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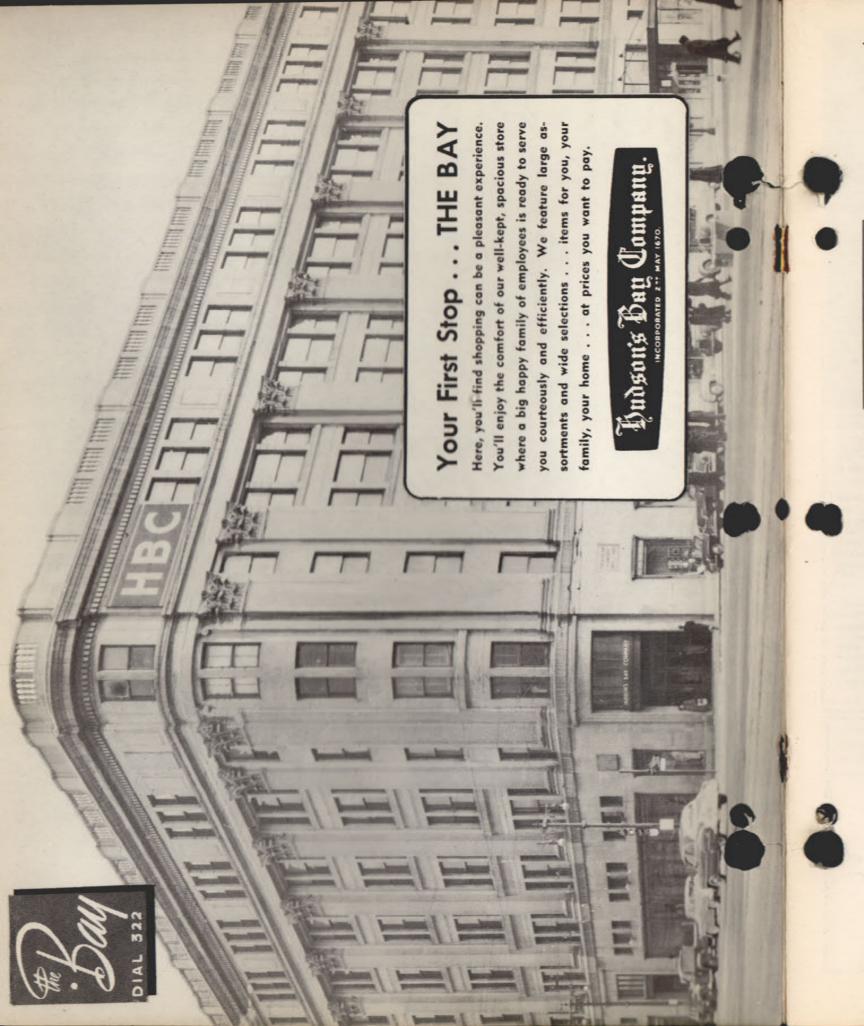
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Editorial

dictions. Fire and water: two of the Dutch floods with those of British man's devastations. Fire and flood; words that encompass all the struggle and trepidation of Mankind. Flood; the inexorable approach of disaster. Winnipeg and its citizens know only too well the dreadful import of the word. Winnipeg, during the trying days of the spring of 1950 was baptised a member of the family of cities that have been tried by flood. Her period of travail was long and arduous, but through the efforts of her own people and through the help of so many others Winnipeg emerged a greater and a better city.

Now from across the sea comes a cry for help from other peoples scourged by flood and wind and wave. Reports emanating from stricken areas give us an indication of the scope of damage and destruc-

Fred Edge of the Winnipeg Free Press reported:

"Before the water came, Niewe Tonge and Oude Tonge were picture book Dutch villages, alive with the voices of women and children. Today they lie silent beneath a drizzling rain surrounded by the endless waters of the killer sea.

"Long rows of hastily-built coffins line the ruptured cobblestone-streets and everywhere are signs that warn against touching anything without wearing rubber gloves. All dogs and cats, because of the typhus infection from thousands of livestock carcasses, are being shot on sight. In an earlier dispatch, previous to viewing the twin tragedies of Niewe

Fire and water; two of man's bene- Tonge and Oude Tonge I compared Columbia in 1948 and Manitoba in flood stricken areas. We at the

can only look and feel sick."

spond to the call for help from the rampaging elements. Along people of the flood ravaged lands spiritual assistance there is ple of England and the continent.

clothing is being parcelled up and shipped by sea and by air for the comfort of the cold, the hungry and the homeless.

RCAF officers and airmen stationed in Europe are assisting in the RCAF Station Winnipeg join with "Here there is no comparison. You the citizens of this, our adopted city in a combined prayer for a Winnipeg has been quick to re-swift surcease from the torments of opportunity for us to afford man Money is being collected, food and erial help as well. Contributions can be sent to the Canadian Nation European Flood Relief Fund, 34 Main Street, Winnipeg.

Flood the Fund!

FRONT COVER

This issue's front cover shows two servicing crew airmen of RCAF Station Winnipeg leaving into a chill sixteen mile an hour wind as they make their way, in twenty below zero weather, towards aircraft on the flight line.

BACK COVER

U.S. Heavyweight Visits R.C.A.F. STATION WINNIPEG



Personnel of RCAF Station Winnipeg, were recently treated to a three day opportunity to study, at first hand, one of the United States Air Force's largest

This aircraft, a C124 Douglas Globemaster, piloted by Captain Christensen, arrived in Winnipeg on Tuesday, January 27, en route to Churchill, Manitoba, from Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquer-

que. New Mexico. The massive 871/2 ton gircraft was on a special supply flight to the northern Manitoba air station when failure of the thermal deicing gear caused its extended stop-over

The Globemaster, one of the world's largest transports, has a wing span of 173 feet. Designed to carry a maximum of 222 fully equipped troops or a cargo load of 50,000 lbs. (25 tons) 2,400 miles, the Globemaster when used as an ambulance aircraft will carry 123 stretcher cases, 45 sitting patients and a crew of fifteen.

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Wing tip pods visible in the photograph are not fuel tanks nor are they iet assist installations. Each pod houses 600,000 B.T.U. gasoline heater which delivers sufficient warm air to each wing to combat formation of ice. A third heating element is buried in the 48 ft. fin to act as a de-icer for the tail sur-



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'PFG PERSONALITY

W/C Frederick Y. Craig D.F.C.

One of our old timers at Winnipeg and familiar to all is Wing Commander Frederick Y. Craig, DFC. For a year and a half W/C Craig has ably guided No. 2 ANS as its Officer Commanding. Born a true prairie-ite, he heart of cowboy land (Calgary), was educated at Vulcan, Alberta and was employed there as a banker before joining the RCAF in 1940.

After the usual war-time training, he received his "O" wing at Jarvis, Ontario. Proceeding overseas, he distinguished himself as a navigator. Commencing his tour with 51 (RAF) Squadron he transferred to 450 Sqdn., the first RCAF Bomber Squadron to serve overseas. After completing his first tour of operations, he was signed on with 420 Squadron for a second nipeg they do it this way . . . bout. His log book contains such Thanks to the O.C.' familiar old types as Whitleys, Wellingtons and Halifaxs mks I & II.

Canada, serving with Eastern Air Command at Greenwood. After successfully completing RCAF Staff College, he assumed the duties of Command Navigation Officer with flying. A very active programme! Air Transport Command.

From this position, he arrived in Winnipeg in July, 1951 and found a handful of men who, with their help, formed the nucleus of No. 2 ANS. Under W/C Craig's never tiring direction. No. 2 ANS has grown to one of the largest training units in Canada. Very aptly put at a recent farewell of one of the originals were these words: "We (meaning 2 ANS) used to say, 'Well, at Summerside they do it this way . . . ' but this has changed to (at Summerside) 'Well, in Win-

The Wing Commander has found In 1945 W/C Craig returned to excell in such sports as curling, golf throughout the world.

(handicap a military secret) and tennis. Also such added duties as assuming those of the CO in his absence, mess PMC for a tour and

Married in England during the war, the Craigs have a family of five. Mrs. Craig hails from Yorkshire.

And now we can reveal the mysterious "Y" in W/C Craig's initials. It has been baffling many of us for months. Guesses have ranged from the ridiculous to the sublime. However, the wing commander informs us in all sincerity, that it stands for his mother's married name "Young". End of mystery!

