The Breeze

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A STATEMENT BY THE EDITORS OF YOUR STATION NEWSPAPER...

In Wednesday's issue of Daily Routine Orders appeared an announcement concerning arrangements for transfers of United States nationals serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force to the American forces.

Both your editors of this station weekly are Yanks, both are Warrant Officers, both are flying instructors.

See the point ?

It simply means that when the transfers are concluded in those two cases, there will be no more Breeze...

UNLESS

... you here at No. 24 want it continued and are willing to do something about it, such as becoming members of the No. 24 EFTS PRESS CLUB, which will hold its first meeting in the Airmen's Canteen

NEXT MONDAY NIGHT AT 7 O'CLOCK

We will not beg, coerce, entice, tease or blackmail you to offer whatever help you can to continue the one solid volunteer "going concern" on this station.

If the assistance needed is not forthcoming, we will philosophically fold up our little rag, tuck it into our kitbags and lay the blame to fickle human nature as we wend our ways to other fields.

While we remain, however, The Breeze will continue to appear weekly, even if it does mean working into the wee sma' hours of Friday mornings, as is the case this week.

For we feel that this is a distinctly worthwhile application of our peacetime profession. It is a ray of democracy shining through the heavy cloud of necessary military dictatorship - not so brightly as to give aid or comfort to the enemy but brightly enough to give repeated assurance that even in war ours is the most enlightened way of life on the face of the earth.

Should The Breeze be forced to discontinue publication, it would mean the end of the only complete public link between this school's present and its past; we rather hate to consider such a thing and so we say

WE'RE PUTTING IT SQUARELY UP TO YOU...

Frank Martineau
George Sturgiss

HUGE CROWD MAKES MERRY AT BIG VALENTINE BALL ON STATION WEDNESDAY

Ole Olsen's Vancouver Band,
Professional Floor Show,
Feature Leap Year Event

Surpassing even the station's Christmas dance, in attendance and gaity, the Valentine ball here Wednesday night in the Airmen's Mess broke all records for fun and frolic.

Although no count was made of the throng of merry-makers ('twas just plain impossible), it was fully evident to the station entertainment committee that the gathering was the biggest ever seen here, even larger than that at Christmas when about 600 enjoyed the fun.

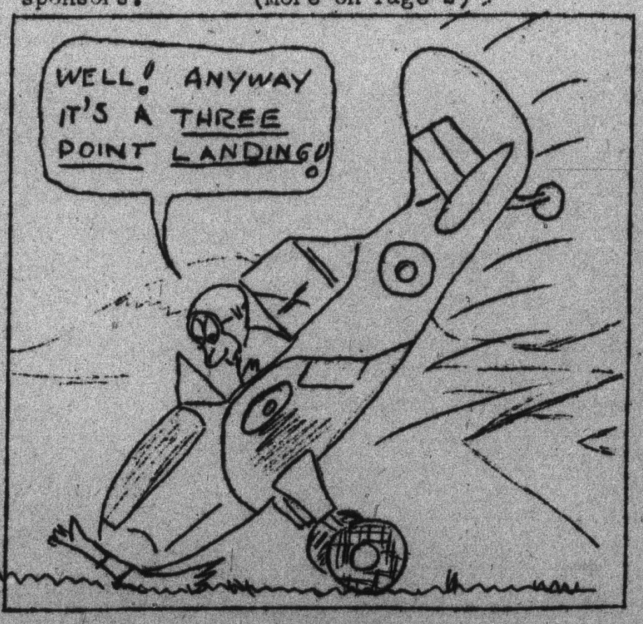
Ole Olsen and his Commodore Supper Club orchestra, from Vancouver, furnished top-notch music for the ball and an all-girl floor show - also from the city - further entertained as the whole countryside tripped the light fantastic on the messhall floor.

Gals Galore

Throughout the evening, except for an occasional "Gentlemen's Choice," it was strictly a Leap Year affair. The girls certainly took advantage of the opportunity, too.

Two more nearby communities were beautifully represented at the Ball - Langley Prairie and Sumas, Washington - and young ladies from Lynden, Washington, Abbotsford, Mission and other surrounding centers further added to the color and enjoyment of the event with their presence in lovely gowns.

The Sumas new faces were brought to the ball by Jud Harris and Borrie Smith, of the US Customs and Immigration Service, while Langley's lovelies came with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin and Mrs. Elsie Calow as their sponsors. (More on Page 2)



VALENTINE BALL - From Page One

To the station's girl employes goes the major credit for the hearts and cupids which served as attractive decorations for the big hall. A party of airmen now awaiting course here w as the decorating crew which put the mess hall into dance-able shape, under the direction of F/L Ben Knowles, entertainment committee chief.

P/O Wallie Peters, banjo artist deluxe and a flying instructor here, w as the master of ceremonies for the ball, bringing on and introducing each act of the floor show. The wolves had their chance to howl when a line of dancers presented an intriguing hula and the crowd enjoyed the talents of a vocalist with the show troupe.

Snazzy Eats

Refreshments for all were served in the sergeants' dining room, where the station gals also took charge of the proceedings, as aides in the entertainment of the horde of guests.

Following the dance, the orchestra and members of the floor show cast were entertained at a supper in the officers' mess.

FAREWELL STAG PARTY
FOR ARMY-BOUND 21
HELD BY ENGINEERS

With 21 departing members of the engineering staff as guests of honor, a farewell stag party was held last Friday night in the Aberdeen Hall. Refreshments were plentiful, including a specially-prepared cake iced with the inscription, "Good Luck to The Boys of 24".

