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THIRD ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

With this issue "The Slipstream starts into a brand new volume. NUMBER FOUR. Yes, the first issue of the paper came out with a dateline reading January 15, 1941. That first issue did not even have a name but by the time the next issue hit the stand a popularity vote had named it "The Slipstream." Since then the paper has made its appearance every month in some form or another. When one looks back on the old files of the paper it seems that every possible size and style has been tried. Variety seems to be the middle name for, with amazing profundity, the paper has appeared in at least six different sizes and styles or an average of one every six issues.

However, no matter what style it came out in, its aim was the same--to supply personnel of the station and those that were interested outside of the station as true a picture as possible of the life here at Number Seven.

Looking back we see Volume One in which the paper struggled to get organized and finally succeeding moved on to Volume Two which to date represents the peak year. Volume Three was a hard one for all station papers for in it Air Force Headquarters banned all advertising from station papers. Several papers folded completely when this happened and many more were operating on a drastically reduced budget. "The Slipstream" was one such, but none the less it did not fail. It came close--too close--but somehow managed to tightrope across the danger zone until we arrive at this issue--the first in Volume Four. The paper is on the comeback trail and slowly but surely working its way back for a record-busting year.

The usual thing for a paper to do at a time like this is to end up by listing what it proposes to do--like a political speaker. "The Slipstream" proposes to do nothing more than it has tried to do in its past issues--to present the life of the station to you in a manner you enjoy reading. Whether we can succeed in this volume more than in any other is up to you--and you--yes, and you. Each person on the station has a share in "The Slipstream"; it is the cooperation of you all that makes the paper click. The more complete the cooperation the more successful the year. When we say this we don't mean that a few are to come forward and shoulder the entire responsibility but what we want is for each of you to keep your eyes open for something that someone who was not there would be interested in reading about. Then, before you forget it, jot it down and take it to the Canadian Legion Office or to F/L Blackburn, Protestant Padre.

You don't want your paper to be anything else but a success so come on and made it one.

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Covered in this issue of "The Slipstream" are the following sections:

Motor Transport, Granum Relief Field, Y.W.C.A. Hostess House, Canadian Legion Hut, Telephone Section, Dental Clinic, Hospital, Station Band, Headquarters staff, Service Police, Fire Hall, and the Drill Hall with its Sports news.

The next issue of the paper will be on the stands Monday, February 14 and copy closes Friday, February 11 so why not make sure that your section will be on next months list.

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EDITORIAL

This issue starts another volume of "The Slipstream." It is also the first in a brand new year. We hope for the best in both cases but rather than break a promise we won't make any. However, there is one thing we can all promise--to remember what we are here for. At times it may be difficult to realize that we are at war here. There are no bombs falling, no guns booming, but we must each and every one of us keep that in mind in everything we do. This is a year full of possibilities but to use them to the utmost advantage is going to mean that we must remember every second of the time that it is our job to do a good job of training the teams of aircrew for their important job over there. To the instructors it may mean a little more care in the way something is explained, to the ground crew it may mean a little more work so that when the plane leaves the ground it will be in the best condition it is possible to get it in so that the pilot's mind may be free from worry, to the trainee it means concentrated effort. To each and every one of us it has its own special meaning. We must each heed that meaning. If we do, the possibilities for the accomplishment of our goal this year are great.

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CHRISTMAS TREE

December 23rd was a big day for the children of station personnel--the Christmas Tree. They began arriving in special buses from MacLeod at 1500 hours and by 1530 the Rec Hall was full of eager children. While waiting for Santa four special films were shown: "Pincushion Man", Mary's Little Lamb", "Beanstalk Jack", and "Merry Christmas". Between films the Station Band played Christmas carols.