"Voxair" takes great pleasure in presenting one of our oldest senior officers to the RCAF in Winnipeg and time not only to direct ANS but to to all other formations scattered

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Survival Equipment

by Cpl. D. R. Randall Safety Equipment Section R.C.A.F. Station, Winni

LAC R. C. "Rod" Robbins, of the R.C.A.F. Station Winnipeg Safety Equipment Section, makes like a stranded flyer to demonstrate the hundred and one useful items that are included in the survival gear carried in each Navigation School aircraft.

PEOPLE WHO FLY in ANS aircraft these days are seeing a lot of odd looking bundles and boxes going aboard, or already on the aircraft. These boxes and bundles, contain a wealth of gear and equipment for the crew of a stricken aircraft. For this material is known as Safety Equipment and Survival Gear.

In a previous issue of Voxair, Safety Equipment was touched on in the matter of parachutes in the Safety Equipment Section and in aircraft. The value of the Safety Equipment in an aircraft depends on the dollar and cent value you put on your own life. There are four parachutes, a Hurst toboggan, "X" Rations, Snowshoes, Ice chisels and Sleeping Kits on each aircraft.

you have to leave an aircraft in mid flite. But on the ground after a bail out or crash landing the chute can be used for infinite uses. Parateepees can be erected or lean-toshelters to protect yourself from the elements. It can also be manufactured into clothing, sleeping bags, many more items to make life more bearable while waiting for rescue.

aluminum container up behind the pilot. Boy the things that container has couldn't happen to nicer people. There are over 80 items in that conkits, pressure cookers, air mattresses, tallow candles signals and pyro Parachutes are used only when techniques and a host of other small

items to make the homesick heart

The toboggan itself is 6 ft. long with tow rope and a collapsible handle at the back to make it more easily handled. It can carry up 300 lbs. with ease.

Ice chisels are stowed loose in the travel packs, snares, fishing nets and aircraft and are a necessary item in the north country for fishing through the ice. The chisel has a collapsible The Hurst toboggan is that big handle in 3 sections. It can also be used to get at other items that may be required from the aircraft structure itself.

Snowshoes are your only means tainer. Shot-gun and shells, fishing of transportation in deep snow and should not be considered a tool. For getting game or firewood or as an aid in getting an injured man out

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HURST TOBOGGAN

Packed-Opened Left to Right Top to Bottom:-ground signal strips, day and night flares, lid for pressure cooker, tea can, toilet tissue, pressure cooker, drinking cups, fishing kits, housewifes, snare wire, insect repellant, fire tablets, knife, ground sheets, medical kit, fishing line, cigarettes, parachute rocket flares, railroad fuses, watches, whiskbroom, playing cards, tallow candles, tobacco and papers, compass, heliograph, mirror, ice and snow axe, air matttress.



SLEEPING KIT

Left to Right Top to Bottom Kit Bag. Bag complete packed; felt duffels (liners for Mukluks), felt insoles, mesh insoles, type "C" socks, Mukluks, Woollen mills (liners) Gabardine mitts, wind-proof, Balaclava Helmet antiglare eyeshields, ice-chisel, two-man sleeping robe. Above is two-man kit.

of the bush to rescue they are indispensable. Snowshoes are hand-made ash and 'babiche' (strips of hide ough the ash frame).

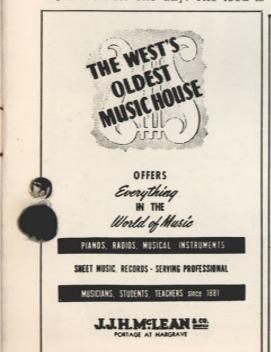
A very important item is food, which at first glance doesn't seem to be over abundant. The ration

limited quantity it must of necessity mukluks, etc. aked and scraped and laced be conserved and game used whereever possible.

ing a man for one day. The food is is the last word in survival comfort. Gear.

concentrated and very high in calorie Included in with the sleeping bag is and vitamin content. Due to its extra clothing; socks, wind pants

Now that you know what is available, we hope that if you should The last item and one of great im- ever have the misfortune to have to portance is the Emergency Sleeping use it, you will remember what we bag — which is tested to -55°. Eider- have tried to tell you—don't panic; pack contains 14 individual food down filled and lined with blanket stay with your aircraft and live the packs, each one capable of sustain- cloth, when used in a para-teepee it life of Riley using your Survival



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S/L Clarke at Piano



Director—Peg-Air-Review



Winnipeg Rockets!



Airforce Ranch Boys



Curly Croons (F/L MacAllister)

F/O Duke Palmer and His Kentucky Colonels (Orchestra)



Gay Ninety Quintet



L.A.C. Strawoski



L.A.C. John Fefchuk and Partner



F/O Graham and Mrs. MacAllister

IN THE December issue of "Voxair", a short resume of Peg-Air-Revue was introduced by Cpl. L. L. Haggerty under the heading of "Amateur Show". As an observer of this fine show, who attended its performances on two occasions, I feel that much credit is due to its producer and director, Cpl. L. L. Haggerty, and F/O Graham, and all members of its cast for the entertainment that was afforded to many officers and men who attended one of its three performances at the Station Cinema on this unit during the month of December. Aside from the aspects of entertainment, shows of this nature do much to boost the morale of airmen on the unit and promote competition among airmen to partake in station activities which increases good will and harmony among station personnel.

On the closing eve of its performance, RCAF Station Winnipeg welcomed the Group Commander, A/C J. G. Bryans, of 14 Group HQ'S, his Staff Officers and several CO's and their wives from Western stations, and from reports gathered they went away quite impressed with the very talented entertainers that comprised the cast.

F/O (Duke) Palmer, musical director for the Show and his orchestra (Kentucky Colonels) arranged musical numbers under the direction of F/O Graham who, in addition to directing Peg-Air-Revue, was also the choreographer.

The Show opened with a chorus line, the Winnipeg Rockets, featuring LAC's Jerry Clossen, Bill Bambrick, Norm Hurst, Frank Henley, Roy Green, and last, but not least, our director himself. This was followed by Accordion solos by LAC Johnnie Fefchuk, Piano Fantasy, S/L Clarke: Prairie Hoedown, featuring LAC Danny Humble and his Airforce Ranch Boys; Hawaii Calls, with LAC R. Green, who managed to keep his grass skirt swirling, and the audience in stitches even though he did get caught after the curtain closed. We would fail miserably if we forgot to mention our comedian, who appeared throughout the Show and kept the audience wondering what was coming next. Of course, you all know him more familiarly as our PT&D Officer, F/O (Bob) Pollock. S/L Clarke kept the audience tapping

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CINDERELLA IN COVERALLS

FOR PERT, bright-eyed and Winnipeg born airwoman, Jerry Campbell, the day had dawned like all other Mondays: - just a date from which to move into another week of work on and around

Jerry and her roommate, Margaret "Scotty" Yates, of Dundee, Scotland, both instrument technicians, had been friends since "Basic" at St. Johns. Now they were together in Aircraft Maintenance, working on everything from the angular heavy bombers of last war fame, to the sleek swift fighters of this let-age.

That day it was, of all things, a Harvard, undergoing its final inspection before transfer. The two girls working on the instruments. Scotty from the underside of the engine, and Jerry perched astride the top, her trained fingers

Paul Rockett, top ranking Cana- medium. dian photographer covering the picture angle of a feature story in his search of a model.

lem in wire.



Here there had been no scarcity of talent, for good looks and personality were found in abundance, and vet the choice had not been made. strugaling with some unseen prob- seeking more than mere figure and form, he was searching to find a many more inside, Airwoman Jer

Someone by which, through the —of all airwomen everywhere.

by S/L Roy Wood

Then by the Harvard his search had ended. He chose the diminutive figure leaning over the engine, unruly curls held captive in a borrowed cap and inquisitive eves following hands the worked with confidence.

There it was, that the magic wand of fate touched lightly on the shoulders of lerry Campbell to whisk her awa in a whirl of clicking shutters and unending film to play the role of model.

It began as simply as that. Almost two days and nearly 300 pictures later the job was complete. Throughout it all, other airwomen helped by providing background material - playing the support roles whenever

and wherever required. An example of co-operation and loyalty that is symbolic of the Service.

And so-when the March issue of In the manner of all artists he was Chatelaine goes on the newsstands with her picture on the cover and Campbell will know that she has tained a certain measure of fame: lens of his camera, he could highlight Not as a glamour girl all sophisticamagazine had come to Trenton in the life and moods—even the loves tion and reserve but as a heart-

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SPORTS SPOTLITE



The month of February saw Manioba go all out in curling to again capture the honour of holding the biggest Bonspeil in the world, with the province being curling conscious RCAF Station Portage la Prairie decided to hold its first Tri Station Bonspeil and invitations were sent out to Stations McDonald and Winnipeg.

