

Navy Show and Broadcast Openers For 24's Hangar-Size 'Town Hall'

It will be Town Hall Tonight every night next week at 24 EFTS.

A full week of gala events, including a special presentation of "Meet the Navy," the navy show which is now playing to capacity houses in Victoria at the end of a coast-to-coast tour—a radio broadcast and a big dance, will formally dedicate the great olive-green building, big as a hangar, which No. 24 EFTS knows as Town Hall.

Today crews of carpenters are busy building a special stage for the Navy Show, which is to play before the entire personnel of the station Tuesday afternoon.

Open to Public

Air Vice Marshal G. R. Howsam, air officer commanding No. 4 Training Command of which the EFTS is a part, and AVM Stephenson, air officer commanding Western Air Command, have both been invited to attend the radio broadcast of "Command Performance," to be staged in Town Hall on Thursday night.

The doors of the hall will be thrown open to the public for this night, it was decided Tuesday at a meeting of the organizing committee for the dedication event.

The broadcast will be followed by an open dance as the highlight of the dedication ceremonies. Famous band of Western Air Command will provide band music during the evening and its dance band group will play for the dance.

Entertainers picked from station personnel will be featured on the radio show, which will be transcribed for broadcast over a western network the following Monday night.

Arrangements for the broadcast were made here last weekend by Squadron Leader H. Bouts, command auxiliary services officer, and now on the station are two production men who travel throughout the
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Town Hall is a community centre for the for the school—centre unlike anything to be found on any other flying school in Canada. It contains a vast, maple-floored auditorium to be devoted to sports and recreation, palatial hostess club, to be operated by the civilian girl employees of the station, a library, a chapel, games rooms, a rifle-range, a host of offices in which all the school's recreational activities will be centred.

ABBOTSFORD AIRMEN DEFEATED 50-44 BY WEST VAN HOOPSTERS

Three black eyes and a six-point defeat at the hands of West Vancouver's Senior B basketball squad were the results earned by Abbotsford Airmen in the final tilt of its two-game play-off series on Monday night.

Score of the match, during which 14 fouls were called against FO Tommy McGill's outfit and half as many for the home team, was 50 to 44.

Abbotsford won the first game in the total points series by three tallies, last Thursday night, with a score of 43 to 40, but the equalized totals showed after the Monday game that West Van won by three points; the count of total points was 90 for West Van and 87 for No. 24 EFTS.

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Graduates 'Bear 24's Hallmark' SL Gain Asserts

TOWN HALL SEES FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY

Exclusive graduation exercises for the latest completed class at No. 24 EFTS were held Thursday afternoon in Town Hall, the station recreation centre, with only the graduates, invited guests and officials attending.

LAC I. L. Bowman of Saskatoon was honor student and received the commendation of Assistant Manager C. J. Clark who presented the honor wrist band as well at the token wings of a graduate.

Squadron Leader M. Gain, chief flying instructor, told the course, "you bear the hallmark of our school; you have passed through with flying colors. At SFTS your determination and application will govern your future, we hope to see you all with wings and commission."

Flight Lieutenant F. H. Mylrea DFC, of Victoria, headed the distinguished pass list, which also included LAC K. C. Falconer of Ingersoll, Ont., LAC J. A. Hasselfeldt of Toronto, LAC R. S. Maruk of Vancouver and LAC J. C. Neilson of Edmonton.

British Columbia graduates included LAC H. K. Astoria of Prince Rupert; LAC J. Cloutier of Vancouver, LAC E. R. Goldney of Eburne; LAC J. A. Irving of Kamloops and LAC E. Malen of Vernon.

READ MARCH WINGS, CHUM...

A four-page insert in March Wings, official RCAF newspaper, makes mighty interesting reading for any airman who wants to know what's in store for him after the war.

We thought so much of it, pal, that we even considered reproducing it in The Breeze, but 'twas much too long for our cramped space.

So drag out your long-nursed nickel, plunk it on the canteen counter and say "Gimme a copy of Wings, gal."

WHY 'TOWN HALL'?

For days we've been pestered by people asking us why the station recreation centre was labelled "Town Hall."

