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MAC'S LEAVING

N/S MacLENNAN

Helen Elizabeth MacLennan, of Trail, B.C., and a graduate of the Vancouver General Hospital, is leaving her post at No. 3 "M" Hospital soon.

The nursing sister is travelling under sealed orders. She has regaled herself with red woolies, skis, etc., just in case she should go to the land that Lief Ericson discovered, 1000 A.D. It is said that such is the standard equipment for all year round.

Come to see us, sometime, Helen Betty! We will always be glad to see you, single or married.

MART KENNEY COMING

Mart Kenney and his "Western Gentlemen" will play at a dance to be held in the Arena on Saturday, October 17. The dance is being sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Edmonton and it is anticipated that the evening will be a gala affair.

Don't forget to keep Saturday, October 17 open and be sure to let the gal friend know.

STOP PRESS NEWS!

Just received a cablegram from Cpl. Eric Hamilton of the Dental Clinic. He reports the war going well in Cairo, and expects to dine in Moscow tomorrow. Hence no dental news this week.

TONIGHT

RUGBY AT 8 O'CLOCK
DANCE AT 9 O'CLOCK

To enable the airmen to attend the football game at Clarke Stadium between No. 3 "M" Depot and E.A.C. tonight and also take in the monster dance at the Arena, starting times for both events have been changed. The football game will get under way at 8 o'clock with the dance starting at 9 o'clock.

The change in times was necessary so that the two events would not conflict. In future through the co-operation of the sports and entertainment committees coming events will be arranged so that no more than one main event is scheduled on any one evening.

With the rugby team in the running for a playoff berth in the Edmonton Junior Football League it is up to the airmen to get out and support P/O Jamieson's warriors. Recently the boys in blue have been conspicuous by their absence at the football games. How about getting out and giving them some backing, boys?

ATTEN-SHUN!

Have you been wondering why you have been carrying your cutlery around with you lately? Here is the explanation. For some time now there has been a loss in cutlery through theft, carelessness and other causes that amounted to $100 monthly. The problem is made more acute by the fact that it cannot be replaced. So if you're peeved at having to carry your hardware around with you, remember that it could have been avoided by yourself. It's the old story of many having to pay for the abuse of a privilege by a few.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Music for the dinner between 17:00 and 18:00 hours, Sunday, October 11, will be supplied by No. 3 "M" Band. Now you'll be able to enjoy your turkey and cranberry sauce to the lilting music of Sgt. V. W. Taylor and his bandsters.

ENLISTMENT AGE RAISED TO 35

Men of exceptional qualifications who have not yet reached their 35th birthday, may enlist for aircrew, was the news that emanated from R.C.A.F. Headquarters, Ottawa, on Tuesday.

"LIFEBUOY" PRESENTING ENTERTAINMENT FOLLIES

The new Lifebuoy Follies will play in the Arena on Monday, October 26. This entertainment group is "tops" from all reports handed on from stations at which they have already played. It is a pot-pourri of humor, high jinks, dancing and assorted antics.

More information on this show will be in a later edition of THE AIRMAN.

EXCUSES AND THEIR USES

If you wish to go home to see your family for an evening or for a 48, it is here required tnat you write a letter saying, "Please sir, may I have a pass to go home to see my mama, my papa, my sister, the neighbor's daughter, and everyone in general." In short you give reasons. If you return later tnan late you do no writing but you do find yourself doing a lot of talking. You give excuses.

The stating of reasons is not difficult, for all is put down slowly, methodically, and honestly on paper. The stating of excuses for being late is quite another matter, particularly when the statement must be made to a stern looking official who persists in asking questions that worry and addle your poor tired brain. However, some very good excuses have been turned in. A couple that you may find useful are being submitted here.

Ran Out of Water

A couple of weeks ago a young man turned up late from leave. He missed the roll call. Reason for lateness he said was that about 20 miles out of the city the train ran out of water. The engine had to proceed to the city alone, have its little drink, and then return for the rest of the train. Stranger than fiction, but true. However, this doesn't mean that every train coming to Edmonton next Sunday evening is supposed to run out of water.

Then there was the sergeant who possessed a sleeping out pass. He was asked, "Why are you late?" He answered, "Well, sir, I got up in plenty of time and decided to have a bath. The water was pleasantly warm and I fell asleep in the tub. When I awoke I no longer had plenty of time; in fact I was late." You can use this excuse if you wish, but be careful not to drown, in which case you'll be in a bad way.

D.A.P.M.

F/L LaRocque hails from the fertile plains of Saskatchewan. Being bored with teaching school he enlisted as an AC2 in 1939. During his travels, he met a lovely lady in Nova Scotia, who is now Mrs. LaRocque.

In his boyhood days Mr. LaRocque was a keen baseball as well as a hockey player. He has passed an M2 and The Airman may hear any day that F/L LaRocque has gone aircrew. He still has ambitions to become a pilot.

USE LESS SUGAR PLEASE!

Some time ago an appeal was made through these columns to cut down on sugar consumption at the tables. The response at that time was quite graitfying. Lately, however, sugar consumption is rising again. We again appeal for reduced sugar consumption so that it will be unnecessary to have it placed in your tea or coffee for you. The present satisfactory system of placing the sugar on the table will then be continued.

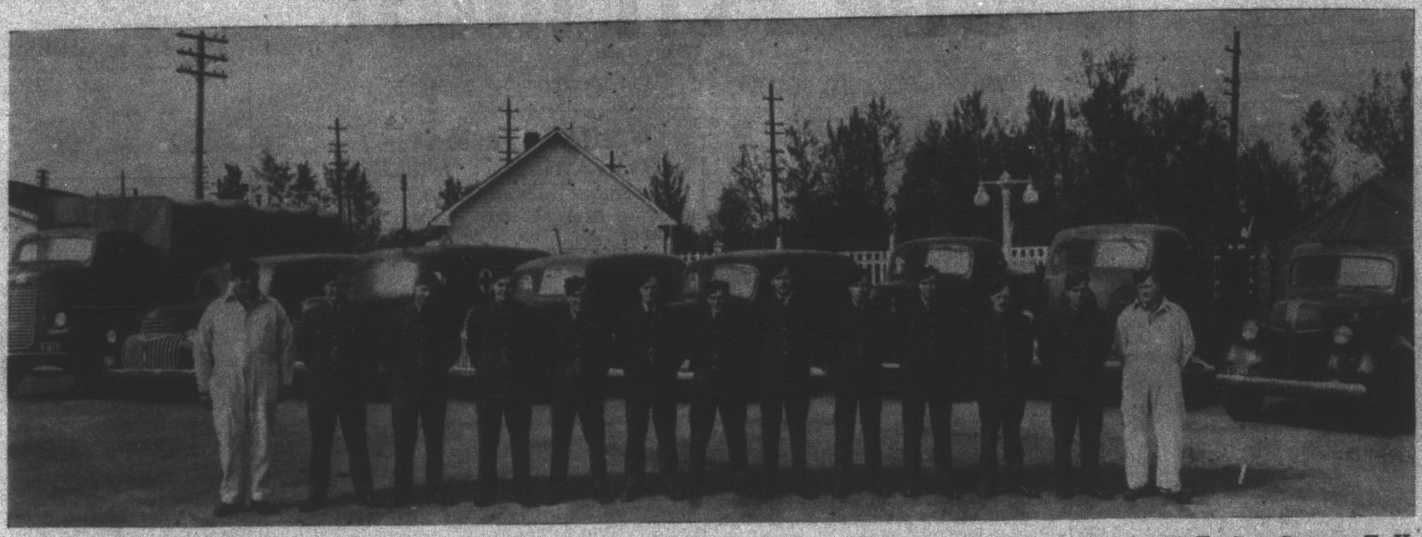
WO1 KUEHNER PROMOTED

Mr. W. J. Kuehner, Senior N.C.O. of the Equipment, who is completing an administrative course at Trenton, Ont., this week-end, has been promoted to a warrant officer Class One. Previous to coming to Edmonton, he was at No. 2 Equipment Depot, Calgary. WO1 Kuehner is spending this week end with his mother at Kitchener, Ont.

Dance Friday ★ Oct. 9th

Tonight 9 o'clock is the hour ◎ Fun and Favors for All

MOTOR TRANSPORT SECTION AND VEHICLES



AC1 Higdon, J. M., LAC Smith, E. F., AC2 Murray, D. J., LAC Stockley, S. G., AC2 Wells, R. A., Sgt. Haight, N. E., Sgt. Savage, E. H., Cpl. Oliver, H. T., LAC Greenhalgh, W. A., LAC Williamson, G. M., LAC Stewart, R. L., AC1 Page, M. H., LAC Wallace, R. N. Missing from picture: LAC Hanson, H. E., LAC Showers, J. M., LAC Landry, J., LAC Mowatt, R. J.

