

SICK PARADE:  
HIP, PAUSE, HIP, PAUSE,  
SNIFFLE

# The Airman

WEATHER REPORT:  
STILL COLD—BUT YOU  
CAN'T FEEL IT

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## Christmas Dinner Now On December 23rd

### Big Christmas Dinner Dated For Wednesday, Dec. 23rd at Noon

The big Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 23rd starting at noon and finishing when it stops. It was incorrectly reported in last week's Airman that it would be held on December 22nd but to facilitate matters, move your watch ahead one day and be sure to get around to the airmen's mess on the button of noon Wednesday, Dec. 23rd and you will be able to gorge yourself with food as never before dished out by the RCAF.

#### Harland Giving Lessons

It is rumored that WO1 Harland is giving special lessons to his "murderers of food" in the art of preparing turkeys, plum pudding with the rum oozing out, hot nuts, candies, cigarettes and sweets that even your sweetheart would want.

We can write no more. Our mouth is drooling and the stomach calls for food. Keep the date open, skip breakfast and that morning snack, for you'll want to eat all you can see and right now we can see piles and piles of it.

#### KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY Sunday, December 20th

A treat is in store for the children of No. 3 "M" Depot airmen on Sunday afternoon December 20th. An RCAF Christmas party will be held in the Airmen's Lounge from 15:00 to 17:00 hours.

All sorts of entertainment is planned, and the occasion promises to be one the kiddies will remember for a long time.

Children up to and including the age of twelve are invited, and the committee in charge requests that fathers submit names and ages of those who will attend to their Wing or Section Commanders not later than 1630 hours on Monday, December 14th.

Be sure to bring your child.

Cpl. Bob Wilson sent Christmas Greetings from "Somewhere in Alaska." He was formerly in the Motor Transport Section.

#### SHUT THAT BIG MOUTH

While local spines crackled with the cold last Tuesday morning, Sgt. Royds, "The Terrible," that old offender, came up from a sound sleep with a brand-new ailment. The sergeant had been dreaming, as sergeants will, of heavenly and fantastic things. (Soft background music of guitars and rustling of palm-leaves high overhead).

#### SAND AND WOMEN

Sgt. Royds reclines on a white, sandy beach, his bronzed figure like sculptured metal in the moonlight. At his side a shapely island Venus croons softly and amorously. The sergeant opens his mouth wide, and the maiden daintily drops some luscious fruit in. He idly strokes her sleek, tawny skin, and again opens his mouth. "Wider," tinkles the girl. Royds opens his mouth wider—wider—wider . . . when suddenly the moon explodes with a brilliant flash and the maiden, her voice suddenly, strangely harsh and deep, roars "EVERYBODY UP!"

Our NCO awakes with a start, to find his mouth still wide open and now he is Sgt. Royds "The Speechless." Worse, it won't close. He springs from bed and flies into the washroom, to stand before a mirror, wild-eyed and tousle-haired, vaguely tapping his jaw and saying "Ah! AH! AHAH!" Sergeant, you really dreamed yourself up something for the book that time!

He was rushed to the hospital in the station "meat wagon," his mouth finally closed by the M.O. F/L Porter, and with taped jaws the sergeant was observed back in the cold world of reality, pottering about in the Arena. The man looks dazed. He can't figure it out. And thousands of curious AC2's are wondering, too, just what strange malady has overtaken him.

#### CHURCH NEWS—WITH A BANG

The Very Rev. Sgt. Williams was droning on in true pontifical manner from the pulpit. "Sloooooope-HIPE! Pooooort-HIPE!" Strange words, indeed, from a man of the cloth, and stranger still his fatigue-clad congregation, all armed to the teeth.

The chaplain will blitz you, sergeant, if you get temperamental drilling those rookies and go kicking the slats out of his pulpit!

Then there was the AC2 who applied for a Come Passionate Pass.

#### SINGING TELEGRAMS FOR BARNES NEXT

Sgt. Barnes is now runner for reception. One of the stenos handed him this information for AC2 Bishop, J. L. Bishop wanted a plane trip home and here is details for plane travel.

Okay to travel by T.C.A.  
And don't forget that you'll have to pay,  
And don't put it off to another day,  
Or else to travel by train you may (have to).

There are certain limitations when travelling by air,  
Due to wartime priorities,  
But that is for yours truly,  
To figure out by his lonesome.

#### 18a Chambermaids Union

After the compliment paid to Hut 18 and LAC Holloway in particular, we understand that Cpl. H. A. M. Currie has organized an Union, Local No. 1 and is doing housecleaning by day or hour and the rates are reasonable. Apply to the chambermaids of hut 18 after 5 p.m. on Thursdays.