Remember back a few weeks when The Breeze asked for names for streets and for the as-yet-unfinished sports centre?

Well, the name "Town Hall" came in response to that appeal and it seemed to click with all who were tested with it, so we adopted it.

But now there seems to be some disaffection over the moniker; we would like to hear public opinion through LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Just drop your notes to The Breeze into the blue box in the canteen entrance (we're having it lettered, finally.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR will be a regular Breeze feature from now on, but make them constructive, lads....

THE BREEZE

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"If it doesn't blow it isn't
The Breeze."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

First Wren of Spring?

Dear Sir:

Perhaps some other nature student among the station personnel will be able to assist me. This morning I found a pair of wrens nesting under the eaves of the new control tower. Can you tell me whether this is a harbinger of an early summer, or merely of the Navy Show? Yours, etc.

NATURE LOVER

No Boiglars, Please

Meester Editor:

To what a pitch is things coming, I am asking you? Last night I am entering Town Hall and I am finding one of these traineeses wid a skleleton key, trying into the PT stores his way to break. What are you doing, I am asking him? I am wanting a basketball, he is telling me. So I am mad. For honesty I am appealing. Also I am joe for anything missing.

Your solvant, sir,

BEN

**TWISS NO/ WOI;
STEWART LEAVES**

WOII R.D. (Bob) Twiss, flying instructor and president of the Sergeants' Mess, has been made a Warrant Officer First Class, according to the latest green sheet.

Sgt. Cecil Stewart, hospital OR clerk, has been posted to Edmonton manning depot and will be replaced by a Vancouver recruiting centre corporal.

With his promotion, Twiss automatically retires as mess president, since rules forbid WOI's holding such positions. WOII George Proctor, v-president, becomes acting head until the next meeting.

**HOLY COMMUNION
8:30 AM SUNDAY**

Rev. C.W. Bryce, Protestant padre, announced today a Holy Communion service will be held Sunday morning at 8:30 in the chapel for all personnel wishing to partake of the sacrament.

**DRAW YOUR SPORTS STUFF
TODAY FOR THE WEEKEND**

If you wanna swing a badminton racket or bounce a basketball around in Town Hall over the weekend, draw 'em today from Sgt. Ben Steck. The sarge will be off tomorrow, so do it now, peeples.



INCIDENTALLY—
I FORGOT TO ASK
YOU IF YOUR STRAPS
WERE TIGHT

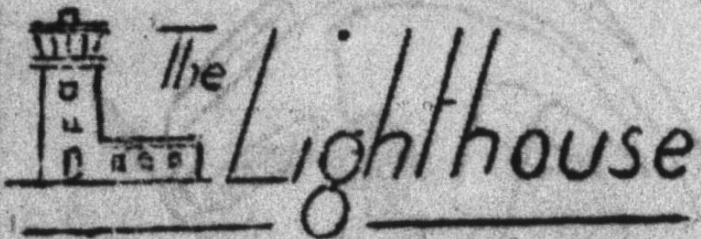
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BITS OF THE BREEZE

WHAT'S COOKING ON THE STATION

Recent tightening of border-crossing regulations for servicemen has made it tough for Yanks to go home on leave from here. Border officials require a special pink form, in triplicate -- and there are no pink forms available on this station yet. Even going over for a 48 or less you're supposed to have the appropriate form in triplicate.

LAC Monoogian and LAC Louden of the graduating class have applied for the CO's permission to marry (not each other, of course).



Maybe it's because we're coast dwellers at heart, but there's something about the new control tower that makes it the most intriguing building around No. 24 to us. -- Paint it a different color and it would look so perfectly at home on Point Atkinson or William Head, with deep waaah-oomp sounds emerging from its midriff.

Be that as it may, this piece is intended mainly to record a new step in the development of this station -- the house-moving of Jiggs Harrison and his control staff from their old perch atop No. 2 hangar to their palatial new quarters and the demolition of the old tower, which looked, anyway, altogether too much like a wart on the impressive hangar.

And now the boys don't have to lose their dignity shinning up a ladder any longer.