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS

Sunday, a day of rest, was for a large number of airmen on this station a very busy day. A bugle call was not necessary to arouse the boys, but after arising all confined their activities to within hut walls. In the huts a two-way traffic was maintained throughout the day, with most of the speeding being done on the right hand aisle leading to the rear of the hut. The return traffic, on the left aisle, was a considerably slower—snail pace.

Could it have been something in the food?

BAND SCRIPS

Monday morning seems to be hoodoo for members of the band. Most of them seem to have difficulty in getting their embouchures back in playing shape. So please girls have a heart.

If anyone likes to see airmen in agony just come around and see Drum Major Kirkby put the boys through their daily setting up exercises. Ouch. If Molstad and Monte keep up with their rugby they should be much in demand by any team.

At the present time the band is working overtime to make their first concert, on Sunday evening, a huge success.

Incidentally we are wondering why Bill Shaw was standing on the corner of 97th Street and Jasper so early on Sunday morning. Could he have gone to early mass?

AC1 Howard Isidor seems to be putting on much needed weight. We wonder, would the arrival of his wife from the east have anything to do with it?

What a deplorable situation a musician must be in when, after playing the selection of the Dancing Dolls, someone remarks that it sounds like Three Blind Mice!

What seems to make Headquarters think that marching to band music every morning will help to smarten up their squadron?

PEOPLE ARE MORE FUN THAN ANYBODY

By THE "DUKE"

Say fellows did you hear about the sad experience of the two airmen who were about to climb on a street car for the "M" Depot. They were quite worried as they were already quite late, when to their dismay they noticed a sergeant-major on the car. Seeing how white they went at the sight of him, the sergeant-major went over and the following conversation was the result:

Sergeant-Major: "What's the trouble lads?"

AC2 Montie: "We're worried, sir, because we are out after hours (ours)."

Sergeant-Major: "So what, I don't look worried and yet I'm out after mine."

Sorry lads but the interview with the nominated man "for the best future hubby" is postponed until next week. (The lucky stiff).

As I said before, our editor sometimes lets his adopted columns such as "Patter," "Snoopy Sez" and "Printer Zink" get away with some awful smutty stuff. Did you notice the one last week about the little puppy? Pretty rank I'd say.

Still wondering what and who LAC Wallace of the M.T. Section, was imitating, when he did a lovely little dance with a lady's hat on, one nite last week out a St. Albert.

Another real guy pulled out of good old number 3 on Tuesday. Flt. Sgt. Clarke or rather "Clarkie" (as we all know him). Best of luck, Flight.

Pardon the column fellows but yours truly is on "Duty Watch" and would never even think of going out or would I? . . . Anyhooo will be back in full strength next week, until then "Au Revoir."

AC2 M. A. Checknita, who is well known in the city, as he was advertising solicitor for The Ukrainian News, has been posted to a unit on the Pacific Coast.

AROUND THE "Y"

Thanks again to Eddie McGlenagan for his piano numbers at Captain Armitage's show on October 1. Eddie has what it takes. Hope to hear you again soon.

Two gilt-edged invitations came to the men of this Depot recently. One was from the Edmonton Male Voice Choir, the other from the choirmaster of Robertson United Church. They ask airmen who have done choral work to drop in for their rehearsals. Here's your chance singers. Male Voice Choir every Wednesday in McDougall United Church at 20:00 hours; Robertson Church choir practice is on Thursdays at 20:00 hours.

AC2 Smalley is still head of the class in table tennis. Monday's tournament saw his eighth win, the last two being despite a minus eight (8) handicap. And that's some handicap! Second-best on Monday was AC2 J. A. Hill. Cpl. R. A. Smith held down the runner-up spot last Friday. Who will be the first to nick Smalley for a win? Next contest Monday at 19:00 hours.

Bridge has its devotees but not enough turn out for a tournament yet. See you in the "Y" lounge next Monday evening for a real contract bridge session.

G. W. Donaldson and S. E. L. Pollock were all even after last week's cribbage war. In the play-off Pollock got the nod. Crib contest every Thursday in the "Y" tower.

See you at the DANCE.

DEPOT SHOWS

Sunday: "Code of the Streets," starring the Little Tough Guys; also two good shorts.

Tuesday: "I'm Still Alive." A good show.

Best wishes to Jarvis Miller associate "Y" supervisor who has gone to be head supervisor for the "Y" at No. 37 S.F.T.S. at Calgary.

LOST

One badminton net from the Arena sports room. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of same please report to Sgt. Purdy.

ON PARADE

Cpl. Dunn sported the best shoe shine on parade, according to the inspecting officer. If you ask the corporal he'll let you in on the secret.

The S.E.O. goes out occasionally to see how much better the clothes look upon the men than on the shelves. He hasn't a worry now since supplies are coming through from the parent equipment depot. Quite different now than ten months ago!

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The Third Page Patter

Snoopy Sez....

Have just been conversing with LAC Bricker, R., who has just completed I.T.S. and he informs us that a definition of speed as taught at I.T.S. is "True speed is shown when an old maid trips the ice man and beats him to the floor." . . . Which is a good thing at any time sez we. . . . We could go on and tell you more jokes but you would only laff at them so why bother. . . . And we wonder when Sgt. "Doc" N. Haight of the M.T. is going to put up the sign "DRIVUR-SELF" what with all the staff being posted. . . . And why is it that things are so "hard" at times to do? . . . Saw the editor pulling his hair because he had lost part of his staff again. . . . Postings cut an awful gash in THE AIRMAN. . . . And we have to hand it to the airmen that offered en masse their identification cards to that certain corporal on pay parade the other day . . . they fooled him . . . the cards came so fast and furious he did not know what to do . . . which reminds us that people are more fun than . . . and who do you think you are if? . . . and to see F/L Porter and F/Sgt. Smith out on C/O's inspection last Friday with a great number of hospital henchmen did our heart good . . . it sort of added an official touch to the parade . . . and just to think that no one passed out with all the medicos and their first aid around . . . too bad . . . and we wonder who Marjorie was or is? that came all the way from Ottawa via Calgary to Edmonton to visit LAC Don Stewart of the photographic section . . . and we also have another dark room Don Juan or Lothario or something in the person of LAC Ken Buckley. Ken is out every night and if it is to see the little lady whose picture he keeps in the dark room, then we don't blame him . . . in fact we think we will follow him. . . . Congrats to Sgts. Wallace, Williams and Slattery on the recent promotions . . . wonder what the corporals will do now without an entertainment committee . . . maybe the sergeants will loan out Slattery . . . applications made now . . . Ford and Currie are swamped in giving out bed lessons. . . . Flip you for the cokes AC1 Evans of Emylyn . . . take a buck on that Sgt. Stewart . . . the telegram was delivered AC1 McCaugherty. . . . I'll get you that sugar ration card Sgt. Maynard. . . . The stooking was tough but the threshing better Flt. Sgt. Spence . . . and according to the boys overseas, this is what they write home, "Sighted Grub, sank same. . . . Don't tell your troubles to others. Most of them don't care a hang, and the rest are glad of it. . . . AC2: "I feel like telling the corporal where to get off again." LAC: "What do you mean, 'again'?" AC2: "I felt like it yesterday, too." . . . The Lord gave us both ends to use: One to think with, one to sit with. The war depends on which we choose—Head we win, tails we loose . . . my but we are going sentimental . . . and we close with the pome of the week:

Little Bo-peep has lost her jeep,
And doesn't know where to find it.
Leave it alone, and it will come home
With a big Ram tank behind it.

VISITORS INVITED

AC2 "Georgia" Shumate is now back from an extended visit of five months to the good old U.S.A. where he remained while A.W.O.L. AC2 Shumate has been in the service about a year. He is Flight Sergeant Langford's guest at present. "Georgia" is open to all visitors at the guard house and would especially welcome invitations to engagements or dinner off the camp.

TO COAST

AC2's W. D. Thorne and J. K. Armstrong formerly of THE AIRMAN staff have been posted from this Depot to Vancouver.

SHUBIN FALLS OUT

AC2 "Porky" Shubin, former right hand man of Reception Wing and personal aide to all new recruit corporals of present and past, namely, Corporals Jackson, Lunney, Robinson, MacIntosh, etc., etc., has left the station for the coast.

BRICKER VISITS DEPOT

LAC R. Bricker formerly of the Equipment Section and now remustered to aircrew and at present stationed at Regina, paid a visit to No. 3 "M" to visit his brother, Cpl. J. Bricker.

