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Editorial . . .

Christmas Is More Than a "Grand Finale"

By F/L PAUL GORIEU, RC CHAPLAIN

A DISTINGUISHED American writer relates that, one day, as he was strolling down a quiet street, he met a man who was laughing heartily by himself. When questioned as to the cause of his hilarity, the man suddenly sobered up, remained silent for a few moments, then answered: "Frankly, I don't know."

During the Christmas season, as the big wheels of commerce turn with increasing speed, as people besiege stores and throw themselves headlong into the feverish activity which characterizes this season, as social functions, office parties and home gatherings leave one no respite, as people stock their refrigerators with turkey and drinks, as millions of cards and parcels flood our postal system and wend their way across country and ocean, would not many, if asked for the reason of their merrymaking, halt abruptly and confess: "Frankly, I don't know."

The feast of Christmas is for many the "grand finale" to a month of feverish activity, during which Canadians spend three million dollars on wrapping paper and ribbons, fifty-five millions on liquor, twenty-one millions for turkeys, leaving them holding the bag for the fantastic sum of between eighty and a hundred million dollars after it is all over. The number of travelling and fire accidents will triple during the month. Drug stores will have their "boomiest" week of the year after the 25th, doubling their usual business turnover through the sale of prescriptions and drugs. And finally, there is nothing to be proud of in the fact that twice as much money will be spent on Christmas cards as in helping the poor.

These are only a few of the unflattering facts over the manner in which we spend Christmas.

However, bemoaning the fact that Christmas has become so commercialized in our day and age that we have, to a large extent, lost the true spirit of the feast, is just about as practical as measuring the heights of mounting flood waters instead of manning the dikes.

The problem is of such proportions that the individual's reaction is often one of "laissez faire". Willingly or

unwillingly, sucked into the tide, he feels there is little he can do about it. Society—a vague entity with broad shoulders—has been responsible for the shaping of our Christmas pattern and must assume the blame. Many are willing to go that far, and then, to wash their hands of the whole matter.

The truth, however, is that Christmas as celebrated today is simply a product of our secular way of life. It would be preposterous to say that Christian standards permeate our way of life all year round, except that things get somewhat out of hand at Christmas. The truth is more likely to be the other way around. Materialistic standards are quite commonly the rule of the day, with many making a greater effort to give expression to their faith at Christmas time than at any other time of the year. Church attendance is at its peak at Christmas.

The heart of every problem is in the heart of man. No true solution can be found to our secular way of life if we do not begin there.

Positive action is needed therefore by every individual. It is heartening to notice that, in the last years especially, individuals and groups have taken steps to give back its true meaning to the outward observance of Christmas. In the small city of Garwin, Iowa, all the organizations of the city, both lay and religious, have come together to plan the type of Christmas which would unmistakably correspond to Christian ideals. The Chamber of Commerce, the Protestant and Catholic Churches, the city council and various other groups have joined in for this concerted offensive to take over Christmas for the Christ-Child.

A basic principle of Christian democracy is that every individual is responsible for the common good. Every Christian, therefore, should be concerned over the fact that the greatest event of all history, an event wholly spiritual in its planning and education, is being secularized, materialized, commercialized. Christmas has no meaning except as the birthday of God's beloved Son in the world. Hence the necessity for the individual to observe the day by relating it to Christ Himself. The

peace promised at Christmas consists simply of the union between the individual and his God.

We do not mean that it is wrong for people to exhibit a happy, worldly spirit at Christmas, or that they should not present gifts and send greeting cards to their friends. But this joyous exterior is not justified unless it be the overflow of a genuine interior joy born of gratitude for the infinite love which gave us Christmas. Our gifts should be suggested by the extraordinary gift of the Heavenly Father to us in sending His "beloved Son" to redeem us; and our greeting cards should convey the significance of Christmas. They ought to be a profession of Faith in the spiritual significance of the day.

Our ability to Christianize Christmas may well spell failure or success in the task of Christianizing society. Increasing secularisation of Christmas will result in increasing chaos in homes and society. The words of a contemporary historian of culture may serve to summarize the issues at stake:

"Unless we find a way to restore the contact between the life of society and the life of the spirit, our civilization will be destroyed by forces which it has had the knowledge to create but not the wisdom to control."



COVER STORY

Twenty-one month old Paul Beaudoin gives us his very best Christmas look. Photo is by Paul's own Dad, Sgt. S. Beaudoin, Station Winnipeg's NCO i/c Photo Section.



CORPORAL C. J. (Jackie) Beaubien, this month's Peg Personality, seems to exemplify the typical Canadian Airwoman. Neat and attractive in appearance, pleasant in manner, Jackie could represent the WD's anywhere and give a pretty accurate picture of the members of her service.

Corporal Beaubien was born in Wolseley, Sask., and, although she now calls Winnipeg her home town, has travelled quite extensively, covering nearly all of Canada and the United States in the past few years.

The RCAF first welcomed her to its ranks in September, 1942, when she enlisted in Vancouver. On completion of her Basic Training, which she underwent at Rockcliffe, Ont., Jackie learned the trade of "Equipment Assistant"—a name which is now obsolete, but which tells us her trade was that of Supply Technician (as we know it now). Posted back to Vancouver, she remained for a year, and from there was transferred to

Sea Island, remaining at that Station until December 18, 1945, when she was released from the service.

Shortly after her release, Jackie returned to Winnipeg where she enrolled in a "Pre-Med" course. She didn't complete this training, however, but took up a clerical occupation instead. She has worked with the Income Tax Office, MacDonald Brothers Aircraft Company, and other firms. Then, in 1952, Jackie rejoined the RCAF, taking her Manning at St. Johns, Quebec, and then going on to the SP course at Aylmer, Ont. On the 14th of July, 1953, then, LAW Beaubien was transferred to 14 Training Group Headquarters where she is working with the SO Sec. In September her Corporal's hooks "came through." Jackie is now PMC of the Airwomen's Lounge.

So far we've outlined Jackie's career but haven't touched on her personality, her hobbies, her likes and dislikes. These, after all, are

Peg Personality

CPL. BEAUBIEN

the important factors in an individual's makeup, so let's get acquainted with her!

Corporal Beaubien is slim, dark-haired and hazel-eyed. We've all read of the girl with the infectious laugh—but in Jackie's case, it's true! Her sense of humour is catching, probably one reason she has so many friends on the station. She likes the service, thinks that "—it has changed quite a bit since the last war. It's a good place for a young girl to meet and learn to get along with all types of people, and to travel." Her reasons for re-enlisting weren't disclosed, but we gather that she did so mainly because she enjoyed her term of service during the war. Her main ambition at present, as far as the Air Force is concerned, is one she shares with hundreds of other members of the service. Our 'Peg Personality wants an overseas transfer!

Hobbies? Jackie has lots of them, for her favourite pastime includes almost all sports, with riding, swimming, badminton, skating and tennis taking the lead. Reading is another occupation, and she prefers biographies and travel books although she enjoys almost any type of literature. And then there is music. In this field, Jackie gives the nod to the classical works, and she is a faithful concertgoer.

The outdoor life appeals to Corporal Beaubien and camping trips head her list of "most fun" items. She's a travel fiend too, and as mentioned, knows both the eastern and western coastlines of the United States.

And there you have our 'Peg Personality for this month. Jackie Beaubien is well known and well liked, both at Group Headquarters and Station Winnipeg. With her engaging personality and her frank,

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The Atmospheric Heat Engine

A QUESTION which has arisen in many minds recently is the possible effect of atomic bombs on the weather. The answer to it is that the effect is negligible, for the reason that the energy released in an atomic explosion is only a small fraction of the energy associated with atmospheric storms, and is therefore insufficient to influence these storms.

This answer raises another, and more interesting question still, the question of where all this energy, associated with these storms, comes from. Lavish supplies of energy, equal to thousands of atomic bombs, must be supplied from a large and inexhaustible reservoir, but where is this endless supply?

In its broad outlines the answer is simple, although the details of it are not completely known. It is that the earth's surface and the atmosphere, under the influence of radiation from the sun, act like a huge heat engine. Because the equatorial regions receive a great deal more heat from the sun than do the snow and ice-covered polar regions they become relatively much warmer. These warm surfaces

then warm the air above, whilst the cold surfaces further north cool it. As a result a circulation is set up of warm light air rising from the equator and then travelling at high altitudes northwards, whilst underneath it the cold, dense air from the north moves towards the equator to replace the rising warm air from the region, just as the hot air in a heating system will rise from the basement furnace to the upper rooms, cool there and then return to the basement to repeat the whole process.

However, differential heating by the sun is not the only source of energy available to the atmospheric heat engine. It is a well known fact that a supply of heat is needed to evaporate water, you can see that every time you boil a kettle full of water, and then when the water vapor condenses again to liquid water this energy is released. On a very large scale something similar to this happens over the surface of the globe. The radiant heat from the sun evaporates large amounts of water from the tropical oceans and then this water vapour is carried by the

warm air on its northward journey until it becomes sufficiently cooled to condense into water, forming clouds and precipitation. Considerable amounts of energy are then released to actuate the strong winds of our storms. Hence the clouds, rain, snow and winds alike are all caused by the condensation of water from the moist tropical air moving northward.

It might perhaps be doubted if this energy, caused by evaporation by water, is adequate to account for the energy shown in weather processes. It has been mentioned already that the energy associated with a typical storm greatly exceeds that of an atomic bomb, and it may be further mentioned that a single hurricane consumes in its life-time as much energy as that released by 30,000 atomic bombs, so that the source of energy has to be big indeed.

Nevertheless the process just explained is entirely adequate to supply all the energy needed and more. For example, an area of about one half a square mile over the tropical seas, typically will provide as much energy, because of evaporation, as that due to a 1,000 pound bomb of T.N.T. exploding every minute. In total the energy thus supplied is forty times

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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING HERE AND THERE

PRIME MINISTER LOUIS ST. LAURENT—
(French- and English-Speaking Canadians)

"It will continue to be as it has always been, my highest ambition to contribute something to the strengthening of the spirit of harmony and good-will and co-operation between English- and French-speaking Canadians, which is the one sure foundation of our unity as a nation. With that sure foundation we have built a nation in which we have been able to welcome hundreds of thousands of good citizens of other races who have all made distinctive contributions to our national life."

THE RIGHT HON. LESTER B. PEARSON—
(Was the War in Korea Worth Fighting?)

