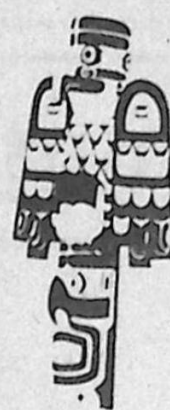




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Then, now and in the future

BY Col Cl Fitzpatrick

An ocean away from Canada's shores, just 14 years into the 20th Century, seems like a curious place for a country's military aviation history to take roots.

It's even more mystifying to realize that Canada didn't even have an air force at the time.

Whatever the factors—Canada's broad expanses, its inhospitable climate or the mettle of its young men—it is high over the muddy and bloody battlefields of First World War Europe that today's Air Command and its predecessor, the Royal Canadian Air Force, directly trace their ancestry.

During that war it has been estimated that more than 23,000 young Canadians served in Britain's Royal Flying Corps, making up about one-quarter of its complement. Still other Canadians served in that country's Royal Naval Air Service at the time.

They went on to establish world-renowned reputations in the air war in Europe, winning 800 decorations. Included were three Victoria Crosses, Britain's highest award for valour. Statistics list 1,388 killed and 1,130 wounded in operations.

About another 5½ years were to pass after the end of the 1914-18 war before the official formation of the RCAF was to come about, on April 1, 1924. The event would have occurred about 15 years earlier had pioneer aviator J.A.D. McCurdy had his way.

On February 23, 1909, Maritimer McCurdy made history by taking to the air in his flimsy Silver Dart aircraft, from the icy patches of the tiny Cape Breton village of Baddeck, N.S. Observing from the ground was the aircraft's builder, telephone inventor Alexander Graham Bell. The event marked the first powered flight in the British Empire. It was just over five years earlier that man first had achieved mechanical flight, December 17, 1903, when Orville Wright went airborne at Kitty Hawk, South Carolina.

After the Baddeck feat, McCurdy tried to interest the Canadian government in the military possibilities of the airplane, but the proposal was declined. It was the



The Base Commander, Col Dobson commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Air Force by raising the new Air Command flag in a ceremony held 1 April 1984.

first attempt of several to add a third dimension to Canada's defence forces, then comprised of a small navy and army. Progress was to be frustratingly slow in the next decade and a half.

The spark was revived temporarily during the First World War. At the time it was considered that attitude and opinion in Canada and overseas favoured the formation of a distinctly Canadian air force. The Canadian public had become conscious of the important, if unsung, role their flyers were playing in the European air war.

With the end of the 1914-18 war, hopes for the formation of a Canadian air force diminished rapidly. About six months later, to regulate and control growing aviation activities in Canada, the Canadian government moved to form an organization called the Air Board.

Aviation was on the move in Canada, and it was only 8½ months later, February 18, 1920, that an order-in-council authorized the for-

mation of a non-permanent, non-professional air force, under the administration of the Air Board. It had a provisional establishment of 1,340 officers and 3,905 men, but no affiliation with the military.

The first positive step towards the establishment of a regular air force followed on June 28, 1922, when the National Defence Act was passed. It was to incorporate the Departments of Militia and Defence, Naval Service and the Air Board. The Canadian air force was placed under a director, responsible to the army's Chief of the General Staff, to control both civil and military aeronautics.

Lift-Off -- Slightly more than 1½ years later, on April 1, 1924, the Royal Canadian Air Force came into being, with the motto "Per Ardua ad Astra" (through adversity to the stars). It had been a long, but successful, struggle for the many proponents of military air power in Canada.

The RCAF eventually was to gain independent status about 14 years

after its official formation, and no longer was responsible to the Chief of the General Staff, but to the Minister of National Defence. It thereby had been placed on an equal footing with the Navy and Army.

In the intervening years between the First and Second World Wars, the Air Force was committed to a variety of tasks. They included mapping, forestry reconnaissance, communication and transportation flights, anti-smuggling and fisheries patrols. It also conducted combined operations with the Navy and Army, chiefly artillery co-operation exercises at Esquimalt; Sarsce, near Calgary; Petawawa and Dartmouth.

Gearing up for War -- Two years before the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, with the rapid deterioration of the political situation in Europe, the RCAF was given the added resources to begin growing into a world-class air force. In the next half-dozen years or so, it was to expand to become the fourth largest among the Allied air powers.

At its high point, it had mushroomed to a strength of 249,662 men and women, with 93,000 of this number -- more than a third -- having served overseas. Meanwhile, back in Canada, the RCAF was training thousands of Allied airmen under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan at dozens of air stations across the country.

RCAF losses during the Second World War mounted to 17,100 killed; decorations were earned by 8,000 airmen, again including three Victoria Crosses.

Conversion to peacetime status began with the end of the war in 1945, but it was short-lived. With the recognition of Communism emerging as a threat in 1948, a new build-up of Canada's Navy, Army and Air Force began.

This threat manifested itself in June, 1950, when North Korea attacked South Korea. Later, China joined the North Koreans in the campaign. Opposing them in due course was a United Nations-member force, and the undeclared war became known as the U.N. Operations in Korea.

The RCAF supported the involvement of Canada and its U.N. allies in an airlift role across the

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Canadian astronauts named as crew and backup for October space mission

The Honourable Donald J. Johnson, Minister of State for Science and Technology and for Economic and Regional Development, announced the names of the Canadian Shuttle Crew Training -- Shuttle crew member and backup for the October 24, 1984, mission of Space Shuttle Discovery and released details of the experimental package to be flown on that flight.

Marc Garneau is the crew member for the mission and Bob Thirsk is the backup. Garneau and Thirsk were chosen from the six-member Canadian Space Team selected in December, 1983.

The training program for the two Canadian astronauts chosen as prime and alternate for the October, 1984, mission will be accelerated, although all six of the Space Team will continue to participate in many of the classes and training exercises as a group. Training has two principal subdivisions:

Canadian Training -- The payload specialists will work to become expert in the theory and operation of the Canadian experiments on Mission 51-A. Most of this training will take place in Canada between now and the end of June. It will consist of experiment development and familiarization, lectures and study in Ottawa and visits to aviation medicine facilities in Montreal and Toronto. There, the crew will become familiar with high-altitude flight and motion sickness phenomena and will also have frequent practice periods to become proficient in the operation of experimental equipment.

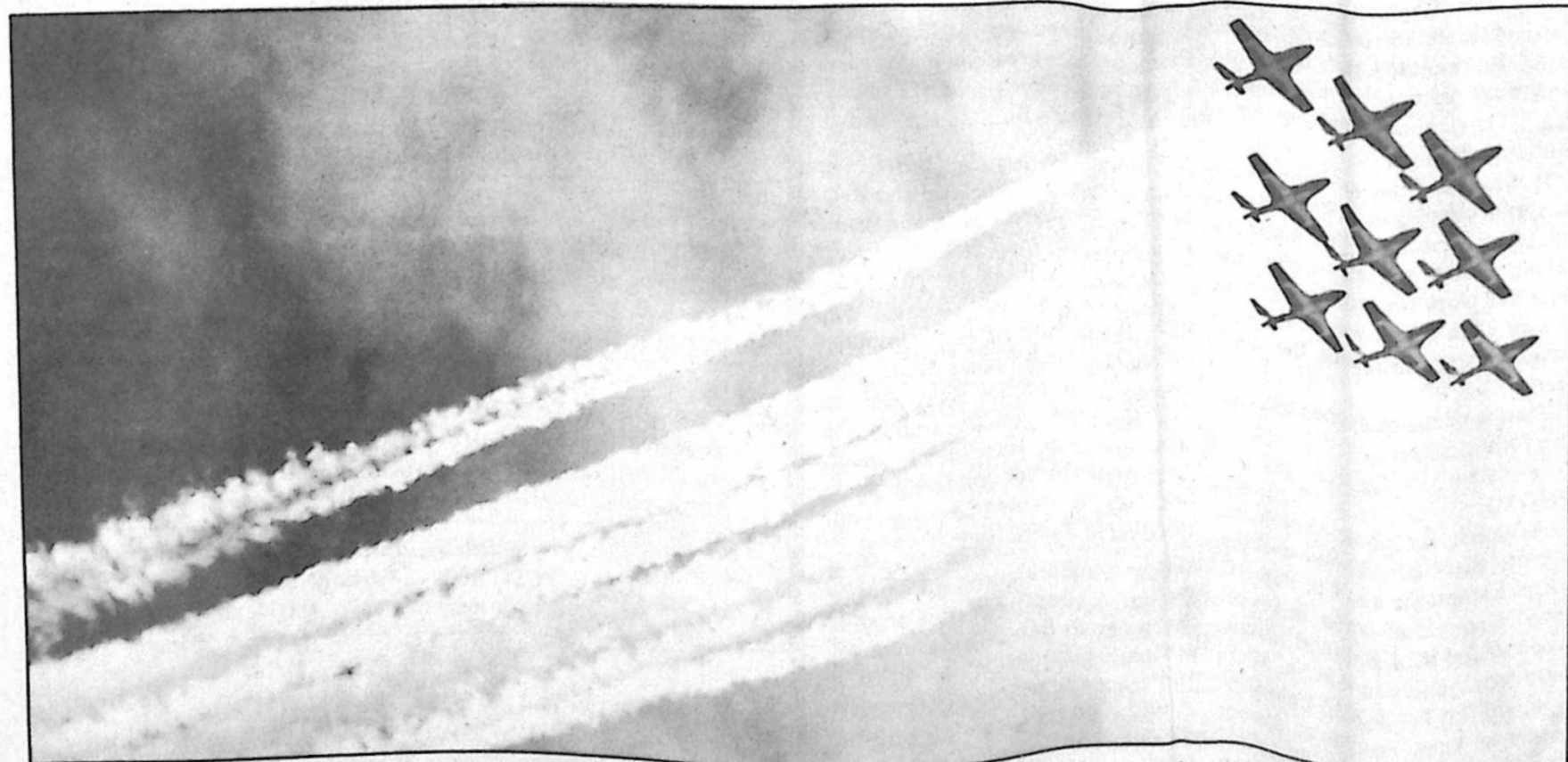
Shuttle Crew Training -- Shuttle training has already begun with lectures in Canada and will be followed by visits to the Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas, during July, August and September, with brief periods also spent at the Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral, Florida. Some visits to JSC and KSC will take place during actual shuttle missions. The intensive summer training will include lectures and demonstrations involving shuttle system trainers, zero-gravity parabolic trajectory aircraft flights and participation in mission simulations. The Canadian astronauts will return home periodically during this period to continue their Canadian training as payload specialists. The entire orbiter crew for Mission 51-A will be located at KSC for most of the 10-day period preceding the launch.

During all of this time, the remaining four Canadian astronauts will support the development of equipment and procedures for their colleagues preparing for the October 24 flight. They will also continue their own training and will be heavily involved in the development and refinement of the experiments to be flown on the 1985 and 1986 missions.

Marc Garneau



Snowbirds here April 14



Ottawa -- The Canadian Forces precision flight demonstration team 'The Snowbirds' soar into their 14th year of operation in April. Some 68 performances are planned across Canada and the U.S. during 1984, including the annual Canada Day show in Ottawa and a special performance at Baddeck, N.S. marking the 75th anniversary of powered flight in the Commonwealth.

The 25-minute Snowbirds routine consists of a fast paced series of formation and solo manoeuvres by the pilots in their agile Tutors, the Canadian Forces standard jet trainer.

The team, officially designated 431 Air Demonstration Squadron, is based at Moose Jaw, Sask. Nine pilots and an administration officer,

are assisted by a ground crew of 11 specialists in aeroengine, airframe, instrument, communication and safety systems. As well, two coordinators handling public information duties follow the team and act as commentators during the air shows.

"We're looking forward to the upcoming season", said Command-

ing Officer Major George Hawey. "The weather has been co-operative and the training is progressing well ahead of schedule." Maj Hawey, a native of Quebec City, is now in his second season as the team leader.

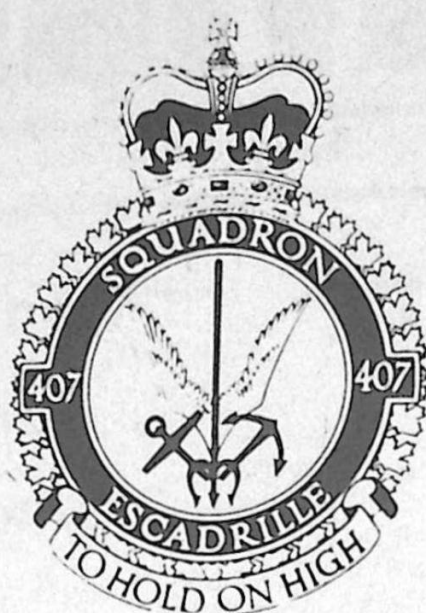
During the summer, the Snowbirds will perform at eight major airshows across Canada including Abbotsford, B.C., Toronto, Ontario and Quebec City.

