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EDITORIAL CORNER

Another year is quickly drawing to a close and, as we look back over the past few months, we take stock of our successes and our failures and make resolutions for the future.

If VOXAIR has achieved any success in 1963, it is due, in no small way, to our readers, our contributors and our advertisers. We have often been demanding in our efforts to meet our weekly deadlines and to those who have given us their co-operation we say "Thank you." We are certain that this spirit of co-operation will continue in 1964.

The editor and staff wish you and your loved ones a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NOTICE

There will be no issues of Voxair on 27 December or 3 January. The deadline for the 10 January issue will be 1300 hrs. Monday, 6 January.



GROUP CAPTAIN D. A. WILLIS, DFC, CD — Commanding Officer

Christmas Greetings



AIR VICE MARSHAL C. H. GREENWAY, OBE, CD
Air Officer Commanding—Training Command

I am pleased to have this opportunity—my first as AOC of Training Command—to extend to you, and to your families, my warmest Christmas greetings and sincere good wishes for a peaceful and happy New Year.

Since assuming my new duties, I have had the opportunity to meet many of you on both a formal and informal basis. You have impressed me with your dedication to the tasks which have been assigned to you.

We are passing through a period of adjustment. I am certain, however, no matter what the future holds, that the service and civilian team of Training Command will successfully carry out its responsibilities in 1964 and bring us closer to the ideal of lasting "peace on earth and goodwill toward men."

C.H.G.



As Christmas and New Year's days approach it is natural for our blood to course more quickly in anticipation of the joy we are wont to experience and share in celebration of Christ's birthday and in our high hopes for the future.

During the past year you have committed yourselves well, not only in the complete dispatch of your Service responsibilities, but also as respected and responsible citizens of the community. As evidence of the latter I need only remind you that during the past year you have contributed more than eleven thousand dollars to charitable organizations through your Community Charity Support Plan alone; this is proof positive of your practice of the true Christmas spirit throughout the year.

While I know that the satisfaction you derive from your accomplishment is reward enough in your own minds, it is your right to know, and my privilege and duty to tell you, that your efforts are recognized and appreciated by all to whom you are responsible and who have the pleasure of working with you.

Do have a truly Merry Christmas and a New Year replete with cheerfulness, friendship, and good will!

D.A.W.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

By PAM PAWLAK

The final meeting for 1963 was held on Dec. 9th in the Chapel with 31 members present. The Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read, and routine reports made by the committees. President Sinclair welcomed three new members, then reminded the ladies that a carton will be placed in the back of the Chapel, as on previous Christmases, in which may be placed non-perishable foods to be given to the Sisters at St. Charles for distribution to needy families.

Doreen Desjardins, convenor of the Bake Sale, thanked all those who helped her, and Rita Harris thanked those who helped her in the production of the cook-book, and was in turn presented with a small gift as a token of appreciation for all her work over many months on this project. There was a discussion on Christmas charities, and it was decided that \$300 should be allotted, and that its distribution be left to Father Grant's discretion.

Father Grant then spoke to the meeting. He said that he was pleased at the success of the Bake Sale, feeling that it was not only a physical effort, but a spiritual one, since the effort was made to the greater glory of God. He pointed out that every daily task we perform, even tiresome little chores like dish-washing, if done with this purpose and offered to God, bring great spiritual rewards. Father then read from the League Magazine, extracts from an article written by the National President, Isabel Stevens, while attending the World Conference of Catholic Women's Organizations in Paris. Mrs. Stevens feels that women need to take more active interest in world affairs in order to realize the need in the world, and their responsibility, individually and collectively. We shall be sending for some copies of the League Magazine for you to look at, and those who wish may order a subscription at \$1 per year.

Following the meeting there was a demonstration facial by Eva Phillips, of Studio Girl products, assisted by Phyllis Menton. Peggy Sinclair was the obliging model, and was transformed from her normal charming self to something approaching a Hallowe'en mask, and back again to a raving beauty with the completion of the facial! It was really very interesting, we learned a few of the secrets of the Hollywood stars, and received answers to some of our beauty problems.

During lunch and coffee small Christmas gifts were exchanged, and Peggy presented Father Grant with a pole lamp, a Christmas gift from us all, in appreciation of his spiritual guidance and co-operation with our work.

There will be no more meetings until the second Monday in February 1964, however if anything comes up we shall report it for you. If you have any C.W.L. business, or if I can ever be of any assistance to any of you, please give me a call, Pam Rawlak, VE 2-4466. Meantime may you all have a very Happy and Holy Christmas, and may God be with you in 1964.

PROTESTANT CHAPEL LADIES' GUILD

By ILENE ROBINSON

In the Chapel annex, on the evening of December 9th, the Guild held a pot luck supper for their Christmas party, with Padre and Mrs. White and Padre and Mrs. Ross attending as guests. The atmosphere at the supper was one of quiet relaxation, a rather unusual atmosphere for this lively group, and all enjoyed a very pleasant supper. The group was smaller than usual, due no doubt to the many other activities on the station on this same evening.

Alice Kilpatrick, who was in charge of refreshments, did a beautiful job of arranging and decorating the tables, which were covered with white cloths criss-crossed with strips of green paper and dotted with a row of red candles down the centre of the tables. And then there was all that beautiful food to be eaten by candlelight!

After supper a brief business meeting was held and the ladies were pleased to be enlightened by details of bazaar receipts to date, and current business of the Guild was discussed. Later, games were played under the direction of Helen Southall, and a sing-song rounded out the evening.

When the January meeting rolls around, we intend to spend some of our time discussing future fundraising projects and request the help of all interested Guild members in this discussion. If you have new ideas along this line, or improvements of old ideas, please attend our January meeting and give us your views.

As president of the Protestant Ladies Guild, I wish to extend to one and all my best wishes for a very Merry Christmas!

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SENIOR TEENS

By HOLLY ROBINSON

The beatnik dance, which had been previously postponed, will be held on Friday, December 20, in building 17. Admission is 25 cents per person. We would like everyone to wear a beatnik outfit because it adds to the fun, and as some experienced people will tell, if you don't come with a beard or elaborate make-up, the chances are that you'll leave with it. Since this Friday marks the finish of Christmas exams, we hope to have a big turnout and a lot of fun.

The next day, December 21, Senior Teens will again be decorating the Christmas trees in the church. Everyone is asked to meet in the church at 7:00 on Saturday night. The Syretts say they will provide food in the chapel annex. Whether or not we will go caroling will depend on the weather.

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HOGGING THE ROCK

By RON POWELL

The regular curling schedule takes time out for a holiday break. However, there will be as much activity as ever over at the old curling rink.

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OLD CROCKS' SPIEL . . . The most popular bonspiel of the season is slated to commence the 26th Dec. Entries will be limited to 32 teams, on a first come—first serve basis. All club members, regardless of age, are eligible to enter, providing the \$4.00 team entry fee is paid. Games will be played in the evening all the way through.

BRIAR PLAYOFFS . . . It will be Trimble versus Sather in the battle to represent the club in the Zone 10 playdowns. These two teams meet head on in a best two-out-three series, commencing at 2 this afternoon. Second game will be played at 7 this evening, and the third, if necessary, will get underway 2.30 tomorrow afternoon. Both teams are even after two previous encounters, so this series will provide the tie-breaker. We see it going the limit — pay your money and take your choice.

Trimble advanced into the final on the strength of a 13-2 landslide over Maxwell. Maxwell, in an effort to strengthen the squad, picked up Ken Stephenson on waivers. However, the ominous presence of "Scotty" Stephensen did not deter the Trimble foursome, as they opened with a big six in frame one and never looked back after that.

Readers will be interested in knowing that Charlie McKeigan

and associates suffered defeat number one last week, a 9-5 setback at the hands of Al Sather. Ho hum, things are back to normal around here now.

Dropped around to the Rossmere club last Saturday to catch part of the Manitoba-Nova Scotia affair. Unfortunately, Nova Scotia was anything but impressive, as Lerner jumped to an 8-2 lead after four ends. We don't know the final result as that seemed like a good time to make an exit.

INTER CLUB . . . It was "Sad Saturday" as far as our club was concerned, as our two teams suffered twin setbacks at the hands of the Charleswood curlers. Curly Lord was downed 8-6 by Bayne Robertson's youthful aggregation, while Ted Trimble was edged 7-6 by Dick Bloom's highly regarded crew.

The Lord-Robertson contest was almost a comedy of errors, as

neither team curled up to potential. We were scoring the affair and counted 41 complete misses in the nine ends witnessed. Lord's crew curled a combined 60% for the 9 ends while Robertson's outfit came in with a 64% performance. Nevertheless, there were dramatic moments, especially when Lord, trailing by 5, cashed in with a big four on the fourth end. He was laying three more in the following end, but missed an all-important guard, enabling skip Robertson to pull in with a fine shot and rescue the end for the Charleswood crew. After that, each team split singles in the next four frames, Lord running out of rocks coming home.