"By resisting and ending aggression in Korea, the United Nations has at the same time reduced the chances of successful aggression elsewhere . . . Our men defended the principles of the United Nations . . . might save us from the destroying horror of another World War."

GENERAL THAMAYA OF INDIA—
(Communist Interviewing of Prisoners of War)

General Thamaya, in charge of the Prisoner-of-War Repatriation Commission, referring to the prolonged grilling of prisoners of war by Communist interrogators, said: "It is inhuman. I cannot permit this to grow."

Thamaya, contrary to Allied fears, using a strong hand to ensure that the prisoners of war have freedom of choice to return to North Korea and Red China or to refuse to do so.

Explanations' box score to Nov. 15: prisoners held, 22,592; explanations, 2,204; decisions to go back to Communist territory, 64.

Current Affairs . . .

by DR. L. A. GLINZ

Current Affairs Adviser—Joint Service

"Canadians in uniform, at home and abroad, have the right and duty to be among the best informed military personnel in the world."

Lieutenant General C. G. Foulks, Chairman, Chiefs of Staff.

FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN HARDING, Chief of the Imperial General Staff—
(Military Efficiency of Canada's 27th Brigade)

The 27th had "made themselves a very effective operational brigade, and their military efficiency is of a very high order."

Bill Boss also reported that the 27th had solved the worst of its morale problem and had vindicated its reputation in NATO's recent Exercise Grand Repulse.

THE HON. MR. PEARSON, Minister of External Affairs.
(“McCarthyism”)

The Hon. Mr. Pearson, supported by all parties in the House of Commons, has diplomatically prevented the intrusion of "MacCarthyism" into Canada by seeing that Igor Gouzenko, now a Canadian citizen under the guardianship of the RCMP, was not made the centre of one of those notorious public and political investigations into American communism that have besmirched the good name of the United States.

Gouzenko is the former Russian code clerk in Ottawa whose disclosures in 1946 broke the Russian spy ring in Canada. Mr. Pearson was willing that Gouzenko should be interviewed by proper American authorities, but in Canada and under Canadian control.

The main suggestion Gouzenko wished to make to the American investigators was that there are many others in the Soviet spy networks, in Canada and the United States, who could be encouraged to do as he did in 1946 if their fear could be removed. These people should be assured of protection if they give evidence against communist spies and subversives.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL T. FLORINSKY, Columbia University.

(Russia: Is co-existence possible?)

"The real strength of the Kremlin lies . . . in the disorders of the Western World. It is the strengthening of the West, of which military preparedness is one—but only one—element, that offers the answer to the Communist menace. The experience of 1921-1939 indicates that co-existence (with Russia) is possible, provided the West keeps its house in order."

NEWFOUNDLAND

From Current Affairs pamphlet:

Population

350,000 (Manitoba, 776,000).

Principal Resources

40 million pounds of fresh-frozen fish in 1952, instead of salt fish as a few years ago.

Largest integrated newsprint unit in the world.

Enormous, newly-discovered iron deposits in Labrador which is part of Newfoundland. With Ungava in Quebec, the greatest potential source of high grade iron ore on the continent.

Daring investment of huge sums by Premier Smallwood, by a U.K. syndicate and by American financiers in developing resources.

Strategic Importance

Powerful American military bases, leased for 99 years.

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Naval bases and repair base to give effective control of the North Atlantic and guard the St. Lawrence.

Unsinkable aircraft carrier defending western convoy routes against the U-boats.

Fighter aircraft based in Newfoundland, which is situated well out from the mainland, could in the future intercept hostile bombers en route across the Atlantic.

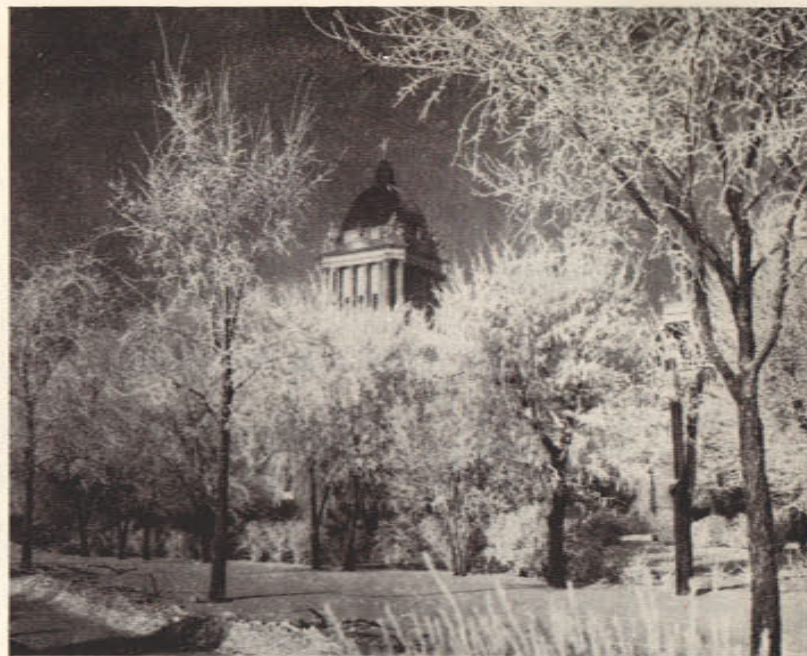
Vital role in repulsing trans-Atlantic air raids.

Note: Pamphlet on Newfoundland is available from Trans Station Education Officer.

Quiz . . . Test Yourself?

- The tremendous power project being constructed at Kitimat, on the coast of British Columbia, will be used in the refining of:
(a) Aluminum; (b) Copper; (c) Lead; (d) Gold; (e) Zinc.
- One of the following countries is not independent. Which one?
(a) Burma; (b) Indonesia; (c) The Phillipines; (d) French Indo-China.
- The United Nations has arranged four cease-fires in its history—in Kashmir, Indonesia, Korea and one other country. What was the other country?
- One of the following countries is not a member of NATO. Which one?
(a) Luxembourg; (b) Canada; (c) Norway; (d) Sweden; (e) Italy; (f) Turkey.
- Failing the co-operation of Russia in establishing a unified Germany, the Western Powers signed a separate peace treaty with the Bonn Government. Still awaiting a peace treaty, and occupied by the four Great Powers, is the country of
- The Schumann plan concerns:
(a) German border problems; (b) A free customs area in coal and steel; (c) A European army; (d) Unification of Germany.
- What do the letters SHAPE mean?
- Under the terms of the treaty integrating German armed forces into a European Army, West Germany's contributions would be:
(a) 15 divisions; (b) 5 divisions; (c) 12 divisions; (d) 11 brigades.
- An agreement between the U.S. and Spain to give the former the use of naval and air bases in Spain:
(a) has been rejected by Spain; (b) has been signed; (c) is still pending.
- The Socialist party in Italy, under Nenni, believes in a common front with the Communists of Italy. True False
- A new railroad line is now being built to exploit huge iron ore deposits which have been found in:
(a) Ungava; (b) Nova Scotia; (c) Alberta; (d) British Columbia.
- Three countries bordering on the Mediterranean entered into a mutual assistance pact last February. Two of these countries were Yugoslavia and Greece. Name the third country.

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DREWRY'S

Today in SPORT

by LAC DAVE SWEENEY



ONCE AGAIN the curtain has been rung down on summer and fall sports activities. Old Man Winter is making his icy blasts felt around the Station. Skates are being brought out of the proverbial moth balls and sharpened for the winter season.

The Station Badminton Club has been in full swing now for some time, under the capable leadership of F/O LaRoche as President. Remember, guys and gals, the Drill Hall was built for the express purpose of providing a centre of recreation for your different activities, so come on out and take an active interest in the activities that are provided.

Curling

A meeting was held on Thursday, Nov. 26th, and the RCAF Station Winnipeg Curling Club was formed, with Cpl. H. J. O'Byrne at the helm as President. Cpl. S. Borsa was named Secretary and G/C R. Ingalls, DSO, DFC, CD, Commanding Officer, Station Winnipeg as Honorary President.

The composition of the Club will be made up of twenty rinks representative of each section and 14 Training Group. Something unique in the annals of Station Curling will take place in our Club this year as members of the distaff side take an active part in the curling. We sure would like to see more of the girls get out and take an interest in the winter's activities.

An attempt is being made to associate with the Manitoba Curling Association.

The Gift Shop Trophy, emblematic of Station curling supremacy, will be played for again this year and

will be played for by the top team of each division. W/O Abbott's rink were the official winners last year, and by the representation at the meetings to date this promises to be a banner year for curling.

Football

Before a capacity crowd of 27,328 screaming, milling, jamming fans, Hamilton Tiger-Cats became the new Grey Cup champs, by defeating the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, 12 to 6.

For the first time in ten years, Hamilton has a winner. Time, the essence of mankind, was the actual winner of this game. Time for one more play may have meant the difference between winning or losing as far as Winnipeg was concerned. But time waits for no man and so another Grey Cup game goes into the books. We don't think it was the case of the best team winning, but rather the team that took advantage of the breaks won.

A new record was set by Indian Jack Jacobs, who threw 49 passes and completed 29. He lost three by the interception route.

With a minute of play left, Jacobs threw a pass to Tom Casey, but Lou Cusserow, batted it down and that finished the game.

The jubilant Tiger-Cat fans stormed on to the field, grabbed Cusserow, tackle Vince Scott and Vince Mazza and hoisted them onto their shoulders, while others set about uprooting the goal posts.

In 1950, Jacobs was the goat, but in this game he was the hero in a losing cause. Hamilton got the winning touchdown in the third quarter just after Bombers marched down the

field for a touchdown to tie the score at 6-6. A 53-yard pass play from quarterback Ed Songin to Vite Regazzo was the pay-off play for Tiger-Cats. Geoff Grain, the ex-McGill hero made a leaping try for an interception at the 30-yard line. He missed and Ragazzo caught it and raced on for a touchdown. Tip Logan converted for his eighty-first in a row and Tigers had the edge.

In the first quarter, starting on the 53-yard stripe, Ti-Cats started their first touchdown march. Songin completed three passes in the drive and went over himself on a quarterback sneak. Logan converted.

Winnipeg tied it up in the third. Casey was sent in at halfback and his superb running sparked the entire team. James, who was great all afternoon, crashed over from the one and Kerchak converted.

Winnipeg have won the Cup three times. The last was in 1941. 1954?

We haven't received the good word on Station hockey as yet, but as soon as we do we will give you the full particulars.