#### HEART BEATS FOR KIRK

AC2 A. P. Kirk, R181302 was surprised when going through stores on Saturday. He stuck his foot in a boot and found a note. It was from a cute little thing in London, Ontario and Kirk has already air mailed a letter to his "dream girl."

#### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Friday, December 11—Movies in Arena, 20:00 hours.

Sunday, December 13—Boxing, Arena, 14:30 hours.

Monday, December 14—Table Tennis, bridge, "Y" Lounge.

Tuesday, Dec. 15—Bridge, "Y" Lounge, 19:00 hours.

Thursday, December 17—Recreation room, table tennis, snooker, cribbage.

Friday, Dec. 18—Christmas dance and floor show, Arena.

#### SPECIAL TRAIN

It is rumored that a special train will leave the depot on December 23rd. More details will be published as soon as full information is available. In the meantime do your Christmas shopping and buy your train tickets to avoid that last minute rush.

Assistant Section Officer M. I. Thompson has become ensconced in the accounts section.



## ANTI-PATTER

—Missie, when you hang up your stocking for Santa, make certain that it is laundered!

—English is a peculiar language. "So can I" is pronounced the same as "Soak an eye."

—A Vancouver spinster when asked if she were going to put her stocking on the mantel for Santa, said "No." And went on to say that a stocking wouldn't hold what she wanted for Christmas but a pair of socks would.

—If A.P.'s plan doesn't go awry, a lifetime's ambition will be fulfilled

—New Year's eve in New York City. The other one is to be in London

—when the lights shine again—Armistice Day, 1943! A prophecy—President Roosevelt will push the button that floods London with light!

—Snoopy Sez, Printer Zink, The Duke and this feeble effort will definitely have to show some brilliance now that The Airman doesn't carry paid advertising. The ads carried the paper on before. Now it's up to the columnists.

—What makes a baby smile? A young airman and a young woman. A few Libertys. And Time.

—Here is a paragraph from a letter which was written by an American soldier in Egypt to his mother in South Dakota: "There are very poor sewage systems in the towns, and the natives make practical applications of the old saying, 'Watch where you walk.' This is the land of the four S's—sun, sand, s--- and s---! Sometime I'll tell you what the last two s's mean." It was passed by the intelligence officer and the postal censor.

—A petite blonde in the women's division was being posted from "M" Depot, Rockcliffe to Macleod. An inquisitive sister enquired where that was. The blonde replied, "Out where the wind blows free in Alberta."

—In 10 days the days will begin to get longer—the rays of the sun will be getting stronger—but our pay remains the same!

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### IT JUST WON'T "TAKE"

Little credence is placed in the possibility of a well-known western politician making much headway with his proposed plan of three years' post-war pay and allowances for Canada's fighting men and women. The same gentleman likely has his eye on the prime minister's seat at Ottawa when he comes forward with such a "dream."

If this were being taken seriously by the airmen, one would hear it being discussed on every hand. Frankly we haven't heard a murmur.

Alberta is like California—a testing ground for new theories. The writer was in California when the older populace was all "hepped-up" over the Dr. Townsend plan. The Doctor is now in one of the Dakotas trying to revive his plan. Apparently California cooled off very quickly. Alberta has, too, when it concerns semi-socialist ideas.

The airmen have a good idea that the gratuities will be very small at time of demobilization and also that they will have to plug hard to become re-established in civilian life even in Alberta.

### EDIQUIPS

The Airman will carry on sans advertising. Through a poll taken, December 1st, sanction was given to the station finance committee to vote funds for its continued publication. Thus the path is much brighter for the prodigious executive editor, the canny sports editor and the sagacious publishing editor. They're now taking B-plex in order to restore their grey hair to its original color.

The State of Idaho is leading the way as far as old age pensions are concerned. Many pensioners in this part of the West are still living in hopes of getting that promised \$5-a-month increase.

Cigarette prices still remain at their peak. The boys would be very happy if they could be purchased in the dry canteens less the tax. The U.S. soldiers stationed in Canada buy them at the "PX", 10c for a packet of 20. You haven't something like that in your pack, have you Santa?

In the face of a major Conservative convention, the Hon. Mr. Ilsley made an important radio announcement last week. The housewife will save 4c a pound on coffee; 10c on tea; 2c a quart on milk. Future savings on meats and oranges were also promised. The cost may run as high as 40 millions yearly.

