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MORE ON CANEX

Plans for the future operation of armed forces canteens and retail sales outlets were outlined and discussed on Friday, March 15 in Ottawa when Hon. Leo Cadieux, minister of National Defence met with a delegation from the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce, headed by William Kutschke, mayor of Pembroke and Donald Runge, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

The delegation said it had been concerned about rumors that the Canadian Forces Exchange Service would open large new retail outlets in Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, undercutting prices of Pembroke area merchants. They wished to find out if military planning would be detrimental to the economy of the district.

Mr. Cadieux explained that military canteens and stores had been operated at Petawawa for many years and that they were now to be reorganized and consolidated. This was being done throughout the armed forces in Canada and elsewhere to provide as nearly as possible the same services for all members whether they were stationed in a major camp, near a metropolitan city or at an isolated location. By centralized wholesale purchasing, taking into account all expenses and adding a fair profit margin, the outlets would be able to offer the serviceman an adequate range of items at a competitive price.

In addition it would fulfill another objective of the new exchange system — to provide non-public funds to be used for the benefit of the troops without expense to the taxpayer. For example, this would assist in outfitting sports teams, provide recreation and build up an emergency loan fund for use as individual need arose.

The provision of this type of amenity and service was necessary to attract and retain volunteers for today's forces. There was no intention to offer unfair competition to merchants in any district, the idea was to ensure that soldiers, sailors and airmen would not be unduly penalized for frequently being moved from station to station, separated from families or sent to posts of varying isolation.

The exchange establishment would grow gradually over a period of years. The size of the exchange store would vary at each location, as would the range of services it would be necessary to provide.

At Friday's meeting Mr. Cadieux and his advisors answered specific questions from the delegation. For example it was suggested:

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1. "That the exchange system was going into operation immediately and before government authorization." This is not the case. The plan has been approved in principle by the Minister but it is only in the planning stage. Camp sales outlets had not been expanded although some normal consolidation was being affected under Maple Leaf Services the previous management.

2. "A department store was being constructed to sell at 10% above cost." No such store is being constructed. This rumor may have been started by the consolidation of unit canteens into a more suitable building and more attractive surroundings.

3. "The department store would be staffed by Army personnel and salaries would not be charged against its operation." This is not correct. Maple Leaf Services is a civilian staffed organization and this will continue when the new system comes into effect. Salary costs are charged against the operation.

4. "The MLS gasoline service station has cut its price by 5 cents per gallon." This is partly correct. The station recently reduced its price by three cents and prices are not substantially different from those offered by discount stations elsewhere. This station does not provide premiums or special services as many civilian stations do.

5. "Petawawa merchants have been given to understand that leases will not be renewed." This is not so. However, all concessionaires within the camp entered into agreements with the express understanding that leases were not for a lifetime. There are no present plans to end any lease as long as the services are needed and satisfactory.

6. "The new consolidated exchange system could force a large number of merchants out of business." Local resale activities have operated at Petawawa for years with no obvious hardship. Any contemplated changes should not substantially change the situation. However, there is no way service families can be compelled to patronize any merchant. Merchants must attract service customers in the same way they must attract other customers.

7. "Civilians would be allowed to patronize the armed forces retail stores." Employees of the stores will be allowed to use them as they are in any retail outlet but unauthorized personnel cannot shop at this retail outlet.

Ed. Note: This article gives you some idea of the apprehensions merchants have about CANEX, especially when a base is located in a small town. While we can sympathize to a degree with the merchants' feelings, it is only fair that the serviceman should have the same opportunity to buy "wholesale" that a civilian does. A letter to the editor of the St. John Telegraph — Journal written by a service wife and printed in that paper on 23 February, states the serviceman's case admirably. It is re-printed in full on page 3.

You And Your Country

The full text of a recent CFHO message on the topic of bilingualism in the forces follows:

A long term program to improve bilingualism in the armed forces was unveiled Tuesday by Defence Minister Cadieux.

The plan, reflecting government policy, is also designed to improve the retention rate of French-speaking members of the forces.

The defence minister said the program will include French language trades training and the designation of certain bases and units where the working language will be either French or English but containing a minimum level of strength drawn from the other official language.

The program gets under way with the designation of a helicopter-destroyer at Halifax this summer, a CF5 squadron scheduled for basing at Bagotville early in 1969 and a Trades Training School to be formed at St. Jean as predominantly French-speaking unit. The airborne regiment to be formed later this year will be designated as predominantly English but will eventually have one-third of its strength made up of members whose primary language is French.

Mr. Cadieux emphasized that selection of units and bases in the program will not be restricted to any particular political or geographic division of a country. The object is to create a focus in which both the country's official languages are in everyday use and to divide the force on a unilingual geographic basis.

He also made it clear that military effectiveness would continue to be a predominant factor when decisions are made regarding the implementation of the program.

Currently about 27 per cent of force recruits come from French-speaking homes but only 15 per cent stay. The only predominantly French-speaking units in the regulars are the three Royal 22nd Battalions.

English continues as the operating language throughout the forces at unit level, and in all flying as per longstanding international agreement.

A major feature of the new program will be that servicemen whose primary language is French can train and work in their own tongue during the critical years of service.

Voxair supports this policy without reservation. Let's face it, we all know that the French-speaking serviceman has often had more than his share of troubles in the service. He has lived in a strange, sometimes alien, environment; been forced to learn a new language; often been unable to educate his children in French, and even been discriminated against by his compatriots. I know these things have happened, and so do you.

Now the results of this policy statement are bound to be disturbing, both in concept and in execution. You personally could be inconvenienced to a considerable degree. But we feel this policy is right, because it is fair. It deserves your support because it is fair, and it is your chance to make some of our French-speaking Canadians feel more at home in their country.

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PROFILE - BILL KAIP



Bill, born in Moose Jaw, Sask., spent his formative years the stubble and the prairie chickens, then completed high school at Campion College in Regina. Immediately upon graduation in 1949, he joined the RCAF to get out of . . . to see the world.

He was trained as a Comm Tech Ground at Clinton, but judging from the sparks that flew every time he got near a piece of radio equipment, his life expectancy was not too long in this trade. Fortunately, the RCAF recognized this and selected him to attend Military College. Two years at Royal Roads convinced him that trees were here to stay. In 1964, he graduated from RMC with a BSC and was posted to 408 (P) Squadron at Rockville.

The next 3 years he spent tramping around the Yukon and the Arctic installing ground control stations for

the SHORAN mapping of the Canadian North. This he considers the high point of his career. After all, millionaires are willing to spend vast sums of money to do the same thing.

In 1957, this fortunate young officer was transferred to the Air Navigation School in Winnipeg for instructional duties. After 3 years at the navigation school, one year instructing at CNS and a year spent on the SPECN course, he was transferred to AFHQ in Ottawa as a reward.

He escaped from the musty corridor creeper infested aisles of Headquarters after four years to attend the first integrated Canadian Forces Staff College at Toronto in 1966.

After Staff College, guess what? Back to Winnipeg where he now fills the position of Chief Flying Instructor at the Air Navigation School. Oh, by the way, he is also Editor in Chief of Voxair.

business is back to normal and physical fitness is once again forgotten.

Under these circumstances the poor result is not surprising, and it will remain this way unless a more positive and practical approach is developed.

What is required is a practical conditioning programme that is not too boring (as is 5BX), that can be done at home in a reasonably short time, and that fits easily into our spare time routine. Once these requirements are met it must be publicized from a positive point of view i.e. why a man should get and stay in condition and how the programme will achieve this for him, rather than the present negative or no sell approach. A fitness programme that comes close to meeting these needs is outlined in the recent Reader's Digest article "How to Feel Fit at Any Age" by Major K. H. Cooper, USAF.

Unless the Canadian Armed Forces are prepared to develop a similar fitness programme and motivate people into it, the present apathy of most of our members is likely to continue.

G. F. Clay

'Servicemen Deserve Their Special Stores'

- A Wife Puts Their Case

Dear Editor:

Regarding your news item "Board of Trade Opposes Military Exchange Service" (February 16 issue), it is hoped that in the interests of fair play the Board of Trade will also pass a resolution attacking the following circumstances of the "reasonably remunerated" serviceman's career:

a. The obligation to fight and, if necessary, die in the service of his country (or another) in some dirty and remote swamp, forest, desert, icy waste, vast sky or open water;

b. Uprooting and moving his family on the average of every three years, with these results:

-Being virtually denied the privilege of owning a home.