Injury to Chief Engineer Sambrooke's daughter in the weekend train mishap in town removed a talented artist from the coming "Command Performance" broadcast. She is a violinist of ability.

Instructors' PT period started this week. Excuse me, chum, what time is sick parade?

DEPARTMENT OF OH-SO-SORRY

Last Thursday night we felt sort of pleased with ourselves. We'd spent a hectic day designing a new, tabloid-size Breeze. Then we took a look at it in the cold light of Friday morning. You know what the inside looked like. Sort of ghastly, huh?

Well, this week we've worked longer and harder and we hope we've got the bugs out of it.

Hope you like it.

BORDERLINE STUFF

By CHRISTIE HARRIS

You borderline cases might be interested to know that there was a time when this western end of the International Boundary could be more or less classed with the Egnator -- you know, "a menagerie lion running around the earth." The settlers round about were scarcely aware of its existence. People moved back and forth over the 'line' almost as freely as the straying cattle, with the slight difference that whereas the people were not encouraged to stray, the cattle were.

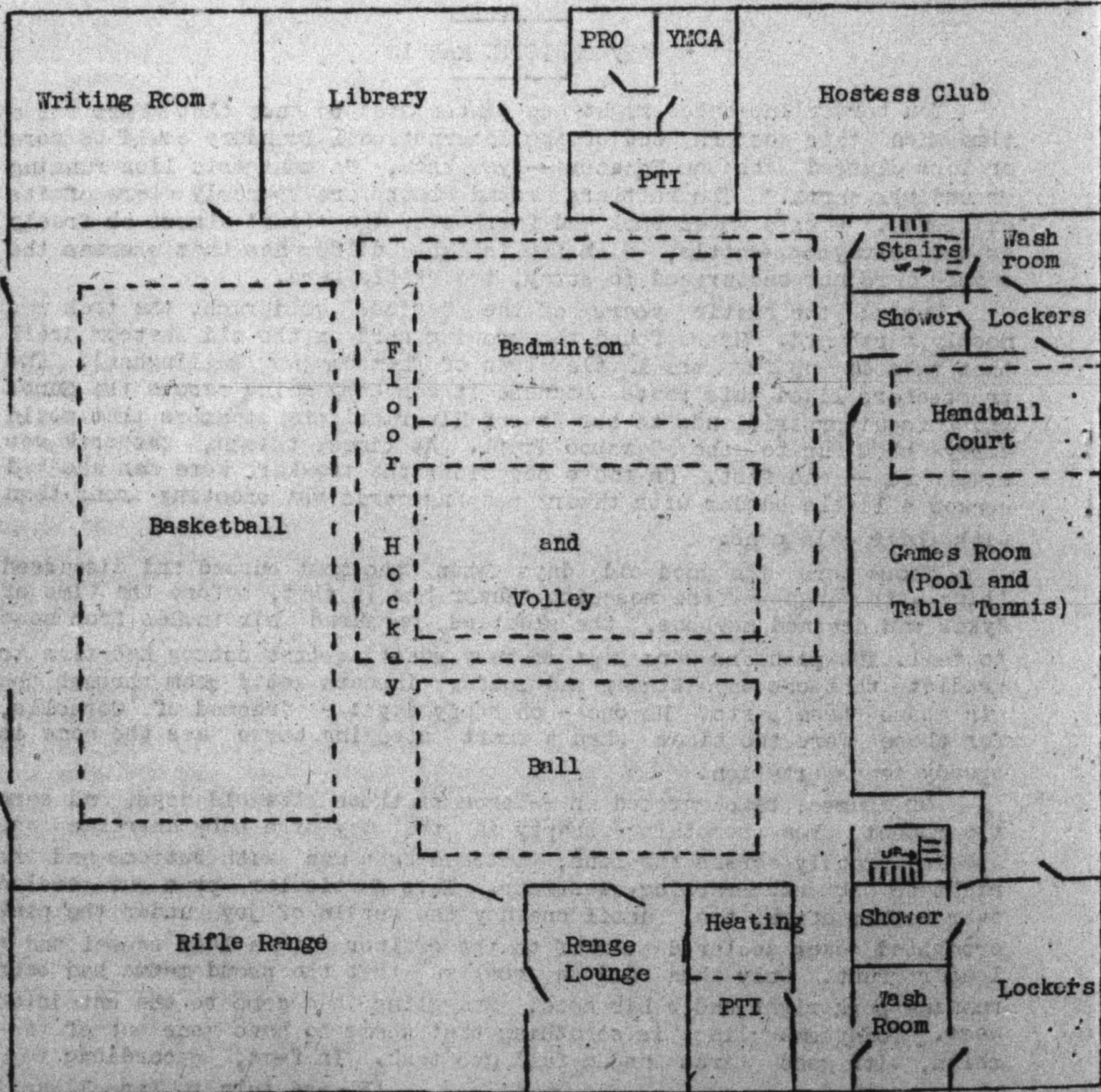
During the hectic years of the Cariboo gold rush, the trek was mostly northward. Grass found the growing hard on the old Whatcom Trail that twisted up from the little town of Whatcom (now Bellingham). The prospectors liked this route because it was easy going across the Sumas and Matsqui prairielands to the Fraser River and the steamers that would carry them up to the Cariboo Trail. At times, though, the trek was southward -- and fast. On those occasions the trekkers were men who had worked a little harder with their playing cards and shooting irons than with their gold pans.