WANT TO BE A SERGEANT? READ THIS!

If you are a corporal and want to become a sergeant you must first become president of the Corporal's Mess, if past experiences are any indication. Cpl. Wells became a sergeant via the president route. After him, Sergeant Slattery came to his present position by the same route. The corporals are having a meeting in the near future to see who is to become the next sergeant. Want to be one? Get elected president.

Miss A. Dunn, of Ottawa, who is the guest of Wing Commander and Mrs. W. G. Webber, spent a few days at Jasper this week.

SOME SKIP—OTHERS MUST PAY

We regret to announce that in the future no credit will be given on tickets to the Airmen Dances. This has been your privilege in the past but it is the same old story, many must suffer for the sins of a few. Consequently the committee has been forced much against their will to discontinue this service forthwith. Why can't we all play the game in real Air Force style?

THE AIRMAN ASKS AND GETS

Last week THE AIRMAN made mention of the long route march H.Q. had and how it hit Jasper. It asked for the band next time. We got it.

Tuesday morning saw the band out to march us off or should we say 'round and 'round the hollow square to Sgt. Taylor's "murderers of mirth" for a full half hour. True we did not get anywhere except that we resemble a dog chasing his tail, or should we say an eternal rectangle.

Thank you, Mr. Blundell, we enjoyed the music but how about getting us off the depot next time onto some of the city's finest pavement . . . and we could have coffee at 5c a cup.

GOOD LUCK AM"PHIB"IAN

Today The Airman received a copy of the first edition of The Am"PHIB"ian, official publication of the R.C.A.F. station at Patricia Bay, B.C. It is a nice paper, well put together and a credit to the editors in their first born.

Good luck to you!

W/C A. Chant, of Ottawa, was in the city, Wednesday. He was conferring with W/C W. G. Webber, C.O., and F/L Forster, president, Selection Board.

Several members of the Women's Auxiliary are assisting occasionally at the Salvage Depot.

A certain sergeant dancing with a young thing obesrvingly said, "My that is lovely perfume—what kind is it?" She said, "Rose—and you know that is my name too." When dancing with another lady he said, "Gee/ that is swell perfume you are wearing. Yes, she said that is Violet and you know that is my name too. After dancing a while with the next girl he said, "Say your name doesn't happen to be Fanny does it?"

COMING EVENTS

CUT THIS OUT

PUT IT IN YOUR HAT!

Friday, October 9—Football, Clarke Stadium. 20:00 hours, R.C.A.F. vs. E.A.C. Dance in Arena, 21:00 hours.

Saturday, October 10—Football, Clarke Stadium, 20:00 hours, R.C.A.F. vs. Navy.

Sunday, October 11—Movies in Arena, 20:00 hours. Band Concert in Airmen's Mess from 17:00 hours to 18:00 hours.

Tuesday, October 13—Movies in Arena. 20:00 hours.

Thursday, October 15—Boxing and Wrestling in Arena, 20:00 hours.

Saturday, October 17—Mart Kenney Dance in Arena, 20:30 hours.

Sunday, October 18—Mart Kenney Concert in Arena.

¶ This trick has been worked successfully. Carry a carpenter's rule in your pocket. If you're ever caught in a police raid on a bootleg joint, hand your pal a notebook and a pencil, you start measuring the joint for wallpaper. Ten-to-one the police will leave you undisturbed.

¶ The slogan was: See Canada First. Methinks the new one will be: See Canada Thirst!

¶ One man was asked why he didn't cast his vote in the by-election. And at the same time it was pointed out that was one of the principles we're fighting for. A democracy, you know. He replied, "Yes, quite true—the right to and the right not to." Well summed up, S/M.

¶ The Royal Air Force says join the R.A.F. and see Canada. Canadians say join the Royal Canadian Air Force and get over—perhaps.

¶ Smart practices make dull business.

¶ An old man called at an English pub after it had closed for the night. He kept pounding on the door. The wife of the tavern keeper raised the second storey window called. The old chap looked up and said. "I want some arf and arf." She said, "we're closed" and slammed down the window. He kept pounding on the door. In her anger, she raised the window, reached under the bed for the jerry and dumped the contents on the fellow below. "Here's your arf and arf. Arf me old man's and arf mine."

¶ A class of 43 boys was in arithmetic session. The teacher asked one of the pug nosed lads in the back row what 25 plus 25 plus 50 totalled. He said, '100." She replied. "That's splendid." The lad looked at her in amazement and said, "Hell, that's perfect," Miss McIntosh."

¶ Randolph Patton's definition of a journalist is: "A newspaperman without a job."

¶ A newsboy in Great Falls approached a prospective customer for the morning paper. "Here's your paper, sir!" "Can't read, son." "Can you smell?" "Yes, why?" "Then you can smell the bull in this paper."

¶ The Duke says he knew an Edmonton girl who went with his pal, off and on. They were married and then he was on steady.

"CHILDREN MAY HAVE TO WORK 4 OR 5 HOURS A DAY"
—Newspaper Headline.

Sgt. Frank Truswell says he's glad that he's growed up.

¶ There's one AC2 on this station who says he's never been kissed by a girl. "Charm News" will be scouting for him. None of the girls have made such a claim, have they, Miss Dancer?

¶ Snoopy Sez must be feeling blue for Printer Zink has a new two-column head. Patter has not definitely established who does write Printer Zink. It may be two or three of those fellows out in the front office. Hats off to our contemporaries!

¶ Let's bank our spare dollars on an Allied victory!

Support the third Victory loan.

LAST MINUTE SPORTS AND TID BITS

Basketball.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, was basketball night. Two closely fought games were played off; one between the two training Wing teams, hut 9 and 10 vs hut 17, and the other a challenge game between the Reception Warhawks and the Spitfires. Huts 9 and 10 emerged victorious in the first game with a 28-22 score and the station Spitfires took the second game by a 23-18 win.

In the 28-22 victory for the hut 9 and 10 team in their scheduled game against hut 17, some real basketball ability was on display. The teams were evenly matched and at half time the score stood at 18-18. In the last half of play, however, hut 9 and 10 put on the pressure and gained 10 more points to hut 17(s 4 leaving the final score at 28-22.

R.W. Rant was the high scorer for hut 9 and 10 with 8 points and Tod Gordon, a member of the Spitfire team, was the high scorer for hut 17 also with 8 points.

Line ups Hut 9 and 10 (T.W.)
Ferguson (2) E. Moore (4) J.S. Grant (4) R.W. Rant (8) W.B. Oughton (6) W.C. Clayton (4) Total 28.

Hut 17 (T.W.)
Doug. Johnstone (6) Bat Daynard (6) Tod Gordon (8) Bob Wilson, Art Day (2) Total 22.

In the second game Reception showed its metal by challenging the station team and holding them down to a slim victory. At half time the Spitfires hada7 point lead over Reception Warhawks, the score being 19-12. Scoring throughout the remainder of the game was almost held to a standstill as both teams checked closely. The Spitfires gained 2 baskets to the Warhawks 3 and the game finished 23-18. Gordon, high scorer in the first game was held to 2 points, but his team mate Neau gained 12 points.

Line ups Spitfires.
Wilson (2) Johnstone (2) Gordon (2) Day, Neau (12) Daynard (3) Samson (2) Total 23.

Warhawks
Shewan (2) Mann (2) Matheson, McKay (6) Ross (4) Bromley (4). Total 18.

These games are good. They are well worth watching. Remember that the games are played on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 18.30 hours. Attend the games.

Leafs Win in their Last Scheduled Game

The Maple Leaf 15-12 won over the RCAF on Tuesday evening gives them a possible chance in the play-offs. An E.A.C. victory in the Friday night game would put the leafs and the RCAF teams in a tying position for second place. This would mean a sudden death game between the Leafs and RCAF before the two out three finals with the E.A.C.'s can start.

