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A 442 Labrador helicopter moved 20 logs to Air Force Beach on May 15, for a retaining wall to reclaim and protect DND property from sea erosion. Pictures on pages 1 and 23 by local freelance photographer Ron Brown.

Boeing - Boeings restricted

The New Service Air

DND has decided to reserve our Boeing 707 fleet for operational missions and training such as air-to-air refuelling and the support of UN type operations. This means that the fleet can no longer be used for our Service Air schedule. The Department has, therefore, decided to replace the 707s on that schedule with commercial charters and that announcement was made by the Minister on 9 May, 1991.

Final details have been ironed out and the service will be in place by 3 June, 1991. Base Traffic sections have been advised how the new system will work so if you require information, you can get it from that source.

Air Canada will operate the domestic service from the international airports at Halifax, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver. Further consideration is being given to the provision of service to locations such as Fredericton, Calgary and Victoria. The new schedule calls for westbound service on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday with eastbound service on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Nationair will operate the international schedule and flights to Lahr

will leave Ottawa on Wednesday and Sunday and will depart Lahr on Thursday and Monday.

Much of the new service will continue to operate in the same way as the old. Bookings will be made through the ASTRA system at Base Traffic and Priority 4 and Priority 5 programs will continue. Priority 5 passengers will know more than 24 hours in advance if they have a seat and if so they will not be bumped. Check-ins will be handled through Air Canada counters and the flights will be designated YF 300/31 rather than using the normal Air Canada designator - AC. Proper uniforms

will still be required on these flights and alcohol will not be served. This step will cost us some people and naturally we regret that. There are some advantages however, with two of them being the increased frequency of domestic flights and what should be better dependability. People travelling in and out of Lahr will notice little difference since we will continue to operate through 5 AMU.

There will be some bumps that have to be worked out and we will be paying very close attention to those in the coming months. You are encouraged to use the new service but please bear the following points in mind:

- Commercial terminals rather than AMUs except Lahr.
- You must register with ASTRA to get on the aircraft.
- There will be no friendly Traffic Technician at the airport counters.
- 4. No bumping of Priority 5 once confirmed.
 - 5. The flights are YF 300/301.

On and off base

the non breeding restriction will

be lifted. Frequently, there is an

has been designated by the mini-

ster as the registration authority

for pure bred dogs in Canada.

How does a person register a dog?

It really isn't complicated, but

there is a bit of red tape.. You do

not have to belong to the C.K.C.

in order to register a litter or a dog,

but the fees for the service are

double if you are a non member.

It is cheaper in almost every case

to join the C.K.C. Membership

costs \$37.45 per year. Most

breeders have a registered kennel

name, which they prefix to the

names of the dogs they register.

This greatly simplifies matters

because no two dogs of the same

breed may have the same name,

The Canadian Kennel Club

additional charge for this.



Once upon a time in Canada, not wish competition. These if you purchased a pure bred dog, breeders will normally not sell a you specified with or without dog except at a horrendous price papers, and there were normally without a non breeders contract. two prices quoted. If you had no The second is much more senpapers, the dog could not only not sible. Responsible breeders take a be bred, but you couldn't show it strong interest in the standard and or trial it either. In addition there future of their breed. They do not was a lot of abuse of the system. want any substandard dogs bred. This led to a law being passed Quite often, after the dog matures, and the breeder examines it,

making it illegal to sell a dog in Canada without providing the purchaser with papers in its name, at no extra cost, as part of the sale. This law is flagrantly violated and seldom enforced. If you wish to know why it is not enforced, you will have to ask our police force, because it seems to me they are not doing the job they are paid to do by ignoring it.

After this became law legitimate breeders, together with the Canadian Kennel Club designed a non breeding contract. The dogs papers are stamped 'non breeding' and while the owners can still show and trial the dog, no offspring from it can be registered.

There are two reasons for the non breeding contract. One is quite simply because it is good business for the breeder who does

and no one but the registered holder can use his/her kennel name. Mine is 'Hella'. There is a one time charge for a kennel name of \$134. If the name goes unused for five years it may be forfeited.

by Gerry Gerow

Buyer

Beware!

All dogs being registered must be identified by a tattoo mark. Tattoo letters are available from the C.K.C. at a nominal charge of \$11. Mine are M9W and no one except myself can mark a dog with this combination. The breeder's tattoo letters are suffixed with a letter to identify the year and a number to identify the individual dog.

Registration of a litter costs \$11. When the litter registration is processed the C.K.C. will assign it a number and provide the breeder with the required number of individual dog registration papers. These are filled in with the dog's new owner's name or the name of the breeder if the dog is unsold at the time, and returned to the breeder for distribution. If the dog is registered in the breeder's name there is an \$11 charge to transfer the ownership. For this reason the breeder will normally wait until the dog is



So now you see why the dogs sold in pet stores normally come from American puppy mills and not Canadian. So, what is that blue piece of paper you were given when you bought that puppy at the pet shop? It is an American Kennel Club litter registration form. However, only

the importer can register a dog not born in Canada with the C.K.C. and extensive documentation must be supplied. So, don't make the mistake of thinking that this blue piece of paper will enable you to get Canadian Registration papers, because it won't.



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Editorial

Norm Blondel



Winning one for the Wrapper

There is a special feeling about the Best Military Newspaper Award (see next page) garnered by your Fishwrapper for its 1990 editions, in that it was the work of the new kids on the block. Sure, we collected the award for 1986, 1987 (didn't enter for '88), and 1989 and sure I was around for those as an assistant, but this one belongs to my girls -- Dawna Dozzi, Sherry Snow (posted), Julie Blondel, Liz Basham, Karen Vedova, Stephanie Boutillier and Teresa Miles (now employed elsewhere) and a guy - Ron Fisher, a former editor of the Totem Times.

I single out for special mention Liz, Julie and Teresa, who joined the team on or just after day 1 as volunteers, not knowing the first thing about newspaper production. Within a very short time, these enthusiastic ladies became expert and meticulous workers who'd turn up on the foulest of days, put up with a sometimes capricious and often disorganized editor, and still turn out the kind of newspaper our readers seem to like. To be part of a winning team in their first year is a rare and rather special accomplishment

Thank you ladies.

Mea Culpa?

The U.S.A. is taking a good look at Canada's health care system these days. Why? Because the cost of medical care south of the border is completely out of control. To be sick there is to face bankruptcy, if you survive. Canada's system seems headed that way, with the taxpayer carrying the load.

I thought of this the other day, after a visit with my M.D. for a checkup on my diet-controlled diabetic condition. With all the anniversaries, birthdays and other special events requiring we dine out at our favourite restaurants recently, I had fallen off my diet and the old blood sugar was up a bit. This required a visit to a diet counsellor and some more blood tests -- all at the expense of our health care system, all avoidable if I had followed my diet.

This mild form of system abuse is exceeded every day in various ways and to a much greater extent, by a lot of other Canadians. If we don't eat properly, don't exercise enough and abuse our bodies with too much of anything ultimately proven harmful (animal fat, sugar, tobacco, liquor, et, al), then we pose an avoidable burden on our national health care

If we want affordable medical care in Canada, we must take better care of ourselves, or face even higher loads upon our shrinking after-tax

Thanks Teresa Miles

Teresa Miles, our ace camera and layout girl and one-time Yukon Correspondent, left us recently for a paid job, and some prospects for a career in the newspaper business. Her outstanding work on the Tracker Nighthawks accompanied the ad-Retirement edition will be her legacy at the Fishwrapper.

So will our memory of her determination to do her very best, no matter what the task, and her cheerful presence in the newsroom.

Good luck in your career Teresa.

from one of air defence to air-to-

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409 Sqn Disbands 25 June

petitions, with many awards

being won by both aircrew and

groundcrew. In July, 1984, 409

was the first operational fighter

squadron in the Canadian Air

Force to stand up with the CF-18

Hornet at Cold Lake. After a brief

spell flying Norad Alpha Alert at

Cold Lake and Bagotville the

Nighthawks were reassigned to

Central Region heralding the

beginning of a new and exciting

era in fighter aviation in Europe.

operations in South Dispersal at

Soellingen to become the first

Hornets deployed in Europe.

This, the third distinct phase in

the Squadron's history of ach-

chievements, witnessed the Nigh-

thawks primary role changing

In June, 1985, 409 Sqn set up

The "Cross Country Travelling, I Don't Want to Move" Blues.

(80) 00

On 25 Jun 91, 409 Sqn will disband. During the fifty years since it stood up 409 Sqn has had the distinction of serving in World War II, the defense of North America, the Cold War in Central Europe, and in the Persian Gulf theatre of operations while on ac-

The Nighthawks stood up on 17 June 1941 Digby, Lincolnshire, England as a nightfighter squadron, initially flying the Bolton Paul Defiant. While the Squadron's role remained unchanged, it transitioned during the war years to Beaufighters and Mosquitos, to take advantage of improvements in aircraft performance and weapons systems. After participating in the defense of England the Nighthawks were the first night-fighter squadron on the continent after D-Day and were the highest scoring nightlighter unit after the invasion. The vance allied armies through France, Belgium, and Holland. The Squadron disbanded at Rheine Airfield, Germany, in April 1945.

The second phase of the

Squadron's life was spent largely ground operations for the first. based at Comox in defense of Unit effectiveness remained high North America, Its commitment nonetheless and excellent NATO Tac Eval results followed a period to Norad spanned thirty years, from 1954 until 1984. Aircraft of intense training and workups By the summer of 1990, 409 Sqn flown were the CF100 and the CF-101. While no shots were was the most experienced and proficient fighter squadron in the fired in anger during this period, Canadian Air Force. Saddam unit expertise and proficiency Hussein invaded Kuwait 02 Aug was demonstrated at innumerable Callshot and William Tell com-

The decision to send a Canadian fighter squadron to the Gulf was announced 14 Sep 90. The deployment of 409 Sqn to the Persian Gulf was undertaken smoothly and effectively at the beginning of Oct 90. 409 Sqn became the first fighter squadron on active service since WWII. The mission was Air Defense of the Allied Fleet in the Arabian Gulf. Operational fighter sorties were flown immediately on arrival at the Qatar deployed operations 1100 hours in the Middle East theatre without any flight safety incidents. Since June 85, 409 had accumulated over 26000 accident-free hours on the CF-18. A first time achievement for any nation or unit flying the Hornet.