The Bonspeil was opened Sunday, February 15th, with W/C Burgess throwing the first rock and G/C Ingalls CO. Station Winnipeg and G/C Blagrave CO. Stn. McDonald, standing by ready to sweep.

The first upsets occured when three rinks from Winnipeg who were entered in the Manitoba Bonspeil were knocked out in the first draw, then F/S Bob Ibson virtually robbed tt. Lorne Common and his rink of seven ender when he drew to the button to eliminate all seven and count one himself. This amazing feat incidentally happened with Ibsons last rock.

The grand aggregate winners were skipped by F/L Grant third, F/L Millar second, S/L Grant and lead was G/C Ingalls. This rink carrying the Winnipeg colours did not taste defeat all through the speil and triumphed on six occasions. They



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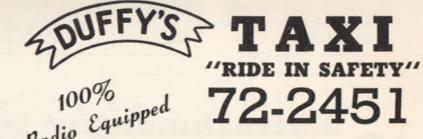
This was the official opening of the Portage Spiel with the three Commanding Officers pic-tured from left to right: G/C Blagrave, CO Station McDonald, W/C Burgess, Station Portage, and G/C Ingalls, Station Winnipeg.

all curled exceptionally well and richly deserved their hard earned

The Consolation Event was also won by a Winnipeg Rink skipped by LAC. Grasley, playing third was Cpl. Speirs, second LAC. Nadiger, Lead LAC Klosson. Grasley lost the first draw then went on to win four straight to take top prize in this event defeating Malcom from Portage in the final game of the nite.

To conclude, a word of thanks to the committee and personnel of RCAF Station, Portage la Prairie, who went all out to provide a day of curling for the three Manitoba Stations also for the hospitality shown the visiting rinks from Mc-Donald and Winnipeg our hats are off to you for a show well done. All photographs are through the courtesy of Sqt. Beaton, Station Portage la Prairie. While still on the subject of curling, the Stations curling entries in the Manitoba Bonspeil reached ten out of a grand total of 374 from all over the province. Of the ten Station entries Cpl. O'Byrne reached the fours in his event and

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THE GRAND AGGREGATE WINNERS This is the rink that went all day to five straight wins to take the Grand Aggregate Prize. L to R: F/L Grant, Skip, S/L Grant, Second, G/C Ingalls, Lead, and F/L Millar, Third.

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the prize money, and the other rink skipped by Cpl. Denny Turner ended up in fourth spot in the Big Event. The Birks, by going this far Turner gained the right to enter the Provincial Playdowns and a sudden death knock out affair but however circumstances prevented his entry and he sat out the play downs. With Cpl. Turner skipping were LAC Ken Gregg third, Sgt. George and Ness Sewchuk lead. A word of thanks go out to these two Rinks on their fine showing both on and off the rink. Indeed an inspiration for next year when we may see one of them go all the way to the big McDonald Brier.

in any company!



The above picture shows the Common Rink in the background ready to count seven. Seconds later the assorted expressions changed as the rock being swept by the Ibison Rink stayed put and eliminated all seven rocks of Commons. (Note) Sgt. Ibison is not shown in the above picture as rumour has it he was last seen heading for

Photos by Stn. Portage, Photo Section

WINNIPEG, the curling capital of the world, donned its best kilt and tam-o-shanter February 2nd, as approximately 1,500 curlers from the province surged on this western city to compete in the greatest bonspiel on our planet.

When the deadline for entries was reached on January 31st, 374 rinks were registered; 157 were from pr vincial or out-of-town clubs, and 21 hailed from Greater Winnipeg 18. Ken (Mr. Curler) Watson, President of the Manitoba Curling Association said after entries closed, "We ar happy to get our record of having the world's largest bonspiel again, but

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there's none better!



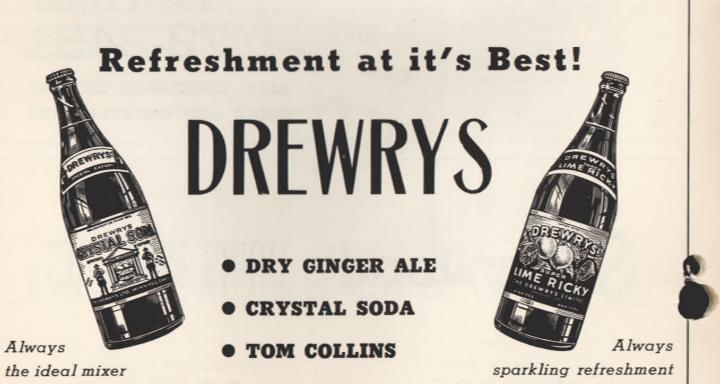




Photo by LAC. K. W. Gregg

2nd Prize Winners of Portage Service Bonspiel to R—Skip LAC Chuck Grasley Third, Cpl. Johnny Speirs Second, Norm Nadigor

the Association wants this 'spiel to be known as the world's most friendly bonspiel," and so it was.

The Manitoba Legislature took a back seat on the opening morning as Premier Douglas C. Campbell, an ardent curler himself, took time off to officially open the 'spiel by throwing the first rock.

the 'spiel was a rink that had come all the way from Scotland, just to compete in the Manitoba Bonspiel. Huge crowds followed the Scots, wherever they played, to witness their curling and particularly their reeping, which is much different m that used in this country.

RCAF Station Winnipeg wasn't going to sit back and not be represented in this huge event. Eight rinks of air force personnel from this Station were right out on the ice lanes with all the rest, and gave an extremely fine show. Cpl. Denny Turner of Winnipeg's Recruiting Unit and his team of LAC Ken Gregg, Stn. Photo Sec. (Third); Sqt. Geo Dowse of the Hangar Line (Second); and LAC "Nes" Shewchuck of 111 C. & R. (Lead) were certainly the surprise rink of the entire bonspiel. With the 'spiel nearing completion on Thursday evening, only ten rinks out of 374 were left undefeated and one of those ten was the Turner aggregation, but that evening they were set ack for their first loss, and by riday afternoon so were all the her nine. But this loss had only

put the Turner rink out of one event and they were still batting a 1,000 in the main event-"The Birks". The boys kept slugging it out until Saturday evening when approximately 1,000 spectators jammed the Granite Curling Club as Lyle Dyker and his Strathcona group met the Turner rink in the semi-finals. Lyle's experience in the game, having been on three Dominion Championship teams, proved a bit too much for the airmen and they were defeated. Not only had they been serious contenders for the Grand Aggregate, but they had also won a berth to play for the Manitoba Championship, but fate stepped in. According to the rules of the Dominion Curling Association, all players of a team which becomes eligible to play for the Provincial Title must be members of a club affiliated with the Manitoba Curling Association and the RCAF is not. Well, rules aren't made to be broken, One of the main attractions during so the Turner rink was totally retired from the 'spiel. However they each received a prize valued at twenty dollars for placing fourth in the Main Event, so they were quite proud and

Another airforce foursome who made the RCAF stand out in the 'spiel was the Cpl. Howard O'Bryne's



Photo by Hugh Allan, Winnipeg Tribus SEMI-FINALISTS OF BIRKS TROPHY Lto R—Skip, Cpl. Denny Turner Third, LAC Ken Gregg Second, Sgt. George Dowse Lead, LAC "Nes" Shewchuck

rink, with LAC Glenn Ulloyt (Third); LAC Denny Viklund (Second); and LAC George Lovatt (Lead).

These airmen fought it out with some of Manitoba's best to place fourth in the Black & Armstrong event, and got into the jewelry.

Other Station teams to enter the 'spiel were foursomes led by Cpl. Bill Campbell, Cpl. Chuck Grasley, Cpl. McDowell, WO Abbot, F/L Hal Grant and F/L "Cam" Cameron. All these teams, although not having brought home prizes, made an exceptionally fine effort, and all got as high as the "16's" in the events in which they were playing, which is nothing to be "snubbed" at.

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Sports Spotlite from page 11

F/L Hal Grant and his team were given quite a shock as they looked up the list of the first draw to discover that their initial game was against none other than the great Billy Walsh aggregation, last years Dominion champions. The airmen put up a good fight, but couldn't quite match Canada's champs.

