

# Big Shots Do Good Job Serving

## Christmas Dinner Goes Over Big; Lots to Eat for Everyone

You had to be present to appreciate it!

You had to run around to get the full benefit of the day!

That was our big pre-Christmas dinner. It was on Wednesday, December 23, and the turkey started rolling just as the gong hit twelve. It was a great day, long to be remembered by every AC2 right up to the C.O., as that old English Army custom was revived and officers and senior NCO's turned the tables and served the men.

### Did Good Job

They did a good job too of rushing out with extra helpings of that delicious white breast, an extra big helping of green peas, relish, mince pie, plum pudding and so many other items of "sweets" that we lost track. (Ed. Note: Refer Dec. 25th issue of THE AIRMAN for the full Menu.)

Many interesting highlights were noticed as the three tall men of the depot, F/L Davis, LaRocque and WO1 Blundell donned cooks trousers and hats. They were a spectacle for sore eyes. Davis who hits the mark at about six and a half feet was wearing trousers made for a five foot man. They just touched his knees while LaRocque and Blundell did little better.

### C.O. Head Waiter

Every officer and senior NCO of the depot was out assisting the head waiter who was none other than the T/Commanding Officer S/L G. A. Hodgetts. WO1 Harland stood back in utter amazement at the smoothness of the whole affair while we noticed the padres flitting about with this, that and what have you in their hands and wondering just how long it would last.

Artists during the dinner were Jack Toulson at the Hammond organ, Miss Dena Heckleman, violinist and Art Fleming, pianist, Chief announcer was F/L Frank Boughton.

The Airman on behalf of the personnel of the Depot wishes to thank the messing crew for their

good job, the C.O. for seeing that the affair was a gala one. Special mention is being made to Mr. J. S. Doran and Cpl. J. Kennedy for coming back nights in their own time and making the delicious candy that was handed out.

### AIRMAN EXECUTIVES ON NEW YEAR'S LEAVE

S/L C. E. Moffet, SEO is hitchhiking by air to Albany, N.Y. While in Ottawa he expects to visit the new off-set plant of "Wings" and meet the executive editor, P/O Anglin. S/L Moffet will be on temporary duty at one of the "M" depots in Quebec.

Cpl. J. Bricker, Managing editor, is taking special New Year's leave and spending it in the city.

F/O H. W. Eggleston, sports editor, is renewing acquaintances around Saskatoon and the Star-Phoenix.

### PRESSING SERVICE

It is suggested that as soon as you are issued your blue uniform and greatcoat, take them to the pressing shop in the Airmen's Mess building. The cost is only a dime. You will feel 100% better and happy that you're wearing airforce blue.

## Marriages

F/L J. G. Turner and Miss Agnes Petrie at Calgary, on Dec. 26th, 1942.

### POSTED TO SOURIS



F/Lt. Boughton, administrative officer, is reporting to No. 8 "M" Depot, Souris, Man.

Sgt. Humble the bald erstwhile figure around the Airmen's Mess has been posted to Paulson, Man.

F/L Burt Forster, DFC has been posted to Vancouver. He was able to reach home in time to spend Christmas with his family.

### TRADE TESTS START JANUARY 11, 1943

By WO1 H. C. SHAW.

The Command Trade Test Board will be on the station commencing January 11, 1943. Be on your toes boys, and attend as many lectures as your section will be giving.

Don't forget, we don't want any failures, so do your part. Keep up your studies until you have your highest grouping—it will "pay" you in the long run.

### CURRENT CINEMA

#### AVENUE

Starting Saturday: "Shepherd of the Hills," and "Flight Lieutenant." Starting Wed.: "Citizen Kane," with Orson Welles, and added feature, "Blondie Goes Latin."

#### CAPITOL

Starting Thursday for one week: "A Yank at Eton," starring Mickey Rooney, Ian Hunter and Freddie Bartholomew.

