

CHIEF OF AIR STAFF VISITS N° 24

RCAF HEAD SEES STATION AT WORK

Hoop Final Ends In Tie — "Fight To Death" Tuesday

Course 101 and Course 99 tied in the last five seconds of play in the final round of the house basketball league last night and the teams set 7.30 pm Tuesday for a "battle to the death."

The game was tied 30-30 when Watson (101) sank a free shot.

Co. 101 had defeated Co. 102 in a semi-final tilt earlier in the evening and the squad was too exhausted to go into overtime in the finals.

High scorers: Conway (99): 6 baskets, 1 foul goal; Watson (101) and Hughes (99): 5 baskets and 1 foul goal each.

PLEASE, MISTER.....

We find it hard to imagine what use anyone could invent for the acting-editor's raincoat, except perhaps as a tent for a small, one-ring circus. The acting-editor stands 6 foot 5 in his bare tootsies and the slicker is somewhat on the long side for him. However, he loves it like a brother and would be grateful if whoever lifted it from the mess hall on Wednesday would return it to The Breeze office.

Air Marshal Leckie, chief of the air staff, visited No. 24 EFTS last week with a retinue which included AVM Collard, works and buildings branch; AC Guthrie, WC Hamilton and WC Bean. Also in the party were GC Secord and WC Hollinden, representing Western Air Command.

Announcement of the visit of the chief of the air staff to the coast was not allowed until late this week for security reasons.

The official party toured the station with Manager Stewart Mc-Kercher and SL M. Gain, CFI, and the CAS spoke briefly to the flying instructors.

DFC FLIES HERE TO PRESENT 'WINGS' TO COURSE 92

SL Neil, DFC, flew to No. 24 from a Pacific Coast air station Thursday to present elementary wings to Course 92.

The night before, the course had taken over part of Town Hall for a large-scale and rollicking farewell party.

ONCE MORE — The blue box in the canteen hall is for Breeze contributions, not for mail.

THE BREEZE

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

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PO George Sturgiss

JOE BOYS: LAC Orville O'Neill,

LAC Peter Inglis

A STATEMENT OF POLICY
(OF SORTS)

One of the greatest troubles
about publishing a station news-
paper is figuring out what the
customers want.

We thought it might be an idea
to print some sort of cockey-
ed outline of the theory we work
by, and see whether you readers
agree or disagree. We'd like it
if you'd express your opinions
by way of the Letters to the Ed-
itor column, woefully empty this
week.

First of all, The Breeze feels
that it should reflect station
life -- but mostly the cockeyed
side of it. We're rather against
stories that end "The band play-
ed by kind permission of the CO,
Wing Commander Blotz," which you
are inclined to find in some of
our contemporaries.

We are also agin the who-was-
the-blondie-we-saw-the-sergeant-
out-with-last-night class of
story, which interests nobody

Letters
to the
Editor

WE REGRET THAT THERE ARE NO
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR THIS
WEEK BECAUSE NOBODY HAS GOT
AROUND TO WRITING US ONE.

The Breeze wishes to ex-
press, on behalf of No. 24
EFTS, its sincere sympathy
to Mr. Sands, editor and
publisher of the Abbotsford
Sumas and Matsqui News, in
the death of his father.

Mr Sands is a true friend
of this station: each week
he prints for us the front
page of The Breeze, often
at the cost of considerable
trouble to himself and his
staff.

except possibly the sergeant and
the blonde.

We believe that sex is a great
institution, but should not be
handled in word or in picture in
an amateur way. We'd rather
leave it in the hands of experts
like Milton Caniff and Sansone
(See Page Five).

Maybe we're all wrong about
what a service newspaper should
be like. In that case, for hea-
ven's sake write and tell us.