### KEEP FEET OFF LOUNGES AND MAKE ROOM FOR ALL

Many of us do not like sitting down on wet dirty chesterfields and for this reason we remind you that when using the lounge room kindly keep your feet on the floor. It is not recommended that you sprawl out as there are many airmen always looking for a seat. Think of the next fellow sometime, and if you must sleep, then sleep in a sitting position.

### FOR LUNCH BRINGER

The tables in the lounge are needed by those bringing lunch at noon. It is suggested that you use the chairs along the side and leave the tables for those that are hungry and want a little nourishment. This will go a long way towards helping relieve congestion.

Writing should be done in the writing room or the library. It is much more comfortable too.

## REMUSTERING OF AIRMEN

By WO1 H. C. SHAW.

### GENERAL

Airmen of the RCAF, unless enlisted into a specialized trade under special authority are enlisted as Standard Tradesmen or Standard (General Duties). Subsequent to examination by the Trade Selection Board at No. 1 "M" Depot, Standard Tradesmen are allocated to the various official trades in the RCAF.

### REMUSTERING TO AIRCREW

Standard (General Duties) and Tradesmen are required to complete six months service in such capacity or in their trade, subsequent to enlisting or remustering to Standard (General Duties), before being eligible for remustering to aircrew.

To be otherwise eligible for remustering for aircrew an airman must be within the required age limit, not have reached his 35th birthday; must have the required educational standard, not less than two years high school or equivalent; must be medically fit to aircrew standards.

If an airman is desirous of remustering for aircrew training he is advised to consult his Unit Educational Officer in respect to his educational standard. Subsequently airmen should apply to their Flight or Squadron Commander advising of their desire to be considered for recommendation for remustering for aircrew training. All airmen recommended by their Flight or Squadron Commander are to be interviewed by their unit or station C.O. and if considered suitable in all respects for aircrew training they will be required to take Educational and Ability to Learn Tests. Subsequently station or unit C.O. will select and recommend the best qualified airmen for recommendation for remustering for aircrew training in accordance with quotas laid down from time to time by Air Force Headquarters.

It is to be understood by all airmen that recommendation made by C.O. for recommendation for aircrew training are to be in recognition of exemplary character and meritorious service in the discharge of their duties in ground trades or as Standard (General Duties) and further that the ultimate selection of airmen for such training is to be governed by the numbers of trained personnel which may be available as replacements for those so selected, to ensure that RCAF ground services are not disrupted. Under these conditions it may be necessary from time to time to prohibit the remustering of airmen for aircrew training from certain ground trades.

### REMUSTERING STANDARD (General Duties) TO TRADE

An opportunity is provided for Standard (General Duties) airmen to remuster to RCAF ground trades which are not over-established in the service. Airmen are required to have obtained through contact training or their own efforts, a sufficient knowledge of the trade to which they wish to remuster equivalent to that required of a "C" Group Tradesman. Airmen who consider that they have obtained the required standard of knowledge are to make application, to their Flight or Squadron Commander, to be brought before the Command Trade Test Board to their unit. If successful in their trade test the remustering of the airman to Group "C" of the trade will follow.

### REMUSTERING TRADE TO TRADE

Tradesmen who have received a course of instruction at an RCAF Trade School or who have advanced in their trade by contact training, are of definite value to the service in their trade. For this reason airmen are not generally allowed to remuster to another trade unless it is found that the airman is equally or better qualified in other duties. All remusterings so permitted are required to be in the general interests of the service and not of the individual.



This week our paper is small . . . everything we say must be packed with dynamite . . . no matter where it explodes . . . certain sergeants on the station can dish it out but one in particular can't take it . . . when you can't take a ribbing in the paper, then you are pretty small.

Wonder if the editor was trying to force the dinner for the 22nd . . . its going to be on the 23rd at noon . . . should be good too . . . hope to attend . . . will be lots of

fun to watch the AC2's wield the whip at the officers and senior NCO's as they sweat and plug and plunder through the dishes . . . Cpl. MacDonald of the telephone office seems to be tearing his hair these days . . . what little hair he has . . . what with few operators, Mas also seems to be going grey.

AC2's Blakely, cartoonist, and Smith, reporter, of the paper, have been posted to Saskatoon, now there should be either more or less work done around the office . . . never could tell if either of them were awake . . . Jack Blower of accounts has completed his vows and is now married . . . good luck Jack and hope the Duty Watch does not get you down . . . what I would do for a stand to . . .