During the evening, Pete Rutherford and Louis Piper entertained at piano and sax, with Francis Warrington offering songs to his own guitar accompaniment.

PADRE ANNOUNCES CHANGE
IN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Rev. C.N.Bryce, Protestant chaplain for No. 24 EFTS, today announced a change in the church services held here each Sunday. Starting this coming Sunday, the church parade will be held in the evenings between 6:15 and 6:45, in order to conform with new plans for no flying on Sunday mornings.

All station personnel were invited by the padre to the brief service, Sunday, which will take the form of a Vespers with a short talk. Religious services are held in the south end of the station canteen.

The chaplain also announced that a Holy Communion service will be celebrated in the chapel here Sunday morning at 8:30 and invited Protestant personnel to partake of the Blessed Sacrement.

PUBLIC SERVICE CORNER:

Now available in the Canteen are tickets on the money-bespangled doll now being sold by the Abbotsford Hut Committee in a fund-raising drive to continue operations. The doll itself is on display; we need say no more, lads.

Class photographs may now be secured from the Canteen at the regular rate; profits from the sales will go to the Airmen's Comfort Fund.

For the convenience of personnel, The Breeze published below the latest bus schedule:

LEAVES TOWN:		LEAVES HERE:
6:30 a.m.		7:00 a.m.
7:30		8:00
12:00 noon		12:15 p.m.
1:00 p.m. (Sat. Only)		1:15
3:30		4:00
5:00	ALSO	5:15
6:15	Saturday Midnite	6:30
7:15	bus leaves at 15	7:30
10:00	past 12, returns	10:30
11:30	to town at 12:30	11:45

CLARK HEADS SCHOOL COUNCIL; MEETINGS NOW ON WEDNESDAYS

Victory Garden, Girls' Lounge, Rifle Club, Obstacle Course Among Topics Discussed.

Manager Stewart McKercher, at the latest meeting of the 24 EFTS School Council Wednesday, turned over the chairmanship of the group to G.J.Clark, newly-arrived assistant manager of the school.

Discussion on the proposal that a vegetable garden be planned for the summer resulted in the naming of Messing Officer Eric Adames and M.J.Nugent, works and buildings chief, to find a suitable site for the victory project.

Streets have been named. From the main gate to the admin building is Attention Area; the east-west streets are numbered from the north and the north-south streets are Martin avenue and Mt. Baker avenue.

Parking places have been laid out. All but officers' cars will be parked in the area off Martin avenue opposite the mess hall. An officers' parking area is planned beside the Officers' Mess.

The Girls' Lounge will be ready for use in about two weeks, located in the girls' barracks. A rifle club is to be formed shortly with headquarters in the recreation hall, which has been dubbed "Town Hall."

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CARRIER TRIPS PLANNED FOR LADS AWAITING COURSE

Though their status has humorously but inaptly termed "useless employment," the large group of airmen awaiting training here have been cleaning up all sorts of odd jobs lately under the direction of S/L Miller, himself waiting for his pilot instruction to start.

In reward for the monotonous chores which have been their lot, the boys are next week to be taken through Vancouver munitions plants and aboard an aircraft carrier in the harbor, in trips scheduled for Monday through Thursday, with lunch in town.

BITS OF THE BREEZE

A correction: H.W.Abrams and Louis Piper are three-year company employes, rather than one year as published last week.

Currently stunned by a vilely pinkeand-green pair of shorts which pass through the wash every so often, the Abbotsford laundry staff say the F/O Wally Wicks holds the local record for loud underwear.

YEA, VERILY, THY NAME IS ORDERLY JOE!

FIRST SIMULTANEOUS AWARD OF O.P.F AND BAR AT NO. 24 EFTS MADE

(Or: Wo was it who suggested that our runways should be lengthened by another 30 or 40 feet ?)

Now being designed is a tiny OPF pin to be worn on the outer lapel by recipients of the award (the Editor is one, too) for a period to be set by the CFI. This Order of the Prominent Finger is a dishonor reserved for only a selected few; the pin will, following the conclusion of its open career within sight of all, be worn under the lapel to show membership in the exclusive society. How soon the pins will be available is not known, but awards will continue to be made for future "medal" recogniti

SOCIAL CALENDAR

TONIGHT - Movie here: "My Son the Hero," with Patsy Kelly and Roscoe Kearns.

TOMORROW - Dance in Abbotsford Hut. (Remember doll drawing in canteen here.)

MONDAY - Press Club meeting, 7 p.m., Canteen

TUESDAY - Movie here: "STAGE DOOR CANTEEN," with all-star cast. Nurses' party in New Westminster; list in canteen

THURSDAY - Reorganization meeting of Model blub in old GIS at 7:30. Materials for Cornell models to be issued.

FIRDAY - Movie here; for title see next week's Breeze.

THE BREEZE EVERY FRIDAY (WE HOPE)

EFTS MODEL CLUB TO REORGANIZE THURSDAY NITE

A reorganization meeting of the Model club will be held in the old GIS rooms at 7:30 next Thursday night, President Bob Waltham has announced. All interested in aircraft model building have been invited to attend to start enjoying the production of Cornell and Kittyhawk models.

OUR BASKETEERS PLAY AT NOOKSACK WEDNESDAY

Taking a bus-load of supporters, both male and female, along for the first time to a statio game, the 24 EFTS basketball team tangles with Nooksakk, Washington, Wednesday night there!