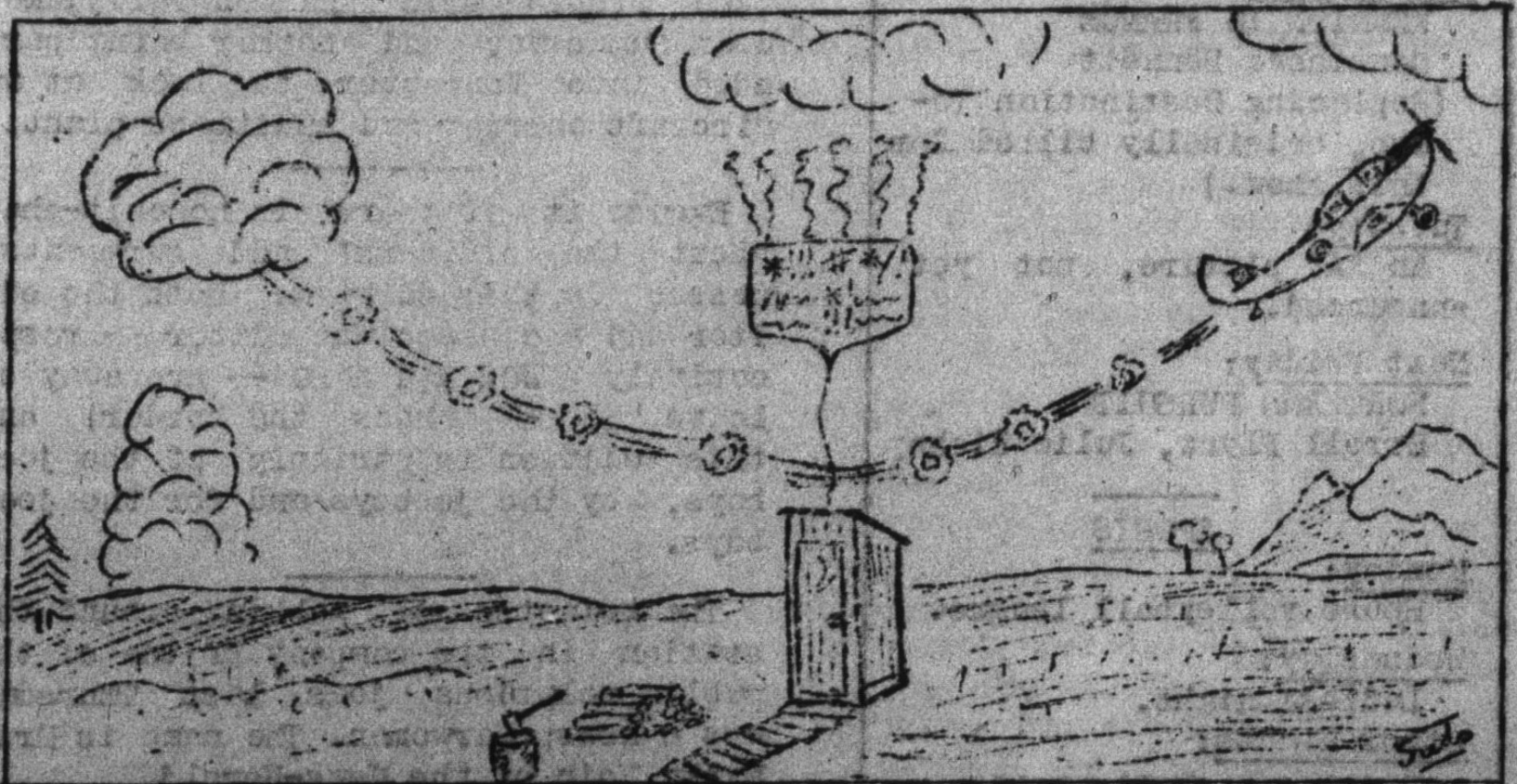
Hostess Club Due To Open In Week

No. 24's palatial new Hostess Club in Town Hall should be open some time next week.

Originally billed for a week ago, the opening has been delayed by difficulties in getting equipment -- notably a sink -- for the coffee bar which will be one of the club's main features. The equipment has been ordered and should be here within a few days. In the meantime the club, although fully furnished in every other particular, remains shut because the committee of girls operating it wants to have everything in working order for the opening, with no anticlimaxes.

The committee, which consists of Miss Evelyn Gould, Mrs. Mary Nugent, Miss Rose Finnigan and Mrs. Eleanor Rice, stresses that the club is not intended as a canteen for use by anybody who happens to be in Town Hall. It is a club, with the station's 65 girl employees as hostesses.

When it opens, No. 24's personnel will find an attractively furnished room with deep armchairs and chesterfields, proper curtains, good-looking pictures and pottery; a "coffee shop" with a cluster of small tables; a good-sized dance floor with a juke box and radio.



BITS OF THE BREEZE

WHAT'S COOKING ON THE STATION

Our sincere thanks for the speed with which the officers' mess paid off its printing bill for phoney money (mentioned in this column last week). On the night of Command Performance six bright, shiny pilot officers quietly allowed themselves to be joed as newsboys to distribute The Breeze. The CO congratulated us on our speedy service, too.

