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New DCDS

OTTAWA -- Defence Minister Gilles Lamontagne has announced that Rear-Admiral Daniel N. Mainguy of Victoria, B.C. will be promoted Vice-Admiral and named deputy chief of defence staff at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa. He will replace Vice-Admiral John Allan who retires later in 1982 after 35 years of service.

Rear-Admiral Mainguy began his military career in 1948 when he entered the Royal Canadian Naval College, Royal Roads, Vic-

toria. He trained with the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Navy and served in a variety of sea and shore appointments.

He graduated from National Defence College, Kingston in 1970. A former commander of HMCS Annapolis he also assumed the position of chief staff officer and operations officer of the Standing Naval Force Atlantic (STANAVFORLANT), the NATO multinational naval force.

He served in a number of senior appointments at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa until

1975, when he assumed command of STANAVFORLANT. Rear-Admiral Mainguy was promoted to his present rank in July, 1976, and appointed chief of maritime doctrine and operations. In July, 1979, he became chief of staff on the staff of commander-in-chief, Western Atlantic and deputy chief of staff Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic at Norfolk, Va. In June, 1981, he was appointed to the Order of Military Merit in the Grade of Commander, in recognition of conspicuous merit and exceptional military service.

The Budget: Who Pays?

Finance Minister Alan McEachen has introduced a "discouraging budget" for 1982 according to the Executive Vice-President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia.

Ron Park said the federal government has "simply attempted to shift the tax burden to the business sector, higher income-earners and people who have taken advantage of investment incentives and other tax-deferral provisions of the Income Tax Act.

"We cannot expect the federal budget to solve all our economic ills, but it could have gone further in encouraging people to save and invest their money," said Park. "I hope people whose taxes have been reduced in the budget will not spend their money to further fuel inflation, but rather save it and invest it in

the Canadian economy." Park indicated that individuals must save and invest in spite of the disincentives built into the budget. He pointed out that individuals could no longer deduct all the interest they pay on loans for investments and contributions to their Registered Retirement Savings Plan. Business investment would, he said, be adversely affected by the reduction in capital cost allowance.

"But," said Park, "I believe the government is correct in not attempting to artificially reduce interest rates across the board. Our present high rates of interest are primarily the result of inflation. If these rates were arbitrarily reduced by government action, Canadians who save their money would be penalized. Many aged and

retired people depend on today's high interest rates to protect them from the ravages of inflation."

Park cautioned that observers should not rejoice over the reduction in federal tax rates until the provinces have reacted to the reduction in federal transfer payments. "The federal government is lowering your taxes, but at the same time not sending as much money to the provinces. The provinces may decide to make up this loss by increasing their own tax rates," he said.

I agree with those who say that Mr. McEachen has simply tinkered with the budget by shifting the tax burden around among individual and corporate taxpayers in Canada and tinkering creates more problems than it solves," concluded Ron Park.



The most recent addition to the base recreation facilities is located adjacent to Building 22, where AFIS is entrenched. Fishing has proved to be unproductive so far even though buzz-bombs and hand grenades have been tried.

What Constitutes Income?

When calculating your 1981 income tax return, the first important step is to report all sources of income. Although some types of income are not taxable, all income must be reported.

Generally, "income" means salary or wages from employment; pension and annuity income; old age security pension payments; unemployment insurance benefits; income from business; property and rental income; family allowan-

ce payments and alimony.

Bonuses, commissions and tips such as those received by taxi driver, waitresses and hairdressers are also considered income and must be reported. Interest income from Canada Savings Bonds, dividends and capital gains must also be shown on your tax return. Interest and dividend income as well as capital gains are subject to special tax treatment.

The November 1981 federal budget states that

benefits from employment passes; employer contributions to dental plans and supplementary health plans; and low interest loans from employers will have to be included as taxable income. However, this takes effect in 1982. It does not apply to benefits you may have received last year.

Some groups of income are not taxable. These include Workers' Compensation disability payments;

war disability pensions; blind person's allowance; guaranteed income supplement; spouse's allowance and lottery winnings.

Occasional gambling winnings need not be shown as income unless a person is considered a professional gambler. In that case the gambler is considered to be in business for himself and winnings are taxable.

Everyone who received taxable income in 1981, from whatever source, must file a tax return. The only

exception is for persons whose income was so low that no tax is payable. That individual need not file a return. However, if you own a business, you must file a return every year regardless of how much, or how little, you make.

If you are not sure what is considered taxable income, or which income may be exempt from tax, inquire at your local district taxation office, or see a chartered accountant.

Quit Smoking

A new quit smoking program will begin in Courtenay in February says Martin Thompson, of the Ex-Smokers' Association. He said the six week evening course is being sponsored in co-operation with North Island College, starting February 2nd at G.P. Vanier School.

Thompson claims the number of cigarette smokers wanting to quit has increased dramatically in the past few years. He points to the success of his program - from one experimental group two years ago, to over fifty groups province-wide as of January, 1982. "We can't keep up with the demand," he says.

Most smokers want to quit, he claims, but many need a little help, particularly when it comes to handling withdrawal symptoms. "That's where group support and smoking reduction help. Individuals don't feel isolated and alone, they can share their experiences - good and bad - with others going through the same things. Gradual reduction usually helps

reduce the intensity of the symptoms to within bearable limits," said Thompson.

The group meets once a week for six weeks for about an hour and a half. As well as discussion, there are assignments and projects to be done each week. Also covered in the course is weight control techniques, stress and tension management and avoidance drills. There is a follow-up procedure after the course is finished.

The Ex-Smokers' Association was founded two years ago. "Its purpose is to prepare and make available low cost quit smoking programs everywhere in the province. Since its formation the Association has helped nearly a thousand individuals stop smoking," Thompson said.

Registration for this program is 'in person' at the time of the first class. Class size is limited so early registration is recommended.



Col. Diamond being presented the Mynarski Trophy by BGen. Barry Howard at the RCAFA Convention in Peterborough. The trophy is presented to the squadron showing the highest degree of excellence in Search and Rescue operations. Congratulations to all those on the Buffalo side, Labrador side and to all the ground crew and support personnel who made this trophy possible. Performing difficult rescues like the Squamish flood rescues and the eventual safety of all 519 passengers on the burning passenger liner Prinsendam were some of the reasons 442 Sqn. was selected for this trophy.

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NIGHTHAWKS



NEST

The new year is scarcely three weeks old and 409 has already lost two of its stalwarts. Larry Russel and Brian Taylor were mugged out two Fridays past - Larry to go to pilot training, and Brian to head for that bastion of tea and tweed, England. Sending Brian overseas was the first part of Canada's payment for the repatriation of the constitution. We are still shy a navigator, two defencesmen, and an undisclosed amount of cash, which will all be sent over as soon as Canada accumulates enough Polish seamen to sail a cargo ship over to the Isles.

Having survived the snow that recently blanketed the valley, the squadron is making plans to take advantage of excellent conditions on the slopes, by invading the local peaks en masse on Monday, February 1st in the first squadron ski party of the 1981 - 82 season. A unique slalom course is being set up by Don Thornton, one in which allowances are made for those of less than average ability. The course will consist of four foot cedar fences funneling down a perfectly straight course to the bottom of the hill - which will be sprinkled

although his combination is somewhat like working for the KGB while simultaneously being employed as Sen. Joe McCarthy's press secretary. He is currently serving a three game suspension from officiating, for having charged the stands after a fan who had been making deprecating comparisons between Bernie's butt and fourteen pounds of bread dough in a size six pair of panty hose. His case is presently under review by the league executive who are torn between the need for referees, and agreement with the fan's assessment.

The upcoming month will see an invasion of crews from Chatham and Bagotville, representing 416 and 425 squadrons respectively, to compete in the last Call Shot before the Voodoo is consigned to scrap. Call Shot is an Air Defense competition held at irregular intervals - the last being contested in 1979 in Bagotville. This is the first time in quite awhile that the Royal Vancouver Island Air Force will be hosting the event (The "Royal" in the title referring to 409's patron monarch - Queen Charlotte). We are employing all the tricks home teams have practised for

years - including unheated visitors dressing rooms, overproof rum in the drinks, and sprinkling the paths to the aircraft to slow down some of our fitter adversaries. If all fails, a group of fitters dressed as disgruntled locals (replete with anti-nuke signs), are planning to fling themselves in front of the foreign Voodoos just prior to take-off. This type of self sacrifice will not go unnoticed and, consequently, their surviving widows will receive official 409 baseball caps.

But why, do you ask, must this column always have to point out flaws and foibles; why is it sarcastic and never congratulatory; why does it never laud the considerable accomplishments of 409 personnel without an underhanded dig? We have enough to moan about what with reading major papers and periodicals, I hear you crying, where is the good news and cheer this column should be providing - without having to stoop to ridicule, public harassment and censure?