#### DREAMLAND

Starting Saturday: "Ship Ahoy," with Eleanor Powell, Red Skelton and Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra; also, "Escape from Crime." Wednesday: "Tortilla Flat," with Spencer Tracy, Hedy Lamarr and John Garfield. Added feature, "Sweater Girl."

#### EMPRESS

Starting Friday for six days: "Seven Days Leave," with Victor Mature and Lucille Ball.

#### RIALTO

Starting Friday for one week: "Arabian Nights," in technicolor, starring Jon Hall, Maria Montez, and Sabu.

#### STRAND

Starting Friday: "To the Shores of Tripoli," with John Payne and Maureen O'Hara; also, "Omaha Trail," with James Craig. Starting Tuesday: "The Lady is Willing," with Marlene Dietrich and Frederick March; also, "The Turtles of Tahiti," with Charles Laughton and Jon Hall.

### LOCALS AND PERSONALS

It is said that F/O E. V. Ross and F/O A. S. Bird are being posted soon—both are remaining in the Edmonton area.

F/Lt. Jim Bill, a former Edmontonian who is now at A.F.H.Q. in Ottawa, visited friends on the station, over the week-end.

F/Lt. Jeff Milne, of No. 16 Technical Detachment, is here on temporary duty.

# ● Big New Year's Eve Dance ●

Bring the Girl Friend, Also Extra Girls Time 21:00 to 01:30 hours

In Arena TO-NIGHT December 31

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### A HAPPIER NEW YEAR—1943

January 1st, 1939, 40, 41 and 42 were gloomy days. The New Year holds the brightest prospects yet for the United Nations. It may bring the downfall of Hitlerism and Fascism. If it does 1943 will stand out as the greatest year in the history of Christianity.

Ethiopia has been restored to the Lion of Judea. France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Poland, Greece and Czecho-Slovakia may be fully restored to their sovereignties.

A great pall will be lifted from all lands when the Armistice Day, and pray Lord, that it be celebrated in 1943 A.D.

Russia is proving a most valued ally. A union of the United Nations would be an alliance that should forestall any future wars by such upstarts as the illegitimate paper-hanger or others who may emulate him.

May 1943 prove a most happy New Year for the nations that are God-fearing and believe that all peoples are born to live happily and unharrassed.

### PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE LEADER

The Hon. Mr. John Bracken in his maiden speech to the nation, last Tuesday night, stated that he was born and "raised" on the banks of the Rideau River in Ontario. He spent 23 years there. Thirteen years in Saskatchewan, and the last 20 years in Manitoba.

The new leader intimated that he wishes to help make Canada a happy home for Canadian Canadians.

With the experience of the aftermath of the first Great War fresh in the minds of millions in the Dominion, Mr. Bracken should find the public more co-operative.

As the pendulum swings, the Hon. Mr. Bracken may find himself in the prime minister's seat at Ottawa. This is not a prophecy—just a possibility. And, of course, the hope of every P.C. in Canada.

### EDIQUIPS

Internees in prairie prisoner-of-war camps received turkey dinner with "all the trimmings" on Christmas day. Guards at the camps received the same menu as the prisoners of war.—News item.

Doesn't the Veterans' Guard get as good meals as the prisoners on other days?

Prices have been lowered on bananas, which is good news for those who like fried bananas, banana-splits or bananas and cream.

OTTAWA.—The blonde stenographer to the under-secretary to the under-secretary to the understudy of Senator McQuirk eavesdropped, New Year's Eve, on a bucolic conversation between the 15th vice-president of the Corn Tassel Tobacco Company, Inc., and a former 15th vice-president, who is a private in the Observation Corps, said that there is absolutely no foundation to the story that cigarette prices are going to be reduced this month. There are too many service men and women paying 30 cents a pack containing 25 cigarettes, along with two or three civilians. Of course, cabinet ministers can afford 45 cents for Camels.



—Lord Ripenbolt says that Roy Haliburton's favorite expression is, "How's your belly where the pig bit you?"

—What did you wish on the wish-bone from the Christmas turkey? Most of our wishes should have been—Victory before next Christmas!