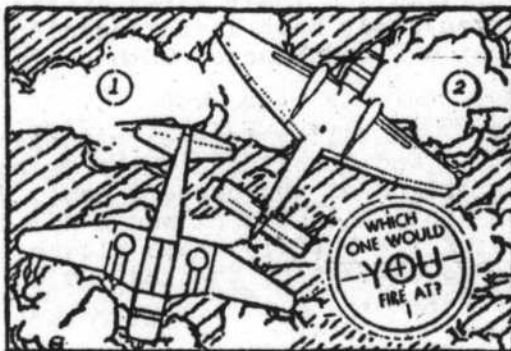
For a while it looked as if Santa wasn't going to make it for he sent telegrams that he was held up on the Alaska Highway but finally came word that the R.C.A.F. had sent him a plane and he would be right down. Sure enough, within a few minutes a plane was heard circling low for a landing.

Five long minutes--still no Santa. Then the Commanding Officer came in with the news that Santa was on his way up from the Twoer. Sure enough, just as he finished in walked Santa and his pilot. He told the children that he was sorry that he was late but there just hadn't been any snow and so he had had to leave his faithful reindeer at Edmonton. Since Lethbridge was expecting him he would have to hurry and would give out his presents immediately. As each name was called out the happy boy or girl came up to receive his gift from the hands of Santa himself!

Great care was taken to see that no child's name was missed and Squadron Leader Brisbin, Senior Administrative Officer, outdid himself as Santa. Even Santa himself couldn't have been more jovial. To Jack Tyson, Logionaire, and F/L Blackburn, Protestant Padre, goes the credit for the efficient way in which the presents were handled.

NOT AT No. 1!

It's a U.S. dive bomber, the Vultee A-31 Vengeance. This swift plane is powered by a single radial engine. It has a large, deep fuselage and the wings taper to square cut tips. Both edges of the tailplane taper to square cut tips. It has a single fin and rudder.

FIRE AT No. 2!

It's the German Junkers Ju.87B, Stuka, a mid-wing, single-engine dive bomber. The leading edge of the wings are slightly tapered and the trailing edge is sharply swept forward to rounded tips.

Its tailplane is rectangular. It has a single fin and rudder

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M.T. TAKEOFFS

Now the holidays are safely over, and we do mean safely! Please note--no accidents, no A.W.O.L.'s or such to add to that headache. The Christmas and New Year dinner on the station helped considerably. Everyone was so full of goodies that they were slowed down practically to a crawl. In fact, all reports are just good clean fun! You weren't kidding now? How about those halos, Sgt?

And speaking of heads, the one that got cracked is all mended and off to Harrison Hot Springs to recuperate. Nice going, Arseneau, hope we get as good treatment, with or without sticking our neck out!

Sports seem to be holding the limelight, pro tem, the girls doing their share at basketball with Rowan and Swallow as representatives and the boys--well some of the boys have taken to skating, not on thin ice for a change, but the real McCoy. I am sure it was a figure eight one M.T. lad was cutting and what a "figger" he made; but then those Aussies are tough competition at any game!

Did you know we have the "fuzzy-wuzzies" in our section. It all started with a few innocent extra hairs, but spread rapidly until now we expect an invitation from the "Longest Beard Fraternity" any day. One case even turned out another color from what was expected. The W.D.'s keep to the sidelines in the sport, and run like "dears" when they venture too close.

One more word about those dimly remembered holidays. A vote of thanks to the lucky ones who received Christmas boxes. They were good, take it from us, even tho' you didn't get a taste of your own. We all appreciated them and besides, there is always the other follow.

Hollo to the newcomers and a spot of advice--we thought the same things you probably are about the section but stick around, it takes time (of which there is plenty).

That's all this time. The financial situation has kept things pretty quiet, but after the enforced rest, we'll be back and then watch out!

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History is a product of circumstance, time, and chance. Many events, people, and places have existed and died in a perfect obscurity while others with no greater degree of merit have left their foot-steps in the sands of time and their marks in the mind of man. A dozen George Washington's may have lived and died and only one is known to the degenerated and debauched 20th century sons of the minute men.

In the same way North Valley is widely publicized as the personification of desolation and loneliness while Granum has been entirely neglected by the historians of the present day. To find the history of this god-forsaken spot, the student would not look in libraries but along the trails of the buffalo where bleached bones and crude weapons tell of a brave attempt by the Indians to eke a living from the prairies of this region.