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Dear Sir: Your excellent issue of April of said ballroom, who apparently 25, 1990, page 20, featured a picture of a woman (I think you should be told) who was a conwear there! artist of my acquaintance in far away Regina, Sask., in the mid This woman (I noted she hasn't tried to change her appearance) was well known in that city and was also a featured singer with the band at the Trianon

A Letter of Thanks

from the Mansell Family

DD's Infamous Past

THURSDAY 13 JUNE 1991

Letters

Jaw, always a hotbed of nocturnal activity. The charge to enter the ballroom was, to my recollection, something less than \$1.00. I have always felt that this woman had a lot to do with this high price and what I want to know is this - was she in cohoots with the manager

We wish to express our

gratititude to all who sent flowers,

brought food and offered their

support to us. The care and con-

cern expressed by you during our

time of bereavement sustained us

through an extremely difficult

time in our lives. We will always

hold a very special place in our

hearts for the exceptional in-

dividuals who attempted to save

our daughter. Those unselfish acts

of courage by both friends and

strangers will not be forgotten.

We are also grateful for the efforts

of St. Josephs Hospital, CFB

Comox, The Marine Crash Res-

Ballroom. I think most of the

band members were from Moose

was from Balgonie, Sask., and we all know what kind of shoes they And not only that, when we

went to Regina Beach she wouldn't let me borrow her mosquito repellant. Is this the kind of person you

want working at your splendid paper? I think so. Sincerely, but still itching,

Mrs. D.E. Eberts Aldergrove

(Another hotbed of nocturnal activity, but we have promised the RCMP and the neighbours that we will try again to keep it down.)

Typesetter's comment: Mrs. E. is much MUCH older than I and her total recall is not what it should be. I luv ya, Dorothy,

cue Unit, and St. Michaels and All

My family and I are deeply

saddened by our loss, but we

know Amanda has gone to a good

place, a place where she can laugh

and play and forever be a happy

Though Heaven and Earth

We feel close to you in our

Though we can't reach out and

We feel we're never far apart.

FAMILY

SUPPORT

CENTRE

Karen and Bill Mansell.

Thank You,

may separate us.

Angels Protestant Chapel.

Some of the rules of play are

Comment

Build, Bail and Sail, Aug. 5

and when the team's boat hits the

There have been some minor

adjustments and fine tuning to the

rules of the event which are

detailed in the entry kit. Some of

the highlights are: there will be no

spare teams this year and no

metal boats. Again, this year, we

will have 16 teams with no spare

'stand-by' teams. Registration

will begin on Saturday, June 15th

at 10 a.m. sharp at our Central

Builders Office, 610 Anderton

Ave., Courtenay. Registrations

It is time again to launch the entries for this years Annual Build, Bail and Sail Race. As in the past this will be a major event in the Comox Nautical Days festivities. This year the race will be held on Monday, August 5th. The race is sponsored by Central Builders, who would like some of your readers to again take up the challenge and enter this fun event.

This competition is definitely for the technically minded individuals. Contestants are required to design a craft built from materials selected from our stock at Central Builders. Build the said craft within a three and a half hour time frame, then race it in the Comox Marina during the Nautical Days festivities.

that the cost of materials must not will be on a 'first come first exceed \$69.69. Teams consist of entered' basis. No pre-registrations will be permitted. For more two people who are 19 years of age or older. A fully refundable information you may call the deposit of \$30 per person is re-Race Coordinator, Mac Mcquired upon registration. The Caffrey, at Central Builders at deposit becomes refundable if 334-4416, local 214.

> Thank you, LG (Mac) McCaffrey Build, Bail and Sail Race Coordinator 334-4416 (214)

Editor's note: For those who do not remember, McCaffery is cartoonist Emeritus of the Totem Times. His "Mushrooms" and "Uniskins" were famous throughout the CF in the early '70s, and he designed the totems which stand guard on page 4.

Another one for the Wrapper



TOTEM TIMES

Winner Of

Best military newspaper (voluntary staff)

In the Association's 1991 Better Newspapers Competitions open to member newspapers across Canada



More 409

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The Nighthawks have served Canada long and well and have been first many times. First to Europe after D-Day, first in nightfighter kills after D-Day, the first fighter sqn in Comox, the first operational sqn on the Hornet, the first Homets in Norad, the first Hornets in Europe, and the first Canadian fighter squadron to the Gulf. With both the Cold War and

the war in the Gulf won - we are the first to shut down. The Nighthawks have run a great race. Our record stands by itself, a testimony to the skill and

cunning of all who have proudly served as Nighthawks. Our disbandment is a sad day for the Canadian Forces, the Canadian Air Force and the fighter community, but is deemed necessary for fiscal reasons, 409 Sqn remains the very best.

Editor's Note: This was my old squadron from 1970-84. I worked on HG01 (Voodoo Flight

OPEN HOUSE

Holly Liddiard, our Director, had her last day with us 31 May. She and Gary are on their way to Germany the first week of July. Holly will be greatly missed. Colonel McGee presented Holly with the Base Comander's Commendation at a reception held at the Family Support Centre before she left.

Our second welcoming open house will be held on Wednesday, 19 June from 10 am - 2 pm. Sandwiches and coffee will be provided and representatives from the Welcome Wagon Team and Newcomers Club will also attend. A Family Support Centre welcome package and free plant will be given out. Single personnel are most welcome. Why not drop over on your lunch or coffee break?

If your husband is away or

you'd like to drop by for a coffee and chat, or meet others, come by on Tuesday morning from 10 -

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See you on June 19th. We are located at 119 Little River (Kinninnik) Road. Phone 339-8654 or 339-8655.



Section News

Hospital Heartbeats

Although most Canadians look forward to summer, for aliergy sufferers it's a mixed blessing. Allergy exists when your tissues react to pollen, early grasses, flowering of trees and shrubs. Furthermore, they can react to changes in temperature, moisture, food, drugs, bacteria, viruses, chemicals, light, emotional factors, and a host of other possible

'Hay fever' is not necessarily caused by hay and is rarely accompanied by fever.

It's not possible to eliminate all the factors which may be causing your symptoms, but you should do everything possible to remove as many irritating factors

Let's start by going over the symptoms and signs. We all know the moment we hear the word 'allergy', fun has definitely nothing to do with it. Itchy, watery eyes, runny nose, sneezing, scratchy throat are all familiar terms, but there are several other symptoms. For example headaches, wheezing, irritability, anorexia (loss of appetite), depression and insomnia may ap-

The nature of the allergic process and even the responsible alergen are often suspected from the history. Diagnosis is confirmed by the above physical findings, skin tests, and the accompanying eosinophilia (increase number count of any acid strains in blood or secretions).

Even if you've consulted an

allergist and have been given a course of treatment, there are still lots of things you can do around the house to reduce your exposture to the offending allergens.

- Install a window air conditioner in your bedroom and equip it with effective electrostatic filters if you can.

- Close off the room from the rest of the house.

- Remove as many dust catching objects as possible and vacuum thoroughly at least once

- Keep all the windows in the house closed as much as possible, especially in the early morning when pollen settles.

- Sleep on a foam mattress or water bed. Plastic mattress and pillows covers reduce dust mites. but they're uncomfortably sticky in the summer time. Use cotton sheets and synthetic fiber blankets. Do not use chenille bedspreads, quilts or comforters. Use bedclothes which can stand frequent washings.

- Pets that play outdoors will bring in pollen on their coats, so ban them from your bedroom except right after they've been bathed or thoroughly brushed.

- Keep pollen-covered clothes out of your bedroom. If you've been gardening, cutting the grass or playing on the lawn, remove the clothes you've been wearing as soon as you enter the house. It's a good idea to throw them directly into the washing

- Keep cut flowers out of the

house, even those that don't shed pollen may have a perfume that will aggravate allergies.

- Use a dehumidifier to minimize sources of mould. Clean refrigerator and air conditioner drip pans frequently.

In cleaning, use a vacuum cleaner with water filter, oiled mops, and damp cloths.

- Do not have stuffed animals or toys in the house.

use any medicine (not even medicine you buy without a prescription) without telling your doctor. If drugs are prescribed, carefully follow the instructions on the label.

Specific Therapy

Study of allergy with skin tests and desensitization programs may be needed if enough of the following conditions exist:

Sensitivity to many factors which cannot be controlled or

Recurrent secondary infec-

Progressive increase in

Important note:

Avoid cigarette smoking. Tobacco can aggravate your

for producing those 'artistic' type

turned out to be just that, as the

West Coast Military Photog-

raphers Association held their bi-

annual get together. Sixty-five

retired and serving members

gathered for a weekend of lie

swapping and debauchery. The

'Pièce de Résistance' was the

whole pig barbeque held on

Saturday night. All that was left

of this 75 lb. monster was the

head and it apparently made a

stop at the Griffin Pub before

reaching its final resting place on

Dan Finney's front porch. Did

you happen to upset any Italians

is anxiously awaiting both T.A.E.

Donna Lush has decided to

'pull the pin' to work in a photo

studio in Regina. We wish you all

the best, Lefty. Dave Hooper is

Photo's rep on this year's com-

and B-A-B-Y. Don't worry Gary,

you'll do well on both!

Speaking of upset, Gary Blinn

The long weekend in May

- Avoid handling objects that are heavy with dust or other allergenic materials (books, stored clothing, etc.).

If you do have to take any medication, it has to be suited to your own particular needs. Do not

407 Squadron

We've got a lot of things going petition crew. No doubt they'll be on, so let's get right into it. Gord enjoying the 'land down under' at Morrison has left 1 Crew and is, Fincastle 91. Brian Buttnor will be attending the summer school at at this moment, trying to adjust to 419 Sqn way up north in Cold Rutgers University in New Jer-Lake. Rod Mattson is on a 'really sey, U.S.A. Hopefully Brian will come back a more efficient and tough video production course' at Humber College in Toronto. refined person. Hopefully, they won't get busted

The Armament Section has also had some major goings on. Dan Booth and Brad Halstead are being posted to Cold Lake. Dan's going on a house hunting trip shortly. By the way Dan, there's no realty office in Shanks. Dan Fowler is being 'shipped' out to Shearwater and WO Dunne is off on a conference to Greenwood in the valley. Cindy Leduc is Greenwood bound for her 04 course. Jim Cook is still in Borden on his XG course. He's either doing well or he's broke from all the payoffs. Rock Blouin is headed that way on his 9L course. With four Armourers being posted, one would think that replacements are on the way. Due to financial restraints, these four people will be replaced by one - Cash Currie, Welcome to Comox and good luck!

In an effort to promote safety, Frank Sabiston will be conducting a bicycle safe driving course. Something to do with a bike, a ditch and large amounts of pain. Call Frank to register.

