

THE BREEZE

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VALENTINE BALL WEDNESDAY

C.J. CLARK EN ROUTE FROM CARON AS ASSISTANT MANAGER OF SCHOOL

The arrival of C.J. Clark, assistant manager of No. 33 EFTS, Caron, Sask., here is being announced today by Fred J. Graham, secretary-treasurer of the Vancouver Air Training Co., Ltd. Mr. Clark, who will take up a similar post here, is expected to arrive Sunday.

A lifelong friend and associate of the late L.J. Martin, former manager of No. 24 EFTS, Mr. Clark came out of retirement at the start of the war to join the operating company and has been with the firm ever since.

As a vocation, Mr. Clark is owner and operator of an Okanagan valley farm.

TWENTY-ONE JUNIOR ENGINEERS LEAVE TO JOIN ARMED FORCES

The management announced this week that 21 employees, all junior engineers, were leaving the school to join Canada's armed forces. All had been exempt from military service during their employment here.

Five among the group have definitely selected the navy, one has named the army as his choice and the remainder claim the air force - if they are accepted for service.

Among those whose loss will be felt more keenly are Louis Piper and G.G. Hampton, both of whom were mainstays of the station orchestra. Piper was also correspondent for The Breeze in the engineering department.

One third of the group has been with the company for a period of three years, three others for two years and the remainder are more recent additions to the staff. Those who have been with the company for three years include W.G. Edwards, S.O. Sundell, N.H. Taylor, W.J. Hardy, A.R. MacDonald, T.A. Hewitt and G.G. Hampton; two-year employees are H.Y. Hare, A. Sidhoo and D.M. Hamilton.

The remainder, who have been with the company a shorter period, are R.J. Lennox, L.R. Mireau, P.A. Moran, J. Miller, J.J. Clarke, E. McFie, L. Piper, H.W. Abrams, H. Baese, R.P. Amith, J.F. Hutchinson, N. Webster, and G.P.H. Canstenson.

Abrams, Hamilton, MacDonald, Hewitt and Hampton have selected the navy, Miller chose the army and the rest are hoping to be accepted by the RCAF.

THE BREEZE EVERY FRIDAY

OLE OLSEN'S BAND, FLOOR SHOW, PLANNED FOR FESTIVE FEB. 9 DANCE

In jubilant mood today, F/L Ben Knowles, chairman of the station entertainment committee, announced that the gala Valentine Ball, to be held in the Airmen's Mess Wednesday night, will feature the 12-piece Commodore Supper Club band of Ole Olsen, as well as a 10-girl floor show.

The Vancouver aggregation, well known for years for its fine music, will swing it hot and sweet from 8 to 12 for the enjoyment of a crowd of dances expected to exceed the number who attended the big Christmas dance here.

Special decorations are now being made and installed in the big hall, with a red heart and Cupid motive. Refreshments will be something special, according to the committee's plans.

Many Girls Invited

Young ladies from Langley Prairie will make their first appearance at a station function Wednesday night, along with les femmes of Mission, Abbotsford, and Lynden, Washington. Our station girls have been asked to assist with the decorations and refreshments for the gala affair and have pitched in with a will.

Arrangements for the seasonal dance have been in the making for some time, with the whole committee active in seeing to it that the Ball will be one of the best nights ever enjoyed here.

A program of surprise dances is planned, as well as Sadie Hawkins numbers to go along with the Paul Jones' to give a fun-packed evening to all. The floor show will perform under specially-arranged lighting and the bandshell will be draped in festive array.

All Personnel Welcome

The Ball has been arranged for all station personnel, service and civilian. Dress will be optional, although it is expected, on the basis of experience with the Christmas dance, that the affair will be most colorful - made so by the gowns of the gals attending.

BREEZE REVERTS FOR A WEEK TO OLD PUBLICATION STYLE

Because of its early deadline on front page copy, which is usually printed by The Abbotsford-Sumas-Matsqui News under an exchange agreement, The Breeze this week goes back to its former multigraphed appearance, as a result of poor news "breaks" over the past weekend.

**F/L BRYANS POSTED TO NO. 4 ITS;
F/O NEWCOMBE ASSUMES POSITION HERE**

**New Adjutant Has Wide Experience
In Administration of RCAF Stations**

The posting of F/L L.H.F. Bryans to No. 4 I.T.S., Edmonton, left a sizable breach in the administrative staff this week as our former adjutant left to take a similar post there.

Filling the gap in a capable manner, however, F/O S.A. Newcombe is already in harness.

Prior to arriving here in September, 1943, F/L Bryans served two years as aircrew selection officer in the Vancouver recruiting center. Before that he had been at Sea Island EFTS.

F/O Newcombe comes here from No. 2 FIS at Pearce, Alta. Earlier he had served in an administrative capacity at Trenton, Boundary Bay, Caron, St. Catharines, Brandon and Lachine and at No. 4 T.C. Headquarters.

The new adjutant has been in the air force since October 1939 and earned his present rank by working up through the ranks.