Your gross is as good as mine.

BGJK

407 Demon Doins



The COMPATWINGSPAT (whew!) Tactical Training Team from Moffet Field visited 407 Sqn. last week for two days of ground training in ASW tactics (Base Photo by Pte. Giroux)

January, the month when Comox residents cherish the fact that they reside in the valley while the rest of the country tries to dig itself out from snowstorms. Where getting a couple inches of rain isn't too bad in comparison to a couple of feet of snow. A month when snarky Comox people send pictures of themselves basking in the sun in their green backyards in shirt and sweaters, to friends in T.O. and Edmonton who are barely surviving trying to keep themselves warm from the latest cold snap. A month where realtors chuckle as rich Manitobans finally decide to leave the cold behind and move to warmer climates.

And yet, January takes on a different meaning for many members of the

squadron. It is a time that senior members suddenly look pale, they start tripping over their own feet, they develop nervous twitches, twitches, stu-stuttering becomes prevalent, they mutter under their breaths, carrying on meaningless conversations with themselves. What could be the cause of this reversal in social behavior in such a tranquil month? Well, January means the start of a new year, and indications that February and March are just around the corner, and with them bringing not flowers, but postings away from this wonderful place. Like an annoying leaky tap, posting messages descend on the squadron, removing squadron members from

the valley, taking them to destinations unknown, where cold and snow and are present eight months of the year. For the lucky ones, a second tour in Comox is a gift from places on high. No wonder January isn't celebrated by too many squadron members.

This issue finds aircraft scattered to all points of the compass - mostly south. There are presently some intrepid aviators proving that Auroras will fly upside down, depending on your locality, of course. And to set straight those nefarious people who belittle the serviceability rate of our trusty stee, there is no truth to the rumour that the Kennedys are taking two steamer trunks full of black boxes

along with their personal luggage to Australia. We tried, but Evelyn maintained she would not have their new home looking like the spare parts line of a computer game repair shop. The (uh, uh) stalwarts of Crew 4, meanwhile, are studying strange publications and practicing talking in strange accents in order to feel at home in Scotland. One can see them drinking liberal amounts of scotch and then carefully slurring, "Och me laddie, can we have a wee bit more?" Perhaps though, they should forget that nonsense, and concentrate on more Canadian pursuits, such as drinking beer, wearing touques and saying "take off" and "eh" five times in every sentence.



"Big Bird" looks on approvingly as 409 SAMCRO Jeep Grant congratulates Cpl. Krupka on his accelerated promotion.

ENTERTAINMENT WOs' - SGTs' MESS

JANUARY

Saturday, Jan. 23 - Cash Bingo
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VU 33



Chain saw sharpening is the order of the day as a few of our more enterprising members have cornered the firewood market in the Comox Valley. With a total of 50 cords between them, Kim Matheson, Fred Kay and Dennis Viklund estimate they'll have enough wood to last thru the spring of '90 at their present burn rate. Mac-Blo, eat your heart out!

Judging by the smiling faces all hands displayed after visiting their career manager recently, times must be good. Susie Leroux hasn't put her TQ 5 study material down since her interview. Wonder where her manager told her she might be going? Auf Weidersehen und Viel Gluck Susie!

In his first major athletic equipment purchase since his track shoes for the 1936 Olympics, Dennis Viklund bought the "wrong color" running shoes. Appears the Rec Centre staff has decreed "white bottoms" only on any running shoes that tread over their

hallowed gym halls. Dennis purchased "brown bottoms" two days before the ruling came out. That's life Dennis!

Zane Slater is investigating blizzard conditions first-hand as he improves his T-Bird knowledge courtesy of Shearwater's VT406. Hurry back Zane, Ed doesn't like going to "the bank" alone.

Appears as though some aircrew Volkswagens are like a pair of wet shoes. They have to be brought in to dry off once in awhile.

The predicted ice age must be closer than I thought. John Tomko was seen outside the other day with his shirt sleeves rolled down!

Always remember, the longest journey begins with a single step. Cheers!

Announcement: VU 33 ops personnel are 99.9% non-smokers. We can now boast having the cleanest air in the hangar. *

VU 33/Supply hockey team's most recent wins have been over ATC. It just proves the old adage, ATC-ites cannot match aircrew. (Doug Black, Proff 99, requested that be printed). The last week also witnessed a big trade between 442's hockey team and ours. For one rookie and future considerations, we acquired veteran Officer Cadet Racicot. After playing only two games with us, the old Officer Cadet has proven to be best suited for blocking slapshots with his head - obviously an ex-SAR Tech. Up from the minors, Kim Matheson is proving to be a big strength on defence (he never washes his hockey equipment!).

In closing, how do you spell Canada? According to Bob and Doug MacKenzie: C(eh?)N(eh?)D(eh?)

CDF

★(Obviously this author has never stood downwind of some of the Ops Jocks on a Sports morning)



Congratulations to MCpl. McMaster, MCpl. Schmidt and Cpl. Munden, 442's newest C.D. holders.



Capt. Gary Flath being congratulated by Col. Diamond on his 4000th hour in CH 113/113A helicopters (1000 hrs of which were flight tests and hover checks). Capt. Flath remarked how the aircraft vibrated particularly violently throughout the 4 hour oyster-picking, trout fishing, photo tour and hunting recce. It wasn't until the flight engineer woke up after the practise double engine failure, overweight, confined area, auto rotation on the mountain that he noticed the forward cowlings had been left open.



Like Father, like son? A member of VU-33 for decades now, Little Herman Gluck's mysterious parentage may have come to light. Notice the pepsodent smile, haircut and ear shape. The C.O. refused to comment, saying only that the man will be treated the same as all the other pilots, even though he is obviously smarter.

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Editorials

Manglers

Aerospace trades (500 series) and Admin Clerk Career Manglers just rode the last rail out of town, and judging from the varied looks on faces I've seen, all is not joy and happiness in the Valley of the Totem.

I've learned that everyone is in the top third of their Merit list, the pay raise is 17%, all of the bad postings are already filled. I've learned that some Career Manglers speak with forked tongues and crossed fingers.

Here's the truth: nobody's getting promoted, everyone's posted to either Greenwood, Cold Lake or Bagotville, the pay raise is 3% and they're turning Comox into a penal colony.

The real story lies somewhere between the two extremes.

There's the MCpl. clerk who's been here since 1964 and doesn't want a posting because "the last time I was posted they nearly lost my family. I finally found them living in a tent in Frobisher

Bay, waiting for the sunrise. It was January..."

There's the WO Avn tech who's on his ninth posting since 1965. He wants a posting because "I get itchy feet. I haven't seen my folks or my brother and sister since 1966. I hope to run into them one of these postings..."

There's a Sgt. Comm Tech who builds and sells a new house every year. He wants to stay: "where else can I make \$25,000.00 a year in my spare time?"

There's the clerk in the BOR who won't take a posting east of Vancouver because she can't speak French: "with my luck I'd end up in Ottawa." (Ottawa? That's pretty english) "Sure, but what about when I go to the bars in Hull and Gatineau and can't order beer?"

You can't hide from the mangler. He knows you're here, so by sitting back and not talking to him, or by avoiding an interview, you are waiving your right to bitch about what you get: BB

Tax Tips: RRSP's

Start planning for the 1982 tax return now while it is still early in the year. If you make your 1982 contribution early, you'll be earning interest on your dollars tax-free for the whole year. You lose part of the tax advantage of an RRSP when you leave your contribution to the last minute.

If used properly, an RRSP allows you to defer paying income taxes on your contributions until your personal tax rates are at their lowest - usually after you have retired.

Knowing just how much to contribute to an annual RRSP is important if you wish to gain all the benefits it offers. You are only limited to the amount of your contribution, not by how many times you contribute. You may place money in the RRSP several times during the year if you wish.

In any given calendar year, you are allowed to

contribute the lesser of 20 per cent of your earned income or \$5,500 to an RRSP. But, the rules change if you're a member of a pension plan to which your employer has already contributed.

In that case you are limited to the lesser of 20 per cent of your earned income, or \$3,500 minus your current or past service contributions to the employer's pension plan.

Contributions made in the first 60 days of 1982 may be deducted in either 1981 or 1982.

Because not everyone can afford to contribute several thousands of dollars to the plan annually, the next best alternative may be to borrow the money from the bank and contribute to the plan.

Until now, interest payments on money borrowed to contribute to an rrsp have been deductible from your income.

The new rules outlined in

the November federal budget state that interest payments on money borrowed after November 12, 1981 will no longer be deductible from income. So, if you plan to borrow to contribute to an RRSP in 1982, you should pay off the loan as quickly as possible.