On the next sheet Trimble and Bloom were locked in a real duel, although the encounter was sprinkled with frequent misplays. Trimble's team started off rather shaky but were held in the battle by their nerveless skip. High point of the game, from Trimble's point of view, came in the fourth end when, following five consecutive misses by his team, he made a beautiful pressure draw, to steal one and rescue the team from four big opposition stones. After that the Trimble team gained momentum but the skip himself fell off from his early pace. Even so, the Air Force boys were one-up coming home, but a crucial last rock miss by skip Trimble left Bloom laying two, surrendering the end and the match. Bloom's third, Wayne Cook, was a rose among thorns as he curled an exceptional 91% through the last nine ends, difficult to better in any competition.

Tomorrow, the Morden curlers will be visiting our club for the next inter-club contest.

TO PRESENT WINGS



G/C J. A. STEPHENS, CD

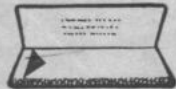
The Senior Air Staff Officer of Training Command Headquarters, G/C James A. Stephens, will present Radio Navigator Wings to the students of both ANS Radio Officer Course 6206, and Applied Navigation Course 6207, during Graduation Parade ceremonies at the Station Drill Hall tonight.

LETTER OF THANKS

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LADIES CURLING

At a recent curling meeting, the draw committee chose 15 rinks for the second round robin starting after Christmas. The draw committee would prefer 16 rinks if possible. They would like to obtain 2 experienced curlers to join with the 2 available spares to make the 16th rink as soon as possible. All interested parties are asked to

please contact Betty Batchelor or Iris Magura at VE 2-0621.

After Christmas, curling for the ladies will begin at 1.15 p.m. sharp.

INTER SERVICE HOCKEY

W/C B. D. McArthur dropped the puck at face-off ceremonies during the opening of the Inter-Service Hockey League on 12 December. Captain of the RCAF

"Voodoos", Officer Cadet J. P. Guy, met his counterpart Cpl. Don McTavish, captain of No. 4 Transport Company RCASC team. Other officials in attendance were S/Sgt. Mitchell, Army team manager and F/L Turner, league president.

The "Voodoos" got off to a good league start by edging the army team 5 to 4 in the official opening played in the Transcona Arena. Additional games will be played

"turn-about" at the outdoor arenas at Fort Osborne Barracks and at RCAF Station Winnipeg.

NOTICE

The Astra Credit Union will be moving from their office in Bldg. 33 on Friday, 20 December and will be open for business in their new office at the Rec. Centre on Monday, 23 December.

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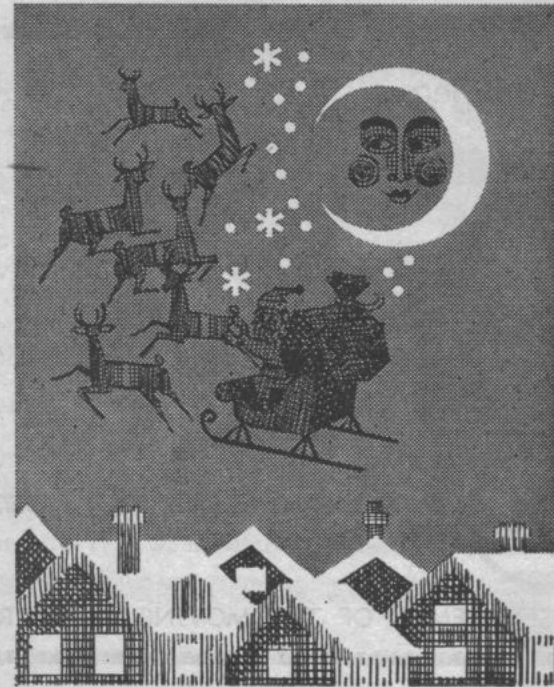
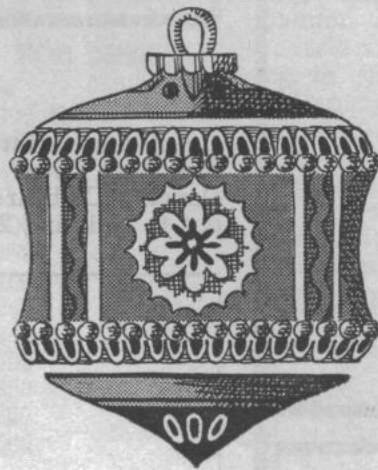
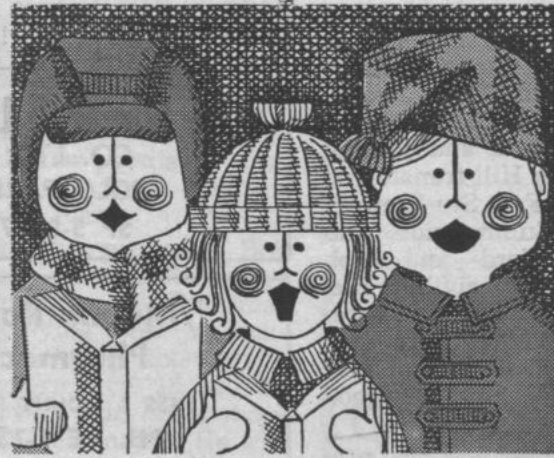
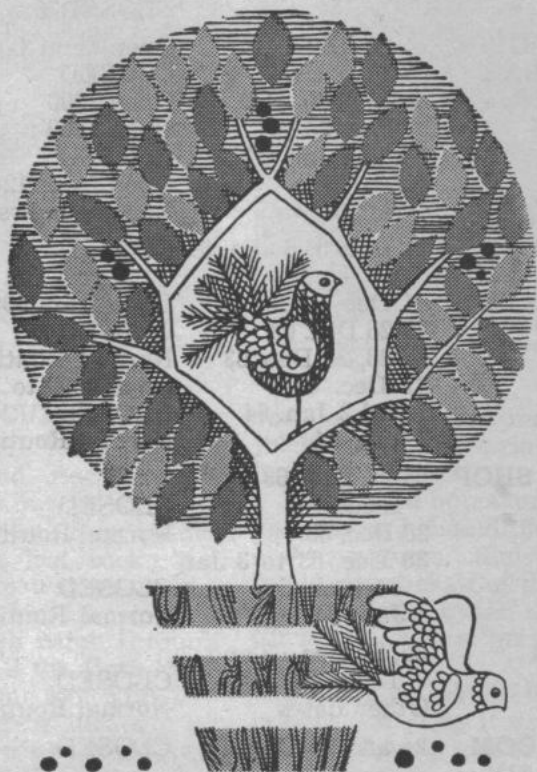
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Christmas observance all over the world. We wish that this may be for you and your family the most wonderful Christmas of all. We extend personal season's greetings to each of our friends throughout the Province. May Manitoba hold much for you this Christmas.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all!

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POSTINGS IN

Welcome to F/O's Doug Hutchison, Paul Harrison, Dave Briggs, Bill Brown, Mike Ohanlon, John Pele, Ches Yorke, Gilles Champigny, Roger Courchesne, Joe Gotheried, Germain Demers, all posted from 1 AFS Rivers to ANS Flying Wing.

Welcome also to F/L J. D. Martel transferred from SRI course of CNS. Glad to see back F/O Al Brown returning from Trenton... on embarkation leave...

TRANSFERRED

Best of luck to F/O's D. D. Stewart, G. O. Lister, A. T. Bryski, J. Vogelaar, T. G. Pickering, A. F. Fleming, B. M. Jacques and R. Hebert on posting to 2 OTU Summerside at the beginning of Jan.

FAREWELL PARTY

A farewell party took place in the Officers' Mess on Friday the 13th for six officers leaving ANS. They are: F/L Bob Mazey transferred to CNS, F/L Peter Thorpe returning to England and joining the RAF, F/L Jack Hill transferred to Stn Winnipeg, F/O Stu Stewart transferred to Summerside and F/O's Ed Woodford and Bob Beaupre returning to civilian life. W/C J. W. Whelan, OC ANS, presented the departing officers with tankards, wished them best of luck and thanked them for their good work at ANS.

F/L Jake Fournier was also pre-

sented with a surprise gift from his friends from Nav/Air in appreciation for his friendship.

COIN COLLECTORS' CORNER

The next regular meeting of the Astra Numismatic Society will be held on Tuesday, the 21st of January 1964. We take this opportunity of wishing you one and all a Very Merry Christmas and a Most Happy New Year.