Those were the good old days when the most cussed and discussed thing with wings was the mosquito. Rumor has it that, before the time of dykes and drained marshes, the skeeters measured six inches from nose to tail. The pioneers were kept so busy swatting that nobody had time to predict that one day bigger and louder insects would zoom through the air above these parts. No one -- oh happy days! -- dreamed of Cornells, for those were the times when a smart stepping horse was the acme in speedy transportation.

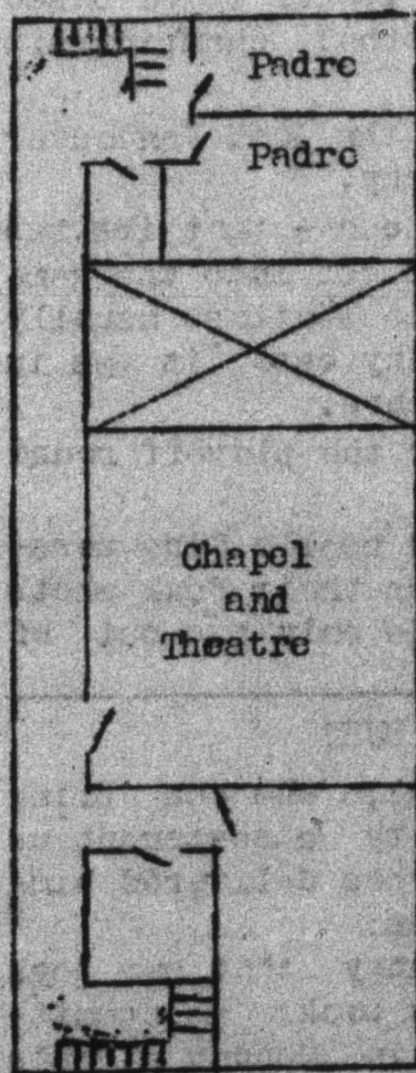
Of course, time marched on -- even in those slow old days, and came the moment when something snappy in the way of a baby carriage was wheeled proudly across the line, watched by a man with buttons and the right to ask embarrassing questions. This particular pram was wheeled over rather often, too, until one day the bundle of joy under the pink crocheted cover declared itself to the officer with a loud squeal and a louder grunt. Only then did he realize that the proud mamma had been running pork right under his nose. Smuggling had come to the untainted west. Today smuggling is something that seems to have gone out of fashion, with good tires and a full gas tank. In fact, according to

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TOWN HALL



You Can't Get Lost If You Carry The BREEZE Map



UPPER FLOOR

In response to the anguished cries of personnel who have already become lost in the labyrinthine interior of Town Hall, The Breeze presents herewith, at great expense, a Mercator projection map of that fabulous recreation centre.