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Section News

Demon



Doins

Rumours, rumours, and more lies. How can you tell that it's posting season again. Nav's and pilots are scurrying around, trying to find out who the CO of the day is, so they can put a buzz in his ear about not being posted to Greenwood. Trouble is, the regular CO hasn't been around lately, the XO is on holidays, the SopsO is still working on his house, no one knows the new combination to the DIAC to get to see the SMCsO, and every other Major on squadron won't make a decision knowing full well, one of the aforementioned is going to change it when they get back. This has led to Lieutenants and Captains starting their own rumours about staying in Comox indefinitely, or even talking about revisits to Australia and Japan.

Speaking of points down under, Crew 5 finally returned from their all expense paid vacation (complete with tans, smiling faces, and enormous debts) to Hawaii, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, and Tahiti. As soon as they had landed in Australia, the aircraft was grounded, and the partying instantly went into motion. Beer and sun tanning was the order of the day. Mixed in with all the festivities though, was a course for all crew leads, and some operational flights with the Aussies on their P3-C's. Word has it that the stories are all true - the Aussies enjoy their beer - in copious quantities. Summed up, they work hard and play hard - is there any other way? The official report has been submitted and consists of nothing but superlatives. To paraphrase Winston Churchill, "Never before have so many envied, so few, for doing so little, with so much, so far away, for so long".

Fred Bishop and Crew 6 (or is it Dave Wright and Crew - who knows these days?) are gearing up for the Canadian ASW Competition in early May. Fred said that he bowed out of the EW Course in Oberamergau because of the competition, but gave the slot to LCol Dott from 409 Squadron. Fred was overheard about not being able to handle so many swans in so short a time, the biggest being announced last week as he heads into the SStandO job in June. He replaces D.J. Newman who feels that he's been on a swan for the past year (ha, ha).

Hats go off to the Demon Hockey Team who made it to the Inter-Section Hockey Championships but lost to MSE in the final minutes of the game. It was felt that MSE had a good team (but nothing exceptional) except for a luck-sack goalie who should have received the MVP award. Well done guys - maybe next year??

Things were pretty slow around the squadron in the past 2 weeks. With aircraft grounded, flights were few and far between and changes to the crew board were numerous, as people jockeyed for positions just to fly on pilot trainers. However, this meant that several members could attend the 60th RCAF Mess Dinner. When asked the next day whether a good time was had by all, most answers were "I must have - my head hurts so much this morning".

The squadron mugged out Sgts Tony Ruthven & Al Derocher, PO2 Hank Verdenhalven (is it spelt right Hank) and MCpl Bob Racine. To all of you, cheers, and hope your livers hold out.

Update on Brian "Moose"

Weatherly. Moose is back in Comox and has astounded all doctors by pulling through a rough go. Guess that's why his nickname is appropriate. He's able to see a few visitors as long as they aren't 25 and blonde. Keep it up Moose.

Well that's it for this issue. Good hunting.

See Larry, I went easy on you (felt you've been through enough lately).

407 SOR

We would like to welcome our newest Demon, Pte Monic Clement, who came to us from civvy street where she decided that there really was no life like it. Things have been really quiet in the Orderly Room. Well, who knows maybe things will pick up when crew 5 returns from Australia. It has been so quiet that we even had two birthday parties. One for Monic who is a part-time model, so needless to say her cake was done in the shape of a lady modelling a dress. The other birthday was Capt Rebekka and we all know what business he is into so we don't have to tell you what his cake was shaped like.

And then there's D'arcy; well what can I say? He recently experienced a little extra cash on hand so he went out and bought himself a new "Big Black Car" with a plush interior (so this is how you impress the girls, eh Darcy?). Sgt Stegman is dreaming about the Lotto 649 million dollar jackpots hoping to win the big one, aside from boycotting the canteen for the increase in hot dogs by 10 cents. Don't worry Gary, some day you'll get a posting. There is a rumour going around that Maj Challenger had to replace the back tire on his bicycle from taking out his PER frustrations on his bicycle (the poor thing). It only took him 5 minutes to get to work from his home on Bambrick Place. Cpl Melanie Schall had a busy month with going to Holberg for the Servicewomen's Bowling Regionals; Comox won the Regionals for the fourth year in a row. And speaking of Maj Challenger and Sgt Stegman, they have just returned from a visit to DHist in Ottawa where Maj C was checking out cobwebs and dartboards while touring the neighbourhood. Upon completion of his tour Maj C had no problem defeating the local yokels at their own game of darts.

VP407 SAMO SECTION NEWS

AMCRO

As I write this column on 26 March, the big item of the day in Log Control is that Marilyn's husband arrives back from Australia tonight, or at least he had better, eh Marilyn? Bill is back to work today after a week of leave and once again Jim is breathing a sigh of relief and wondering why it is that everything seems to go wrong while Bill is away.

Maj Caddey had another one of his frequent trips to Nova Scotia to discuss engine problems. He is there so often that it's rumoured that he is going to be posted there to save the CF travelling expenses. Guess nobody reads this column as I haven't been fed any juicy items on Kathy or Alison as I requested in my last column. If you want a real bargain on a 21 foot boat though, see Kathy. Nothing new on the Chief except that he's really practicing up on his French getting ready for Baggotville.

Bob Earl has finally reached a point where he can sleep all night, or I should say that his baby daughter has. Terry is on a holiday in California with his family and we anxiously await his report on Disneyland. Cliff is starting to think about his posting to Trenton this

summer and Kyle is wondering why he never realized how busy Research was when he was in Servicing. Wally is looking forward to retirement and wondering why we had to have so many engine and prop problems in his last few months of service.

In the FSR department a lot of things are happening. Gary has been told that he is not being returned to California and Reg went to Montreal the other day to discuss the many new positions Canadair is offering him seeing his contract here is finished. Darlene is trying to figure out ways of spending her husband's \$500.00 suggestion award and Denis is still trying to figure out how to move his pet rock over to Gull Ave. for safe keeping.

The AMCRO has been told that he is posted to Base this summer and Gene's main thought when he is contemplating his navel is "where is my next job going to be".

Last but not least is Ggg, who gets his kicks out of preventing AMCRO from sending him nasty mail on the computer.

The main problem we have now is trying to figure out how we can ensure that we don't win the next sports tabloid seeing the Bas decided that the winning team has to organize the next event.

DIAC MAINT/TRAINING

DIAC is back to more maintenance than training as course 8401 Display and Controls is completed and instructors are now maintainers: not for long however, as the Fast Time Analysis Systems Course Phase B starts at the end of April.

The happy graduates of course 8401 were all from Greenwood. They were MCpl Taylor, MCpl Carlson (who never seems to leave), Pte Phillips and our first female Pte Gale.

Mr. Bill Rampaul, Litton Industries Field Service Rep in the DIAC for the past 3 years has left us for greener pastures. He has gone to Big T.O. (Toronto) and left us to fend for ourselves.

It must be either gardening time or spring cleaning as MWO Keryluk has taken some leave. You know the saying "while the cats away, the mice will play" not true for us we're busier than ever with weeklong snags and preparing for the Amit team.

Time is of the essence so catch us in a future edition.

PHOTO

As usual, the photo section has had its share of TD and courses. MCpl Lafontaine and Cpl Pare enjoyed a couple of weeks in Greenwood while MCpl Bok and Dionne were seen tanning in Borden. MCpl Bok, still on his TQ6A, wanted to ensure he knew everything there is to know about paper work before departing for Cold Lake. WO Bourne and his pros (mainly from processing) are getting ready to take on the Cold Lake Photo Bonspiel next month. As we all know Cpl Cando spent a good part of his time down east last year; he enjoyed it so much, he wants his posting moved one month ahead. We also had a newcomer, Pte Rick Bonin, posted to processing from his TO3 course.

As a welcoming gesture, the SAMO gave a sports day and Rick's first day was spent taking pictures of the event. We still haven't figured out how Marylins Marauders beat us. Of course in servicing 3 crew is still on top. All in all, the photo section is doing fine except for Sgt Price who still thinks he could have finished first in the BTSO Bonspiel.

Everyone who went on the Squadron Ski Day at Mt. Washington thoroughly enjoyed the day - even WO Bourne who spent much of the time facing the sky. Perhaps for the next outdoor sports day we should invite the BMetO.

March 6 was a good day for members of the photo trade. That was the day we all gathered at the Leeward to wish Wojtek Bok and wife Joanne "Bon Voyage". He will be taking his technical skills to AETE in "Cool Pool".

Well that's about all for this time except for this reminder, "If you haven't heard a good rumour by 000 hours start one".

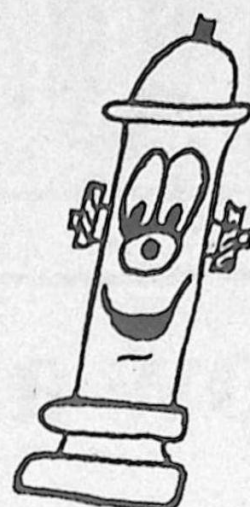
IO. 3 SERVICING CREW 407 Squadron Ski Day was a smashing success, except for the addition of Steve Adamson's name to the ever growing injury list. Although the visibility at times was near zero, most of us came down the mountain in one piece. Special mention must go to Jim Ruth for keeping a stiff upper lip, especially when biting all those tree branches that somehow got in his way. And let us not forget those last minute efforts of Jeff Grover, up above, on Linton's Loop. He rallied back for two last runs late in the afternoon, but rumour has it that he will never be the same.

A second 407 Squadron Sports Day was held recently and once again the AMCRO team nudged out a servicing crew for first place. The addition of judges to oversee the ten events did not prevent some people from screaming "fixed" at the final result, because it is the second time in a row that they have accomplished such a feat. But it was all in fun and the free beer afterwards was an added bonus. Special congratulations go to 3 Crew's Frank Boyer for leading his team to a last place finish and the much coveted Horse's Bum Bum Award.

Contrary to popular belief, the sunbans that Eric Stockton and Rick Shelton are wearing are not a result of their month long, hot and heavy, "working" holiday in Australia. Medical research has revealed that the consumption of large amounts of alcohol can cause a distinct discoloration of the skin. And to Eric and Rick and the rest of the crew just back from down under, forgive me for not crying when you told me it rained during your stopover in Tahiti.

First congratulations go to Marc DuFour, 3 Crew's newest Corporal. Second go to Bonnie Ross, who will be a graduate from MCpl to OCdt in July when she will go to Victoria to attend Royal Roads Military College. Third and last congrats go to Sgt and Mrs. Karl Parker for celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on April 25th. Welcome home to Frank Boyer, Ross Brown and Cash Farrell - all home from our favourite coastal resort... Greenwood. Finally, will the person responsible for dumping the IS Tech's file from the computer in servicing, please tell us how to get it back.

Fire Plugs



Spring is finally here and with that, summer can not be that far away. This summer in the Fire Hall is going to be a busy one, posting wise as we are losing eleven people. They are going to places stretching from Winnipeg to Europe and to Sea. Good luck to them all.

Our spring ball is coming up in May and that should be a good time for all but with all the people who are going, I hope that their speeches are not too long.

The Fire Hall would like to congratulate MCpl Evans and Cpl McGhee on their recent promotions.

One in ten fires of known causes is of electrical origin. With this in mind here are a few safety hints. Inspect cords and plugs as they may be

worn. If they are worn, they can cause fire, short circuits, or shocks. Replace if worn or damaged. Pull the plug not the cord as the cord will wear quickly creating a shock hazard. You should not run cords under rugs, through doorways, or anywhere they will get excessive wear. If your appliances spark, overheat, or stall, pull the plug and have them checked by a dealer or an appliance service person.

Here is an amusing story to end this column. One evening while sitting in our apartment with our visiting twelve year old grandson, the fire alarm in the hall sounded. I dashed for my wallet: my wife for her purse, shouting to our grandson, grab your most treasured possession and run. He came rushing from his bedroom clutching his well-worn patched and fringed blue jeans.

That is it for this issue. Take care and we will see you next time.

As The Beacon Turns



April dawned bright, clear, and sunny with everyone hoping "April Showers" never appear.

Capt Bernie Murphy played a great April Fools Day trick. Everyone waited in anticipation to see what Bernie would do. Surprise, Bernie didn't do anything. Way to go Bernie.

Well, the boss Maj Ed Montgomery is off to Ottawa this week for the BATCO's conference.

Welcome back to Capt Joe Pacowski. Joe spent the last month in the land of huskies and snow. (CFS Goose Bay)

Capt Howard Thibault is back from a holiday in Hawaii. Howie is just happy to be back in Comox and glad there are no volcanos on this island.

ATC has been busy scoring the airshow practice runs by the Hawks, Anchor Reds and Snowbirds. Scores

in order not to cause trouble between the groups will not be published.