Yes, the airmen in this town are taking Canada's most popular sport really seriously, and when eight airforce rinks can go through the world's toughest bonspiel with an entry of 374 and emerge with two prize-winning teams, Station Winnipeg has something to shout about. And we are—"Well done, lads!"

She was too young to Die

"Tell me," the little girl began, And her eyes were full of awe; 'Is it true that you're a flying man, Like those who won the war?" And I felt a little surge of pride, Though I'd heard it all before.

You must be simply awfully brave!" This charming infant said: But a modest reply was all I gave, Though my "No" meant "Yes" in-

And I smiled a kindly little smile, And patted her on the head.

"A pilot!" breathed this ghastly brat, Before I'd time to stop her; Apparently unconscious that Her words were most improper. And I fingered my brevet coldly, And bashed her with a chopper. J. M. Wardle

STACKED

Today when we talk in terms of billions rather than millions, perhaps we should stop and consider just how much difference there really is.

A million dollars in crisp new \$1,000 bills would make a pile eight inches high. But if we tried to pile up a billion dollars in \$1,000 bills we would find that it stretched up into the sky 666 feet; 22 times as high as an RCAF hangar or 96 feet higher than the Carman radio tower.



Slips that Pass in the type

Nine hundred and ninety-nine of our local readers have very kindly brought to our attention the various errata which inadvertently appeared in our last edition.

In one case the whole of the CO's parade was magically transported to the "banana belt" via a slip of the editor's pen. In another, Sister Zie ler had her name changed, without benefit of matrimony, to "Zie" an inexplicable misfortune which she accepted with feminine fortitud Another slight slip was in the spelling of the Voxair Vixen's name; that of Zsa Zsa Gabor appearing as Sza Sza; but as far as we're concerned, any way you spell it, it still comes out Wu! Wu!

However, just to show our many ardent readers that this sort of thing happens in the best of circles, the following are offered for your enjoyment and not as vindication for our own wrongs:

From the Port Huron Michigan Times Herald: "The hostess chose a cerise dinner dress with a low oval neckline for entertaining."

From the outline of an English course in the University of Toronte Faculty of Arts Calendar: "F special study: Shakespeare, Hamle Anatomy and Cleopatra."

From a political story in the Little Rock, Arkansas Democrat: "And there are other names too humorous to mention, tossed about in connection with the mayoralty race."



THE RETURN

WE CAME in the footsteps of those and lukewarm water . . . strange con-theatres." But this is only partly who fought the war; we came, con- coctions called hamburgers . . . corn true. "It is and it's different" might scripts and volunteers alike from the on the cob and sweet potatoes . . . be our reply. And it appears to recrowded lands of Europe to the vast- a strange phenomenon called foot- sist in healthy fashion Americanizapeople prided themselves on posses-meal... streetcars and sidewalks alike. We now understand the sing in their culture the virtues of ... cookies ... "the old country". old Europe, and the advantages of the new giant, the U.S.A., without the familiar drawbacks. We have and a half away?" Perhaps we have lived in your homes as adopted sons; we have been by turns excited by months here, but we have tried to new experiences; happy in your understand the Canadian way of life. celebrations; stunned by the wonder Were the authorities more astute. and the richness of the continent, as many could be tempted to stay in we have flown the long hours over prairies, wood and lake, or crossed is not too unfamiliar . . . and many the continent in the freedom of leave; will feel roots in the prairies when and given us another environment when we have been bored by bar- we leave. Even were we to stay fifty rack life, saddened by thoughts of years, the English would still be homeland, tired after work, there obvious "a block and a half away," have always been compensations; but we trust the sympathetic Canaand now that we are about to leave, dian would understand, or perhaps after the long months, comes a time allow that we might even be from of valuation, thinking about how we the West Coast. How many English will speak to people of our own bus drivers will be disturbed to see ands and our own cultures, for a blithe young RAF officer offering whom this continent is only a distant a sixpence for a ride almost anyreality, a blurred picture with little where? meaning. That these are personal reactions is inevitable.

vet unfamiliar; a refreshing frank-

Who was the Canadian who said, "You can tell an Eiglishman a block been like that all during our long this rich and developing land, which

You have chuckled at our tweeds and quiet ties, our dark suits and Our first problems differed greatly slightly unkempt appearance. And in magnitude and scale. Decimal we have been surprised at first, and coinage; words that were English eventually reconciled to see emblazoned jackets, fur hats, and those ness in the speech; then there was strange things, ear-muffs. But despite the immense size of the land, and the it all, we appreciate your sense of different nationalities making up its humour, and keen assessment of people. A land which treats new-your own way of life. It was ancomers as "New Canadians" could other Canadian who said to us "Canscarcely make us feel other than at adian culture just ain't . . . we're too home. But tea made with teabags busy with bulldozers to build

ess of Canada; to a land where ball...gallons of water with every tion and dependence on Europe reasons for the rawness, the newness, the unfinished and rough-hewn appearance of the towns and the landscape, and know that what we value at home has only been achieved by the passage of time.

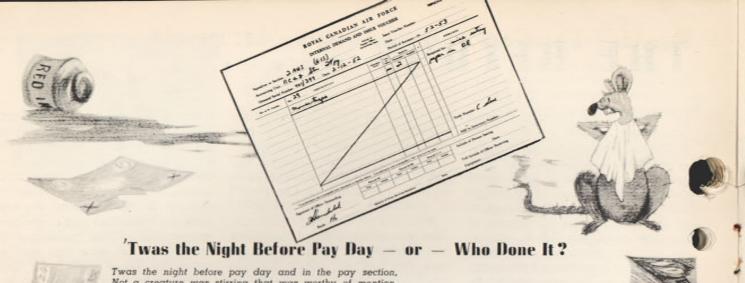
You have taught us to value tolerance, and the contributions which different peoples can make to the common good. You have shown us a generous and developing land, by which to judge our own war-torn Europe. Most of your ways will never be ours, but we think we have learned what matters in our own society, and which differences are the important ones. We shall miss the broad horizons, the intense blue of the clear summer skies, the brilliance of your sunshine, and the glory and colour of the fall. We shall think of the coldest cold we ever knew, when the rain and mist and sooty fog of an English winter comes again, and be pleased to find so little contrast between indoor and outdoor temperatures, to find that we can walk out each and every day, and still retain ears and nose . . .

Some of us will return to join your community, some will return to explore the regions which caught our feeling or imagination; but most of us will never see these shores again

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North Star Oil

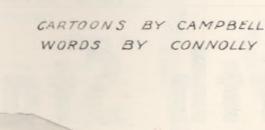
GASOLINE and OIL PRODUCTS



Not a creature was stirring that was worthy of mention, The ledgers were tucked in their little steel bed, Where they dreamed about pay sheets with figures in red. The pay clerks with glee had reduced the acquittance, And had cut off the SWO with a very small pittance, 'You'll all be most careful," the pay master said-"To underpay everyone, they're all too well fed." When under the door with a pat and a pitter, Appeared Grandfather Rat and the rest of his litter, "We'll audit these books," said the rat with a snort, "And the deed will be known as the Furry Retort." With chomping and chewing the rodents began-And the one who was known as Most Terrible Sam-Was heard to remark in the ensuing quiet, This ANS ledger's a horrible diet. At eight-thirty sharp on the following morn, A little bit late and with manner forlorn, The pay lads arrived with their hearts bleak and cold, For today was the day they must part with their gold. The pay master snarled from down deep in his lair, With a gnashing of teeth and a tearing of hair, The Sergeant announced in a voice loud and drear, You'd best get the ledgers, the hour it is here." So with furtive demeanor and miserly care, The safe door swung open—and was found to be bare . . . Cried the Sergeant, "It's plain as the nose on your face, A dastardly deed has been done in this place." The SP's were summoned, the news got around,

And the ADJ summed it up with a statement profound, "There's RATS in the pay section, it's finally come out, We've all had suspicions, but now there's no doubt." The morning wore on, and the problem grew bigger, The provost cried, "Someone must go to the digger." The corporal, down looking for clues on the floor, Was heard to remark, "They sneaked under the door. The afternoon dawned and was soon on the wane, The boys on the station said, "Now it is plain We must march on the section demanding our pay, We'll get all our money and brook no delay." In column of route they marched up to the door, And what they discovered brought forth a great roar, For pinned to the counter, a note edged in black-Saying, "NO PAY TODAY," so you'd better march back, We've all got our dough, there's none left for you, Submit us a memo, fully countersigned too, Casuals on Monday, be sure you are here, A penny or two, just enough for a beer. As far as the rest of your pay is concerned-WE DON'T GIVE A DAMN . . .