Archaeologists tell us the tribe evacuated several centuries ago and since that time rattlesnakes and coyotes were the only inhabitants. It is commonly believed that the coyotes were only passing thru and never stopped to howl so silence reigned for many years.

In 1939, war was being waged in Europe and Canada, as a junior partner in the British Empire, was playing her part. She was selected as a training centre for a mighty air armada and the powers that be in choosing suitable spots where her fledgling airmen could work and study without the distractions, iniquities, and frivolity of a complex social system chose Granum as a site for one of these schools.

So the white man has again succeeded where the Indian failed and life flourishes again in this remote spot.

Thus far the life of the boys at Granum has sounded pretty dull but actually, they have a lot of fun and a lot of laughs. There is one poor rabbit who has received a great deal of the officers' attention. For the past week, several of them have devoted a lot of time trying to catch him. The officer in the control tower, F/O Frazier, caught Mr. Oswin looking down the rabbit's burrow while the rabbit was watching Mr. Oswin fly just across the runway.

The men have cross country trips on sealed orders. They don't know where they are going until they take off and as each leg of the trip is completed the orders for the next leg are opened. Ships starting in different directions rendezvous at a certain time at a certain place and fly over the objective in formation. It is quite a change and the fellows find it interesting.

We have finished our night beam work now and gloriously climaxed it with a cockpit check not shown in the books. We need a new prop now and a good inspection of the undercart. The Beam Instructors have missed their calling, though. Their marvelous flying ability also shows us some things that we must do before we can hope to say we ourselves are flyers. They are all a damned good crowd of flyers.

Our life at Granum has also produced a would-be crop of El Moustachio Grandew. With few exceptions (those are hopeless) all the officers and airmen are carefully nursing a beautiful display of Grade A, First Class, non-shrinkable, moustaches. When these men all get back to MacLeod they will be unrecognized and unheralded.

With the new furniture supplied by the Canadian Legion we're all set. Chairs, lounges, tables for the canteen, tables for writing-- in short, everything for anything. They give the Writing Room and Canteen a truly distinctive appearance and add greatly to the comforts of the Friday Night show.

We have all had some time at Granum and while much more could be said it may be brief by saying, "We all know each other much more intimately and we shall all be wiser for our experience here. For those who have yet to come to Granum let us say that you'll really have a time here and there are a great many happy surprises in store for everyone."

HOSTESS HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

We are happy to report that the "Open House" during the Christmas and New Year festive season proved very popular. Many of the boys and girls on the station dropped in for a visit and to enjoy the Christmas Cheer. Especially popular was the "Fireside Hour" at 9.30 Sunday evening.

We are sorry to lose Mrs. Dick who has been with us since the House opened last April. However, we know she will continue her good work at her new home in Camrose with the Army. She leaves behind many friends who will long remember the many favors she did for them. And so, till we meet again, "The very best of everything."

Here for a short time as Associate Hostess is Miss Helene Sowden. Greetings to you; we can tell already that we're going to get along fine together.

We hope that the boys of the new Course will find us and take advantage of the comforts of "A Home away from Home" as offered by the Hostess House. It is here for your pleasure and convenience.

Sincerely,

Margaret Shapter
Hostess

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MUSINGS FROM THE LEGION HUT

Now that the festive season is over and all departments at No. 7 are back at their own jobs one is reminded of the task before us; that everyone is part and parcel of one big instrument, with one object in view--finishing this war as early as possible.

Those who were able to get home fully appreciated those few days, we know; while others less fortunate were taken care of through the generosity of the public in the towns and villages of these Western provinces, and very few, if any, there were who didn't have a home to go to and join in the spirit of this festive season.

Though traffic on all the railways was very heavy, nevertheless, the boys and girls of the United Nations Forces showed their mettle and the true spirit of what we fight for by their acceptance of what space was available without complaint and many a good jost was passed through the railway coaches regarding the quality of the springs in the floors of the railway coaches by the many who reclined on them.