By F/O H. W. Eggleston

Despite the chilly breezes wafting across the wide open spaces these days "M" Depot hockeyists are continuing practices in preparation for the opening of the season - - - While attendances at practices were none too encouraging at the start the budding puck stars have been out in full force this week - - - Every day or so a player of note turns up to bolster the interservices or junior teams and from this distance it appears that the depot will be in the thick of the fight for championship honors - - - Providing that the interservices team makes a good showing in league competition it is the intention to enter it in the provincial intermediate playdowns - - - The hockeyists deserve a pat on the back for turning out in below zero weather - - - It's no cinch to stay out for an hour or so on an open air rink - - - Cpls. Anderson, Newton and Reid are also to be complimented for their efforts in getting the lads out - - - Although the league schedule has not yet been issued the opening game in the junior circuit for the RCAF entry is scheduled for December 16 at the 119th Street rink - - - Canadians and Edmonton Athletic Club, the other members of the loop, are busy lining up strong aggregations so everything points to a banner season - - - The team that comes out on top no doubt will be a worthy representative of the Edmonton Junior League in the Memorial Cup race - - - Flt.-Lt. Hansen and his eagle eye marksmen are really turning it on the the Turvey Cup competition - - - To date they have taken part in two matches and finished on top in both of them - - - A glance at some of the scores would indicate that the "M" Depot rifle team does not have to take a back seat to any of them - - - They expect the strongest competition in this event from the R.C.M.P. entry - - - Little activity in basketball circles this week - - - Undeclared in the first half of the schedule the "M" Depot cagers are trying to arrange a few exhibition games for the holiday season - - - There are some keen humorists in our midst - - - The other day a member of this board was showing a recruit some pictures of aircraft and finally asked him what the main characteristics were - - - Back came the answer in a jiffy, "I guess they all use gasoline, Sir." - - - It appears F/O Saunders is having his troubles these days lining up the accommodation for the officers - - - He certainly asks some strange questions - - - The other evening he had to accommodate a visiting fireman and the following conversation took place between him and F/O Atkey—"Do you mind if I put someone in your bed tonight, sir?" - - - Back came the answer "No, I'd be quite happy about it. What is she, a blonde or brunette?" - - - From the appearance of some of the

## Stage Set For Boxing Show Penhold Boxers Here Sunday

Following the announcement of the officials to handle the card and the listing of the tentative program, the stage is all set for the boxing show to take place in the Arena Sunday afternoon between the No. 3 "M" Depot leather pushers and representatives from the RAF station at Penhold. The show is billed to get under way at 14:30 hours

Through the kind permission of Sqdr.-Ldr. G. A. Hodgetts, temporary commanding officer of the station, civilians will be admitted to the Arena. A silver collection will be taken at the door to help defray expenses for the return matches at Penhold, which are scheduled for December 22nd.

Following are the officials of the show; Master of ceremonies, Cpl. Geoff Davies; Judges; Ex-Chief A. G. Shute, George Macintosh, Sports Editor Edmonton Journal; Lieut; Ken Sutherland, USAAF; Referee; Roy Haliburton; Timekeeper; F/L Tiny Davis; Announcer; Sgt.-Major Blundell. "O'Canada" (band, under direction of Sgt. Taylor).

Demonstration of physical training.

Band selection.

### Boxing Program

LAC Evans, Penhold, 175 lbs. vs. AC2 Del Poppo, No. 3 "M" Depot, 175 lbs.

LAC Fozter, Penhold, 155 lbs. vs. AC2 Shaefer, No. 3 "M" Depot, 160 lbs.

Pillow Fight: Team composed of six airmen. Boxers will have feet tied and will be blindfolded.

LAC Fowler, Penhold, 170 lbs. vs. AC2 Johnson, No. 3 "M" Depot, 170 lbs.

Cpl. Adkins, Penhold, 130 lbs. vs. AC2 Bessant, No. 3 "M" Depot, 130 lbs.

One three-minute round between six airmen, blindfolded.

Sgt. Price, Penhold, 148 lbs. vs. AC2 Perry, 148 lbs.

Semi-final.  
LAC Taylor, Penhold, 130 lbs. vs. AC2 Dela Rocha, No. 3 "M" Depot, 130 lbs.

LAC Stevenson, Penhold, 180 lbs. vs. AC2 Moffat, 205 lbs.

Band selection.  
Tumbling, under Cpl. Pritchard.  
God Save the King.

### KEYHOLE STUFF

"Corporal, may we make cracks in The Airman about those breakfasts? Why this morning we..."

"Shursh, m'boy, breakfast is a military secret."

"Thank you, corporal."

### HOCKEY PRACTICES

Until further notice the hockey practices for the interservices and junior aggregations will be held from 1600 hours to 1730 hours daily.

Any players wishing to try out for the teams are asked to report to Cpl. Newton or Cpl. Anderson.

officers' great coats these days the batmen are certainly treating them "white" - - - Don't forget the boxing show in the Arena Sunday afternoon - - - It's our duty to turn out and give the visitors a big hand.