CPL. T. H. CONNOLLY





Radio Controlled Target Aircraft

During the past few months the RCAF has been "checking out" a selected group of pilots and groundcrew in the operation and handling of radio-controlled, pilot-less aircraft, to be used as targets in ground-to-air gunnery exercises.

Using the relatively secluded, and now inoperative, Mohawk aerodrome situated about 15 miles east of Trenton, Ontario, the trails have progressed to the stage where consideration is being given to the next step in the operation, that of controlling the diminutive plane from another aircraft.

The robot or radioplane is an exceptionally versatile piece of equipment. It has a 12 foot wingspan, weighs approximately 300 pounds, and is powered with a four-cylinder, two cycle engine. Top speed is 200 launching and landing the craft.

a cable attached to a centre post



PL-65156-RADIOPLANE - One of the RCAF's new radio controlled planes stands in readiness prior to the ground crew moving in for the start-up. At the left can be seen the cable which controls and guides the robot plane during its speed gaining run prior to the launching.

(National Defence Photo)



PL-65155—SWITCHES ON—A four man crew, each with individual assignments, is necessary in the starting of one of the RCAF's new radioplanes. Warrant Officer second class G. J. "Garney" McCracken, left, of Ottawa, Ont., holds the battery cart in position for starting, and also for quick removal after the robot plane is running under its own power. Second from left, Leading Aircraftsman L. H. "Lorne" Monford, of Kelowna, B.C. inserts the electrical starter, into the hub of the propeller. Corporal W. A. "Bill" Workman, of Belleville, Ont., second from right, handles the throttle while LAC J. M. "Johnny" Linden, right, of Flin Flon, Man., steadies the tail plane, as well as being a safe guard in case the retarding cable should slip.

after the fashion of a "maypole" tree. chute must be released when a landoperates "full throttle" at all times speed (90 mph) or about twice around who is situated well away from the the aerodrome. launching area. Every movement is then transmitted by radio and banks. turns, climbs and glides, as well as aerobatic manoeuvres can be carried out. It is this manoeuvreability that makes the machine so desirable as a target. It can be made to respond to movements simulating evasive action when fired at by op-

> A parachute is released if radio contact is interrupted. The plane operates at full throttle and so this

mph, endurance one hour. The plane When the plane picks up take-off ing is desired. As soon as the chute "pops" out the engine is automaticand this is an important factor in both the maypole tree (as it were) the air- ally cut. If for some reason the encraft is released electrically from its gine cuts out unexpectedly the para-The launching is done from a circuplatform and roars off at a tangent chute is also released. With the funclar runway around which the launch- to the runway gaining speed with tioning of this safety device, target ng platform rotates, held in position every second. Immediately it is replanes are seldom lost, and usually leased, control passes to the pilot come down within the boundaries of



PL-65160-TAKE-OFF-One of the RCAF's new Radio controlled planes is caught in flight just after being launched. The radioplane, at this time, is controlled by the ground pilot.

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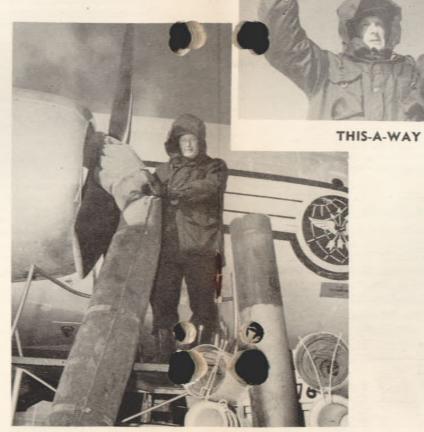
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"FILL 'ER UP"

Photos by L.A.C. K. W. Gregg

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STARTING CREW

Aircraftman A. P. Hills and Leading Aircraftman Mike Kaszuba of Number 3 Flight get underway with chocks, auxiliary power unit and fire extinguishing equipment as they make their way on the double, to help pilots start their aircraft in freezing temperatures.

THIS-A-WAY

Leading Aircraftman Bill Giles, strikes a pose as he demonstrates the traditional "over-here" signal of line men to indicate to pilots where aircraft should be

COLD GETS HALF NELSON

Each of the four engines of a visiting Military Air Transport Service DC-4 gets a heat treatment from half of a Herman-Nelson portable heating unit. Steam from the Station Winnipeg heating plant forms a cloud-like backdrop in the 25 below atmosphere.

WARM WELCOME

Leading Aircraftman Bill Giles of the III Rescue and Communications Servicing Flight warms up the engines of a MATS DC-4 after an all-night stop-over at RCAF Station Winnipeg. Twenty-five below temperatures play havoc with batteries and engine starters of aircraft left outdoors all night. Heating the engines with Herman Nelson heaters encourages reluctant engines to start in sub-zero temperatures.

HEAVE-HO

Leading Aircraftman C. M. Patience, Aero Engine Technician, at the wheel of Number 2 Flights tractor, prepares to return a navigation aircraft to the protection of the hangar after a full day's flying. AC I. Wellicome rides along as "co-pilot" on the ship-mule while another 2 Flight line-man watches the wing-tip.

CHOCKS AWAY

Line crew of Number 2 Air Navigation School pull chocks as a Beechcraft Expeditor from Number Four Flight gets ready to taxi out for take-off on a five-hour navigation exercise.

"FILL 'ER UP"

Leading Aircraftman Walter Magura, Aero Engine Technician from Number 2 Flight, fills up the nose tank on a Beechcraft Expeditor aircraft while LAC Galt Bowen of the Stn Winnipeg Mobile Equipment Section regulates the flow from the gas bowser.

The Return . . .

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except in recalling times gone by, or in the reveries of age. Part of us you will always hold, Canada, and even in our urban life we will understand when others speak of the pull of a new life in a new land. And when this nation comes forward in its strength, a link between Old and and our own familiar world. N.P. with pride.

New Worlds, we will feel a stirring of the heart, and a flood of memories will drift us back across the broad Atlantic and half a continent to the dusty prairie. For the way you accepted us, for the changes you have made in us, for what you will mean to us in the future, accept our thanks, as we return to our homes,

Cinderella in Coveralls

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warming honest "Cinderella in Coveralls," showing joy in her work and embodying in her role the day to day life of all Airwomen. Girls, who have chosen the blue of the Royal Canadian Air Force—and wear it



COURSE MEMBERS CLOWN

As a fond reminder that the ground isn't always covered with snow in these parts, British and Belgian student navigators of Course 32 relax for a moment in the mid-summer sun at RCAF Station Winnipeg. Bob Lootens, James Stav, W. Vandenberghe, Charlie Vogelarr, G. F. Meade, R. K. Jones and the elevated R. DeMartelaere, clown for the camera-man.



THEY ALSO SERVE

Seven members of Course 32 patiently await the arrival of the transport which will take them on the first leg of their journey from the Officers Training School at London, Ontario, to the Air Navigation School at

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Chaplain's Page

The acorn, with the years, becomes a rather the first stands for the cause, brown, waving field; from the tiny pine seed rises the towering evergreen, and out of the infinitesimal atom comes a screaming weapon of destruction.

noticeable process. The spark begets a raging forest fire, the tiny lump may give birth to a gnawing cancer, the unheeded cold may lead to pneumonia and tuberculosis. There are so many who would have avoided a premature death if they had nipped in its bud the work of insidious germs.

Spiritual decay is a reality too. Not unlike the signs of sickness, we observe in the field of nature, it grows gradually. It's a tiny hole in the dike to begin with, or a small chink in your armour. But the hole can become bigger and will get growth. Without Him, there is only bigger if nothing is done to stop it. helpless floundering to show at the A man doesn't become a slave of liquor for the first times, he may not even like it. Yet, he may be ripe for Him. Tourists gawk at the Empire AA today. Spiritual decay, like an State Building and gab about its unchecked disease, begins slowly, height. Engineers study it and talk develops relentlessly, matures with- about its solid-rock foundations. In out fanfare. It is like a salesman. the world of souls, a similar thing Just let it get one foot inside the door occurs. You'll never be a skyand it will pursue its course.

SOMEONE has said that the service

way of life makes the real men more

The exact degree of truth in that

saying is certainly debatable, but it

is beyond doubt that nobody becomes

a better man without constant effort.

