was making reference to his tour of the 409 Squadron's Night Hawk Nest.

In answer to a question, General James indicated words to the effect that Canada's Chief of the Defence Staff had stated that the replacement for the aging CF101B would not be equipped to carry nuclear weapons.

"There's no need to get alarmed about the Trident Base at Bangor, Washington. The Trident protects itself as a prong of the major deterrent triad. NORAD does not have to make any special preparations."

Have any problems developed as a result of the volunteer force concept in the USA? "No," was the General's reply, "it is successful beyond our wildest dreams. It was thought that it would be 'Poor folks to fight a rich man's war' but this didn't happen. The USAF has attained 100 per cent manning with a long waiting list of people wanting to enlist. The standards have not been lowered, although some improvements have been made, so that the quality would be affected. We found ourselves getting top heavy in the officer NCO ratio; however, we have taken steps to change that situation. As an example, the higher ranks have been urged to retire early. We must continue to have a good spread in the age group across the force."

General Daniel (Chappie) James speaks the language of a fighter pilot with much combat and leadership experience. You could have heard a pin drop in the Officers' Mess when the fighter pilot and his Canadian wingman were high tailin' it across the countryside toward a towering CB to get away from a persistent Ops Officer. "That Jim Hanna stayed right with me as we urged our machines up through the shafts of turbulent air..." The story went on. The Jet Jocks were sitting on the edges of their chairs -- their Mess kits were straining as they were pulled and squeezed in the "G" forces being simulated over the Dining Room floor.

On Saturday morning a T39, Sabre Liner, screamed into the air over CFB Comox. The words of a ghostly song drifted back to earth: "Those ol' ground pounders, they don't fly fighters; they don't fly bombers; they just keep stumbling along..."

THE FIGHTER PILOT WAS BACK AT THE CONTROLS!



Base Photo

Night Hawk Contract

A Token From The Comox Gang



Base Photo

"Yes, We Like Mess Dinners Too, Marg."



Photo Begin

"Howdy"



Base Photo

Fighter Pilots and Ground Pounders



Sports Capers

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SMALL BASE CHAMPS - CFS Kamloops Winners of CFS Beaverlodge last years winners at PAC.

Reg. Broomball tournament.

Base Photo

Totems Retain

(Continued from page 1) another team eliminated from the tournament, that team being Kamloops as Esquimalt defeated their second small base of the day by a 5 to 2 count. This meant that the navy boys, including their 47 year old veteran Red Larson would have to play a third game that day, against Chilliwack.

Comox by virtue of their win over Chilliwack had made it into the finals and would play the winner of the Esquimalt-Chilliwack game for the championship, both teams wanted the win and showed it. Neither team allowed the other much room to work, with a see-saw battle resulting with Chilliwack being victorious by a 3 to 1 score. Thus eliminating Esquimalt, and setting up the second Thrilla Two regulation periods, four overtime ten minute periods and finally after eighty-one minutes and seven seconds Chilliwack were able to force a third and deciding game to establish a winner.

Totems score first, Chilliwack tie it up two minutes later and then go

ahead, Comox fight back to score with just 1:44 left, but this is all in the first period. The second period is a battle of the goaltenders as neither team can score setting up the extra overtime, which saw some great defensive broomball with neither team wanting to make the mistake which would cost them the game. Comox wanted the championship, Chilliwack wanted a third and deciding game. They were to get it, as at 1:07 of the fifth overtime a goal was scored.

The final contest had to be delayed for one hour due to the duration of the previous game. Finally getting underway at 1430 everybody knew this one was for all the marbles, everyone was sore and tired both mentally and physically but you couldn't tell it by the game, it was a tremendous contest.

Totems scored the only goal of the first period and scored two more before ten minutes had expired in the second but Chilliwack would not roll over and die, scoring at 11:33 and pouring on the pressure for the tying goals, but against

the run of the play Totems managed a fourth and then everything started to happen. Chilliwack realized they were beaten and the tournament suffered its only incidents when the game officials were forced to call two match penalties on two Chilliwack players.