No longer need you go around endlessly opening doors and never finding the right one; searching for sports stores and winding up, instead, in the ladies' powder room; seeking the rifle range and coming, instead, face-to-face with the juke box in the hostess club.

Clip this map out and carry it with you always, along with a Drift Recorder, Mark I, and a Dalton Computer -- when shall you not become lost and wander endlessly through the corridors of Town Hall; then shall your ghost not haunt these halls and make miserable the lives of succeeding generations of airmen.

Publication of this chart is in line with The Breeze's new policy of giving you double value for the money you don't spend on it.

Extra copies of this map, completely devoid of advertising material, may be obtained by tearing the stripes off a sergeant and mailing them, together with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to the Special Services Department of The Breeze, Town Hall.

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SPORTS

LOSE PLAYOFF BY 3 POINTS

By just three little points, No. 24 EFTS allowed itself to be eased out of the Senior B Lower B.C. Mainland League basketball championship this week.

It happened in Vancouver Monday night and it was the West Vancouver squad that carted off the precious (if imaginary) trophy.

If any alibi is needed, No. 24 has a pretty good one - that its two star performers, Gordon and Crnkovich, just couldn't get into the game until the start of the second quarter for what radio stations usually refer to as "circumstances beyond our control." In any case it was in that first quarter that the home team rolled up 14 points.

Game score was 50 to 44, bringing the total for the playoff round to 90 for West Van and 87 for No. 24.

It was a good hot battle, with both teams showing really fine passing and shooting. The home lads really clicked on their foul shots and potted 10 out of 14 tries, whereas the Airmen made only two out of seven.

Top scorer for No. 24 was the squad's captain, PO Keith Young, who sank five baskets for a total of 10 points. LAC Gordon was a close second with nine points and Crough and Crnkovich both turned in eight.

Two brothers rolled up more than half the West Van team's score -- G. and J. Lynn, with 19 and 16 points respectively.

Now that the station team is out of the playoffs, most of its time will be spent in playing exhibition games, many of them across the border.

COINCIDENCE, HUH?

Sgt. Ben Steck, who can bring forth as pretty a statement as the next man, has delivered himself of this one:

"It seems funny that our boys are down on the books as committing 14 fouls in Monday night's game, compared to seven for the West Van outfit, but when the final whistle blew it was noted three of our men were sporting black eyes, whereas the opposition had none. This, of course, (pretty sarcasm here) is casting no reflection on the referees."

LATE SPORTS NEWS

Course 98's basketball artists are away to an early lead in the House League in Town Hall, with two wins in two trips, it appeared today with the completion of last night's tilts. The Officers went down to defeat in Monday night's game and Course 101 were the victims in the latest fray.

Currently tied for second are the Staff NCO's, Officers and Course 99, with the wins and losses evenly divided. Course 101 and the Civvies are tied for the cellar spot, with a loss and a draw each.

Team spirit of Course 99 was tops last night, with eight players and a cheering section turning out for the game. No other outfit has shown such esprit de corps, but as the league play progresses it is hoped interest will heighten.

Scores last night: Co. 98 - 34, Co. 101 - 27; Officers - 23, Co. 99 - 17; Staff NCO's 24, Civvies 11. High scorer - Flodin (civ) 22.

International Incident

With three of its stars snatched by DAPS, No 24 basketball squad went down to Mount Baker High School this week and returned somewhat the worse for wear with a score of 46-44 against it.

The Americans chalked up their winning pair of points in the final stages of a nip-and-tuck game which saw both teams grab the lead at frequent intervals, always by a narrow margin.

Lost by posting were three of the Airmen's most consistent high scorers --- FO Lotimer and LAC's Gordon and Crnkovich.

It is hoped that more of these home-and-home engagements with US teams will be played soon.

Coming Events

MEET THE NAVY

Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.

"COMMAND PERFORMANCE" BROADCAST

Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

TOWN HALL

GRAND OPENING DANCE

Thursday, 8.30 p.m.

MOVIES

Tonight: "Street of Chance"
Burgess Meredith, Claire Trevor.

Tuesday: "Whistling in Dixie"
Red Skelton, Ann Rutherford

Friday: "Night in New Orleans"
Preston Foster, Patricia Morrison.