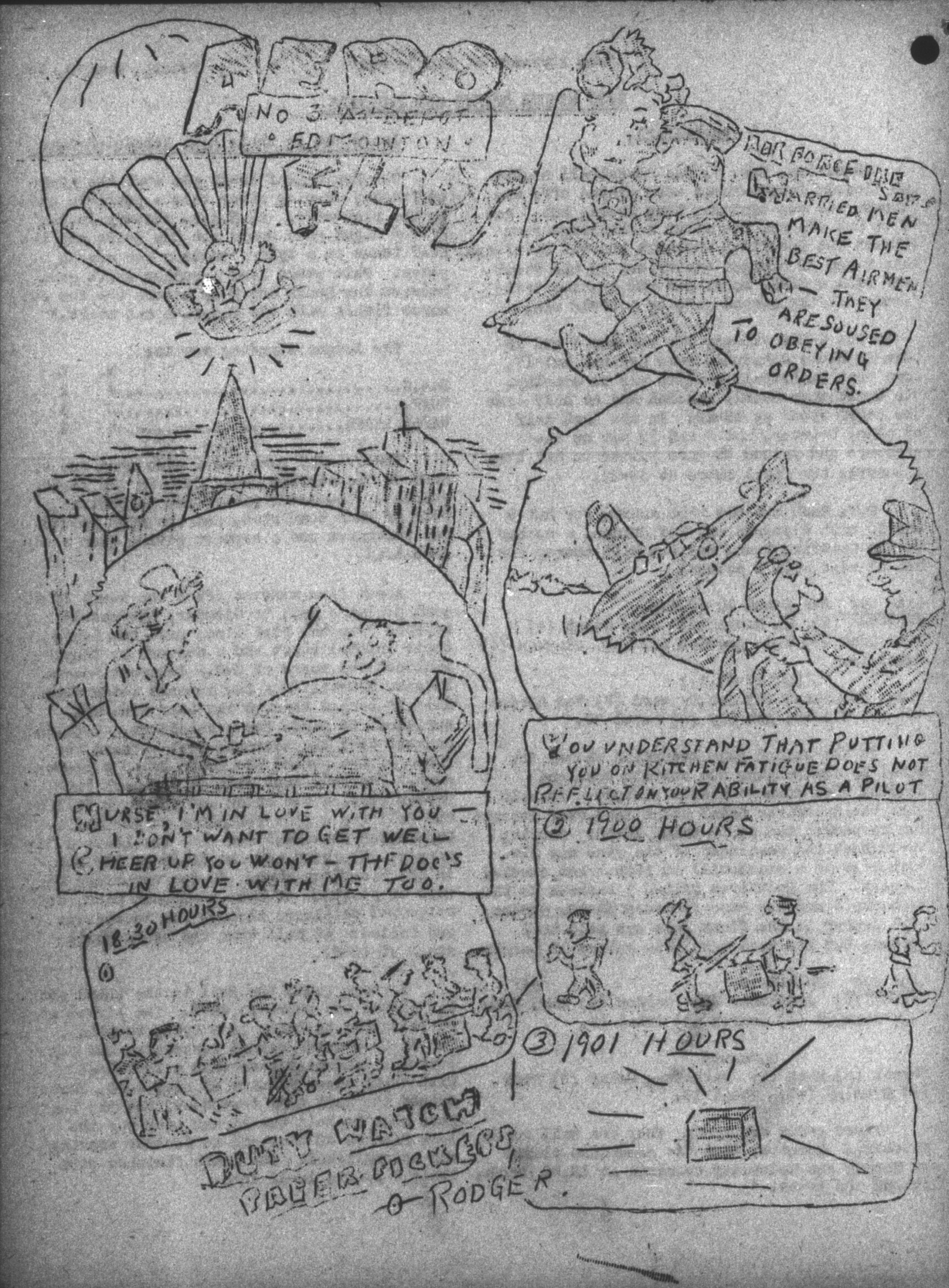
The league standing now is:

	W.	L.
E.A.C.	4	1
RCAF	2	3
MAPLE LEAFS	2	4

The Tuesday game was a wide open one with most of the scoring being done in the first quarter. The Leafs gained two touchdowns, both of them converted, and the RCAF gained one touchdown and a convert giving them a clear 12-6 lead.

About five minutes after the start of the game Deelan's pass to Gilmour, who easily trotted over the RCAF line, gave the Leafs their initial start and a convert by Danylowich set the score at 6-0. Interest became intense however in a few moments later when Kilesko barged through the Leaf line and sprinted 55 yards for a touchdown. Retallack's convert tied the score at 6-6. Toward the close of the period the Leafs tried a placement. The ball went wide of its mark but Horton fumbled the catch and Lukaniuk fell on the ball for a gift touchdown to the Leafs. Danylowich converted and gave the Leafs a 12-6 margin. The RCAF had the Leafs on the run in the second quarter. On two occasions they were in position to make placement kicks but attempted to plunge through for touchdowns and failed. At half time the score still stood at 12-6.

A rouge given the Hall in the third quarter lifted the score to 12-7. The Airmen worked valiantly to bring in a tying touchdown. The Leafs however gained possession and Danylowich's placement gave them a 15-7 lead. With about three minutes of play left, Horton gained the last RCAF touchdown, but the Leafs were able to hold the Airmen back for the last minutes of play and no further scoring was accomplished. The Leafs finished with their 3 point, 15-12 lead.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AIR CREW SELECTION BOARD

By FLT./LIEUT. K. B. FORSTER, D.F.C.

The arrival of the new air crew selection board at No. 3 "M" Depot has aroused considerable interest among the personnel of the station.

In some quarters the idea seems to prevail that there is something mysterious in the makeup of the new selection setup. This is not the case. Air crew selection boards have been appointed for the purpose of standardizing the method of selecting air crew, that is, placing men in categories in which they are most likely to succeed.

Formerly recruiting centres spread across the Dominion had full powers to select men for aircrew. While these centres did an excellent job it was felt that if air crew selection boards could be centralized at fewer points the percentage of wastage could be cut down.

Under the new system recruits receive their classification test at the recruiting centre and are then posted to the various "M" depots for selection. After a stay in the reception wing the airmen come before the air crew selection board, where they are given further tests to determine where they can be placed in the best interests of the R.C.A.F. From here on, the airmen are paraded individually before the interviewing officers, who in turn check over their qualifications and place them in the various air crew categories such as air bomber, wireless operator air gunner, air gunner, pilot, navigator and observer.

While every consideration is given to the qualifications of recruits, service requirements must, of necessity, be the dominant factor in selection.

The old conception of the duties of flying personnel does not apply today. It is teamwork that counts, not individualism. If all air crew will remember that no one category is more important than the other, and that all are required to form a flying crew, then the work of the board will be simplified.

We must never forget that we CAN lose this war, and that the road to victory is long and arduous, and will involve many personal sacrifices. If therefore you are placed in some other category than that upon which you had set your heart, you must realize that this is in the interest of the service as a whole, and make up your mind that you will work hard during training to fit yourself for your part in this supreme struggle.

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EDIQUIPS

With the Japs on the run, the Germans stalled at Stalingrad and General Winter fast approaching, and Rommel back in Germany for a breather, the Allied nations are gaining strength. The axe is being sunk deeper in the Axis. All that will soon be left is the "is." And that will appear capitalized in banner headlines in every paper—AXIS IS BEATEN. Even this little publication, although unimportant, has studied the Armistice headlines of the largest dailies in North America and Europe of the last war. We already have planned our Armistice Number. No foolin', THE AIRMAN will be in there pitching and shouting. Won't that be the DAY?

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Mesdames M. Anderson, J. R. Anderson, A. Anderson, H. B. Andrews, J. A. Bartley, J. M. Annett, R. F. Arkinstall, R. B. Arthurs, E. J. Baker and J. Barnes.

Mesdames W. Barnes, F. Barrett, B. C. Bell, J. Bell, E. M. Berndt, C. H. Blackwood, W. J. Blair, J. Y. Boucher, J. Bricker and G. W. Briggs.

Mesdames J. Bryson, P. M. Buchan, M. Bullard, F. H. Bullard, F. H. Bruden, D. R. Burt, M. Burton, H. Cambridge, V. A. Campbell, D. Carr and L. M. Christenson.

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Mrs. M. A. McIntyre, secretary of the Women's Auxiliary, has announced that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, at 3:00 p.m., in the games room of the officers' mess.

DONNENWORTH EXCERPTS

You all remember F/O Donnenworth, formerly of No. 3 "M" but now at Vulcan. S/L Hodgetts received a long letter from "Fred" but that would take approximately sixteen pages of our newspaper to run it all. We have scanned it and feel that the excerpts mentioned below will prove of interest.

Here it is:

Dear George:

In case you are mildly interested in the flora and fauna of "Vulture's Gulch" I indite a few lines which may convey all that's known or needs to be known about the place.

The station is situated 10 miles from Vulcan City, the nearest rail head. This is most convenient from a transportation point of view and fits in exactly with air force policy pertaining to conservation of rubber and petrol. As the roads are impassable every time it rains (which is about twice a day) the rolling stock is conserved in the garage a great deal. A gravel road to the city is now mooted.

There are some 35 miscellaneous buildings nicely spaced along three wide streets. Two-wing double-storied bunk houses accommodate the men. In addition, two more buildings of similar design house the officers.