Now we are back on the job once more while you all have your various duties to perform our main duty at the Legion Hut is still the comfort and welfare of all the personnel at No. 7 S.F.T.S. One part of our work is to provide entertainment to take care of your leisure hours and we are trying with a certain amount of success to produce a Station Concert Party. We cannot say complete success, because there is still a fair amount of talent on this station which we have failed to contact as yet.

Therefore, let us suggest, that if there is anyone with any ability in the entertainment line, no matter what it is, or anyone willing to help out in this particular line, then come along to the Hut and let us get together that we may have a concert-party of our own, second to none, for the benefit of our comrades.

Before the article is concluded may we thank all those who have already so willingly come forward and offered their services to our hard working, recently formed Entertainment Committee who are trying to produce a "Minstrel Show" for the station to be presented in the near future. Any suggestion or help that is offered will be considered so contact us at the Legion Hut so that we may get away to a good start in 1944.

TELEPHONE SECTION

It isn't very often you hear from us, but we just couldn't let the Third Anniversary Edition go to press without a word from this section.

A new addition to our office is L/W K. Payne who has recently been posted here from Newfoundland. She is taking the place of L/W L. Haywood who left us in November on an exchange posting. We certainly do welcome her and hope she will like this station as much as we do.

Since our last entry in the Slipstream L/W Pybus has been posted to #4 T.C. at Calgary.

Carrying on as usual under the able guidance of Cpl. Conant, we are managing to get back to the old routine after the holiday season. With the assistance of AC's Dilk, Fanning and Yaki we all managed to get our Christmas and New Years leaves in. They did a grand job and we certainly did appreciate it.

While we are revelling in the beautiful Alberta sunshine (and wind) Bea McDowell is furloughing down east. "Ten to one" she'll be glad to get back to MacLeod.

L/W Johnston took her first trip to the coast at New Years. From Dottie herself, "No more of that eastern stuff for me." It was the scenery that changed her mind wasn't it?

That just leaves L/W Hazel Rennie to hear from. From local sources we hear she is becoming quite a sports gal. The other night we saw her heading for the rifle range. At least we think that's where she was going because Hazel just doesn't look the type to be out gunning for a man.

And so we'll say good-bye for now until you next pick up that phone and hear that familiar "Operator."

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DENTAL CLINIC

To greet the New Year here we are with more changes in the clinic. We are all very sorry to have Captain Hackie leave us but we've got used to that in the service. His place is being very capably filled by Captain Moss. Welcome to our clinic. We also said good-bye to our orderly on his posting to Moose Jaw.

Our sympathies to the Captain. At once time he claimed he wasn't going to have any girls in his clinic. Now he has three, a complete staff; and believe us, his hands are more than full.



Will someone please tell us why a certain Sgt. over here has that glint in her eye? Could it be--oh! NO!

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COMING SHOWS (35 mm.)

- Jan. 17 & 18--Black Swan in technicolor
 20 & 21--Charlies Aunt.
 24. & 25--Destroyer (may be changed)
 27 & 28--Flight for Freedom
 31 & 1--This is the Army
 Feb. 3 & 4--The Desperadoes in technicolor.

COMING SHOWS (16 mm.)

- Jan 23--Corvette K-225
 30--Star Spangled Rhythm
 Feb. 6--Princess O'Rourke
 13--Sahara

HOSPITAL CASES

Since our last sojourn with you things have been happening at the hospital. Two of our old members have been posted, one to Toronto and one to Winnipeg. LAW Woodward, who has done good work for the last two years at the hospital is now gone back to Eastern Canada where she will probably be doing valuable service close to her home. LAW Porter, after 18 months, has gone to her home in Winnipeg. F/L Johnson, one of our old, reliable Medical Officers has left us for surgery duty at Edmonton. LAW Johnson, now the wife of a F/L, has broken her long chain of service for that of civilian life. We have been fortunate in adding to our unit LAW Parsons and AWL Fullerton, both from Eastern Canada. They are filling some of the vacancies.

Our new wing is rapidly coming to completion and as the signs of contagious diseases are with us we shall soon be needing the extra room.