### KIWANIS GLEE CLUB ENTERTAINS DEPOT AGAIN

Continuing the series of entertainment features for "M" Depot airmen, the Kiwanis Glee Club played to a large and appreciative audience Friday evening, Dec. 4th.

Held in the Arena, the concert included several spirited and well-rendered numbers by the Glee Club a comedy skit "The Parsons of Puddle"; Highland dancing by sure 'nuff Hielanders, some excellent piano numbers by Jack Toulson and a variety of other excellent performances of members of the troupe.

W. J. (Bill) Strachan acted as musical director, and the m.c.ing was ably handled by Lin Jordan.

The hearty thanks of all personnel to the Kiwanis Glee Club. We'll hope to see you again.

### SKIING

With practically all the other winter sport activities on the station well organized the sports committee is centring its attention this week on skiing. While many have already taken advantage of the facilities at the Edmonton Ski Club the club has issued a further invitation to No. 3 "M" Depot skiers to take part in the various meets.

The sports committee has arranged with the club officials to pay the necessary membership fee for the present season, which will enable the skiers to use the club's equipment.

Meets are held Wednesday and Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Those interested are also issued a cordial invitation to take part in the club's social activities.



Watch Cpl. Greenhalgh's top lip, fellows. Looks like dirt, but Spinorky says it's a moustache.

It seems like LAC Smith has changed his mind. Wants Christmas leave instead of New Year's. Lookout, Smitty, or Greenhalgh will clip you.

Something wrong! We regret to inform you all that no airmen have been run over this week.

Cpl. Oliver at last got himself a draft east and spent a day at home between trains. He's back on the job now, and showing the results of the trip.

Sgt. Haight looking for two or three size fives. The boy's going on leave again. We wonder if he'll still be single when he comes back?



By AC1 H. FLINT.

Not being a columnist you will not expect too much. Take all that is written in good spirit and fellowship, even though I have one or two legitimate things to grouse about, but who hasn't?

The other day I went to stores to get some new underwear. They offered me some when I was posted overseas last September. It would have fit a man much larger than I, but afterwards thought I should not have let the opportunity slip by. I could have taken it up to the tailors and had it made over.

I wish the Equipment Officer would offer to wear it for a trial. We are kept busy at the Post Office and will be until the New Year, what with parcels coming late and without any question of doubt innumerable ones needing re-direction.

I heard a pretty good one the other day incriminating one Sgt. McFarlane, too bad about him having poor eyesight and being rejected for aircrew, he usually manages to feel his way around nights.

Did you ever hear about the airman who wanted to borrow \$2.10 for a cup of coffee. He was asked why the two dollars, to which he replied, coffee always makes me so passionate.

Next week, the Joe for this column is F/O L. A. King. Hope you do better than I did.

### TURVEY CUP COMPETITION

The RCAF No. 3 "M" Depot rifle team is right in the thick of the battle for possession of the Turvey Cup. The team shot in the competition on December 2nd and again on December 6th and on both occasions managed to chalk up a victory.

Members competing were F/O A. S. Bird, F/O G. R. Ling, P/O R. Y. Hogg, F/S Hancock, F/S Gibson, Sgt. Barnes, Sgt. Befus, Cpl. Acker, Cpl. Hafner, LAC Doward. F/L Hansen, captain of the team, was unable to attend due to illness.

For the information of those taking part in the competition information is at hand that Mr. Morrison of Morrison and Barnes, jewelers and watchmakers, has kindly consented to award two medals under the same conditions as last year. The outstanding shot on the winning team will receive a medal, also the runner-up in the final match.

### SOCKS TO BE DARNED

Socks that need darning should be left at the guard room every first and third Tuesday of each month. They will be ready for you to pick up on the Thursday of the same week. Notice will be in the women's column of The Airman, so watch this column, boys.



SELECTION BOARD JITTERINGS.

"M" DEFEATS "Y" BASKETEERS.

We snapped smartly to attention when a "Russian General" made entrance - 'twas a false alarm - F/O Egglestone had purchased a new fur hat.

F/L K.B. Forster, D.F.C., asserts it's far too cold these nights to take those "Moonlight Jaunts."

F/L Cumming states that the ladies of Edmonton are indeed charming, but the taxi situation is extremely awkward. In fact, deplorable!

F/O Atkey maintains he has "done his best", but at the same time strongly denies he ever laid claim to being the "best man on the station".

F/O Saunders is very definitely NOT going into the rooming-house business after the war.