The ATC section contributed four players for the hockey game between CFB Comox Officers' Mess and the Officers' Mess at Chilliwack. OCdt Michelle Millet, 2 LT Pete Foley, Lt Jim Hatton and Lt Rick Champagne participated in the game. Comox won 6 to 5 in double overtime. Good goaltending Michelle. Jim scored 2 goals during the game. Good shooting Jim and too bad about the rum.

From the Tech side: Welcome back to WO Earl Nash. Earl is home after a holiday in Germany. Sgt Rollend is in Trenton at the present time on his Advanced ASR Course.

Finally to Lee and Lloyd, yes I felt four runway changes in 3 hours were warranted.

S.H.

OFFICERS' MESS



Fridays, April 6, 27

April 6 - TGIF PIZZA

April 27 - TGIF CHICKEN & CHIPS

Friday, April 13

MONSTER TGIF: (NOT MIXED)

Pre-Air Show Monster TGIF.

Hip of beef to be served 1700-1800 hours.

Saturday, April 14

POST AIR SHOW BBQ: Barbecue and dance following the Air Show at 1930 hours. Tickets for 'steaks' may be purchased at the door. Music provided by DJ "Nine Tonight" from 2000 - 2400 hours. Dress casual.

Wednesday, April 18

OWC SPRING FASHION SHOW: 7:00 for 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by "Touch of Class". Desserts and Sherry will be served. Tickets are \$5.00 each, available from OWC Executive. Advance sales only!

Thursday, April 19

TGIF: 1600 - 1700 hours.

Sub sandwiches available 1700 - 1800 hours.

Saturday, April 28

DINNER/DANCE: The evening will begin at 2000 hours with music provided by DJ. On the menu will be Chinese food. Dress is informal. Cost per couple: members \$20.00 and guests \$25.00. Reservations should be in to the Mess Manager no later than 1200 hours Wednesday, 25 April.

COMING EVENTS: MAY 1984

13 May -- Mothers' Day Brunch
26 May -- Seafood Night

Section News



Base Supply

The big news this time around has to be the contribution VU33 made to the Officers' Mess hockey team. Led by the CO, Maj Owen, Craig Flewelling, Dave Bekolay, and Dave Brown went to CFB Chilliwack with the team in a match against the Officers' Mess of that base.

It was a very close game that went into double overtime. Chilliwack was in the lead with seconds to go when Craig fired his patented bullet to tie the game. In the dying moments of the second overtime period Craig fed the Boss who put a rocket into the top right hand corner of the net to win the game for Comox.

Rollie Acorn brought a T-bird in from North Bay this weekend. Rollie mentioned that it was the first time since he left that his feet thawed out and the snow melted from his pockets.

Nick Murgatroyd, Norm Potvin, and Tom Sullivan are back after their harrowing marathon of enforced good times in the wilds of San Fran and Northern California. Actually the transported two Marpac officers on their annual inspection of Naval facilities in California. The dirty jobs we at VU33 must endure.

Tom had to make the best of this trip as it may be his last with 33. Yes Tom has gotten word that his services are needed in Summerside; at the new EW school. The sting has been somewhat reduced by the news that Tom will be spending a couple of months in Great Britain on an EW course there.

VU33 welcomes Sgt Andy Clark to the squadron. Andy takes over the Squadron Orderly Room from MCpl Pam Spracklin.

Last week the squadron participated in a rocket shoot. Terry Patterson, Craig Flewelling, Dave Bekolay, and Wayne Lachapelle took a Tracker to destroy a bit of ocean off the West Coast. The Navy helped out by offering us some barrels to shoot at. We decided not to hurt any of the barrels but just scare them a bit. After the shoot the Navy was requested to fill in the holes we made and the last time we saw them they were busy trying to find them.

Jeff Ludlow, our OJT pilot-to-be, was away last week moving his family down from Port Hardy. A warm welcome to the Comox Valley to the Ludlows.

Dave Bekolay is off to Winnipeg on the ICP course. Another slasher in the making.

That's it for this week. Stay tuned next time around for more news from the 8/5 Sqn.

Well here we are, back with some more exciting news from your squadron. So let's get on with it. Some of our officers went to Chilliwack to play hockey. From what I understand, they did pretty well. At least there were no bad injuries.

Another ski day has come and gone. Even though this was not an official squadron day, there appeared to be some turn out for it. There's many tales of exciting wipe outs. We are limited to the amount of paper that I've got, so let's say that everyone had a good time.

Kevin has been accepted for U.T.P.M., so we all wish him the best in his coming studies. If he makes it, he'll probably make a pretty good officer. But tell me Kevin, won't it be hard to keep your hands off of repairing planes?

From a little bird, the curling members of our squadron are not doing so well. They only made seventh place, oh well, there's always next year guys.

Now Kevin don't get upset because I've mentioned you name again. But when you make the news, well I've got to have something to write about.

Well J.P., have you located your own coat yet?

I'm sure that everyone will be glad to hear that Charlie is doing well after his operation. From what I understand, he was up and walking around the very next day.

Disaster was narrowly averted this week on Tracker 163, Herman Gluck was found missing. It was found on the aircraft, as the crew from Summerside tried to smuggle him out. Don't they know that he doesn't like the cold weather.

I understand that Pete M. almost didn't make it to ski day. It appears that he couldn't get his car up the hill. And if it wasn't for it's ability to be seen in the dark nobody would have stopped.

Well the RCAF has finally got its own colors. The parade was pretty good, as parades go. 409 did a fly pass, just to let us know that they were still on base. I understand that they didn't want us to do one with a Tracker because it would show the Voodoos up. Oh well, we all can't be that good.

I guess that's it for now, if anyone knows of any happenings that they would like to see in print, well you can find me in that pretty blue hangar.

L.J.C.

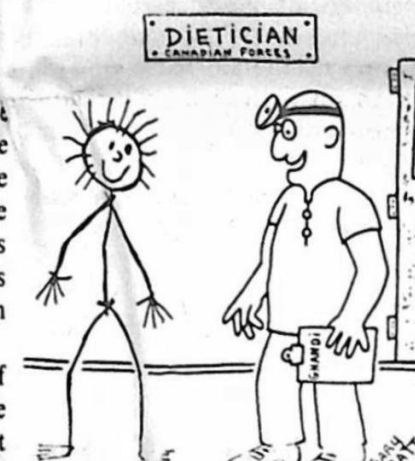
Almost all squadrons and sections on Base submit an article to the base newspaper. Some squadrons submit them more frequently than others. The person usually responsible for it is the squadron's historian and/or information officer.

The squadron historian and information officer has several tasks to do and requires certain skills and pre-requisites to accomplish these tasks. For example; as historian, you have to keep track of events. The pre-requisite is to have a lot of newspaper clippings and photographs from 1984 (un-chronologically), while using your skill of sorting through the jumbled pictures taken as recently as 1954. It's an easy job though.

Another task is answering squadron fan mail such as requests for crests, photographs, and information. Pre-requisite: access to a secretary with nimble fingers and a well oiled typewriter. 442 Squadron has excellent secretaries. Skill: The information officer must have memorized the alphabet. The secretaries can easily correct all of his mistakes.

Another job is that of squadron briefings and tours. Pre-requisites: use Ultra-Brite toothpaste daily for that irresistible smile, do not appear inebriated during a briefing, have the gift-of-the-gab, and not talk with a lisp; however, an English accent is acceptable. Skills: ability to talk in slow motion when running ahead of schedule. You must also be able to sidestep little problems like explaining why a slide happens to be upside down. You tell the audience that the slide is actually not upside down, but that the photograph was taken from an aircraft while it was at the top of a loop in the search area.

Now for the most difficult job of all: writing articles for the newspaper. This job can be easy at times, such as when a search is in progress or if someone receives an award, but at other times it can be difficult. The pre-requisite here is: imagination.



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April 6, 13 and 20
TGIF. Food. Games.

April 7
SPORTSMAN'S BINGO

Early Bird - 1945 hours. Regular bingo at 2000 hours. 10 games including 1 full card for the grand prize. Dance DJ after bingo until 0100 hours. Food - munchies. Dress casual. Tickets at the door. \$1.00 per person and one free card. Extra cards - 3 cards for \$1.00

14 April
RCAF NIGHT

Dance band "Alley Cats" - 2000 - 0100. Food - chicken and chips - 1900 - 2030 hours. Price: \$5.00 per couple for members and \$10.00 per couple for guests. Tickets at the door with one bottle of wine per couple. Free admission for anyone wearing RCAF uniform (5, 5A), that includes WD's uniform. Dress Casual.

27 April

MIXED TGIF. Dance DJ. Food. Games. \$2.00 per couple. Relaxed dress.

NOTICE

WOS' & Sgts' Mess requires coach and ball players if we are going to have a team this year. Sign up in the Mess or contact Sgt Storton, local 2595.

SERVICE PERSONNEL

When uniform is worn, it shall be worn in accordance with dress regulations as laid down in Base Standing Orders.

The following minimum standards of dress shall be observed when and where indicated:
Formal: M/FM and S/S/SF: Tuxedo or dinner jacket for men; full length gown for ladies.
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Informal: Leisure suit or sports jacket and slacks with shirt and tie; presentable open neck shirt and turtle neck sweater designed for indoor wear for men; slacks and shirt for ladies. All clothing must be clean and in good repair; T-shirt with suggestive or questionable slogans will not be allowed. Suitable shoes and socks shall be worn with all modes of dress.

Spring has sprung in Comox and a few individuals have spring fever. Kevin Luther has acquired a new charm with the females. Kevin, leave the girls alone, or should that be the other way around?

A final farewell to Emily Mansfield. It seems the Forces is too large a family for you; good luck with your new ventures. On that note, welcome back Shelley from Bermuda. While the cats away did the mice really play?

Congratulations are in order to Marianne Baer and Carol Greaves on their promotions to Cpl. Good work girls.

Dave Jones has started a new family business "Wun Hung Lowe's Laundry". Does your wife know about this? Everyone knows that in this business people get paid peanuts, but in Dave's case he would prefer to be paid in chocolates.

Rumour has it that "Evil Kneivel" Francis hasn't learned his lesson and will be riding again by May 1.

There seems to be a new fat diet going around Base Supply; for more

information contact "Tinsel Teeth" Martin. He seems to be living in a jungle in barracks and his neighbors tell me he picks up the FM stations great.

A little more on diets, Diane and Shane Shea are pumping the iron and burning the calories. Ironman Sheawill be hitting clothing stores soon as her pants are beginning to look like potato sacks.

By the way has anyone seen Chantale lately?

The ice is melting and soon Maj Finn will retire those snow ski's for water ski's. Then we can call them the Swim Finn Twins vs the Flying Finns.

Col Potter from the planet POL still hasn't received his IOR shipment of dilithium crystals and will be stranded in Never-neverland for an indefinite period of time. Col Potter phone home!

In response to the last article, the answer to the quiz is . . . , there is only one WO who lives in Courtenay who attended the mess dinner. We won't mention any names but his first initial is "John".

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16 APRIL - 1600 HOURS
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All former, current and prospective members are encouraged to attend!

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		Special Ent.		Special Ent.	DJ LOU	
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Editorial

A question of pride

What is pride? The Oxford dictionary defines pride as "(unduly) high opinion of one's own qualities, merits, etc.; arrogant bearing or conduct". The Bible describes pride as being hateful in the eyes of man and of the seven deadly sins listed by St. Gregory in the sixth century, pride was at the top of the list. Most religions believe that since their followers should humble themselves before the Almighty, then pride would naturally be an undesirable trait.

Why, then, are we taught from an early age to display pride? Shine your shoes, comb your hair, tuck in your shirt, clean up your room. Can pride be all that bad? A wise old courtier once said, "It is as proper to be proud of ourselves as it is improper to proclaim it to the world." It appears then that pride may not be that bad after all if we apply it to ourselves without splashing it on others. Craftsmanship is a good example of pride used wisely. It is the true craftsman's pride which prevents him from producing anything of inferior quality. It is the same kind of pride that makes a housewife keep her home spotless. When you combine pride with humility, the result is dignity and dignity is the quality which allows people to withstand adversity and misfortune and to turn the other cheek when trouble strikes.

What about collective pride as opposed to individual pride? Once again there is a bad side, for does not religious, racial and social prejudice result from pride, which tells one group that they are somehow better than another? Germany, during WW II was an example of just such misguided pride where the Nazis convinced themselves that they were superior to everyone else and that they had the divine right to rule the world. Britain, on the other hand, displayed the kind of pride which saw them through probably the worst time in their history, and to finally achieve victory over unbelievable odds.

Collective pride is particularly applicable to those of us who are in the military because pride or esprit de corps is always evident in the world's best fighters. Parades, spit and polish, uniforms, insignia, flags and ensigns are all part of the overall pride of belonging to a unique organization. Canadian servicemen have always maintained a high degree of respect throughout the world in spite of our lack of number and shortages of modern equipment. This pride will surely grow, with the promise of new sophisticated equipment coming into the system. The adoption last week of the new Air Command flag is more tangible proof of an increasing esprit de corps.