For those who are going to order their new mint sets from the Ottawa mint, be sure that you mail your letter and remittance immediately after the morning of January 1st. You'll get an earlier receipt this way and your order will be filled out that much quicker. Once again from all of us to all of you good people everywhere, a Very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

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TOYLAND	24 Dec. 63	1200 hrs. to 1700 hrs. (Toyland will be closed after this date.)
WESTWIN	24 Dec. 63	Open from 1200 to 1700 hrs
	25-26 Dec. 63	CLOSED
	27 Dec. 63	Open from 1200 to 1800 hrs.
	28 Dec. 63 to 6 Jan. 64	CLOSED
	7 Jan. 64	CLOSED for Stocktaking
EXCHANGE SNACK BAR (Recreation Centre)	24 Dec. 63	Open from 1200 to 1700 hrs.
	25-26 Dec. 63	CLOSED
	27-28-29-30 Dec. 63	Open 1200 to 1800 hrs.
	31 Dec. 63	Open 1200 to 1700 hrs.
	1 and 2 Jan. 64	CLOSED
SNACK BAR (Building 21)	3 Jan. 64	Open from 1200 to 1800 hrs.
	4 Jan. 64	Normal hours resumed.
	21 Dec. to 6 Jan. 64	CLOSED
	24 Dec. 63	Open from 0900 to 1700 hrs.
AUTO CLUB	25-26 Dec. 63	CLOSED
	27-28, 30 Dec. 63	Normal Routine
	31 Dec. 63	Open 0900 to 1700 hrs.
	1 and 2 Jan. 64	CLOSED
	3 Jan. 64	Normal Routine resumed.
HOBBY SHOP	24-27 Dec. 63	CLOSED
	Inclusive	Normal Routine.
	28 Dec. 63	
	30 Dec. 63 to 3 Jan. 64	CLOSED
	64 Inclusive	Normal Routine Resumed.
BARBER SHOPS	25, 26 Dec. 63 and 1 Jan. 64	CLOSED
	Other dates	Normal Routine.
MAIL ROOM (Bldg. 61)	24 and 25 Dec. 63	CLOSED
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	25, 26, 27, Dec. 63	CLOSED
	31 Dec. 63	Open 0900 to 1700 hrs.
	1 Jan. 64	CLOSED (Other dates, normal routine)



"A" CHAMPS — Guy Lafortune, Jim

CLUB

The Annual held last week this event was a success. It was at this time that the winners were won by the "A" group. The best. With a home Jim Mc... with a pair of... drew inside the Leish inside the group winner Nichol rink ag...

Each was presented with individual trophies at the curling...

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CLUB 61

BY JIM LEWIS



"A" CHAMPS — Dick Dolman, Clive DeSilva, Guy Lafortune, Jim McLeish.



"B" CHAMPS — Don Martin, George Huhn, Nichol, Don Weir.

CLUB 61 CURLING

The Annual Fall Bonspiel was held last week-end. Response for this event was low but the competition was at its best. Few games were won before last rock. The final in "A" group was about the closest. With Gregain 2 up coming home Jim McLeish came through with a pair to tie it up. Both skips drew inside the four foot with McLeish inside by two inches. "B" group winners were the LAC Nichol rink against Ferguson.

Each was presented with an individual trophy by the Club PMC at the curling dance last Saturday.

Have you brought your tickets for the New Year's dance? There have been numerous enquiries regarding sales to civilians. The deadline for sales to airmen is Dec. 23rd and after this date all remaining tickets, if any, will be sold to civilians. The dance will be from 11 p.m.-3 a.m., the bar will close from 1 o'clock until 1.30 a.m. while chicken supper is being served with wine upstairs. The dining room will not be available, however the upper bar will be laid out to accommodate as many as possible and the remainder will have to eat downstairs.

For those who do not feel quite on top of the world the following morning, there will be a levee or "sick parade as you wish" laid on free of charge from 11.30 until noon

Jan. 1st. This will include tomato juice, bromos, aspirins, soup, and hangover cocktail.

In case the opportunity does not again arise I should like to wish all club members, their wives and families on behalf of the committee members and myself a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Although this is the time for celebration, take it easy, we have enjoyed having you around and we would sure like to have you around next year.

CLUB CALENDAR

- Dec. 21—Vibrators.
- Dec. 22—Film, Papa's Delicate Condition.
- Dec. 28—The Dixielanders.
- Dec. 29—Film, Five Pennies.
- Dec. 31—New Year's Dance—Harmonies.

BAR HOURS FOR XMAS

- Dec. 23—Normal
- 24—1600-1900 hrs
- 25—1400-2000
- 26—1645-2245
- 27—Normal
- 28—1400-1600
1800-0100
- 29—1300-1700
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- 30—1645-2245
- 31—1400-1600
1700-0300
- Jan. 1—1130-1200
1400-1600

SERGEANTS' MESS

P. THORMIN

How do you describe a ten hour panorama of talent for a good cause? Use any adjective you wish, but it all boils down to a generous portion of the mess members making it possible for some less unfortunate families to really enjoy Christmas.

The brain child of Eric Schatte and produced by Jack Churchill, the show rivalled that of any Jerry Lewis two hour spectacle. Talent unlimited came out to make this a very memorable occasion, and to the people who did give so freely of their time and talent I am sure they donated a different kind of gift, one of personal satisfaction.

MC'd by Bob "Lucky Seven" Burns of CJAY TV the show began with a Symphonic arrangement of Joy to the World, followed by Sounds of Music, Wagner's Meister Singers Score and the Mozart Festival arrangement. The Station Band under the baton of Sgt Eric Schatte performed superbly and upped their popularity considerably judging from the applause accorded them.

Throughout the program, Bob Burns proved his versatility by leading a sing song of Christmas favourites, playing the Maracas and keeping the many acts on cue for their performance. In all, he certainly proved that he is more than just a TV personality. He was a very busy man but a welcomed and much enjoyed part of the show.

With the true spirit of Christmas prevalent, the many acts performing for so great a benefit put their best foot forward. Miss Ann Brooks from Montreal, who is appearing locally in the city, belted out a medley of songs so popular with her style and easygoing manner. Another group, the Ron, Laurie and Jeff trio, also appearing in the city, made the word Hootenanny stand out with their folk singing numbers.

Closer to home, the Nomands of Eric Schatte had everyone out on the dance floor while they alternated with the Emeralds led by Bud Thompson. A mustachioed Jim Lewis provided the type of humour

so well known to anyone who has ever visited an English music hall and provided everyone with a few good jokes to chuckle over.

Pete Creston and the Casuals entertained on the busy bandstand, and while taking 5, were relieved by the Al Tummon group. Between the two bands, everyone jived and twisted and did the polka to their hearts content.

The effect of the talked about yearly Hootenanny was far greater than expected, and as a result of everyone's kindness and participa-

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SERGEANTS' MESS

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tion, approximately 20 families will share this generosity on Christmas Day.

This program, so wonderfully presented, certainly exemplified "Peace on Earth, Good will toward

Man" and does go to show that people do care.

The Christmas draw will be held following the general mess meeting on the 20th. There should be some lucky members on easy street over the holidays when the barrel is emptied.

The annual mess visit will begin at 1200 hrs 26 December from the lounge when all members are invited to visit the officers mess for a social afternoon. Dress for the occasion is number 5 blues with blue shirt and black tie. Members will proceed to the officers mess at 1400 hrs and transportation will likely be available but, check the mess bulletin board for confirmation of this.

On the 1st Jan the New Year's Levee will commence in the lounge at 1100 hrs. Transportation will be available to members who wish to visit other Sr. NCO messes in the area. Please remember to curb your desire for souvenirs as the end result affects the other members and reflects on the mess. Dress for this occasion is similar to that of the 26th.

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CHAPLAINS' CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

"As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God."

This verse from the Gospel of St. John is read at our Christmas Services.

"Power to become," is this not the most encouraging note of this season?



S/L C. H. WHITE
Senior Protestant Chaplain

Or are we tempted to agree with those who say that Christmas is only a fairy story, heart-woven and dream-spun, and that the gray-colored shadows which life casts over us are the grim truth?

Is it no more than the figment of fancy, tender and lovely, fragrant with old memories, enshrined in the love and wonder of childhood?

Even if it were only a brief season of good will—a holiday from our forgetfulness of others—or just a family festival—it would be welcome. At least it is a day of poetry in the midst of drab days of prose.

Christmas affirms that man is a being in whom God can dwell. Man's soul may even be the cradle of Eternal Love. Through faith we can receive power to become the sons of God.

Christian life is a spiritual growth. The natural way anything

grows in nature is from the side; that is, from the power within. So it is with the spiritual life. Growth does not come from without, but from a response to an inner power. (A snowball becomes larger because it collects snow as it rolls. This is not growth. It is merely accretion.)