If you borrowed money prior to November 12, 1981 to contribute to an RRSP, you can deduct the interest payments on your 1981 tax return. However, you may not be eligible to deduct those interest payments in subsequent years under the new interest deductibility rules introduced in a recent federal budget amendment.

If you are unsure of how to calculate the maximum amount you may contribute to your RRSP or whether your interest payments are deductible, consult your chartered accountant or other tax advisor.

(Courtesy of Institute of Chartered Accountants of B.C.)



YOU AND THE LAW OF WAR

Air Ambulances

Office of The Judge Advocate General

J.M. Spaight, in his book "Air Power and War Rights", reports that when the Serbian army was retreating before the Austrians in November 1915, the French aircraft which were servicing with the Serbians were used as ambulances to convey the most seriously ill from Prizren to Scutari in Albania, a distance of 180 kilometres. Five invalids were thus conveyed by air. One man who started the journey dangerously ill with pneumonia arrived at Scutari completely cured, causing one witness to observe: "Perhaps some day the aeroplane will become the approved remedy for pneumonia!"

While this prediction may not have quite come to pass, there is little doubt

that the aircraft, and particularly the helicopter, has become of major importance to medical evacuation. Whereas in the Korean war some 8,000 American servicemen were evacuated by air, this figure rose to 950,000 in Vietnam. Fifteen percent of casualties were evacuated by helicopter in Korea compared with virtually 100 percent in Vietnam. While figures are not known, there is no doubt that air evacuation was also extensively employed in World War II. It is important, therefore, to be aware of the special rules which apply to this type of medical transport.

The first Geneva Convention of 1949 extends certain protection to so-called medical aircraft. These are defined as aircraft ex-

clusively employed for the removal of wounded and sick and for the transport of medical personnel and equipment. They must be clearly marked with the distinctive emblem of the Red Cross, or one of the other approved emblems, and with any other markings or means of identification that may be agreed upon between the belligerents. When so marked, they are protected from attack provided they fly on routes and at altitudes and times specifically agreed upon by the belligerents. This stipulation is an attempt to reduce the possibility of mistaken attack as, because of the speed of aircraft, identification by markings alone is often impossible.

Under the Geneva Con-

vention, unless there is agreement to the contrary, medical aircraft must not fly over enemy-occupied territory.

This is due to the fact that aircraft are very useful for collecting intelligence. In cases where permission to fly over enemy territory is obtained, a medical aircraft must obey every summons to land but must be permitted to continue on its way when examination reveals that it is being used for medical purposes only. In these circumstances if the aircraft ignores a summons to land it may be attacked. The crew of an aircraft which is forced down, or which upon examination after landing is found to be engaged on other than medical duties, become prisoners of war. This does not apply to medical per-

sonnel, who may be detained only if needed.

Generally speaking, a medical aircraft may be attacked if at the time it represents an immediate military threat and no other methods of control are available. This could occur when such an aircraft is being used to commit hostile acts such as approaching enemy territory or a combat zone without permission, or initiating an attack.

It is not necessary that the aircraft used as medical aircraft should have been specially built and equipped for medical purposes. There is no objection to converting ordinary aircraft into medical aircraft or to using former medical aircraft for other purposes, provided the distinctive markings are removed.



Law Talk

By Gordon Hardy of the People's Law School

Can you imagine a baseball game without rules?

Everybody would want to be up at bat at once. There would be no innings, no umpire and no score. In fact, it wouldn't be baseball without the rules of the game.

The same is true when people get together in groups to do other things, such as organize a fair, a political party or a parent-teacher association.

In Canada there are thousands of such groups; almost everyone you know probably belongs to one or another of them, whether it be a trade union, the Little League, or the Chamber of Commerce. We take for granted our right to join free and voluntary associations with other people.

But in other countries in the world today you could

not freely form such groups. In those countries you would need the permission of the government and the police. As well, you would likely find that government officials would tell your group what to do and how to do it.

In our country we have the right to form groups of all kinds without government permission or interference. As members of these groups we freely speak our minds, make decisions in democratic votes and organize events without looking over our shoulders for the government's approval or disapproval.

It is the mark of a free society that ordinary citizens can form independent, self-governing associations around just about whatever interests or concerns them.

In such groups it is the

members themselves who decide what positions the group will take, what activities they will organize. How can a group carry out its business in an efficient, harmonious way while making sure that every member of the group gets a chance to speak or vote?

Just as we can't all come up to bat at once, we can't all speak at once in a meeting. Chaos is the result in both cases. Likewise, we have to have somebody to keep order at a meeting, just as we need umpires during a baseball game.

Most groups rely on a set of rules called parliamentary procedure. Simply put, it is nothing more than a set of rules for working together in groups. Though the words "parliamentary procedure" may sound frightening, these rules are actually no harder to understand than the rules you have to know to play monopoly or bake a cake.

Human beings have always joined together for common purposes and have always needed rules to

arrive at their goals. For example, during gatherings of West Coast native Indians, only the person carrying a special carved stick was allowed to talk. When he finished, he passed the talking stick on to the next speaker. In this way, the tribe made sure that each speaker got a chance to talk without interruption.

Parliamentary procedure is something like the talking stick. It developed over the centuries as a way of getting business done at meetings while protecting democratic

principles such as freedom of speech and several others.

If your group only has a few members you probably do not need to bother with parliamentary procedure. But if there are a dozen or more members you will have to have some kind of rules regarding speakers, voting, group decisions and so on. Rather than invent their own, most groups rely on the time-tested rules of parliamentary procedure, adopting the parts which are suitable to the groups' particular needs.



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GENS DU PAYS

PROCHAINE REUNION 5 FEVRIER

C'est vendredi le 5 février à 8 heures PM au Dusty's Den (pres de la marina de Comox) qu'aura lieu notre prochaine reunion generale afin de decider d'un nouveau programme d'activites pour l'annee 1982 - 83, debutant en mai prochain. A partir de l'adoption de ce nouveau programme, nous pourrions etablir le prochain budget. Votre participation a cette reunion est tres importante pour apporter vos suggestions, connaitre davantage le fonctionnement de l'association, et rencontrer tous les membres ensemble, anciens et nouveaux.

La reunion se terminera vers 9 heures et sera suivie d'une degustation de vins et fromages, musique, chansons et danse. Le tout sera une tres bonne soiree passee entre amis. Venez en grand nombre! C'est vendredi, le 5 février, à 8 heures PM. Notez-ca sur votre calendrier!



RECHERCHE

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PENSEE

Un philosophe quelque peu negatif nous dit: "Plus j'etudie les hommes, plus j'aime mon chien".

T. KEMPIS

LA FEDERATION DES FRANCO-COLOMBIENS

HISTORIQUE

Des debuts a 1945

Bien qu'il existe des Franco-Colombiens depuis pres de deux siecles, leurs actions communautaires debutent a peine; 35 ans dans l'histoire, c'est peu...

Les premiers blancs a travailler et a vivre en Colombie-Britannique, avec quelques Ecossais, furent les Canadiens-Francais dont la presence dans cette province remonte a 1793. Bien que formant des groupes de plus en plus homogenes et assez nombreux a l'epoque, en comparaison a l'ensemble de la population, les Canadiens-Francais ne purent jamais former une ou des communautés officielles comme ce fut le cas dans les provinces des prairies...

En 1838, 60% de la population blanche de la cote (incluant les territoires de l'Oregon et de Washington), parle francais. L'arrivee massive d'immigrants britanniques a la fin du 19e siecle changea cependant cette situation et les Canadiens-Francais se retrouverent rapidement en minorite, disperses et diriges par un clerge desormais affaibli.

Ce n'est qu'en 1908 que nous pouvons retracer un organisme francophone, "L'Union Canadienne-Francaise de Vancouver". Cet organisme n'exista que quelques annees...

De 1912 a 1945, plusieurs organisations sociales, religieuses, theatrales et recreatives sont fondees, entre autres, a Victoria, Port Alberni, Duncan, Maillardville

et Vancouver. Bientot, la dispersion des groupes de francophones et le nouveau leadership des laics font naître le besoin d'un regroupement et une reconnaissance officielle de la presence française en Colombie-Britannique.

Main les lois etant celles de la majorite anglophone, la lutte, pour revendiquer les droits des francophones, s'annonçait longue et ardue...

De 1945 a nos jours...

Sous l'initiative de quelques personnes de l'ile de Vancouver et du Continent, une assemblee des Franco-Colombiens est appelee a Victoria le 24 juin 1945. Une cinquantaine de personnes deleguees par les organismes existants deciderent unanimement de fonder la Federation Canadienne-Francaise de la C.B. et de creer deux organismes provisoires de fondation.