Pride is a peculiar thing which, when it gets the upper hand, can cause insurmountable problems between otherwise rational people. But on balance, I think it can do more good than harm provided we always ensure that the pride we exhibit is honestly earned.

J.S.G.

Letters:

To The Editor:

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the RCAF, Canadian Forces Base Trenton will be hosting a "RCAF Homecoming Weekend" June 29 - July 1, 1984. Col G.R.J. "Sky" King and his staff would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all ex-RCAF members and all past and present personnel who have been stationed here in Trenton to "come on home" for this important weekend.

We have planned a full slate of activities for the weekend. Friday night we begin with a registration and a "meet and greet" function in the south side gym followed by a fireworks display on Baker's Island. Saturday offers a variety of sports, an afternoon beer garden and evening dance with a 15-piece orchestra and midnight buffet. The



CF National photo contest

The Canadian Forces National Photography contest will be held at CFB Ottawa from the 25-31 May 84, exhibitor's work shall be entered as amateur or professional. Personnel employed as photographic technicians are considered professional.

Eligibility: Entries may be submitted by:

- a.) members of the Regular Force of the Canadian Forces;
- b.) members of the Reserve Force of the Canadian Forces;
- c.) members of other nations who are attached to or on exchange duty with the Canadian Forces, but excluding those personnel of other nations who are under formal training;
- d.) civilian employed by DND;
- e.) dependants of those members listed in subparagraphs 2 a, b and c;
- f.) members of the Sea Cadets, Army Cadets and Air Cadets.

The following types of work may be submitted: a.) black and white prints; b.) colour prints; and c.) colour slides - 35 mm.

The contest comprises of three classifications: military life - unclassified subjects only; portrait - a picture of a person or group of people; and open - any photography may be submitted.

Entries into the CF National Photo contest must be received at the Base Rec Centre prior to 16 April. For more detailed information contact Cpl (W) Ryan or Cpl Shanks local 2315 at the Rec Centre.

SCAN seminar scheduled

Guest speakers from across Canada promise to make the upcoming SCAN presentation a most rewarding experience. The Second Career Assistance Network (SCAN) was set up to aid retiring service personnel in their transition to civilian life. "Dapper Dan" Hodgert from Ottawa works full time on the SCAN staff and always gives an entertaining and eye-opening presentation of Financial Planning. Katie

Soles from the Alberta Career Centre is an expert in the area of Resume Writing and Interviewing and Capt Claire Schofer from Winnipeg will be discussing all important job search techniques. There will be presentations from the area Social Worker, CEIC (Manpower) representatives and local base personnel on Release Procedures and Benefits and education opportunities that are available after

retirement. Feedback from previous seminars has been positive and members have always found them useful. There will be lots of expertise available, so those who are within ten years of retirement are encouraged to bring their spouse and ask questions. Seating is limited so ensure yourself a place by calling Capt Boswell at local 2626 or the BPSO at local 2469.

Next Totem Times Deadline - Monday, April 16, 1984



Law Talk

By Gordon Hardy of the People's Law School

Child Apprehension

The last in a series of four articles on child apprehension.

Family Court judges do not like separating children from their families. According to Marjorie Martin, a professor of social work at the University of Victoria, "the courts generally uphold the family unless it appears that the family is not willing to make improvements".

Under the Family and Child Service Act of B.C., social workers with the Ministry of Human Resources must investigate complaints about possible neglect or abuse of children. If they conclude that the children are being neglected or abused, they may remove the children from their homes; a Family Court judge will then decide whether to return the children to their parents or make some other arrangement, such as placing them in a foster home.

"The judge will make the decision about your child based on information from the social worker, from you and your lawyer and from the child," Martin says. "The judge considers the parents' ability to care

for the child, taking into account whether or not use of drugs or alcohol has repeatedly or permanently interfered with their parental responsibilities. The judge will look at the evidence of abuse or neglect. He or she may also take into account the child's feelings about the parents."

"The judge can decide that your child was not or is no longer in danger and your child will be immediately returned to you. The judge may decide that your child be returned to you but under the supervision of the Ministry of Human Resources while further study is conducted and a more permanent decision is made."

According to Martin, "The judge may also decide that your child needs temporary care for a period of time up to a maximum of 12 months. While your child is in care, the judge can order whether or not you can visit the child."

In more extreme cases of neglect or abuse, Martin says, "The judge can decide that your child needs permanent care by the MHR until

the age of 19 or until he or she is adopted or gets married. If this decision is made, the family has no legal rights to the child, including no right to access."

A key factor in the judge's decision, Martin says, is the attitude of the parents; "It is most important that you talk with your social worker as soon as possible about your situation and plans if your child is apprehended or enters care. Together you should decide what changes are needed and immediately develop a plan to accomplish them."

"The more involved you are with your child and your social worker during your child's stay in care, the quicker your child is likely to return to you. This means frequent visits if the judge has allowed them and taking responsibility for your child's care."

Dinah Stanley, a social worker who is collaborating with Martin on a People's Law School booklet on child apprehension, tells parents about the court hearing which will decide their children's fate: "Court

hearings are usually held in small rooms so you can expect to be sitting very close to the judge. The judge will notice your dress and behavior."

Parents of apprehending children, she says, should know their rights. These include the right to be in court for any hearing regarding their children, the right to be represented by a lawyer and a right to see a copy of the report that the social worker gives the judge.

"You have a right to take notes during the court hearing," she says. "It is a good idea to take as many notes as you can in order to remember what the judge and social worker say and what you would like to say. You also have a right to present your objections to anything that is said. You should tell the judge about any ideas you have for the care of your children."

If a Family Court judge decides to take children away permanently from their parents, the parents have a right to appeal the decision to a higher court.

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Message de la Federation des Franco-Colombiens

Dossier éducation - La FFC rendait publique cette semaine le mémoire préparé conjointement par l'APPCF, le Canadian Parents for French, le Chapitre de la C.-B., et la FFC qui avait été adressé à M. Jack Heinrich, Ministre de l'éducation, et à M. Serge Joyal, Secrétaire d'Etat, le 10 février dernier. Ce mémoire se voulait le reflet des préoccupations des 3 groupes au moment des ententes fédérale/provinciale. Il représente également les points essentiels à améliorer au cours des prochaines années afin d'assurer la viabilité et la qualité des programmes cadre et d'immersion. La FFC attend toujours une réponse face à la demande des 3 groupes de rencontrer le Ministre de l'éducation afin de revoir les intentions futures de son ministère par rapport à l'enseignement en français en C.-B.

Dossier Culturel - Le coup d'envoi à Pacific 84 vient d'être lancé par le président d'honneur M. Jean Cormier, vice-président de la BC Resources Investment Corporation à Vancouver. Une campagne de promotion en vue de recueillir les inscriptions des artistes de la scène et des arts visuels débutera le 1er avril 1984. Des dépliants publicitaires avec formulaires d'inscription, des affiches publicitaires, des communiqués de presse, radio et TV seront adressés la dernière semaine de mars aux associations suivantes:

- Association des Francophones de Nanaimo
- Association des Scouts du Canada
- Association Francophone de Campbell River
- Association Francophone de Kamloops
- Association Gens du Pays
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- Club d'Expression Française de Chilliwack
- La Maison d'Accueil de la Rive-Nord
- La Troupe de la Seizième

Hommage aux pionniers de Maillardville - Dans le cadre du 75ème anniversaire de Maillardville, un festival du sucre est prévu pour le 14 avril à l'Aréna Sportive. Des festivités auront lieu à partir de 14h00, incluant un repas traditionnel, et la journée se terminera par une danse.

Prochaines assemblées générales - Le 11 avril à Campbell River. Le 14 avril à Kelowna. Le 15 avril à Comox.



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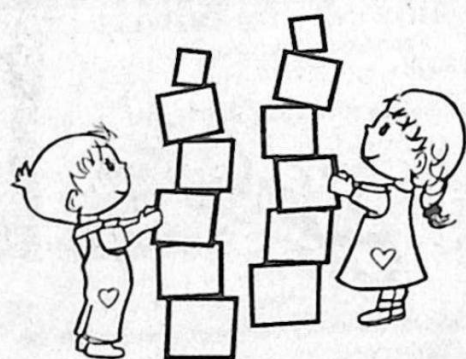
Les inscriptions pour septembre 1984 sont maintenant requises.

Veuillez inscrire vos enfants à l'école Comox Airport Elementary, Oak Street (PMQ), CFB Comox, Lazo, B.C.

Pour de renseignements supplémentaires veuillez contacter le directeur de l'école, M. Roy Shields à 339-3732 ou M. Bill Southern aux Bureaux de la Commission Scolaire à 338-5383, ou le directeur de l'école dans votre région.

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Sports

Old Timers hockey wrap-up

The Sixth Annual CFB Comox Old Totem's Hockey Tournament got under way last Friday afternoon with LCol Jackaman officially opening the games. The first two teams to get the puck rolling were Campbell River and CFB Comox. The first period was clearly dominated by Campbell River, the Totem's spending most of the time in the penalty box. Comox made an attempt to get into the game in the second, Reg Lathier and Larry Blais getting a point each, but it wasn't enough to prevent a 6-2 victory for Campbell River. R. Kauli, from Campbell River, attained a Texas hat-trick.

Next up were Nanaimo's Northbrook team vs Courtenay's Comox Valley Old Forts. Northbrook, while spending 8 of the 20 minutes of the first period in the penalty box, managed a 2-1 edge. It was a turnabout in the second period, when the Old Forts sat it out awhile in the box and were able to only score one additional point. The final score was a 4-2 defeat for the Courtenay old fellows.

The Nanaimo Old Tubbers and the Port Alberni Old Puckers were next to face off. Each period was clearly one-sided in this match. The Tubbers ruled the first, leaving 3-0 on the scoreboard. In the second, after getting their second wind, the Old Puckers came out flying and after the first five minutes of play had a 4-3 edge. Doug Hanna, deciding to bridge the gap a little further, broke through the lines twice to attain a hat-trick in the game and bring the victory to Port Alberni in a 6-3 decision.

The final game on Friday saw the Parksville Bald Eagles and Mission meet at the centre line. Mission obviously controlled this match leaving the Bald Eagles side of the scoreboard dark throughout the first period. Mid-way in the second period, John Moore managed to slip by Arlo Walker, Mission's goalie, to take away his shut-out. The final score was a resounding 5-1.

Bright and early Saturday morning, CFB Comox Old Totem's came out against their arch rivals

Comox Valley Old Forts. This proved the most exciting bout in the tournament as both teams played up to their capabilities and the final decision was in a five minute sudden death over-time period. The Totem's ruled period number one, Reg Lanthier and Reg Tressel, making the score 2-0. The Old Forts came on strong in period number two to prove that they were not to be undone. By the middle of the period, Totem's Russ Parker and Owen Coffell had brought the score up to 4-2, however, with 40 final seconds remaining of the board, Doug Christianson, for Courtenay, unassisted, tied the game 4-4. After playing 3 over-time minutes, Wayne Perret snuck by when the Totem's weren't looking and victory went to the Comox Valley Old Forts.

Campbell River and Northbrook met next. Again, exciting fast paced hockey occurred. The scoring was opened by Northbrook at the 13 second mark. At five seconds remaining on the clock, Campbell River tied the first period up at 3-3. Both teams played their hearts out in the second period to break the tie. With only TWO seconds remaining in the match, Northbrook psyched out the Campbell River goalie, Danny Lamouche, and a 4-3 victory was theirs. It should be noted that this match was played with only one penalty being awarded.

Parksville Bald Eagles and the Nanaimo Old Tubbers faced off at high noon. The score was all tied up at the end of the first period, 2-2. Minutes 1, 2, and 3 in the second period brought the points up to 5-2 in favour of Parksville. Nanaimo poured their all into the game but were unsuccessful in their bid for the win, the final going to the Bald Eagles, 7-5.

Another close match followed between Port Alberni and Mission. The score was 2-1 for Mission when Pat Fladager tied it up in a power play. At the end of the first period though, Mission retained the lead at 4-2. The Old Pucker's, Fladager, went on to open and close the second period, attaining a hat-trick, and the 5-4 victory for his team.

While the majority of the games in the tourney proved all teams quite evenly matched, the next bout was the exception to the rule. CFB Comox Old Totem's vs Nanaimo Old Tubbers resulted in the only shut-out of the tourney, 7-0 for Nanaimo. While Tubber goalie Lorne Pearce, clearly deserved his shut-out, the Old Totem's goalie Dave Boudreau, played a solid and stand-up game and without his valiant effort the final score could have been ridiculous.

Saturday's final game was between Mission and Campbell River. Again, it was anybody's game, Mission taking the lead 3-2 at the end of the first period. Steve Gill managed all three of Mission's first goals and went on to get the final point in the game, fifteen seconds before the clock ran out, attaining a Texas hat-trick for himself and a victory of 5-2 for his team-mates.

All teams joined together at the Base Saturday evening for dinner and dancing before preparing for the playoffs Sunday.