-Renting such accommodation as is left over from the civilian rental market, usually the least desirable or most expensive.

-Throwing away, damaging or losing on each move as much household furniture, goods and supplies as the average civilian family buys in 20 years. (The government does not pay for insurance on a move and any serviceman could tell you that it is almost impossible to collect anything on damages or loss even if the serviceman has paid insurance out of his own pocket.)

-Educating children under as many as 10 educational systems with different standards and curricula, often causing loss and repeat of a school year.

-Finding a new family doctor and dentist on each move and acquainting them with chronic conditions under treatment, etc.

-Raising a family in parts of the country (or world) which, due to ethnic background or other personal circumstance, would not be chosen as a place of residence, if choice were possible.

-Sharing, along with a small civilian group, the distasteful tag "transient".

-Being denied the luxury and security of forming and maintaining lifetime friendships with co-workers or neighbors.

-Enduring forced separation from wife and children for a conservative minimum of three years during the average career, and, if the serviceman happens to be Navy, the enforced separation goes without saying.

-Spending a good part of the service career at bases remote from good shopping areas; being forced to depend on mail order and local limited stock, retail outlets, or to travel long distances to reach urban-type stores.

-Being unable to make any plans for self or family beyond the current day or week, without the fear, too often consummated, that a change in policy or decision of higher authority will deny their fulfillment.

-Having every circumstance of his career and employment "fair game" for the scrutiny and criticism of those who think that personal sacrifice is a facet of military service limited to the battlefield and not a routine factor in a service career.

-Here is not a case where unions can step in and demand time and a half for overtime, and how that overtime can mount!

It is to be hoped that the Board of Trade will also go on record as opposing the practice of "trade discounts" which permits merchants and their employees to purchase at their own and other stores at prices discounted much below the price charged other customers, including service personnel and their families.

As a last point, it is hoped that the Saint John Board of Trade inasmuch as their experience with military customers and customs has perforce been limited, due to lack of a base in the immediate area, has thoroughly researched the validity of the report to which they have given their support as well as verifying the actual amount of the take-home portion of the "reasonable remuneration" received by the average serviceman.

It is a regrettable thing too that the serviceman cannot speak out for himself. We all know what happened to an admiral who did.

Helen D. MacDonald
Wife of career serviceman.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

This office has been receiving a complimentary copy of Voxair for the past few years and I can assure you that it has been widely read and enjoyed by all DND personnel who have had a tour in Turkey, as well as by the members of the Embassy staff.

It is anticipated that we will be closing our office shortly. However, because of the interest in Voxair, it would be appreciated if the copy now in distribution could in future be sent to the Canadian Forces Attaché.

On behalf of all of the military personnel who have been attached to the RCAF Logistics Liaison Office in Turkey, I should like to convey thanks and appreciation to members of the Voxair staff for the enjoyment provided over the past years. There is an inevitable sense of isolation from the Service during a tour such as this in Turkey, and, through your paper, you and your staff have helped considerably in overcoming such feelings.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your new enlarged edition, and to wish you continued success in publishing the finest newspaper put out by a military base.

PT Magnusson
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The Editor
Voxair

Sgt. Boast's letter in the 27 March edition of Voxair commenting on the physical fitness of servicemen at CFB Winnipeg is probably accurate, but he omits the fact that only 20 people on the base passed the physical fitness test without mentioning why this may be so.

During my ten years in the service the approach to fitness has been, to say the least, haphazard. Most of the time very little attention is given it, and every few years, as sure as death and taxes, there is a mass campaign during which everybody is expected to get in shape under threats that range from loss of leave to career action. Then, a few months later, the whole

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1- 3—Nursery; Chapel — 1100
 4- 5—Primary; Westwin— 1100
 6-11—Jnr. & Inter; ANS— 1100
 12-13—Senior; Chapel — 0930



Children gather round Our Lady of the Airways altar during a Lenten Mass. About to make their first communion, the children observe, at close hand, the actions of the priest. The newly-renovated chapel will be rededicated when Bishop Spence visits for confirmation ceremonies May 19. WG Photo Section Photo

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CATLIN'S CHOICE

Six in Search of Five

- The ultimate in accessories this spring is a white gardenia, or camellia, real (if you can afford it) or fake, pinned to the shoulder of a suit. It softens the look and creates instant Thirties. At a recent fashion show I attended in Toronto, each outfit on the runway had one.
- A Winnipeg winter isn't so bad if you have someone warm to share it with.
- Because of alimony, divorce is one of the more profitable careers a woman can follow.
- It almost seems, that to be well dressed this season, we'll need a large selection of skirts and blouses. But only a special blouse and skirt will do. The most popular choice in blouses will be a frilly, lacy, long-sleeved organza or a precisely-tailored man style. Skirts always have some fullness (my favorite is the A line because it flatters most figures) and are colored black or navy. Belts, any width, but definitely buckled, draw the look together.
- Success is never permanent.
- Marriage does something for a man. It improves him, but not necessarily in his wife's eyes.
- Every woman should have the love of one man, and the friendship of many.
- Is happiness a warm newspaper?
- Why do women spend a fine sum for a chic coat and then spoil the effect by covering their hair with those awful see-through net, nylon chiffon monstrosities called scarves?
- The next changes in hairstyles will be longer hair, "page-boy" style, and the return of the centre part.
- Flirting is as healthy as orange juice and just as sweet.
- Usually, the costlier the perfume, the sexier.
- Wear stockings that match the color of your dress. This non-stop color, even if it's pale, makes your legs seem longer and slimmer.
- When a man says he can't understand women, he means he doesn't want to try.

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Isn't this a little like wearing suspenders and a belt Honey?

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Rummage Sale

A rummage sale sponsored by the Guide, Brownie and Scout Mothers will be held on April 20 at 2 p.m. in the Scout Hall (Bldg. 50) FOB site. Donations of clothing will be gratefully accepted, and will be picked up April 19. Please leave your clothing donation on your front step. If this is not convenient, please call Mrs. J. Summerfield at 489-2752 or Mrs. Moore at 489-2267.

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One day Waldo's Daddy said "Listen my boy" "You haven't brought Mother and I too much joy" "And since you keep on laying eggs like you do" "Then I guess it's away to the hen-house with you" "For chickens lay eggs son, and that's no surprise" "So you must be a hen in a rabbit's disguise" Waldo kissed all his brothers and sisters and such, and cried as he went from his warm rabbit hutch. "Am I chicken or rabbit" wept Waldo McLegs, the seven foot rabbit who laid chicken eggs.

In the Henhouse the chickens put up quite a fuss. Saying "How in the world can he be one of us?" "With those long floppy ears that point both east and west" "Why he's even too big to get into a nest." The Rooster spoke up from his perch near the wall And said "I don't think you're a chicken at all" "It isn't so much that we're fussy but then, a rabbits a rabbit and a hen is a hen." So out once again went our Waldo McLegs, the seven foot rabbit who laid chicken eggs.

Outside in the cold it was starting to snow,

poor Waldo the rabbit had no place to go. With no food to eat, he was in such a mess, that he wished he was back with his parents I guess. But he couldn't go home, so all winter through, he tried to find food and a warm shelter too. But no one it seemed, would let him inside, so finally Waldo just lay down and cried.

"This is the end" wailed poor Waldo McLegs, the seven foot rabbit who laid chicken eggs. As Waldo lay just about ready to die, a small group of poor orphan children came by. "Oh see the sick rabbit" they cried at the sight, of cold hungry Waldo in his terrible plight.

So they shared all their candy bars chocolates and treats, At long last poor Waldo had something to eat. Each day winter time turned into spring, Those good little kids brought him chocolates and things. "Kids are wonderful people" said Waldo McLegs, the seven foot rabbit who laid chicken eggs.

"Now what can I do to repay them" said he. "For those nice orphan children were so kind to me." "I must really do something for such thoughtful kids" "And all I can do is lay eggs." So he did.

But the eggs that he laid were a sight to behold, all sizes and colours, red, silver and gold. He had eaten so much of his little friends sweets,

that each egg he laid was a wonderful treat. "Isn't that lovely?" cried Waldo McLegs, the seven foot rabbit who laid chicken eggs.

Now ever since that time, when Easter is here, Waldo goes 'round with a basket each year,

And the basket is loaded right up to the top, with chocolates and rosebuds and nice lollipops.

He hops with his basket all over the world, and passes out treats to the good boys and girls.

So if you have been kind, to all of your friends, and did what your mother and father said, then,

you will soon get a visit from Waldo McLegs, the seven foot Bunny who lays EASTER EGGS.