Thanks very much to our ladies for the splendid job they made in the Up-Patients' Dining Room. With our new curtains and pictures on the wall--home was never like that!

Many thanks to the ladies of the MacLeod Nursing Division for their splendid V.A.D. duties with this hospital as they are filling a very urgent need since our staff is becoming very badly depleted.

After two months absence while a patient in the hospital and on sick leave LAW Urell has now reported for duty. She hails from that bilingual part of the country which she insists on labelling "Canada."

One of the familiar sights of the hospital is to see Sgt. Corbett, our Dispensary Pharmacist, smoking the pipe to which he has rendered First Aid. It is covered with adhesive tape to keep the stem to the bowl.

Another familiar figure can be seen chasing himself round trying to find some spare staff. Anyone seen Sgt. Gould!

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BAND NOTES

Immediately upon its return from Christmas Leave the band started into its usual busy schedule. New Year's Day saw the boys hungrily eyeing everyone else eat while they entertained with several favorite tunes. When they got to the table they very nearly ate the plates as well. On January 10, the band went up to Calgary to play for the hockey match up there. From all tales a very interesting trip.

Congratulations go to Cpl. "Bus" Bowers who got his B grouping and to AC DesLauriers who got his C. To the rest it means serious devotion to the scales, chords, and technique exercises. Every morn now the band can be seen moving over to G.I.S. for a lecture on the theory of music. When the next Trade Board comes the boys will either pass or be in the hospital from overwork.

Dunc still insists that his date with one Section Officer on the station was for the sole purpose of explaining the story behind the famous "Peer Gynt Suite." However, the band remains as skeptical as ever.

WARNING! Don't ever come into the bandroom while the Band is at rehearsal without first drawing a respirator from stores. The reason--no its not the music; it's those cigars that professors Feinstein and Quarrington smoke. The smoke from them is as deadly as chlorine gas unless you have been acclimatized by long overdoses as the band.

H.Q. HINTS

Every time your reporter goes into the Admin Building in search of news he learns something. This month he got a special treat. There has been much discussion about the Air Force variety of wolf. Now, since most species have a feminine side it is only logical that there should be one for the Air Force wolf. It was this humble male's fortune to see one of these rare species in action. To definitely spot them you watch their reaction to the male species. If they spend a good deal of their time watching out of the window for possible victims then you can be sure you have seen one. As soon as the hapless victim pauses before the wicket she goes into action. He's gone before he knows what happened. To learn more of their characteristics we suggest that you refer to one Sgt. in Records.

Sandy has a pile of books on her desk which she can be seen diligently studying at all hours of the day and night. Strange as it may seem if you were to look over her shoulder you would find that they were budgets. It's the first time we've ever heard of a gal who even believed that there was such a thing as a budget, let alone who made a twenty-four hour study of all those available.

A newcomer to the H.Q. Orderly Room is one Sgt. Pryor. He has seen Operational duty in Newfoundland and just finished a tour of duty with the Army at the Chemical Warfare School. Welcome to our midst (at least, so says every gal we've talked to) and we hope you manage to stay quite a while.

Cpl. Neal is the official dog-chaser of the station. At least so it seems from his activities at a recent parade. One dog in particular was determined that he was going to lead the parade no matter who or what said otherwise. No sooner was he chased off the square than he was back at the head again.

For a few days the Records office was happy and then--another cigaret holder appeared. They had counted on at least a few more days before Pay Day but apparently the AWL was better off financially than was calculated for she no sooner gave up looking for the one than she appeared with the second. Such is life!

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S.P. PITCHES

Cpls. Bennet and Johansen were the men unfortunate enough to be posted this month while we greet Cpls. H.J. Robertson and Bul and LAC Kury to this station. The new men have created quite a mystery around the Guard House. They reported for duty and within two hours all had disappeared completely. The boys are still wondering how they did it.

Apparently Cpl. Chrapko finds the meals excellent here. At least that is one explanation for the amount of time he spends in the Mess Hall now.