Inter-section sports afternoons have been formed and from what we have seen, competition is keen. So far, volleyball and basketball are the two big factors with some diehards still tossing the old pigskin around.

Bowling

Station bowling has come into its own again this year, with 28 teams, representing the various Station sections, participating.

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running smoothly. With still a few wrinkles to iron out, by the time the New Year rolls around, the serious business of bowling will have taken shape.

The week before Christmas leave, Exercise Turkey Bowl, will be in effect. This works out by having eight hidden scores for eight turkeys. This does not necessarily mean that the eight top keglers will win the turkeys.

The 2nd of December will see the mixed bowling in effect. You married people, let's get your wives or husbands taking an active interest in your Station social activities. We still have lots of room for members to join the Mixed League.

One of the oldest Trophies in the RCAF today, is the Thorndycraft Bowling Trophy, which is held here at Station Winnipeg. This Trophy dates back to the year 1930, when the RCAF was still in its infancy. It was first won by the team comprised of R. Hennessey, C. Lindeberg, J. Horner, D. Craig and old friend Ed. Turland, who now resides in Trenton, Ont. This Trophy is again up for competition.

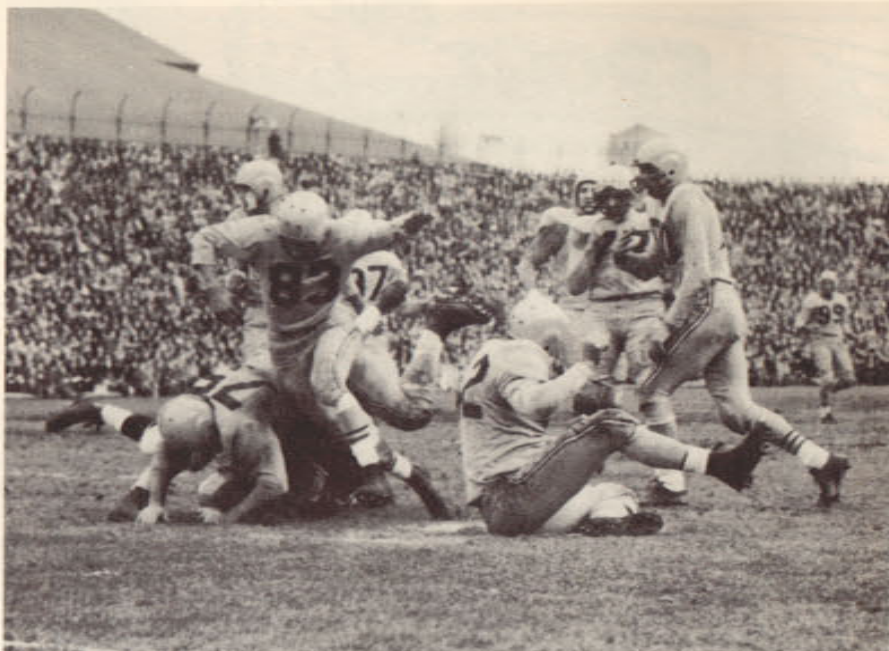
This writer garnered the Trophy information from Cpl. L. (Barney) McCurrie, who is the Recreational Specialist NCO for Station Winnipeg.

Hockey

With the N.H.L. in full swing the Detroit Red Wings are on top of the league. Having played 25 games they are one full point up on Montreal Canadiens. Detroit 31, Montreal 30. Toronto is third, with 25; Boston 22; New York 15 and Chicago is again in the cellar with 9.

Boom Boom Feoffrien, hottest sniper in the league has nine goals and eleven assists. Al Rollins, netminder for Chicago is laid up with chicken-pox and complications following a

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"Bomber on the Bottom"—The Old College Try



"Zaleski from Casey?"—Wha' Hoppen'?

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Chaplain's Page

Christmas Church Attendance

by F/L S. M. PARKHOUSE, Chp./Prot.

CHRISTMAS churchgoing fills pews that are usually empty. Many people like to go to church on feast days, when the flowers are in full display and familiar hymns are sung.

This, I cannot help thinking, is cheating. It is using the church as a convenience. Those who believe should believe every week in the year and not only when sentiment stirs them, as at Christmas and Easter, and when the service has traditional appeals. To look in now and again is like using the church to get christened, married and buried (with more beauty of language and of rite than a secular treatment of the occasion provides) and then never going near the place again. Such exploitation of the church seems to me disgraceful. Those who will not take the discipline should not snatch at the privilege. If the Faith is not worth attention on the dull Sundays—not to mention the week days—what right have perfunctory worshippers to share in the attractions on the festival days?

It may be that some will say that

the clergy should not speak in this manner, but I cannot refrain from commenting on the logic of those who treat the benefits of religion in such an arbitrary way, occasionally using them, but generally passing them by. What reason can be given for seeking a Church marriage and then giving no further heed or service to the Church and to its demands? To stay away from church altogether, to have a civil marriage (in those provinces which provide it), and to end with a secular cremation, is within the rights of any citizen now that, after centuries, we have defeated the old bigoted persecutions of the independent. It is also perfectly logical. But what is not within the bounds of right thinking is to admit a Sacred Mystery by occasional genuflections and then to forget all about a matter so supreme for fifty Sundays out of fifty-two. If religion, any religion, is what it claims to be, then it is something so tremendous that we must either reject it with due reflection or accept it with due devotion. To putter about with it, like

the Christmas Day churchgoer, is to be both illogical and insensitive.

Protestants, I am afraid, are excellent at puttering about with their religion. We have construed freedom of worship as freedom not to worship.

Each one of us stationed at RCAF Winnipeg, Protestants and Roman Catholics alike, has the opportunity of worshipping fifty-two Sundays a year. If we believe in the facts of the Christian story, then it is a supreme privilege to be allowed to share in this grandeur of spiritual opportunity. Further, we are committing unpardonable folly if we miss the chance of sharing such communion.



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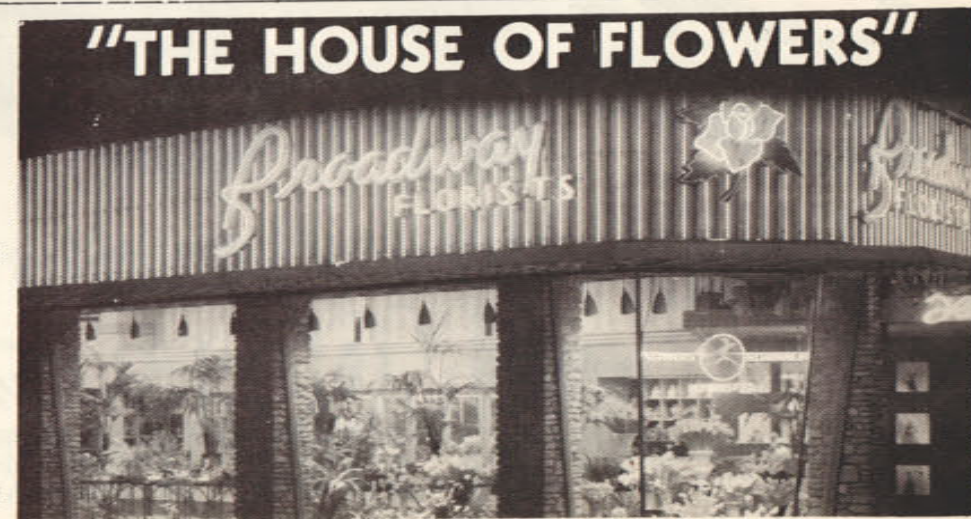
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• Padre Continued

If I am an unbeliever, then I frankly reject the invitation of Christianity to worship God, and I risk the consequences. That is honest enough. But, if I am in any way a believer that Christ the Lord has lived and died for man and made man's salvation possible by His suffering, then I should be awestruck at the splendor of this mystery. I should be advised solemnly of my privilege, and strongly commanded to attend the services as part of my duty and discipline. Thus I would bring to the attention of each of you readers who calls himself Christian, your privilege and duty to be, not only a Christmas church-goer, but also "one of the regulars".

Do I sermonize? Does the Communist sermonize to entrap the unwilling, the person of no faith, to bring him into the fold? To me Christianity is a thing so tremendous that it must either be accepted or denied to the full. It must be friend or foe: it cannot be a nodding acquaintance. To treat it in such a casual and patronizing manner seems to me both foolish and rude. But enough of scolding.

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open manner, she is almost certain to make many more friends during her stay in the service and in any venture she undertakes in the future, be it a business career or that of wife and mother. In either of these, her sense of humour will stand her in good stead, and we wish her the very best.

Answers to Quiz:

1—(a); 2—(d); 3—Palestine; 4—(d); 5—Austria; 6—(b); 7—Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe; 8—(c); 9—(b); 10—True; 11—(a); 12—Turkey.

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On Visiting Group HQ

USUALLY Group HQ's are good places to stay away from, because you meet such important people there. In a moment of forgetful awareness, I stumbled into Group HQ recently, and, as my foresworn duty to my fellow countrymen, I feel I must make it my task to prepare anybody for such an eventuality.

It is difficult enough if one's medical category is A2B or better, but for one less than that, well then, it's a case of the mountain will have to come to Mohammed.

One really should have at least two weeks of preparation before visiting Group. A body who doesn't take these few simple precautions is a fool! During the two weeks, I suggest that one should do about ten rounds with Jersey Joe Wolcott—that will make the neck supple and should condition the head for cutting blows. For agility, I recommend a couple of practice sessions with either the Detroit Red Wings or the Varsity Grads basketball team. Then try eight or nine games of badminton in your stocking feet on a slippery floor to develop gracefulness. This all may sound rather expensive. Actually it would be best to postpone the visit until late autumn—that would give one a chance to acquire the necessary physical condition by rehearsing with the Winnipeg Ballet Company.

You see, Group HQ site was well chosen. For one thing you must enter the realms of the mountain king—that awesome empire known irreverently as the Accounts Building. Disregarding a few missing wall tiles and the pressing, dingy smallness of the stairwell entrance, one bravely and timidly mounts the stairs.

And there it is!

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WD's Report

By LAW ANN ZAWADIUK



THIS IS THE season when, like our wallets, our hearts are light while we relax from the everyday cares to enjoy the peace and gaiety of Christmas. Children eagerly await the arrival of Friend Santa Claus, while the older folk decorate the tree. Unable to sleep, small ears listen for the sound of sleigh bells.

Strangely, no one seems to mind the jangle of the alarm clock come the twenty-fifth of December. The growliest individuals arise with a grin to investigate the parcels that Jolly old Saint Nick has left in brightly wrapped packages.