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COMMUNITY CHATTER

By Russ Phillips

If a newspaper editorial reflects the group conscience of its readers, then a community column should reflect the human interest side of that group. On a Base the size of Winnipeg, the community element should take up at least a full newspaper page. Items of a Military nature can be read about in other sections of the paper or in publications such as the Sentinel. Current events can be picked up in the daily papers. But in our unique geographical situation, with two large bases under one command it is essential that the two communities should get to know one another. One very effective method of bringing the two groups together is through the medium of a community column, common to both. Servicemen have a way of meeting and understanding situations they are faced with. They are face to face with integration and are better able to cope with it's problems. Not so with the Serviceman's family. They want to know how the "other half" lives and this is only natural. For this reason, the Community Chatter column was instituted, to help the two communities to get acquainted. To date, it has been conspicuous by its failure to do so. I don't blame the readers, for they can't drop everything and rush to the phone when they find out they have been posted to Timbuctou. I certainly don't blame the Vox-air, which I believe to be the best newspaper in the Forces. So the fault must lie with me. And I feel so stongly about a good community spirit, that I would be very happy to turn my column over to anyone who could

succeed where I have failed. I have not written the foregoing in face of adverse criticism. That's just the problem, I have received no criticism adverse or otherwise. As a listening post operator, I hear very little from our massive community. Maybe I'm listening on the wrong frequency, or maybe the post needs a new operator.

HERE AND THERE

Ricky, four year old son of Earl and Joan Jewison of Ferry Road, will be entering the hospital shortly for a heart operation. I know that all the very best wishes will be extended by everyone and we hope that he will soon be out running and jumping like all boys do. I see that they have finally transferred Cpl. Ed Eldridge and Cpl. Lyle White, both to CFB Trenton. I asked Whitey the other day, how long he had been here, and he told me that it was so long that he thinks maybe he was born here. Best of luck in Trenton boys.

Starting to-morrow night, yours truly starts on regular night shift. I hear tell that if they leave you on the shift long enough, you will go blind from never seeing the sun. Oh well, I guess it's all right, as I'm getting too old to appreciate what I see now anyway.

Candid Quotes: Beware the fury of a patient man.

SPOOKY



"The Sufferettes" looking into Crystal Ball for future engagements.

The Art Of Driving

My husband thinks I should write about how I learned to drive. I don't quite understand why, 'cause tears come to his eyes whenever he speaks of it. He claims it might be easier if he could share the ordeal with someone.

I had never had any inclinations towards motor vehicles, until I got married. It came to me, a few months after the honeymoon wore off, that the old man was one up on me. He drove a car and I didn't. Couldn't have that! I had to learn.

I bugged and bugged him until one day, he sat me behind the wheel and said: "Now, darn it, drive!" I was shocked! Goodness! Drive! just like that! I didn't even know which way you turned the wheel to make this motorized monster go.

I asked him as sweetly as I could and tears came into his eyes for the first time. He, then, explained all about the accelerator, and the clutch, and the brakes, and the gears that form an X. He was very long winded about the whole thing; but I don't think he spent enough time on the steering, because when he ended his lecture with: "Now, drive" I did! right into the fish net shed in back of our house.

From that small incident, I progressed very well. I never hit anything big again. In fact, the only things I ran over were Mrs. Johnson's shrubbery, the telephone post in front of our house (side-swiped), a couple of sidewalks, my flower patch and the lake.

My husband never ceases to amaze

me. He gets me into the most ungodly situations. He didn't fail me this time either. As a site for my back-up course, he chose a deserted country road with a twenty-five foot embankment, on the right hand side.

He said: "Now, drive in reverse!" I did! but I hadn't quite mastered the steering problem yet. Within a few seconds, (I don't remember the details too clearly) we were balancing like a teeter-totter, on the side of the road.

He wouldn't allow me to giggle, but, then, he didn't yell either. He whispered, gently, that we mustn't move or talk loudly or anything, because the vibrations might shake us loose from whatever was holding us up there and we'd roll down and break our bloody necks. He muttered quite a lot, but I only caught a few words of what he was saying. I think he was praying.

The RCMP came to the rescue. After an hour or so, a patrol car came by, saw our predicament, and helped us out.

The driver tester would tell me to turn left and I'd turn on my left signal lights, like all good drivers should, and then veer off to the right. Turn right; I'd reverse the procedure. I wasn't trying to antagonize him, but I was nervous.

After the prescribed (almost) test route, my friend told me that if I could parallel-park in front of the office, he'd pass me. Well! This was a cinch! Parallel-parking, I do beautifully.

... Would you believe I now drive legally!

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ARE YOU ARE



Lt. Col. H. L. Broughton presents Ellen with Service Plaque and profuse thanks.

Mrs. Ellen Honour Nowell

Joined the Staff of RCAF Station Southport, Manitoba 22 September 1952, remaining in the position of Telephone Operator 2 until 01 September 1960 when she became acting Supervisor 1. Mrs. Nowell remained in that position until 16 June 1962 when RCAF Station Southport elected to do without the services of Telephone Operators and adopted the Direct Dial System.

After a brief retirement, we at RCAF Winnipeg, had the good fortune to have Mrs. Nowell join our Telephone Staff 26 July 1962. Her kindly, pleasant manner with everyone has been greatly appreciated through all our busy, and particularly busy times when the lights just never seemed to cease for even a second.

Mrs. Nowell looks forward to retirement in her own home at Portage La Prairie, near her daughter Mrs. Monty Hall and family of High Bluff and to visit with her son Murray and his family of Haney, B.C.

Flight Checks

Well, by the looks of the mud it must be spring time in the west. Captain Brocklehurst (our brownjobber) is happy again. He really misses the mother earth and just can't wait 'til he can tromp around in the brown mud in his brown shoes. He says it renews his sense of kinship with his buddies in other place (army places). As spring time is the time for new ideas, and we're going to introduce a couple that we hope our readers will enjoy. Rather than strictly a gossip column, we will be doing a series of articles on the function and activities of the Air Navigation School/Flying Wing. This week's article will be concerned with the function and make-up of Flying Wing.

The "Gooney Bird", which is the emblem on our unit crest, is the affectionate nickname for the DC3, C47 or just plain Dak. It is one of the oldest aircraft on inventory and of the 10,000 built from 1936 to 1946, 5,000 are still in service, Flying Wing has 26.

The 89 pilots that make up Flying Wing are roughly divided into two classes — old/wise and young/eager. This is an ideal situation for (a) impressive war stories and (b) the passing on of valuable experience: e.g. don't drink flame throwers when you are having a hard time standing; don't play shuffleboard when you are having a hard time standing; don't stand when you are having a hard time standing. Flying Wing is also one of the only places where a young pilot can become an aircraft captain in about a year.

Flying Wing also has its own conversion flight. In conversion, Jasper Johnston converts the new pilots to chinese food and if time permits will also teach them to fly the Dak. Standards checks that the new and veteran pilots don't try and play shuffleboard while trying to stand, and will also if given time, check that you can still fly.

I didn't think that the winter was very long this year, but I guess it must have been long the following members of the Wing because they are all engaged: Paul Jennings, Bob Jeffries, Mike Barbeau, Ron Tiessen, Rick Ainley, Jim Guild and Barry Farnham. We have also had a couple of marriages: Jim Carnegie and Pat Riley, not to each other but to a couple of pretty girls. It's the only way to go.

Al Snyder is having a tough time keeping his car on the road these days. He says it's Al's subconscious urge to get off into the fields and start the spring plowing. Just off conversion, Weber, MacLeod, Watson and Richardson and presently on conversion, Johansson, Cushman, Taylor, Hodges, Healey, Holt, Allan, Cooper, Moore, Olson and MacIntosh. Due to the demand for good pilots elsewhere the Wing is going to lose some of its more veteran pilots. They are: Stan Gitzel, Ken Portas, Bob McCreadie, Gerry King, Harry Knox and Brian Bainbridge. We hope that these officers make a real success of their new posting and that they retain some fond memories of Flying Wing.

Well, I must apologize for this listing of name after name, but all these marriages, engagements, postings, promotions, etc. have piled up on me since I've been on leave. The next column may be a little more interesting as we are going to introduce as a new feature a series of candid photographs taken around the Wing and on our flights and away trips. That's all for now. "The Gooney Bird"

The New Sound Of Music

by Al Golding

Authentic FLAMENCO music has traditionally served as an emotional outlet for a few habitats hidden in corners of southern Spain.