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Section News



Squadron

SAR Watts

Sunday afternoon, 2 Jun 91, there we were sitting around Ops diligently finishing up our Post Op reports from the two Marine SAR cases we had responded to that morning. There had been two missing canoeists near Victoria and a boat in distress near Tofino. We had flown over 4 hours on both missions, but had been stood down by the Rescue Coordination Center (RCC). Suddenly the ringing phone distracted us from our paperwork. It's the RCC hotline ... another mission? RCC didn't want us. They were calling to launch the Buffalo crew to Prince George to for the ELT. check out a reported Emergency While enroute, we were in-Locator Transmitter (ELT) signal. The Buff guys had just headed home after returning from the

before their pagers went off. We chuckled at the situation. To our surprise, a few minutes later the hotline rang again ... it looks like it's going to be a busy day. This time RCC has a mission for us. There isn't much information. A concerned citizen saw an airplane flying low over some trees and thought he heard a crash

boat in distress mission near

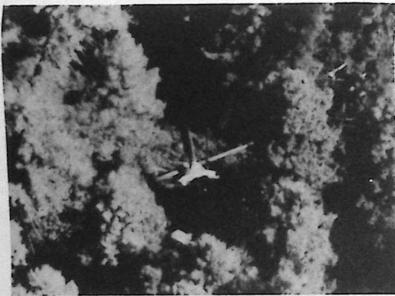
Tofino. Most of the Buff crew

hadn't even gotten home yet

and the plane landed in a lake near Penticton. It was believed to be a Lake Buccaneer with 4 persons on board (POB) that had just taken off from the Penticton airport. Our first thought was since it was reported in a lake near Penticton the RCMP would surely have a boat on scene in no time. With Penticton being at least 2 hours from Comox in a Lab, we surmised we would no doubt only get halfway there and then be stood down. In the meantime, RCC had called again requesting the Buff to now fly to Penticton first and then on to Prince George

formed that the location was now 10 miles west of Penticton in the mountains and not in a lake. Due to the Buff's higher speed, the Buff would be on scene at least 45 minutes before us. The Buff's SAR Techs were now prepared to jump into the crash site. It now appeared the Lab was definitely required. Enroute we were continually getting updates. The RCMP had arrived at the scene and there was now no reason to drop the Buff's SAR Techs. The Buff crew was then released and proceeded to Prince George. (The

Crash Scene





Sheared tree trunk shows violence of impact

ELT was subsequently homed and found to be an open mike at the airport.)

We were then told 3 POB had not survived the crash and the RCMP still required assistance from the Lab. Nearing Penticton we were advised that the RCMP now wanted us to proceed to Kelowna to transport a coroner to the crash site. Information about the crash was still sketchy and we hadn't heard anything about the 4th POB. We decided it best to drop off our 2 SAR Techs at the crash site to assess the situation.

Finding the crash site was not as elementary as we were led to believe. The Penticton tower couldn't give us a latitude and longitude position, therefore, it took them a while to guide us to the crash site, which turned out to

be near the concerned citizen's house (the one with a satelite dish in the yard), which was 1 mile up from the Apex Ranch, which is on

the road to the Apex ski hill, which is 10 miles southwest of Penticton. Twenty minutes later we were on scene. Once at the crash site it was fairly easy to speculate how the accident was caused. It had occured at 3700 ft in a tight canyon with rapidly rising ground. Due to the very strong gusty downdrafts it appeared the pilot had gotten into a situation he couldn't fly out of.

The hoists were made challenging, not only by the strong winds, but the crash was surrounded by very high trees. Once on the ground the SAR Techs learned that there were no sur-

vivors. The remaining Lab crew proceeded to Penticton for fuel.

Even though the crash site had occured fairly close to a road the RCMP still required our assistance due to the ruggedness of the terrain. We were concerned about the approaching darkness, possibly complicating the task at hand. On return to the site, after picking up the coroner, we noted that the winds were still strong. but they had somewhat steadied out. We did a reconnaissance of the area and decided on a safe departure route from the site back to Penticton. In addition, the SAR Techs had cut down numerous trees to give us more room for the

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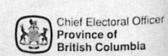
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Remember: You cannot register on Election Day.



Section News

MSE SAFETY



Front Wheel Drive Vehicles

As public demand increases for smaller, more fuel efficient cars, so has the number of automobiles on the market equipped with front wheel drive. Almost all domestic and foreign manufacturers now offer several front wheel drive models

A front wheel drive car may take some getting used to. No longer is the car pushed from behind by its rear wheels, it's now pulled by its front wheels. Since these are also the steering wheels this arrangement gives the car its different 'feel'.

The front wheel drive arrangement positions the entire weight of an engine/drive train unit over the driving wheels. While most cars are heavier in the front than in the rear because the engine is up front, a front wheel drive car is even heavier in front because of the added weight of the transmission and differential directly over the front wheels. This location of weight can help the driving wheels maintain their grip on the road. This extra grip can be an advantage in Canadian winter driving.

Although this advantage may

help get the car going under adverse conditions such as snow, ice or heavy rain don't expect any gains in braking performance under any driving conditions. Braking performance is not influenced by drive arrangement.

Regardless of whether your vehicle is front or rear wheel drive, when the going gets slippery, slow down. Adjust your speed to the changing surface conditions and drive accordingly. Caution before the fact is always the best solution.

In slippery conditions a skid may occur. If it happens:

- Keep your cool.
- Do not use the brakes. - Take your foot off the accelerator.
- Follow your natural impulse and steer to keep the car going in its original direction Don't over compensate.
- When you feel the car regaining traction, start to straighten your wheels. - Be prepared to handle a skid

in the opposite direction. Experienced front wheel drive owners may find that gentle acceleration will help the vehicle pull out of a rear wheel skid. If the

The Horse is Back

front wheels skid, as is the case when entering a corner too fast, take your foot off the accelerator. The engine braking effect may slow the car to the point where front end traction is regained. If the skid continues, depress the clutch or select neutral. Freely rolling wheels are better able to

Driver's Statement of the Month

The accident occurred when I was attempting to bring my car out of a skid by steering it into the other vehicle.

Question

regain traction.

Drivers, because of natural forces pulling on the vehicle when you take a curve, it is best

- a. Slow down while in the
- b. Slow down before reaching and on entering the curve then accelerate slowly through it.
- d. Cut a straight path across the

c. Apply the brakes in the

Answer "B"



Sgt H.J. Schweitzman, Base Security, being presented with his CD by

LCol F.J. Bishop, BOpsO.

MP Awards

A happy occasion. Pte Alexander has taken her first step on the way to becoming as one striper Sharon said "At least a BSecurO." Well done Pte first class, and many more. By the way Capt Cossette, BSecurO, is the one on the left.



Capt Cossette, BSecurO, presents Pte Heron with his first stripe. Congratulations Lance. Keep up the good work.

Hangar 7: Traffic Flow Changes

Since the fence has been put up around the aerodrome, the traffic flow to and from Hangar 7 has posed a safety hazard. At the moment the traffic flow crosses at both sides of the hangar and also goes from a one-way to a twoway on the road from Base Telecom. This creates a serious potential for accidents. There have been many band aid solutions to alleviate this problem but it seems to be getting worse in-

stead of better. A traffic survey of the area has been completed and the following solutions will be implemented on the 4th of July:

a. Change the road from Base Telecom to the hangar from a oneway to a two-way. This will not

area without having to go under the breezeway. b. Change the traffic flow

problem but will make it easier

and faster to get to the parking

under the breezeway and beside the breezeway (beside Base Photo) to the opposite direction. This will alleviate the criss crossing of traffic at both ends of the breezeway making the flow of traffic smoother.

The changes will mitigate many of the traffic flow hazards in this area, reduce the traffic under the breezeway and make it quicker for personnel to get to work. Your cooperation and tolerance during this changeover period will be appreciated. Drive safely and be careful.



MCpl Salmon, MCpl Martin.

May 15, 1991 marked a very special event for all EME personnel of the BEME workshop in CFB Comox. Twenty-eight strong, which includes four civilian personnel were in attendance for the parade, marking the official rebadging ceremonies. For many of the technicians the hat badge was new, but for some others, it was the welcome return of an old and universally recognized friend.

Front row L-R: MWO Weaver, MWO Belanger, Capt Hamilton, Mrs. Sue Powers (CR-3), Sgt. Maillett.

Second row L-R: Mr. L. Wylie, MCpl Basham, Cpl Moderie, Cpl Melancon, MCpl Stever, Cpl Andrade,

Third row L-R: Mr. W. Watkinson, Cpl English, Cpl Willford, Cpl Sirard, Cpl Mitchell, CFM Lively,

New Badge for BEME

The hat badge and collar badges were well received by all CFB Comox personnel they had to stop many times to show off

the badges and give a short history lesson of what, where, and why. Events for the day included refreshments after the parade, a section ball game and a family BBQ at Airforce Beach. The reviewing officer was Maj

BWO, CWO T.P. Doherty and his faithful assistant, Sgt P. Farrell as guests of honour. The badge will serve as a proud identity for all who serve beneath it and will ensure that the

Corp is carried on.

Arte et Marte.

R.W. Piercey, A/BTSO, with the

proud history and tradition of the only alleviate the traffic flow

Section News



BAMSO

'Boot' (Cpl Tim Boutilier) had

some interesting time trying to hit

the ball. In order to get a better

drive than his team mates, he

swung like mad, fell on his be-

hind, stood up, swung and fell

again. It seemed like he was

standing on a banana peel. After

the game, he said that golf was a

lot more fun than curling with Las

The 'Link' (Cpl John Black-

more) is presently in Borden on a

helicopter blade repair course.

We must also report that Nick and

Mel (The Badger) are regularly

fishing with some success, al-

though we have not heard any

stories (yet) of the big one that got

On the AMSE side, MCpl

Nav Com Lab

As you may recall, in our last edition of 'As the Lab Turns', we had sent Cpl Dave Threndyle on a mission to the Annapolis Valley in order to find out all we wanted to know about FLIR. Well he's back now. Turns out he was afraid

At last printing Lisa Wilgress was way out to 'here' with baby Wilgress. Now she is slim and trim pushing little Sam in his buggy. Congratulations to Lisa and Andy on the birth of their beautiful baby boy.

It's posting season again. Figmoitious has reared it's ugly head in Navcom. MCpls Shiela Tanner and Stu Preston are leaving us. Sheila and Keith are heading way up to Cool Pool for a four, maybe five, year holiday. That's right Sheila - ten months of winter and two months of hard dog sledding. Stu and Patti are going to Winnipeg, of all places, to take a year long French course, of all things! Why some people want to leave paradise is beyond me.