During these four weeks before the celebration of Christmas, we have been reminded in the Advent messages to release the inner power for spiritual growth and development. We have been reminded that God has not deserted us. But perhaps we have forgotten Him in the midst of all our working, shopping, partying, etc.

How we celebrate Christmas will depend upon how we have prepared ourselves spiritually for this spiritual season. Let us remember that children learn to walk, not by sitting back and arguing, debating, criticizing or theorizing—but by trying to walk. People learn to pray by praying. We learn to worship the Newborn King by worshipping. We do not put Christ back into Christmas by talking about it. He is Christmas. It is His birthday.



F/L I. A. RAEBURN-GIBSON
Protestant Chaplain

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . . full of grace and truth." "As many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name."

Our prayer for you this Christmas is that you will receive Him.

The rich theme given to us at this particular season of the year has produced volumes and yet I believe that no rhetoric or poetic artifice can enhance the beauty and simplicity of the narrative written by St. Luke about the Birth of Our Saviour —

"Now it happened in those days



S/L G. E. GRANT
Roman Catholic Chaplain

that a decree was issued by the Emperor Augustus that a census should be taken of the whole Empire. This was the first census taken when Quirenius was presiding over Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. So Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the town of David which is called Bethlehem—because he belonged to the house and lineage of David—to be registered with Mary who was espoused to him and was pregnant. But it came to pass while they were there that the full time for her delivery arrived and she gave birth to her first-born Son and wrapped Him in swathing-clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

"In that same district there were shepherds out in the field, keeping the night vigil over their flocks, and an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were exceedingly afraid. And the angel said to them, 'Fear not! For behold, I bring you good tidings of a great joy which shall be to all the people, because today there is born for you in the town of

David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord: And this is the sign for you: You shall find a Babe wrapped in swathing-clothes and lying in a manger.' Then suddenly there was with the Angel the multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

'Glory to God in the light of heaven
And on earth peace to men of good will.'

"And when the Angels had withdrawn from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this event which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.'

"They accordingly went with all speed and found Mary and Joseph and their Babe lying in a manger. Then, having seen Him they made known the message spoken to them concerning the child. And all who heard wondered at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things in memory, reflecting upon them in her heart. The shepherds then returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen as it had been announced to them."

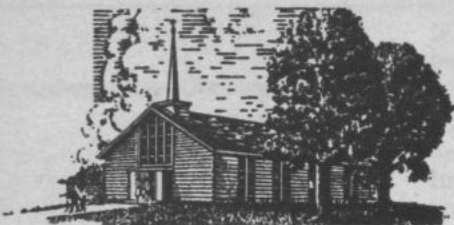
Looking at the scene at Bethlehem through the eyes of St. Luke, we are not just observing a touching tableau, a sort of Christmas card painting.

What we see is stark reality, Jesus' birth was His first step on a long road that eventually would lead to Calvary. Right here in the manger at Bethlehem He begins to teach us what it means to be a disciple of His, a Christian.

And it is a lesson we sorely need. We claim to be followers of Christ, but we forget what it means.

Christ teaches poverty, and we seek riches; He teaches trust in Divine Providence, and we place our trust in what we have stored up for the future; He teaches humility, and we seek acclaim; He starts on the road to Calvary and we prefer the broad highway of pleasure; He appears among us a newborn babe, but we admire the worldly-wise and the sophisticated.

Our Christmas will be a happy and peaceful one in proportion to the efforts we expend on grasping the sincerity of the Christmas Message and my wish is that we may all be included among those to whom the Angel said: "On earth, peace to men of Good Will."



Chapel News

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL NEWS

Rev. V. Villeneuve (W/C Training Command Chaplain (RC)).
 Rev. G. E. Grant (S/L Senior Station Chaplain (RC)).
 VE 2-1311, Local 272.

MASSES

Sunday — 9 and 11 a.m.
 Weekdays — 9.30 p.m.
 Saturday — 11 a.m.
 First Friday — 4.30 & 8.30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday — Before every Mass.
 Saturday — 1900-2000 hours.
 Sunday—Before and during both Masses.
 Other times—by appointment.

Note: If there is no priest in the Confessional, ring "Confession Bell." Parents are asked to remind their children to come to Confession after school on Friday afternoon, that is, from 1600 to 1630 hours.

NURSERY SERVICE

During 11 o'clock Mass, young children of parents who attend this Mass will be cared for by nursery service in the Chaplains' quarters.

BAPTISM

Usually on Sunday afternoon. If this is inconvenient, another day of the week may be chosen. Telephone the Chaplain's secretary during working hours to arrange the date and the hour. This will make it possible for the papers and certificates to be filled in beforehand.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Chaplain or his secretary at least one month beforehand if both parties are Catholics. In the case of a prospective mixed marriage, notice should be given at least two months in advance in order to give time for the couple to follow the instructions required by Church Law.

SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE is held every Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

JUNIOR CHOIR PRACTICE every Friday at 6.30 p.m.

ALTAR BOY CLASSES every Thursday at 6 p.m.

MIDNIGHT MASS

At 11:45 p.m. Tuesday evening, the Junior Choir will begin singing Christmas Carols and at 11:55 will proceed to the front of the church for the blessing of the Crib. This will be followed immediately by Midnight Mass.

On Christmas Day there will be Masses at 9 o'clock and 11 o'clock.

PROTESTANT CHAPEL NEWS

Chaplains: (local 417)
 Rev. C. H. White (S/L)
 Rev. I. Raeburn-Gibson (F/L)

Advent 4 — Dec. 22

Holy Communion (Anglican), 9 a.m.
 Carol Service of Seven Lessons, 11 a.m.

Christmas Eve — 24 Dec.

Children's Service, 6:30 p.m.
 Choral Eucharist, 11:30 p.m.
 Christmas Day Service, 11 a.m.

Sunday School Sessions

9:30 a.m. Ages 6, 7, 8 (Bldg. 62).
 11:00 a.m. Nursery in Chapel.
 11:00 a.m. Ages 4 and 5 (Bldg. 62)
 1:30 p.m. Ages 9, 10, 11 (Bldg. 62)

Teen Times

Junior Teens, 12 and over, 9:45.
 Senior Teens, 7 p.m.

STATION LIBRARY

Recreation Centre
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HOURS OF OPERATION

CLOSED Wed., Dec. 25
 Thur., Dec. 26
 OPEN Fri., Dec. 27 at noon
 CLOSED Wed., Jan. 1
 Thur., Jan. 2
 OPEN Fri., Jan. 3 at noon
 CLOSED XMAS EVE AND NEW YEAR'S EVE.

NEW BOOKS

Three Sirens—Irving Wallace.
Caravans—James A. Michener.
City of Night—John Rechy.
A Significant Experience—Gwyn Griffin.
The Big Sell—Pierre Berton.
Stories My Mother Never Told Me—Alfred Hitchcock.
Hotel Mamie Stover—Wm. B. Huie

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Monday to Saturday inclusive 1 show at 1900 HRS.
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 Sunday Matinee 1 show at 1400 HRS.
 Sunday Night 2 shows at 1900—2100 HRS.

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SATURDAY, 21 DECEMBER

Matinee and Evening
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 General

SUNDAY, 22 DECEMBER

MONDAY, 23 DECEMBER
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 Adult

TUESDAY, 24 DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY, 25 DEC.
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THURSDAY, 26 DECEMBER

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FRIDAY, 27 DECEMBER

G. I. BLUES
 General

SATURDAY, 28 DECEMBER

Matinee
 GULLIVER'S TRAVELS
 General

SATURDAY, 28 DECEMBER

Evening
 WALL OF NOISE
 Adult

SUNDAY, 29 DECEMBER

MONDAY, 30 DECEMBER
 DONOVAN'S REEF
 General

TUESDAY, 31 DECEMBER

NO SHOW

WEDNESDAY, 1 JAN.

THE YEARLING
 General

SPECIAL CHILDRENS' MATINEES—24 Dec. & 1 Jan.—1300 to 1500 hrs.

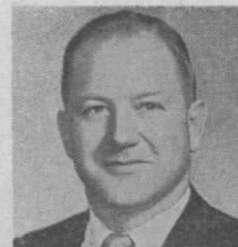
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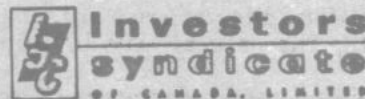


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POOL — OPEN FROM 1330 to 1600 and 1900 to 2100 hrs. on following dates: Dec. 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Jan. 2, 3, 4, 5. CLOSED on all other dates.