Extraordinary musicianship is the basis of an incredibly brilliant guitar technique of the Flamenco virtuosity of Mantis de Plata (which means in English — Little Silver Hands). His real name is Ricardo Ballardo. His new sound of music is astringent Flamenco, always technically astonishing, and his hard cool sound is a bracing change from often bathetic performances.

His illuminating albums are simply entitled, "Mantis de Plata" Flamenco Guitar, Volumes One and Two.

Volume One reveals such titles as: Bulerias; Granadines; Farruca; Levantes; Sevillanos, Volume Two, such titles as: Fandangos; Tarantas y Bulerias; Gypsy Rhumba and Moritas Moras.

Noted personalities have said of Mantis de Plata:

- a. "A great and savage artist." . . . John Steinbeck.
- b. "In that kind of music, I have never heard the equal of the man with the hands of silver." . . . Vincent Sheenan.
- c. "With Mantis de Plata the begging and the crying are actually a cry of angels." . . . Mackinley Kantor.

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COURTESY

We hear a lot these days about courteous driving. Courtesy is the oil that keeps friction from developing when we rub each other the wrong way in traffic. Without it we would soon be at each other's throats.

Courtesy is far reaching. If you perform an act of courtesy to some driver he will usually look at you a little bewildered at first as if he can't believe his eyes, then a smile lights up his face and he goes down the street ready to pass it on to someone else. Thus a small act of courtesy moves outward in an ever-widening circle like waves when a pebble is thrown in a pool of water.

What are some of these courteous acts that produce such wonderful results? Very simple things like:

- Slowing down when passing through pools of water to avoid splashing cars or pedestrians.
 - Waiting behind a confused motorist without sounding our impatience on the horn.
 - Yielding to avoid an accident or a close call, even when it's our turn.
 - Stopping and making a break in traffic to let a vehicle enter from a driveway.
 - Waiting patiently for elderly or confused pedestrians to clear the intersection.
 - Dimming our lights first when meeting traffic at night.
 - Dimming headlights when following closely at night.
 - Giving turn signals in plenty of time to warn those following.
 - Parking parallel to the curb and not double.
 - Keeping engine noise down.
 - Waiting for a good opening before entering a traffic stream. . .
- There are many others — the list is almost endless. And have you noticed — these are the things you like folks to do for you. So we find that true courtesy is merely using the Golden Rule and, brother, everybody can afford to use more of it.

RATIO

Next time you are driving along the highway at 60 miles an hour, six or seven vehicle lengths behind the car ahead, picture a piece of paper about 12 inches square. With care, you should be able to stand comfortably on the space, perhaps even with your feet a few inches apart. Got the picture? Well, that is the amount of surface your vehicle has for stopping. Small wonder that it takes more than the length of a football field for a driver to bring his vehicle to a stop from 60 miles an hour, even in a panic situation with a vehicle in good condition and under ideal road conditions.

Cars Kill More

A good deal more than twice as many Canadians have been killed in traffic since 1922 than were killed during World War II, according to recent figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

No traffic records were kept before 1922, but since then traffic has accounted for 97,894 lives. There were 44,893 gallant Canadians who lost their lives during the greatest war in history.

And, in traffic, almost twice as many have been killed in the past 17 years as were killed in the previous 27 years. The figures follow:

1922-1949—35,624 traffic deaths.
1950-1967—62,270 traffic deaths.

In addition, 1,626,220 Canadians have been injured in traffic since 1950.

The Armed Forces will never put a lethal weapon in the hands of an untrained person, but millions of Canadians get behind the wheel of a lethal weapon every day.

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If you don't wear seat belts

Speed limit: What many motorists observe when driving behind a police car.

There were just as many careless drivers sixty years ago, but the horses had more sense.



Why, any fool can see that my Safety Belts are on!

Kiddies' Korner



Sharon Graham — the first of many lovely youngsters.
Photo by Patey

Kiddies' Korner

The Vixen is for dad. At a recent Voxair gab session someone said, "Why not something for mom and the kids?" — and dad too. The result is "kiddies' corner". We plan to run a picture every issue of a youngster — either a boy or girl — between the ages of three and eight at home or at play. If you would like to see a picture of your youngster here, drop us a line.
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NEWS OF THE FORCES



Cdr. "Bob" Leaving
Commander Robert A. Darlington, staff officer, Training Command Headquarters, Winnipeg, is transferred to Canadian Forces Base, Borden, Ontario, April 22, 1968.



He will become deputy commandant of the Canadian Forces School of Administration and Logistics.

Approval of the newly formed school was received in August 1967 and is the result of a major reorganization of support element training for the Canadian Armed Forces.

The formation of the school has brought the training of six related fields under one unified control and will train about 2,050 per year.

Commander Darlington was born and educated in Winnipeg. He graduated from United College in 1949 with a bachelor of arts.

(CANADIAN FORCES PHOTO)

NEW GAUGE

Captain M. C. MacDonald has become editor in chief of the flourishing CFB Galetown Gazette in Oromocto, N.B. He succeeds Maj. Frank Ervin who has been posted to the Middle East with the UN Truce Supervisory Organization.

MAU REVOIR, NOREEN

The only woman editor along the CFB network has returned to civvy street. Lt. Noreen P. Chambers cranked up the paper on mimeograph a year ago but wasted no time in getting the Calgary Roundup into an offset tabloid format. Succeeding Noreen as editor in chief is Capt. R. C. Kibblewhite.

OFFER BOND SWAP

OTTAWA (CFP) — Got any 1959 Canada Savings Bonds kicking around? The government offers you the chance of exchanging them for the latest series coming up on May 1. The new series, maturing Oct. 1, 1978, will have the "most attractive yield ever provided by a Canada Savings Bond," according to CANFORGEN 043.

The department of finance is mailing the offer to all 1959 holders but if they can't reach you, they suggest you contact any branch of a chartered bank, authorized investment dealer, trust or loan company for the pamphlet explaining the deal.

RAF BRIGHTENER

F/L O. J. Thomas, AFC, RAF, and a British firm (S. R. Signs Ltd.) plan to market his portable, battery-operated neon runway light now that the RAF has tested it with "impressive" results at RAF Shawbury using Chipmunk aircraft.

PERL (portable electronic runway light) was designed to replace the pyrotechnic, paraffin-burning flare familiar on airfields throughout the world. Thomas, 33-year veteran of the service, evolved PERL for use where

there's no permanent electric power, or as a standby secondary lighting during a power failure, and in poor visibility. (CFP)

THIRD "TRIBE"

Canada's third Oberon class submarine, the Okanagan, will be commissioned June 22 at Chatham, Kent, England.

The submarine was launched Sept. 17, 1966, and christened Okanagan by Mme Cadieux, wife of Hon. Leo Cadieux.

All three "O" class submarines are diesel-electric, displacing 2,410 tons submerged, with a length of 295 feet, they are fitted with modern detection equipment and armed with homing torpedoes. The submarines are named after Canadian Indian tribes.

BACK IN THE SADDLE

The destroyer-escorts Saskatchewan and Qu'Appelle leave their home port of Esquimalt, B.C. April 1 for a three-month training cruise to the Far East.

Among the ports to be visited by the two vessels are Manila; Port Swettenham, Malaya; Singapore; and Hong Kong.

ESQUIMALT, B.C. (CFP) — Build a super-duper washing machine ringer and roller towel on a barge and you can really lap up oil polluting the sea.

Chemist R. B. R. Sewell used a beat up old washing machine to pick up a quarter gallon of fuel oil a minute with an old towel from the water here.

The head of the general and organic chemistry group in the defence research establishment Pacific figures a barge-mounted machine with a belt 10 feet wide, and thicker than the towel he used, could pick up and wring out as much as 100,000 gallons of oil spillage a day.

The danger and widespread threat of oil spills was shown by the wreck of the Torrey Canyon off England last year. The tanker's oil spread to French as well as British beaches and threatened other shores.

Sunken tankers of the second world war off the North American seaboard are eroding. They may have enough oil left to pose contamination problems over wide areas.

HOW IT STARTED

The Pacific establishment began its interest in the problem several years ago when the Canadian navy asked for help in developing a system for containment and removal of inflammable liquid spills from water surfaces.

Containment was solved by making a corral of long, inflated cylindrical sections of synthetic rubber formed into a boom, with a skirt hanging several feet below it into the water.