Around our lab at this moment you would see much perusal of ATAT study manuals. Cpl Darcy Parker is about to have a little weight lifted from his shoulders



Despite the Comox liquid sunshine, the annual Base Supply Golf Day went ahead as scheduled on 8 May.

First place team was clinched by Don Ayotte, Tim McNeil and Jim Hume. A close second was the team of Bill Chiki, Dave Boudreau, Corinna Miller and Sandy Cochrane. Sports fans everwhere are still talking about the close finish

Closest to the pin was Judith Arsenault, longest drive for males was Don Ayotte and Judy Brown for the females. The Griffin was generous enough to donate gift certificates for their efforts.

The most honest golfers were Ivan Ally, Phil Watchorn, Judith Arsenault and Monty Hurd. They

as he attempts his TQ4 exam. The person who is the most anxious is Al Coles. He is attempting the TQ5 exam. Best of luck to both of I almost forgot to mention the

severe whipping Navcom Labs gave to VU33 Maintenance last Friday. It was the fitness day sports activities in which VU33 challenged us to a slow pitch soft ball game. Actually, I think they took pity on us after the second inning, as we were struggling against a nine to one deficit. Both teams enjoyed the competition and we met at the golf course after the game to rehash the lies that

everyone else was going to hear. This Friday we are playing against IE/IS Labs. I predict a sound trouncing with Navcom emerging victorious. Stay tuned.

AMSE/Ref

The Refinishers are finally digging themselves from under the mountain of aircraft parts that have steadily found their way to the shop since January. Recently we managed to participate in the BAMSO golf day. Fun was had by all. At the eighth hole, the



each received a gift certificate donated by Four Seasons Video.

Prizes, prizes, prizes ... Neil Blondel won the 50/50 draw, Cathy Hailes and Carol Dumont won the door prize - a gift certificate from the Griffin.

Special thanks to the Griffin Pub, Four Seasons Video and all who helped organize and bring this years golf day to a very enjoyable finish. A good time was

Fond farewells to Cpl Brad Burton, who is off to CFS Masset, and Pte Terri Craddock, who has finished her contract and has decided to reside in Victoria and pursue other interests. Base Supply will miss you both. Good luck with your future endeavours.

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RRMC for Rob



OCdt (ex MCpl) Rob Turgeon, BAMSO organization, receives BComd's congratulations upon his acceptance for UTPM officer training at RRMC Victoria.

Clyde Levy and Cpl Chuck Damery will be leaving soon for the civilian world while Cpl Rick Schultz will be heading for Pat Bay in August. New faces are due to appear at any time now. Not

long ago we said goodbye to our mechanic from BEME, Cpl Sylvain Lebrun, and we take this opportunity to welcome Cpl Don Willford. Until next time we wish you all a great summer.



The DRIFTWOOD MALL MERCHANTS are inviting children of the Comox Valley between the ages of 5 and 12 to tell us about their 'SUPER DAD'.

Competition will be judged by a member of the teaching profession in the Comox Valley and will focus on Creativity and Communication. TWO PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!

CONTEST RULES:

If you think your Dad is 'Super' then tell us why by submitting a drawing and no more than 50 words describing him.

Entries should state your name, age and phone number, as well as your Dad's name

Entries must be submitted to the Administration Office in the Driftwood Mall no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, 1991.

All entries will be posted in the Mall and prizes presented on Saturday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m. Both winners will be

Father's Day is Sunday, June 16th!

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On and off base

CF Assists Kurds

The first order of business for one Canadian medic upon arrival in Zakho, Iraq was to remove a used needle from the foot of a young Kurdish boy who was sitting on the hospital steps, crying. He had been playing, barefoot, only metres from the dilapidated building in the still-smouldering medical supply dump.

Medical personnel from 4 Field Ambulance in Lahr, Germany had just begun to restore limited treatment facilities in the hospital of the near-deserted town, and refugee resettlement

Wednesdays June 19, 26

Fridays June 14, 21, 28

taxi. Ask at Bar.

Saturday June 15

of the day.

camp, 18 km inside northern Iraq across the border from Turkey.

"I've seen more here the last two days then I've seen in my whole life," said Able Seaman Tracy Lepage, a Canadian Forces medical assistant at work in the pediatric wing. "It just doesn't seem real until you've seen it."

More than 120 Canadian Forces personnel deployed to southeastern Turkey in mid-April to airdrop supplies to isolated refugee camps. Known as Operation Assist Task Group (OATG), the Canadian contingent

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JUNE 1991 CALENDAR

OFFICERS COFFEE HOUR. Coffee will be served in the

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ENTERTAINMENT

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24 JUNE - NOON

.Beach BBQ

..Summer Break

.Beach Volleyball Competition

.Mixed Golf Tournament & BBQ

BEACH VOLLEYBALL - see calendar

for future events. Look carefully and ...

FAMILY BICYCLE RALLY - see calendar

provided detachments of medical personnel and equipment wherever the human need was most immmediate.

Two CC-130 Hercules aircraft began dropping containers of blankets, food, water and shelter April 18 to Kurdish camps straddling the Turkish/Iraq border; in less than two weeks, the CF planes had delivered over 700,000 pounds of supplies during the initial and most critical period of need.

A detachment of 62 medics, doctors and support staff first deployed to a base camp at Silopi, Turkey, a mere 15 km from the Iraqi border on April 23, pending an evaluation of the refugees' medical requirements. The next day, 16 medical personnel made the 150 km, seven-hour road move through the mountains to the refugee camps at Yekmal to set up treatment facilities. An estimated 60,000 refugees had found their way there, and the camp's numbers were swelling daily as more and more refugees attempted to escape the carnage of Iraq. Most were suffering from diarrhea and many of the children were dehydrated.

Within a day of arriving at the mountain camp, the Canadians had established a 20-bed facility and were treating about 150 patients each day. Though the living conditions were appalling, enough food, clothing and water were beginning to arrive daily to sustain the refugees. Soon, the most pressing problem became that of inadequate sanitation facilities. Still, four babies died from dehydration within the first 36 hours of the Canadians' arrival, and many more lay gravely

On April 27 a detachment of 18 personnel travelled the eerily empty Iraqi roads, past destroyed military installations and coalition force patrols and checkpoints on their way to the Zakho hospi-

LCol Leslie Dubinsky, Commanding Officer of the medical unit in Zakho, recalled that the condition of the hospital upon arriving "... was the most filthy (hospital) I have ever seen. The

Canadian Medics in Iraq



Able Seaman Tracy LePage, a medical assitant from Saskatoon, Sask., cradles a dehydrated refugee baby at the hospital in Zakho,



Cpl Donny Cook of Pouch Cove, Nfld., prepares a tiny patient for oral rehydration fluids at the dilapidated hospital in Zakho, Iraq.

us that there was no one around to remove the dead from their beds -- cadavers were simply left there when they died. They were removed only about a week before we arrived."

Members of the CF unit were

stench was unbelievable -- the also dispatched to the resettlelone Iraqi intern who had worked ment camp at Zakho, and to here the last weeks of the war told refugee camps at Yesilova and

> When the airdrop relief effort stopped, Canadian medics still worked hard to help relieve the suffering of the refugees, tending to more than 750 people a day at the hospital and refugee sites.

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Feature

Special Event

Soviet Ships to Visit Victoria

Esquimalt, BC ... Three ships of the Soviet Pacific Fleet based in Vladivostok will visit Victoria in August. The announcement was made May 17, 1991 by the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Marcel Masse.

There will be about 800 Soviet sailors aboard the two destroyers and replenishment ship.

The goodwill visit is one of a series of exchanges between the military forces of Canada and the Soviet Union set up by the Canadian Government. In June 1990. Canadian warships from Maritime Forces Pacific made an historic and highly successful visit to Vladivostok. It was the first occasion that westerners were in the Soviet port since 1937.

"Canadian sailors were given a most heart-warming reception by our Soviet hosts and the people of Vladivistok," said Rear-Admiral Peter Cairns, Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific." With greater Victoria community support we look forward to reciprocating the outstanding hospitality we enjoyed."

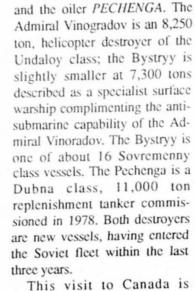
Captain (N) Mark H.D. Taylor has been appointed Senior Staff Officer for the visiting Soviet

"Plans are well under way to provide a number of opportunities for Soviet sailors to see and experience, first hand, a typical Canadian sailor's way of life and to better understand, in general, the life-style of Canadians" says Captain (N) Taylor. "The Soviets are anxious to meet Canadians ashore and welcome the opportunity to further the growing sense of goodwill that is building between our two countries.

"The Soviet warships will bring a near-professional dance and band troupe with them to perform several concerts in the greater Victoria area. These are exciting and emotional performances that earn the highest praise from audiences around the world. Admission will be free of charge and will be open to all our neighbours in the Victoria area" says Captain (N) Taylor.

The ships visiting Victoria are the destroyers ADMIRAL

from the Family Support Centre



VINOGRADOV and BYSTRYY,

scheduled for August 21 to August 26. The ships will berth at the new jetties in HMC Dockyard, Esquimalt. It is expected that groups of Soviet sailors will be taken on excursions to sights in the Victoria area. The average Soviet sailor does not have a lot of discretionary spending money by western standards, consequently, the success of the visit will largely depend on the tremendous hospitality and goodwill of local organizations who will participate with the Navy in hosting the ships' companies.

On his visit to Victoria in May, the Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces of the USSR General of the Army Mikhail Moiseyev, told his audience, "The Soviet people always remember the contribution of Canada during World War II." He went on to express his confidence that contacts between Canadians and Soviets will promote mutual understanding and help preserve stability and security. He said, "The best language for mutual relations we can use is when simple people can meet sailors and officers and visit ships and

Captain (N) Taylor says, "Residents of greater Victoria have a wonderful opportunity to be part of this historic visit of Soviet ships to Canada by visiting the vessels and by offering the Soviet sailor a genuine feeling of welcome to Canada's west coast and to a most beautiful, friendly and hospitable city."



DUBNA class replenishment tanker, similar to the PECHENGA, visiting Victoria in August 1991.



UDALOY class anti-submarine warfare ship, similar to the ADMIRAL VINOGRADOV, visiting Victoria in August 1991.



SOVREMENNY class destroyer similar to the BYSTRYY, visiting Victoria in August 1991.