SPORTS

Monday: House League B'Ball

7 p.m.: 99 v Civvies

8 p.m.: 101 v Officers

9 p.m.: 102 v Staff NCO's

Wed: House League B'Ball

7 p.m.: 101 v Staff NCO's

8 p.m.: Officers v Civvies

9 p.m.: 99 v 102

CLASSIFIED



"But, I tell you, I'm not the escaped German prisoner -- I belong to No. 24 EFTS"

FOUND --

RCAF raincoat, size 42, by U.S. tourist in his car after he had given lift to airman who got off at Fry's Corner. It can be obtained by presenting written order to Canadian customs office at Douglas, B.C.

SPORT GEAR --

Badminton rackets may be borrowed at sports stores, free of charge. Shuttles can be bought, 25¢ each. Two badminton courts and a volley ball court are available on Monday and Thursday night. Men may invite lady partners on those nights. Ladies may invite men on Wednesdays.

COURSE 97 STAG PARTY FIRST SOCIAL EVENT IN TOWN HALL

A bang-up program of fun and games wound up Course 97's social activities here Wednesday night.

With flying and ground instructors attending, the class put on a show which has not an equal among previous smokers. It was a dilly.

FS Trevelyan won in the "bottle

baby" contest. Decorations included propellers, chutes and cartoons by LAC Duce. LAG Pop Mullis was master of ceremonies. Speakers included Asst. Mgr. E.J. Clark, FL L.S. Milne and others.

A "band" and a "chorus" were other highlights of a high evening. All instructors on entering signed a special P-17 flying log.

BORDERLINE STUFF (Continued from Page Five)

latest local statistics - and I quote - "As far as auto traffic is concerned, there's far more smuggling than smuggling going on these days."

What with this-that-and-the-other regulation, there's even an unlamented shortage of those women who will peep out brazenly from under a brand-new bonnet, tuck their feet discreetly out of sight, fold freshly-gloved hands on a lap covered with several unwarranted thicknesses of material, and pleasantly announce that they didn't buy a thing. Isn't it a beautiful day? -- and, oh yes, they almost forgot. They did buy something -- a 15-cent rattle for the baby. Fancy forgetting that!

Of course women haven't had a monopoly on this exhilarating business of petty smuggling. There was, for instance, the man who had nothing to declare either, though the customs officer persisted in believing that there was a new tire on the off hind wheel. In fact he was so positive that the motorist finally bent down to take a really good look and exclaimed: "Well, for Pete's sake! It is a new tire! I had a puncture in Seattle, left the car in the garage to have it fixed, and that dumb garageman must have put on a new tire without telling me. (Ah! Those were the days!)

There have, in the happy past, even been tourists quite timid about crossing the border without guns to face the primitive perils of the Last Great West. Some have had to be persuaded that the only Canadian Indians still wearing war paint are the slick-chicks and dream-gleams.

One visitor, whose sum-total of knowledge about Canada had been imparted by a pal who had once gone north from Montana to help in a prairie harvest, arrived at the border with a good supply of firewood and the firm conviction that there were no trees in the Dominion.

Some, of course, have been around.....like the one whose harangue about his globe-trotting was interrupted by the question: "Have you ever been up the Nile?" Indeed he had. And wasn't it just worth it -- such a wonderful view from the summit.....

Which brings me to your wonderful view from the airport -- and to the end of this borderline stuff.

* WAS A RODENT, ANYHOW

Currently the chief argument in the Sergeant's Mess is whether the mouse NO Charles Durand had inside his tunic the other night was two or 12 inches long.

Seems the poor critter crawled into a student's pocket and died horribly there, crushed by chute straps. NO Jorj Proctor obtained it, offered a waitress it; rebuffed, slipped it to Durand. Fun!

MORE ABOUT TOWN HALL

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Gala Debut for 'Town Hall'

command writing and directing at various air force units.

The local station committee arranging for the event is headed by YMCA Supervisor Harvey Orr, with WO Frank Martineau, public relations officer, as secretary, and Assistant Manager C. J. Clark, PO Wallie Peters and LAC Lou Snider assisting.