—Here's a quip all the way from Georgia, U.S.A., that great state that's proud of its peaches who are beautiful and wear silk hose. A prominent speaker concluded his address and was talking to many of the audience. His stare at the evening frock disconcerted one young woman. At last she said, "The V in front is for victory but the bundles are not for Britain."

—The Jericho "Beachcomber" from Vancouver beeseches the airmen to enter a golf tournament. Seven hundred miles inland at Edmonton, Cpl. Anderson, equipment assistant, and coach of the junior hockey team, is even peeking into cradles for players.

—If you're out after "lights out" and notice the beacon light on top of the administration building, airport, time its flashes. On a clear night it can be seen for almost 100 miles.

—Sgt. Y. Boucher has written friends saying that he's taking a refresher course in chiology at St. Johns, P.Q.

—A small son, while dining, asked his father what the "G" stood for on his fraternity ring. "George V" replied the pater. Nothing more was thought of it until Edward VIII ascended the throne. The lad casually mentioned to his dad that he'd have to change the letter as a new king was on the throne.

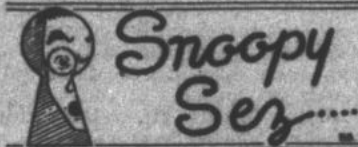
—Many wives think that "wow" is the word which should have followed marriage in stead of vow.

—Recruit: "DRO's say we're only to drill on days that start with 'T.' Doesn't that mean Tuesday and Thursday?" O.C. Reception Wing: "It stands for tomorrow regardless of the day."

*They are fools who rise and tell,  
Wisely has the poet sung,  
Man may hold all sorts of posts,  
If he'll only hold his tongue.*

—KIPLING.

—A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!



Christmas is over and we notice Cpl. Eddie Stunnel with a long and drawn face . . . it appears that the demon Cpl. Vic Woodland shared a loving cup with Stunnel . . . Woodland did not drink as he had prepared the concoction with half of beer and half of H.P. Sauce . . . and F/S Cannings name appeared twice in last weeks AIRMAN . . . once as Cannings and once as Canting . . . for all concerned he is Cannings and not Canned . . . and when I said to my little nurse friend "What's cooking?" She replied, "Bacon, want a strip?" . . . or as McCaugherty always says, "Hello Chicken, want a neck" . . . the skeleton staff on over the holidays were really skeletons . . . white as ghosts . . . it was even hard to find your hand . . . Cpl. MacDonald spent a very lonely day in the telephone office . . . the cooks fed about a handful of men . . . the equipment staff remained en masse, just in case . . . the duty clerk counted and sorted wires by the thousand . . . the accounts did not have a dollar even if someone wanted pay . . . DAPS was busy posting officers and NCO's off the depot . . . a lot of AC2's were happy when posted to the coast just before leave . . . saved a lot of train fare . . . Reception, Training and Disposal wing wondered where everyone was . . . F/S Cannings was Duty Warrant Officer

## Births

To Sergeant and Mrs. Cudney a daughter, 7½ lbs., December 26, at 21:30 hours. Sgt. Cudney's temperature is now zero and it was not a son as expected by the father. Mother and daughter both doing well.

A certain quiz program announcer's face must have turned RED the other night. He asked a woman "What is a sporrán?" The reply ran thusly: "It's that long black hairy thing that hangs down to a Scotsman's knees." It took four minutes to quieten the audience.

In the hallway adjoining the case room in a hospital was a young airforce corporal awaiting news of his first born. He kept pacing backward and forward. At last a nurse emerged and said, "A daughter." "That's great," spoke the corporal. The nurse replied, "That's strange, most fathers want a son." "Gee, no, I wouldn't want a son of mine to go through what I have during the last hour."

. . . Cpl. Kennedy was Orderly Sergeant . . . F/O Eggleston was Orderly Officer . . . Could they have been volunteers or were they all bad boys? . . . personally I like my turkey white and well done . . . I'll have another glass of punch . . . Happy New Year . . . See you all next week, I hope . . . in fact I hope to be able to see.