Lt. Col. L.G. Jenks representing the Base Commander presented the Totems Trophy and medallions to the winning Totems players, he also presented the Small Base Trophy to the CFS Kamloops team. Trophies were also presented to the tournament officials

TOTEM SCORERS:

Lafortune 4 pts; Roux 4 pts; Anderson 4 pts; Uddenberg 3 pts; Lemieux, Hunter, Wood Rochon, all with 2 pts; Chequis, Criss, McNabb, Cuvillier, Obermeyer, all with 1 pt.

TOTEMS TEAM ROSTER: Ron Burnell, Mike Lemieux, Dave Galloway, George McNabb, John Chequis, Gary Wood, Guy Lafortune, Brian Uddenberg, Barry Hunter, Doug Obermeyer, Russ Roux, Dennis Rochon, Bob Cuvillier, Gary Anderson, Brian "Weiner" Lavigne and Bill Criss.

Totems Hockey Results

On Tuesday, January 20, the Totems were the victims of a 7-0 drubbing by the Courtenay Elks at Glacier Gardens. The base team could not get it together and were outshot 41-27 by the Elks. Both teams were assessed seven minor penalties.

However the Totems put it all together on Saturday, January 24 in a home game against the Parksville Cohos. Dan Sanscartier got the hat trick in the 11-2 win over the Cohos. The Totems dominated play throughout the game with four Totems goals being scored in both the first and second periods to make it 8-0 after the second. Other scorers for the Totems were Lou Goulet, Arman Vartanyan and Jim Whelen with two apiece. Lloyd Noseworthy and Oland Richard each got one goal. Totem goaltender Rod Stewart stopped 20 shots while the Totems peppered the Parksville netminder with 41 shots.

Last week the Totems travelled to Edmonton to play two games against the CFB Edmonton Trojans. Stats were not available at press time but the Totems lost 10-0 in the first game and came away with a 3-3 tie after the

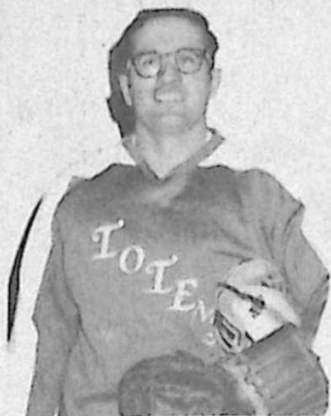
second.

Last Saturday, Comox lost a very closely played and hard fought game to the Courtenay Elks at the Sports Centre. The score was 4-2 with Lloyd Noseworthy scoring, unassisted, in the first period while the Elks chalked up two. In the second period, the Elks counted two more goals and Oland Richard scored for Comox with an assist from Ernie Strocel.

On Sunday, afternoon, the CFB Edmonton Trojans played the Totems in Glacier Gardens. It was a fast moving and exciting hockey game with only a total of eight penalties assessed. However Comox could not get the puck past the sharp Trojan netminder enough times. The final outcome was 7-3 for the Trojans. Totem scorers were Oland Richard, Ernie Strocel and Jim Whelen with assists from Arman Vartanyan, Jim Whelen and Dan Sanscartier respectively.

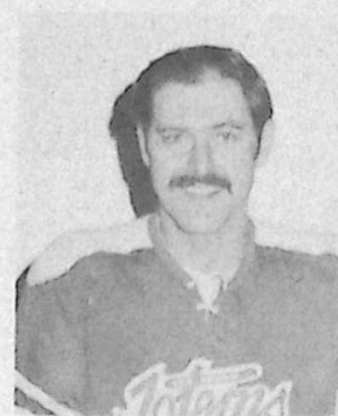
Totem home games for February are as follows: Feb. 7 Saturday Totems vs Parksville 8:15 p.m.; Feb. 10 Tuesday Totems vs Courtenay 8:30 p.m.; Feb. 24 Tuesday Totems vs Parksville 8:15 p.m.