Security Tips if you are Alone

You may find yourself at home alone or travelling unescorted. The first principle of crime prevention is avoiding those situations which would make you appear as an easy target to criminals. Here are a few common tips which may help you from becoming a victim:

a. lock your outside doors. If you have a storm or screen door, make a habit of locking them Keep your doors locked during the daytime as well. Also don't forget to close and latch any open windows when you leave the

b, when moving to a new home, change all the locks;

c. if you live in an apartment, never buzz anyone into the building you do not know, and don't put anything valuable in downstairs storage area. Go to the laundry room during the day when you know there will be lots of other residents around. Do not go to the garage alone in the evening if you can help it; but if you do, be alert and have your keys

d. do not open your front door

to a stranger. If he needs assistance, offer to make a phone call for him, but do not let him into the house. If he is a delivery man and you have your doubts, you can ask him for identification or ask him to set the parcel on the doorstep. Do not open the door

e. don't leave notes on your

f. if you receive an obscene phone call, hang up at once. If the caller persists, call the telephone company for assistance in dealing with the matter, or call the police; tempt to behave as naturally as possible. Walk to the nearest phone and call the police. Stay in the house until the police arrive;

h, if you go away on a trip, leave a house key with one of your neighbours so that he/she can check on the house. Advise the police, who will make extra patrols in your area, and cancel

your newspaper; i, it is not a good idea to tell people whom you do not know well that your husband is away. It

g. if you discover you have a can be tempting to say to a pushy 'peeping Tom' make every at-salesperson over the phone "call back in a few months when my husband is home", but because you never know if he/she is legitimate, you are better off to keep that information to yourself;

j. above all, remember that it's better to feel a little foolish and be safe, then to take unnecessary risks and fall prey to crime; and

k. if something scares you or has you concerned and you do not know who to call, call the police or the Family Support Centre

Stories from the **Hamish Collection**

On Tall Tales

It was recently announced that an oversized ruler was to be adopted as a symbol of the Comox Valley. This is to be used in publicizing the Valley's varied action, large hospitality, and big fish. There is yet another art that could be added to the local collection, and many of our pioneers and old timers as well as fishermen could contribute to this production. I am referring to the lost art of lying prevarication, fish stories, or tall-tale telling. Around this valley there must be a quantity of old yarns worth dusting off and relating once again. We might be able to talk the publisher or the local Chamber of Commerce into conducting a Tall Tales contest.

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When I was a lad many of the old timers of our settlement would get together around the 24th of May each year to swap yarns. The best story was claimed "yarn of the year"and the story teller was awarded a plug of 'chaw' (chewing tobacco). A real story teller was as fascinating to watch as he was to listen to. It was a fair riot of entertainment!

One of the tall tales that I recall concerned a miner on his way to

his claim when he chanced upon a large lump of pitchblende at the side of the trail. Knowing this was the ore in which radium was found he excitedly grabbed the chunk and turned back to the settlement, ten miles away. While struggling back over the trail with his great find, so pure was the radium in the ore that it began to burn his hands. He hastened on and finally arrived at the river bank across from the settlement. He threw the lump of ore into his boat and began to row across. But fate was against him. That ore was so pure that before he had reached the other side, it burned a hole through the bottom of the boat and disappeared!! As the old timer moved his chaw over to his other cheek he added, "I'm just right sorry I lost that there chunk of ore, 'cause I'm sure none of you fellers believes me."

There were quite a number of prospectors around the country and what they lacked in fortunes they made up for in yarns. A contribution made by another old timer told of an experience he had one fine day out on his claim. "I was workin' out on the bottom

corner of my claim next to Old Joe's claim and my pick suddenly hit something worth investigating. Well sir, I uncovered the largest gold nugget I've ever seen, but just as I was about to dig it out I thought that I had better check the boundary of my claim.

from Hamish columns in the Comox District Free Press, circa 1967.

Sure enough the line ran right across that nugget, with two thirds being in Joe's claim and only one third in mine! Well chaps, being honest like I am I couldn't rightly take that nugget, so I just chopped off my third and covered over the remainder. Ole Joe's going to make a nice find one of these days, but I ain't going to tell him where it is."

Then there was the hunter, who told us that he always insured bringing home a good fat moose whenever one was needed. "Yep", he drawled, "I always walks up and feels the moose's ribs first to find out whether they are worth shooting!"

And that should be enough to digest for the time being, but I'm sure there must be some equally good yarns around the Valley. How about it you Old Timers?

On Advertising

boys trying to soft soap us into all

sorts of alluring possibilities. Has

The advertising agencies claim that advertising effects the majority of our population in their everyday lives. If this is the case, it could explain much of the wild behaviour of some of our citizens. What the manufacturers produce and what the hucksters attempt to portray are not necessarily the same product. I imagine that the little when he sees some of the wild claims that are made about his product.

The auto maker builds a car with safety equipment, power brakes, etc. etc. to assist you in combatting the hazards of highway and city driving, but the advertising boys prefer you to drive their machine along the beach, (even in the surf!), up a mountainside, along railroad ties, or speeding along the middle of a completely empty road with never a thought of meeting another vehicle. It must be a nightmare for the Madison Avenue boys to dream up something to say about next year's models when they have run out of adjectives - years ago!

Next in line, I suppose, would be the cleaning industry with the

anybody yet seen or heard a box of detergent let loose with a tiger roar? If any sound was to be forthcoming I would think it should be that of a low whistle to signify "clean as a whistle" Such a whistle could be enclosed for the housewife to hand out to the children, and would be much moreeffective advertising to my way of thinking. (I understand that they pay big moneyfor such ideas - hint.) And some of those cleaning agents, the way they race by on a white horse instantly removing stains that even steel

form of entertainment? Pet foods are another item that cover large areas in the modern shopping centres, causing considerable confusion to today's pet owners. One of our neighbors selected a can of dog food and told the clerk, "I don't remember what brand my wife told me to get, but if the dog doesn't like it I guess I'll have to eat it myself!" Another pet owner told me once

NEXT DEADLINE 24 JUNE

NOON

wool could hardly touch. It's real-

ly amazing! Is such exaggeration

really accepted by the consumer

public or is it just intended as a

that her cat would drink only soand-so's milk, and it wouldn't make any difference even if she removed the labels from the cans! Talk about spoiled kids! The pets are right in there too!

There are the cigarette smokers who, the advertisers would have us believe, would rather fight than switch, but I've never yet seen any black eyes attributed to this claim. Then there is the young couple exchanging sweet nothings beneath a full moon while blowing smoke in each others face!

And there are the soft drinks with which one becomes the life of the party, or, you can 'come back' (from where?) with a brand of hair cream, or, go now and pay later, only \$37 per week (for how long?), and so on ad nauseum.

So, don't depend always on those labels that read "No ironing required". Remember, there's no law against wearing a wrinkled

Regardless of what they say, liquor won't solve your problems but it'll give you some dandy

Better Bottles and Beaches

A recent despatch from Victoria states that BCs Departmnet of Recreation and Conservation is taking a close look at new legislation being introduced in the State of Washington to outlaw the use of non-returnable beverage bottles. The Department is concerned that such containers will litter beaches and park areas, and that broken bottles, will create a serious safety hazard.

It gets one's dander up when you think of all the legislation that has to be introduced because some knuckleheads grow up (?) without enough common decency to have consideration for other people. These thoughtless lunks smash their empty bottles against rocks on the beaches, or in public parks, or toss them from their speeding cars along the high-

Unfortunately the ones at whom the bulk of the proposed legislation is aimed are not concerned about the 2-cent refund.

They are the by-product of our affluent society! A large proportion of their broken litter is bound to become a safety hazard, a fire hazard, and an eye-sore in all public places.

It would seem that some thought should be given to changing the material used in the making of containers. While a youngster, having to take my turn at doing the dishes, I used to scheme of making dishes that could be eaten at the end of each meal. After all, I had seen comedians in comedy plays where they had to eat their hats!

A character by the name of Harry Oliver, whom I met in the southern California desert region, has made himself a one-man committee to beautify the desert. For over ten years he has carried

Once the coroner was on site,

ground while operating the hoist.

It was noted on many of the

hoists, that due to the strong

winds the hoist cable was ob-

served through the left side win-

on his beautification program which is aimed primarily at ridding the desert of empty beer cans and other litter. He drives about in an old 1928 model station wagon erecting signs which read: "Look at what you did, for shame. Beauty was here before you came.", or, "Kleenex, bushes, beer cans and other eye-sores too - from our roadsides they must go and it's up to you."

My friend reported that at that time the U.S. Government was making plans to have everything aboard the Moon Rocket made edible. The dishes could be eaten in an emergency, even the knife and fork would be made of licorice. Harry says, "Perhaps soon we won't have to go around saying, 'Clean Up'. We'll just say, 'eat 'em up boys!" He goes on to say that they would start out with a cheese-flavoured edible beer can and "even if they only ate a part of it, the little desert creatures could finish it off!".

There is also a report of a new beer can invented that is highly magnetic. When a guzzler tosses it out of a car window, it pops right back and sticks to the metal sides and rear of the car. Not a can rolls on to the roadside shoulder, and when a motor patrolman comes along and sees a car with its rear end studded with beer cans, he has prime evidence of a litterbug and can write a ticket

It seems that the main trouble with this country is that the Indian didn't have strict enough immigration laws!

In signing off, I leave you with this thought for 1967 - when we particularly wish to show off our province during Centennial Year keep BC Green AND Clean.

More 442 Sqn

continued from page 8 hoisted aboard safely.

he gave approval for removal of We then returned to the Penticton airport where we were met by the plane's occupants. The SAR Techs quickly organized the an ambulance. We noted that the hoists. It required 10 hoists to winds were calm at the airport. remove all the equipment and We couldn't help thinking, if only the winds had been calm in the personnel from the site. It was a demanding 45 minutes for the mountains maybe there wouldn't pilots and flight engineers (FE) have been a requirement for us in on board the Lab. The strong winds made the hovering fatiguing, so as to take a breather the pilots alternated flying. Additionally, the arrival of nightfall now made it very difficult for the FE's to judge their height above



Leisure



CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE AND JULY 1991

COMING EVENTS FOR JUNE ...SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT SAT 15... ...Start of the weekly STEAK BBQs SAT 29...