Mr. Sewell faced a tough removal problem until he hit upon using the old washing machine and roller towel to soak up and wring out the stuff in containers.

He says the belt, once wetted by oil and wrung out, will "prefer" oil to water in the sopping up process.

INVENTIONS

His rig has been granted a Canadian patent. He feels it would be wise for Canada to have facilities on each coast to handle any spills until international agreements produce a wider ranging solution.

Color Party Grads



The graduation of the Color Party School of the Royal Canadian Legion was held March 17 at HMCS Chippawa.

The parade, consisting of approximately seventy-five Legionnaires and Auxiliary were inspected by Commander P. Benson, RCN (R).

Following the parade, the annual Color Party competition was held. The ninety minute ceremony, attended by family and friends of the participants, was formally terminated by a sunset ceremony and the formation of the Guard, Band and Gun Crew of John Travers Cornwall, V.C., Royal Canadian Sea Cadets.

The Color Party School was organized in 1965 by a group of officers of the Winnipeg and District Council of the Royal Canadian Legion. The group, representative of the 80,000 ex-service men in Winnipeg, train members of the Legion and Auxiliary in the ritual and procedure of Legion ceremony by the effective use of a short course in drill.

MARK I EYEBALL

AB Juergen Deterding of HMCS Qu'Appelle has been awarded a certificate of merit from the chief of defence staff. He was a lookout in the destroyer escort Sept. 21 while she was exercising with sister-ship Saskatchewan and U.S. Navy warships on the Pacific. A submarine had begun a submerged "attack" on the formation when the senior officer ordered a turn towards the submarine's estimated position. Normally the submarine would have broken off its attack and gone deeper. The Qu'Appelle was in her turn and doing 15 knots when AB Deterding spotted the periscope 80 yards ahead. Due to his alertness and prompt reporting, the engines were put full astern and an accidental ramming avoided.

Cdr. Richard Ratcliffe, commanding the Canadian warship, figured the collision would have been disastrous with probable high loss of life. He summed it up by saying: "Despite modern developments for detection, the most reliable one is still the human eye . . . Deterding . . . proved this to be the case."

DOT HAS COLD, SABRE OUTLOOK

TORONTO (CFP) — A Toronto aviation firm has put a Sabre fighter canopy atop two Douglas DC-4s for sea ice reconnaissance duties in Canada.

The Sabre canopy gives the ice observer of the transport department a 180 degree view from his dorsal perch and the DC-4s have another observer at a TV screen with the camera in the nose able to zoom for close-ups of a particular ice formation. A DOT ice analyst uses radar in the rear of the long range aircraft.

SHOWING THE FLAG



Seven warships of maritime command's Atlantic fleet spent six days in New Orleans, La., recently to help observe Canada Week during the 250th anniversary of city's birth. It was a welcome respite from a heavy training schedule in the Caribbean. (CFP)

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... I think I made a wrong turn!



Governor General Winnipeg visit. With Capt. D. H. Hyman.

Sailors Get Rolled

HALIFAX (CFP) — When the Mother Sea is tranquil, who wants to roll about while dishes crash from racks, men topple from bunks and Gravel takers flounder towards the rail.

Chopper pilots, of course. Who else? A new pipe nowadays in nine a maritime command's destroyers is: "Stand by for induced roll".

Helicopter-destroyers have elaborate stabilizing equipment so they can stay steady enough for flying operations when the sea is not exactly behaving her best.

The problem is how to practise in rough weather when there isn't any around and the met man can't promise it in the foreseeable future. On the Atlantic this can happen, hard to believe.

EUREKA

The answer is to flick a switch. Even on a glassy sea those stabilizing fins bite in to make a DDH roll like a drunken . . . er, roll drunkenly.

Then, while the ship is behaving as if caught in a goodish beam sea, the helicopter pilots do their homework pursuing the ups and downs of the profession.

ROLL ALONG . . .

Fin stabilizers used in reverse are new. An anti-submarine sloop of the RN on the Caribbean circuit a couple of decades ago would appear in a calm off a particularly jolly port call, then enter with a certain anticipatory roll that prompted shoreside friends to take the corks out of the jugs and throw 'em away!

Vice-Admiral H. G. DeWolf's second world war fame was better known to his sailors as "Hard-on Harry" for those sudden, hairy turns as he twisted HMCS Haida, Canada's fightingest destroyer, through waves off north Russia, Norway or the Channel and Bay of Biscay.

With all the tumbling about the ship and now, don't be surprised at meeting time in a DDH if a sailor asks you for "buns" not "rolls".



COL. J. P. BEER, Headquarters in St. Hubert, started the long flight.

Accompanied by Lt. By Commander, Centennial Medal to Forces Decoration to



The ADVANCE arrangements for the Winnipeg Airport their families.

On The
The advance party, Princess Light Infantry will be on for Cyprus, M. The move will be of the spring rotation peacekeeping troops. About 800 personnel, PPCLI, a battery, and headquarters, Royal Canadian Squadron from the armoured regiment personnel will be. The main body of Transport Command starting April 7, will be completed by A. Returning to C. Battalion, Black. Gagetown, a squadron and headquarters group from the B. five at Fredericton. Carry's will land. The April rotation United Nations force of more than 8,000 the personnel commitment peacekeeping began. The contingent of 550-square-mile area from Nicosia north coast.

I Salute, You Salute, We All Salute

By WO Hal Nordin

*This is the truth for which I stand
A new salute has hit the land
With the method I will not tinker
If I forget, think me not a stinker.*

In May 67 an article appeared in the newspaper telling us that the custom of saluting would soon be a thing of the past as a regulation. Saluting on the parade square, of course, would remain.

Saluting, as I have read, was practised as far back as the days when the early users of Wilkinson blades used to raise their visors to greet another friendly knight. I said another friendly knight. This to me was really mutual admiration. On this basis, saluting is good and should be continued. I do like the new salute but I can't help wondering though, how many variations will emanate from it. I have been using this new salute since it was first introduced and I'm sure that I haven't done it the same twice.

I recall during the second war how we expressed great mirth at the Japanese soldiers whose custom it was to salute each other regardless of rank. My thinking since those days has matured to the extent that I feel if salut-

ing should remain (not mandatory) it should not be restricted to an OR saluting an Officer, and his returning it. I've rendered countless salutes over the years, many of which were not

returned — on those occasions, I became very bilingual indeed.

Why not a salute to indicate a greeting as it was intended. Up to now it stands as a meaningless obligation.

Brig-Gen J. L. Melville To Visit Winnipeg

4 RCEO is currently involved in planning a project that is somewhat removed from the normal concept of CE. On 31 May 68, BGen J. L. Melville, CBE, MC, ED, CD, will retire as Colonel Commandant, The Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers, after many years of devoted and enthusiastic service. As part of the proceedings to honour his retirement and his service, CFHQ has authorized a cross-country tour for BGen Melville and his gracious lady to permit them to say good-bye to as many serving and former members of the RCE as possible. They will be visiting Winnipeg for one day from approximately noon 23 April 68 until noon 24 April 68, and a Committee has been established to plan a function or functions in honour of the visit. The Committee is under the chairmanship of Col. Schmidlin, 4 RCEO and consists of Capt. D. Graham, TCHQ, Capt. J. G. S. Cox, 1 CEU, Lt. G. Byerlay, 4 RCEO and CWO A. Pilowski, Base Engineer Unit. One of the functions now being planned will be a mixed All Ranks Dinner and Dance to be held in the 17 Wing Auxiliary Officers Mess commencing at approximately 2000 hrs. on

23 April 68. During the course of this function a suitable presentation will be made to BGen and Mrs. Melville.

At this stage, your subscriber feels that the good services of Voxair may be most helpful, because with what probably is an ever increasing circulation, Voxair might well reach people who have had previous service with RCE and who might be interested in attending the farewell function. If there are any such people they could obtain additional information by contacting Capt. J. G. S. Cox, Administrative Officer, 1 CEU, telephone 832-1311, local 624, or any other Committee Member as detailed above.



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Governor General Roland Michener inspecting 3 RCHA Honour Guard during recent Winnipeg visit. With Mr. Michener are the Guard Commander Capt. J. K. Hilton and Aide Capt. D. H. Hyman.



COL. J. P. BEER MBE, CD, the Chief of Artillery flew in from Mobile Command Headquarters in St. Hubert last week for a final parade of "X" (CYPRUS) BTY before they started the long flight to the Romantic Isle.