Miss Dancer appeared Monday morning with a beautiful new hair-do... LAC Kellington had extreme difficulty keeping his eyes and mind on Nominal Rolls.

Sgt. MacDonald wears a more relieved expression on his handsome countenance, but still dives furtively into C.A.P. 90 at odd moments.

Congrats. to Sgt. Annett on attaining temporary rank. Also to AC2 Ferguson, who remains unruffled come what may to the ACSB.

LAC Larchant remains unchallenged as an expert in mental arithmetic, the French language, making change and all varieties of soft drinks.

This column has now made its debut - and more than likely its finale.

S/L Hessian's Officers defeated the Senior NCO's under WO1 Blundell 3-1 in Tuesday night's volleyball match.

Paced by a brilliant sniping of Jimmy Bardsley and Wes Mansen with 21 and 20 points respectively, the No. 3 "M" Depot basketball team turned back the YCA five of the City League by a score of 54-40 in an exhibition game at the MacDougall Gym Wednesday night.

The game started slowly, gradually warming up as the teams got into the spirit of the game. The Airmen grabbed a 19-14 lead in the first half, mainly through the brilliant shooting of Mansen, who potted ten points.

The Y team got hot late in the third quarter, to pull within one point of the Fliers, but Bardsley broke their hearts with four straight baskets, followed by a couple by Thompson, giving them a lead that YCA could never even come close to.

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CORPORAL PROMOTED

Our congrats. to Sgt. Anglin, on his promotion from discip. to Sgt. Clerk Education.

In Thursday night's league bowling, scores are as follows:

| TEAM         | WON |
|--------------|-----|
| Orderly Room | 2   |
| Equipment    | 1   |
| Wings        | 3   |
| Accounts     | 0   |
| Dental       | 2   |
| Gestapo      | 1   |
| Post Office  | 3   |
| Hospital     | 0   |

**WARNING!!**  
**TO ALL AIRMEN....**  
**- DON'T SLEEP TOO MUCH -**

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**LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO SGT. ROYDS - HE YAWNED AND COULDN'T SHUT HIS MOUTH**



(TOO BAD GEORGIE!)

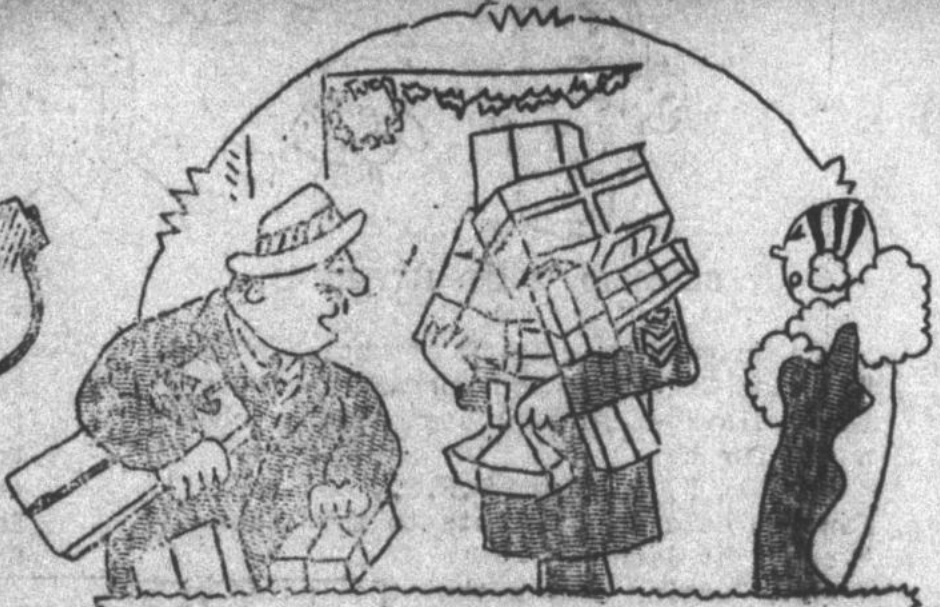
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No. 3 "M" DEPOT  
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STORES

I'D LIKE SOME-  
THING WITH A  
DRAPE SHAPE



WHY DON'T YOU LOOK WHERE HE'S GOING?