Grace a la creation de cette federation, les organismes deja en place comme la paroisse Notre-Dame de Lourdes, la Caisse Populaire de Maillardville et les 14 cercles locaux se sentent moins isolés. Ignorés du Gouvernement federal, ignorés du Quebec, ignorés de leur Gouvernement provincial, persecutes parfois par la majorite, c'est dans ce climat que les Franco-Colombiens decident de se regrouper et de faire front pour garder vivantes leur langue et leur religion dans une province qu'ils avaient aide a bâtir mais que refusait de les reconnaître comme des Canadiens a part entiere.

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soutenir. Malgre tout, ce regain de vie se fait sentir en 1968 par la fondation du journal hebdomadaire "Le Soleil" et celle d'un organisme socio-culturel a Vancouver, les Francophones de la C.B. 1969 voit la naissance de l'Action socio-culturelle du Secretariat d'Etat et l'arrivee de subventions substantielles pour l'epoque.

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POOL SIDE NEWS

While the rest of Canada shivers in the cold, the Base Swimmers are already working on their tans. Who needs Hawaii?.....

We have quite a number of swimmers who swim on a regular basis and have been recording the distances for the past year. As a way of a pat on the back, I would like to publish their names:

Frank Sibierski	267 miles
Bonnie Pronk	241 miles
Jennifer Burnell	135 miles
Pat Roberts	102 miles
Mr. Boulton	73 miles
Kyle Jones	58 miles
Millie Goodsell	56 miles
John Forbes	53 miles
Colleen Gagnon	50 miles

Congratulations on your efforts, swimmers!

Besides these swimmers there are others who simply come out on their lunch hour and enjoy a refreshing swim, to provide a good start to their afternoon.

Ladies -- for fun and fitness join our Masters Swim Club, run Mon. - Fri. from 1300 - 1400 hrs. Scheduled workouts will be available for this activity.

In addition to the regular scheduled times from 1130 - 1300 hrs. daily (Mon. - Fri.), the pool will also be open on Monday and Thursday evenings from 1800 - 1900 hrs. for Adult/Military swimming. The continuance of this swim time depends upon the response.

PACIFIC REGION BROOMBALL COMES TO COMOX

CFB Comox will be hosting the Pacific Region Broomball from 25 to 28 Jan. Visiting teams include Esquimalt, Fleet, Chilliwack, Holberg, Kamloops and Beaverlodge. Our own base team will play and spectators are encouraged. Volunteers to act as minor officials are also required, and should contact MCpl. Hayward at the Rec Centre, Loc. 2315 if they can assist in this capacity.

The competition should be very close this year as the winner will earn an all expense paid trip to Shearwater for the National Championship. Lets put on our long Johns, get out to the arena and support our Base Team!!



A Grip & Grin from the A/BComd., LCol. Burrows, and congratulations from all of us are extended to WO Fraser of the Base Hospital as he is presented the Gold Seal to his award for Excellence. The Gold Seal, emblematic of 7200 units or miles (in WO Frasers' case) is a lot of blown sneakers and requires more than just the odd weekend jog.

WO Frasers' program does not have to end at the Gold Seal level however, because, NDHQ has recognized that more and more servicemen are achieving this extraordinary standard, and has instituted a new certificate for members of the 7200 unit club to set their sights on. Did you know that 7200 miles is equivalent to running from Comox to Moncton and return? Why though, would anyone want to visit Moncton in the first place?



COMOX WINS PACIFIC REGION BOWLING

Displaying great courage and intestinal fortitude (common to all Comoxians), our Base team bowlers forged ahead of all other teams on the final day of competition and brought home the silverware. Our super six also placed three bowlers in the top four with averages of: Laurie Aucoin 237, Fred Swabb 232, Wayne Farrell 229. It seems that a certain Ches Henderson from Holberg was the top individual with a 240 average. The explanation being that Comox did not want to appear greedy.

The final standings were: Comox 23914, Holberg 23273, Chilliwack 23165, Fleet 22974, Esquimalt 22589, Aldergrove 21330, Masset 20857, Baldy Hughes 18523.

CFB Chilliwack conducted a fine tournament and our thanks to them is extended. Congratulations of course to our Base Team, without whom this article would not have been necessary.

BASE AUTO CLUB

There will be a meeting at 1900 hrs. 25 Jan 82 in the Social Centre at the Rec Hall. All personnel interested in the positions as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Chairman are asked to attend.

The grand opening is slated for Tuesday 26 Jan 82, so all you car buffs and motorcycle fanatics come on out!

NEW ADULT INDOOR SOCCER

The gym floor will be reserved for indoor soccer from 1930 - 2130 hrs. on Monday nights. Anyone interested in participating in this league can contact the Rec Centre at 2315.

SKI FORBIDDEN PLATEAU

Lift passes for Forbidden Plateau are available from the Rec Centre (Mon. thru Fri.) or the Arena (Sat., Sun.) at a cost of \$5.00 each on a first come first serve basis. This represents a \$6.00 saving on the cost of a lift ticket purchased at Forbidden. The season will soon be over so take advantage of this saving as you finish off the year.

WOOD HOBBY SHOP

This first article, in a series on our West Coast woods, features the Western Red Cedar. Commonly known as Western Red Cedar, Giant Arbor-vitae, British Columbia Cedar or Shingle Cedar; its botanical name is Thuja Plicata. This tree is found on the western slopes of the coast and interior mountain ranges, from southern Alaska to northern California.

Western Red Cedar is dull reddish brown to full brown in colour with dark streaks; and the sapwood is creamy white. The wood is straight grained and the texture can be very fine to quite coarse. Although it is moderately soft and is not a strong wood, Red Cedar shrinks very little and is known for its durability, which makes it excellent for shingles.

This Cedar machines well with both hand and power tools. It also is a good base for paints and accepts stains readily. This wood splits easily, but care must be taken when turning on the lathe.

Western Red Cedar is not a true cedar, but is of the Arbor-vitae family.

Next week Yellow Cedar.

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LADIES KEEP FIT CLASSES

After a two week delay due to the repainting of the gym floor, the Ladies Keep Fit Classes are back in operation. The times are from 0930 - 1030 hrs. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Babysitting services are available for a slight charge of 75¢ per child or \$1.00 per family.

GYMNASIUM

FLOOR Effective immediately, indoor court type shoes only will be allowed on the Gym floor; black soled jogging type shoes will not be allowed as they severely mark the playing areas. Users are further requested to carry their shoes to the gym not wear them.

BADMINTON CLUB ROLLING AGAIN

It's time to work (play?) away those post Christmas blahs, and what better way than an evening of badminton at the Base Gymnasium. The club meets every Wednesday and Sunday evenings from 1900 - 2130 and new members are always welcome.

HOCKEY

The inter-section hockey is quickly breaking up into a two division league with the 407 Devils at the top and VU 33 Sqn. just behind by a single point and 409 Sqn. closing quickly. The Security team may put on a burst soon and move in on the leaders. The fighting 442 Sqn. shows signs of moving up but will probably lead the bottom division although the Demons from 407 could challenge. ATC has its nights but will continue in the bottom division and MSE may give the Demons a run for last place.

STANDINGS

	W	L	T	PTS
407 Devils	10	2	1	21
VU 33/Supply	9	2	2	20
409 Sqn	8	4	1	17
Security	6	5	1	13
ATC	5	6		10
442 Sqn	4	8	1	9
407 Demons	4	9		8
MSE	2	10	2	6

BROOMBALL

The Inter-section broomball league has been and continues to be a very good league with only six points separating the top and bottom teams. The Demons continue to lead the league but are only three points ahead of the Falcons and Tigers with the Knights bringing up the rear. Some of the teams are having problems icing a full team at times and unfortunately are not winning the games they should. Remember there will be no games played during the Pacific Region Championships as the ice will be used to host the Championships.