The first bout in the playoffs found Mission taking on the Nanaimo Old Tubbers in the "C" Division. Mission's Doug Tucker achieved the first and only goal in the first period. Doug continued to prove his worth by attaining the second goal of the match. Shortly thereafter his team mate Larry Sexton brought the score up to 3-0. Things settled down for a good ten minutes with neither team being able to get by the goalies. Then in less than half a minute, Rob Davis and Pat Shamber drilled in two more points for Mission. Suddenly the Old Tubbers poured on the steam, and within twenty seconds of each other Henry Wieb and Al Sarfani brought the score up to 5-2. Their quick spurt of energy however was short lived and Mission put the game to rest in the last minute of play when Steve Gill ensured the Gold Medal for his team, resulting a 6-2 victory.

Next the "B" Division contenders, Parksville Bald Eagles and Comox Valley Old Forts faced off. This proved to be a fast paced and

clean cut contention. Only the Bald Eagles, Ken McLennand and Mel Nelson managed to slip one each by goalie Herb Beitel in the first period. Comox Valley's Art Morgan came out flying in period number two and managed to get his team on the scoreboard, but Parksville proved that they were not to be taken lightly and Harold McDougal immediately retaliated. For a considerable time thereafter they played one on one hockey and it was a goal tenders standoff. The old Forts' Wayne Perret, at the right place at the right time, managed a breakaway and unassisted brought the score up to 3-2. With seconds remaining in the match Comox pulled their goalie in an attempt to tie the game up, but Parksville remained in control and Walt Stutzel pushed the puck into the empty net and their 4-2 win brought home the Gold Medal.

The atmosphere was tense and the excitement ran rampant when the Port Alberni Old Puckers and the Northbrook Old Guys met each other at the centre ice in the challenge for the Gold in the "A" Division. In the first period they proved themselves to be very evenly matched, a goal and two body contact penalties apiece. Rick Quibell of Northbrook opened the scoring and the Old Pucker's Marcel Plouffe retaliated tying up the game. Both teams skated fast and checked hard in their drive for victory. The fans and players alike looked on in awe as early in the second period Rick Quibell slammed home his goal number two from the face-off. Nick Burdick followed his lead in less than a minute and gave Northbrook a 3-1 edge. Port Alberni's Doug Hanna came on strong to close the gap bringing the score up to 3-2. However his efforts were not quite enough, as Rick Quibell grabbed the puck and broke through the lines to attain his hat-trick. With the match at 4-2, the Old Pucker's made a last ditch attempt to come back into the game by pulling their goalie. Much to their dismay, the Northbrook team intercepted the puck and Nick Burdick slipped the final point of

the championship into an empty net resulting in a 5-2 decision in favour of Northbrook.

The Closing Ceremonies and Awards Presentation occurred Sunday afternoon. The highlight of the day was the presentation of the Fair Play Award. This award had to be shared between three teams; Port Alberni, Parksville Bald Eagles and Comox Valley Old Forts. This tie was truly representative of the good sportsmanly conduct that was evident throughout the tournament. All teams attending voiced a unanimous respect and admiration for the Northbrook team. This was their first year in the Canadian Old-timer Hockey Association, and being the underdogs in the league when they entered, they proved without a shadow of a doubt, their unique skill at the game, their entire team effort and their non-aggressive attitude was always in evidence. They definitely deserved the title awarded them "Gentlemen of Hockey".

The Old Totem's Cannister Set was won by Mary Sletto, from Parksville.

Run for it

Run Canada Week, May 13-21, 1984, is gearing up to provide events which will allow thousands of Canadians to take to the streets.

Run Canada Week coincides with National Physical Activity Week, and our theme this year is to "Run for the 100", in honour of the Canadian Track and Field Association's 100th anniversary.

The aim of Run Canada Week is to involve as many people as possible in physical activity, and to teach the benefits of a healthy lifestyle through running related events.

Our Honorary Chairpersons are the Right Honourable Roland Michener, former Governor-General of Canada, and Jacqueline Gareau, Canada's premier female marathon runner.

Anyone interested in organizing an event for Run Canada Week, or who would like more information should contact Dawn Maxwell (project manager), Run Canada Week, c/o B.C. Athletics, 1200 Hornby Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6Z 2E2 or phone 687-3333 (local 304).

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Sports

Glacier

Greens

report



Speaking of successful tournaments, last Sunday saw Glacier Greens host a northern zone six juniors' tournament. There were 58 golfers playing and of that number the largest turn out was from our own course (sixteen), looks good for our Junior development program. The low man for the day was Mike Dinn of Campbell River, Low Gross posted by a Glacier Greens golfer was Murray Bailey with an 85 followed closely by Earl Scott and Low Net for Glacier Greens was Rob Hudson followed by Doug Dobson. For the first time in many years we had three girls participating and all did well. They were Brenda Berger, Linda Del Fabro and Toma Nakashima (good show girls). All of our Glacier Greens' Juniors are keenly looking forward to playing in Powell River this Sunday.

Look for Mens Night to start at 1730 hours on the 3rd of May.

As promised what follows is the Glacier Greens Ladies Golf Schedule for 1984.

- 19 - 18 Holes & Pin Day
- 26 - Pin Day
- July 3 - 2-Ball, Best Ball Qualifying
- 10 - Bingo, Bango, Bongo
- 17 - Glacier Greens at Sunnydale
- 24 - Pin Day
- 31 - Putting Competition
- Aug. 7 - Glacier Greens at Comox
- (Sun)12 - Mr. & Mrs.
- 14 - Campbell River at Glacier Greens
- 21 - Pin Day
- 28 - 18 Holes/Pin Day
- Sept. 4 - Jac-Len Trophy (LG)
- 11 - Gabriola at Glacier Greens
- 18 - Team Day
- (Sat)22 - Ladies Club Championship
- (Sun)23 - Ladies Club Championship
- 25 - 18 Holes
- (Sun)30 - Mixed 2-Ball CLOSING
- Oct. 2 - Tuesday Windup (Dubious Distinction Award)

District VI Tournaments - 1984

- Thursday, May 24: NHA Semi-Finals - Gabriola Island
- Thursday, June 7: Seniors - Sunnydale (tba)
- Wednesday, June 20: Championship - March Meadows
- Thursday, June 21: Championships - March Meadows
- Thursday, August 23: 2-Ball, Best Ball - Port Alberni

Unless otherwise posted - Tee Off times for all Ladies Days, (Tuesday), will be at 9:00 a.m. June 12 until August 28, inclusive, 8:30 a.m. Tee Off times will be in effect.

- April 10 - 18 Holes
- 17 - NHA Qualifying Round
- 24 - Sunnydale at Glacier Greens
- (Sun)29 - Early Bird
- May 1 - Glacier Greens at Gabriola
- 8 - NHA 2nd Qualifying Round
- (Sun)13 - President's Cup
- 22 - Glacier Greens at Campbell River
- 29 - Powerhouse Trophy (LN), (also, Pin Day)
- June 5 - Comox at Glacier Greens (also, Pin Day)
- 12 - Irons only/Pin Day
- (Sun)17 - Ladies Invitational

The Club Opening MIXED FOUR BALL BEST BALL TOURNEY was a huge success with 61 hardy souls starting play in one of our famous spring showers, proving that patience pays off when the weather moderated to permit us to finish the day in overcast conditions. The big winners with a low gross of 66 were Dave Ronaldson, Ted Sutton, Lionel Churchill and Marg Shaw, they were followed closely with a 68 by Nick Mykitiuk, Harry Lewis, Pat Verchere and Rose McCleish. A big thank you, one and all for making our first '84 tournament a success.



Left to right: Cpl (W) Chantal Labelle, MCpl (W) Kaye Alex, Cpl (W) Diane Pietraszko, Col W.R. Dobson, Pte (W) Louise Dionne, and Cpl (W) Melodie Schall.

Congratulations are going out again to the Servicewomen's 5 pin bowling, beating out Beaverlodge and Holberg by a mere 832 pins. Cpl (W) Pietraszko, Cpl (W) Alex and Cpl (W) Schall placed in the top 6 average and Cpl Pietraszko taking High Single and High Triple.

Fun was had by all, a lot of swollen heads were felt some mornings, bowling balls were heavier for some unknown reason and for such a "Kids Game" a few choice words were overheard "Surprising" a lot of us. All in all fun was had by all. Continue success in the following years.

Watch your credit rating

It is important to have a good credit rating, unless you intend to go through life without borrowing money or buying anything on credit.

The very rich and the very poor don't have a problem with credit, the former because they don't need it and the latter because they're too poor to obtain credit. The vast majority of Canadians fit between these two extremes, and many of those people at one time or another will apply for credit in one form or another.

Whether you like it or not, once you have opened a credit account or obtained a credit card a file will be opened on you at a credit bureau. From then on your performance as a prompt or tardy repayer of credit will be recorded by your local credit bureau.

A word of explanation about credit bureaus. They are strictly a business. They collect information about the payment performance of individuals who have used credit, and provide this information to credit granters - for a fee. It used to be a very secretive business.

However, most provinces now have legislation which requires credit bureaus to disclose to users of credit what is contained in the files compiled about them. If there is inaccurate information in a file, credit bureaus are required to correct it.

You won't know whether the information about you is accurate or false unless you ask. Credit bureaus don't volunteer the information. Canadians move around the country a great deal. But your credit file will follow you wherever you go, as soon as the credit bureau finds out where you have moved to.

A lot of the material that goes into your credit bureau file comes from information you supplied when you filled out an application for credit from a department store, oil company or other credit-granting organization. A typical report will contain such items as your occupation, income, how long you have lived in your present residence and a list of all the uses you have made of credit in the past.

That credit history will include a code number which will signify your rating. The higher the number, the higher credit risk you are considered to be.

For example, a rating of 1 indicates you pay your debts withing 30 days of billing, or faithfully follow an agreed-upon repayment regime. A rating of 2 shows you take more than 30 days but less than

60 days to pay your debts, or that you don't fall more than one payment past a due date.

A rating with the code number 8 means there has been a repossession, a rating of 9 indicates a bad debt or that the account has been turned over to a collection agency.

Some consumer groups have criticized the credit bureau system as an invasion of privacy. However, bureaus are only supposed to disclose information from their files to legitimate businesses which provide credit to the public, or a would-be employer may consider it necessary to make a credit-rating check on a potential employee. Some landlords also may subscribe to a credit bureau's services, to determine whether a would-be tenant has a history of skipping out on debts.

In the final analysis, having a credit-rating system works to the public good. As long as you have a reasonable credit history, you should have no difficulty in obtaining further credit. A lot of people would find it hard to get credit if nothing was on file about them.

So the bottom line is - good financial planning, so that your rating is always a No. 1.

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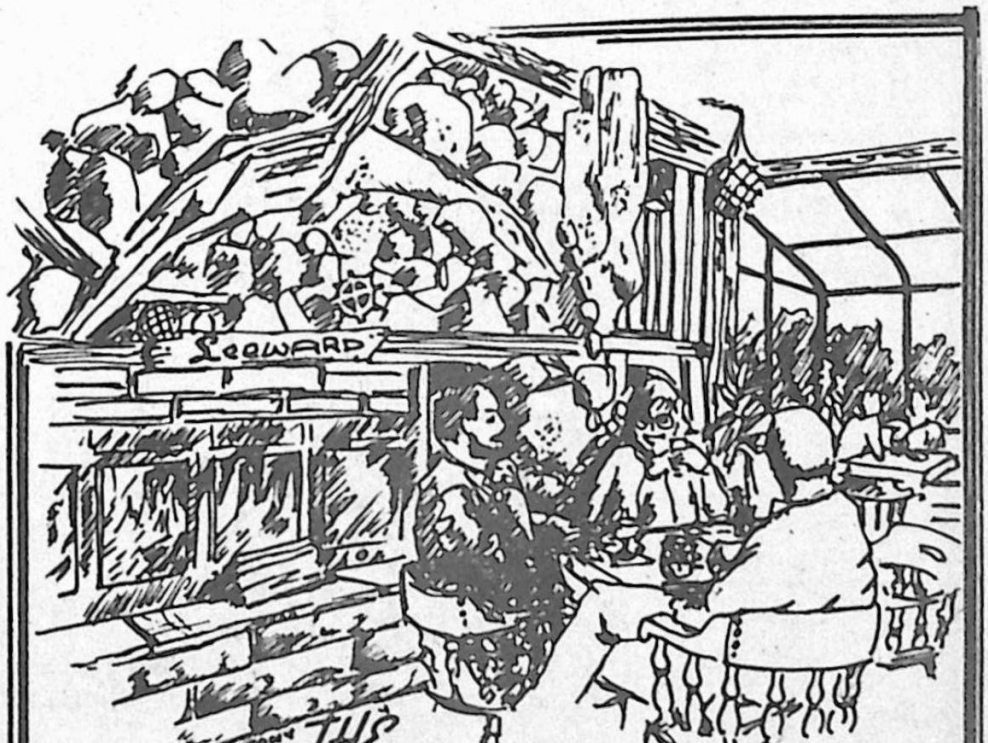
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Sports

Intersection hockey final results



MSE, the victorious team, smiles on their faces after a hard game against 407 Demons.