The City of Vulcan is a unique spot. It is at the crossroads of two ancient buffalo runs which met accidentally on the prairie's dusty face some time before Columbus moved over. On each of the four corners of the intersection the business premises of the community are established. Two drug stores, a bank, and the Grand Hotel. The hotel boasts a bilious looking beer parlor inhabited mostly by airmen.

My job has involved quite a few legal snarls all of which have been unravelled satisfactorily. A couple courts martial, inquiries into forced landings, etc., keep one on the beam.

There have been no bad crashes as yet and the C.O. is elated. From doing a bit of flying about the country myself, there doesn't seem to be any reason for crashing if the boys refrain from dog fighting nonsense.

(One half-hour later).

Word just came that one of our Cessnas took fire and crashed 15 miles away. One bailed—2 dead.

F/O Grassick dropped me a note from London and desired me to pay my respect to you. You no doubt will recall him as one of the perpetual O/O's. He says that $5.00 will buy about $1.50 worth of wet or dry merchandise Canadian scale. A double Scotch is 3 and 6 and they have already put the water in it for you.

Best regards are included with mine from S/L Kergan and S/L Connon.

FRED.

REMINISCENCES

At the close of the last war, your columnist had the pleasure of meeting Pte. Peat, who wrote the first book that came out of the 1914-18 struggle. He was a young Canadian with personality. His book was titled, "Private Peat."

Ever shake hands with Bull Montana? We have and what a handshake.

Interviewed Irvin S. Cobb. He told a story about a keg of apple cider. Put it in cold storage to freeze. Take out the bung, drill into the centre of the ice where the alcohol will be pooled. Then drink if you like it neat. A California Redwood tree has been christened "Irvin S. Cobb."

When a lad in Nebraska, almost swallowed a celluloid badge that had Mr. Howard Taft's picture and name on it. We were campaigning against a few Democrat lads (in those days there were only a few). which ended in a boyish scrap. Later we were awarded when we interviewed ex-President Howard Taft, when he visited Vancouver in 1920.

Amundsen, the only explorer to visit both Poles, gave us fifteen minutes of his time, when on a lecture tour across Canada.

Emmaline Pankhurst, the Suffragette, was very pleasant to interview.

Sir W. Brown, of the Alcock-Brown team who flew the Atlantic, died recently at the coast. My paper heard he was embarking from Vancouver to the Orient following the famous flight. I chased Navigator Brown all over the Empress of Japan but didn't get my story. —C.E.M.

FACING THE MUSIC

Our bandmaster, Sgt. V. W. Taylor will soon have to face music of a different sort and he won't be able to call the tune.

In a few brief days, he'll be going to the altar with Miss Rae McClenaghan, of Winnipeg.

The event will take place at Winnipeg, October 21. And the band master is doing all this and more on seven days' leave.

Capt. P. H. Hervieux, Dental Corps. has been posted to No. 2 A.O.S.

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Pardon my hair-do but **Hank Branscombe** has been at me again. . . . Have often wondered what **Cpl. Joe Acker** hung around the H.Q. hut in the mornings before parade for and finally found out . . . slipped back this morning and there was Joe scrounging in all the ash trays for snipes and butts . . . here's a tip Joe—**Jimmy Steadman** has his props up now and actually saw him with a packet of tailor mades of his own . . . watch his bunk for the next few days. . . . **Keller, McDonald** and **Berlin** don't like marching to bands anyway, so they informed me . . . and speaking of marching—or running at a slow 160 to the minute—don't think that **Sgt.-Major Blundell** should remuster to a bandmaster. . . . Voice on phone: "Could you send me over some **pecans** right away?" Voice on other end: "What size?" V.O.P.: "What size? Whaddya mean, what size? Isn't this Smith's grocery?" V.O.P.E.: "No, ma'am, this is Brown's hardware store." . . . Hey, who swiped my knife and fork? . . . Seems that there is hot air and inflation around the **M.T. Section** . . . there's a bum steer in there somewhere, no kiddin' . . . settle down there, **Ringwood**, you're not supposed to be broadcasting anymore. . . . Quiet everybody, **Flight Bell** wants to whisper us a command. . . . Yessir, that was really **Wally Ritch** at one of the clerk's classes this week . . . and **Art Wagner** must have lost his shotgun or run out of shells, he was there too. . . . Incidentally Wag, about time you got that wreck tuned up for the Model T races. . . . **Flt. Spence** asks this one: What's the resemblance between the Japs and a girdle? They both creep up from behind and it takes a darned good Yank to pull them down. . . . How about a party, **Bullard**? Ouch! . . . And wasn't that **LAC Poff** resting his weary head on the switchboard? And wasn't that **Sammy Poffenroth** saying: "Goin' to the I.&R. for a minute?" And wasn't that **Sgt. Doug. Stewart** trying to stitch through a smoke screen from a two-for-a-nickel (Yeah!) stogie? And wasn't that **Cpl. Robbins** letting out a hoorah when **Cpl. Lawson** took over the job? . . . Yep, sure was. . . . Once upon a time a bull found a glove in a pasture. Taking it over to a nearby cow he said: "Pardon me, madam, but is this your bra?" . . . Some of the older timers of our Depot will remember back to last January when the **Turkey Trot** hit us kerbang one fine morning . . . well, last Sunday morning it was the **Beef Bounce**, and parking space was really at a premium. . . . We'll have to smarten up and be on the lookout for these so-called dreamed creamed dishes our cooks plant on us every so often . . . **dynamite** is not in the rations, fellas, lay off . . . and I took it on the double.

NAZIS IN CANADA

The C.B.C. has a most interesting serial, "Nazis Eyes on Canada."

The Nazis are in Canada! Hundreds of them in internment camps, living off the "fat of the land." It is said that in one camp alone, there are over 10,000 under canvas.

Are these prisoners being compelled to work for their keep?

Amongst them and in every camp, may be found ring leaders, so designed by the expert geopoliticians of Germany.

Too strict vigilance cannot be kept by the government on these internees.

If the Nazi head rose in Canada, who would the Quizlings be?

Listen to "Nazis Eyes on Canada."

It is not known whether the commanding officer has a patent on the new white dog house which was built for his two dogs. The top can be lifted.

Births

Born—a son to Flying Officer and Mrs. Roy Barnhill, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, Saturday, October 3, 1942. Roy David Archibald.

CAPTAIN ARMITAGE

Captain Armitage entertained a large, mixed audience last Thursday with his impersonations of Dickens' immortal characters and his ventriloquism. Squeers, Uriah Heap, Scrooge and other characters of Dickens came to life for a few moments as Capt. Armitage held his audience spellbound.

At the outset, Capt. Armitage made his audience feel at home by mixing with them in an informal manner that made everyone feel at ease. Nor was he any less talented as a ventriloquist for his dummy not only spoke from his knee but could also be heard long after he was tucked away in his trunk. Mr. Armitage has made an extensive tour of Canada and has recently returned from Alaska and B.C. He has made 254 appearances in the last 265 days.

BUTTERFIELD RETURNS AND BRINGS PICTURE

AC2 W. Butterfield now on the Radio Mechs course at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, was a visitor on the station over the week end. Butterfield was a former art editor of THE AIRMAN and he returned to Edmonton to bring a water color painting of the Publishing Editor, and of course to visit a couple of girl friends. He was accompanied by AC2 Al. Coulson of Vancouver.

AMONG THE NEW PROMOTIONS

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FOUR NEW FLIGHT LIEUTENANTS

Four! at one foul swoop. Congratulations were in order, Tuesday. It's now F/L's J. W. Dempsey, Adjutant; W. Hansen, G. W. LaRocque. D.A.P.M., and G. Richardson. Three cheers and a tiger for these popular officers.

What? No new squadron leaders, wing commanders or group captains.

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OFF PARADE

The Springer Hotel in Edmonton was in vaudeville days, the rendezvous of the Pantages troupers. Mrs. G. R. A. Rice, who operates this popular hostelry, has autographs of Jack Dempsey, Eddie Cantor, Silent Jackson and scores of others famous in days past. Mrs. Rice's collection is very valuable.

The R.A.F. airmen from Penhold say that the snivets in Edmonton are more attractive than those in Calgary. And who is a snivet, my friend? If you're around the airport at Lethbridge, ask Capt. "Moss" Burbridge, a former skipper of the Edmonton and Northern Alberta Aero Club.