# "M" Depot Boxers Gain Revenge

## Defeat Penhold Boxers By Four Bouts To Two

By AC2 DON McCLEAN.

**PENHOLD.**—The No. 3 "M" Depot boxing team gained revenge on No. 36 S.F.T.S. here Tuesday night when they won four bouts out of six from the Englishmen. Previously the Penhold team had beaten the Depot squad four bouts to three.

The whole card was much better than in the previous meeting and in place of the wild slugging which resulted in six knockouts in seven bouts, the fighters showed some real boxing with the result that only one knockout was registered. That came in the final fight of the evening when AC2 Len Francis of the Depot team K.O.'d Sgt. Price in the first round.

### Feature Bout

The best bout of the evening was the opening fight between LAC Taylor of Penhold and the Depot's Hugh Sloan. Sloan, former Canadian Amateur feather-weight champion, took a close decision but only after three rounds of hard fighting. Near the end of the first round the Depot fighter caught Taylor with a right chop and opened a cut over the Englishman's eye, and for the rest of the fight he worked on the wound. Sloan kept Taylor off balance most of the fight with a straight left jab, his most effective punch, and had the Englishman's face smeared with blood at the end.

The greatest display of gameness was shown by AC2 Johnston, of the "M" Depot. Pitted against an experienced fighter with dynamite in either hand, the young Edmonton fighter came up off the floor twice in the first round to put up a great scrap, before dropping the decision to LAC Evans.

### Throw Leather

The Depot squad went one up on the Penhold team when AC2 Charlie Schaeffer slugged out a close decision over LAC Foster. The object of both fighters in their match seemed to be to throw as many punches as possible and that's just what they did. The fact that about only ten percent of them landed didn't seem to matter. Schaeffer got the decision because he managed to make more of his blows land in the right spot than Foster did.

### Evens Count

But Penhold came back to tie it up again in the next bout when LAC Fowler outjabbed AC2 Jim Clarke to win a unanimous decision. Fowler simply made Clarke fight his way as he kept his left hand in the Depot fighter's face most of the way.

The headiest fight of the night was turned in by AC2 Al Perry of the Depot as he took a decision over LAC Ryan. Using his longer reach to the best of advantage, Perry let his shorter opponent come to him and then rocked him on his heels with punishing lefts. Whenever the Englishman did manage to penetrate Perry's de-

### "M" DEPOT JUNIORS IN ACTION NEW YEAR'S DAY

After an enforced layoff due to the Christmas holidays the "M" Depot hockeyists will swing back into action New Year's Day at the 119th Street rink when they meet Edmonton Athletic Club in a scheduled Edmonton Junior Hockey League game. The game starts at 15:00 hours January 1st.

The "M" Depot pucksters dropped their first start to Canadians by a 5-2 score and in the other games played Canadians and E.A.C. battled to a 4-4 overtime time tie, and E.A.C. defeated Canadians 5-1.

The Flyers expect to be strengthened for the New Year's Day fixture and also have hopes of recording their first victory of the season.

### SGT. FORSTER VISITS PAPA

Proudest daddy on the depot was Mr. Cecil Forster, the civilian painter at Works and Buildings. His son Sgt. Herbert Forster of the Parachute Corps was a visitor to the depot.

The parachute division of which Sgt. Forster is a member wears wings. The wings consist of a parachute entwined with wings and are made of silver.

They wear an American uniform with the word "Canada" on the tunic lapel. The greatcoat has a red emblem with "Canada-USA" on it. They also wear Canadian chevrons.

When the Depot fighter would tie him up in knots before he could get a decent blow home.

AC2 Len Francis won the only K.O. of the night when he caught Sgt. Price with a left hook shortly after the start of the fight and sent the Englishman to the canvas. Although he got up Price was dazed and no match for the young Depot fighter. Francis floored him again with a barrage of lefts and rights and this time the Penhold fighter stayed down.

After the fight all the boxers were presented with medals, after which they were guests of the English boys at a big feed in the Airmen's Mess, complete with liquid sunshine to wash down the last particles of stray food. But the standout of the evening was to see Sergeants and a WO1 serving the food to the fighters, and the station C.O., Group Captain Farrington, drinking with the Acey Duceys.