COMING EVENTS FOR JULY

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2 (1) Secress of Kell	
3 (6) The Plains of Passage	Auel
4 (2) Possession	
5 (3) Elephant Song	
6 (8) Heartbeat	
7 (-) The Novel	
8 (4) Lives of The Saints	
9 (5) The Druid of Shannara	Brooks
10 (9) Disappearing Moon Cafe	
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Christine Mayer

Crustless Quiche (Marg Cale)

2 cups broccoli flowerettes 1 cup chopped onion 1 cup chopped mushrooms

1 cup grated cheddar cheese

3/4 cup bisquick 1 1/2 cups milk

1 tsp salt

1/4 tsp pepper 1 tsp oregano Method:

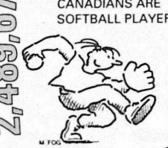
Grease a deep pieplate or casserole well. Lay broccoli, mushrooms, onions in dish and sprinkle with cheese. Combine all other ingredients together and pour on top of vegetable. Bake in center of oven at 400° for 35-40 mins. Let set for 5 mins before

Marg said you can use different vegetables. I used asparagus and a little green pepper instead of broccoli, as that is what I had on hand. This recipe is easy and very good. I recommend you try it. It will probably become a family favourite.

Rhubarb Jam Recipe!

2 lbs cut up rhubarb 2 cups white sugar

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Meals for Summer

1 can crushed pineapple 1 large pkg strawberry jello (6 oz.)

Method:

Put the rhubarb, sugar, pinapple in pot. Bring to a boil and boil 20 mins. Add jello and stir until dissolved. Pour into sterile jars. Top with melted wax and cover. Store in cool and dry place. While the rhubarb is good right now, you could freeze some to cook jam up

Salmon Casserole (Jean Scarff)

1/2 cup diced onion 1/2 cup diced celery I cup mixed cooked carrots and peas 2 tbls oil or margarine 2 - 7 1/2 oz cans salmon

(skin removed) reserve juice 2 cups seasoned mashed

potatoes 1 beaten egg

Light cream

Saute onion and celery in a little oil. Set aside. Heat the two tbls oil in pan, add flour gradually.

Add milk to make a cream sauce. Add salmon juice. Add more milk if sauce is too thick. Fold in celery, onion, mixed vegetables and salmon. Season to taste. Combine mashed potatoes, beaten egg, enough light cream to make a spreading consistency. Place salmon mixture in 1 1/2 qrt casserole. Spread potato mixture on top. Dot with butter. Bake at 350° until potatoes are browned

Bean Salad

1 can french green beans 1 can yellow wax beans 1 can kidney beans 3/4 cup sugar 1/2 cup oil 1/2 cup vinegar 1/2 tsp salt 1/4 tsp pepper 1/2 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup green sweet pepper

Method:

Drain beans. Mix the other ingredients together and pour mixture over beans. Toss well and marinate 24 hrs. covered. Stir oc-

KVA Air Unit for Cumberland



The Korea Veterans Association recently presented the Cumberland Health Care Unit with an air cleaning unit and four pedestal fans. Shown testing the unit (with a cigarette) is KVA vet and Totem Times contributor, Henry Mayer, with Health Unit Administrator, William

ArtScene

Wilsden Galleries presents an exhibition and sale of paintings by Stuart Babcock, Peter Krutaski, Donna Matilla and Carole Thompson with steel sculpture by Douglas Senft. This group show of work by five Valley artists is varied and interesting. Stuart Babcock has recently had a show at the Arts Alliance, Peter Krutaski has exhibited his vibrant pastel drawings at Wilsden Galleries. Donna Matilla has exhibited her paintings in Vancouver and West Germany, and Doug Senft's commissioned sculptures can be seen in North Vancouver, Portland, Oregon and Barcelona, Spain. It is a privilege to host a show for these five accomplished artists. Come and browse and enjoy the colours, the shapes, the art. June 13 to 29 in attendance. Saturday, June 15 open from 2 pm to 4 pm.

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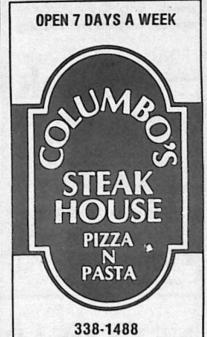
Rules available at Mess office July 6th dance with presentations of awards Boat rentals available at Jasper's Come and participate in the Fishing Derby

Steak and Lobster Night June 15th

Dinner at 18:30 hrs Only 200 dinner Tickets Cost \$10.00 members/\$15.00 guests 21:00 hrs - Dance to the Band - Accelerators For dance only doors open at 20:30 hrs Limited tickets cost \$3.00 members/\$5.00 guests Tickets purchased by cash or acquittance roll on sale now

Snack bar will be closed as of June 1st for the summer months A new tender will be required for September





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Pac Region Badminton Results



Back Row L-R: MCpl Guitard, MCpl Williams, MCpl Arsenault, Sgt Front Row L-R: Cpl Breton, OCdt Paquet, Maj Leblanc, Cpl Forget.

The Pac Reg Badminton Championship was held at CFB Chilliwack from 22-26 May 91. In team competition, Comox placed first with a total of 32 points. MCpl Guitard succeeded in attaining the open singles category and OCdt Paquet won the service womens' category. The runners up for the open doubles were MCpl Williams and MCpl Guitard. MCpl Aresnault and Maj LeBlanc were runners up

Vet category, Sgt Mann was the Our Base badminton team did

for the Jr Vet category. In the Sr

very well at this tournament and it was evident that the competitiveness and camaraderie were alive and well during each event. All in all a job well done for CFB Comox. Congratulations to all members for representing our Base and doing so well.

Outstanding Cadet



WO Christopher Scott received the Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Excellence, and the Duke of Edinborough Bronze Award, at the 51st Annual Inspection of the RCACC at HMCS Quadra on May 26. He has been accepted by RRMC at Victoria, and will begin his training



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by Stephen Gill, B.Sc. M.B.A. Director, British Columbia Pharmacy Assoc. Community Pharmacist, Shoppers Drug Mart

What's A Help To You May **Hurt Your Child**

Bad weather outside usually means playtime inside for children, but home can be a far more dangerous place than the great

Children are often unpredictable, so spend a few minutes learning how to deal with common accidents, especially poisoning.

A poison is simply anything not intended to be eaten as food, from paint flakes to vitamin pills, machine oil to medicine. Preschoolers are learning about tastes; they don't know sweet from sour or bland from spicy -- only that the world is full of new and

It doesn't help that varnish pours like table syrup or grouting compound looks like flour. If parents take pills to feel better, a toddler wants the whole bottle. Headache pills, household bleach and tranquillizers are the most prevalent child-poisoners.

Make a thorough search around the house to clean up potential trouble spots. For example, adults with hobbies often leave things lying around. Lock them up out of reach. The same goes for indoor cleaning products.

Poisoning requires prompt action. Ask your neighbourhood pharmacist to explain the categories of poison treatment so you'll

For example, some poisons can be neutralized or diluted. Some can be vomited while others should not. Teach yourself what action to take at home and where to go for professional help. If you do have to take a poisoned child for treatment, remember to take the poison container with you.

Let The Label Be Your Guide

It's hard to believe, but some people actually hold to the maxim, "when all else fails, try following the instructions."

They may be able to get away with it sometimes, but when using prescription or non-prescription medications, this policy is foolish

Each of the medications available in your drug store has specific instructions for safe use. If you need more information, ask your pharmacist. He or she is professionally trained to provide expert advice and supervise the sale of certain products available only in

Using any product improperly can be harmful, so if you have even the slightest doubt about the proper use of any drugstore product, consult your pharmacist.

Among the many roles a neighbourhood pharmacist serves is one of counsellor. It is your privilege and responsibility to ask for and receive expert advice on the proper use of medications.

Instructions for using medications have been carefully written and should be followed the same way. There are specific medical reasons why you should take some medications 'before meals' and others 'without dairy products'. Your doctor or pharmacist will be pleased to explain them.

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Doctor-Patient Relations

I am aware of only two professions whose clients are asked to take off their clothes and lie down. The medical profession is one of these.

The request is a reasonable one. In order to make a diagnosis, a physician usually must examine his or her patient. The exam may be brief, limited to looking at a patient's eye or throat. Often a full physical examination is performed, necessitating closer contact.

Occasionally a doctor will go astray and allow his actions to transgress into fondling or other forms of sexual stimulation. The patient, perhaps not realizing that the examination is more intimate and less professional than it should be, may not complain.

Sometimes the hormones of both parties get stirred up, and liaisons of some sort develop. On

other occasions the patient makes a play for the physician, and he responds. (We are purposely being gender specific since this is the most common type of medically related sexual abuse.)

The possibility of sexual involvement between physician and patient has been recognized since the dawn of medicine. Doctors are betraying their calling if they use their position of trust to take advantage of their patients. They are also obviously not doing their job of diagnosing, treating, and hopefully curing.

Young physicians are repeatedly warned about getting sexually involved with patients in any manner, and governing Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons vicw any transgressions very seriously. Physicians who stray are severely dealt with, and may lose their license to practice and be heavily fined. And there may also be messy involvements in

Genuine romance may, of course, occur. Doctors are permitted to pursue true affairs of the heart providing the object of their affection transfers her care to another physician.

Sexual abuse of patients by physicians may go unreported. Its incidence is not known. Subtle abuse may not be recognized, and fear or embarrassment stifles complaint in flagrant cases. The public is becoming more aware of the problem, and some doctors' organizations are encouraging patients to report abuses.

But hearings fair to both parties are mandatory - doctors have been falsely accused by amorous, vengeful, or mentally ill women.

Hayfever

Hay is only one of the causes, and, in spite of the name, fever plays no part. Yet hayfever has long been the popular name for the springtime sniffles and sneezing that affect so many.

Hayfever is the result of being over sensitive to certain pollens (and occasionally, fungus spores) that drift on the breeze. It is a seasonal allergic reaction, medically known as allergic rhinitis. Like the seasons, the causes follow the calendar - tree pollens in the spring, grass pollens in summer, and weed pollens in the fall. here is some overlap, of course.

Need we mention the symptoms? An itchy, stuffed or runny nose, sneezing, and red watering eyes with puffy lids are the common ones. Add headaches, loss of appetite, insomnia, irritability and depression, and coughing and wheezing

to complete the picture of misery.

Allergic rhinitis is most common in children and teenagers. Fewer older people are afflicted, probably because the annual exposure to the offending pollen gradually promotes immunity. Some people suffer for a lifetime.

Prevention is possible, but may be difficult. Avoiding the offending pollen helps. It is unfair to ask some teenagers to cut the lawn if they sneeze for a day afterwards. Moving to a geographical area where the offending plant usually impractical option.

Most people must either suffer or use some form of medical treatment. Antihistamines are timetested and often effective. Newer ones, while more expensive, do not cause the drowsiness associated with the originals.

Nasal sprays are useful. Prescription pumps or aerosols can block the allergic reaction or counteract the inflammation. Do not use over-the-counter sinus sprays as relief is brief and rebound nose blockage occurs quickly.