Later in the morning the family attends church, where parents and children blend their voices in the time-mellowed, still-loved carols that eulogize the birth of the Christ child.

And then there is the Christmas Dinner, which usually results in cases of indigestion which, oddly enough, brings forth no complaints. Roast turkey, cranberry sauce and the trimmings for everyone . . . and usually there are second helpings all around.

On Boxing Day, which is said to have originated long ago in Merrie Englande, the majority of us choose to forget that discretion is the better part of valour while we continue the celebrations. Family, friends, and even complete strangers are surrounded with the glow of happiness and well-being. Boxing Day, we are told, gets its name from the days when the Lord of the Manor distributed packages to his serfs.

Many of us in the service are deprived of the joys of spending Christmas with our families, but there are compensations. Personnel being "left behind" over the holidays find that friends in barracks get together to make it a Merry Christmas. There is a feeling of closeness, of sharing something, that helps to make the Christmas season more home-like. There is the Christmas dinner on the Station—just like the ones we had at home. There are the decorated canteens and messes, the radios in

barracks tuned to Christmas programs, and, of course, the packages that were sent from home.

Speaking of packages, Christmas (or a reasonable facsimile thereof) came early to the airwomen this year. On the evening of November 19 we had a gaily decorated Christmas tree with gift wrapped packages (empty, worse luck) in the Lounge, for the purpose of having photos taken to be published in "Voxair", and in the individual girls' hometown papers.

On the same night, a surprise party was given for F/O Foote, WD Officer at this Station. F/O Foote has been transferred to 14 Training Group, so the girls got together to present her with a small memento as a token of their high esteem. We all wish F/O Foote the best of everything, and hope to be associated with her again.

It always seems that Christmas is here and gone in no time . . . but there is something about the festive season from which we should all take a lesson. Why limit our friendliness and gaiety to those few days in the

year? Most of us are guilty of this; when Christmas is over we get back into the same rut we occupied before. Trite though it may sound, we think it would be a good idea to make an attempt at making every day in the year a sort of Christmas Day.



CHARLOTTETOWN (Unit Completes Transfer From Greenwood to Summerside)—After eight weeks of intensive preparation 2(M) Operational Training Unit has successfully completed its move to the new school at Summerside. The move was made with no appreciable break in the continuity of training under the direction of Wing Cmdr. J. W. Bellis, AFC, Officer Commanding 2(M) OTU.

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NEWS

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CALGARY (Air Force Units Join Defence Command)—Five Calgary Reserve Air Force units, formerly part of the RCAF's Tactical Air Group, have been transferred to the vitally important Air Defence Command.



The "McMillan" Vixen—(In competition with the "Voxair Vixen"). Sue Fetz, of San Francisco models the latest item to hit the beaches. This, the bathing suit, is called a "Wikini" and was the cause of some excitement when introduced by another model at a fashion show recently in Los Angeles. The model refused to permit pictures because, she said: "I have a husband and a Job. It's more important that I keep the husband."

Canada's aviation industry is expected to gross more than \$400,000,000 this year, only \$45,000,000 less than the war-time peak attained in 1944.



LOS ANGELES (Pilot Tells of Flying Twice the Speed of Sound)—Scott Crossfield (right), research pilot, told a news conference last month of how he flew the Douglas Skyrocket at twice the speed of sound. Speed attained was 1,327 miles per hour at an altitude of over 60,000 feet—the fastest man has ever flown. Pictured with him are Walter Williams (left), chief of the high speed flight research station at Edwards Air Base, and Chet Miller (center), Douglas company executive. Pilot Crossfield hold a model of the Skyrocket.



North American Aviation have just delivered their 50,001st plane—the new supersonic F-100 to the USAF. This "supersonic" is the first operational aeroplane to exceed the speed of sound in level flight. It also holds the official world's jet plane record of 754.98 m.p.h.



Former Winnipeg personnel who attended opening of new NATO sabre jet base at No. 4 (F) Wing RCAF, Soellingen, West Germany on Sept. 28, 1953.

From Left to Right:

1. G/C L. H. Randall, formerly CO Station Winnipeg, now SPSO, 1 Air Division, Metz, France.
2. F/O K. A. McLeod, former staff pilot 2 ANS Winnipeg, now pilot with 444 (F) Squadron, Soellingen.
3. F/O P. H. Russell, former staff pilot 2 ANS Winnipeg, now pilot with 444 (F) Squadron, Soellingen.
4. S/L J. F. McIsaac, former Met. Officer Station Winnipeg, now Weather Officer, 4 (F) Wing, Soellingen.
5. F/O C. A. Pinneo, former NCO i/c SOR Station Winnipeg, now Adjutant, 414 (F) Squadron, Soellingen.
6. A/C M. Costello, former Group Commander, 14 Training Group Winnipeg, now Air Member, Canadian Joint Staff, London, England.
7. F/O V. E. Cottrell, former Staff Pilot 2 ANS Winnipeg, now pilot with 422 (F) Squadron, Soellingen.
8. F/O F. Bolan, former Education Officer Station Winnipeg, now EdO with 30 AMB, Langar, England. (On staff of "Voxair").
9. Capt. MacDonald, former Dental Officer, Station Winnipeg, now Dental Officer 4 (F) Wing Soellingen.

PORTAGE (NATO Airmen in Jet Course at Portage)—First course of NATO and RCAF personnel to take jet aircraft training at Portage la Prairie RCAF Station arrived at the Portage Station No. 18, 1953. The 24 airmen will train in Silver Star jets, which are arriving regularly at the Portage Station. The familiar yellow Harvards with which the station has been equipped are being transferred to other stations across the country.



Miss Flora May MacDonald, Station Winnipeg's Chief Operator and Mr. "Joe" Hamlett (one of last year's "Peg Personalities") of the CE Section were presented with the Coronation Medal last month. Both were pleasantly surprised and were unaware that their names had been submitted.

Miss MacDonald and Mr. Hamlett were chosen for long and continuously outstanding service. Miss MacDonald has been at the switchboard of Station Winnipeg for over six years and has borne nobly the tribulations of the section movements made necessary by Station Winnipeg's continuing expansion.

Mr. Hamlett took his annual leave and headed east for the Grey Cup game and has not been heard from since. It is feared that he may have taken the Blue Bomber loss rather hard. No photo was available at press time and the search is continuing.

PORTAGE (NATO Airmen in Jet Course at Portage)—First course of NATO and RCAF personnel to take jet aircraft training at Portage la Prairie RCAF Station arrived at the Portage Station Nov. 8. The 24 airmen will train in Silver Star jets, which are arriving regularly at the Portage Station. The familiar yellow Harvards with which the Station has been equipped are being transferred to other stations across the country.

OTTAWA (CP)—A Canadian artillery officer who braved enemy fire in a light plane to direct artillery bombardment in Korea has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The award, to Capt. Peter Joseph Angwyn Tees, 30, of Vancouver was announced in London recently. Defence headquarters here said he is believed to be the first Canadian Army officer to receive the DFC—traditionally an air force decoration for gallantry—since the First World War. In those days army personnel were attached to the Royal Flying Corps. Capt. Tees, a Royal Canadian Artillery pilot, was attached to the RAF with the 1st Commonwealth Division in Korea.

VANCOUVER (CF-100 Flies from Edmonton to Vancouver in 58 Minutes)—Into Vancouver International Airport last month roared the fastest long-range all-weather jet plane in the world, the all-Canadian CF-100, on its first appearance on the Pacific Coast. The plane was welcomed to the airport by waiting RCAF officials and a large group of airmen and others, went on "limited" display until 4 p.m., then was wheeled into a special hangar and locked up. The aircraft left Edmonton at 3.30 p.m. Mountain time and was over Vancouver airport a few minutes before 3.30 p.m. Pacific time.



Portage flying instructor, Flying Officer John McElroy of Kamloops, B.C. who has been flying jets for about fourteen months is shown climbing into a T-33 at an air display given recently for newsmen and the public.

WINNIPEG—In a new phase of navigational training, the first course of airborne interception students graduated on December 4th, 1953.

Airborne interception is actually a means of Radar interception of targets, using the equipment from our CF-100's, which has been mounted in Mitchells.

The people graduated are representatives of the Danish and French Air Forces and French Navy. They will then be navigators in British Meteors (NF-11's) on their return to their home squadrons.

This course extends over and above the regular primary navigation. Future courses will include Canadians, Dutch, Portuguese and Italians.



T33's in snug formation over Canada's prairies.



WINNIPEG—Orderly Officer Alex Achron was summoned to the Sergeant's Mess Halloween celebration when one matronly guest had trouble with over-ardent F/Sgt. Zayac. Turned out it was all part of the evening's entertainment, "matron" being our own W/OI Munro. Cpl. McKay, Service Police is shown restraining the "culprit" while W/OI Steve Lisowski watches from a safe distance.



Recently released photograph of the USAF's X-3 research aircraft, nicknamed the "Flying Stiletto" and designed to fly 2,000 m.p.h. Fuselage is 66 feet, nine inches long; the wing span is 22 feet, eight inches.

OTTAWA—Two years ago when the first flying saucer was reported over North Bay the news was taken with a grain of salt by most people. Today those who haven't actually witnessed the strange objects, at least believe there are flying saucers. To prove that the Government also believes that they are more than hearsay, the Department of Transport, in co-operation with the Defence Research Board, has built the first flying saucer sighting station in the world. This station will operate 24 hours a day in the near future in an "effort to determine whether certain sighted, but unexplained celestial phenomena, follows the pattern of technology postulated by many astro physicists on the basis of there actually being flying saucers."



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From where we stand

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Many of us go through life without seeing much of it. Through this column of "Voxair" we hope to bring you frequent occurrences and observations which appear daily at RCAF Station Winnipeg and are passed unnoticed by many of us. It is the aim of this column to provide praise where it is warranted, and criticism when it is for the benefit of RCAF Station Winnipeg, and the RCAF in general.

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First and foremost we would like to state that the airwomen on this Station appear to be a very efficient and well organized group of people. Their deportment as observed equals any seen in our travels.

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We were amazed recently to hear a Sergeant Security Police claim that he felt no difficulty would be encountered in tracking an elephant through the snow.

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An FS from Winnipeg who attended the Grey Cup Finals encountered difficulty in convincing the authorities of the Royal York he had accommodation, and found it necessary to vacate the hotel by the back stair method.