STANDINGS

	W	L	T	PTS
TIGERS	8	8	3	19
DEMONS	9	6	4	22
KNIGHTS	5	8	6	16
FALCONS	7	7	5	19

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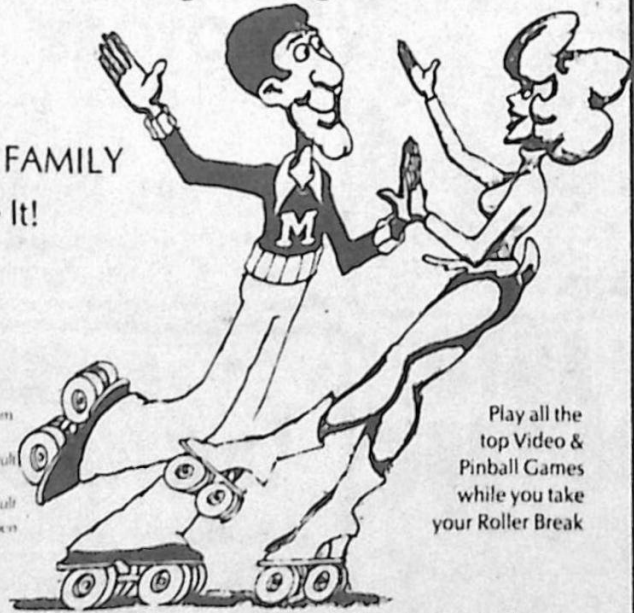


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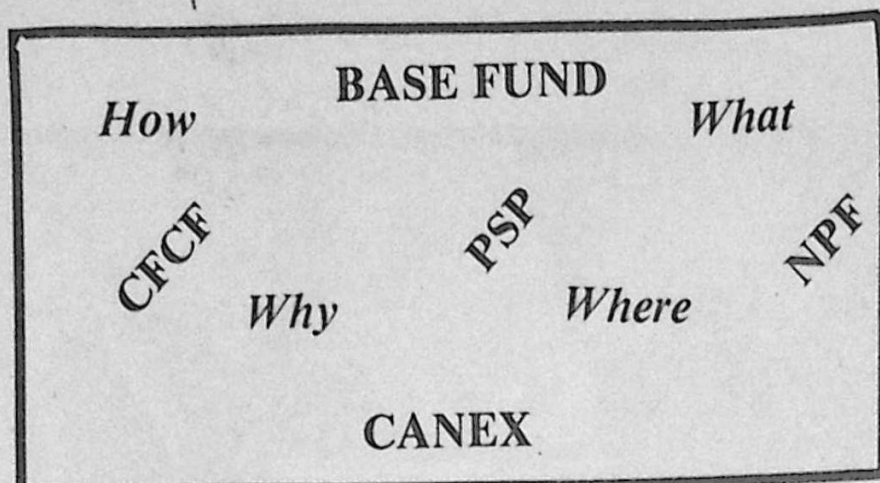
407's Chief Bluteau receives his CWO's scroll from Col. Chisholm (or else). (Base Photo)



A black and white photograph of two men in military uniforms. The man on the left, in a dark uniform, is presenting a framed certificate to the man on the right, who is in a light-colored flight suit. The background features several military crests and a telephone.

Major Purcell, the CO of VU 33 Squadron, presents MCpl. Ciraco with a certificate and an award of \$250 for his proposal to modify the CP121 Tracker Aircraft radar manual hand crank. And who says that Observers never earn an honest buck? (Base Photo)

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This is the second in a series of articles designed to better acquaint Base personnel with the reasons for, and the workings of the various personnel support programmes and services provided at CFB Comox. The first article discussed the classification of Bases and categorization of facilities, factors used to determine the responsibilities of the public (DND) and of NPF for the construction and maintenance of facilities and the operation of the various programmes. We now turn to the managing and controlling of non-public (NPF) revenues and expenses.

If a member has the good sense to buy a TV set at Canex, pays hard cash for a soft drink at the mess, or pays a very nominal fee to play recreational hockey or inter-section fastball, the money spent for such purposes becomes NPF revenue. Thus for the most part monies received for goods sold or services rendered by the messes, recreational outlets, and Canex facilities becomes NPF money. On the other side of the coin, monies spent to operate facilities and programmes on things like wages and the purchase of re-sale goods are NPF expenditures.

As stated previously, to operate the various facets of the Personnel Support Programmes (PSP) at this base requires money, lots of money, NPF money. For example our annual NPF payroll is in excess of \$600,000.00, and the processing of NPF receipts and disbursements comes to the approximate amount of each \$4,000,000.00 annually - sizeable sums indeed. How are these monies managed and controlled?

As for most things on the Base the BComd has the ultimate responsibility for all NPF resources, but as for air operations and technical services he has help in shouldering such a load. So we'll take a look at that help and see who they are and what they do.

First off we have the moneymen (persons), the BCompt and the NPF accounting staff. Essentially the BCompt acts as advisor to the BComd on all NPF financial matters, and at the same time is charged with the responsibility for the accounting and safe custody of all NPF funds. Among other things this involves the actual receipt of all NPF revenues, banking, payment of invoices, issuing of cheques, maintenance of pay records and books of account, and the preparation and issue of financial statements.

The "bank" for all NPF monies in the Canadian Forces is the central Consolidated Bank Account (CBA) in Ottawa administered by the Director, Non-Public Fund Services (DNPFS), and the NPF funds belonging to all bases and stations are held in that account. To facilitate local cash and other banking needs arrangements are made with a local financial institution (here, it's the Credit Union). Accordingly, each base has an account within the central CBA (wonder of wonders, it's known as the base CBA) which is in turn split up into sub-accounts, e.g., at CFB Comox as follows:

a. Trust Accounts - money held in trust for a specific group or organization that is neither a mess nor a Base Fund entity.

b. Mess Accounts

c. Canex Account - (Although Canex is "owned" by Base Fund it has a separate operations account).

d. Base Fund Account

To further illustrate, if on a given day there was \$100,000.00 in the Base CBA it might be broken down like this:

a. Trust Accounts:	
HMCS Quadra	\$25,000.00
Chapel funds	500.00
407 Sqn All Ranks	500.00
	\$26,000.00

b. Messes:	
Officers' Mess	15,000.00
WOs' & Sgts' Mess	10,000.00
Jr Ranks' Mess	25,000.00
	50,000.00

c. Canex 20,000.00

d. Base Fund 4,000.00

Total \$100,000.00

NOTE: The above only illustrates which might be in the bank, it doesn't consider what might be owed, e.g., accounts payable. It's just the same as if you had \$500.00 in your chequing account but had bills to pay.

It follows therefore that the BCompt/NPFAO maintains separate accounting records for each of the sub-accounts in the base CBA and monitor their individual and collective financial performance. Now let's see who manages and controls these funds.

The Base Administration Officer (BAO) is responsible to the BComd for overseeing the management and monitoring the performance of all PSP/NPF activities, and through the Base Personnel Services Officer (BPSO) he provides technical and administrative assistance to some, and directs and controls others. Hence it is safe to say that the BAO has a very considerable impact on the expenditure of NPF funds and on the operation of the various programmes and activities that form part of the PSP.

In general the trust accounts are managed and controlled from within, e.g., the senior management at HMCS Quadra look after their account; the chaplains and chapel committees after theirs; and the sqn/unit COs control the various unit trust accounts. As for the messes, subject to restrictions imposed by regulations or the BComd, the mess members through the mess committees pretty well run their own show. However some technical and administrative direction is provided by the BAO, and mess policy and expenditure of capital funds are subject to BComd or higher approval. Since a future article will discuss Canex in some detail, it will suffice to say here that the day-to-day Canex operations are the responsibility of the Base Exchange Officer (BXO) who reports to the BPSO. This then leaves us with the all singing, all dancing, Base Fund!

To quote from CFAO 27-6, the purpose of Base Fund "is to provide the medium whereby the BComd can administer all non-public property vested in him except NPF property administered through a mess or the Base Exchange Operating Fund. To advise and assist him in the management and supervision of the assets of Base Fund the commander shall establish a Base Fund Committee". If one was to think of Base Fund as a company, then all military members on base are the shareholders, and the Base Fund committee is the board of directors with the BComd as chairman and the BAO the chief executive officer. At this unit Base Fund encompasses the following:

Base Library
Totem Times Newspaper
Cable TV
Glacier Greens Golf Club
Glacier Gardens Ice Arena
Bowling Alleys
Wood Hobby Shop
Auto Hobby Club
Gliding Club
Sport Parachute Club
Motorcycle Club
TeePee Park

Canex facilities (not operating funds), e.g., the BX retail store, snack bars, base theatre, base service station, arena canteen

The funding of all inter-section/recreational sports programmes, e.g.

football
hockey
broomball
soccer
volleyball
flag football

Some NPF food services functions

Other miscellaneous activities.

The principal sources of revenue for Base Fund comes from monies derived from Canex and the other activities listed above (shop Canex and increase revenues!!!). Other sources are public grants such as library grants and the annual physical fitness maintenance grant. Additionally, through mess subscriptions each military member of the base effectively contributes 25¢ per month to the Base Recreation Improvement Programme (BRIP). These revenues are controlled by the Base Fund committee which is the approving authority for all Base Fund expenditures. How is this accomplished?

The committee meets at least once per quarter to review current finances, activities, plans and programmes, and to consider requests for funds from the various Base Fund entities. However, most expenditures are considered at the annual budget meeting which is normally held in Jan/Feb. The proposed Base Fund budget is prepared by the BPSO with inputs from those responsible for the various activities, e.g., the BPERO, BXO, Editor Totem Times, president of the Golf Club, etc. The budget might provide for the purchase of a bench saw for the wood hobby shop, picnic tables for TeePee Park, \$2,000.00 to run the inter-section fastball league, buy a new mower for the golf club, etc. How this budget is received and how Base Fund money will be spent depends on the funds available and the relative needs as determined by the members of the Base Fund committee. There are no limits to the amount of money the committee or the BComd can spend without approval of higher authority, and there are also the following prohibitions:

- Funds shall not be used for donations to charitable organizations or other appeals for assistance; and,
- Except for unit funds, Base Fund money shall not be transferred to an organization that is not part of the base PSP.