Cortisone compounds are the next form of treatment. Nasal sprays, tablets, and long-acting injections are available. Sometimes a single shot of the latter will see the patient through the season. Side effects are few as low doses usually suffice.

Desensitizing injections (allergy shots) are used less frequently than formerly, probably because other treatment has improved. The long course of weekly injections quickly becomes a time-stealing nuisance. In some cases, though, the shots are the only things that work.

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24 JUNE - NOON

On and off base

Pac Region Champs



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Every Thursday you can wander over to the local Rec Centre on Base and see your friendly neighbourhood PERI, Cpl Savard for advice on personalized fitness programs. These programs will be made to suit your needs and will help you achieve results if you haven't al-

Questions on strength training, toning exercises and body building will be answered at this time. I will be available from 1530 to 1600 hrs Thursdays. Hope to see you there!

Accident/Injury Reports Sports Related

All CF 98/CF663 are to be staffed through the BPerO for his comments and documentation.

Base Soccer Team Practice

Base soccer team practices have commenced at the Base soccer field. Practices are scheduled for Mon at 1600 hrs and Thurs at 1800 hrs. All team positions are open and anyone wishing to play is welcome to attend. For further info contact MCpl D. Rothermund loc 8315 at the Base Gym.

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Ball Diamond Bookings

The Base softball diamonds are not first come, first serve. They must be booked. Please forward a memo to the BPerO requesting the facility.

Boat Launch Passes

Tee Pee Park Boat Launch Season Passes - 1991.

Boat launch passes are now available only at the canteen at Air Force Beach between the hours of 1200 hrs and 1900 hrs. Price is \$30.00 for the season or at the daily rate of \$3.00.

Athletic Trainer Survey

The CF National and CISM Sports Program are developing a national data bank of qualified athletic trainers. If you are a qualified trainer please contact the Rec Centre at loc 8690 by 21

Close-Out

409 TAC (F) Sqn will conduct close-out ceremonies 21-25 Jun 91. All former members are invited to attend these festivities. Please contact event OPI, Maj B. Degagne. Tel No. (work) 011-49-7229-678167, (home) 011-49-7229-5388, FAX 011-49-7229-678836. "Media nox meridies noster".

CF Photo Contest This competition is for

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YACHT CLUB OPEN HOUSE

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Drop in to view the Club's keelboat and dingy fleet or to register for their sailing courses.

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The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25th at 7 p.m. in the Glacier Greens Clubhouse.

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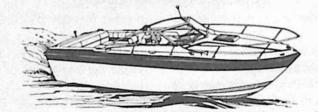
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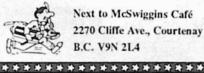
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MP Golf & Fishing Results

Police Section hosted the 8th Annual Western Canada Military Police/RCMP Golf Tournament and Fishing Derby on the 24th and 25th of May 1991, Military participation included, CFB Comox, CFB Chilliwack, CFB Cold Lake, SIU Vancouver, SIU & PDSIU Victoria, CFB Esquimalt and McChord AFB. RCMP members attended from Courtenay, Campbell River, Powell River, Parksville, Nanaimo and Victoria. Retired members showed up from Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria, Comox, Courtenay and Port Hardy to help round out the

The CFB Comox Military

Early Friday morning 0715 hrs, Col Jack McGee, CFB Comox Base Commander, hit the first ball to officially start the golf tournament which saw 178 golfers on the Glacier Greens Golf Course in two shotgun starts. The morning golfers were dampened for a couple of hours by a light drizzle which eventually cleared for a sunny afternoon round on the course.

Presentations and a BBQ were held at the golf club and when the scores were totalled the Canadian Military Police Association (CMPA) trophy was awarded to an upstart team of OSI and Air Force Police from McCord AFB, Washington, USA. We congratulate the team members LCol Ron Pearlman (71), SA Al Price (72), SMSGT Jim Miller (74), and Maj Dave Beecroft (75) for first

travelling to Canada and joining in our yearly ritual and second for winning the CMPA Trophy. Individual awards were also presented in five other categories:

1. Sponsors Event: LG winner, Stu Mohler (82) from Powerhouse Automotive, Courtenay; LN Winner John Paruch (73) from Celebration Florists. Woodgrove Centre, Nanaimo.

2. Military Police: LG winner - Cpl Bob Guimond (74) from CFB Chilliwack; runner up Special Agent Al Price (78) from Mc-Chord AFB; LN winner LCol Ron Pearlman (71) from Mc-Chord AFB; runner up WO Doug Anderson (73) from CFB Esquimalt

3. RCMP: LG winner Const John Beckett (77) from Campbell River, runner up Const Greg Mc-Nevitts (78) from Courtenay; LN winner Cpl Rob Tumbull from Victoria; runner up Const George Craig from Campbell River.

4. Retired MPS: LG winner Ted Sauve (76) from Comox; runner up Marty Peterson (83) from Vancouver; LN winner Lloyd Billings (72) from Lazo; runner up Gil Croze (73) rom Van-

8. Guest Division: LG winner Carl Cameron (75) from Cumberland; runner up Roy Downey (76) from Comox; LN winner Al Walsh (71) from CFB Comox; runner up Russ Wreggitt (71) from Union Bay.

The longest drive went to Gerry Evans from Calgary. The

closest to the pin on holes 4 & 7 were both won by Stu Mohler. Spot 4 our live pig was won by Const Jan Nightingale, from the Parksville RCMP Det. The trip for two donated by Air BC was won by Sgt Ken Rodgers, CFB

Comox, MP Section.

Results of the Fishing Derby were: Largest salmon to Const Ian MacPerson from Courtenay RCMP with a 16 1/2 lb Spring; runner up Lowell Davidson with a 14 lb Spring; total weight went to Const Bob Page of Parksville RCMP with a total of 20 lbs; largest non-salmon went to Cpl Scott Trapnell of CFB Comox with a 7 lb Red Snapper. We had a total of 72 out for this years fishing derby and most caught fish. The winds were calm and the day sunny. Winner of a Fishing Trip for Two to the N.W.T. was Bud Taylor from Victoria, BC.

The CFB Comox Military Police Section would like to thank those Military Police, RCMP, retired members, guests and sponsors who made this year's event the biggest and best yet. CFB Comox will again host the event in late May 1992, so plan to attend and make it another successful branch event.

A special thanks goes out to the Comox, Courtenay, Royston, Campbell River, Victoria, Nanaimo, Bowser, Parksville, Qualicum Beach and Vancouver merchants and sponsors who contributed toward our prize table.

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from the Fire Chief

Camping Out

Once again spring is upon us. Barbecues and campfires will become part of our outdoor activities. The following are some safety tips to help make your outdoor events accident free. Fires at Airforce Beach are prohibited unless a permit is issued by the Base Fire Chief.

- Fire permits are available from the Fire Hall on request. - Barbeque equipment

precautions: a. have equipment in good

working order; b. a minimum clearance of 1.5m from buildings, walls and

combustibles is required; c. do not store barbecue cylinders indoors;

d. keep small children away from the barbecue.

- When camping out, take the following steps:

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a. your tent should be of flame retardant fabric. A paraffin coated cotton tent can burn up in a few

b. your tent should have two exits, or a window sufficiently large enough to serve as a second exit. Also, keep a sharp cutting tool in the tent to cut out an exit in the walls in case fire obstructs the only exit;

c. never use candles or matches in or near a tent. Use

d, extra care should be excercised when using electricity and lighting in or near tents. When using heaters, keep them well away from walls, pillows, camping chairs, in fact, all contents of the tent;

e. campers who carry fuel for propane or gasoline type camp stoves in the trunk of the car should never leave the fuel in the trunk over the weekend or any longer than needed to transport

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Rest of BAMSO.

time was had by all.

along the roads.

as well as jumping. There were

thrills and spills aplenty, and a fun

members, and with the return of

the nice riding weather, you will

no doubt see some of us out riding

The club has approximately 20

sure it's out before you go to In April we planned for our first clinic, which was held May h. never freshen a fire with a liquid starter. Explosions can 11-12 at Rainbow acres. Our result. Keep flammable liquids clinician was Karrin Hanson, and she coached us on the finer points away from your tent and children; of English and Western equitation

i. a fire extinguisher is a must in every campers equipment, for it could well be a lifesaver; and

j. finally, all fire laws, ordinances, and regulations at the campsite should be strictly observed. Good housekeeping is a

Supervise children at play. Make sure they are safe. A little extra caution is an item well Have Fun! Camp Safely!

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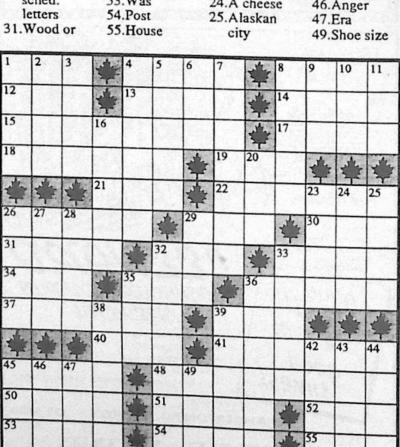
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worth taking on any camping trip. NEXT DEADLINE 24 JUNE

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Dance, Lounge, (Unless advised)
SATURDAYS Meat Draws, Lounge 2 - 6 PM

EVENTS

NOTICE: General Meeting, June 20th postponed to 27th at 1900 hrs in lieu of 2000 hrs. Details to be announced.

SPORTS

SUNDAY AUG 11......Golf tournament . Details TBA. SUNDAY AUG 25.....Legion Picnic Air Force Beach 1 PM.

On the Base



Glacier Greens

Ladies and Mens Open Tournaments

On 4 June, Glacier Greens Ladies hosted the ladies from Powell River and Eaglecrest Golf Clubs. Everyone enjoyed a day of good golf and comaraderie. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by everyone, followed by the announcement of winners for the

For Powell River, Eileen Milsom fired a low 89 for first low gross, followed by Shirley Cole with 92, and third to Ann Drader and Phyl Williams with 101. Low net scores went to Bruna Lopez with 74, Darlene McKenzie with 75, and Karen McDowell with 81. Least putts went to Alice Mantoani with 29.

Results for Eaglecrest ladies were low gross going to Clem Tobin with a 91, followed by May Burroughs with 94 and Ev Johnson with a 96. Low net scores went to Jean Cotter with 74, Gail Connell with 76, and Marg Denton with 78. Least putts went to Pat Smith and Joyce Wray who each had 30.

Por Claster Orcens It was a Pin Day. Low net for the day was a three-way tie by Ardyth Wood, Pat Verchere and Rose Jacobson, who each had a 69, followed by Martha Campbell with 70.