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A piece of paper marked "Notice, No Loitering in the Hall" is displayed prominently on the premises of the entrance to RCAF Station Winnipeg. We wonder where the people are going to gather while waiting for a bus when the weather drops to zero as one lone airman plays solitaire in a spacious dance hall area in the same building.

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There seems to be a bit of doubt mixed in with anticipation as the festive season draws near as to that office party. Will this be a dry Christmas?

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We take this opportunity of expressing our sincere good wishes to the staff of "Voxair" for the holiday season.—The Observers.

Note—Further observations will follow in future issues. Watch out.

One is immediately struck by the light through the opposite windows bouncing into your eyes from a highly polished, treacherous floor, but what is even more evident is the long narrow corridor, the number of doors and the thousands of signs sticking out all down the line. Here lies the danger.

May Fate be kind to the soul who had to go to the end of the corridor! The signs immediately assume the proportions of a horde of sabre swingers. I know of tall basketball players who boast that they can beat Gimli any day of the week and three times on pay day, who cower in dread at the sight of those signs.

Confidence gets a big lift when one sees people dart in and out of offices with reckless abandon. So—press on; Quick March—and so comes the Dipsy Doodle. You lurch out of the way of an energetic flight lieutenant only to find a sign like SFA 1 and under that the occupant's name dancing against your jugular vein. After wiping away a cold, clammy

sweat, you continue. Oops! Steady there—somebody greased the floor wax. One wonders if it isn't too late to go back and get flying boots on and cake the soles with a mud pack. That would fix 'em.

The signs are an education and really something to behold. To the common taxpayer, it looks like total war; to the recent recruit, it looks like the Department of National Defence Plans hideout, and to Wing Commander Admin. (Retd.) it looks like good organization. To the average healthy individual, it is a good physical workout and to the conscientious career man it is a study of stepping stones.



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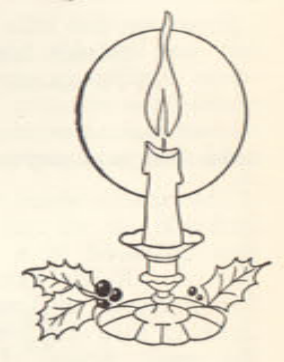
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7. Cpl. Stella Borsa, Station Service Police.
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Christmas Look



Cpl. S. Tevenson Field Comments

WE ARE honored, in this issue, to have that famous military analyst, raconteur and commentator on world events, Cpl. S. Tevenson Field back with us. Some of you may remember that Cpl. Field, (then LAC Field) became a regular contributor to this magazine several months ago. Since that time he has not been heard from.

Be of good cheer, Field has not forgotten us. Fortunately a visitor to the Grey Cup final in Toronto sighted Cpl. Field outside the gate at Varsity Stadium. The visitor (an officer from 402 squadron) immediately accosted Field, who was dressed in civvies, to inquire if he had any copy for the "Voxair". Field apparently, under a misapprehension, tried to sell the officer two forged tickets on the 95-yard line for 20 bucks a seat.

However, this little misunderstanding was quickly cleared up, and when Field's quick wits had appraised the situation he promised to deliver a short article to the officer's hotel that very night.

The article which will be printed forthwith in all its awful clarity, was delivered in a rather unusual manner. A fair visitor, Miss Gertie Groundsheet, of Toronto, who had gone to take the officer's pulse in the small hours of the morning following the game (obviously a nurse) found the missive impinged to the hotel room door by a long and sinister dagger. Apparently Field had not wanted to disturb the pulse taking.

Here is the article:

"You may wonder why my soul-stirring journalistic efforts have been so long absent from the 'Voxair'. Now, the time has come, I must speak out from the self-imposed underground role which I have taken to aid my country in time of dire peril.

"You may pause, astounded, and say: 'What selfless cause has Field flung himself into, is my hero in grave danger?' Have no fears, gentle reader, dip your nose back into your beaker of suds. Drink long and well and relax with the assurance that subversive activities in our fair land are now under the constant surveillance of my eagle eye.

"I may not speak out fully at the present time, but will merely hint at the representative of one of our great allies by whom I have been retained. Let this man remain anonymous, I shall refer to him only by the Nom de Plume of Sen. Joe McC. Try as you will, you will get little more from me as to his identity.

"And, what, you ask, is the task he has set me? Why am I wasting my time outside a football game?

"I reply, 'I am not wasting time, there are subversives in football.' You sneer, you laugh. Well, hearken well. Sen. Joe McC. first opened my eyes to the subversive nature of rugby football. With his usual great clarity of thought he asked me gently, 'Who was the immortal great of football?' The reply was obvious and startling. It is my, my friends, 'Red Grange'.

"What further proof is needed, but I do not hesitate to add that it is well known that Red (excuse the word) Grange once refused to answer a question put to him by a sports writer.

"You may reply that Grange was an American football player and ask 'What have American football players got to do with red- (excuse me) blooded Canadian football?' You ask further, what this has to do with the Grey Cup final.

"Subversives, my friends, infiltrate everywhere. Who was the outstanding player in Varsity Stadium this November day? It was Indian Jack Jacobs. It was he who received the adulation of a football crazed populace, it was he who was placed on a pedestal as a hero by the poor deluded fans. And why is he called Indian Jack? Is he a Hindu? No, my friends, he is a **Red** Indian. Need I say more.

"I have sent this information by carrier pigeon to Sen. Joe McC. along with the awful fact that the official kick-off at the game was made by none other than Mike Pearson, whose very name causes my ally, Sen. Joe McC. to see red (oops, sorry).

"But, no more, I must return to my vigilance. If my words of wisdom return no more to the 'Voxair', say a silent prayer for me. It might be that I have been spirited away by the F.B.I. to appear before a sub-committee enquiring into the incidence of the gopher population in North Dakota. If such a call comes I shall be forced to answer, for who knows what embarrassment it might cause the parliament of Canada if I do not.

Merry
Christmas

To All
From
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LOU CANCELLA

HALIFAX (Queen's Escort set by RCAF)—RCAF Lancasters from Maritime Reconnaissance Squadron and 103 Rescue Unit based at Greenwood, N.S., and Torbay, Nfld., escorted the airliner carrying the Queen and her party for the last 900 miles of its trans-Atlantic flight west. The planes accompanied the Royal flight to Gander, Nfld., and from Gander to Bermuda, first stop on the Queen's Commonwealth tour.

The London to Birmingham train, in 1850, averaged 50 miles an hour throughout its run.



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'Twas the night before Christmas,
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Not a sound was heard, not even a
spanner,
When suddenly I heard, out in the
snow,
A well known voice, in accents of
woe,
Calling "By Coriolis, why don't
they go?"

'Twas the OC of Flying, with a stern
sense of duty,
Saying, "Why no flying, with the
night such a beauty?"
I hastened to tell him, with a melan-
choly face,
Of the perils of the night his men
would embrace,
Of rime icing from Rum, and Clear
from Ole Haig,
Of turbulent tumblers, and unstable
lapse rates.

For the Winnipeg terminal I forecast
dense fog,
From strong aqueous humour and
fumes of old grog,
With no alternates that would fare
any better,
He finally agreed it would get wetter
and wetter,
So on foot we decided to make our
way,
Through a steep pressure gradient,
to the Mess, and there stay.

Statement on Pay Increases

IN KEEPING with the policy of main-
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Forces on a level with those in indus-
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Under the new rates of pay, men in
the Forces will have decidedly better
prospects of achieving higher income
with length of service and develop-
ment of earning power through
trades training or capacity to take on
the responsibilities of non-commis-
sioned officer rank. The starting
rates for a single man will be \$153 a
month, where rations and quarters
are not provided and without promo-
tion to higher rank he will be able
to reach a salary by taking advantage
of the trades training opportunities
offered in the service of \$283 a month
as a married man. If he develops an
ability to direct other men there are
ample opportunities for promotion.
Without attaining commissioned
officer rank he may by promotion
reach a salary, if he is married, of
\$366 to \$426 a month, depending on
the trade skills he has acquired by
at time.

Service in the Forces offers many
additional financial advantages. The
men are completely outfitted with
clothing when they join and receive
a clothing allowance of \$10 a month
after that. Every man receives dental
and medical care without cost to him-
self. There is a pension scheme to
provide the man and his dependents
with retirement income. The Govern-
ment contributes an amount equal to
10% of the man's salary, plus the
value of clothing, medical and dental
care, and this is over and above the

amount covered by the man's con-
tribution. For a married private at
the \$283 rate that would amount to
an additional \$29.80 a month. Paid
holidays of thirty days a year are
given. Foreign allowances of from
\$9 to \$16 a month are paid to men
serving abroad and additional allow-
ances are paid if they are married and
accompanied by their dependents.
These additional allowances are from
\$10 to \$100 a month depending on
the country in which they are serving.

The new scales provide monthly
increases in trades pay ranging from
\$4.00 in group one to \$20.00 in group
four, the highest trade grouping of
the Armed Forces.

Progressive pay for private first
class and equivalent is raised from
\$3.00 to \$10.00 after three years'
service. As a result the total increase
in the basic rate of a private who has
three years' service will be \$16 per
month without taking into account
any additional amount he may receive
if he is qualified for trades pay.

The new rates of pay are applicable
to the Reserve Forces as well as the
Regular Forces, including women.

ODE TO THE MET MAN

Here lies the body of poor old "Red",
Lunar halo about his head,
For nine whole months he tried to flee
From the presence of '03.

He taught us in Primary, for 22 weeks,
We thought he was just one of those freaks,
But as time went by, we could gradually see
He dreaded lecturing 5303.

Back from our leave, he seemed much more
bright,
But after a week, he looked quite a sight.
The strain was terrific and we came to the
conclusion
His brain and his heart had formed an
occlusion.

He even gave five for one "met cross
section",
And his spirits rose like unstable convection,
But our final exam, I announce with a shiver,
Resulted in "Red" jumping into the river.

This just goes to show how this Creek got its
name,
And why "Red River" is a place of great fame.
So please don't forget the agonies that be,
When a man teaches "Met" to 5303.

—R.I.V.