Aside from the members of the Base Fund committee having a direct voice in spending Base Fund money they are required to offer criticism of existing programmes and activities, and urged to make recommendations for their enhancement and improvement. The committee members are deemed to represent a good cross-section of the base and therefore their collective opinions and comments should be seen as being representative of the wishes of all our personnel. That this is true or otherwise depends on whether in fact their views are those of their respective unit or section, or even more importantly if they echo the concerns and desires of each individual member of the base. To ensure that this is so, and to make certain that your point of view is made known - speak up, you have a voice - use it, let your representative on the Base Fund committee know what you think. Too often one hears fellow servicemen bitching and bellyaching about this or that, yet unwilling or perhaps not caring enough to try and address their concern. The current Base Fund committee members are:

Chairman: LCol J.I. Morrice BAO

Members:
Capt R.M. McPhail BTSO Rep
Capt B.L. Rebejka 407 Sqn
Capt D.J. Trynchuk 409 Sqn
MCpl T.E. Lapointe VU 33
WO L.R. Billings BOPS Rep
Sgt R.G. Bourquin 442 Sqn
WO P.E. Ronayne 407 Sqn
WO F. Reid 409 Sqn
Sgt D. Fleming BSupply
Maj B. Chura PMC Officers' Mess
MWO R.G. Doll PMC WO's & Sgts' Mess
MCpl A.M. Barrett PMC Jr Ranks' Mess
Capt A.A. Jacobson BXO
Capt H.G. Pronk BPERO
Maj L.D. Carmichael BPSO

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The next Base Fund meeting will consider next year's budget and will be held on 10 Feb 82.

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UNDER THE TOADSTOOL

Thinking Day is coming. Our banks are mighty thin. Do you have some pennies To help fill it in?

The last Guiders meeting was very well attended by the leaders from both the Base and the town of Comox. Thank you ladies for the great turn out.

The 3rd Pack has been quite busy, making crafts, etc. On Dec. 23rd the Brownies brought their crafts, a Santa napkin ring and a brooch to the patients in the extended care section of St. Joseph's Hospital.

To the delight of all the Brownies, they went bowling on Dec. 8th and had a fantastic time. Of course, the Division Christmas party was well attended and everyone enjoyed Santa skating out on the ice.

In my last column, I listed all the leaders and their phone numbers, however, I omitted one very important name, our District Deputy Commissioner, Mrs. Pam Gionet 339-5009. Also, Lynore Harrington was accepted as a prospective trainer.

Our Division Thinking Day celebrations are to be held at Highland School on Sat. Feb. 27 from 1:30 - 3:30. More details will be

discussed at the next Guiders meeting, and published later.

The Girl Guides of Canada are sending two Guiders from Canada to "OUR CHALET" in Switzerland for its 50th anniversary, and Lorie Anderberg, Guider in charge of the 2nd Komux Guides, has sent in an application to attend. I have been to "OUR CHALET", and Lorie, I sure hope you get to go, as it is really something to see. "OUR CHALET", is one of four World Centers where Guiders and Guides can stay. Another is in Mexico, one in England and one in Japan.

Sharon Adams and Linda Rathburn have been chosen from our District to Attend the Guiders Conference in Naratta, B.C. March 21 - 24.

Any Guiders interested in receiving their Camping licence may attend an Area Camp Training at Elk Haven March 19 - 21. This training is necessary to receive your licence.

The cookie posters must be turned into District by Feb. 1st. Remember they must be no larger than 14 x 22 and must have "Girl Guide Cookies, \$1.25 per pack, April 30 - May 8" on them.

A photo contest is open again this year to all Brownies and Guides. The details are in the last Guider

magazine, so you can pass the information on to the Brownies and Guides. Deadline is June.

Our District is sponsoring a baby sitting course. The committee has been drawn up and the details will be published later.

There will be a "Sharing Session" for leaders and anyone interested in being a leader, on Tuesday, Jan. 26th at the Anglican Church Hall from 9:30 till noon. Don't forget to start saving your Thinking Day pennies.

The 2nd Guide Company has been quite busy. On Dec. 14th, nine Guides were enrolled, as well as two leaders. They also had their Christmas party the same night. On Dec. 21st, they too attended the Division Christmas party. That evening, they went to Glacier View Lodge and sang Christmas carols and passed out candy to the men and women. They are now working on the Religion in Life.

The 6th Komux Pack has been very busy working on crafts. For Christmas they made candy canes and wreaths as tree ornaments. The Brownies also attended the District Christmas party and will be working on a Thinking Day Theme for February. They are learning about Canada's flag among other things.

Until next month, yours in Guiding,
Joan LeBlanc

PMQ

PREAMBLE

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you are all back to normal now that the Holidays are over, and I suppose you are saying "I'll be ready next year," the same as I am, but we all know we won't be.

Everyone enjoyed the Christmas Tree burn, and despite the weather, there was a very good turn out. On behalf of the Council, I'd like to thank the Base Fire Dept. for their excellent supervision.

Your PMQ Council will be operating garden plots once again this year. They will be in the same location on Little River Road and available to Wallace Garden PMQ residents, at no cost, except to buy your own seeds. This year, we will attempt to provide a better watering system, a garden tool shed, free tilling, and some fencing. Anyone interested, please contact your Ward Councillor, or Herb TenPierik at 339-2616, or at the Military Police Guard Room. Deadline is March 1st, 1982.

The Security Hockey team is undefeated so far in the New Year, they beat the Courtenay R.C.M.P. 11 - 3, MSE 10 - 2 and 442 Squadron 5 - 2. Do you suppose the new additions of right and left wings, namely John Bagnall and Fred Voss have anything to do with the Triumph?

The new Auto Hobby Club will be opening in the very near future. For more information you can call the rec centre, Local 2315.

An old subject.....dogs. You are still letting your dogs run loose in the PMQ's and that is not supposed to be. I realize that some of the dogs are not from the PMQ's but a lot of them are. Please try to keep them under control.

My friend Bill is a real sports nut. He lost \$10.00 on the hockey game the other night and lost another \$10.00 on the instant replay.

If you have any information you would like to be put in this column, call me between 7 and 9 p.m. Monday to Friday at 339-4414.

Joan LeBlanc

PADRE'S CORNER

The month of January is named after the Roman God "Janus" who had two faces: one to look forward, and one to look back. This is why in January we look back on a completed year with all its failures and successes and also look forward to the future with our new resolutions. Now we have the year 1982 ahead of us, and God in his wisdom has arranged that the road of life can only be revealed as we travel upon it. This, no doubt, takes away much discouragement we would feel if we knew that sickness, death, unemployment, war, etc. will strike us or a member of our family. To have the courage and the will to face life, no matter what it brings, we need the strong faith in our Lord Jesus

Christ, who loves us, and will guide us, if we allow him to do so. Your commitment to 1982 should be that we seek a genuine trust in Jesus Christ, and that we may walk confidently through the months ahead with Him, be it for better or for worse.



Duty Chaplain (P) can be reached via Base Operator during silent hours. Home phone number of Padre Risch - 334-3575. Residence Local of Padre Lynch 2273; BB79, Rm. 117.

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LADIES.....

...don't let your creative talents fade away. The Totem Times can use your help. Every second Wednesday evening we put the paper together - next edition on Feb. 3. Call 339-2541 on Feb. 1 or 2, or call Bob Hills at Loc. 2416 anytime. No experience required. (You can bring your husbands if you want)

RED PACK TRACKINGS

It was probably one Cub who started it... it always seems to be one Cub anyway... "Hey, Akela! When are we going to read about ourselves in the Totem Times?" I tried to shush him up, but too late. Twenty-three other voices echoed his question with great exuberance, and since the whip failed to quiet the uproar, a commitment was made to provide a thirdly...since we are a third of the way through the year...report of the First Lazo Red Wolf Pack.

The 24 Cubs and 5 Leaders of the Pack have been keeping very busy this year with instruction, crafts, games, campfires, rambles (a hike and a visit to the Qualicum Fish Hatchery), and, to top things off, the annual Winter Cub Camp at Elkhaven Lodge on Denman Island. The boys' Camp Log was submitted as written, for publication in this paper, and should

definitely not be believed! We are concentrating on requirements for the Green and Twany Stars this year, and all the boys who attended Cub Camp earned their Carpenter Badge by learning about tools and constructing a wooden storage box. A new award, the All Around Cub Award, has been instituted this year for boys in their last year of Cubs, which emphasizes the eight aspects of Cubbing: songs, stories, handicrafts, outdoors, badges, stars, games and acting. Nine of our boys are working hard to earn this special award.