407 Demons, the runners up for the Intersection Hockey League.

At the end of a long hockey season, MSE has emerged as the 1st place team, and the runners up were 407 Demons. The play-offs consisted of the best 2 out of 3 games for the semi-finals and the finals. MSE played two very hard games against 407 Demons, in the first

game the score was MSE (6) vs Demons (5) and in the second game the score was MSE (3) vs Demons (1).

Congratulations to MSE for a well played season, and also to all the other teams, for making intersection hockey a success.

Snow to Surf Race

Organizers of the Comox Valley Snow to Surf Race are hoping for a sunny day on Sunday, May 6 for the second running of this event. Last year the inaugural race attracted no less than 50 teams; this year, the organizing committee is restricting entry to the first 75 teams.

The race encompasses five different sports; downhill and cross-country skiing, running, cycling and canoeing; with seven persons making up a full team. The race will begin near the top of Mt. Washington with a downhill skier completing a long intermediate run before handing over to a cross-country skier for a 5 km. loop through Paradise Meadows. The next two legs will be taken by runners; each leg being 7.5 km. (4½ miles) with the second runner making the changeover to the cyclist on the pavement at the foot of Mt. Washington.

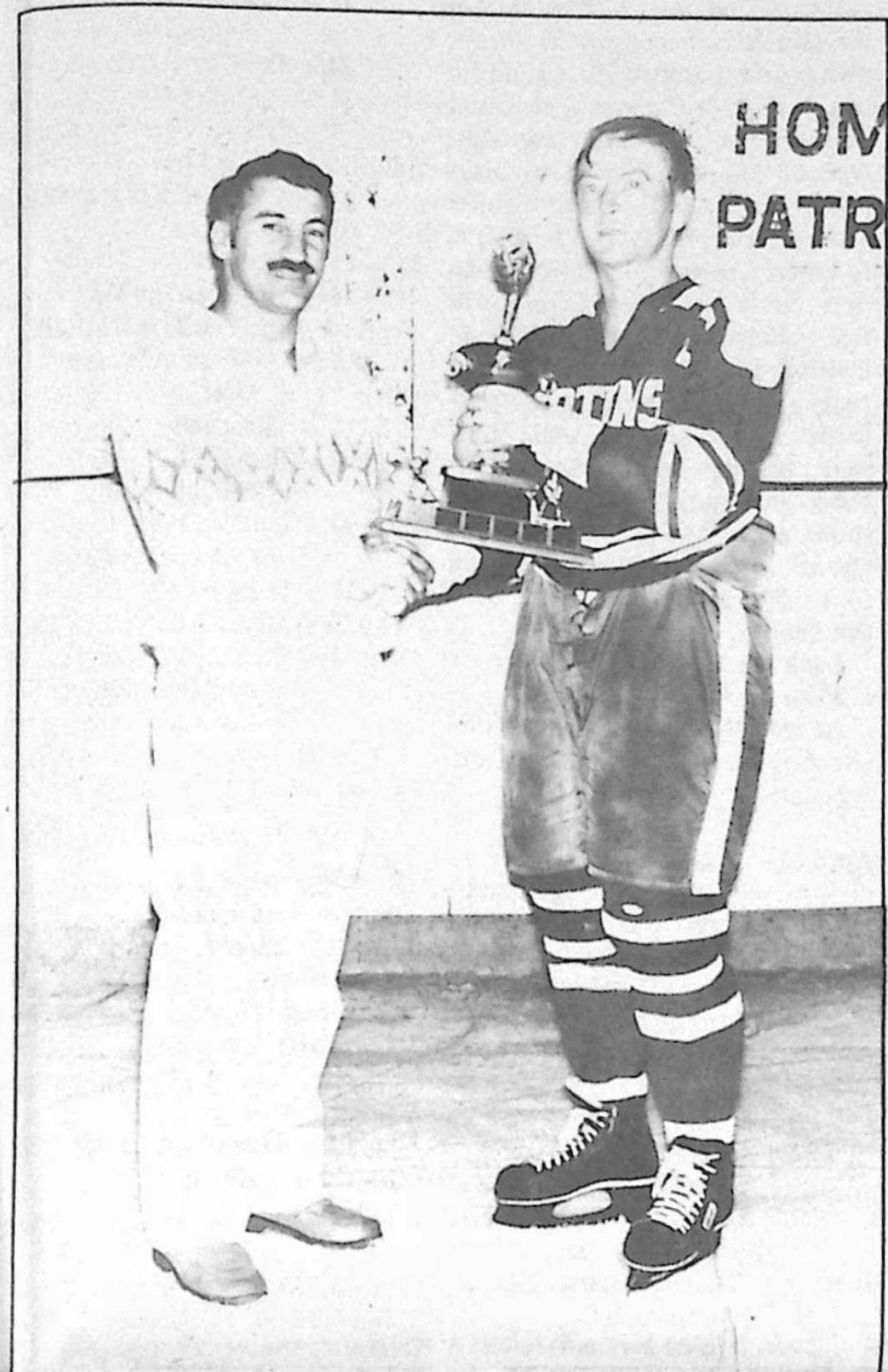
The cyclist has a 30 km. route to Cumberland and Royston before making the final handover to the two canoeists at Courtenay Air Park. The paddlers head down river and across the bay to finish at Comox Marina.

With the start promptly at 10:00 a.m., the winning team is expected to finish at about 12:30 p.m. To accommodate spectators and participants there will be refreshments, soft drinks and a beer garden on the lawns at Comox Marina. The awards ceremony will take place at 3:30 p.m.

There are three categories in which to enter a team; all male, all female, and the mixed section which must include at least three members of one sex. Prizes will be awarded to every member of the first three teams in each category. In addition, every participant will receive a Snow to Surf T-shirt. The cost of entering a team is \$35.00 before April 16. Entry forms are available through local sports stores and recreation centres and from the Comox Recreation Centre at 1855 Noel Avenue, Comox, B.C. V9N 4X4.

The organizing committee is very grateful to the main sponsors of the event: Labatts, for promotional expenses and prizes, and to Mt. Washington for operating the chairlift out of season and for track-setting the cross-country ski trails.

Other community groups involved from the Comox Valley include North Island Radio Aids, Power Squadron, C.R. 12 classes from the local high schools, the Lions and various sporting clubs. With over 500 participants, May 6th will be a busy day in the Comox Valley!



MSE team captain receiving intersection hockey trophy from WO Dupuis (Sr. PERI) after a hard battle against 407 Demons.

CFB Comox

weight training club

CFB Comox Weight Training Club is now under way. The Meet & Greet held on Wednesday, 28 March was quite a success. Club memberships were sold; Blair Ross, a body builder from downtown, gave a seminar; Laurell Harris talked about stretching and aerobics; and Judy Carpenter talked about nutrition.

Club hours are now officially in

use. The hours of operation are: Monday - Friday * 1600-1800 hours; and Saturday & Sunday * 1000-1300 hours.

Club supervisors will be on duty during club hours. Interested in joining the club, contact Cpl (W) Anderson at local 2305 or Cpl Shanks at local 2315. Club memberships can be picked up during operating hours also.

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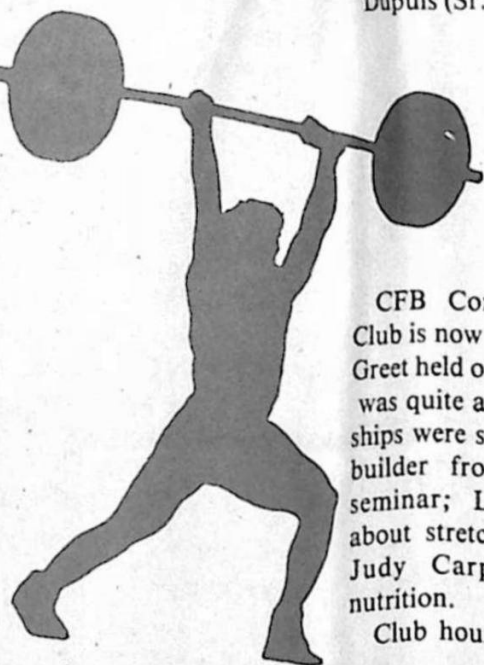
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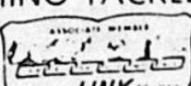
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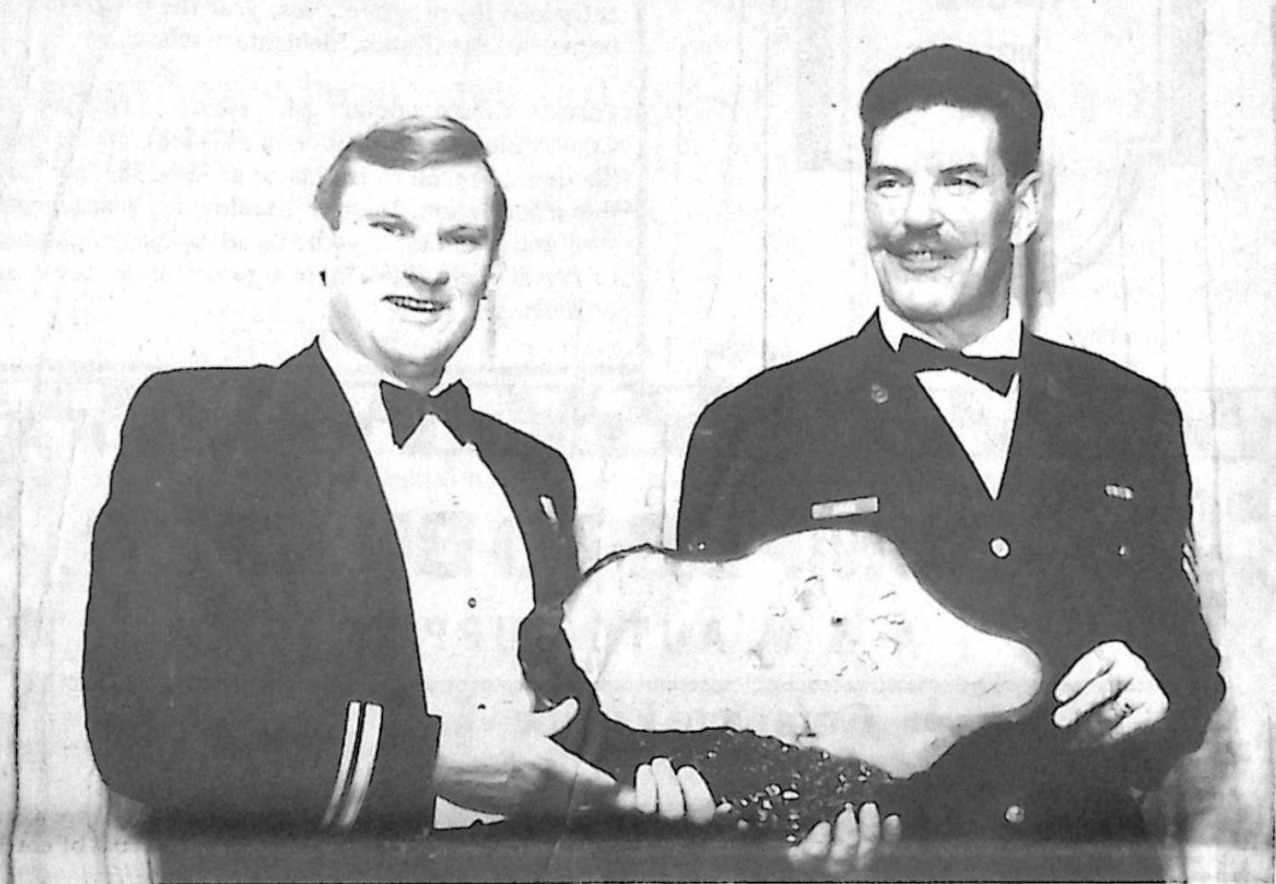
Promotions and Awards



WO Moe Foote being presented a silver tray, at a dinner held in his honour on the occasion of his retirement from the CAF after 32 years service. Capt Clark made the presentation.



Sgt Col Partridge being presented a burl clock, at a dinner held in his honour, on the occasion of his retirement from the CAF after 23 years service. CWO DelFabro made the presentation.



Sgt Evan Davies being presented a burl clock, at a dinner held in his honour on the occasion of his retirement from the CAF after 31 years service. Lt Johnson made the presentation.



MWO Bernie Gagnon was honoured at a mess dinner on the occasion of his retirement from the CAF after 21 years service. Capt Chapman was a guest and spoke on his behalf.



MCpl Kasaboski, a Radar Tech in the BTelO section, proposed a modification to simplify the repair of the RT1000 Voltage Regulator in the AN/FPN 503 (V) Precision Approach Radar. LCol Mack, our BTSO, presented him a certificate and a \$350.00 award.