No pilot, navigator or craftsman can

simply coast along without trying to

improve his proficiency and stay at

the top. And so it is with our christ-

an life. Each day comes with its

hallenges, its difficulties and its trials.

advantage and become better men

by surmounting them. If we act

otherwise, they will get us. And

that is so true of the little things which

the dyke? Who can forget the brave

little Hollander? Walking nonchalantly home from school one afternoon

he spied a small leak in the dyke. He

didn't comment: "It's only a trickle,

and therefore unimportant." Right

then and there he plugged it with

his finger. They found him, late in

the evening; he was almost frozen

. . . but there was no flood. That

tiny finger conquered the raging

waters. His bravery and keenness

to spot a danger had saved his town.

Without realizing it, perhaps, he had

nderstood the words: "Beware of

The tyke and the dyke hold a

lesson for us. They remind us of how important it is to keep the wall of our spiritual and moral defense solid,

free of cracks and leaks. Growth is a slow process. Scarcely discernible,

but doggedly, silently, forcefully, it

goes on, until it reaches maturity.

eginnings".

Remember the story of the tyke and

make up the pattern of each day.

is up to us to turn them to our

real, and the bums bigger ones.

which we don't like to hear men- all spiritual growth. tioned, no more than we like to think or speak of cancer. Sin and spiritual the little things that this awareness decay are the same and one thing, or

giant oak . . . the grain of wheat, a while the second is its product; but you can't separate them. No more than you can part the root of cancer from cancer itself.

Continual spiritual growth in little things is the only effective antidote Decay, too, can be a slow, barely against spiritual inertia and damaging habits. Perhaps many humans evaluate you by how big and powerful you are in externals. Wiser humans rate you in terms of what you are inside. It's really what you are that counts.

> Difficult though it may seem, there is a good way to gauge such an intangible thing as your spiritual health and growth. Ask yourself an honest question and give yourself an honest answer. Just put it this way: "To what extent is my life Godcentered?"

God is the only rock of spiritual end of years of mediocrity, because we presumed that we did not need scraper spiritually until you develop There is a three-letter word for it this God-consciousness, rock-base of

And let us never forget that it is in

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IT'S NO BLARNEY!



St. Patrick gets the spotlight in March . . . with all the attendant symbols of things Irish . . . shamrocks, shillalahs and lepre-

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SOME THOUGHTS FROM COURSE 32-

Was 32 navigation course something special? For others no. For us, everything. 36 weeks of training and developing friendship. Friendship between people of different nations.

Did we do something special for No it came just like that. Working, studying, joking, it all helps. So at the end of these 36 weeks of struggle with D.R., R&R, and the other impossible subjects that could be found on earth, we wanted something for keeps, that reminded us of the time we were junior course, our midterm, and the final weeks. So we went to see what could be done about it. "A book of our own," would be the tions. nicest thing to have.

With plenty of enthusiasm we went looking for a printer, who told us something more about makwas discussed. We wanted something different: because of the friendship and because we were course 32.

Now came the trouble. Who should rite, and what about? Plenty of eas arose, and some of the chaps were really hot for it. So they went writing, making poems, designing, all about 32.

We were ready and all that we were waiting for was the printing price. Yet here was the knot. The original or rough price was quite reasonable. The final price came and there we were, the only solution left was to find somewhere a Croesus. Not even worth to try it. No way out, but still we wanted to go on.

The unexpected help came in the form of "Voxair." Our own station paper would help us. It is easy to understand that we grabbed for it. It was not actually what we had Polanned, but still it was a way of are very glad it crossed our way.

Whoever worked on it, they all got the spirit of 32 and we hope and believe that later when we take a look at the graduation magazine of 32 it will give us a kick, and bring us back to the old times in 2A.N.S.

W. Vandenberghe

Peg Air Review (Continued from page 7)

their feet to Jack Fena's Bumble Boogie, and needless to say, was applauded on the stage for two other performances while our vocalists, F/O (Ken) MacMillan, LAC Borbath and LAC England, entertained with modern, sacred and western selec-

With the smooth operation of any stage performance, we must remember the stage hands who, behind the scenes, worked to change props, ing a book than we actually knew. arrange the stage, etc., that the show So we came together and the matter might go on. Much credit is due to our capable Stage Manager, Sqt.

expressing our spirit. And now we (Jack) Page and the lads who made this a success.

Members of the cast for Peg-Air-Revue included LAC'S Clossen, Bambrick, Green, Hurst, Henley, Fefchuk, Watson, Dunham, Borbath, F/L Mac-Allister and Mrs. MacAllister; P/O Jo Foote, S/L Clarke, LAC's Humble, Slim England, Bourgonie, A. McDiarmid, Gerard, Strakowski, F/O Stu MacDonald, F/O Pollock, F/O Ken MacMillan, Cpl. Haggerty, F/O Graham and many others.

A dash of color ended Peg-Air-Revue, with a smartly turned-out Precision Squad under the direction of Cpl. Haggerty, finale; introduction of the cast by F/O Graham; Present Arms by the Precision Squad. -The Queen.

The hard old engineer had braked his engine alongside the water tank and was instructing his new fireman. Somehow the new man got his foot caught in the spout chain and stepped right into the tank.

As he thrashed wildly the engineer calmly watched with a jaundiced eye.

"Just let the water run in, Sonny," he drawled. "No need to stamp the stuff

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"OUOT HOMINES TOT SENTENTIAE"

been gathered together for the past nine months, that it is with trepidation that we endeavour to distinguish resent them.

Of the Frenchmen, the first that springs to mind is a quiet sergeant, an able basketball player, reputedly he only one who has not experienced he rigours of a military jail. Then a sailor, an ardent protagonist of the Antibes country, who will uphold the magnificence of its scenery and the purity of its language as long as you care to listen, and when you break away, he will deride you in choice Italian: to which, of course, there is no reply. By far the most outstanding characteristic of the French is their volubility and love of fast, hard discussion. One man, however, it has to be recorded, remained aloof from this natural tendency. Gifted with a supreme chance to line-shoot, namely a crash landing in the bush, he has remained strangely reticent; his notable asset appears to be an nusual, but nevertheless penetrata chortle.

the primitive utterance of man's soul, remorselessly beaten out upon it, your opinions are his, you have the lecturers' desk with tireless hands; the poignant yearnings of civilized beings crooned by a suave and snappy petty officer, and the more boisterous communal rendering by French students.

One man must not go without mention-one who will be remembered vividly by us all. He is the covered the fundamental basis of

else would dare accept, a subtle m'en fiche de tous cela".

Whatever else the Frenchmen of our course may have learned here, they are now masters of the English language. Although there have been and there always will be, occasions on which the glib "Je ne comprends pas la question" fits admirably.

English we have a sudden shock. Here, indeed, is a motely conglomeration of "homines et sententiae". They are drawn, to our meagre European concept, from the far distant wastes of the Scottish Isles and the barrenness of Wales, and we even have a representative from that land under the sea, Shoeburyness.

Here, the most outstanding personality is one who claims ancestry in all the recognized divisions of the British Isles, and knows someone in any part of the world you care to mention. (He even knows the location of Yemen). Indeed his most We have had our share of music, pleasant characteristic is that, whatever your experience, he has shared never 1 and anything which he is not fully conversant with

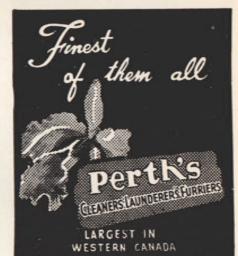
Totally opposed is another member of the course, who, with Oscar Wilde, can, and does say, "I have nothing the full ensemble of rather dubious to declare but my genius". Such a native ditties, which, we are assured, man, poet, critic, dramatist, producer, are favourites with the better class of must, as he says himself, be accorded the highest position in this catalogue.

He is not alone in talent, however. We can boast a man who has dis-

SO MANY MEN, so many minds have supreme personification of the non- architectural design; another who chalant gallic shrug of the shoulders, has invented a tri-sextant worthy of owning a philosophy of life no one a master navigator; one whose financial economy would be an asset to he personalities of Course 32 NA and blending of "Manyana" and "Je any government; and one who can sing and accompany himself (admittedly in a little known language).

by P/O Righy

A guick glance at the remainder will suffice. An ample Lancastrian who has a splendid collection of moccasins and Indian tobacco, and whose fondest dream is to be fit for the 1954 rugby season. A jovial ex-In passing from the French to the apprentice stocked with an ample liquor capacity and a sense of humor, demonstrated frequently in a practical vein. Then there is that dark, suave French Canadian who has been hanging around for the better part of some time-to whom, of course, we are most grateful. Last, and definitely not least, is that irate, dogmatic, fundamentally unstable. ignorant gentleman, whose only apparent concern is to get some sleep at night, and who had the impudence to write this.