Latest No. 24 fashion note: brush haircuts, sported by the majority of the boys in Room J, Block 10, and reaching their apotheosis on the pate of LAC (Nombaire Three-Two-Hait) Tingle.

This sheet apologizes sincerely to all its Irish readers. The 17th of Ireland it was last publication day -- and never a shamrock in a whole edition. And us with a man named O'Neill on the staff and all!

Coming Events

MOVIES

This Friday:

REUNION IN FRANCE
Constance Bennett
(Replacing Destination Tokyo, originally billed for this show.)

Tuesday:

An "A" picture, not yet announced.

Next Friday:

NORTHERN PURSUIT
Erroll Flynn, Julie Bishop

SPORTS

Monday:

House volleyball league.

Wednesday:

Ladies' night.

Other nights:

Badminton, volleyball.

Quite a tourist centre No. 24 is becoming, what with one of the Useful Employment flights taking an organized fishing trip and general junket down Sumas way and another being paraded into Vancouver to look at an aircraft carrier and munitions plant.

Excuse it if there is no chit-chat about the officers' and sergeants' messes in this edition. Both the editor and the associate editor -- respectively a WO2 and a PO --- are away on leave (both across the border) and this edition is strictly of the joe-boys, by the joeboys and for the joe-boys.

The brunette gal walking around the station in the company of one of the public relations joes last Thursday was a newspaperwoman. The name is Mrs. Nicky Moir of the News-Herald.
Nice job, public relations.



It's True, Too -----

BEDTIME STORY

SCENE: Hut Ten; an upper room.

TIME: Getting on for midnight.

ACTION:

The room is dark; a couple of guys who were having an argument have just shut up; the eternal radio has at last been turned off; silence.

ENTER an unidentified pair of feet, tramping loudly.

VOICE FROM LOWER TWO (With gentle

irony) -- Pick your feet up!

VOICE FROM UPPER THREE (Less gently) -- Pick those blank feet up!

VOICE FROM LOWER FIVE -- Pick those blank blank feet up, blank you!

VOICES FROM SEVEN AND EIGHT (In Chorus) -- Pick up those blank blank feet, you blank blank son of a blank!

AT THIS POINT the feet reach the far end of the room, a hand opens a door, and the light outside silhouettes the flat hat of the orderly officer.

CURTAIN

We Ain't Promisin'... But.....

Negotiations are under way (which means that before he went on leave, Editor Frank Martineau wrote a letter) for The Breeze to obtain the use of two of the best weekly cartoons available to service newspapers -- MALE CALL, drawn by Milton Caniff of "Terry and the Pirates" fame and featuring the curvaceous Miss Lace, and Cpl. Sansone's THE WOLF.



These cartoons are distributed by Camp Newspaper Service, which is run by the U.S. Army to help along its boys' morale (and a great help it is -- you'll see.)

Both are by way of being somewhat torrid.

If this deal goes through, as you chuckle (or whistle, as the case may be) over these you can thank Editor Jerry Bricker of The



Airman (No. 3 M Depot, Edmonton) for his valuable help in fixing things.

SPORTS

Nº24 LOSES BENNY STECK, THE PTI WITH A HEART

If No. 24 EFTS has a first-rate intramural sports program, all in fine running order, it can largely thank one man -- Sgt. Benny Steck.

Ben Steck left on Tuesday night for Edmonton, grabbed by the long arm of DAPS at the end of the temporary duty which had brought him here from No. 4 ITS in the Social Credit capital.

He left to the good healthy sound of basketballs chunking into hoops, the smack of volleyballs and the ping of badminton rackets -- all noises which he had introduced to No. 24.

During his stay here he had worked tirelessly to outfit the station's gymnasium and get the equipment into use. On occasion he had offered to dip into his own pocket to provide small needed items.

He was a good friend of The Breeze. Every Thursday night around 10 he would burst into this office with beaming face and a fist full of basketball scores so the last of the mimeographed pages could be punched out ready for printing.

The Breeze was the last place he called before he left. "I hope to get back," he told us. "In the meantime I hope whoever takes over the job looks after it well, because it has great possibilities."

SGT. WEAVER TAKES OVER AS STATION'S PTI

Sgt. A.J. Weaver, No. 24's tall, slim disciplinarian, is taking over the job relinquished by Sgt. Benny Steck.

In addition to supervision of the station's sports program, his duties include administration of stiff and regular doses of PT to trainees.