Accompanied by the Adjutant Capt. D. J. Ker-Hornell and Maj. G. B. C. Parenteau, the Bty Commander, the Chief inspected all members of the Bty and then presented the Commendation Medal to Bombardiers T. F. CAMPLIN and J. Y. GALLIEN, and the Canadian Forces Decoration to Bombardier J. G. MAILLET (pictured below).



The ADVANCE PARTY for the Bty left on the 29th of March to make all the necessary arrangements for the main body. The 13 members of the party left by commercial air from the Winnipeg Airport and were seen off by the Commanding Officer, the RSM and of course their families.

On The Move

The advance party of the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry will be leaving Edmonton for Cyprus, March 31. The move will mark the beginning of the spring rotation of Canada's UN peacekeeping troops on the island. About 800 personnel including the 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, a squadron from the Fort Garry Horse armoured regiment and headquarters personnel will be involved.

The main body will be moved by Air Transport Command's Yukon aircraft starting April 7, and the rotation will be completed by April 16.

Returning to Canada will be the 1st Battalion, Black Watch, from CFB Edmonton, a squadron of Fort Garrys and headquarters personnel. The first group from the Black Watch will arrive at Fredericton April 1. The Fort Garrys will land at Calgary April 15.

The April rotation of troops to the United Nations force brings to more than 8,000 the number of Canadian personnel committed there since UN peacekeeping began four years ago.

The contingent is responsible for a 200-square-mile area, Kyrenia district, 100 miles north to the Mediterranean Sea.

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The SERGEANTS' MESS MIXED MESS DINNER Part Two was held on the 30th of March and a good time was had by all those attending. A delicious filet mignon dinner was served to the 150 guests.

Pictured above at the Mixed Mess Dinner are (l to r) MWO R. W. HALLAM, SGT. and MRS. C. H. MOLLONS and WO and MRS. W. P. LEBLANC.



Two Sr. NCO's who were given a warm sendoff by their children were SGT. H. T. BUTTS (l) with his daughter KATHY and son BILLY, and SGT. B. E. L. WHITE (r) with his daughters SHARON and VICKI. Sgt. Butts had been previously issued with parachute, life-jacket, helmet, air sickness pills, air scared (tranquillizers) pills and a paddle to help overcome his trepidations concerning air travel.

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Queen's Scout John Summerfield instructs some newer Scouts on lashings as part of their training. Photo by Patey

From The Troop Journalist

Tom Paxton

The 104th Scout Troop now has two new helpers. They are Billy Armstrong and Ken McDonald who, along with John Summerfield, and Don Rud-dock make up the patrol counsellors.

We also have a fair number of new members comprised of cubs and curiosity seekers. Some are already invest-ed.

Now our troop is training a new troop leader and assistant troop leader, Tommy McRae and David Fogarty respectively.

We have adopted a new investiture system where the new boy lights a candle for each law that is stated and explained by Tuski. This goes on until all the candles are lit and then the boy subscribes to the Scout Promise, then is presented his hat, necker and badges.

Tuski started a new opening ceremony where the colour party, a Patrol Leader, a Seconder and the Troop Leader, takes the flag from the back of the hall and marches up to the front where it is placed in the holder. The colour party then salutes the flag and falls back into the horseshoe. But this system seems to have been set aside due to the experience needed in

marching. So a simpler ceremony is now being used.

Bill Armstrong has organized an inter-patrol floor hockey tournament and it seems to be going quite smoothly. The finals should commence in the next two weeks. A debate match was arranged by the Troop Scouter which proved to be quite interesting and enjoyable and I hope that every member of the Troop has an opportunity to participate in one.

A few months ago we had a winter camping course. The turnout was rather poor, about ten boys came out, but it was lots of fun.

PARENT NEWS: The mothers of the Group will be holding a rummage sale on April 20 from 2 P.M. at the Scout Hall. Donations for the sale will be picked up on Friday, April 19, so if you wish to donate any items to the sale, please leave them on your front door step the Friday and they will be gratefully picked up. Coffee and dough-nuts will be served during the sale and there will also be a fish pond for the little ones. All the proceeds from the Rummage Sale will be donated to the Boy Scout and Girl Guide sections of the Fort Osborne PMQ area.

The next dance of the season will be a "Back To School Dance" on Saturday, April. Contact your Leader for the times and price. We expect to see all the Scouts, Venturers, Girl Guides and Rangers there.

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CLASP



Well . . . here we go again. I'm glad to see that somebody missed me.

You would not believe some of the things that people do just to amuse themselves. It is a shame that all the activity created by the entertainment we had a few weeks ago couldn't have been channeled in some useful direc-tion. Just because one person had nothing better to do with their spare time, the Club, members and many others were subjected to extra work and frustra-tions. It's too bad when, because of one or two, so many must suffer. I was asked a short while ago to make a sign to put in the Club. The sign would read:

What is Said or Done
in the Club
Stays of Course
in the Club.

This shouldn't ever be necessary but evidently it is!

Needless to say, I and many, many others are sure choked up about the foolishness of the whole thing. I'm sure glad that we don't have more support like this. If the shoe fits . . . Wear it. 'Nuff said.

CPL's "Nail" Sgt's

Once again the CPL's proved success-ful in retaining the annual Sr. NCO's vs. CPL's inter-mess sports day trophy. It was a great day for all but particu-larly the CPL's who won the competi-tion 53 - 29. The purse began at both messes shortly after, or possibly even during, lunch (no points award-ed). (At this time there was the normal pre-game coaching, prompting and of course, a detailed inspection of all equipment. At 3:00 p.m. in bldg. 21 the games got underway with a broom-ball game in which the Sr. NCO's were trounced, (15 pts. for the Good



WO1 Keefe (r) presents Andy Anderson with the Sports Day Trophy. Andy looks just a little pleased!! Photo by Curry

Guys). The activity then moved back to the SGT's Mess where there was food and refreshment laid on. At 6:30 the night games commenced amid much confusion, high spirit (pun intended) and rivalry. The games were a huge success and amazingly even. Each winner up to the final receiving one point and the finals receiving a three point win. Here the Sr. NCO's were badly outclassed as the CPL's walked off with four of the five events. It would seem that one of the criteria for being a Sr. NCO's is darts as they win this com-petition 12 to 6 with Ben Brown and Lorne Dunham, a terrible twosome from I & E. From this point on there was no looking back as the CPL's

WO1 Keefe takes his shot. Tiddly Winks ... such concentration. Photo by Curry



cleared the next five events with relative ease. This is how it was: Blackmore and Murphy in Shuffleboard (CPL's 8 to 5), Mike Curtin & Terry Tooley in Euchre (CPL's 9 to 8), "Tippy" Deveau and "Red" Bailey in Crib (CPL's 9 to 4) and in the final Andy "The Viking" Anderson took the six points by defeating WO1 Keefe in the PMC's challenge Tiddly Winks. Mind you Andy had a slight advantage. Let's face it . . . anybody with a 5 1/2 foot arm can't go to far wrong in Tiddly Winks.

The whole day was a great success and made most enjoyable by an extremely pleasant, jovial group of hosts



The only Sr. NCO winners, dart player Ben Brown (l) and Lorne Dunham clutch their prize. Photo by Curry

So to WO1 Keefe and his motley tribe of Sr. NCO's our thanks from the Corporals.

The evening was topped off with songs, music and other kinds of entertain-ment. For a while it looked as though the "others kinds of entertain-ment" would be limited to Joe Price and his pet frog (the one in his throat). All things considered it was a night of few worries, loud voices and much fun. The committee members from both messes must be heartily congratulated. Till next time "Leaky Lip" P.S. "Droopy Slip" where are you L.L.

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TRY FOR VOLLEYBALL TITLE IN WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG (CFP) — Eight teams from British Columbia to Nova Scotia gathered here April 3-5 to decide the top volleyball sextet of the forces.

The three-day, double round-robin tournament saw the top teams from the eight forces zones compete for the silverware, held currently by CFB Kingston.

Competing were bases Comox, Calgary, Winnipeg, Rockcliffe, Valcartier, Georgetown, Shearwater and Kingston.

Each team played seven games during the tournament with the two top teams playing off for the forces volleyball crown.

Ed. Note: At press time we do not have the outcome. More next issue.