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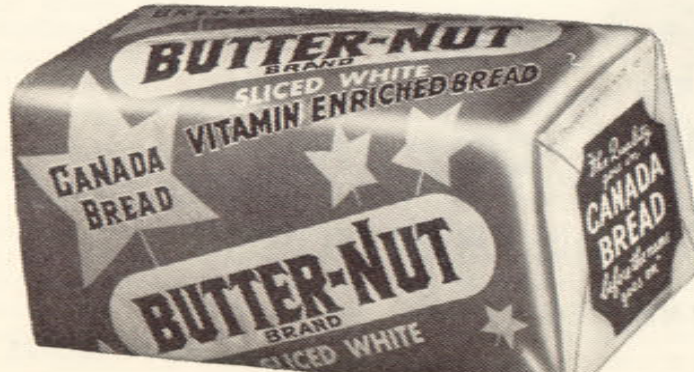
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OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian Navy is
"completing arrangements" for the purchase
of F2H3 Banshee all-weather jet fighter air-
craft, the defence department said recently.

The planes will be used to re-equip the
navy's fighter-borne carrier squadrons. There
now are two squadrons of about 12 planes
each, one of them in reserve. Other Banshees
would be required as trainers.

The Banshees will be purchased from the
United States Navy.

The twin-engined jets, which will replace
the present propeller-driven Sea Furies, will
not fly from the carrier Magnificent but from
the new carrier Bonaventure, now under
construction at Belfast. The Bonaventure is
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Letters to the Editor

Sir:
How about publishing a new column in "Voxair" entitled "Unusual Happenings"? This column to be confined to incidents that happen at RCAF Station Winnipeg.

Many of us, I am sure occasionally are confronted with or see some incident that treads a little out of the ordinary routine of the day. Such an incident correctly published through the medium of "Voxair" would add a touch of lighter vein to your magazine.

J. A. COOK, Sgt.,
14 Trg. Gp. HQs.

Ed. Note: We think this is great and want you to know that the arrival in this office of some unsolicited material automatically qualifies as an "unusual happening".

Sir:
I am a member of the Royal Canadian Navy stationed at the West Coast and recently had a subscription purchased for me by a friend at Station Winnipeg.

I find your magazine most enjoyable and wonder if it would not be possible to forward a copy of each issue to the larger establishments of the R.C.N. to acquaint them with the activities of the R.C.A.F. in Winnipeg.

Petty Officer G. F. Hall, RCN,
HMCS Crusader,
c/o FMO Esquimalt, B.C.

Ed. Note: We appreciate this tribute from the Senior Service and have taken the action requested.

Sir:
I am an employee of TCA in Winnipeg, and I would like to take this opportunity of telling you how much I enjoy reading your Station magazine, "Voxair".

The articles selected are well written, and cover a wide variety of interesting subjects.

I am sure that other employees of TCA join me in wishing you continued success in this publication of the RCAF in Winnipeg.

N. E. SYMNTON

Loans to Newly Released R.C.A.F. Personnel

An increasing number of requests for loan assistance are being received from members of the RCAF who are about to be released or have recently been released from the RCAF. Such applicants request advances repayable from benefits which they expect to receive under the terms of the Defence Services Pension Act.

Others who are released owing the Fund a loan balance on assistance previously received while serving, authorize the Fund to receive on their behalf, refunds of pension contributions and other benefits they may be receiving under the same Act as security for the Fund loan balance. In all such cases Appendix "F" of the Guide for the Use of Field Workers is to be completed and forwarded to the Fund Head Office in duplicate. This form enables the Service Pensions Authorities to forward the entitlement cheque to the newly released veteran in care of the Fund. In addition to Appendix "F", a Power of Attorney form is also to be completed and forwarded in all such cases. This latter form enables the Fund to negotiate the cheque deduct the loan balance owing and forward a Fund cheque for the remainder directly to the veteran. It is emphasized that both such forms are required in these cases.

03's B.C.D. . . . Z

A is for all of us—for our Duggie Cove,
Also for Astro and the fixes we've wove.

B is for Bugs, the lad from Doncaster,
Who bumped into Arthur and met with disaster.

C is for cooking, in our course a rare sight,
For none could beat Norm on an overcast night.

D is for drinking, which all of us like,
Though a bottle of rye is the favourite of Spike.

E is for eating in snack bar and mess,
For Andy the Scotsman, and the bus along Ness.

F is for flying though none of us crashed,
Frank Gorton's "Brown Bomber" looks horribly smashed.

G's for Don Goddard, "Get knotted you jerk!
There's some wants to sleep and there's some wants to work".

H is for honking, a horrible sight,
We've all seen Ron honking on day trips, and night!

I is for ISOBARS produced by met-men;
Young Dolman reckons that met's all duff gen.

J is for Jo-Jo, our petit matelot,
Who stands on a honk bag to take his Astro.

K is for Ken, who organized all,
From mass hypnosis to the Hallowe'en Ball.

L is for lover boys and evenings of fun,
For Tony and all who are now on the run.

M's for Michele with that Fatal French Charm,
He says on his leave he worked on a farm?

N is for Nick, and the records he has,
On Bach and Beethoven, but no modern jazz.

O's for the O.D. who hides behind trees,
And watches chaps like Derek in hope of CT's.

P is for Pogs Fellow, and his 'ome on the coast,
His accent's an odd one, a mystery to most.

Q is for Queer men and according to Bray,
There's none left on our course, there ih 03A.

R is for Roger, there ne'er was a wiser,
But he n'er spent a cent and is now "Rog the Miser".

S is for Skivers and sick parades too,
If you care to ask Fell he'll enlighten you.

T is for Tam our Scottish school teacher,
Who "remustered to aircrew, poor mis-guided creature.

U is for undercast and equipment U/S,
For Steve whose been flying for years more or less.

V is for the virus none of us caught,
We suspect old Dave, but our fears came to naught.

W is for William and his twirling moustache,
That always gets wet when he goes for a . . . wash?

X marks spot where our CT's were chop't,
They were all "damn fine chaps" and we miss them a lot.

Y is for yachtsmen and yachts made for two,
The girls preferred Gordon's to any canoe.

Z is for Zenith and soon ours will change,
We'll home in for Xmas, but not on a Range.



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Progress in Aviation

IT IS A LONG SAGA of adventure and progress from man's earliest ventures in conquest of the air to those of today. It is not our intention to try to tell the whole story—that would take many, many volumes; we would like, however, to relate some of the highlights and sidelights.

During the 16th century many reports were made concerning successful flight with artificial wings, but these are discounted. In 1680 a Frenchman named Borelli pointed out the impossibility of flying by muscular strength alone and his experiments, following the work of da Vinci, proved the paradox that weight is necessary for flight. As late as the end of the 18th century it was believed that the earth's atmosphere was of no great height and that an apparatus could be made to float on top of the atmosphere with its upper parts projecting into the great "boundless ether".

Lyons, France, was the sight of the first authenticated balloon ascension in June of 1783. The Montgolfier brothers ascended in a linen globe filled with air heated by a straw fire

for 10 minutes and covered $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The following months saw many ascensions, both in France and in the United States.

England seems to have been a little slow in getting airborne. December of that same year produced a major improvement—a balloon was inflated with hydrogen—it sailed for two hours, attaining a height of 2,000 feet, and travelling 27 miles.

The aeronauts were having their day, balloons were used for military observations during the siege of Paris and the American Revolution. By the mid-1800's scientific observations were being carried out at heights up to 37,000 feet, where a temperature of -38°F . was recorded. Flights of note during this period were trips from Dover across the channel to Calais, a 500 mile effort in England and a 1,120 mile trip in the United States.

The years sped by, and December 17, 1903 found the Wright brothers making four flights. The first flight was of only twelve seconds duration and 59 feet in distance, the most impressive of the lot was one of 852 feet, during which a speed of 35 knots was attained.

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PLANE FACTS

Boeing B-52 Over Mt. Rainier

Displaying to excellent advantage its clean lines, eight pod-suspended jet engines and external fuel tanks, a Boeing B-52 Stratofortress is shown high over the crest of Mount Rainier's 14,408 foot peak during a test flight. The B-52 has a wing span of 185 feet, length of 153 feet, tail height of 48 feet and a gross take-off weight of more than 300,000 pounds. Each of its four jet pods contain two of the world's more powerful engines—Pratt & Whitney J-57's. Other design and performance data on the new bomber has been withheld by the Department of Defence.

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 Centre Row, left to right: F/C C. A. Mackenzie, APO's J. Payne, P.M. Kraven, D. C. Bruce, J. C. Rogers, De Brazier, G. W. Unsworth and F/C J. L. R. D. Fillion.
 Back Row, left to right: APO's M. J. Lawless, N. T. Campbell, De Brierley, P. Elsdon, A. Whitaker, D. B. Allison, A. Clayton, P. S. Harris and C. Auld.

Course 5303A

Dave Allison—Dave is one of the last people you would expect to take a navigation course. It is a known fact, however, that through his enthusiastic co-operation in lectures (especially OD lectures) he has shown a fine keenness for the service and all it stands for. He has never been the same since he was forced to leave his car (?) behind in P.E.I.

Ken (The Chest) Blaney—Ken can be found "The Can" in an almost unrecognizable state, after any stag—either a horrible green color or blissfully asleep. He has "Gone Native" to the extent of American cigarettes and — ough! — gum!!!
 His sole accomplishment was to teach "Moose" Liverpudlian. Biggest boob — Coastal with no sextant!

Don Brazier—Consider the lily of the course; he toils and he sows—everyone knows that Domestic Don is one of those! Don returns to Civvy Street next year to take on an entirely different career—husband!

John (Duff Gen) Brierley—If you can picture an RAF Working Blue, loosely hung on a hangar and a straggly moustache somewhere above the shoulders, then you could recognize John anywhere. It is believed that any rumours in the school, during the past 12 weeks, were started by John.

Derek Bruce—Derek believes in doing things thoroughly. At our final Summerside Stag he gave us his full support, but by the end of the evening, the tables were turned, and after an abortive attempt to dive from a window he finally did his now famous "Ostrich Act" with a bucket.

Norry Campbell—Norry has possibly aroused the most interest amongst '03. He first engaged this by long deliberations on the serious matters of the class. His eagerly anticipated utterances always being preceded by a long and melodious Scots—"Errrrr!"

Alan Clayton—Alan is a vigorous supporter of the stag party tradition, supporting himself on a bottle of "Southern Comfort" of doubtful origin. His ambition is to lean on an English bar and in a northern accent, call, "Two ales, please!"

Phil (Tick-Tock) Elsdon—Phil found his greatest pleasure in parades, cleaning shoes and winding up alarm clocks. He was always first up in the morning until the rest of the course could stand it no longer and the alarm wasn't heard again after half term. His appearance was definitely "bulled".