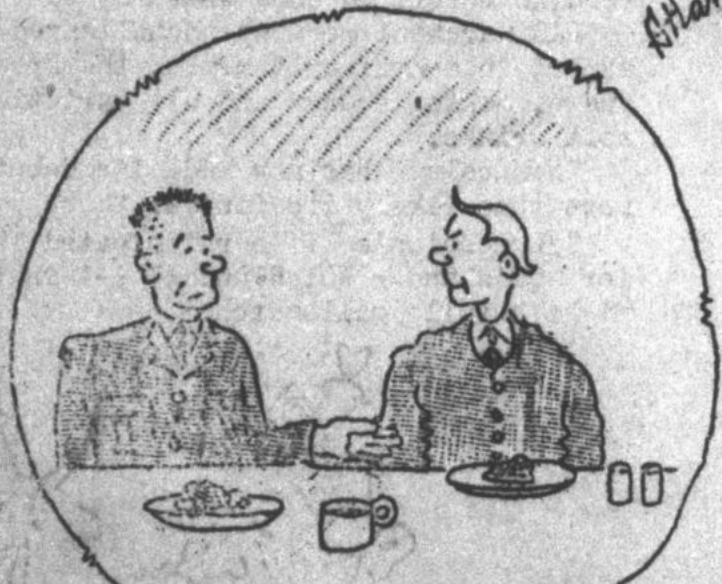
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"BUT - I AM MARKING TIME"

ALAN P.

AIR FORCE IKE SAYS:  
SOMETIMES I'D LIKE TO  
MEET THE MAN  
WHO'S FORTUNATE TO BE  
THE FIRST TO BOARD  
A BUS OR CAR  
THAT'S CROWDED WHEN  
IT GETS TO ME!



"PASS THE SALT, PETER"

GIVE US VODKA IN THE  
WET CANTEN

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STAND STILL  
IN THE REAR

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¶ "Stand at —EASE!"  
¶ Three bulls escaped from a pasture. The owner searched for them. He found the largest one 1½ miles from home. The medium sized animal was located 3 miles away. After a further hunt the smallest bovine was sighted 4½ miles distant, which goes to show that a little bull will go a long ways.

¶ The little boy ran down the street with his little red wagon.  
¶ Was it Henry Clay who said, "Give me liberty or give me a Bromo-Seltzer?"  
¶ Most spinsters must be single and miserable.

¶ A Calgary girl who had made a faux pas wrote to her boy friend who had been posted to the east coast, explaining her plight. He replied stating that her troubles were nothing compared to his—he had been, with all his pals, quarantined for measles.

¶ Buddy, that red headed girl will not bother you any more, if you give her a belt or a sock for a Christmas present.

¶ Who was the lady on 119 street that ran her husband out of the house in the morning with a broom and was angry with him at supper time because he hadn't kissed her goodbye?

¶ Baby, I believe you but there are thousands of others who wouldn't.

¶ FIRST STORK: "I had a busy night delivering triplets."  
SECOND: "I made two trips with singles."

THIRD: "I didn't make one delivery but I certainly threw a scare into a couple of out-of-town stenographers."

¶ Most babies are born in the daytime in order to find the mothers at home.

¶ "Atten-SHUN!"

¶ "No officer on parade. To the right—DISMISS!"

## THE VANISHING SAPLING

Returning with a truck convoy from Alaska late last week, Cpl. Weidman's face glowed from an inner feeling of fatherly duty well done. Leaping gaily from the truck somewhere along the route, armed with his little hatchet, he had hacked down a Christmas tree with which to surprise his five children here in Edmonton.

A trusting soul, the good corporal parked his tree in the truck overnight upon arrival here, and raced home. Returning the following day, he was dismayed to find that someone had stolen it.

That tree means the difference between an ordinary Christmas and a really special occasion to his children, and Mrs. Weidman asks that it be returned as soon as possible to 11825 - 79th St.

## CURRENT CINEMA

### AVENUE

Starting Saturday: "Louisiana Purchase," with Bob Hope; also, "Flying Cadets." Starting Wednesday: "Little Foxes," with Bette Davis; also showing, Ellery Queen in "Murder Ring."

### CAPITOL

Starting Thursday for one week: "Here We Go Again," the big comedy sensation of the year starring Fibber McGee, Molly, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy.

### DREAMLAND

Starting Saturday: "Shanghai Gesture," with Gene Tierney and Victor Mature; also, "Kid Glove Kelly," with Marsha Hunt and Van Heflin. Starting Wednesday: "Rio Rita," with Abbott and Costello, and added feature, "Sunday Punch."

### EMPRESS

Starting Friday: "You Can't Escape Forever," with George Brent and Brenda Marshall. Added attraction, "Berlin Correspondent." Starting Tuesday: "Just Off Broadway," with Lloyd Nolan and Marge Weaver; also, added feature.

### RIALTO

Starting Friday: "Ladies in Retirement," with Ida Lupino and Louis Heywood; added feature, "The Mad Doctor of Market Street," with Lionel Atwill. Starting Tuesday: "Blockade," with Madeleine Carroll and Henry Fonda; added feature, "House Across the Bay," with Joan Bennett and George Raft.