FORT OSBORNE CURLING CLUB RESULTS

The regular and mixed leagues in the FOB Club completed their final round, and the Mixed League is holding a wind-up 'spiel April 1st to the 15th. The winners in the season's play were:

Regular League		
Division	Winner	Runners-up
A	R. Morrison	Davis
B	Lewis	Rogers
C	Wilkinson	Pegg
D	Bell	J. Morrison

Club Champion — Davis
Grand Aggregate — Davis

Mixed League		
Division	Winner	runners-up
A	R. Morrison	Common and Thurmeier
B	Nicholson	Hendersen
C	Wong	Taylor and Nutley
D	Casey	Daigle
E	Cheyne	Sutherland and Mark
F	Holmes	Ferris, Garner and Evans

Club Champion — Lamb

RANSON TROPHY

The Larry Ranson Trophy was won on the 31st of March in a final game between the LaRush and De Brouwere families. The LaRush fearsome family foursome won this sudden-death, single knockout competition and will be presented with the trophy at the banquet.

And speaking of banquets, the Fort Osborne Club has scheduled theirs for April 26th in Building 21, the "Old

Drill Hall" on the north site. This is the same night as the Westwin banquet is to be held and those with divided loyalties will be obliged to make a firm decision or shuttle back and forth.

9 AMU... STILL BAFFLING



4th Annual Western Supply Bopsiel "B" Event Winners: L to R: Lead, Cpl. George "f-----" Tanner; Second, Cpl. George Moore and Skop, Capt. M. J. "Barney" Barnett. Not shown, Third, WO R. L. Crockett. The frantic foursome lost to Rivers in the first round, then went on to defeat TCHQ, CFB Cold Lake, CFB Calgary and CFB Gypsumville in four straight to capture the title.

Junior Curling

By Marilyn Secord

The Westwin Junior Curlers held their wind-up bopsiel on March 30th. Trophies and prizes were presented by the President of the Club, Marv Nordman, to the successful teams. Accepting trophies for winning the first round were Jim Gustafson — skip, Bob Miles — third, Debbie Phillips — second and Ian Secord — lead. Gustafson's team emerged victorious after a five team play-off was required between Phyllis Bailey, Ronald Dobson, Fred Hutchings and Janice Le Roy.

Second round winners again saw skip Jim Gustafson accepting the trophies with fellow teammates Bob Miles, Rick Thurmeier and Debbie Phillips

Final bopsiel trophy winners were George Hutchings — skip, Colin Darlington — third, Michael Hache — second and Norman Price — lead. All ten teams received prizes.

Following the presentation, hot dogs, chips and pop were devoured by the hungry curlers. A most successful season has been enjoyed by the enthusiastic young people which required two draws on Saturday mornings, and endless time and effort contributed freely by Gus Gustafson with assistance from Don McDougal and Denny Denroche.

RUGGER NOTES

The playing season as presently planned by the Manitoba Rugby Union will run from approximately mid-May to mid-September. A preliminary period of 2 or 3 weeks will permit teams to find their strength and shake out the kinks. May 15 is the deadline for any Club to enter a team. After mid-September a round-robin tournament will be held.

Rugger has been described as a ruffians game played by gentlemen. There is a good reason. There is one referee who is the sole judge of fact. Although he is assisted by two touch-judges who mark where the ball goes out of bounds, he is in charge of the game. With 30 energetic bods chasing one football there are bound to be some incidents he doesn't see. At this point the gentlemanly aspect clicks in. You think you might get away with something a little shady, but you don't try it. You're a gentlemanly rugger player. And there are 15 guys on the other team to remind you if you forget.

Any sport can be played with a strategy of attrition-winning by eliminating or incapacitating the opposition. At such a point the label of "sport" would be questionable. Rugby, as played in Canada, as I have seen it, is on a play-to-win basis with a live-and-let-live rider. A most interesting feature is the tradition of the teams joining after the game for refreshment.

In fact some prefer the "third half" to the previous two on the field.

As with any sport, there must be rules. The rules themselves and the way the referee calls them establish the tone of any game. The referee in rugger is not required to indicate which rule was broken or by whom. He is not required to explain anything. He indicates his call and the play goes on. This prevents a team gaining a respite while the referee is quoting chapter and verse. An attacking team is not robbed of its momentum by any kind of delaying tactics.

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The vice chief passes on a few pre-game tips to four members of the 1948 Olympic champion RCAF Flyers at the Bruce Sharpe benefit game March 16, in Ottawa's Civic Centre. Left to right are Lt.-Gen. F. R. Sharpe, vice chief of the defence staff, Lt.-Col. Hubert Brooks, CFBQ, CWO Andy Gilpin, Mobile Command, Sgt. Red Gravelle, base Portage la Prairie, and team captain Frank Boucher. The Old Pros edged the airmen 4-3. (Canadian Forces Photo)

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Annual Supply Sports Day

The date — Friday, March 22, 1968, a pleasant day in spring, a day like any other except — it was the day of the Supply Sports Classic. A day of decision. At 1300 hours a band of grim-faced men, and quietly determined women strode forth to the coliseum of their choice. Once there, they knew they would come face to face with reality. The thrill of victory or the agony of defeat. Like gladiators of old, they faced with calm courage the hazards of their chosen sport. Like there was Bowling in the Rec. Center, and Darts, Shuffleboard and Pool held in the Corporals' Club.

In the Rec. Center, the Bowlers played their games well, and with few distractions. But Bowlers are dedicated people, and this is the way they like it. The Corporals' Club on the other hand had one main distraction, and Shuffleboarders, Dartplayers and Pool players being not so dedicated liked it this way. For some, victory was agony because it meant they must continue to play which required them to maintain a

standing position. Not so easy, you know, after a few shots of distraction. For others, defeat was a thrill because, after all, there are other things to do in a Corporals' Club besides playing games.

Farewell Party

After the sports events were completed, a section party was held in Bldg. 21. Prizes were awarded to the various winners and at the same time, the supply people officially bid farewell to two of their members. Cpl. Bob Johnson, who will be leaving for Trenton shortly, was presented with a handsome golf bag. Lt. Col. J. Smith, the Base Supply Officer, has been transferred to CFB Borden. Lt. Col. Smith who will be OC the Integrated Supply School was presented with various "gifts" in conjunction with his new duties. As the accompanying photos disclose, he is overwhelmed at being the first and only recipient of the I.U.U. (Integrated Uniform Unique).



Capt. O'Flaherty presents the new "Integrated" uniform to Lt. Col. Smith on behalf of the Supply Section. As can be seen the sleeves are Naval, the right half of the jacket is Army and the left half Air Force. The cap was from screamville.

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Bowlers (back row left to right): Bill Zimmerman, Consolation Prize; Gordie Blackwell, Men's High Triple; George Bell, Men's High Single. (Front row, left to right): Barbara Holcek, Ladies' High Triple; June Tower, Ladies' High Single.

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Cpl. Jack Koper and Mr. Pete Hyska, winners in Dart Doubles. Photo by Curry



Asta Blevins and Norm Pederson share second prize honours in Shuffleboard. Photo by Curry



Chief Warrant Officer "Bill" Shinnan presents farewell gift to Cpl. Bob Johnson. Photo by Curry

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BY

LT. (N) R. R. GODDEN

Subscribers to the Reader's Digest and other well-intentioned mass media publications will be aware of the current emphasis being placed on the healthful benefits to be gained from frequent repetitions of the simple motions of running or jogging. Backed by expert opinion and research, it is advocated that we get ourselves out on the road and run . . . if not for our lives . . . at least in the interests of improving our physical conditioning and perhaps thereby our lives. Here, all the articles tell us, is one of the best forms of conditioning which requires little in the way of equipment . . . a pair of good gym shoes and some loose fitting clothing . . . and in which all ages and both sexes can participate.

What the articles do not dwell upon at too great length is the reason that we find so few people actively engaged in this healthy, inexpensive form of conditioning. I would suggest that the most discouraging and will-power sapping feature of running or jogging is . . . people think you're nuts! Nothing is more conspicuous in today's mechanized and sedentary society than a run-

ning human being. It may be the simple act of running to catch a bus or the daily mile or two for exercise, but whatever the reason it is conspicuous and people take notice. No one wants to be conspicuous in this age of conformity; therefore, running is something that is done as little as possible and then preferably out of the public eye . . . unless you are a presidential candidate or the like.

As one who has on and off during the years run uncounted miles for the simple pleasure of the exercise and healthful benefits . . . even before they became popular . . . I can personally endorse the views of the article writers and add one small voice offering encouragement to anyone who might be considering giving it a try now that there is a promise of milder weather in the air. (That is, it isn't snowing as I write this.) I would like to suggest that anyone interested in setting up a conditioning programme based on running or jogging join with me in a series of morning sessions. That way . . . because there has to be motive . . . won't be anymore conspicuous than anyone who takes me up on this suggestion.