★ Meet The Totems ★



ROD STEWART: GOAL

Rod started playing service hockey as a forward with Summerside. But he put on the big pads, seven years ago, for Moosonee. Since then he has proved his prowess in the nets with service teams at North Bay, Holberg and now the Totems.



GERRY ZANUCCI: GOAL

Gerry has thwarted would be scorers as a goaltender on service hockey teams for eleven years. He started his service hockey career in Clinton, Ont. and then the Trenton Flyers and Greenwood Bombers. Gerry is a very welcome addition to the Totem team.



BOB MAIN: DEFENCE NO. 2

Bob, in his fourth season with the Totems, wears No. 2 on defence. With twenty years of service hockey experience, Bob certainly deserves to be team captain. In addition to Comox, Bob has played hockey with Summerside, Portage and Four Wing in Germany.



ROLLE CRAMER: DEFENCE NO. 4

Rolle has played service hockey for eight years. He started playing at Borden and then played intermediate hockey at Cold Lake. He has also been on service teams in Europe - the Aces and Four Wing Raiders. This is Rolle's second season with the Totems.



LARRY HARKER: DEFENCE NO. 3

Larry has been letting his presence be known on the Totem Team for five seasons. In ten years of service hockey Larry has also played at Borden, Three Wing Flyers for two years and First Wing Arrows.



ERNIE STROCEL: DEFENCE NO. 5

Ernie started playing service hockey in Centralia in 1961 and has been competing ever since. He has also played for Ottawa, Rivers, Man. and he is now in his second season with the Totems as a defenceman and assistant coach.



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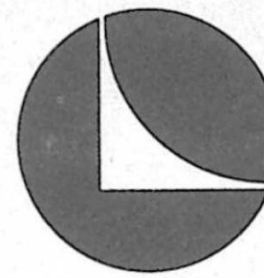
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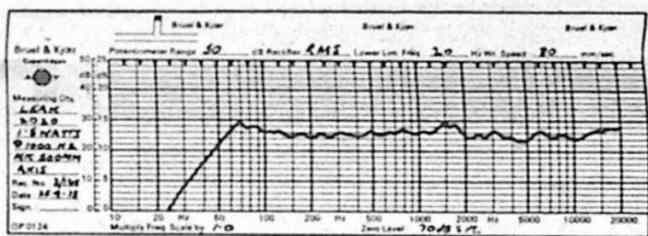
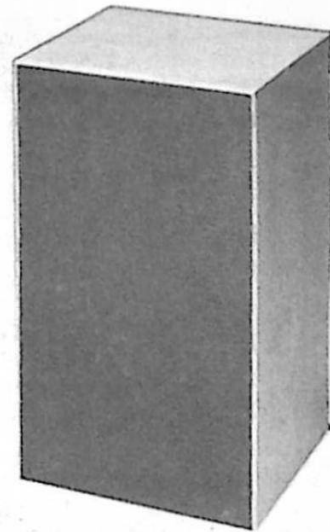
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COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. -- The launch of Canada's eighth satellite Jan. 17 at Cape Canaveral, Fla., swelled the number of man-made space objects catalogued by the North American Air Defence Command's (NORAD) satellite trackers to 8,586. The \$60 million communications satellite, designed and built in Canada, joins 3,744 objects still in space. Its orbital apogee (highest point) is 35,632 kilometers and its perigee (lowest point) is 164.5 kilometers. The satellite orbits the earth every ten hours 27.5 minutes.

Indoor Soccer

On 26 Jan. the Wolves beat the Falcons 3 to 2 with two goals by Mike Naso and Greg Hill scoring the other. For the Falcon's Lee Jepsen and Shane Hartman were the scorers. In the other game the Bears downed the Lions 4 to 2. David Uddenberg scored 3 goals while Shane Grenon got the other. For the Lions Francis Gosselin and Wesley Jordan scored. On 2 Feb. the Wolves beat the Lions 3 to 0 with Miller scoring once while Mike Naso scored twice. The Falcons downed the Bears 3 to 1, Lee Bryson with one and Lee Jepsen with two. Play-offs are on the 22 Feb. at 9 a.m.