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Bob Williams—Some one who works occasionally; but more often lifts his voice in a complaint that Canadian girls just don't dance the way they do in England. In summer with motives uncertain to the rest of the course, he joined a tennis club.

Slim Taylor-A true pillar of industry, work doesn't have to be forced when he's around. Also, toward the end of the course he was concerned with saving vast sums of money, ostensibly to buy a new uniform when he returned home. And he liked Drambuie.

George Sauntson—The only member of 32 who saw what goes on in those strange things they call fraternities, on this side of the Atlantic. His finances were usually in a state of recovery, either from returning late after leave, or something to do with a camera, bought early in the course.

Johnny Tonks—The socialite of 32, the only one among us to exploit his spare time here in quite such a whirl of parties. The strain must have told, because, by mid-term, he was usually convinced that he'd dropped himself in it once and for all. Luckily, he never did.

Jim Wilson-A happy young gentleman who, if all his threats came true, the padre must be well acquainted with by now. When not searching after spiritual solace, he might be noticed down town (or in the lounge obtaining solace of a more liquid nature).

Ray Tilly-I quess he missed his Simmonds' beer all the time he was out here. He was one of the few among us who ever did much work, perhaps it was because he just couldn't get used to Canadian beer (who can, at that).

Mac McLeod-To him goes the doubtful honour of being one of the three Canucks in our course. He spent most of his time protesting that you couldn't judge Canada by one city.

Dick Wylie-An American in the Canadian Air Force, quite a rare thing I'm told. Summer and winter he was liable to disappear at weekends, sometimes Grand Beach, or else just Winnipeg. But wherever he went he had a good time, judging by the way his eyelids drooped in Monday classes.

Alvin Ross-Our last Canadian, and regretably one whom we lost. His usual abode was in the billets, where he might be found at any time, complaining of a personal dollar gap, or else fighting happily with all and sundry just to pass the time.

Jim Stay-The misguided man who bought a motor-bike. Mostly the bike just sits outside in the snow, nowadays. But once I believe it used to go. He could be seen down town on occasions, alone, but more often, he had a girl to keep him company.

Smudge Smith-With others, a member of the small select circle. He never quite recovered from his first meeting with a girl from the Prairies. And any time you mention it now all you get is a sad shake of the head, or if he's in a good mood, a laugh.

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FLIGHT MARKER

In the last issue of "Voxair" attention was drawn to the fact that February is the birth month of aviation in Canada. This important occasion, later followed by demonstration flights at Camp Petawawa that same year received additional recognition when in August of last year Defence Minister Claxton unveiled a cairn at Petawawa in commemoration of this, "first military aircraft flight in Canada."

The man who piloted the history making airplane, the Honorable J. A. McCurdy, until recently Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, was present to take part in the ceremonies.

The cairn holds a tablet which tells of the four successful flights made at Petawawa in the Silver Dart.

The original drawings of the Silver Dart, the propellor used at Petawawa, along with the original engine are preserved for posterity in the National Research Councils Aeronautical Museum in Ottawa.

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rsenal was disclosed today when Lockheed Aircraft Corporation announced that the P2V-6 Neptune, a U.S. Navy plane specially designed for mine laying and anti-submarine warfare, is now undergoing flight

The ocean-spanning plane is powered by turbo-compound engines, capable of providing all the extra range high speed and power-in-apinch needed for its advanced land base operations.

its first flight October 14.

Markedly changed from the P2V-5, an anti-submarine plane which conues in quantity production at ckheed, the P2V-6 is convertible highly specialized missions including new mine-laying assignments. Although details on its extensive electronics and convertibility features were withheld, Navy officials confirmed that the P2V-6 can serve also for night torpedo attacks, mastlevel bombing, horizontal bombing and photo reconnaissance.

The P2V-6 is the third member of the Neptune family to be powered by Wright turbo-compound engines, which use exhaust-driven turbines to augment regular piston power.

Highlights of P2V-6 design are its

Another weapon for the UN's air unusually long range for sea patrol, elaborate scientific instruments to pick up and pinpoint targets, and extensive armament.

> Despite its heavy fighting weight, the plane can operate from limited forward airfields and even carriers, with eight 1000-pound-thrust JATO (jet-assisted takeoff) units.

The plane resembles other aircraft of the Neptune family, but has a longer nose, smaller wingtip tanks and smaller radar dome. More than providing added room for the forward crew and improving access to operation. equipment. Change in placement

and design of equipment dictated the smaller tanks and radome, engineers

A new feature with the P2V-6 is pressure-fueling, for fast-feeding fuel into wing tanks to save time under combat conditions. A companion feature provides rapid emptying of tanks for safe storage or repair in hazardous situations.

Also new on the P2V-6 are stainless steel engine nacelles, highly fire

Neptune design provides for maximum tactical utility with its long range for patrolling over vast distances, high speed for rapid closing on targets and defensive maneuvering, ability to take off and land on small fields, and maximum singleengine performance.

Neptune development dates from its original conception in 1942. The design is distinguished by its tricycle landing gear, with steerable nosewheel, and varicam tail-a variable The big, twin-engined ship made a foot has been added to the nose, camber feature of the horizontal stabilizer which contributes to ease of

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An early model established a longrange record, still standing, for nonstop flight without refueling, from Perth. Australia, to Columbus, Ohio -a distance of 11,236 miles.

Neptunes were the first production aircraft to take advantage of the extra power of compounded engines, introduced on the P2V-4 design. The current model is powered by two Wright 3250-h.p. units, equipped with water injection for maximum power on takeoff or in combat.

Propellers are a four-bladed Hamilton Standard type, with full feathering and reversible pitch.

The P2V series has seen service with the U.S. Navy in the United States as well as at bases in Alaska, Newfoundland, Canal Zone, Hawaii, Okinawa and Japan. With the P2V-5, the series was introduced to the military air services of England and Australia through provisions of the Mutual Defense Assistance Program.



Sergeant Alain Keribin, French Air Force, receives a scroll for academic accomplishment from Count Serge De Fleury, French Consul for Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Sergeant Keribin was awarded the scroll for having received the highest academic average on Course 31 at Number 2 Air Navigation School, here. Sergeant Keribin's accomplishment was all the more outstanding as he could speak only a little English when he arrived in Canada from France.

Chaplain's Page from page 19

grows. Each time I make an effort to think like a christian, and to act like one, I treat my soul like the athlete who gives his muscles a work-out in the gym. Each time I pray, I establish contact with God; each time I am thoughtful and kind, instead of selfish and irritable, each time I control myself instead of blowing off steam, each time I strive to do a good job as a pilot, mechanic, clerk or driver, I give signs of growth as a man and a christian. When I leave the warm comfort of my bed of the importance of our spiritual life, on Sunday mornings to attend Mass or which will determine in what direca service, because I go there to seek tion we are traveling.

God's help through prayer, I am growing. Each time, on the other hand, that I shut off the alarm clock and start finding excuses for not moving, I act like the undernourished beggar who refuses to go out of his way to get a meal.

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Those Characters from page 24

Roy Hansard-A guy who's never going to touch alcohol again. But then he bought a strange fur hat, and had to celebrate. Another of those strange people, one of the kind that just can't help themselves working. With a small select group (of which the author was one) he could e fetched from the Marlborough, when needed, anytime on a Saturday evening:

Geof Mead—Discovered the female elights of the city, early in our stay here, but soon after mid-term decided that there wasn't any future in it. He was one of the opulent among us, though how he managed it, nobody ever found out.

Reg Jones—Almost inseparable from Mead, except when they went out with different girls. In fact I guess what applies to Mead could just as well apply to Jones.

Taff Wilson-A Welshman, and after that it's barely necessary to say any more. He came back late from leave, he must be the greatest friend the M.O. ever had. And despite that Taffy manages to get good marks. He still gripes about Canadian beer, but drinks it just the same.

R. DeMartelaere—Guy with great ambitions only exceeded by his affection for the Winnipeger weak

R.T.'s. "Down South we don't go for that, see pad'ner."

Buster Lootens-Powerful minded guy (got this in Texas) who really didn't mind any amount of money (he paid \$6 for a one-way taxi trip) to have a night of female delight. Speaks English with a Texan growl and uses a southern "Wise guys" expression to fight his enemies.