BOWLING ALLEYS — Sat. 21 Dec.—1300 hrs. Casual (Turkey Bowl)
 Sun. 22 Dec.—1330 and 1830 Mixed League
 Fri. 27 Dec.—1830 hrs. Casual
 Sat. 28 Dec.—1330 hrs. Junior League
 Sun. 29 Dec.—1330 hrs. Casual
 Mon. 30 Dec.—1830 hrs. Casual
 Fri. 3 Jan.—1830 hrs. Casual
 Sat. 4 Jan.—1330 hrs. Junior League
 Sun. 5 Jan.—1330 and 1830 hrs. Mixed League
 CLOSED 23, 24, 25, 26 and 31 Dec. — 1, 2 Jan. '64.

SKATING RINK — PMQ Hockey Sat. 21 and 28 Dec. and 4 Jan. Open Skating 1330-1600 and 1800-2100 Sun. 22 and 29 Dec. and 5 Jan. Open Skating 1800-2100 hrs. 23, 27, 30 Dec., 2, 3 Jan. CLOSED 24, 25, 26, 31 Dec. and 1 Jan.

LADIES FITNESS CLASSES — Have been discontinued for the holiday season and will commence again at 2000 hrs. Tue., 7 Jan.

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December 20, 1963

SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH POPCORN



There's nothing that says Merry Christmas like strings of popcorn hung from the boughs of a fragrant Christmas tree. If you want to be modern yet put the same old-fashioned spirit into Christmas, learn to mold popcorn into a variety of Christmas designs. Try your hand in making a popcorn snow-flaked wreath to hang over the mantle or at a front window. Use the same snowy mixture for popcorn balls which you can wrap in plastic film and hang on the tree, or pile them high in a big wooden bowl for an edible centerpiece.

Instead of popcorn balls, you may prefer to make candied popcorn candy which provides you with smaller portions to pass out to young visitors throughout the holiday. Given here are the directions for popping the corn and a basic mixture for molding the wreath, or for molding whatever you fancy whether it's a snowman or a Christmas tree.

In any event, it is fun to say Merry Christmas with popcorn.

How to Pop Corn

- 1/4 cup corn oil
- 1/2 cup popcorn (unpopped)

Heat corn oil in 4-quart kettle over medium heat about 3 minutes. Add popcorn. Cover, leaving small air space at edge of cover. Shake frequently until popping stops. (If using electric popper, follow manufacturer's directions.) Turn into large pan. Discard any unpopped grains. This makes 3 to 4 quarts. Repeat as needed but do not double recipe.

Popcorn Wreath

- 1 2/3 cups light corn syrup
- 1 2/3 cups sugar

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 quarts popped corn
- Gumdrops, candies, or licorice for decorations

Mix syrup, sugar and salt in a heavy saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a full boil and sugar and salt are dissolved. Place popcorn in large kettle, then gradually add syrup, stirring constantly over medium heat until evenly and completely coated with syrup mixture, 3 to 5 minutes. When popcorn mixture is cool enough to handle, shape on wax paper into wreaths—5 to 6 inches in diameter for hanging and about 9 inches in diameter for center-piece on table. Or, for a 12 to 14 inch wreath, use a florist wreath base.

Wrap wreath base with foil or waxed paper. Pack popcorn mixture over wreath base, making mixture as uniform as possible. Let harden. Decorate with gumdrops, candies, licorice, angelica or with artificial leaves, if desired.

Popcorn balls: Form into balls, using as little pressure as possible.

Popcorn tree: Tint syrup mixture with green food colouring and flavour with essence of peppermint or wintergreen before adding popcorn. Pack green popcorn mixture into lightly greased small funnel. Remove funnel when popcorn is cool and set. Attach large gumdrop to base of tree with toothpick for stand. Decorate tree with small coloured candies for balls.

Popcorn snowman: Make 3 popcorn balls, 1 large, 1 medium, 1 small and 2 very small popcorn logs. Stack popcorn balls on top of

each other, largest on bottom and smallest on top. Decorate small ball with a large gumdrop for hat, and red cinnamon candy for eyes and mouth. Arrange a row of candies down front of snowman for buttons. Attach logs to sides for arms.

Notes on handling: Use margarine on hands while forming popcorn. If mixture cools and does not stick together, place over low heat, stirring and turning, for a few minutes.

Candied Popcorn

- 3 tablespoons corn oil
- 1/3 cup popcorn
- 1 cup light or dark corn syrup
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup water
- 4 tablespoons margarine
- 3/4 cup coarsely chopped nuts
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 2 teaspoons hot water

Heat corn oil in a 3-quart kettle over medium heat for 3 minutes. Add popcorn. Cover, leaving small air space at edge of cover. Shake frequently over medium heat until popping stops. Spread on greased jelly roll pan.

Place corn syrup, sugar, salt, water and margarine in a medium saucepan. Stir over low heat until sugar is dissolved, then cook, stirring occasionally to hard crack stage (300 degrees F.) or until a

small amount separates into threads which are hard and brittle when tested in very cold water. Stir in nuts; remove from heat. Combine soda and hot water; stir into hot mixture.

Pour mixture over popped corn in jelly roll pan and mix quickly. It is necessary to work fast. Leave in pan to cool turning it at least once. When cool and hard, break into small pieces.

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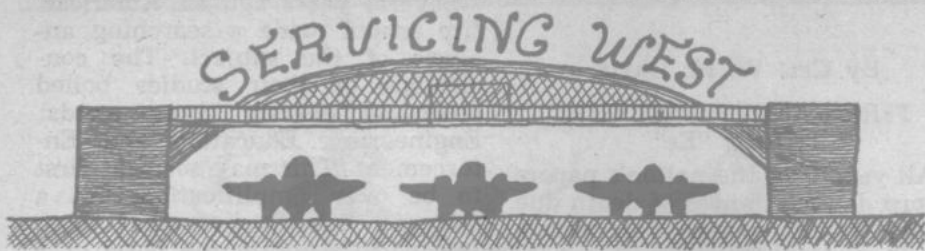
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By DICK GINTER

Our deepest sympathies to LAC Fredlund whose mother passed away last week.

Trans/Serv had a house warming arranged for last Tuesday. WO Scott insisted on a place with large rooms when he rented so that there would be room for such functions as house warmings and Christmas parties. A very considerate boss, and the boys appreciate it.

We saw an example of perfect co-ordination and marvellous organization the other day when one of our ANS pilots pulled up to the 11 hangar door in an Expeditor, descended, and not 20 seconds later, boarded a Dakota which pulled up at the same spot vacated by the C45.

Is it true? We hear that the movie censor board is made up of retired PROs.

The Maintenance Wing Christmas Party was a well attended success. FS Curties and his crew deserve a "well done." I did get one rubber switched in the check room but then there were a lot of rubbers that looked so much alike! In spite of the nasty weather and poor visibility only one vehicle was stranded for the night and that was due to road conditions.

If anyone would like to invite a German or a French guest for the holiday season he is welcome to Willie Springstead's dachshund and poodle. He is planning a trip to Ontario to show off his Meteor. Have a nice trip, Willie.

Ron Merriam, his Missus and I each won at the Cpls.' Club Turkey Bingo, although all Ron got was a box of chocolates.

We have had a terrific turnover of books in our book club and suggest that you trade in your books for fresh reading material during the holiday seasons.

LAC Bill Whitehead has taken over as Maintenance Wing runner. Gene Allen couldn't hack it any longer, anyway he was going on leave.

There's a switch coming up between LAC O.R. Davis of 11 hangar and LAC Amos Belliveau of Maintenance Analysis. Sitting around in a warm office is good training for El Arish anyway.

How much horsepower per reindeer does Santa Claus get?

Cpl. McGinnis was over helping out in 10 hangar while Jack Reimer and Al Lamb were gone. Cpl. Lamb has just returned from the Tutor course in Hochelaga and says that things are just the same as ever in that city on the hill. He is looking forward to his transfer to Moose Jaw in January. He always did like windy places!

A deer, limping with what appeared to be a broken leg, was spotted on the runway last week. When the AFP went out to check it out, it disappeared into the bush beyond 11 hangar. With all the mink, deer and what have you in that area it must be quite a wild life preserve.

LAC Schilling is selling honey at six cents a pound. Fantastic price, isn't it? But the rate of production in his case is fantastic also.

Manitoba is well known as the land of the beautiful sunrise. Old Sol and the weather have been co-operating lately to authenticate that story. It isn't often we get up in time to see it but it is more than worth it every time.

Bert Carpenter must be clairvoyant. I was going to kid him about the mustache he was sporting but he shaved it off in time for the Maintenance Wing Party. Chicken!

A Merry Christmas to all!