It was just like Christmas.

### AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION

By Sgt. O. E. Sorenson

The following are the main recognition features to look for in the "Blackburn Roc". Airmen are advised to use the silhouettes available in the library for study purposes.

#### THE BLACKBURN ROC

Span: 46 feet Length: 35 feet

#### Classification

Single engine, low-wing monoplane fighter.

#### Head-on View

1. Pronounced dihedral from the centre section.
2. High turret that has a squared appearance.
3. Small air intake under centre of fuselage.
4. High riding tail unit.

#### Plan View

1. Flat nose caused by radial engine.
2. Taper of leading and trailing edge of mainplane to tail.
4. Sausage-shaped tailplane.

#### Side View

1. Tailplane is situated on top of and to the end of the fuselage. Fin and rudder are placed well forward.
2. Turret well streamlined in behind a raised cockpit, the fairing sloping down from turret to fin.
3. Air intake well forward under nose.
4. Anti-spin device under tail of fuselage.

#### Note

The pilot is seated well forward in the cockpit and has an excellent outlook angle downwards and forwards on both sides of fuselage.

The Roc carries a four-gun, power operated turret. It is equipped and adapted for several duties. Although fighting is its main purpose, it has bomb racks and can be used for dive bombing. The fuselage has water-tight compartments and will float if forced down. The undercarriage can be replaced by pontoons for water landing.

### WE GUESS RIGHT AGAIN

F/L J. J. Porter and N/S B. M. Ofstedal are engaged. This news was prophesied in the Christmas issue of *The Airman* and upon the cessation of Christmas holidays we glanced at third finger left hand and that beautiful sparkler was on that beautiful finger.

Good luck to you both.

### HURT IN SMASH UP

Mrs. E. A. Forsyth and Cpl. J. A. Dunn were injured painfully when the car in which they were riding plowed into the side of a freight train on Sunday, December 27th. Mrs. Forsyth is the wife of F/Sgt. Forsyth.

Other passengers in the car which included the Forsyth's seven month daughter and the Flight escaped injury. Both victims of the accident are now well on the road to recovery.

### DAVIS LEAVES



F/Lt. R. S. Davis, O.C. Training Wing, and the men who put the precision squadron on the map, has gone to No. 8 "M" Depot, Souris, Manitoba.

### HOME COOKIN'

—WAACs, VAVES, WAFS, WAGS, WAAFS, WRENS, WILLS and now its the WOWS—Women Ordnance Workers. At present members include only employees of an ordnance plant but further expansion is expected. Sooner or later someone is going to come up with the WOLVES—Women Offer Love Voluntarily Except Sometimes.—Ed.)

### RECEIVE FINE TREATMENT

Besides bringing back the laurels from Penhold last week the "M" Depot boxers also brought back plenty of praise for the fine treatment they received from the RAF boys. It is reported a good time was had by all. All the visitors had to do was say the word and their wishes were granted.

Thanks Penhold. No. 3 RCAF "M" Depot hopes to reciprocate at some future date.

### STANWAY RETURNS

Sgt. A. A. Stanway has returned from Christmas leave. While on leave he visited Calgary, and on his way down stopped off at Penhold for the Airforce fight card. He reports that "we were treated like kings," and that they are more than satisfied with the 75% honors they took in the fights.

Sgt. Stanway gave the coming fight card a boost in Calgary when Pte. Al Lust meets P/O Dave Castilloux in a bout to be held late in January in the Arena.

A large crowd is expected from Calgary according to reports from the daily papers.

The Christmas number of *The Airman* comprised 27 pages. It proved a very popular edition and was mailed to every province and almost every state in the union, also some of the United Nations.

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EDMONTON, ALBERTA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1943

This Week, 2,000



By AC2 Hank Smith

When an NCO approaches with a cheery smile and says, "Here chum have a pass to the theatre" don't faint thinking that it is just the festive spirit, because, he will probably follow it up with, "You're responsible for this column by next Wednesday." And since when could a direct entry AC2 refuse to obey such a cheerily given order?