The Arena is a very popular place this month. Airmen's Dance tonight (Friday). with the station orchestra. Mart Kenney and his "Western Gentlemen" and Judy Richards. Then the Lifebuoy Show with "Pat" Rafferty. one of the original Dumbells. There's fun and dancing in store for all. There are real girls in the Lifebuoy Show. Date your girl or wife right now! Or some one else will accompany her. That's warning you against the senior non-coms.

Did you read this? It's taken from a recruiting advertisement. "Join the C.W.A.C. The Women's Smartest Service." Haven't the Army recruiting officers seen our Women's Division? Our girls will make 'em swallow those words before long.

If you're a trained entertainer and not in as aircrew, write out a synopsis of your experience and talents. Hand same to the adjutant today. You may catch a place on a concert party. Imagine the fun that you'd have.

One sergeant calls his wife. H.B.O. Upon being questioned what it stands for. he said, "Honey Bunch of Onion Tops."

A. W. L. and A. W. O. L. is a familiar expression to American and Canadian airmen alike. Always willing Lettie and Ah want only love.

Do you want to look better, eat better and sleep better? Take a little vitamin tablet—then shave, eat regularly and go to bed.

Boys. you're going to get it! What? Commando training, yes siree. Isn't that great?

The products of hard liquor distilleries are being diverted to putting the bounce into synthetic rubber. When we see a jeep go by tired with this rubber, we'll say there goes our share of the firewater. It won't bounce if F/O Ling is driving.

"Comrades in Arms" is a new radio feature. Cy Mack says "the fighting services." Edmonton girls are ideal comrades in arms. And we've seen them in a fighting mood too. Married? Yes!

"Hit first, hit hard and keep hitting," is a slogan seen in the office of the top officer who directs the Royal Canadian Navy. And his boys say, "Jerry we're ready."

BAND CONCERTS

Plans are now under way for a series of band concerts in one of the local theatres by our station band. Many will be glad to hear of this for it will provide Sunday evening entertainment for many on the station. It will also give the public an opportunity to hear our band. It shows too, that considerable progress has been made since the band was organized only a short time ago.

OH MY DARLING, SGT. DARLING

Sgt. Darling is showing all the symptoms of a lovesick man these days. He can't eat, sleep or work. He walks in a daze and even calls roll from an easy chair on the parade square. Could that be why his basketball team failed to show up for a game here the other day? Careful, Sergeant.

Stout hearted folk, those Russians. Stalingrad is living up to her noble name.

S/O M. L. A. Thompson, formerly an Ottawa entertainer, denied that W.D. referred to the war department—the Women's Division, sir, definitely.

Snoopy Sez has this to say about women—"we can't get along with them and we can't get along without them."

Wonder whose design will be acceptable to H.Q.? The one that you submitted may be the one by every airman in your particular trade. You'd be proud, wouldn't you?

English as she is spoke. You speak of money as dough, not the kind from which mother made bread or the doe that struts with her male, the buck. When you want to borrow $1.00 you ask for a buck. Whether you get it is another matter. When the English speak of their weekly wage they call it a screw. When you haven't a penny you say you're flat broke. A flat to an autoist is a deflated tire. The old term blackout is seldom heard anymore. In the olden days it meant a flat tire or a gay party. That party's known as a binge.

Shades of 1914-18. The airmen now have knives, forks and spoons on loan. If so many had not disappeared each month from the airmen's mess, this change would not have gone into effect. Between 200 and 300 men took cutlery without permission from the mess. One locker was left open. Therein was a knife and spoon neatly rolled in a newspaper wrapper. It had the airman's name on it and the word "Baptist." The paper was a religious one, but the man apparently wasn't. Everything on the station is charged out to some responsible person. When anything is "lifted," some one has to dip deep in his pocket to recompense the R.C.A.F. Should some person take your cap, belt or raincoat, you do not get a replacement free. You sign an E26 replacement voucher for the full value—and the money is deducted from your next pay. Think it over!

OPINION OF SOME

We reprint here an excerpt from a letter received by the Commanding Officer from an airman who was formerly a trainee at No. 3 "M". This airman is now located at No. 1 "M" Depot, Toronto. Apparently this was his first trip to Toronto and the comments made by him are very interesting. Next time you think of kicking the devil out of the wash basins or think you are crowded, just remember that there are other units in the R.C.A.F. which are not nearly as fortunate as this one as regards facilities and conveniences, where the sleeping quarters are crowded to the helm, and everything not just quite as good.

We know. We have been there.

The Editor.

"I was sent away last Friday night without leave, and had a very pleasant journey to Toronto. The city itself is very large and impressing. The "M" Depot is very large—period. I'm afraid Edmonton spoiled me! How I appreciate such conveniences as small 100-man huts, with lockers, clothes bars and clean floors; the neat attractive station grounds. the furniture of the Airmen's Mess, etc. Here, with 1,000 men to a room, tin wash basins, poor shower facilities and none of the other above mentioned attractions, I can easily conceive that you had a job to do at Edmonton and I only wish the fellows could all realize the surroundings they have there to train in."

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Folloing are the results of last night's games.

	W.	L.
Gestapo	3	0
Equipment	3	0
Hospital	2	1
Orderly Room	2	1
Dental	1	2
Wings	1	2
Post Office	0	3
Accounts	0	3

Cat and Dog Fight

From the parade ground the new recruits watch with admiration the smartly stepping Prec. Squad, as it swings swiftly on its way to wireless class. Then they see a neat incline as the squad turns out for security guard. Next moment their admiration has turned to astonishment, for a volley of hisses and groans is exchanged between squads. The rookies wonder if this is the "esprit de corps" of the air force; it seems more of a deadly antagonism.

Nearly every time the Precision and the Guards meet the air is slippery with silibantsand "raspberries are wholesale. However there is little or no animosity. True enough the Precision boys did'nt appreciate a certain prank played in the wee small hours, allegedly by the guards; nor did the guards enjoy paying for the damage done. However they aren't as much at loggerheads as the jeering would indicate.

If you are curious as to the origin of their joyous salutations, read on for oddly enough, it all began through the station pets.

One morning Sgt. Barnes' dog accompanied the Precision Squad as they were marched to wireless . Full of oats and things, he was "putting on the dog", barking at everyone. Many of the lads momentarily took their eyes off the wart on the neck of the man in front of them to watch him. In the doorway of hut 4 was a cat. The boys smelled action, and with a wicked gleam in their eyes hissed, "Sic 'em! Sic 'em! Ssssssssss!"

Just at that moment the Security Guard passed on the far side, unaware of the cat and dog belligerents, but very sensible to the uncouth hiss that they supposed was directed at them. They gave veny to a more lively one of their own. The rear file of the Precision Squad, doubly innocent, caught up the swelling sizzle of scorn with their customary vigor. Thus was torn the present "cat and dog" fight.

The Precision boys, being horribly hard to get along with, have another feud, this one with the band. The band thinks that the squad should ajust its tempo to the fickleness of their drummer, who delights in being half a step behind as the boys step off. The drill lads have their own ideas and voice them in perfect unison by ocunting and yelling, "1-2-3-4- the band stinks. 1-2-3-4- the band stinks". The band returns this friendly gesture by imitating the Precision Squad with a limp as they go by or tootling a horn in a blazing "razz".

It's all good clean fun.

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Sergeant M. - strode into the hut. "All right you lazy apes, fall out!" he exclaimed. The boys grabbed their hats and swarmed out- all but one who continued to lie on his bunk blowing smoke rings.
"Well?" roared the sarge,
"Well," remarked the rook. "There were a lot of them, weren't there,".

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Then there were two junior aviators who were learning to make parachute jumps, Each was told to count ten and then pull the ring, and that a truck would be waiting to take them back to the starting place. Both jumped, both counted ten, but the parachutes did not open. Nearing the earth pretty fast, one said to the other "And in addition to this they probably won't have the truck there either."

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MOANS & GROANS FROM HOSPITAL

Nursing Sister MacLennan must be preparing to do little nursing (as usual) at her new station. She is taking enough sporting equipment to last her a year—evening dresses and all manners of clothes, but again maybe she is just off to her new place as a "medical comfort." We will try and get her new address so as all her "Lonely Hearts Club" friends can keep up.

Extra Special!—Look out for the big news about to break into headlines about our own F/S Smith. It's a dilly. Saskatoon papers stand by.

AC1 Johnson is now a full fledged LAC. This must have been the cause of Johnny's celebration last night. Between mumps and football game bumps the hospital was quite busy this week.

We have had no less than two sergeants and five corporals as patients in bed at one time this week. This is a nursing orderly's delight.

Cpl. MacDonald returned from his annual leave this week. His hooks are new but it is the same old Mac.

Cpl. Darby's romance is about to fizzle out.