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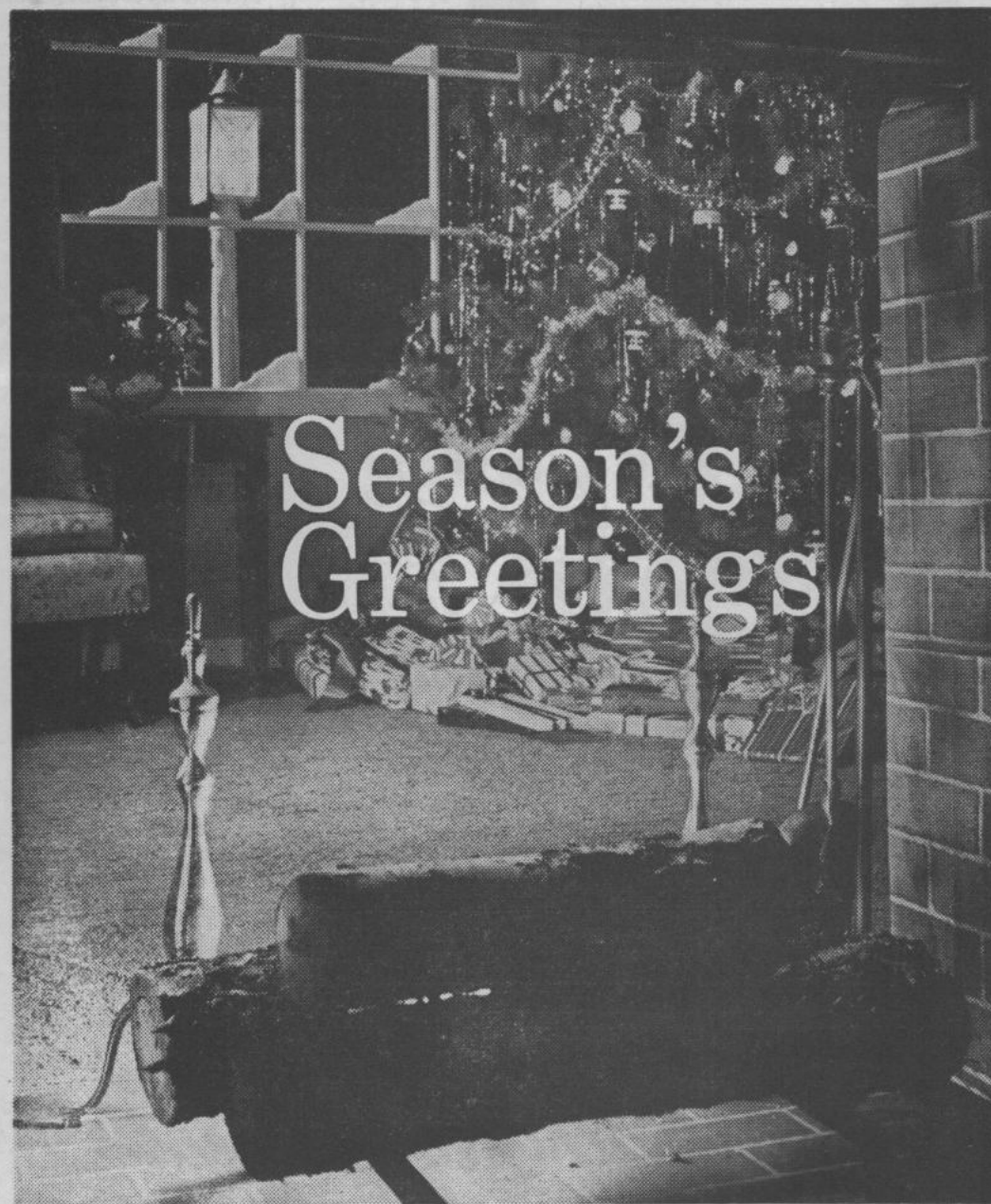
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FIRE PLUGS

By Cpl. W. M. DAVIS

FIRE SAFETY AND THE THREE "Es"

All year long the nation's papers record daily instances of death due to fire. Notable among these were a number of families wiped out in entirety while in their homes. In the wake of previous fire tragedies in which large numbers of persons have lost their lives, have come no end of new laws, codes and ordinances. All these legal restraints generally have been well meant. Unfortunately, these holocausts seem to recur with regularity in spite of safeguards previously legislated.

Immediately following any particularly tragic fire, a great hue and cry arises concerning poor inspections and inadequate regulations. The new legislation is then carried out accompanied by pious statements to the effect that similar fires will never occur again in that locale. It can be expected with reasonable certainty that they will.

The previous statement is not intended as a cynical observation but rather a logical conclusion. Most statute and rule books are presently overcrowded with legislation previously passed to accomplish similar objectives. Yet tragic fires continue to snuff out lives in spite of them! Obviously a serious weakness must exist in present day thinking pertaining to fire safety: bitter experience has proven that laws alone are not sufficient.

Several years ago an American fire school made a searching analysis of the subject. The conclusions of their studies boiled down to exactly three words: Engineering, Education and Enforcement. This may seem at first to be over simplification, but a closer look will show that these few words contain the basis of a sound fire prevention programme if adopted and supported in three equal parts.

Studies of fires were carried out in an attempt to ascertain the reason for the great loss of life. It was noted that in each case where a high loss of life occurred one or more of the areas designated by these was woefully inadequate or lacking entirely. The conclusion then is difficult to deny. If true fire safety is to be achieved, all three parts must be present and promoted with equal vigour.

Engineering requirements for old and new construction and occupancies are contained in existing building and electrical codes supplemented by special codes drawn up by the military construction and engineering to meet special requirements existing only in the armed forces.

Education must be accomplished by directing efforts to reach every member of the community, not just selected group who show some interest.

Enforcement, likened to a police action and, as such, unpalatable to some, can be accomplished more easily if based firmly upon the first two. Like bitter medicine, it will be taken by the patient when the need is clearly established. Establishing this need in some cases is like running into a brick wall. To some, a fire hazard report is a nuisance, to be initialled and returned with little or no action taken. Ask any Fire Chief how many reports pass his desk with the notation "rectified" only to have an inspector report the same hazardous condition existing on the next inspection. Such action can be described only as gross negligence.

It has long been the experience of the fire service that success is best achieved by a well-conceived and continuous fire prevention programme rather than a one-shot effort that may seem more like a publicity stunt than a really serious effort.

The writer does not infer that new laws or orders be passed or new programmes initiated, only that the entire RCAF community must give increased attention to fire prevention, and those who ignore or flagrantly disobey fire orders be brought to task.

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AROUND THE WORLD CHRISTMAS QUIZ



It's pretty hard to imagine a Christmas without Santa Claus or a Christmas tree, but in many parts of the world the appearance of Santa would puzzle people and a tree would be out of keeping with the Christmas spirit.

What do you know about Christmas around the world? Test yourself with this quiz:

1. There's a country where kids don't know about Santa Claus. On Christmas Eve they wait for an old woman on a broomstick to give them presents. What's she called and what country does she come from?

2. In another country, people would shudder if someone brought an evergreen tree into the house on Christmas. Wild flowers are used as seasonal decorations instead. Why, and what country?

3. In Belgium and the Netherlands, people would gasp if they saw Santa Claus on a sleigh pulled by eight reindeers. How does St. Nicholas travel about in these countries?

4. Christmas can be a solemn holiday as well as a joyful one, particularly for adults. Italy and Spain are two countries where some grownups don't think singing joyous Christmas carols is the only way to celebrate the holiday. How do they celebrate?

5. The custom of giving gifts for Christmas is believed to have grown from a different holiday

that was celebrated before Christ was born. What holiday and what country?

6. St. Nicholas gives good children presents, but bad children get a whipping with a birch switch in one country. What country?

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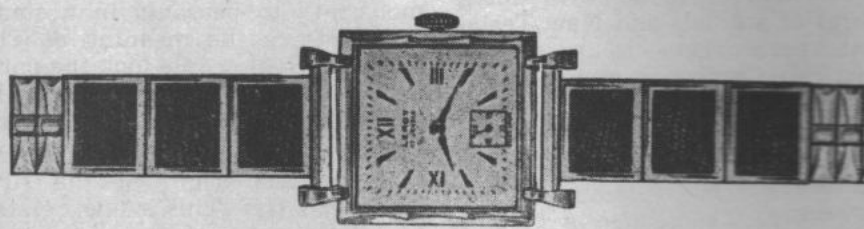
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AROUND THE WORLD QUIZ

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7. It's pretty hard to imagine a Christmas tree that isn't decorated with lights. But in one American town, people would be surprised if on Christmas day they couldn't see a row of Christmas trees that stretched out over a mile. Where?

8. The generous spirit of Christmas is reflected in one country by Christmas dinner. Custom there dictates that you set one more place at the dinner table than the number of guests who are coming to dine. That way, even an unexpected guest will find a place and a meal for himself without trouble. What country?

9. The familiar nativity scene—a representation of Christ's birth in the manger made with small figures of animals and New Testament personages—is a typical American Christmas scene, but it originated in Italy. What famous saint began the custom and why?