Word comes that F/S Savard is considering training as a professional dancer after winning the Waltz at a recent Sergeants' Mess Dance. He must have been in excellent condition to win over so many others. He is also the official "hostess" at the coming Sergeants' Dance.

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FIRE HALL ARSON

That Great Woodsman, LAC Phillips, has been posted to Fort Nelson after three years on the station. We greet LAC's Cameron, Bachusky and Gabert from Trenton and ex-Toronto fireman Duffy from that well known suburb of Hamilton. Also with us now are C.D.'s Kologie and Coupal. Welcome to #7 and make yourselves at home.

Sgt. Mitchell finally got around to taking the step. Yes, indeed, he went out and got himself married on the 17th of December. Congratulations and best wishes to the both of you.

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THE SPORTS TREAM
F/S "Bus" Murdoch

BIG BOXING CARD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Plans are now under way for the promoting of a monster boxing tournament here Tuesday, February 15. The card will be comprised of representatives, not only from the Air Training Schools here in Alberta, but the Army and Navy as well.

The "All-Star" Service card is to be headlined by two local battlers who have rightfully earned the topnotch spot on the bills. F/O MacConachie, who was just recently put in charge of the pugnacious ones, and F/S Murdoch, the coach and trainer of the local club, have thinned out all but the best from the boys that have been performing at the various cards here in the province during the winter and are going to spring forth the greatest array of fistic talent; the public here has even had the opportunity to witness.

LAC "Cy" Walisser, hard-hitting heavyweight from Maintenance and LAC Dick Bradshaw, featherweight dynamo, are being matched against the best opposition it is possible to get.

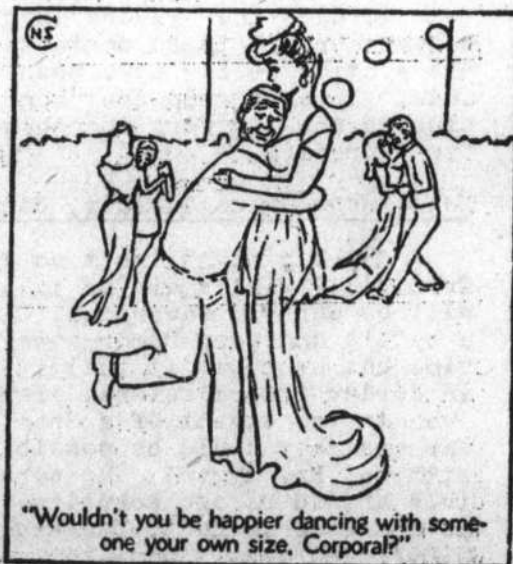
Walisser has had four fights to date this winter and has lost only the one, that on a split decision, to a former English champion, in Swift Current. Bradshaw, a little ball of fire that hits like a dynamo has been to bat four times this winter and has left the ring each time with his opponents horizontally on the canvas in very embarrassing positions.

The boxing workouts that are held every night of the week at six o'clock, are becoming more and more popular, so it is anticipated that MacLeod's boxing team will have a representative for every class. If there is anyone that wishes to turn out for these workouts, if for no other reason than to learn to handle their dukes so they can talk with their hands, they are most welcome to do so.

REPETITION MAKES REPUTATION for WALISSER and BRADSHAW

The station boxing team, Bradshaw and Walisser, kept their records clean by scoring their second knockouts over opponents that they had fought before. Two men suffered badly at Claresholm, Wednesday, January 12, merely because they harboured thoughts that proved to be very disillusioning. F/O Correll, a heavy from Pearce, that had been knocked out before by Walisser one time last winter, decided he would attempt an avenger. However, it only lasted for 20 seconds of the second round, when Mr. Correll was unfortunate enough to test Walisser, and to his surprise, found that he hadn't lost any of his hitting power over last year. It took that gentleman an hour to recover even a few of his faculties.