And so fellow Acey-ducies, starts this little corner column which will now be all our own, and will be passed abroad among you from week to week; so like good girl-guides—be prepared. Incidentally if any airman above the rank of rooky has read this far, please desist—for this column, like Princess Alexander Kropotkin's, "Is To the Deucies." (That means you too Corporal.)

#### SINCE ARRIVING ON THE STATION, I RECALL:

Going through stores and hearing a muffled voice say, "This coat is just a perfectly snug fit for you." So off I went with it very happy, but was I surprised when I unbuttoned it back in the hut and found one of the storekeepers inside with me.

Being waked up in the dead of nite by a piercing scream—listened for a moment and heard a man below me bashing his eight-weeks old sheet with a shoe and moaning that it had bit him. This was sheer ingratitude on his part because I know that this man had slept in for three mornings in a row, and that the sheet had got up and attended parade for him. (Lucky thing it was Hd. Qtrs. Parade).

Seeing that Beau Brummel rugger star from the Coast, "Tiger" Rofe, swagger across the parade height erect, and wearing his unmentionable hat with flaps down and strings flying—He bent over to pick up a cigar butt (being out of pipe tobacco) and inadvertently stepped on a hat string—when he found he couldn't straighten up he hollered for the M.O. swearing that his spine had frozen at last.

Then there is the professional juggler who joined up and says that the only balancing act he has never been able to master is that of getting his noon meal safely from the counter to table. (I guess he just can't stand to have his thumb in hot soup.)

Only told to me—never heard. It seems that two caskets were lying in a cold black room in an Edmonton morgue, when one was heard to say to the other—"Is that you coffin?"

Well folks when you get near me after reading this I'll be on my way back to Canada, and I hope

#### AROUND THE "Y"

Airmen who were unable to get home Christmas wish to express their appreciation to Mr. Fred Youmans and his staff who gave unstintedly of their services in making the Depot Christmas a very happy one. Sincere appreciation goes to the residents of Edmonton who helped too. To the First Baptist Choir of 12 girls under Mrs. F. Barber-Smith which sang carols in the Depot hospital and visited those chaps unable to get out. To those who wanted airmen for Christmas dinner and were unable to find more than a dozen because so many men had gone home. To the Y staff which put on motion picture shows every night in the lounge.

After the holidays the tournaments will start again with table tennis on Monday and Thursday, Bingo on Tuesday and Snooker on Thursday.

Coming shows will be "The Lady Has Plans," on Sunday with Ray Milland and Paulette Goddard, and Tuesday, a fine spy story of illegal radio, "Underground," with Jeffrey Lynn and Karen Verne. Amusement shorts will also be shown.

A coming event that will offer fine entertainment will be the Edmonton Welsh Choir in the Arena—coming soon!

Don't forget the New Year's Eve Dance in the Arena tonight, Thursday, December 31.

F/L W. Hansen is O.C. Training Wing.

Sgt. R. Williams, discip extra grand, who won fame as the man who taught rifle drill from the pulpit has been posted to Vancouver, somewhere.

There's a grand flying field in the East. The fliers have dubbed the port, 22K. If it weren't that the manager was a turnip head, the boys would have called it 24-K.

F/L W. Crawford, of recruiting centre, London, Ont., is the new president of the Aircrew Selection Board.

the only thing you find handy to hit me with will be a golf club.

Will now pass this column for next week on to R.172481 Joe Boy James Young, the rotund newspaper man from the Coast. (No fellows—he looked that way even before he tied into that Sumptuous Christmas dinner.)

Now fellow Joes—lets all join in together and wish the personnel of No. 3 a New Year just bubbling with nothing but the best of spirits and wish them another gang of trainees for the coming year just as good as we have been in our rather extended stay on the depot.

Yours for a posting,  
AC2 Hank Smith.