### STRAND

Starting Friday: Judy Canova in "Puddin' Head," companion feature, Roy Rodgers in "Sunset Serenade." Starting Tuesday, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," with Bette Davis, Anne Sheridan and Monte Woolley. Also, "Who Killed Aunt Maggie?"

## WOMEN'S CLUB WANTS MORE MEMBERS

The Club held their last meeting Wednesday, December 2, in the games room of the officers' mess. Mrs. G. W. LaRocque presiding.

Several sweaters and pairs of socks were completed and turned in.

Mrs. S. Ferris was given several knitted garments by the Twenty-four Club to be donated to the Wives Club of No. 3 "M" Depot to be sent to Alaska.

The Club will hold their next meeting, Wednesday, December 16 in the games room of the officers' mess at 3:00 p.m. Come on girls, if you have not been to one of our meetings, make it a point to be at the next one.

Hope to see you at the games room next Wednesday, ladies.

Secretary, Mrs. L. A. King.



PEOPLE  
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Than  
ANYBODY!



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Special Christmas dance and floor show. Get the girl friend dated for this one—it'll be a super that you'll both remember for a long time.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Christmas party for children of airmen. F/L Griffiths will be in charge. Cartoon movies, candies, gifts for all. A wonderful time is promised.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

This will be the date of the Christmas dinner for all hands. Noted local radio pianist Jack Toulson will play a concert grand Hammond organ in the Airmen's Mess during serving of the meal.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

A little bird with a large beak tells us that the C.O. has okayed plans for a monster New Year's Eve station dance. More later of this.

## AROUND THE "Y"

The new, Christmas-decorated stationery in the writing room lends quite a festive atmosphere to the routine of letter-writing.

A thermometer was installed just outside the door into the airmen's lounge early this week. We note it registers temperatures from 120°F. to a low of -70°F. That extreme low will be an ominous portent to the Aussies—not to mention the scare it threw into your correspondent and other coast-dwelling sun worshippers.

High men in "Y" tournaments of the past week as follows: Cribbage, Thursday night, E. R. Silverwood from Rochfort, Alta.; runner-up, A. McKenzie, of Kincardine, Ontario.

Table Tennis, also Thursday—a new winner, D. A. Stewart, of Vancouver. Monday, unable to maintain top standing, he dropped behind Bristow, veteran of numerous former wins, whose handicap is now minus 6.

### Arena Movies

Friday (tonight), a special showing of interesting films dealing with progress of the war to date. This promises to be a really worthwhile show, 20:00 hours. Sunday, "Skylark," with Claudette Colbert, Ray Milland and Brian Aherne; also cartoon featurette, "Mommy Loves Poppy." Tuesday's lineup is the comedy, "Hurry, Charlie, Hurry," starring "that man" Leon Errol, with Mildred Coles and

Say chums, wasn't that a grand football game last Saturday? Wayne Shelley the great "Bomber" passer had nothing on the ball but a prayer. However, our eastern friends, the "Hurricanes" were just a bunch of Atheists that day.

Corporals take dirt, P.T., Drill, Duty Watch, Sport, etc. About all they don't take is chloroform. (Which in itself is an idea).

## RAMBLING ROUND THE TOWN I SAW:

WO1 Harland taking recipes out of a cook book. Well done Major, some of them should never have been put in.

Cpl. Kosick cutting it up at the Ladies' Auxiliary dance.

Sgts. Williams and Royds cutting it up quite childishly in a street car on Sunday night. (By the way, Royds, a gentleman should get off the street car first and assist the lady down the steps. Smarten up!)

A member of the rifle team saying, "Bang-bang" every time he shot.

An Acey Ducey raving about fatigue war, saying he might lose his head in this war and yet he still has to wash floors. Don't worry chum the only war you'll ever lose your head in is a boudoir.

The station orchestra practising "syncopation" which defines itself as irregular motions from bar to bar!

As a little fellow, always remember that just because a gal asks for a bottle of champagne, it isn't just because she's collecting corks!

### Moral of Most Airmen:

"If the shoe fits—borrow it!"  
Just bumming along, I remain,

Yours,

"THE DUKE."

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F/L S. J. Jackson is up and around after a week's bout with old man flu.

Russell Gleason, and a Walt Disney color short.

Roy Meredith, pianist at previous "Y" shows, has been posted to I.T.S., and his good work is being continued by another master of the ivories, Alan Armistead. Still needed is an experienced conductor for our community sings. What offers from you lads?