W. Vandenberghe-Started his conquest of W.G. girls very well (just a dozen, (he says it's cheaper that way) but went U.S. and struggled for 8 weeks for major repairs. Has a good idea of what crew co-operation is (S.D.R.T.'s and C.P.T.'s approve this. Spends his time collecting souvenirs; his best one comes from Tijuanna,

Baizete-Sports the only bushy mustache on 32B. A born Rivierian who loves to laze in the sun, hence his attitude toward work: "bright and sunny."

Beaufils-His nickname "Bourvil" like his counterpart who happens to live in the same province; usually late, always smiling, searching in the clubs of Winnipeg for the bohemian atmosphere of Paris.

A. Tarron-Commonly known as an achilles due to his alacrity in - and A-H. Has a great liking for toffee creams and frequently dreams of his sex. Permanent residence: Fort Garry favorite meal "snails and a bottle of or Liquor commission. Seems to be wine." He has, however, acquaitned allergic to Control plots and S.D. a taste for western's beer and girls.

Marmaduke Young-Familiar to the course as the laziest idol of depravity they have ever been lucky enough to witness. And he perfected one phrase to carry him through Saturdays. I'll be in the Marlborough around six.

Ted Richards-Our course director, who deserves all the pity in the world, for having thrust upon the unruly whole of No. 32B. And who was on occasions moved to tears by the earnest and profane supplications of his course.

R. Lapous-The top citizen of the old Brittany exported by mistake in the weekly "three wagon potato train." Methiculous in D.R. employing it to great advantage at Arthur Murray by shooting the "leading

R. Foissac-Descendant of "Gonzalis de Cordoba," upholder of old gallantry. Appreciates his liquors, relates with fervor "the latest man in Mexico." Sweet temperament with a voice to watch.

L. Thomas-A combination of the proverbial Brass monkeys "hears all, sees all, says nothing." Generally at sea due to his nautical training.

The group of ostriches heard the sound of something approaching and promptly hid their heads in the sand.

It was only a venturesome young ostrich returning from a cross country jaunt.

Pounding to a stop he asked: "Well, where is everybody?"

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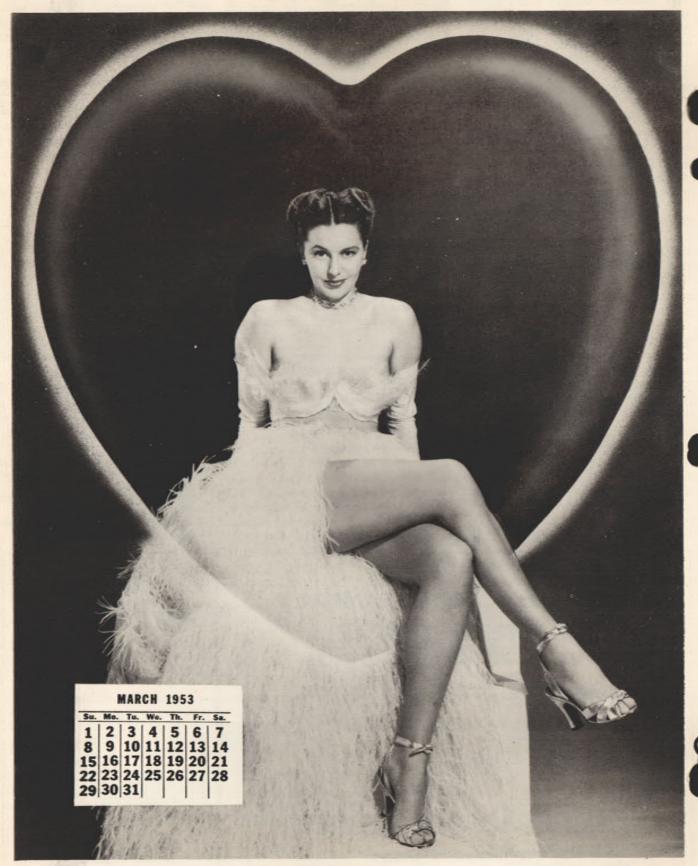
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Sugar Foot - Drama Randolf Scott, Adele Jergens

Two Tickets to Broadway -Musical No Show Tony Martin, Janet Leigh

The Crimson Pirate — Drama Burt Lancaster, Nick Cravat

Mar. 9 The Racket - Drama Robert Mitchum, Lizabeth Scott

Mar. 10 Blazing Forest - Drama John Payne, Agnes Moorhead Walk East on Beacon - Drama

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Comedy - Jean Crain, Scott Brady Mar. 13 Vengeance Valley-Western Burt Lancaster, Robert Walker

Mar. 14 No Show

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Mar. 19 The Golden Hawk - Drama Rhonda Fleming, Sterling Hayden

Mar. 20 Carribean - Adventure John Payne, Arlene Dahl

In the Beginning Hup! one, two, three, four

After defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588 a naval tournament ras arranged for the victorious of Admiral Drake, Queen Elizabeth account of the dazzling loveliness of woman

Pictured above is the 1953 slate of officers of the 500 Wing, RCAF Association Winnipeg, who were voted in at a meeting held on Friday, January 30th, in the Department of National Defence Building, Broadway and Carlton.

Reading from left to right (seated): Bill Flatt, 1st Vice-President; Jean Robertson; Gord McNeil, President; Kay McLeod; Rex Johnson, 2nd Vice-President. Standing (left to right): Doug Angus, Secretary-Treasurer; George Walker, Don Stevenson, Dave Roffey, Earl Carlyle, Rog Stewart, Al Eager.
Missing from the picture is W. E. "Bill" Ellis, Al Littleford, Jack W. Brown.

consented to come down from Lon- Her Majesty, all seamen, upon redon and award the prizes. The ceiving their prizes, should shield officer in charge of the arrangements their eyes with their right hand." proved himself one of the tactful men itish seamen and, at the request in history—he issued orders that, "on tary salute—first presented to a

Thus was born the naval and mili-



An Impression of **Canadian Hospitality**

CANADIANS often wonder what old country folk think of their continent and its people. Perhaps I can enlighten some puzzled minds in Winnipeg by relating the experiences of some members of Course 32.

It was on a Sunday morning last June that we had our first experience of Winnipeg's most famous attraction -its hospitality. We arrived at the C.P.R. station, a very tired and thirsty group, to be very cordially greeted by members of the Central Volunteer Bureau, augmented by the Wartime Pilot and Observers Association. Free cigarettes, sandwiches and tea were handed out and, of course, there was that friendly chat with a charming C.V.B. hostess. All this made our first half hour in Winnipeg a most enjoyable one indeed.

Yes, the cadets of Course 32 can vouch for the wonderful hospitality of Winnipeggers. The doors of your homes have been opened wide, with the result that most of us have found real friendship here. Our sincere thanks go to you, the people of Winnipeg, for making us feel really at home.

Like most ANTO courses, 32A is quite a mixed bunch really—French, English, Scots and Welsh, and yet we have all managed to keep in close contact with our own people during our stay. The Frenchmen seem to have spent some very enjoyable evenings in St. Bonifacewhat exactly goes on in that little city beyond the river is still a big mystery to the English speaking contingents. As for the Scots, well. every other person walking along

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Group Captain R. B. Ingalls welcomes two new arrivals to R.C.A.F. Station, Winnipeg, AW A .J. Lloyd, left, and AW E. Kurmey while Pilot Officer C. J. Foote, Assistant Chief Administration Officer looks on, Both AW Lloyd and AW Kurmey hail from British Columbia. The airwomen were among the first contingent to arrive at R.C.A.F. Station, Winnipeg. Other girls in the group

ol. S. Borsa, SA. Group, Saskatoon, Sask.

Canadian Hospitality

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Portage seems to have some con-

nection with the Highlands. The

AW D. A. Jordan, Clk. Typist, Regina, Sask. LAW E. M. Horning, Clk. Steno, Geraldton

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that the Scottish boys remind us of the fact that the first settlers in this part of Canada were from "Across the Border". But what has Winnipeg miniature Highland Games at the to offer to a Welshman? Surely the Polo Park must have made quite a table topped countryside would break few of the lads feel at home here. It his heart! Perhaps the hills and is with a certain amount of pride green fields are missing, but Winni-

peg has even catered for a Cymro. I was quite surprised to find out that the city had a Welsh church and very many pleasant hours have been spent there by many of the Welshmen on camp.

Most of us have had our grumbles and groans during the last nine months but, looking back on it all, one can safely say that members of Course 32 will be leaving behind lifelong friends and many happy memories when they leave the "Gateway to the West".-Davies, D. H.

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