Those Scotsmen of olden days must have been married and also learned fast. They designed kilts without pockets.

Maxim Silencers were invented for firearms. That talkative blonde on 124th Street needs one according to five or six worried husbands about town.

If you can make a cigar stand, will a cigarette butt?

#### HYPNOTISM

Give the subject (pick a corporal that looks like a chump) a blank sheet of paper and a pencil. Tell him to write the word "sleep", 25 times, very slowly. After each word he is to close his eyes for a moment. After he has written the word 30 times and hasn't fallen asleep, tell him to sit with his eyes closed. You suggest sleep to him. Tell him that his eyes are very heavy. If he's not asleep by now, he's not a corporal and is an imposter.

By means of the use of a gentle 110 volt current, it is sometimes possible to hypnotize those whom it seems impossible to affect otherwise. If your mother-in-law is the subject, turn on the switch so that she'll get a slight, pleasant sensation, and suggest sleep at the same time. To awaken her, if you like her that well, snap your fingers and say sharply, "Now you are all right, wake up."

It's O.K. for you to waken now.

An RAF pilot was in a Canadian pullman for the first time. He had a lower immediately below a man who was suffering from a cough. During the night the man in the upper sneezed, groaned, snored, hacked, burped and emitted all the noises made by man. The Englishman rolled over, parted the curtains, and said, "Say old fellow, can you make any noise with your navel?"

The hotel clerk said to the guest, who had prepaid his bill, "Receipt sir,?" GUEST: "Are you a Christian?" CLERK: "No, I'm an atheist." GUEST: "I'll take a receipt."

Hoarding means depriving your neighbor of a fair share of supplies which are scarce.

It is rumored that there was a heavy run on toy banks.

A Victorious New Year!

The Christmas Edition of The Northern Herald, which is published at Lac La Biche, by the Rev. J. E. McGrane, has come to the editor's desk. It is a top ranking weekly. The first section was in two colors while the second was printed in green. As an innovation a small 1943 calendar pad was attached to the front page.

#### CPL. ERIC HAMILTON WRITES ABOUT R.A.F.

Cpl. Eric Hamilton, who left No. 3 "M" Depot about a month ago, writes an interesting letter from his new station. He says in part:

"The camp is seven miles from Swift Current, where one finds nothing. Regular bus service, but one's guts are too violently shaken, and it's better to walk. But it's cold, and if you walk you also freeze. So we all stay in camp and get drunk."

"Since being here I have learned many new songs, which surpass any I have ever heard at No. 3. If I ever get back there they'll delight the lads."

(ED. NOTE: Corporal, you old satyr, we think we can guess what your songs are like.)

"All on the station are Britshers. English customs are observed all day and night."

(ED. NOTE: He must mean they have crockery under their bunks when he says "and night.")

"Tea is served about seven times daily."

(ED. NOTE: He certainly must mean they have jerries in the huts.)

"The mess is excellent, contrary to all rumors of RAF messes. They pour everything with custard. If they cannot pour custard on your food, they will pour it on you."

(ED. NOTE: Never mind the custard on your tunic. Remember the eagle at No. 3, and how high he'd go, and what he'd do when he got up there. We'll take custard.)

"One night I went night flying after a session in the wet canteen. Henceforth I'll confine my flying to Link trainers. Am very anxious to get copies of THE AIRMAN. Don't send them to the O.R., that's as far as they get."

#### MONEY FROM NEW YORK AND WILKES-BARRE

The week end mail brought more manna to The Airman office. Subscriptions were received from Gus Cantor of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Mitchel Bricker of New York. Thanks very much.

#### THANK YOU—FAIRVIEW HOTEL

To the proprietors of the Fairview Hotel on 118th Avenue our sincere thanks on behalf of the airmen of this station. Of the hundreds who awaited that late special Christmas leave train on the 23rd, a number went to the Fairview in search of coffee. All who did so were served free with coffee and doughnuts, although they expected and offered to pay. This was no small generosity in these days of strict rationing. The Airman's sincere New Year Greetings to you, Fairview Hotel!