At the beginning of the year David Doll, Duane Harrington, Ashley Slater and Trevor Kuntz were selected as Sixers, and since we gained twelve New Chums (boys in their first

year of Cubs), Tenderpad instruction was the order of the day. This training culminated on Investiture Night and we were very pleased that 35 parents attended this special event. We have made handikits, learned about tools and fire prevention, and most have learned to tie more than five basic knots. We even managed to survive a bomb scare....the bomb being found just before the alarm went off. Our Christmas handicraft was a "T" puzzle and we hope the parents did not find it too frustrating on Christmas morning. We tried our hand at Christmas carolling this year, and our annual Apple Day, calendar sales and bottle drives have been a tremendous success, for which we sincerely thank

the PMQ and Lazo residents. Cub Camp skills included lighting and laying fires, and cooking a foil meal, the results of which ranged from very rare (and was returned to the fire) to charbroiled.

A number of special events are fast approaching: The Baden-Powell or Thinking Day Service at 1500 hours on 21 February followed by the Annual Parent and Son Banquet at 1630 hours, the Pack KubKar Rally on 25 February, and the Ladies' Auxiliary Bazaar on 17 April. Help is needed for this Bazaar, so if you are the mother of a Beaver, Cub or Scout, why not phone Sue Dodge at 339-5282 and volunteer your services? Parents are also needed to serve on the Group Committee. Please contact Leif Schonberg at 339-6249 with your offer of help. It will be most appreciated.

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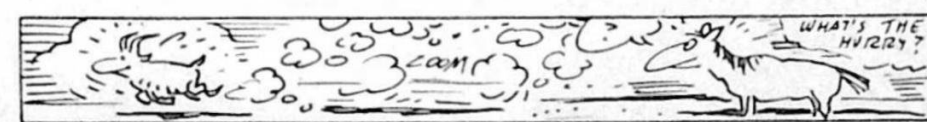
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By W. Roger Worth

Allan MacEachen's weird and inept gang of six (the economists who designed the remarkably naive November budget that was riddled with errors) have their eye on a new homeowners' tax.

Although there is nothing in the present budget about taxing the benefits Ottawa perceives homeowners enjoy from living in their own houses, rather than rental accommodation, there is little question the Minister and his cohorts consider the issue a fundamental part of their "fairness and equity" doctrine.

In fact, in documents attached to the budget, MacEachen estimated that Ottawa "lost \$4.5 billion to homeowners who didn't pay tax on the so-called benefits they received by owning rather than renting."

Logically, then, it's only a matter of time before the Finance Minister attempts to close this "loophole".

Already, the zealous Finance Minister has decided to tax employees for the value of dental and supplementary medical plan premiums paid by employers. And, one respected actuary sincerely believes (and can back up with

facts) that this will result in a tax increase for most of the 5.8 million Canadians the Finance Minister claimed would pay less tax.

In fact, Canadians earning \$36,000 or more will benefit, while those earning less will pay through the nose.

But let's return to the far-out suggestion for a homeowners' tax. Here's how it might work.

Ottawa would "impute" a value on a homeowner's accommodation of, say, \$400 per month. The \$4,800 per year, then, would be included as a taxable benefit which the homeowner would add to his or her taxable income.

For a homeowner who paid, say, 30 percent tax (not unusual) on the last few thousand dollars of income, the cost would be a not-so-cool \$1,440.

Instead of devising new methods to bilk homeowners the Finance Minister might consider getting his own house in order.

How is it, for example, that he personally is allowed to pocket \$14,400 per year (on top of a \$71,000 taxable salary) without paying one cent of tax? Fairness and equity indeed!

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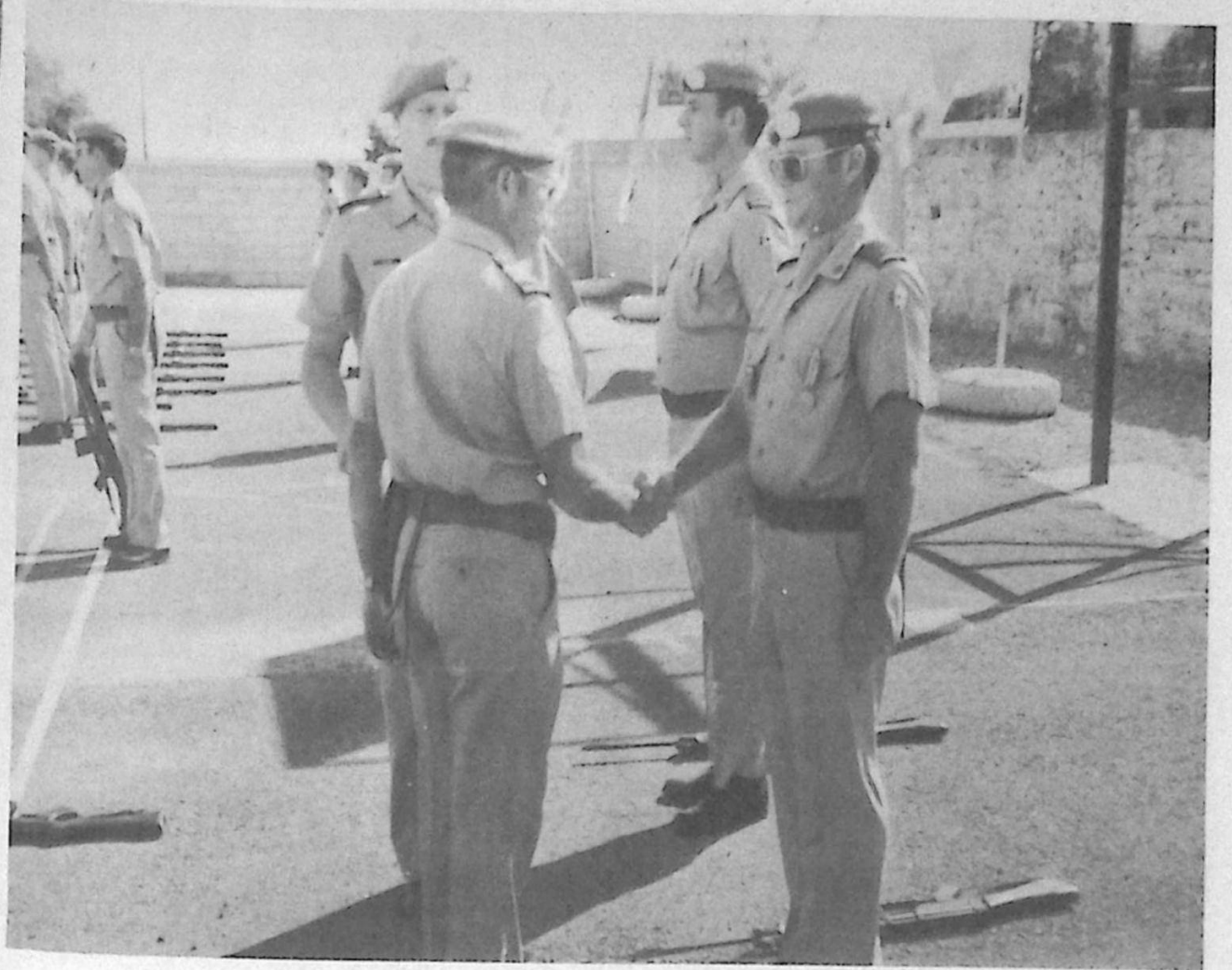
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Powell River Ferries

A 12-day change in schedules for Ministry of Transportation and Highways ferries operating out of Westview terminal at Powell River will be in effect between January 18 and 29 inclusive as major work is done at the Westview dock, Transportation and Highways Minister Alex V. Fraser has announced.

The M.V. Sechelt Queen, an 80-car, 380 passenger ferry which runs between Little River near Comox to Westview, will terminate at Stery Bay on the mainland.

Her revised schedule during the Westview dock repair will see her leave Comox at 6 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

with departures from Stery Bay at 8:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

At the end of the dock repair, on January 30 all vessels will revert to their previous schedules.

The M.V. Princess of Vancouver, bought by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways from the C.P.R. last June for \$2,850,000 is to be completely converted for use on the Comox-Powell River route later this summer at a cost of \$8,995,000.

Transportation and Highways Minister Alex V. Fraser has announced the

award of a contract to Burrard Yarrows Corporation, of North Vancouver. The firm submitted the lowest of two tenders for the job.

Work on the conversion will begin as soon as possible, with completion scheduled for July. During the six months period about 150 workers will be employed.