A new rank badge and a handshake for MWO Vern Duncan, CE Prod Supt, from LCol Mack, BTSO.



Cpl Ieaton and Pte McLellan, Weapon Techs in Base Armament Section, proposed the use of canvas pouches to transport FN rifle breech blocks on this base. LCol Mack, the BTSO, presented them each with a certificate and an award of \$75.00 for their suggestion.



Sgt Ray Morrison is congratulated by Lt Caws on his recent promotion. Ray currently works in the A/C Communications Laboratory and will be moving on to VU33 Squadron later in the year.

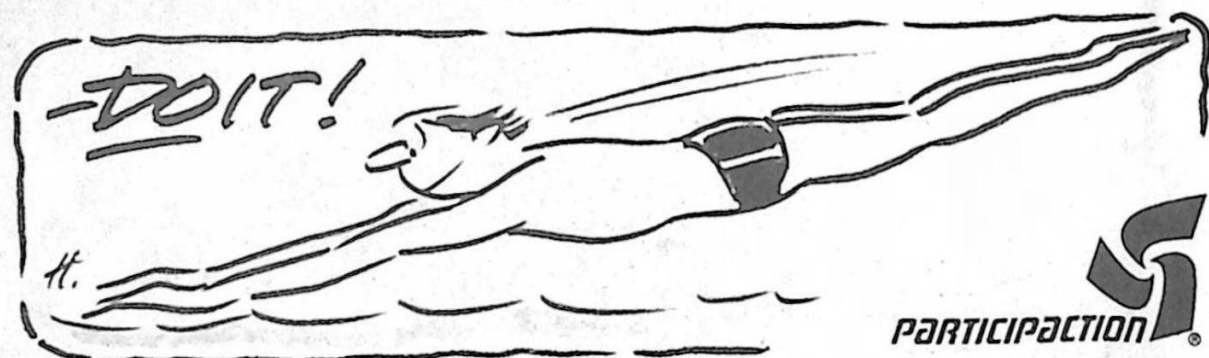
Promotions and Awards



When Cpl Palma, an Instrument Electrical Technician, was on 407 Squadron, he suggested a modification to the CP140 engine driver compressor that was subsequently adopted by NDHQ. LCol Anderson, the CO of 414 Squadron in North Bay, presented him with a certificate and an award of \$250.00 while MWO Mould, the Squadron MSO, looked on.



CD presentation photo.
Back row: Cpl G. Fraser, Capt N. Rodrigue, Capt D. Hutchison, MCpl M. Larabee, WO J. Harding, Sgt A. Peterson.
Front row: Maj G. Rose, Col W.R. Dobson, Capt J. Grant, WO J. McKendry.



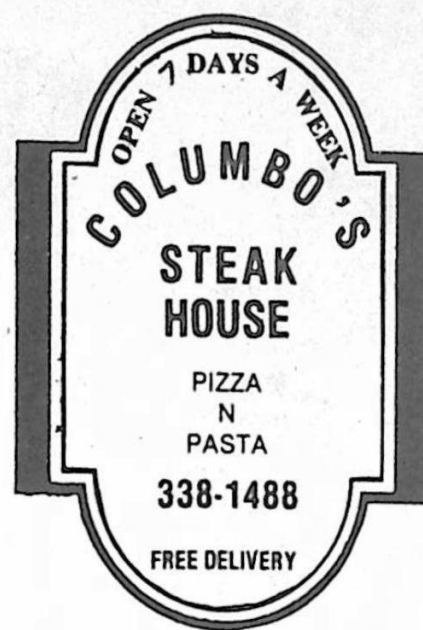
PARTICIPATION



This week, April 2 - 6 is designated as Spring Clean Up Week. It is that time of the year to delve down into the lower reaches of that basement and see what has accumulated over the past year.

Tomorrow, Friday the 6th of April at 1300 hours, the Base will be providing a dry garbage pickup in the PMQs, so now is the time to get rid of all accumulated things that you do not want anymore.

A good rule of thumb is: if you didn't need it in the past year, you won't be using it again. So if the articles are good, give them away, or have a yard sale. The rest take out to the roadside by one o'clock on Friday the 6th and we will haul it away for you. Remember most buildings are fire safe, it's the contents that cause problems.



School District No. 71 Early French Immersion Program

In the school year 1984-1985 classes will be offered in Kindergarten and grade one to any child whose parents wish to register him/her in this program. No previous knowledge of French is required for entry into the program. Next year the program will be available at Comox Elementary school.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall, preceded by Mass in the Chapel at 7:30 p.m.
PARISH COUNCIL: Second Wednesday of the month at 1300 hours in the Parish Hall.
CATECHISM CLASSES: Each Wednesday in the PMQ School from 1830 to 1930 hours.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday -- Mass at 1930 hours (19 April)
Good Friday -- Celebration at 1500 hours (20 April)
Saturday (21 April) -- Way of the Cross - 1930 hours
Easter Vigil at 2100 hours (this fulfills the Easter obligation)
Sunday (22 April) -- Mass at 1000 hours as usual (including First Communion of children).

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Penitential Services:

Courtenay (Canadian Martyrs Church) - Monday, 9 April - 1900 hours.
Courtenay (Youth) - Saturday, 7 April after the 1900 hour Mass.
Campbell River - Monday, 16 April - 1930 hours.
Fr. Rheault will be available for individual confessions as follows:
Tuesday Evenings - 3, 10, 17 April at 2000 hours.
Holy Thursday - 19 April from 2000-2100 hours.
Good Friday - 20 April from 1600-1700 hours.



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WO & Sgts' Wives Club

There will be a WOs' & Sgts' Wives Club meeting on Monday, April 9th at 8:00 p.m. Nominations for 1985 committee will take place. After the meeting there will be a games night so come on out for an evening of fun and relaxation.

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Across my kitchen table

— by Rosemary Gibson



"April turns on her green light,
and the world thinks 'Go'!"
Spring is really here, and the sunshine this past weekend brought out skiers in shorts, golfers in droves and fishermen sprucing up their boats.

There must be something wrong with our organization - we put in a new rock garden in the rain, and this last sunny weekend found us painting and wallpapering our bedroom. Oh, well, at least the sunshine provided the inspiration and ambition to complete a project.

We were invited to our first barbeque of the season on Sunday, and our hostess served a delicious potato dish. I asked her for the recipe to pass on to you. She didn't have a name for it, so I'll give it one myself.

POTATOES A LA STARR

Ingredients:

Potatoes (about 6 medium)
4 oz. philadelphia cream cheese
Green onions, chopped
green pepper, chopped
Parsley, chopped
Salt & pepper
Paprika

Method:

Boil and mash potatoes. Add onions, pepper and parsley (amount: to taste). Add salt and pepper. Beat in cream cheese. Spread in 9" x 12" glass baking dish. Sprinkle top with paprika. Heat through in moderate oven (350°F.).

Method:

Blend in blender until frothy. Serves 3 generously.

Here's a poem I like:

Life does not give you joy
Unless you will it —
God gives you time and space,
But you must fill it.

None of the standard remedies to prevent "onion tears" works for me. If you, like me, have super-sensitive eyes, you might resort to my solution. It's guaranteed to work -- and my better half pointed out a fringe benefit -- it's also guaranteed to scare the heck out of any burglars who might drop in:

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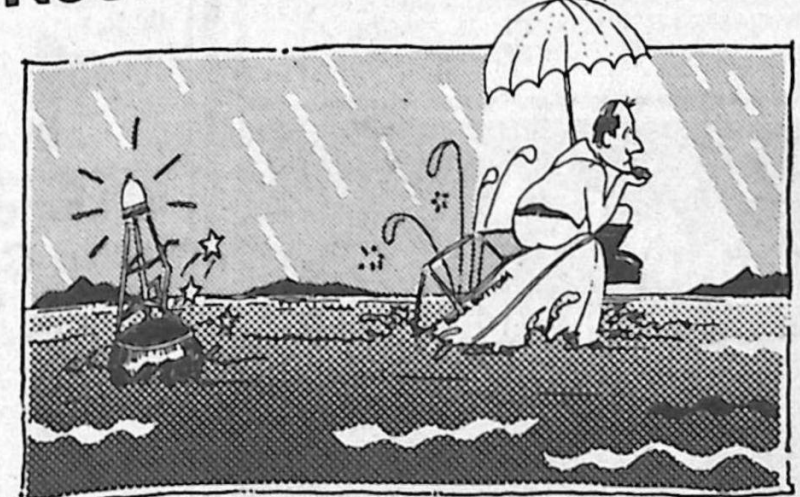


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Then, now and in the future

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Pacific to Japan and Korea, and provided exchange officers to the U.S. Air Force in the Far East.

A truce ended the operations late in 1953, but many of the U.N.-member forces, including Canada, stayed on until early 1955.

Other post-war activities by the RCAF included those within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Europe; operations in support of U.N. peacekeeping missions in Egypt, the Congo, New Guinea, Yemen and Cyprus, and as a partner with the U.S. in the North American Aerospace Defence (NORAD) Command.

Also noteworthy have been numerous global missions in support of humanitarian needs, including the 1975 evacuation of Canadians and Vietnamese nationals from Indo-China. While often understated through the years, the RCAF's search-and-rescue role in Canada's vast interior and along its sea approaches has saved countless lives and been of enormous importance to the country's development.

Unification -- When Canada unified its forces in 1968, following integration in 1964, the RCAF ceased to exist as a legal entity. Although air functions and roles continued, they were organizationally distributed across the force without a single focus of command.

Today, Air Command, formed in 1975, has the assigned roles of providing operationally-ready forces to meet Canadian national and international commitments. The Commander of Air Command, Lieutenant-General Paul D. Manson, has jurisdiction over all air activities in the Canadian Forces, including tactical aviation and ship-borne helicopters. In addition, he is responsible for the readiness of forces committed to the defence of North America, under the NORAD agreement with the United States.

Air Command has 16 bases and 21 stations across Canada, and operates about 650 aircraft of 26 varieties. Its Regular Force complement of officers and other ranks

is 3,548 and 19,633, respectively, for a total of 23,181. It also employs 9,192 civilians, bringing the total personnel complement to 32,373. Its Air Reserve comprises 253 officers and 722 other ranks, for a total of 975.

The Way Ahead -- The first priority of Air Command today, according to its Commander LGen Manson, "is to maintain a very high state of operational readiness." He says "We are in a critical period of history right now, at a time when deterrence, which is our business, must be kept to the forefront. The cost of failure of deterrence," he says, "is very, very high."

Among the main challenges facing Air Command now is the bringing into service of the new fleet of CF-18 fighter aircraft. General Manson says he is "very gratified to see how well that program has gone." He was manager of the new fighter aircraft acquisition program since its inception in 1977, through to the time the government chose the CF-18 from among seven of the world's best fighter aircraft. A total of 26 of the 138-plane order now are in operation at CFB Cold Lake, Alberta.

Today's air force, Air Command, is in the process of launching a penetrating look down the time tunnel to determine what the nature of the organization should be in the year 2000 and beyond. It is pursuing the re-establishment of a structured approach to air doctrine similar to that in use prior to integration and unification. The aim is to plan for the kind of air force that Canada will require in the future.

A Diamond-studded Celebration -- To mark the diamond anniversary of 60 years, Air Command plans to launch and take part in numerous activities on April 1 and at other times throughout 1984.

Canada-wide observances scheduled for the official RCAF birthday include the unfurling of the new Air Command flag at its installations in the country and overseas; the opening of an RCAF Library and Artifacts Museum at CFB Trenton; and publication of an RCAF visual history by CANAV

Publications of Toronto. Mess dinners and other commemorative functions also are scheduled.

An anniversary committee was formed at its Winnipeg headquarters several months ago to map out birthday functions, not only for the RCAF 60th, but also to take part in observances for the 75th anniversary of the first powered flight in the British Commonwealth, at Baddeck, N.S.

Aircraft and special displays will appear at major air shows and exhibitions across Canada, including special anniversary performances by the Snowbirds air demonstration squadron. A commemorative stamp will be issued by Canada Post November 9.

open-house events will be staged at Air Command bases and stations across the country, special newspaper supplements are planned, and commemorative tie and medallion will be produced by the RCAF Association. The RCAF also will be organizing special Ceremonies throughout the nation. The 30-member air Command Band will cut a long-playing anniversary record called "Pop and Circumstance", as well as perform in various parts of Canada.

A Winnipeg organization, the Wartime Pilots and Observers Association, formed after the First World War, will stage a British Commonwealth reunion, September 6-9, for an anticipated 3,000-4,000 aircrew members of all nationalities who flew in a Commonwealth air force.

Other activities under consideration at Air Command installations include the burying of time capsules with historical contents, planting of trees bearing commemorative plaques, carnivals, athletic events, and displays of large replicas of birthday cakes.