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MUSKETT RINK RUNNERS UP:

A total of 40 rinks were entered in the Open Mixed Bouspiel held at the C.V.C.C. on the weekend, competing for trophies and prizes in four events.

Winners are as follows: "A" Event - sponsored by Diners Island.

1st, Greg Pruden, Agnes Hunter, Barry Panar, Marsha Zabensky (North Vancouver); 2, Ken Muskett, Shirley Lowe, Bill Lowe, Lucy Grant (C.V.C.C.); 3, Dennis Viklund, Bev Aitken, Ken Aitken, Lynn Murphy (C.V.C.C.); 4, Danny Wilder, Joyce Alward, John Foster, Chris Erickson (C.V.C.C.).

"B" event - sponsored by Roy Parker Marine Ltd.

1, Neil Dickson, Loraine Ross, Dunc Ross, Mary Dickson (Victoria); 2, George Barrs, Donna Barrs, Bob Alexander, Marylyn Alexander (C.V.C.C.); 3, Steve Wasylicew, Joan Palmer, Vern Palmer, Paddy Wasylicew (Campbell River); 4, Dale Pearson, Eileen Kirkwood, Karl Johannsen, Anne Boddell (C.V.C.C.).

"C" Event - sponsored by McConochie's Furniture:

1, Cliff Atkinson, Mary Schwager, Mark Ivezich, Maxine Ivezich (Port Alberni); 2, Dave Paterson, Marion Hagg, Frank Coates, Sadie Coates (C.V.C.C.); 3, Smokey Alexander, Muriel Fielding, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Sr. (C.V.C.C.); 4, Frank Marshall, Audrey Marshall, Jerry Koster, Bobby Koster (C.V.C.C.).

"D" Event sponsored by Nib Johnston Motors Ltd.

1, Bob Thompson, Terry Hawley, Al Thompson, June Watts (McPherson Winter Club - Burnaby); 2, Ole Carlson, Irma Carlson, Keith Acorn, Ollie Acorn (C.V.C.C.); 3, Ray Hammel, Mary Game, George Game, Vi Hammel (C.V.C.C.); 4, Bob Kardynal, Lois Slater, Doug Slater, Ev Kardynal (C.V.C.C.).

In the High School Boy's

Playdowns held at the Campbell River Curling Club Jan. 30 and 31 the "A" event winner was the Phil Carriere rink from the Max Cameron High School in Powell River and the "B" event winner was the Perry Bellrose rink from the Campbell River Senior Secondary School.

Nanaimo Realty 56 Rinks, Service Club Hangover Bouspiel Draws:

Friday Feb. 6 - 6:30 p.m.
1. Dobson (CVCC) vs Atkinson (CR); 2. Blackcats (CVCC) vs Grams (CR); 3. Pete the Painter (CVCC) vs Kinsmen (CVCC); 4. Coleman (CR) vs Barrs Mobile Homes (CVCC); 5. Quinsam Hotel (CR) vs Inglis (CVCC); 6. Comox Free Press (CVCC) vs Spiers (CR).

Friday Feb. 6 - 9 p.m.
1. Rotary Club (CVCC) vs Andow (PA); 2. Spooner (CR) vs Lucky Lager (CVCC); 3. Jensen (Nan.) vs Courtenay Legion 1 (CVCC); 4. Scott (Nan.) vs Hals (P. Hardy); 5. Morgan (Nan.) vs Cowboys (CVCC); 6. Curran (PA) vs Full Tilts (CVCC).

Friday Feb. 6 - 11 p.m.
1. Stupich (Nan.) vs Pongos (CVCC); 2. MacKenzie (Lake Cow.) vs Firemen (CVCC); 3. Camsell (Holb) vs Elks (CVCC); 4. Smith (PA) vs Bonnie Togs (CVCC); 5. Lions Club 2 vs Simms (Vic.); 6. Coffee Vic. vs Shields (CVC-C).