Bradshaw had the same experience but was a little more ethical about it. He waited for the third round to do away with his opposition, and as an added inducement spotted his victim 12 pounds. Believe me, in these lighter classes, that ain't hay. Bradshaw had caught this same boy with a few too many dimples on his tummy last December and planked one on his bread basket before the bell had stopped ringing for the commencement. They say they always come back but I do believe that Correll (Pearce) and Reiss (Lethbridge) have at last said, "Unc" as far as Bradshaw and Walisser are concerned--who wouldn't?



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SPORTS TREAM (cont)BOXING CLUB MOVE ON TO REGINA

MacLeod boxing club headed by S/L Brisbane fly to Regina Saturday, January 15, to take part in a big tournament that is being promoted by none other than our ex-Canadian Legionaire here at MacLeod, Gordon Simmons. The Airmen to make the trip are F/S Murdoch, trainer, and LAC's Bradshaw and Wallisser.

MACLEOD HOOPS TERS TROUNCE BOMBERS 62-30 SCORE

Another game in the Southern Albertan Service Basketball League which is comprised of the five district air training schools--MacLeod, Claresholm, Vulcan, Pearce and Lethbridge--was played Tuesday, January 11, at No. 8 Bombing and Gunnery School, with the local squad taking a trouncing to the tune of 62-30 at the hands of the snappy MacLeod Flyers.

While the close checking game held players down to a few points for the greater part of the game, MacLeod broke loose on a scoring rampage in the last five minutes of the first half under the lead of two former Edmonton Red Devils, Chief Buna and Big John Kamisky. The half ended with a score of 27-11 for MacLeod.

High Scorers

Coach Bobby Dunlop of the Lethbridge Bombers entered the game in the second half to boost the tallies for his club momentarily, but a final spurt on the part of the MacLeod squad resulted in a final trouncing for the Bombers. Dunlop and Sherwood spearheaded the Bombers attack, while Murdoch, Kamisky and Buna each netted 18, 18, and 17 points respectively for the Flyers.

The Flyers with a backbone of last year's provincial champion have won three straight league games and appear to be on of the classiest clubs to perform in the district for a number of years.

The game was ably handled by referees F/S Wally Stipe, formerly of the Victoria Dominos, and Chick MacIntosh

Lineups

MacLeod--Foulger, 0; Murdoch, 18; Lowden, 2; Kamisky, 18; Buna, 17; See, 2; Watson, 5; Total 62.
Lethbridge--Chaster, 6; Jaynes, 8; Sherwood, 4; Douglas, 2; Finnan, 0; Edwards, 0; Dunlop, 9; Giffan, 0; Total, 30.

BASKETBALL IS HITTING A NEW HIGH

To date the "Flyers" Senior Mens' Ball Club has won four straight and appear not to be contented with such a short string of victories. The victims so far have been Pearce twice; Lethbridge and Vulcan each once. In each trip the "home brews" ran up a fairly large score. The club is working very smoothly--but what am I saying? Come out and see for yourself.

Next League game Tuesday, January 25

The big night isn't so far off when once again the sharpshooters from No. 7 will again be taking the floor, this time the opposition will be our old favorites, Claresholm. Needless to mention it will be a battle and even rumor says a big crowd will be there. The old grapevine has even got it that it may be possible to secure the band to fill in during intermissions. Personally, this corner sees all that and more even to the extent of a Sports Dance being held after one of our games. Perhaps that could be possible towards the end of the month. Are you with us, Mr. Tyson? The personnel are crying for something and I think this should be one solution. The townspeople will back it so we hear. As a matter of fact, the High School has a girls team to challenge the W.D.'s and also a boys team which wants to take on an intermediate team from the station.

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SPORTS TREAM (cont)MACLEOD WOLVES CLASH WITH PEARCE PROFESSORS

The "Pack" of Wolves hope to tear loose a victory at the expense of the Pearce "Professors" at Lethbridge in their opening game of the Southern Alberta Hockey League. The Thing which concerns No. 7, is to gain revenge for previous 10-3 grubbing at the hands of Pearce a little over a month ago.

F/L Johnson's gang has taken quite a beating through postings. However, if fight is what is needed they have lots of it.