While all eyes and ears were turned to the world series this week, a private feud has taken place in the hospital. Nursing Sister Farquharson at bat, F/L Porter on the mound, some good verbal pitching took place, a few strikes have been scored, but up to date neither have won a game, but the spectators (nursing orderlies) keep the patients comfortable in their bleachers. Sgt. Pop Wallace has another son going overseas, one already is serving in the Middle East and to those that do not know, Old Pop has already seen active service during this show with the Royal Navy. All three are now serving the R.C.A.F.

Warning!—If you are ever approached to enter in any pool by Sgt. J. Prior or LAC Walker in simple words "Don't". The staff and patients found this out in the past world series. If F/S Smith could throw around five pin balls, as good as he can snooker balls, he would still have a lot to learn to make a good player.

LAC Frederick Rose returned from his honeymoon a better man than when he left, was 178 lbs. when he started his married life, returned weighing 181 lbs. "My, my!" There must be something to this married life.

WHY BOBBED HAIR WAS THE FASHION

It is said that during the last war, when the Germans overran a small European country, the authorities branded the women, who had V.D. Their hair was bobbed. In a short time all the other women followed suit so as not to be assaulted by the Germans. This coiffure then became fashionable throughout the world. Little did the women know at that time how the style originated.

THE AIRMAN A DEPOT NEWSPAPER

Occasionally, mumblings and grumblings are heard about what should be printed and what should be omitted in your newspaper. In many instances there may be grounds for such disturbances in which cases we appreciate the criticisms offered and endeavor to improve on future issues. Then there is the critic who can offer nothing constructive and attempts only to find what is wrong in the paper. Of him, we intend to say little. There is, however, a vast multitude to whom this article is more particularly directed.

We refer to those of you who cannot find time to prepare anything of interest to the depot as a whole or to many of your friends. We welcome any material, poems, jokes, articles, social items, etc., that may be of value to such a paper as your weekly Airman. There is a container in the library which is used to collect any of your contributions. For many days now, it has been empty. Is there any reason why this should be so in a depot of hustling airmen? Let's have some of your items at an early date and make this newspaper more truly yours. Obviously, a certain standard of newspaper accomplishment must be maintained and this you editorial staff endeavors to do. We'll be hearing from you.

NOBILITY?

Last week, in a local recreation room, the rumor spread that a gentleman of noble birth was present in the room. A young lad, desirous of meeting the notable, arranged for an introduction. During the introduction the knight's aide, Cpl. A. Wenborne, sprang to attention—in short he arose to the occasion. Due homage was paid Sir Eric, after which the newcomer asked for an account of some of his "lordship's" travels in foreign countries.

Sir Eric responded beautifully. An exciting account was first given of the city of Damascus—steel, etc. Then the scene shifted to India and hunting parties; then back to the Dark Continent with breath-taking accounts of safaris crossing the Veldt—Sir Eric of course taking more than a leading role.

The newcomer, who was awed by Sir Eric's wealth of experience, laid an affectionate hand upon the knight's arm and asked, "May I buy you a beer?" Sir Eric pompously replied, "Well I'm not in the habit of accepting alms from my people, but since you insist I will agree to break away from tradition and accept your offer. Yes, I will have a beer."

And so gentlemen the true identity of Cpl. the Rt. Hon. Sir Eric Hamilton, C.D.C., has come to light—and in glowing colors. . . . His aide de camp, Cpl. Wentrom, also partook of the hops.

Mrs. J. C. Jamieson has arrived from Winnipeg. F/O Jamieson is the coach of the No. 3 "M" Depot football team.

CHARM NEWS

Doris Gallaway says what she's knitting ain't for Britton . . . his feet aren't that big. Millie Turner of Central Registry wants to know when stooking, whether the heads of the sheaves go up or down. Have you found out yet Millie? Dorothy Knight also of C.R. is still running to and fro with files in her hands, yes boys—that is Mrs. Dorothy Knight! Tough luck, fellows. . . . Elsie Mills over in Equipment has been receiving letters nearly every day from Laurie, she also receives soveignees from every city he visited, and always they have on them, "To my sweetheart"—Looks bad, Elsie!—or should we say—good! That cheerie voice you hear over the telephone is that of Miss Olive Kuehen, yes boy—she's blonde! Doris Astell has been seen running around with a certain member of Headquarters—but you did have fun didn't you Doris? Kay Card was so surprised the other day to find that it only costs 60c to send a cable overseas—and you can add the word "love" too—wonder how much it would cost to add the words "oceans of love"?

ORIGINAL BULLETIN BUILDING

The Edmonton Bulletin was established by the late Hon. Frank Oliver, P.C., in the little log building that is now situated just to the west of the C.O.'s cabin. It housed a Washington hand press, type racks, stones, and other equipment necessary to the printing trade. It was treked by an ox team from Winnipeg. The weather beaten case that stands in front of The Bulletin building is the shelter for the stone bust of the late Mr. Oliver.

Major John Oliver, son of The Bulletin founder, is on the staff of The Daily Bulletin. He is a veteran of the first Great War.

F/O R. Coote and S/O M. L. A. Thompson, of Calgary, were in the city, Friday, scouting for entertainers. A new trade has been opened in the R.C.A.F. for entertainers. Mr. Coote was in Anne Neagle's company when it toured Canada.

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ON THE SPORT SPOT

By F/O H. W. EGGLESTON.

As a newcomer to No. 3 "M" Depot this corner will tread warily for a while before bursting forth into any observations on the general sport setup at the station. After scanning the pages of your valuable weekly this observer wishes to congratulate the staff for the fine work they are doing in giving the personnel of the station up-to-the-minute news on the various activities. . . . Don't forget this is your newspaper. . . . The editor and his staff are always willing to co-operate in any venture for the benefit of the station. . . . Just a reminder here. . . . They can't put it into print unless you turn it into them. . . . Remember Tuesday is the deadline for all items of interest. . . . Via the grapevine it is reported that several experienced reporters are in our midst. . . . These men should prove invaluable in giving a hand to the editor. . . . Step up boys! The office is located in the north-west corner of the arena. . . . Don't forget the monster boxing and wrestling show to be staged in the Arena on Thursday, October 15. . . . Reserve this date on the calendar. . . . Sergt. Harrison promises a bang-up program. . . . Wonder where P/O Jamieson picked up those scars. . . . Did one of his rugby players step on his face? . . . Providing the weather man gives us a break it is possible another station track and field meet will be held before the season closes. . . . It is also suggested that an inter-services meet be staged. . . . A new arrival at the station is Stan Haley from Trail, B.C. . . . Stan is an outstanding high jumper. . . . At one time he represented Canada at the British Empire Games. . . . He tops the bar at 6'5". . . . Welcome Stan. . . . Although the Arena will not be available for hockey this winter there will be no shortage of hockey. . . . Arrangements are being made to have two outdoor rinks in operation. . . . There seems to be no lack of material in the various wings. . . . An outstanding player who has been here for a few weeks is AC2 Paul Kowel of the training wing. . . . Paul played the last few seasons with Saskatoon Quakers of the Saskatchewan Senior Hockey League. . . . In closing for the week we wish to thank the sports writers of the two local dailies for their efforts in publicizing the sports activities of the airmen at this station. . . . Take a bow Ken. McConnell of the Edmonton Journal and Harold Deane of the Bulletin. . . . Adios!

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Following is the schedule of games in the airman's intermural basketball league. Two points will be awarded for each victory recorded. The winners will meet the "M" Depot "Spitfires," the station's No. 1 team, at the end of the schedule. All games will start at 18:30 hours and players are requested to be on time. Each team will submit a list of players with their captain prior to the start of games.

Schedule

Oct. 5—Reception (Agric. Bldg.) vs. Training Wing (Hut 16).

Oct. 7—Training Wing (Hut 17) vs. Training Wing (Huts 9 and 10).

Oct. 12—Training Wing (Huts 11 and 12) vs. Disposal Wing.

Oct. 14—Training Wing (Huts 28 and 29) vs. Headquarters (Hut 18).

Oct. 19—Reception (Agric. Building) vs. Headquarters (Hut 18).

Oct. 21—Training Wing (Hut 16) vs. Training Wing (Hut 17).

Oct. 26—Training Wing (Huts 9 and 10) vs. Training Wing (Huts 11 and 12).

Oct. 28—Training Wing (Huts 28 and 29) vs. Reception (Agric. Bldg.)

VARSITY TAKES RUGBY SERIES

University of Alberta Polar Bears swept the exhibition football series against R.C.A.F. "M" Depot Saturday at Clarke Stadium by virtue of 21-4 win over the Flyers. Coupled with an 8-4 triumph in the first game Varsity took the series by a total count of 29-8.