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The choir school was founded in 1937 with an initial enrollment of 18 boys. Today the school has an enrollment of approximately 400 of which 120 of them will be performing here at Vanier.

Since 1971 the Choirs have made annual concert tours to over 50 centres in all Canadian provinces, as well as several centres in the United States including Washington, New York, and Milwaukee, and to eight European countries. St. Michael's choir school toured the midwest in 1980, appearing as guests of the Associated Male Choruses of America in Thunder Bay, and received a standing ovation from over 4,000 people. They have appeared on both the CBC and CTV National Television networks on numerous occasions. In the spring of 1979, the choir sang at Brussels millenium, and afterwards throughout England, Scotland, and Wales. In the spring of 1976, the Choirs toured Switzerland and Germany, competing in the International Choral Festival at Montreux, Switzerland, and received the rating of "excellence".

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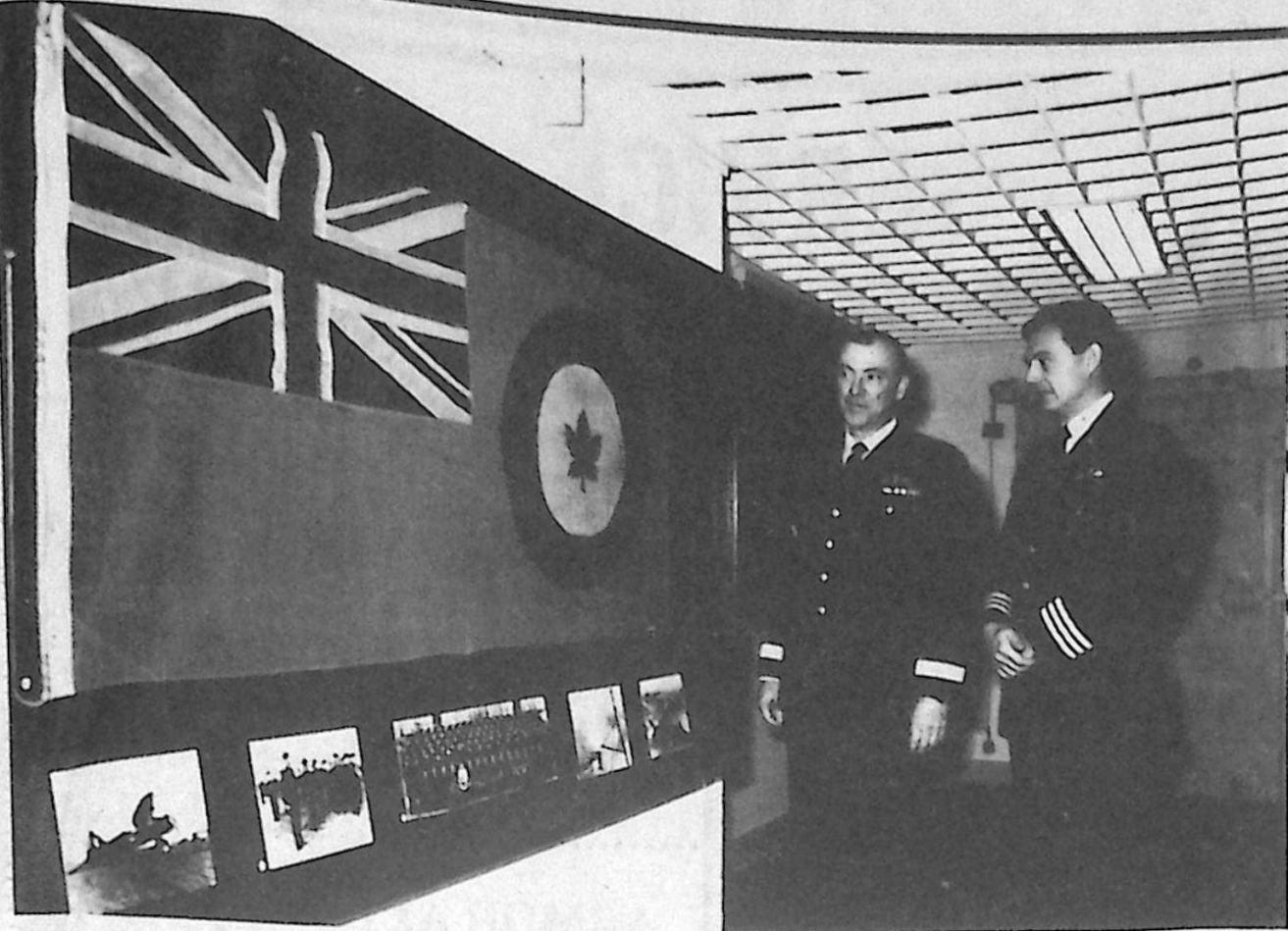
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COMOX -- King Juan Carlos of Spain receives a briefing on the CF-18 cockpit instruments from Captain Rick Huffman, 31, of 410 Tactical Fighter Operational Training Squadron Cold Lake. During his recent visit to Canada, The King made a stop at CFB Comox on 19 March to get a first-hand look at a CF-18 static and aerial display. The King was most impressed by the aerial demonstration put on by another 410 Squadron pilot, Major Gary Liddiard, 39, of Toronto.

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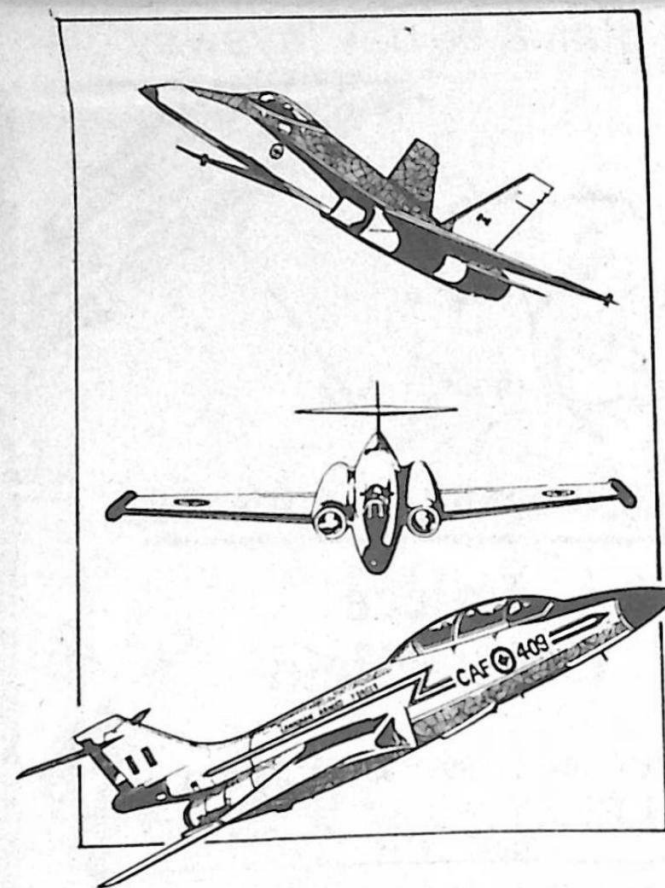
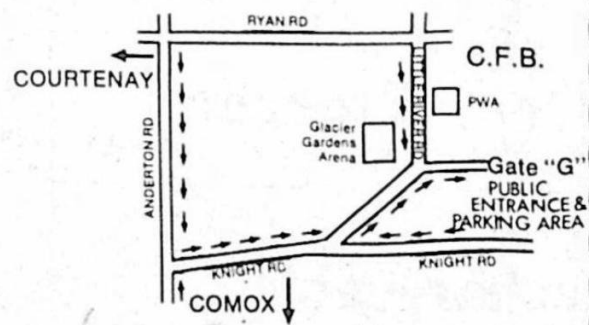
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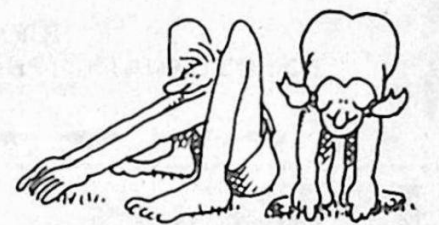
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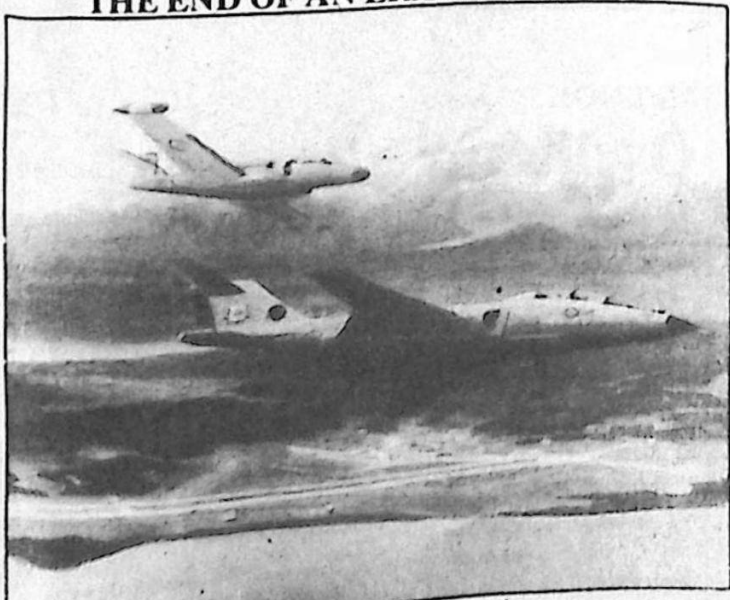
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SAVE UP TO \$15.00 PER TIRE

FISHING
BAIT..... 1⁸⁹

ZIP CAR
WASH WAX 3¹⁹
500 ml

ARMOR ALL
BEST BUY (236 ml) ... 2⁹⁹

RAIN DANCE
CAR - BOAT
POLISH..... 8⁹⁵
PASTE - 14 oz.
LIQUID - 16 oz.

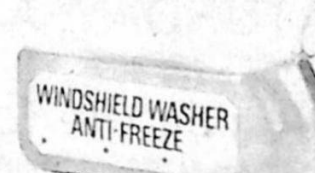
\$2.00 CASH REFUND COUPON WHEN YOUR BUY
1 BOTTLE OF SQUEEGEE CLEAN AT \$1.47 (NEW ITEM)
PLUS 1 BOTTLE OF WINDSHIELD WASHER AT \$2.17
COUPON AVAILABLE AT SERVICE STATION TILL 8 APRIL

\$2.00 CASH REFUND
WHEN YOU BUY

ONE 345 mL BOTTLE
OF NEW "SQUEEGEE
CLEAN" WINDSHIELD
CLEANER
ADDITIVE



PLUS



ONE 4-LITRE JUG
OF PRE-MIX
WINDSHIELD
WASHER
ANTI-FREEZE
(ANY BRAND)

Base Exchange
RETAIL STORE

90 day credit plan & 90 day layaway plan



HOURS:

Monday to Friday 9:30 to 5:00
Saturday 9:30 to 4:00

PHONE: 339-5342
VIDEO CLUB - 339-6424

Make a...

BIG SPLASH

Prices effective until 7 April or while quantities last.

Computer Table

REGULAR..... 109⁹⁹
SALE..... 89⁹⁷

TV - Video Stands

REGULAR..... 199⁹⁹
SALE..... 149⁹⁷

SAVE 100⁰⁰
ON ANY
Gen. Freezer
4 ONLY

2 piece
Chesterfield

REGULAR..... 999⁹⁹
SALE..... 799⁹⁹
2 ONLY

SMITH CORONA
Typewriters
ELECTRA C/T

REGULAR..... 249⁹⁹
SALE..... 209⁹⁷

SANYO
Electric Shaver

REGULAR..... 39⁹⁹
SALE..... 34⁹⁷

SANYO
Rechargeable
Shaver
REGULAR..... 65⁹⁹
SALE..... 59⁹⁷

Garden
Gloves
3¹⁹ — 3⁹⁹

ENTERPRISE II

REGULAR..... 279⁹⁹
SALE..... 239⁹⁷

TYROL
Hiking Boot

REGULAR..... 69⁹⁹
SALE..... 49⁹⁷

Wickerware
Hamper

REGULAR..... 41⁹⁹
SALE 29⁹⁷

MELNOR
Oscillator
Brass Jet Nozzle
Covers 25 sq. ft.

NOW..... 16⁹⁹

ENTERPRISE XT

REGULAR..... 239⁹⁹
SALE..... 199⁹⁷

CHILDRENS
Fleece
ASSORTED SIZES
SAVE..... 1/3

Wickerware
Shelves

REGULAR..... 31⁹⁹
SALE 19⁹⁷

ET Bike
Accessories

1/2 OFF PRICE

FLIGHT BAGS
NAVY ONLY

REGULAR..... 34⁹⁹
SALE..... 24⁹⁷

Electric Kettle
BY WEST BEND

REGULAR..... 18⁹⁹
SALE..... 14⁹⁷