The vessel will be converted to a roll-on roll-off vehicle ferry capable of carrying 137 cars and over 550 passengers. She will replace the current vessel on the route, the M.V. Sechelt Queen, an 80-car 380 passenger ferry.

The M.V. Princess of Vancouver is a 5,554-ton ferry which used to carry

railway box cars, automobiles and trucks between Nanaimo and Vancouver, a route cancelled by the C.P.R. early last year.

New bow doors, new stern doors, platform decks, fire bulkheads, interior decorating, new heating and ventilation, a new bow thruster, a new water system, a new electrical system and a new sewage treatment plant are among the many facets of the refit.

When the work is finished an announcement will be made outlining details of her use on the Comox-Powell River run.

She will be the flagship of the ministry's coastal fleet.

Head Phone Hazards

The Canada Safety Council is asking parents who gave stereo headphone sets that can be used with portable receivers to young people for Christmas (or other occasions) also ensure the users are aware of hazards involved with careless use.

These items, while not necessarily restricted by law, are dangerous when used by the driver of a motor vehicle, because they can reduce awareness of warning signals, or blot them out altogether. The same applies to the high quality new automobile stereo systems played at high volume.

There has now been one recent case of a young pedestrian struck by a train of which he was apparently unaware. This instance gives a clear indication of the ability of this equipment to drown out other sounds.

A driver was reported to have been fined in Orvieto, Italy, for driving while using a headset; there have been similar cases in Switzerland.

Stereo headsets do not come under any federal statute; they are not in themselves hazardous products, and standards setting organizations cannot control usage after purchase.

Yet the danger comes in the way the headphones are used.

The Canada Safety Council suggests owners of stereo headphones ensure long-term enjoyment of the equipment by:

- never using them while driving a car or motorcycle.
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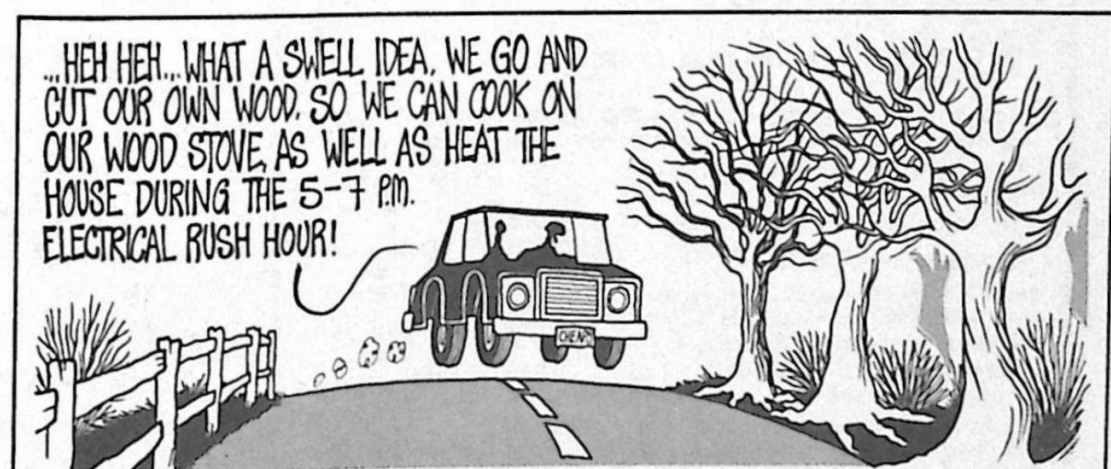
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Autoplan Premium Increase

Autoplan premiums are going up by an average of 20 per cent -- the direct result of mounting highway accidents and the spiralling costs of settling claims.

The new increase will affect motorists who renew their coverages starting January 1, 1982. However, all new Autoplan coverages sold from midnight 12 Nov 81, will be at the new 1982 rate.

Tom Holmes, President of the Insurance Corporation, in announcing the new 1982 rates said: "The increase should really come as no surprise. The carnage on our highways is continuing unabated. During the first seven months of this year, injuries increased by a horrendous 22 per cent and fatalities by 17 per cent," he said. "In addition, auto accident-related costs outstripped normal inflation by a substantial amount. These factors make the increase necessary."

WHAT IT MEANS

A breakdown of the average 20 percent overall increase shows Basic Compulsory Third Party Liability rates will increase by 21 per cent and all op-

tional coverage will go up by 18 per cent. Because of the continuing phase-out of geographic location as a rating factor, territorial adjustments may result in a small deviation ranging less than two and a half per cent either way of the 20 per cent. Holmes said the average motor vehicle premium of \$308 this year, will be \$370 next year.

ABNORMAL YEAR

Explaining the general across-the-board increase, Holmes said in a normal insurance year, claims experiences are tracked and can be reflected in various rate groups.

"Unfortunately, because the Insurance Corporation experienced an abnormal year with a five month labour dispute, refined rate setting proved to be impractical," he said. "The Corporation is well on the way to recovery and should be 'current' in all areas by Christmas. Credit for this, he said, must go to employees whose sheer hard work and positive attitude is assisting in the return to normal.

Holmes rejected comments that the employees' contract settlement was

responsible for the 20 per cent Autoplan rate increase. "Wages form a small part -- seven per cent -- of our overall operating expenses. We are claims oriented and that is where the responsibility lies for the rate increase," he said.

HARD ECONOMICS

Holmes said there are many factors affecting Autoplan. He said apart from the horrendous increase in accident statistics this year, there are many other costs, all of which are steadily increasing.

"The Corporation must pay many bills following an accident," he said. "Parts required for a damaged automobile have gone up by 23 per cent in the past year; bodyshop costs are up 20 per cent; towing costs 19 per cent; daily hospital costs are up by a hefty 39 per cent; defence counsel services are up 30 per cent; and independent adjuster services are up 25 per cent."

The Insurance Corporation is currently paying out about \$1.5 million every day of the year to clean up after highway accidents.

"Two years ago it was \$900,000 a day. Last year it rose to \$1.2 million," he

said. "This year, it's \$1.5 million a day which equates to well over half a billion dollars a year for auto accidents."

The Corporation is fighting to hold the line on costs in all areas," he said, "but the one area where we have no control at all, is with the motorists, the driver behind the wheel."

"Unless the message starts getting through to the drivers who take unnecessary risks, those who cause accidents, the death and injury toll will go higher," he said. "The result will be that all of us will have to dig deeper into our pockets to pay for this needless expense."

DISCOUNTS TO STAY

The \$390 Driver Accident Premium system for drivers who cause accidents, has been set aside, and the established Safe Driving Vehicle Discount will continue to reflect a motorists good or bad accident-claim record at renewal in 1982.

The discount for eligible vehicle owners, is currently 15 per cent for one year's safe driving, 25 per cent for two years, and 32½ per cent for three years.



Father and son: Sgt. Ken Christensen congratulates son Keith on his accelerated promotion to Corporal. (Base Photo)



The CF-100 "CANUCK", a surprise last-minute entrant in the NFA sweepstakes struts it's stuff. (CF Photo)

THEATRE

Courtenay Little Theatre has started work on its current production of *Waiting For The Parade* by John Murrell to be presented Wednesday, January 27, 1982 through Saturday, January 30, 1982 at the Courtenay Civic Theatre. *Waiting for the Parade* is a warm-hearted look at the Canadian homefront during World War II. The play is about the war time problems and triumphs of five Canadian women who survive the war by developing their own kind of self-sufficiency. Each woman faces a particular kind of loneliness and learns to cope with it emerging as a stronger individual.

The play celebrates the courage and spirit of women in times of hardships.

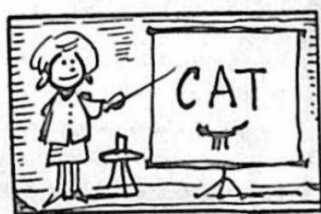
Playwright John Murrell is one of the most vital of Canada's new playwrights. His latest play *Memoir*, a portrait of Sarah Bernhardt, achieved great success. *Waiting for the Parade* has delighted audiences all across Canada with its wit and humanity.

The Courtenay Little Theatre has imported a professional director from Vancouver to stage *Waiting for the Parade*. Kathleen Weiss is an associate director of The New Play Centre in Vancouver and works extensively with new scripts of

Canadian playwrights. Her recent directing credits include *Straight Ahead* by Charles Tidler, and *The Real Inspector Hound* by Tom Stoppard. Kathleen is the director of Westcoast Actors School, a semi-professional acting school in Vancouver and teaches at Simon Fraser University. This is her second experience with the Courtenay Little Theatre. She directed *The Shadow Box* for the club in 1979.

Waiting for the Parade is an involving human story which incorporates a great deal of humour and a selection of beautiful songs from the War era. It has appeal for an audience of all ages

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