10. Where was the first Christmas tree?

Answers:

These Christmas puzzlers all have been gleaned from a detailed article on Christmas in Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia.

1. The old woman is called "La Befana" (the goblin) and she makes her Christmas rides through Italy, leaving presents for good children and ashes in the shoes of bad ones.

2. In Sweden wild flowers are substituted for evergreens, Compton's reports, because "evergreens there symbolize death and grief."

3. In Belgium and the Netherlands, St. Nicholas rides a white horse.

4. Devout Catholics in Italy and Spain often observe a day-long fast which begins on Sunset, December 23.

5. According to Compton's, the custom of giving gifts for Christmas dates back to the ancient Roman Mid-Winter Festival.

6. The country is Germany, where Santa arrives on December 6 instead of Christmas Eve and punishes bad children in addition to rewarding the good ones.

7. The town is Altadena, California. A mile long row of Christmas trees is decorated there every year.

8. Poland.

9. St. Francis of Assisi put on the first manger scene in 1244 to demonstrate to peasants in a small Italian town the meaning of The Nativity. Real people took the parts in St. Francis' representation. In most places, statues are used today.

10. There are several stories explaining the origin of the first Christmas tree. This is one, related by Compton's, of particular interest:

In the Eighth Century, St. Boniface, then a missionary to Germany, was attempting to stamp out the pagan custom of making human sacrifices to oak trees. At Yule time he led his followers to an evergreen tree and told them it pointed straight up to the Christ Child. "Take this tree into your homes as a sign of your new worship," he told them. "Celebrate God's power no more with shameful rites, but in the sanctity of your home with laughter and love."

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The scene: a white sparkling Christmas Eve in 14th century Chester, England. The rowdies in the audience at the Chester miracle play, however, were not mellowed by the Christmas spirit. Fancying that the manager of the play was not giving enough time to their favorite carol singers, they wrecked the stage, destroyed the properties and costumes of the performers, and beat up the players.

To side-step this danger, the play manager incorporated the between-the-acts carol singing into the play. The singers became actors as well as musicians.

They had their accompaniments, for most churches had portable organs. One of the performers could carry this organ by a strap slung over his shoulder, working the bellows of the instrument with one hand while playing the melody of the carol with the other.

Over the centuries Christmas and carols have become inseparable. Yet researchers at the Heath Company, Benton Harbor, Michigan the world's largest manufacturer of hi-fi kits, says that first known English Christmas carols were not written—in Anglo-Saxon—until twelve centuries after the birth of Christ. The first printed collection of Christmas carols was not published until 1521.

Francis of Assisi started the modern custom of carol singing in Italy in the 13th Century. It soon spread all over Europe. Today no Christmas service is complete without the singing of Christmas anthems, hymns and carols to organ accompaniment.

The word carol comes from the Middle English "carolen" — to sing joyously. Yet its meaning is by no means simple. Over the years it has been linked with ballads, hymns, folk songs and dancing.

The earliest English carols were round dances with recurrent refrains. This form remained fixed until the end of the middle ages.

The great age of the English Christmas carol was the 15th Century. Carols then were simple, fervent and full of fun.

Then came the Reformation and the growth of Puritanism and carols became gloomier and gloomier. By 1647 the Puritan Parliament had abolished the observance of Christmas and forbidden any form of celebrations. Carols were out. So were organs.

Puritanism brought anti-Christmas feelings to New England with the Mayflower. As early as 1621 Governor Bradford rebuked "certain lusty young men" for celebrating Christmas. In 1659, the General Court of Massachusetts enacted that anybody observing Christmas Day should be fined five shillings.

The restoration of English royalty brought about the restoration of Christmas.

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In the above photographs the Commanding Officer is shown presenting gifts to W/C W. B. M. Millar (top), S/L J. J. Thurmeier (middle) and F/L R. A. MacKenzie (bottom). The presentation took place at a mess dinner held in their honour on 6 December.

As the year 1963 draws to a close, and we, of your station Fire Department, look back over our accomplishments, we can say that we have come a long way but, there is still a long road ahead. With this in mind, the co-operation of all Fire Wardens, Station Personnel, and Dependents is still our main requisite to achieve a perfect goal and to promote a better understanding of the essentials of Fire Safety so that the loss of life, buildings, and contents through fire will be greatly reduced if not eliminated altogether in the coming year.

It is our aim during the New Year to further the training of our office and maintenance staffs of this unit, in Fire Safety, Fire Prevention and basic fire fighting methods.

At this time, it is with great pleasure that the Fire Chief, on behalf of his staff, wishes you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a most Prosperous, Happy and Fire Free New Year.

WO2 F. J. SAGRIFF
Fire Chief.

ATC BAND TO DISBAND

The Royal Canadian Air Force Air Transport Command Band, located at RCAF Station Downsview, near Toronto, will be disbanded on April 1st, 1965.

The establishment for RCAF Regular Force bands has been reduced from three to two. Central Band at RCAF Station Rockcliffe, near Ottawa, and the RCAF Training Command Band in Western Canada will be retained.

The Band of Air Transport Command has grown from a nucleus of 25 musicians when formed in 1946 to a present complement of 52 musicians. It has served under three different names: Central Air Command, Training Command, and in September 1959 became known as the Band of ATC.

DIANA SAUNDERS
PASSES AWAY

On Tuesday, 10 December Diana Saunders, 17-year-old daughter of Corporal and Mrs. P. A. Saunders of MDP 103A, passed away in Grace Hospital. She is survived by her parents, three brothers, Gerald, Albert and Frederick, and one sister, Patricia, as well as her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Saunders. A prayer service was conducted by Padres Ross and White and the remains were later forwarded to Petitcodiac, N.B. for burial.

Diana was a student at Silver Heights Collegiate Institute in St. James.

Deepest sympathy is extended to members of the family in their time of sorrow.

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MINOR HOCKEY

By CPL. M. D. SMITH

Eleven below zero and clear skies saw the start of Minor Hockey last Saturday. Sgt. Dunning and his staff deserve a large vote of thanks for the hard work that was put in to produce a beautiful sheet of ice.

The Playground "A" Flyers, who were to play away to Border C.C., took their first game by default as Border failed to ice a team. At 9 a.m. the Playground "A" Flyers took to the ice in an exhibition game against the Bantam "B" Flyers. At the end of a cleanly played

game the Bantam "B" Flyers, coached by Ken Coleridge and Bill Whitehead, had defeated the Playground "A" team, coached by Del Wilson and Norval Rose, by a two to nothing score.

Following this encounter, the Playground "B" team, under the guidance of Doug Hahn and Harold Theede, played host to Sturgeon Creek C.C. The local boys just could not get going and, when the game was over, Sturgeon Creek had defeated our lads by a score of 14 to 2. The brightest star in the losing cause was Frank Faber who scored the Flyers' first goal on a fine solo effort. The second goal came from the stick of Bobby Whitehead.

Next on the agenda came the Playground "G" Flyers who also hosted Sturgeon Creek C.C. The Playground "C" team, coached by Sid Skinner and Bud MacAskill, played a good game but in a losing cause. They were defeated by a 3 to 1 score. The lone Flyer goal was scored unassisted by Bobby Miles, who was a standout throughout the game.

Considering this is the first year of organized hockey for our boys, we should be justly proud of their effort. With more practice they will become definite contenders. A little parental support would help.

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KADET KAPERS

By MICK

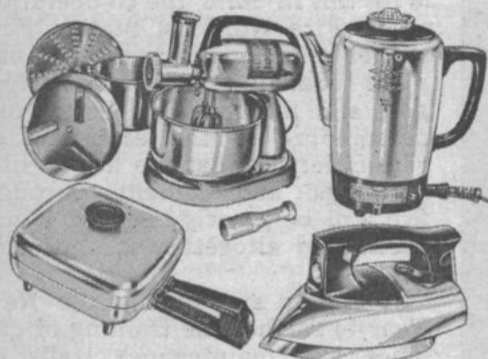
Congratulations to the "Voodoos," our cadet hockey team, for winning their first two games during this past week. They defeated both the Army and the Airmen, 5-4, 5-3 respectively. How about putting up a schedule of your future games fellows, so we can come out and cheer for you?

Sorry to say last night's Band Dance at the Mess was rather poorly attended, although the hardy individuals that did attend had a very enjoyable time. No doubt the 20 below temperature kept most people in warmer places. Tonight is the graduation of 6207 Navs and 6206 ROs, with the usual Graduation Dance at the Mess after the Parade. The TGIF planned for Dec. 13th has been postponed until Saturday, Dec. 21st. It should be changed to TGIS for this occasion! Anyway, this will be the last event the Mess is holding in 1963 so come on out and take advantage of it.