Mike Farmer—Mike strongly upholds the theory that everyone should be in bed, asleep, by 2200 hrs. The origin of this theory was born in P.E.I. where he had just enough time before the leave to make up for a very late night at the beginning of the course. Now he is making up for the leave.

Phil (Shutter-Eyes) Kraven—We have always wondered how Phil acquired that mariners role—the solid, determined trek to the washroom—the eye for odd hunks of rocks—that dustbin-like appetite for aircrew lunches.

Denny (Duluth) Fillion—At the time of writing there was still some doubt in this Cadet's mind(?) as to whether he will last ut till the twelfth week with "That buncho f Englishmen". As a navigator, Denny should go far in fact, he did—further than anyone else in the course—Duluth, U.S.A.

Phil Harris—Probably the most gifted member of the course, he persists in imitating various northern accents—his greatest gift is, undoubtedly, his persistence. If you can find five minutes to spare, get Phil to tell you about his flying experiences—he would probably tell you anyway.

Tony Lister—His greatest pleasure, at the moment, seems to be cleaning the board for the Radar Instructor. Whether this will show any results still remains to be seen.

Colin Mackenzie—An outcast Englishman. Biggest boob—asking questions just before break. Biggest regret—not being able to polish his buttons on the Canadian Best Blue.

Johnny (The Noise) Payne with a face as round and ruddy as the bottom of a beer glass—always hanging with frothy smiles. Once we actually caught him sober—his only excuse was he was broke.

John (Nod) Rogers—Words cannot describe how how nature managed to put so much rustic charm and old world simplicity into that 37 pounds of bone, muscle and sinew of this colourful Cornishman. Only one fault—he is too modest.

Wyn (The Voice) Watkins—Wyn was usually found in the showers because this was the only place he was allowed to be when he was in a singing mood. It is believed he made a recording of his voice during leave but none of us has heard it yet (or really wants to).

Arthur Whitaker—Arthur is a most upstanding character. He leaves his "pit"—only stirring on Saturdays around 4.30 p.m.—to ask "What's for supper", or innocently "going to the canteen?" Why he loves his pit is beyond us—there is so little of it when he's there.

George Unsworth—Least costly error was to back Sunderland F.C. with beer for weeks—something to do with the law of averages. His habits almost down him. Setting alarm clocks to 0715 hrs. and sleeping on to 0815 hrs. having allowed the "unmentionable" to run down—has almost caused the first suicide of '03.

5301 A1 - Bleeps

"Demeulemeester"
 Favorite Expression: "Sorry, Sir, I'm late, but my wife was sick."
 Appearance: Dragged out.
 Occupation: Floor walking.
 Ambition: Not to come late.
 Hobby: To learn people how to pronounce his name.

"Molina"
 Nickname: "Gaston".
 Appearance: Fat.
 Ambition: To lose weight.
 Occupation: Eating.
 Favorite Activity: Inactivity.
 Favorite Expression: Negative.

Rouaix
 Favorite Expression:
 Appearance: Petit.
 Hobby: Studying Meteorologi.
 Ambition: To be a Meteorologist.
 Activity: Rewright his Met. (sub).

Chabein
 Favorite Expression: I have to see Lt. Cheval.
 Appearance: Fayot.
 Ambition: To see Lt. Cheval.
 Occupation: Polishing shoes.

Lindquist
 Favorite Expression: What's your phone number.
 Occupation: Going out with girls.
 Activity: Body (who's) building.
 Appearance: Tall, blonde and . . . ?
 Destination: Wonderful Copenhagen.

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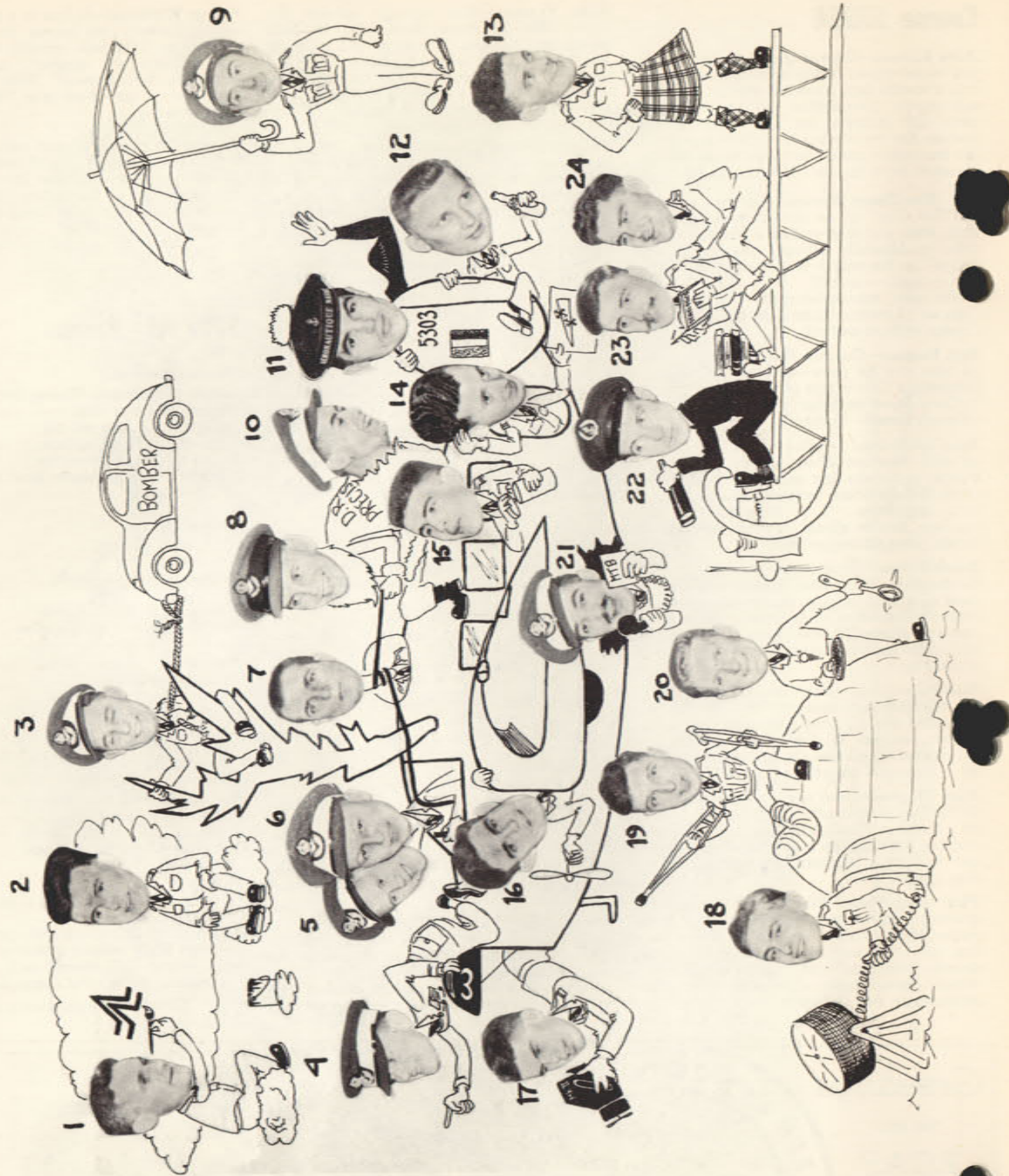
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APO Ball (House and Showers)

Recognition Features: A big broad smile.
Purpose: To get to briefing before anyone else.
Structural Weakness: Panic stricken.

APO Bradley (Cassanova)

Recognition Features: Conspicuous air filter beneath nose.
Weakness: Spars with course directors for control of a Dodge panel truck—at 50 m.p.h.
Future: Home by Christmas—married by New Year.

APO Bray (Baldy)

Recognition Features: Capacious bomb bay and bulbous astro dome.
Best Performance: Striking out the C.O.O. with three neatly pitched pickled eggs.
Favorite Expression: (Now) "... but my dancing teacher says, . . ."

F C Cadiou (Mike)

Aim: Preservation of his hat from souvenir hunters.
Occupation: Exhausting all his friends with his muscle building apparatus.
Past History: Farming in Saskatchewan.

APO Chapman: (Steve)

Appearance: Gnomish.
Opinions: Pinkish.
Use: Shutter bug.

APO Davidson: (Andy)

Amament: Only shoots lines.
Use: Pilot of the only interception "Bomber".
Best Performance: Summerside to Winnipeg on ETA—(14 days).

APO Lewis: (Nick)

Appearance: Cinemascope.
Hobby: Jockeying discs.
Favorite Expression: "But I'm going to choir practice tonight, sir."

APO Dolman: (Gordon)

Appearance: Just like pumpkin pie—brown and lumpy.
Past History: Tried to win about \$200 worth of merchandise in \$1.00 installments—net loss, approx. \$20.
Outstanding Features: Inventor of the famed "Dolman Dog-Leg".

F C Fell: (Ron)

Performance: Highest Fuel consumption on record.
Point of No Return: The Assiniboine.
Future Prospects: Shareholder of the Paddock.

APO Goddard: (Get Knotted)

Appearance: Vociferous when not sonambulist.
Use: Deceiving instructors into thinking that he's asleep.
Structural Weakness: Actually falling asleep.

APO Gorton (Gripe)

Use: Improving Anglo-Canadian relations in his tactful Yorkshire manner.
Historical Highlight: Being the subject of the attentions of Jeannie (Miss Hoochy Koochy, 1930).
Performance: Usually instigating traffic jams ad lib.

F C Guilbaud: (JoJo)

Future Prospects: Ice Cream Magnate.
Point of No Return: St. Boniface.
Occupation: Increasing his command of English invective.

APO Lawrence: (WILL)

Best Performance: A learned dissertation on the grain export from Kamchatka, 1857.
Weakness: Blondes and poker dice.
Habitat: A pile of rubbish containing many copies of "The Oxford Mail".

APO Lee (Prof.)

Previous History: Has taken a course on absolutely everything.
Ambition: Mass hypnosis of B. & A. and the O.D. staff.
Weakness: Self-locking padlocks and Tripe-hounds.

APO McDaniel: (Beverley)

Recognition Features: Face unshaven, unpressed trousers.
Best Performance: Attempted to open the first drive-in Barber's Shop with the aid of the front end of a certain Oldsmobile.
Ambition: To be able to drive on the road, and buy his second razor blade.

F C Mulligan: (Moose)

Appearance: Infrequent.
Best Performance: The only owner of a permanent "Attend 'B'".
Outstanding Features: Usual expression is: "To the cat house".