Saturday Feb. 7 - 1 a.m.
1. Birbrick (P. Hardy) vs McColl (Nan.); 2. Busse (CVCC) vs D'Arcangelo (P. Hardy); 3. Legion 2 (CVCC) vs Campbell (CR); 4. Clement (PA) vs Zealand (Holb); 5. Sgts. Mess 1 vs Landon (P. Hardy); 6. McLean (PA) vs Hammel (Gold River).

Saturday Feb. 7 - 3 a.m.
1. Podetz (Gold River) vs Battle (Lantzville); 2. Yeatman (Holb) vs Macdonald (Nan.); 3. Gold (P. Hardy) vs Bray (PA); 4. Landon (Holb) vs Tayco Paving (CVCC).



WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C. — A picturesque wood fence in the remote Chilcotin area of central B.C. provides cover for a soldier guarding a road against "enemy" attack. This

week 1260 servicemen of the Calgary based 1 Combat Group and its support elements wind up the largest military exercise to be held in Western Canada in 1976.

Named Rapier Thrust IV, the exercise was designed to train the Combat Group in its new commitment to NATO's Allied Command Europe (ACE) Mobile Force in Norway.

Sailing Club

Our winter Cruising Under Sail training course is now well under way with encouragingly good turnouts of members learning everything from knowing the pros and cons of different sail rigs to how to take a running fix.

These classes are held from 1900 to 2100 every Monday and Wednesday night at our HMCS Quadra clubhouse and are available to all interested persons at no charge over and above annual membership dues which for 1976 are set at \$30.00 per family.

It is possible to join in on preferred course subjects at any stage throughout the course depending on your interests and requirements. See the course schedule published below. Further information may be obtained by phoning the club secretary 339-4216.

Keep your eye on this column for the spring dinghy learn to sail program commencing in April. If you would rather be sailing, the Canadian Forces Sailing Association is for you.

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Jan Justus of CFB Comox Lanes has been selected as Bowler of the Month. She is an active bowler in two leagues and is doing very well. Jan is

always striving to improve her bowling. She is a willing volunteer with our handicapped league and also works with the senior bowlers

division of our Y.B.C. League. Keep up the good work, Jan your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Entertainment and Events

JUNIOR RANKS CLUB

FEBRUARY ENTERTAINMENT

7 and 8 Feb. — Dance - "Small Craft Warning."

10 Feb. — Movie - California Split.

11 Feb. — Bingo as usual.

13, 14, 15 Feb. — Valentine's Weekend.

Remember the Great "Marty Davis Show" in October when the club was filled for three consecutive nights? He is returning with his back-up band "The Murphys". Admission \$1.00 per member. \$2.00 non member.

17 Feb. — Movie - T.B.A.

18 Feb. — Bingo.

21, 22 Feb. — Dance to The Michael Scott (Duet).

24 Feb. — Movie - The Sting.

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FEBRUARY 6

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FEBRUARY 7

DANCE — Admission free. Time: 2100 until 0100 hrs. Band: "Powerhouse." Food: \$2.50 per person.

FEBRUARY 14

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE

Dinner: 1930 to 2100 hrs. Cornish Game Hen and Free Wine. Dancing: 2130 to 0130 hrs. to the "Alley Cats." Admission: \$12.00 per couple regular/associate. \$20.00 per couple honorary/guests.

FEBRUARY 28

WESTERN NIGHT DANCE

Time: 2100 to 0100 hrs. Admission: Free. Prizes for best western attire. Cowboy food will be served at a cost of \$2.50 per plate. Dance to the "Van Islanders."

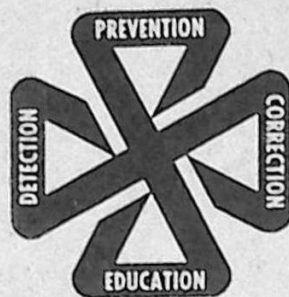
FEBRUARY 29

WINE AND CHEESE — 1400 to 1600 hrs. Cost \$2.00 per couple.