Other highlights of the week's program for Town Hall will include house league basketball on Monday night, moving pictures on Tuesday and a wealth of club activity as well.

When the celebration is over, No. 24 EFTS will find itself in possession of a community centre unique among the flying schools of Canada.

Here are some of the highlights of the great building which is almost 250 feet square.

- A vast sports floor of selected maple, with basketball, volleyball, floor hockey and badminton courts;

- A hostess club, to be operated by the station's 60 civilian girl employees as their contribution to the recreation program, containing an extensive dance juke box, a radio and a coffee floor, comfortable furniture, a bar;

- A small-bore rifle range;

- A games room with three

pool tables, ping-pong tables and darts boards;

- A sound-proof library with shelf space for 10,000 books, to be stocked with an initial gift of 1000 volumes from the IODE and other smaller donations;

- A sound-proof writing and resting room;

- Showers and lockers for personnel taking part in sports;

- A hand-ball court extending up two storeys in height;

- An upstairs floor given over to offices for the station chaplains and to a large auditorium which will serve for church services and for the showing of motion pictures;

- A YMCA office;

- The station newspaper's dinky little cubbyhole.

What all this means to the EFTS is explained by Hugh Barclay, chief ground instructor, who says:

"It will be a complete community centre for the entertainment of the entire station—something sadly lacking on all training stations in the past.

"It will keep the morale of the boys in training tuned up and also the morale of the civilian employees, who have to stay on the station.

"Where morale is high, efficiency will be high."

REFRESHER COURSES, POSTINGS GIVEN 24 EFTS INSTRUCTORS

Posted to Calgary Wireless School as staff pilots, FO Walter Wicks and FO Herbert Lotimer left No. 24 EFTS Tuesday after spending fully six months at the local flying school.

FO D. F. Turnbull, a navigation flight instructor here, has been sent on temporary duty to No. 2 Flying Instructors' school at Pearce, Alberta, where he will take a refresher course.

With the return here of Sgt. Mel Barwick and Sgt. Hal Lowes from a special armament course

at Lethbridge, Alberta, FS Al Edwards, who was acting as replacement instructor here in their absence, has reported back to his unit at Lethbridge.

SERGEANTS PLAN PARTY, DANCE FOR EARLY APRIL

A number of civilian personnel of sergeant status were admitted as members of the Sergeant's Mess at its session this week. An entertainment committee, headed by WO Al Puttonen and included in gWO C. F. Bänner and WO Charles Durand, was also formed to plan for a mess party and dance early in April. Reports were heard from all standing committees.

CPR TRAIN OVERTAKES GIRL AND AIRMAN ON CLAYBURN TRESTLE

Surprised by a late train while walking across a trestle about 1½ miles north of Abbotsford on the Mission-Huntingdon CPR line two young people had a narrow escape from death Saturday afternoon. They were a visiting airman, whose name cannot be released until next-of-kin are notified of his injuries, and Donna Sanbrooke, 14, daughter of the chief engineer at No. 24 EFTS.

The accident occurred at 3:45 p.m. as the branch line accommodation train was returning north about one hour late. It managed to stop, officials report, on the trestle and it is not actually known whether the young people were hit by the engine or fell off the trestle to the ground. Traincrew picked them up, placed them aboard and backed the train to Abbotsford where ambulances removed them to M-S-A hospital.

Donna sustained a fractured right wrist and the airman was not as seriously hurt as first was feared.

EFTS EMPLOYEES DONATE DAY'S PAY FOR 1944 WAR FUND

Though no figures were available today, Vancouver Air Training Co. officials reported that response to the Red Cross appeal among its civilian staff at No. 24 EFTS was "very satisfactory."

The employees' objective is \$1000 and most of the contributions to date have been of a day's pay from each employee. The drive on the station is being handled by a committee headed by Assistant Manager C. J. Clark and including all department heads.

Returns will be completed by the end of the week, it is expected. The RCAF figure, complete except for a few minor subscriptions, has been reported by FO Floyd Glass, committee chairman, at the \$475 mark.