Low gross for the day went to Sharon Miles with 89, second to Lorraine Courtemanche with 90, and third to Shirley Shearer with a 92. Least putts went to Barb Carter, Patti Beachy and Frankie McCaffery, all with 31.

Coming up on 16 June is the annual Ladies Invitational at Glacier Greens, with ladies from March Meadows to Port Hardy competing for prizes. This tournament is unique as it is divided in three handicap flights, and so makes for a very popular tournament. It is sponsored by Village Food Markets, Design Floorcoverings and Bonanza.

High Winds Hamper Men's Open

The Glacier Greens Men's

Open has come and gone and is only a memory, maybe a bad memory for some of those that played on Sunday afternoon. Driving rain and gusting winds were factors that the Sunday afternoon golfers had to contend with. However, the extreme change in the weather didn't seem to hamper the field low gross and the field low net winners. Mike Burrows of Storey Creek Golf Club captured the field low gross with a score of 141 after 36 holes. Glacier Greens own Murray Jacklin Jr. captured the field low net title carding a 123 after 36 holes. Our congratulations to Mike and Murray and to all the

winners of the tournament. A number of golfers from G.G. travelled to Pacific Playgrounds on Sunday to take part in the 2nd Annual Paul Chepil Memorial Golf Tournament. The course is in very good shape and a real challenge. Our congratulations to

Vi Wilander and Rick Salmon who were the LG winners of the tournament. Other LG and LN winners from G.G. were: Barb and Ron Carter; Rose McCliesh and John Ferguson; Pat Verchere and Bill Ballance: Irene and Jim Perry; and, Sharon Miles and Doug Cull. Hidden Hole: Joan Curtis and

Fred Horvath. Ladies Longest Drive: Pat Ver-

Both Vi Wilander and Lee Johnson fired a beautiful drive from the top of the hill and over the water onto #3 green with Vi's ending up 13 feet from the pin and Lee's 10 feet from the pin. Each won a K.P. prize.

Watch for bulletins posted in the Social Centre/Club House for information regarding the Labatts T.P.A. and the men's inter-club at Comox Golf club.

It is nice to be playing #18 green again. The added cart path is a good feature and will allow players to move to the back of the green without delay and therefore

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The next monthly committee meeting will be held on 20 June at 1:00 p.m. at the Social Centre/Club House.

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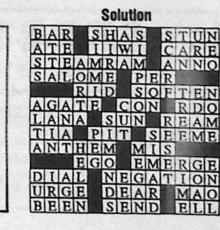
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Many thanks to 442 Sqn for support, and to freelance photographer Ron Brown of Courtenay, BC, who was in the area and captured these shots of the Lab at work.

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In order to maintain a safe water level at CFB Comox the following watering restrictions must be put into

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Military Update

The University of Hard Knocks

I learned early in my brief flying career never to trust weather forecasts, especially in Manitoba. Or to take silly chances. As a result of an especially harrowing incident, I like to consider myself a graduate of the U. of H.Kn., or more commonly known as the University of Hard Knocks. The whole thing started in Rivers, Man., at No.1 Central Navigation School. In mid October, 1944 I was assigned to be First Navigator on an air exercise that triangulated from Rivers to Riding Mountain, northwest to Roblin, then back to Rivers. The exercise was basic in nature; a simple D.R. plot, or ded reckoning (ded meaning deduced) to be carried out over the entire three hours, with a minimum of peeking out the portholes for landmarks. Visual fixes are reassuring to aircrew, but on this particular trip there appeared to be nothing to worry about. The time was 1345, the day glorious. Blue skies, a limp windsock, all afternoon to float in the great open void. Besides, we were being piloted by a pilot officer (name withheld) and assigned to reliable 12335, a relatively new Anson Mark V. And for added insurance the rest of the crew consisted of a

second nav plus a wireless air gunner, or WAG. What could possibly go wrong?

The skipper looked us over. He remarked, especially to me, a Leading Aircraftsman, full of youthful viss and pinegar, that there could be slight turbulence over the Riding Mountains, so that it would be OK to get a visual fix. I chuckled to myself

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because I knew what real mountains were, Seymour, Hollyburn and Grouse, Riding Mountains were no more than goosebumps on a broad, flat prairie - or so I thought.

"OK gang, let's go!" And soon we were strapped in and taxiing for takeoff. I hastily started my plotplan and handed the skipper the first Message Slip of the day: To: Skipper, From: 1 Nav. Text: Course out 030 true. This was quickly converted to a compass course and we were on our way. The radio operator, I noticed, was curled up cozily behind his radio equipment and reading a pocket novel, while my backup, 2 Nav, was engaged in ground sightings. All was well. I concentrated on my D.R. and emphasised clean lines and pointy arrows.

Soon I noticed a modicum of bumpiness in the flight and actually broke off the tip of my super sharp pencil. "Must be Riding Mountains," I mused and glanced out the porthole. We were relatively low and I could see the trees clearly swaying in the wind. The turbulence increased and I secured myself in the navigator's seat by locking my long bony legs. under the desk, thus leaving my arms and hands free to recover flying instruments and maintain some semblance of a plot plan. It was rough trip and I was kept busy, busy. Finally, at the appointed time, I handed the skipper Message Slip No.3: Over Roblin, new course 140 true, Let's go

Soon the familiar dip of the port wing and a clean turn to head southeast. I settled in for what I hoped would be a perfect exercise and no 'cocked hat' on my chart. I wanted to impress my instructor with my junior prowess.

The turbulence had disappeared, I noted, and I looked up to the flight deck. The skipper was half out of his seat and waving to me to come forward. I hunched up and sat beside him. "What's up, skipper?"

"Where are we?"

"We'll be over Rivers in nine minutes."

"Look out."

I looked out from the co-pilot's seat and my jaw fell open. We were on top of solid white cloud cover, just like a huge roll of cotton batting beneath us, white, fluffy, all consuming.

"Where did that stuff come from?" I blurted out.

"Never mind. It's there, and we're just about out of juice. But better than that, our radio doesn't work! Went U/S half an hour ago. How accurate is your plot plan?"

Talk about holding a gun to a guy's head. I was trapped. No bravado now, no bragging, just the plain truth. An expensive aircraft and four lives in my hands. I tried my best to look confident.

"Skipper, at 1500, exactly three minutes from now, we'll be over base. Find a hole and go down.

"Tell the crew to put on their parachutes and stand by to leave aircraft. Jettison the fuselage door. Prepare for exit procedure."

I looked at the skipper and swallowed deeply. "This is the real bloody McCoy," I thought, and went aft.

The gods of luck were with us on this flight, doubly. Skip punched a hole through the cumulus or nimbus or whatever the cloud layer was, and lo and behold, in the distance, our favourite runway.

"Nav, grab the Very pistol and fire an emergency flare, we're out of fuel." And at the speaking of these words, the engines started to sputter. Skip was busy flying, trying to be first in the circuit.

Now a quick word of explanation. Between the pilot's seat and the co-pilot's seat there is a hole in the deck, the floor, covered with a thin layer of fabric. The hole is the exact size and fit for the barrel of a Very pistol. The Very pistol is like a policeman's revolver, except the barrel is much enlarged, fat, you might say, to take a large sort of shotgun shell. This engorged barrel has a small tit on the end, so that when you puncture the thin fabric and insert the barrel, you must give it a 90 degree turn to lock it in place. Then you pull the trigger.

I grabbed the unfamiliar weapon and levered it open, inserting a fat cartridge. I rammed it through the fabric and twisted.

"Now, dammit, now!"

I pulled the trigger and the explosion that followed nearly blew both my hands through the deckhead. The quarter-turn twist had not engaged and the damn thing backlired! A Dinning Bush, fallowed by smoke denser than the clouds around us, and the fuselage immediately filled with acrid fumes. Skip slid open his window, I slid open mine, but to no avail. Neither of us could see because of the flash. We drifted silently toward terra firma, literally on a wing and a prayer. The most prominent thought that flashed through my mind was of one Anson landing on another Anson, coming to rest piggyback.

"Wish I'd topped up the tanks before takeoff," I heard Skip say to himself. I nearly choked with amazement.

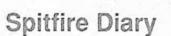


by Norm Whitley

We could see a bit now, peripheral vision I guess you'd call it. The runway was close and we were crabbing in, first port, then starboard. It had to be a prairie windstorm out there, winds random at staggering speeds. The tailwheel touched concrete first and blew all to ratshit, sparks scattering to the elements. The port main landing gear touched next and flattened to half pressure, then the starboard wheel. All the fighting in the world didn't seem to help. We were at the mercy of the elements. We rolled, skidded to a stop, and still blinded by the flash and choking from the fumes, jumped, leapt, crawled from the Anson and ended up in a mangled heap on the runway, coughing and crying. The never ending blue Manitoba sky and gentle breezes had incredibly turned into a raging storm, chilling us to the bone and buffeting our beloved Anson, designated 12335.

Not too much was ever said of this incident, as a matter of fact I never heard another word about it. But of this I am reasonably sure, the skipper never again flew with partially full tanks, the 1 Nav never again took blue skies for granted, the 2 Nav never again just gazed out the porthole, and for darn sure, the WAG never again carried a pocketbook on a mission.

Forty-five years later, all's well that ends well. But it sure was one strange landing!



Review by Duke Warren

Spitfire Diary by E.A. Smith. Published by William Kimber and Company, \$13.95.

Many books have been written and published about the Spitfire aircraft and the men who flew them. This is another one, and also one of the best. The author combines his own personal experiences and thoughts with excerpts from the official war diary of the squadron and wing he served with. This makes an interesting combination, and an honest, most readable account of life on a squadron chiefly engaged in fighter bomber operations.

Ted Smith recounts the 'highs' and 'lows' he undergoes as he flies a successful mission, and

then loses a close friend to flak on his next sortie. He tells of off duty pub crawls, but he does not dwell on them. When he uses swear words they fit the story, and there are not many, and they are not offensive.

The operations Smith flew were from shortly after D-Day 'til the end of the war. The wing supported the First Canadian Army which makes his story of particular interest to Canadian readers. Furthermore, the squadron is operating in an area where German fighters seldom were active, and the main hazard is the heavy flak concentrations as the German army retreated. Johnny Johnstone, the famous RAF Ace, has often been quoted



Duke Warren circa 1942

as saying he had no wish to do fighter bomber work as it was too dangerous.

Spitfire Diary is an honest account of squadron life. For any one who served on a fighter squadron (of any kind), it will bring back many memories.

For someone who has never experienced operations, "it tells it like it was."



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