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<p>Sat. 7 Feb.</p> <p>THE BIG SHOW Circus Show Ester Williams</p>	<p>Sat. 14 Feb.</p> <p>SHERIFF OF FRACTURED JAW Kenneth More Jayne Mansfield</p>
<p>SATURDAY MATINEES</p>	
<p>RESTRICTED SHOWS: 18 years and above - Under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a person over 18.</p>	
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ACCENT SAFETY



By Safety Sam

PRIDE OF PERFORMANCE AND SAFETY

In industry today, and in other areas of commercial enterprise, people are being encouraged to develop and nurture pride of performance — no shoddy merchandise; no half-hearted personal service; no "so what" and "I could care less" attitude when things go wrong.

"Pride of Performance" — in your department, section or unit — is exactly what is needed for personal satisfaction in the field of safety, as in all other areas of human endeavor. And personal satisfaction at day's end, in a job well and truly done, is one of life's little remaining joys in which all can share.

The following article, published in the Aviation Mechanics Bulletin captures the essence of the overall goal of the CFB Comox "Accent Safety" program — professional safe performance. It applies particularly to Flight Safety, but is appropriate to everyone in a general safety context.

MR. FIRST FOR FLIGHT SAFETY

For every accident that happens, there probably are hundreds of near-misses. In one study, the ratio was found

to be one major injury for each 29 first-aid types...or for 300 non-injury mishaps. Regardless of the accuracy of whether or not these figures currently prevail, they do more than merely suggest that safety practices are in need of review. If near-miss or non-injury incidents are occurring, the time is NOW to take a long hard look at work habits, at equipment, or both, to locate what and where improvements are needed.

The dilemma in all this may lie in our ability to recognize a near-miss, a borderline injury producing action or activity. Who will report an accident that did not happen? Probably no one; it may not even have been recognized as such. The answer to that is to stay alert. The mechanic, or even the apprentice mechanic striving proudly for professionalism, should be able to recognize shoddy work habits, detect lax rules or equipment that needs better maintenance. Any one of these could be the weak link responsible for those telltale near-misses, the "almost" accident.

It is professionalism in the mechanic, the man who is Mister First in the maintenance of safe flight, that sets him apart as the individual who adheres to

company procedures. He is the man who knows how to do things correctly and accomplishes his tasks on time. He is the man who thinks about what he is doing and does not resort to untried and untested shortcuts in the completion of his work. He is alert to the condition of the tools and equipment he works with; he makes certain the safety devices are in place, that he is wearing the necessary safety clothing, protective eyeglasses if the job required them. He also shows concern for his fellow workers as well as himself. In short, he knows that major injury-producing accidents frequently arise from the so-called minor near-misses of the past that either have gone unreported or actually been ignored. Being a professional he stays EN GARDE against carelessness; he adheres firmly to company procedures and safety policies.

That man is you, the mechanic who is truly a professional who wears well his cloak of responsibility.

(Courtesy: Flight Safety Foundation, Inc.)

FIRE IS A GOOD SERVANT BUT A TERRIBLE MASTER
During the night a burning log rolled out of an unattended, unscreened, fireplace in Jefferson, Alabama, turned a frame house into a furnace and killed seven people.

An ice storm knocked out power lines and furnace controls in Stamford, Connecticut, and the sole occupant of a two-storey house piled so much wood in the fireplace that the screen wouldn't fit against the hearth opening. Then he poured charcoal starter on the wood, lighted it and went to bed, leaving newspapers and the can of fluid on the hearth. Early next morning flames burst through the roof as the occupant leaped through an upstairs window.

Such actual case histories from records of the National Fire Protection Association illustrate some of the ways that 14,000 home fires began in fireplaces last year.