APO Pellow (Pogs)

Appearance: Ruddy.
Best Performance: Carried out ditching drill with a certain Oldsmobile.
Structural Weakness: Unintelligible and couldn't stop a pig in a passage.

APO Robb: (Tam)

Appearance: Romanesque (in a nasal sort of way) and walks with a distinct Scottish brogue!
Purpose: To press for home rule for Castle Douglas.
Past History: Once ordered by the M.O. to shave off his Piratical Beard.

APO Siviter: (Boogs)

Structural Weakness: Unserviceable under-carriage.
Occupation: Keeping his nose under repair.
Range: The Bar—Lorraine—the Bar.
APO Thallon: (Jellybean)
Best Performance: Five Aces.
Weakness: Great fondness for jellybeans.
Past History: Disappearance for a considerable time into Beverley Hills.

APO Timmins: (The Galloping)

Structural Weakness: Deep sleep during any lecture.
Outstanding Performance: Represented Canada against U.S.A. at table tennis.
Biggest Boob: Joining the Army and sleeping above Ken Lee.

APO Towell: (Hey, You!)

Design: Mail plain to Manxland.
Last Check: Screened by U.S. Foreign Office in Mexico.
Weakness: Punctures, champagne and sinking in the Red River.

APO Venham (Honkington)

Flight Date: Marked instability of the Alimentary Tract.
Best Performance: Obtaining a Manitoba Driving Licence.
Ambition: To tly across the gap in a Lambert Conformal.

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Aviation Progress

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The English Channel was crossed by Bleriot in 1912; Richard Byrd flew over the North and South poles in '26 and '29 respectively; Lindbergh flew the Atlantic in '27; and Amelia Earhardt flew the Pacific in '33. These pioneers did an inestimable amount to make flying, including commercial and private flying, what it is today.

During World War I there were considerable amounts of fighter activity and a little bomber work. Bi-planes and even tri-planes were common. Speeds were limited, about 150K was tops and the average operational ceiling was around 10,000 feet.

Shortly after World War I civil aviation began to grow by the proverbial leaps and bounds. Being able to read accounts of the pioneer achievements lessened the fears of many a prospective air passenger and many a user of the airways as a means of shipping freight. It wasn't always good money sense in the early days, but the publicity gained by the venture was well worth the cost in dollars. The question has been raised (though not too loudly) whether the antics of barn-storming pilots of the '20's and '30's moulded public opinion for or gainst flying, but it is generally considered that the popularizing effects far outweighed the detrimental ones that crashes and accidents might have had.

In 1938 an Italian aircraft, made by the famed Campini firm, climbed to an altitude of 56,032 feet, a record which stood for over ten years, and in 1939 a racing version of the deadly Me-109 sped across a measured mile at 468.9 m.p.h. Physical size was also showing tremendous growth. Britain's Short Sunderland

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Frost

Favorite Expression: Sir, I mean You see what I mean sir
Appearance: Stupified.
Occupation: Getting married.
Activity: Try to get married.
Biggest Boob: Can explain everything.

Jensen

Appearance: Sleepy.
Ambition: Not to get up in the morning.
Activity: Reading pocket books.
Hobby: Miss Yvonne Rose.
Biggest Boob: Telling fantastic stories.

Nielsen

Appearance: Funny.
Activity: Wrestling.
Ambition: To be taller than Jensen.
Hobby: Try to pronounce French words.

Terrisse

Nickname: Capatoes.
Appearance: Tired.
Occupation: Honeymoon.
Ambition: More honeymoon.
Probable Destination: Indo-China.
Hobby: To take down town in the afternoon.

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RECENTLY a Winnipeg newspaper featured an article dealing with some \$38,000,000 in unspent re-establishment credits from World War II.

If you happen to be one of the fortunate persons concerned, it would be a wise move to nip down to the Department of Veterans Affairs and find out how your credits may be put to use.

Alternative benefits of the Canadian Rehabilitation Programme are provided in the Veterans Land Act. This section of the Act reads:

"The Veterans Land Act is designed to assist qualified veterans to establish themselves (a) on full time farms; (b) part time farms (small holdings) where the main income is derived from some main source other than the operation of the holding; (c) on small holdings coupled with commercial fishing as a chief operation; (d) on Provincial and Dominion Lands under agreement with the appropriate authorities. It is a land settlement plan designed for those who desire to make all or part of their income from the land, and does not extend to urban housing. (In some cases, yes)."

But what about the Vet who has used up his credits when he bought

furniture or attended school? Well, a veteran who has used his re-establishment credits may re-instate his eligibility for V.L.A. benefits by re-payment of the amount so used, and in most cases this amount is well worth while raising for the benefits received.

What about a small holding? A home in the suburbs is the aim of many veterans these days.

The minimum requirement of a small holding is at least two acres of land where the value of such land including water service, exceeds \$500 per acre; and three acres if such value is \$500 or less per acre. These minimum acreages do not apply with respect to vacant lots remaining on V.L.A. subdivisions.

How about the money needed to get started on V.L.A.?

The veteran is required to pay in cash at the time of application for assistance a sum equal to 10% of the cost of land, buildings and permanent improvements, plus any amount in excess of \$6,000 required to complete purchase. When application for assistance is approved and the land purchased, the veteran signs an Agreement of Sale in which he contracts to repay the Government a sum equal to two-thirds of the Government loan on land, buildings and permanent improvements, together with interest at the rate of 3½% per annum.

Up to 25 years can be taken to pay on a yearly, semi-annual, or monthly basis.

In short, this section of V.L.A. boils down to a \$6,000 loan at 3½%, and if the veteran holds his property 10 years he benefits by paying only two-thirds of the \$6,000 loan.

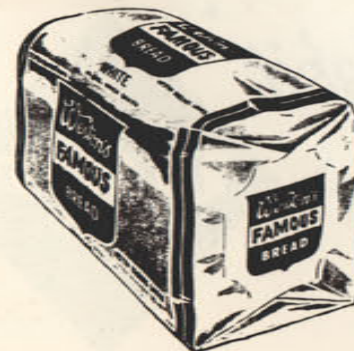
If you happen to be a Korean veteran, and there are a good number in the RCAF, you will find you have a re-establishment credit to use, but not for V.L.A. Only members of the "Special Force" are eligible for V.L.A., but not members of the "Regular Force".

On enquiring, this writer could get not explanation of the leaving out of Regular Force members from V.L.A. benefits.

As you all know, V.L.A. will never come to you, so if you desire assistance in this field go to your nearest D.V.A. representative and get the details from him.

RCAF Korean Vets who would like to come under V.L.A. some time in the future, will be glad to learn that Canadian Legion Headquarters in Ottawa know about the situation and are trying to have the Veterans Land Act amended to include the Regulars on their release from the forces.

This effort is deserving of our blessing and continued attention.



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Christmas Day 1953

ANOTHER YEAR has almost closed its chapter in this twentieth century. Each tick of the clock brings us nearer to the festive season, Christmas, 1953. This day will follow pretty much the same as previous ones, Christmas trees will glitter with tinsel and lights, friends and relatives will travel long distances to be with loved ones. The toy truck and crying doll awaiting the arms of some bright eyed youngsters on this morning is ever symbolic of Christmas day when old and young alike meet and exchange greetings of good will, and peace on earth toward men.

So on this morning of celebrations amid friends let us not forget the less fortunate, for Christmas is theirs too. Many of us are a bit careless at this time of the year. We feel that a Christmas package wrapped in tinsel and sent through the mail completes our obligations. With the gay and festive atmosphere that Christmas brings let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas. It seems that many of us have, for as each year passes less appears to remind us of our obligations toward this end.

Christmas, I believe, can be truthfully said, is, after all, the children's season. All over the world on this day they have one thing in common, but many are going to miss out on the true Christmas to which they so deservedly are entitled. Peace on earth and goodwill toward men seems only a far cry. The true Christmas story has slipped away from us, and in so doing has possibly made us all a little guilty and negligent.

So, on this Christmas morning, 1953, when we are gay in spirit and happiness, let us pause and remem-

ber that Christmas day brings more than gifts, and tinsel laden trees. Let us keep Christmas alive in the spirit of goodwill and happiness in the hopes that all the world will keep peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

Atmospheric Heat Engine

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more than is needed by all the wind system of the globe.

The atmosphere is therefore a very inefficient and wasteful engine, but there can be no doubt about its power. Once again we see an example of the lavish resources of nature, carelessly used though they are, far exceeding those of man.

John Gutenberg did not, as commonly supposed, invent the art of printing, his contribution was movable metal type.

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NORTH SIDE DRILL HALL

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double tooth extraction. Jack Gelin-eau, goalie for Quebec Aces, replaces Jean Marois as a sub for Rollins. Marois was ousted after he let in eleven goals in two games against Toronto and Montreal.

Today we witnessed something that these tired old eyes haven't seen in a long time. A group of U.S. Army boys were in our Drill Hall waiting between flights. They were standing around watching the local cadets at their daily sports session, when they were invited to take part in the volley ball games that were in progress. The last time we saw them the boys were really enjoying themselves.

What could be better to cement friendly relations than participating in something that holds a common bond between men.

Well kind people, that is thirty for Today in Sports.—Sweeney.

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Aircraft technology, spurred on by demands of the military, advanced by prodigious amounts during the years of World War II. New products: plywood; aluminum; plexiglass. New aids: radar; electronic gunsights; precision bombsights; new weapons: magnesium bombs; rockets; "earth-quake bombs". New designs: helicopters; flying-wings and laminar-flow wings. All these advances expressed the growth of aviation from cradle days to a mature and strong adolescence.

New terms and newer concepts were born overnight. Towards the end of the war propeller driven aircraft were almost at the peak of their efficiency—especially the speed factor of performance. Fighter pilots reported a strange phenomenon during high speed dives. Aircraft would be severely buffeted as though they had come against an invisible wall in the sky and controls would be difficult to operate and slow to respond. We know now that these were man's first encounters with the "sound barrier".

Before the war was over German science had produced the dreaded V-1—a gyroscopically steered flying bomb suspended beneath an intermittent pulse-duct jet engine, and the nightmarish V-2—a 20-ton rocket propelled by burning a mixture of alcohol and liquid oxygen that could travel at 2,000 m.p.h. and carry a ton of high explosives.

At the close of this period a change was being made in the manner of reference to speed. Formerly, the non-continental countries expressed speed in "miles per hour". A newer reference has evolved—that of designating speed as a percentage of a Mach number, or percentage of the speed of sound.

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