Briefly what I have in mind is a programme of runs of various lengths between 0700 and 0730 hrs. I live on Moorgate St. and propose to use the base sidewalks for a track as there is little chance of raising many eyebrows around the base at that time of day. Beginning at the Sharpe St. entrance or Whytefold for those living on that side, any number of measured distances can be set up. The time factor would be such that a circuitous route would bring a jogger back to start point and home in time to wash up, breakfast and still get to work on time.

Anyone interested in such a programme is invited to call me, LT. (N) R. R. Godden, at local 572, and if I get even one interested caller we will start off, weather permitting, at an agreed date and time. The invitation will be open and you'll have nothing to lose but a half-hour's sleep that you don't really need.

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Lt. Col. Smith on behalf of the right half of the jacket...
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On Mar. 9th CE held its first mixed Funspiel, consisting of fourteen rinks. Entry was by couples only and rinks were made up by drawing names. Food was supplied by the ladies with clam chowder and coffee, pickles, cheese, etc. from the friendly Men's Mess.

The first draw in the Funspiel was regular curling with alternate skips. The second draw was the actual Funspiel itself. The first end was black-out curling — no lights. Skips held flashlights and the respective curlers on each rink informed the skip when the rocks were on their way. The skip picked it out with the flashlight and swept the rock into the house. On the second end — obstacle curling. Seven small wooden obstacles were placed in the house at various positions. The object was to lay the rock in the house without knocking down any of the objects. If the rock hit the obstacle and knocked it down that rock was removed. In the third end a tunnel was built with wooden blocks up the centre of the ice — house to house. Each rock had to pass through the three tunnels before reaching the house or it did not count and the rock was removed. The fourth and last end was regular

curling — no skip, no broom, no sweeping, no nothing! One-half point was given in this end for "biter" rocks. In the Funspiel all rocks in the house counted.

In attendance throughout the Funspiel were three gentlemen by the names of Cpl. Bowman, Pte. Harvey and Mr. Ken Floyd who donned clown suits, courtesy of the local legion, to entertain the children that were present and to keep a happy atmosphere on the ice for the participating curlers. At the completion of the draw winners were awarded prizes on a total point basis. LCOL H. R. Janes, BTECHS-VCO, who was the honorary winner of "B" Division due to winning more games, presented the prizes to "A" Division winners: 1st CAPT. Miller, 2nd Mr. Johnston, 3rd LT. McKinley and 4th Pte. Roche. MAJ. R. F. Maxon, BCEO, presented the prizes to "B" Division winners: 1st LCOL Janes, 2nd Mr. Kost, 3rd WO Coombe and 4th Sgt. McLean. CAPT. K. R. Miller presented prizes in "C" Division. Winners were: 1st CWO Berg, 2nd Cpl. Enokson, 3rd MAJ. Maxon and 4th LT. McDermott.

Frills Of The Roarin' Game

Curling reached a fever pitch this past week and it wasn't until the very last draw was completed that the rink of Mollie Gillespie, (lead) Dorothy Penner (second), Marilyn Secord (third), and Elsie Erhart, (skip) was declared the Second Round Winners. Runner-up was the Norah Jeffries rink of Irene Ferguson, Mae Holmes and Bev Patterson. Congratulations, girls, from all your "green faced" friends at the Club! The first round trophy winner was the Iris Magura rink of Terry Brooks, Doris Denroche and Wendy Darlington, with Connie Henderson's rink of Helen Gazley, Shirley Carleton, and Marlene Jack, Runners-Up. And so, the "Silverware Race" is over for another year! Just wait until next year. . .

Speaking of "next year", a General Meeting was held recently at the Club and a new Executive was elected for the 1968 - '69 Season. Jean MacKenzie will be wielding the gavel! (Madame President) Grace Sutherland, Donna-Lee Kuntz, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents respectively, Helen Gazley will push the pen, (Secretary) and Ellen Thompson will wear out boot leather trying to collect our dues! (Treasurer) Eileen Patterson will take on Publicity — (God Bless!) The Draw Committee consists of Connie Henderson, Veda Renaud, and Jean Tunstead. Entertainment, Marg Ewing, Addie MacKenzie and Dot Penner. Barbara-June Gustafson had taken on the Prize Committee — and two days later tells us she's going to Comox — a pretty sneaky way to get off a committee, I'd say! Inger Hoj and Iris Magura will carry on, B.J.! The Nominating Committee, Norma Spence and Pearl Wilton. Off-hand, I'd say the Club is in good hands, and next season looks equally as bright as the one just finishing.

I'll be back with a final "blurb" next issue about our closing bonspiel and Banquet, but before I go, I'd like to pass along my thanks to "Muck" Reading (that's a terrible name — even for a fellow Nova Scotian!) for his co-operation the past few months, and to the Staff of Voxair. Thank you. (Joyce Scanlon)

Letters to the Editor

Physical Fitness

Dear Sir:

Unfortunately I feel I am one of those back-sliders referred to by Sgt. R. Boast in his truthful letter entitled "Fighting Fit" which appeared in the last edition of Voxair; however, may I add a few facts as observed and experienced by myself.

My first year of service was in the Cdn. Infantry Corps where we were subjected to compulsory PT on a daily basis. The next seven years in the Royal Cdn. Artillery where we had PT once in a blue moon. The next seventeen years have been in the Air Force where I have never been able to participate in any PT periods during duty hours. Just sports. Through no absolute fault of their own, PTT's have spent most of their time supervising various sports events and looking after their own physiques.

I feel it is almost a crime to expect men with 20 or more years of service to suddenly be expected to become supermen. In the past three years, at my former unit, I have been compelled to report to the Rec Centre and pass compulsory physical tests according to my age bracket. Fortunately, and luckily, I always made it the first time, but this proves nothing. Healthy I am. Truthfully physically fit, I doubt.

May I also point out that most of the so called "old fogeys" did much better than the "young squirts" in their first five years of service. There is another tragic side to this story . . . the unit hospital and MIR were full of personnel suffering the after effects of trying to pass these tests. This naturally resulted in a chain reaction of complaints from section bosses due to complete loss of men for periods up to two weeks duration.

What's the point of having qualified PTT's if they are not allowed; or restricted to exercising a selected few? Physical training should commence on a regular basis from time of entry and continue through till termination of service.

Al Golding

North Site Rifle Association News

Not too much news this time, but what there is, is good. Our Junior Hunter Safety program is under way with Sgt. Harry Land as the co-ordinator. It is making real headway and we hope to have more than one team in the Championships at Miami, Man. the first week in June. We're happy to see so many parents showing interest.

Our team has won the trophy in the Man. Small Bore Rifle Assoc. sporting rifle contest which has been running for the past ten weeks, and one of our members, Lloyd Bunting, won the individual aggregate.

The Manitoba open sporting rifle championships were held on Sunday, 31 March; at the Wildlife ranges. Our association members did very well with Major J. Vermeulen, DFC. taking the high aggregate and trophy, and winning himself a warrant to Ottawa for the Dominion Matches in Aug. Clive Bate placed second. Our team, composed of Vermeulen, Bate, and Bunting won the high team aggregate. We are proud to have shown our prowess to such good advantage.

J. Vermeulen has also been awarded the Can. Industries Ltd. Gold Shield for shooting a possible 6,000 out of 6000 in the three position postal matches. This comprises 20 targets each in the prone, kneeling and standing positions. This contest has been running for many years and there are only a few of these awards in Winnipeg. Congratulations, Jan.

Our team in the C 7 military league has managed to get into the semi-finals and are hoping for the best. South Site and R.W.R. are going to be tough nuts to crack as they have real good teams. The odds are in favor of South Site.

Capt. J. Walker of TCHQ is doing a wonderful job aiding and assisting the Man. Wheelchair Rifle Assoc. in the organization of their Assoc. and at their twice weekly practices in the St. James Civic Centre range. He is being assisted in the instruction and coaching by our Assoc. members G. O'Neill, Ed George, J. Vermeulen, Paddy Gladden, Al Beck and Jake Chaston. Qualified volunteer coaches are welcome, so come along fellows and give Capt. Joe a helping hand.

The small bore season is now about over and judging by the way the weather is behaving, it won't be long until we are on the outdoor ranges. All interested in NATO calibre shooting please get in contact with Lt. Harry Knox at local 377, or CPL Bob McNeilly at local 448.

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