Too hot a fire in the fireplace is a common error, often leading to disaster, especially if the fireplace or flue is made of metal. Enough heat may be radiated to set a wall, roof or any nearby combustible material on fire. If flue or fireplace is

Firing Away

defective or improperly constructed, the risk is multiplied. Broken bricks and crumbling mortar are common causes of home fires. Flying sparks are also a common cause of fire. A properly installed spark screen is essential to prevent fires from starting in this way.

Leaving a fireplace unattended, or leaving children unattended near a burning fireplace, are both highly unsafe. An estimated 6,000 persons in one year received emergency treatment for fireside injuries.

Many people defy both physical laws and common sense by attempting to relight a fire with flammable liquids. Merely to open a container of flammable liquid near a

fireplace is extremely hazardous.

Artificial logs can produce tremendous heat. Read the instructions and follow them. Burn only one log at a time.

To safely enjoy the comfort and pleasure of your fireplace, here are a few simple rules to follow:

— Don't burn trash and wrappings for they can become flying paper embers that settle on the roof. Aerosol cans and light bulbs explode. Some plastics and plastic foam can produce dangerous gases.

— Never burn home-rolled newspaper logs soaked in flammable liquids.

— Keep rugs, pillows, newspapers, holiday wrappings and other flammable materials away from

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— Make sure fireplace is completely out before going to bed or leaving the house.
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And Who Says All The Heroes Are Dead?

• Fire Fighter • Para Rescue •

OTTAWA — Courageous actions during a September, 1973, rescue of two downed pilots has earned a chief of the defence staff commendation for Master Corporal Edward C. Neufeld, 31, of Warman, Sask., a firefighter at CFB Cold Lake, Alta.

Neufeld twice volunteered to be lowered from a helicopter hoist to retrieve pilots during a night-time rescue mission in northern Alberta. He was a spotter aboard the helicopter searching for two pilots who had ejected after two T-33 Silver Star jet aircraft collided.

About midnight, the helicopter crew located one of the downed pilots but was unable to land because of high trees in the area.

M.Cpl. Neufeld volunteered to be lowered in the sling to the pilot, though it was his first helicopter flight.

Once on the ground, he assisted the downed pilot, in a state of shock, to the sling and signalled the crewman to hoist him into the helicopter. He extinguished the pilot's camp fire, recovered the emergency locator beacon and was hoisted back into the helicopter.

Finding the second pilot soon afterwards, the helicopter again was forced to hover because of uncertain terrain, and Neufeld again was lowered by hoist. This pilot, injured during the ejection from his aircraft, was assisted into the sling by the firefighter who again extinguished the camp fire, retrieved the pilot's locator beacon and was lifted aboard the helicopter.

Reporting on the incident, Lieutenant-Colonel J.C. MacDonald, then acting base commander, CFB Cold Lake, said "the speedy rescue of these two downed pilots, both suffering minor injuries and in shock, is directly attributable to (his) dauntless courage, devotion to duty and disregard for his own safety."

He said that "firefighters are trained for ground rescue only, and his courageous actions were well beyond the scope of his normal duties." He added that the fact that this was his first helicopter flight, in the dark of night, over unknown terrain, serves to emphasize M.Cpl. Neufeld's daring feat.

The commendation reads that "his dedication to duty and courage were instrumental in the speedy and successful rescue of the injured pilots."

OTTAWA — Two Canadian Forces para-rescue specialists will receive chief of defence staff commendations for jumping into a crash-site in west Labrador in September, 1974, to tend to four injured persons.

The two are Sergeant Bernard J. Fitzgerald, 43, Summerside, P.E.I., and Master Corporal Gerald W. McNutt, 41, Moose Jaw, Sask., both members of 413 Transport and Rescue Squadron at CFB Summerside. They jumped at 900 feet from a Buffalo aircraft to aid occupants of an American Cessna that had crashed after experiencing icing problems out of Wabush, Nfld.

Wabush air traffic control, in radio communication with the aircraft, notified the rescue coordination centre in Halifax when communication was broken off. A Canadian Forces Buffalo aircraft, on a routine flight from Summerside to Halifax, was diverted to the area.