Weather conditions marred play in Saturday's encounter. A driving rain made it uncomfortable for spectators and players alike, and as a result of the rain-soaked gridiron fumbles were predominant throughout the game, particularly in the case of the Flyers, who gave away a touchdown in the second quarter after they led 2-0 at the end of the first quarter. At half-time the students led by a 5-4 score and increased their lead in the second half to finish up on the long end of a 21-4 score, the Flyers being held scoreless for the balance of the game.

Outstanding men for R.C.A.F. team were Rault, whose kicking left little to be desired, and Humber, whose tackling and break throughs to smother Varsity plays caught the eye of the small crowd in attendance.

Johnson with two touchdowns, and Schreader, both backfielders, were prominent for the winners, while the Varsity line held up well under heavy pressure.

The Flyers opened the score in the first quarter when Rault caught the Bears sound asleep on a second down by kicking over the deadline. Barber rouged to give the R.C.A.F. their first point. The first score was quickly followed by a second when McCoubrey kicked to the deadline, giving the "M" Depot their initial two point lead.

The Bears hit the scoring sheet in the second quarter when Bob Johnson scored the first Varsity touchdown on a fumble behind the R.C.A.F. goal line. However, rouges to Humber and McMillan netted the R.C.A.F. two more points and at the half-way mark the score stood at 5-4.

The Polar Bears definitely took charge of things in the last half. In the third quarter Johnson raced over the line for his second touchdown, setting the score at 10-4. D'Arcy Duncan tallied Varsity's third touchdown in the fourth quarter and Schraeder converted to tally up six more points. Baker finished up the scoring and definitely put the U. of A. far in the lead, by going over the line for the fourth Varsity touchdown near the end of the game.

Lineups

POLAR BEARS—Lambert, Follett, Sleath, Wiggins, Rice, Ottem, Riddle, Baker, Schraeder, Bradshaw, Johnson, Simpson. Subs: Hutton, Jones, Buckley, Duncan, Shoctor, Torrance, Christie, Prowse, LaRose, Hall, Panchyshyn, Williams.

"M" DEPOT — O'Byrne, Neal, Humber, Storgaard, Neal, Barber, McMillan, Rault, Pringle, McCoubrey, Zurawel, Hutchison, Nelson. Subs: Hunter, Prych, Lamont, Nahu, McHardy, Darnborough, Leavitt, Dowde, Coghill, Harvie, Carter, Keefe, Kapaniuk.

Officials—Referee, Reg. Moon; umpire, John Easton; head linesman, Ken McLeod.

First Quarter—1, "M" Depot, rouge, Barber, 1 point; 2, "M" Depot, kick to deadline, McCoubrey, 1 point.

Second Quarter—3, Varsity, touchdown, Johnson, 5 points; 4, "M" Depot, rouge, Humber, 1 point; 5, "M" Depot, rouge, McMillan, 1 point; 6, Varsity, touchdown, ohnson, 5 points.

Fourth Quarter — 7, Varsity, touchdown, Duncan, 5 points; 8, Varsity, convert, Schraeder, 1 point; 9, Varsity, touchdown, Baker, 5 points.

RECEPTION WINS FROM TRAINING BY DEFAULT

Station basketball got away to a bad start on Monday evening. The scheduled game was forfeited to the Reception team when the Precision Squad from the Training Wing in Hut 16 failed to show up. However, enough boys from Reception were there for a good practice game to be held. The talent displayed promises that we can have some very good station ball if all the teams will only turn out on schedule.

Remember boys, the officials have gone to a great deal of work in getting this thing organized. Show your appreciation by turning out.

BADMINTON COURT GETS NEW FACE

Three new badminton courts on the Arena floor make it possible for badminton fans to swing into action on October 8 when the schedule printed hereunder goes into effect. Birds may be purchased from the canteen. Racquets are supplied by the sports stores in the Arena. Players may play in singles or doubles competition. All games begin at 19:00 hours. Competitors should report to Sgt. Purdy on the Arena floor.

Schedule

Tuesday, October 13—Training Wing 2 vs. Reception.

Thursday, October 15 — A.O.S. Guard vs. Security Guard.

Tuesday, October 20—M.T.S. vs. Service Police.

Thursday, October 22—H.Q. Orderly Room vs. T.W. Orderly Room.

Tuesday, October 27 — Disposal Orderly Room vs. Reception Orderly Room.

Thursday, October 29—Accounts Section vs. Fire Fighters.

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ACCOUNTS NOTES

At last our alterations have been made and the areas marked "Out of Bounds" mean just that as several of our "victims" have found out to their humiliation. The section really has a business office appearance now with the new interior arrangements.

Cpl. Burt takes the prize for forgetfulness—left his lunch at home and had his wife send it out with the street car conductor. What a man!

A new AC2 Clerk Accountant arrived in the Accounts Section on Saturday morning, by name, "Roy Barnhill, Jr." Weight 8 lbs. Congratulations F/O and Mrs. Barnhill.

F/O Richardson has left for a well earned rest. . . . Eleven whole days without having to count the "filthy lucre."

LAC Archie Bowker believes in keeping his dates far apart . . . one lives in the Highlands, the other in Bonnie Doon. . . . Wise boy, Archie, not much chance of them meeting and comparing notes . . . or is there?

Cpl. Pat Buchan has settled down to the old married routine now that his wife has returned. . . . Being a summer bachelor is alright but it's sure embarrassing when you have to look up and down the street before walking along it.

LAC Joe Rowney has recovered sufficiently from his operation to be able to enjoy fourteen days sick leave. . . . Don't have a relapse, Joe.

LAC Humeston visited Accounts on Saturday afternoon and made the boys green with envy when he told them that No. 2 A.O.S. does not work on Saturday afternoon and that there is no Duty Watch for Headquarters Staff there. Now all the boys want postings to A.O.S.

¶ If it hadn't been this way it would have been the other way.

THE AIR FORCE OFFICER

The lipstick he felt in his pocket
Was Fern's, and he threw it away;
Ann's stocking, he found, and it followed,
And so did the hair-pins from Mae.
Nell's garter came out of his suitcase,
And out the train window was tossed;
While Mabel's brassiere and her step-ins
Were dropped in a river they crossed.
The vanity case was of silver,
He wrapped and addressed it to Grace,
Then dropped in the aisle beside him
Pearl's handkerchief, bordered with lace.
He wasn't destroying mementoes
He had valued for half of his life,
But he was an air force officer,
And going back home to his wife.

THE OFFICER'S WIFE

The collar she sent back to Henry,
The necktie she sent back to Bill,
The slippers were wrapped in a package
The postman delivered to Phil.
The handkerchief with his initials,
A messenger handed to Matt;
While Harry came after his sweater
And Jimmy dropped in for his hat.
The purple silk socks, and the garters,
Were Arthur's, and sent to his home;
She found where Walter was living
And mailed him his pipe and his comb.
She wasn't destroying mementoes
Of sweet, tender loves of the past;
But she was the wife of an officer,
And he was returning at last!

¶ When you smile, another smiles and then there are miles and miles of smiles.

THEATRES

AVENUE

Starting Saturday: "Nothing But the Truth," starring Bob Hope; also "Sundown." Starting Wednesday: "Lost Horizon," starring Ronald Coleman; also "The Awful Truth."

CAPITOL

Starting Thursday: "Crossroads" with Wm. Powell, Heddy Lamar and Basil Rathbone. Starting Monday: "Footlight Serenade."

DREAMLAND

Starting Saturday: "Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book," Sabu; also "Bullet Scars," Regis Toomey. Starting Wednesday: "Joan of Paris," Michele Morgan and Paul Henreid; also "Steel Against the Skies," Alexis Smith and Lloyd Nolan.

EMPRESS

Starting Friday (for six days): "Beyond the Blue Horizon," Dorothy Lamour and Richard Benning; "Then it Happened in Flatbush," Lloyd Nolan.

RIALTO

Starting Friday: "Blondie for Victory," Penny Singleton; also "Home in Wyoming," Gene Autrey. Starting Tuesday: "Men in Her Life," Loretta Young; also "Treat 'Em Rough," Eddie Albert. Preview Sunday: "Talk of the Town," Cary Grant and Jean Audrey.

STRAND

Starting Friday: "Mexican Spitfire's Elephant," Lupe Velez and Leon Errol; also, "Under Cover Man," Wm. Boyd. Starting Tuesday: "Pride and Prejudice," Greer Carson; also, "Sullivan's Travels," Joel McRae and Veronica Lake.

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