**EFTS COUNCIL MEETING
PRODUCES LITTLE BUSINESS**

The regular Monday meeting of the No. 24 EFTS School Council brought out very little new business and was adjourned early due to the arrival on the station of G/O Davidson, chief works officer of No. 4 T.C.

Completion of work on the girls' lounge is expected within the month, although no definite date has been given.

Creation of a parking area inside the main gate is still being considered, but no decision has been reached.

**PETE RUTHERFORD MARRIED
IN BURNABY CHURCH WEDDING**

**Engineer and Band Leader
Takes Him a Wife Jan. 26**

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rutherford have taken up residence in Abbotsford, in a new house just built and furnished by the former; the couple were joined in marriage Jan. 26 in a quiet ceremony in the Henderson United Church, Burnaby.

The Bride is the former Miss Josephine Summers, a resident of Burnaby, and the bridegroom is connected with the engineering department of No. 24 EFTS, where he also leads the station orchestra.

Relatives and close friends of the pair packed the small church, which was specially decorated for the occasion with an arch of cedar boughs and vases of carysanthemums.

Reception Held

The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, while Robert Rutherford, brother of the bridegroom, served as his best man. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Gowned in white satin, with a short veil, the bride carried a bouquet of mixed pink roses. Following the ceremony, while the register was being signed, a song was rendered by a vocalist. A reception for friends and relatives of the newly-married couple was held in Vancouver, where pictures of the celebration were taken by the father of the bridegroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford returned here after a short wedding trip and are receiving friends.

HOW ABOUT THAT NAME FOR OUR NEW REC HALL ???



PILOTS' GROUND CLASSES TO START HERE MONDAY

Variety of Topics to be Taught
In New Series of GIS Lectures

Beginning on Monday, flying instructors on the staff of No. 24 EFTS will embark on a brief new administration course, according to an announcement by S/L M. Gain today.

The lectures will be given in a ground school classroom each afternoon from Monday through Thursday. Personnel who are flying in the morning will attend the afternoon lectures, beginning at 1330 hours and concluding at 1700 hours.

A schedule of lectures and topics drawn up for the educational program includes the following: Administration, 10 hours; aircraft recognition, five hours; drill (lectures) two hours; drill (practical) and P.T., five hours; oral drill exam, two hours; progress of the war, two hours, and postwar planning, two hours.

Under this schedule of lectures, instructor personnel will attend classes seven hours each week. Total lecture time in the course is 28 hours.

OFFICERS' MESS LEADERS CHOSEN AT TUESDAY MEETING

F/L A.W. Vanderburgh, medical officer here, was elected President of the Officers' Mess at an organization meeting held in the newly-furnished lounge Tuesday evening.

Chosen as vice-president of the organization was F/L Peter B.D. Denbigh, with P/O James Murphy as secretary and John McLean, company accountant, as treasurer.

F/L Ben Knowles, head of the station entertainment committee, was named to head a similar committee in the mess, adding P/O William Colquhoun and P/O Wallie Peters to his group. The messing officer will be F/O Walter Wicks, with that officer also to be senior flying officer.

The officers voted to have Tuesday, Friday Saturday and Sunday nights open nights for visitors to the Mess, with Sunday afternoons as well.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- TONIGHT** - No movie; party and dance to which personnel are invited in Langley Prairie.
- TOMORROW** - Dance in Abbotsford Hut.
- TUESDAY** - Movie here; "True to Life," with Mary Martin, Franchot Tone, Dick Powell and Victor Moore.
- WEDNESDAY** - **BIG VALENTINE BALL** in the Airmen's Mess; all personnel invited. Ole Olsen's band and floor show.
- THURSDAY** - Meeting of the Model Club in the old GIS rooms at 7:30. All model enthusiasts invited.
- FRIDAY** - Movie here: "My Son the Hero," with Patsy Kelly and Roscoe Karns.

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BITS OF THE BREEZE

Inadvertently omitted from last week's edition of The Breeze was a credit line for the front page Seabourne cartoon layout, to The A, S & M News, Abbotsford.

Prominent visitors this week included Group Captain Davidson, chief works officer of 4TC; Group Captain Secord, works and buildings chief of Western Air Command, and Wing Commander Russell, commanding officer of No. 7 ITS, Calgary.

A recent ceased training case, when interviewed by his flight commander and suspected of not putting forth a sincere effort in the air, replied, "Well, I didn't go along just for the ride!"

With ground fog so thick yesterday you could cut it with a knife, one instructor escaped an OFF for taxiing with his flaps down right up to the line because the control officer couldn't see that far either.

Our station basketball team's next game will be with the Nooksak outfit, three miles south of Sumas, Washington, on Feb. 16. A bus is being planned to carry our supporters to the game. F/O Ralph Burton, team captain, says his new bunch, which includes many recent school additions, is "a real powerhouse."

The 24 EFTS Model Club will start on production of Cornell and Kittyhawk models this week and next, according to President Bob Waltham. All materials are available and tools too, except for jackknives and sandpaper.

LAC R.H. Rouda has completed three entries for the RCAF Art Competition. They are of aircraft in flight.