Professors came out of last Saturdays 4-3 victory over Lethbridge Bombers without an injury more serious than a few cuts from the high sticks that were the order. Every game this far has resulted in one or more players being laid up with sprains and bruises. But the pucksters are reaching the stage where they can take terrific bumps without injury.

All buses, trains, private cars will be forming a steady stream from Pearce for this battle in Lethbridge. Civilians have been slow to come out to support the battling Flyers so far. However, those who have "laid it on the line" at the Arena box office are busy telling friends what a really excellent brand of the winter sport is being dished up by the Air Force teams.

As soon as ice is made available here in MacLeod, let's get behind our club the way Pearce is, and give them the support they deserve.

P/O COY HAS REORGANIZED BADMINTON

The Drill Hall is crowded to capacity during their playing nights. The ladder tournament has taken on a new meaning under his guidance with the result that challenges are coming fast and furious. Anyone whose name is on the ladder and does not show the necessary interest in their cards will see them removed.

ARCHERY

Archery is also well attended. The target is completed and good turnouts are attending each workout Tuesday and Thursday.

FENCING

If there is anyone interested in Fencing please contact F/O Heminway immediately. A club will be formed if enough show interest.

W/C BYERS TO CALL SPORTS MEETING

The officers of the various sports and the Sports Committee are to meet soon, we understand. The reason--why it is obvious to anyone that has ever been near the Drill Hall.

Yes, this corner sincerely wishes from the depths that each of the officers at the meeting, let their hair down and state the true conditions of the sport they represent. There is enough to overcome in building up a sports program without being terrifically short of equipment. The Drill Hall could be built into quite a hive of activity. We dare not mention how our neighbouring stations have their Sports Store and Drill Hall set up. It all calls for prompt action and believe me it should come from the forthcoming Sports Meeting.

NEW P.T. TIME TABLE CALLS FOR CONSTANT USE OF DRILL HALL

Instructors along with the and "downs" commencing this week. has come... orders they say.

Trainers will be taking their "ups" 'Tis a sad state but it eventually

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BIRTHS

Born to AC1 and Mrs. Shyba on the 2nd of January, 1944 at Vancouver, B.C., a son, Darrell James.

Born to F/O and Mrs. Borgal on the 20th of November, 1943 at Calgary, Alta., a son, Linda Ruth.

Born to Cpl. and Mrs. W. H. Budd on the 18th August, 1943 at Pincher Creek, Alta., a daughter, Marilyn Judith.

Born to F/S and Mrs. K. A. Ducklow on the 26th of November, 1943 at MacLeod, Alta., a son and daughter, James Allan and Jane Edith.

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MARRIAGES

P/O Merlin Roberts Bunt married Marjorie Louise Hodgson on the 27th of December, 1943 at Vancouver, B.C., by Rev. W. P. Bunt

AC1 Robert Lister Watson and Doris Mary Powell were married on the 24th of December, 1943 at Medicine Hat, Alta., by Rev. R.L. Taylor

AC1 Earl George Jordan and Muriel Florence Pullen were married on the 16th of December, 1943 at Lindsay, Ont., by Rev. C. D. Cross.

LAC Dagert, J. W., and Helen Tereza Struger were married on the 5th of January, 1944, at Lethbridge, Alta., by Rev. H. A. Mutchner.

LAC L. M. Damberger and Sheila Ivadell Lind were married on the 31st of December, 1943, at Coronation, Alta., by Rev. A. M. Rowe.

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SPORTS TREAM (cont)

W.D. Sports

Now the festive season has come and gone the girls are back to basketball full of ambition and fight.

Tuesday, January 11, the team travelled to Lethbridge to meet the girls of No. 8 B & B. MacLeod girls put up a good battle, played a quick, clean game and collected all the penalty shots. However, they had very hard luck around the basket and No. 8 emerged the victors by a small margin.

The girls showed the personnel of No. 8 how to cheer their school team on to victory. They all agree our MacLeod Flyers are spectacular and unbeatable. We hope that everyone turns out for the next game played here on January 25 against Claresholm and helps to cheer our team on to a greater victory.

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MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff

THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS AS THEY SEEM