As you know, the Dining Room will be closed during the Christmas leave period, but the bar will remain open for the normal times. So those staying on the station, or those returning early from leave will find the bar open to you. O/C Lewis will be the Acting PMC for the leave period.

In the near future, your view of the inside of the bar will be blocked by some sort of a container, most probably in the form of a large jar. Its purpose will be for collecting all that small change you don't know what to do with. Proceeds will be forwarded to the Children's Fund—a very worthwhile cause so let's support it.

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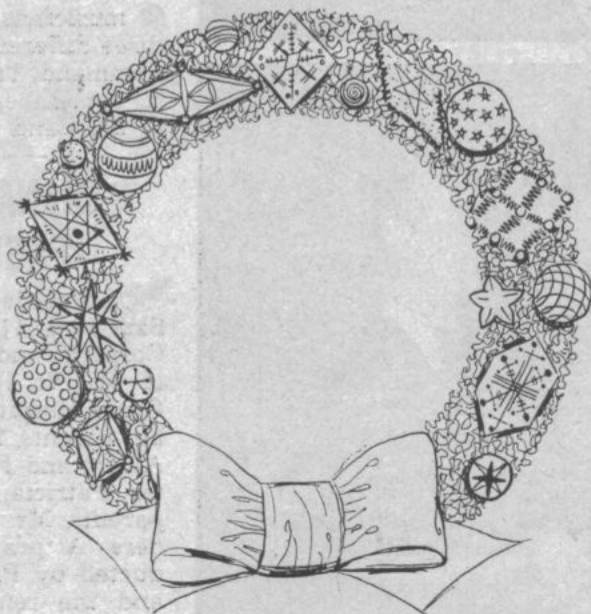
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A Very Merry Christmas

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body, the subject of Course Crests keeps cropping up. This is a tradition which began many years ago in the early days of aircrew training at Winnipeg and at many other training stations across the country. However, here at Winnipeg over the last year or so, this tradition seems to have been either forgotten or ignored. Possibly the idea these days is that a course will be remembered by its reputation, good or bad, but with so many courses passing through ANS, previous courses are soon forgotten if their memory rests on a reputation. Something more permanent is required, and a framed crest hanging in the Mess is a simple answer. To the course members involved, the crest serves as a reminder of those "good old days" at Winnipeg. At the moment, some of us may not wish to be reminded of these days, but as the years go by it is sometimes nice to take a look back. Consider it and let's see some action!

On behalf of the Cadet Organization, I would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to the staff of ANS. There will be more—in '64!

MUSIC AT CHRISTMAS

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ation of the English carol. But it was not until 1681 that Massachusetts repealed its 1659 ordinance.

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MINOR HOCKEY

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Saturday afternoon the boys of the House League turned out for a skate and a bit of practice before their schedule opens this Saturday, 21 Dec. As yet the coaches haven't named their teams. This will be done by next week. If somehow your boy was missed bring him to the rink Saturday afternoon.

We are requestion that the parents of the small boys, who are unable to lace their skates, come out and do this for them. One coach just does not have the time to lace twelve or fourteen pairs of skates.

Following is this week's schedules.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20—

6:45 p.m.—Bantam "B" Flyers away to Deer Lodge.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21—

9:00 a.m.—Playground "A" Flyers at home to Kirkfield Park.

10:00 a.m.—Playground "B" Flyers away to Lismore Rec. Centre.

11:15 a.m.—Playground "C" Flyers away to Kirkfield Park.

House League—1:00 p.m.—

Atom 1 vs. Atom 2.

Pee Wee 1 vs. Pee Wee 2.

Atom 3 vs. Atom 4.

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DEC. 27—

6:45 p.m.—Bantam "B" Flyers at home to Silver Heights.

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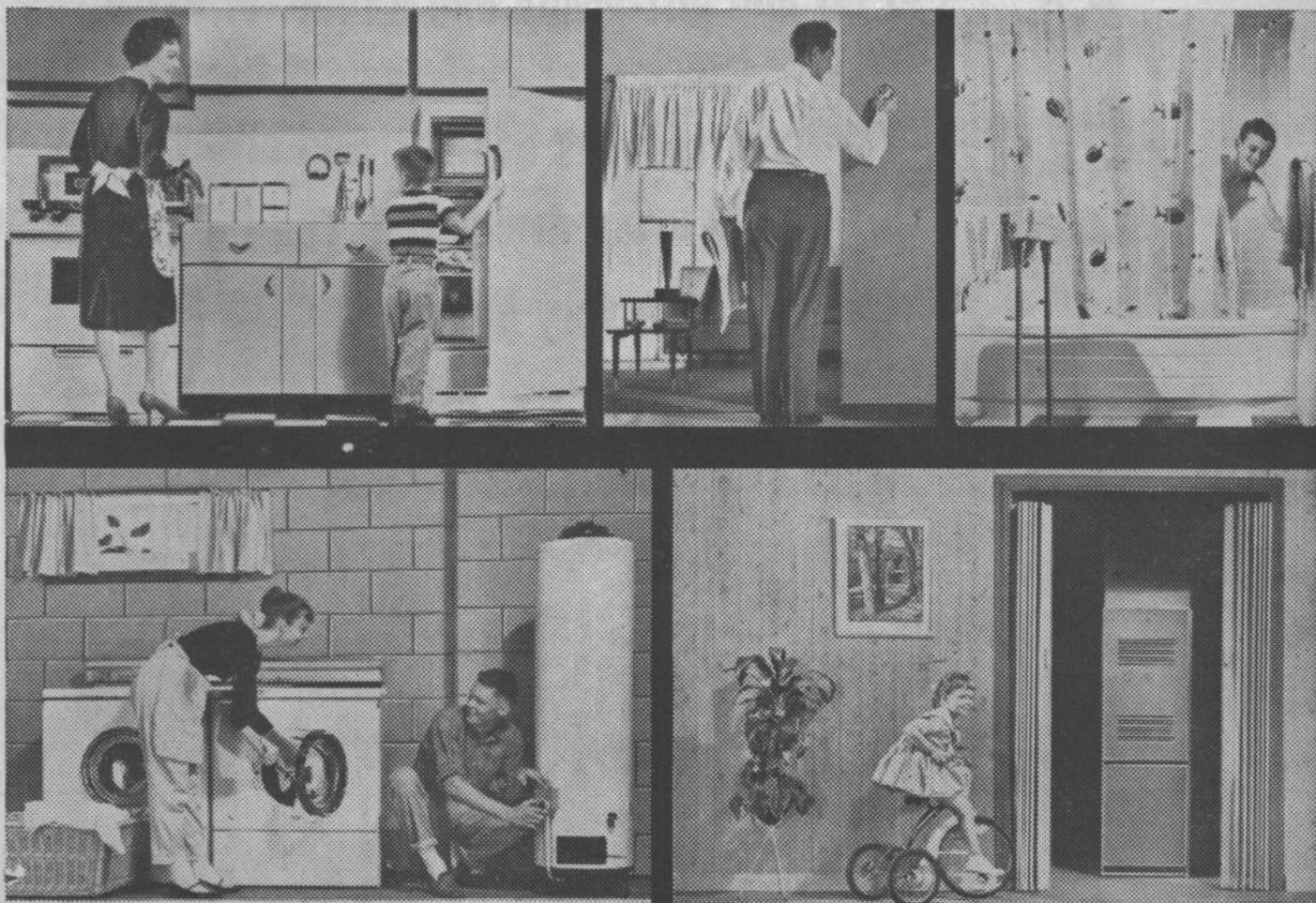
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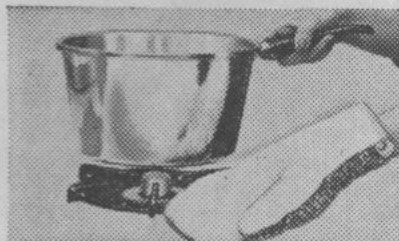
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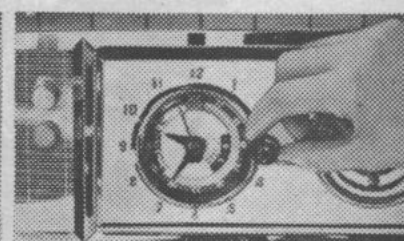
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We remind you to plan ahead for Christmas! What to buy Dad, a gift for Mom, food and refreshments for Christmas Day, friends visiting, the fun of decorating the tree and the rush for last minute gifts. This is the happy confusion and excitement of Christmastime.

A time of joy and gift-giving and a time for extra safety in regards to fire. Be sure to check your Christmas lights for frayed wires. Keep the tree away from sources of heat. And always keep the trunk of the tree in water to avoid drying out. The Carling Conservation Club wish you one and all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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