After spotting smoke from a fire at the crash-site, Fitzgerald and McNutt jumped to find all four alive but injured, one seriously. The two administered first aid and radioed for medical evacuation by helicopter.

The most seriously-injured victim, with internal injuries and a fractured arm and leg, was evacuated about a half hour later to nearby Labrador City with Sgt. Fitzgerald. McNutt remained at the crash-site until two helicopters returned, one with a physician, to complete the evacuation to Labrador City and Wabush.

In a letter to Lieutenant-Colonel B.A. Merklinger, commanding officer of 413 Transport and Rescue Squadron, the physician said that, on arrival at the crash site, "... these men (Fitzgerald and McNutt) had everything under control, including very careful detail to medical problems ... one of the four men in the plane was seriously injured, and there is absolutely no question that, without the services of these men, he would not have survived."

Maj.-Gen. K.E. Lewis, then commander of Air Transport Command, remarked that Sgt. Fitzgerald and M.Cpl. McNutt applied the training and skills of a rescue specialist under hazardous conditions and were instrumental in saving at least one life.



New Trucks For Forces

OTTAWA — Mobility in the Canadian Forces has been given a shot in the arm with the recent purchase of 2,848 1½-ton trucks, costing \$20.8 million.

The slightly modified commercial vehicles, from General Motors' Chevrolet division in Oshawa, Ont., will replace the Forces' aging three-quarter-ton fleet, some dating back as far as 1952.

About 600 units were delivered to the Armed Forces by the end of 1975. The remainder will come off the assembly line at the rate of 24 a day, between January and May, 1976.

Some Historical Notes On The Chapel

The first service was held in the RCAF Chapel (P) at Wallace Gardens 15 August, 1954 at 1100 hours. The attendance was 82 and F.L.J.K. Goldie was the Chaplain.

Dedication of Memorial Windows was held 10 September, 1954 at 1545 hours. Officiating were F.L.J.K. Goldie and G.C.F.W. MacLean. The preacher was His Grace The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury. The attendance was 320. The windows were dedicated and unveiled by the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, Col. The Honourable C.E. Wallace, C.B.E.

The dedication of the Chapel took place on 11 December, 1955 at 1100 hours. The preachers were G.C.F.W. MacLean, C.D., D.R.A. (P), S.L. Bill Rodgers, C. Chaplain, and S.L. George Fee, Air Div. Chaplain and F.L. Ken Goldie. The attendance was 342. The lessons were read by A.C. Orr and G.C. McNab.

The first Evening Service was held on December 18. This was a nice family service of carols, film, sermons, nativity scene and G.C. Weston read the lesson. Attendance was 180.

drive, a 350 h.p. engine, automatic transmission, and power steering and brakes. The vehicles are earmarked for all field force and supporting units within Canada and in support of NATO and UN peacekeeping operations. Additionally, the trucks will be fitted with a supplementary 24-volt electrical system, independent of the vehicles' normal 12-volt circuits, to power wireless sets and other equipment.

By buying commercially from a manufacturer's regular production line, the defence department realized a \$50 million saving.

The saving is a direct result of the boom in the use of mass-production vehicles for off-the-road recreation by the general public and for exploration by petroleum and mining companies in remote areas.

"The beauty of this entire program," says Lieutenant-Colonel P.H. North, defence department project manager, "is that these recent developments have produced a commercial vehicle compatible with DND's requirements."

"It's another example of the defence departments' belief in the advantages of buying commercially, if military requirements are met, rather than buying special made-to-order military vehicles," he said.

The new truck passed all its road and field tests with flying colors. When production is completed there'll be at least eight different configurations on the basic chassis, including troop and cargo carrying, cable laying units, repair, electrical and office vans, communications centres and ambulances.

Other dollar savings in buying commercially are realized in spare parts and repairs. Theoretically, when a driver has a breakdown in Canada, now he has only to pull into the nearest GM dealer for service.

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