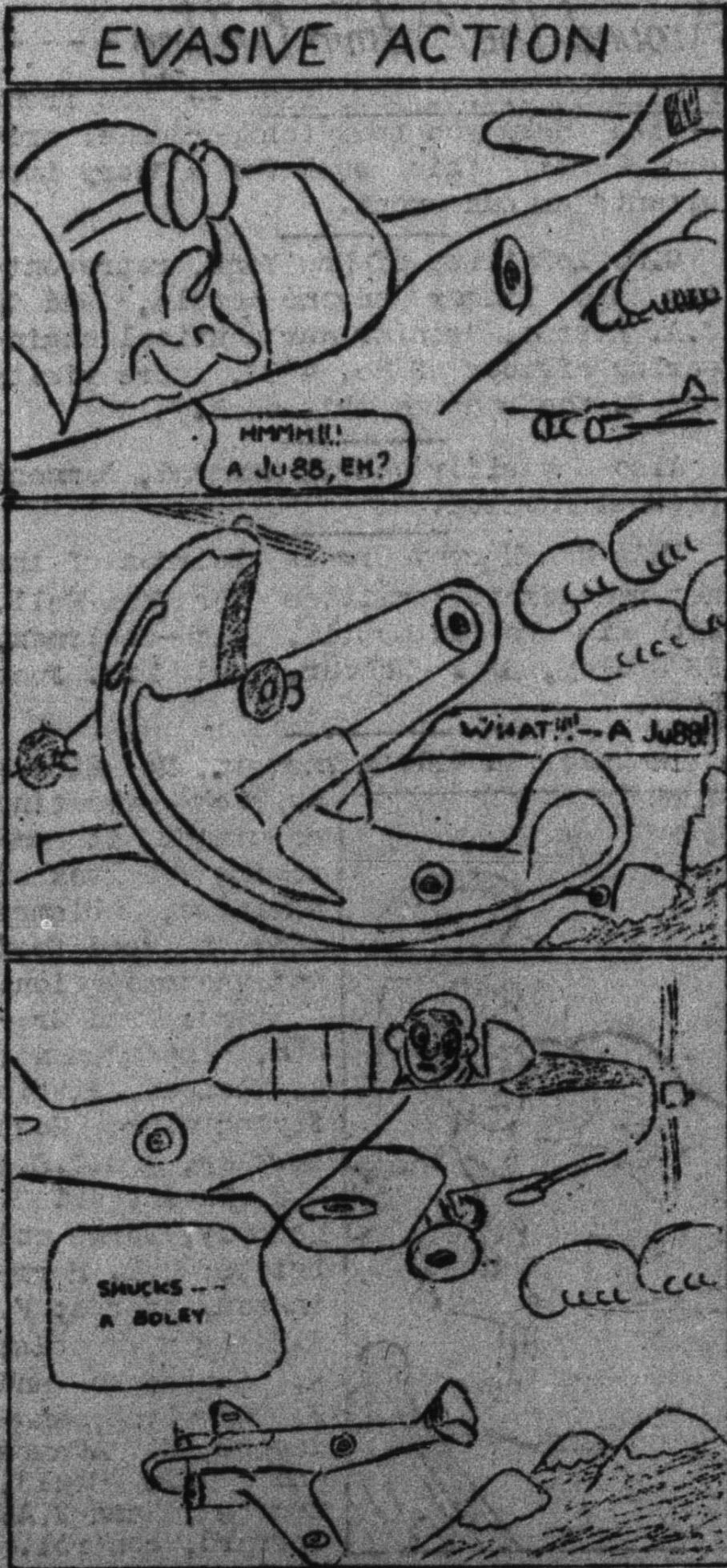
Sgt. Weaver, like all of today's discipis, is now listed officially as "PT & D."

NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT; GRADING OF FIELD BEGINS

No. 24's sports facilities took two minor but important steps forward this week:

1) A set of parallel bars took its place on the main floor of Town Hall -- first item of a new set of heavy equipment which will include barbells and weights.

2) Trucks started dumping earth and a grader started spreading it on the area north of Town Hall, presumably for a sports field.



CO, MESSING OFFICER,
SHARE BIRTHDAY

We can't find out whether the station bakery came out with a special cake last Sunday, nor, if it did, how many candles were on it - but it should have done and there should have been because the day was a double feast day.

The CO, SL Morley Gain, and the station's cherubic messing officer, Eric Adames, were celebrating a joint birthday.

"We're the same age," says Mr. Adames, with a slight glint of mischief in his starboard eye. The Breeze was unable to verify this statement. Anyway, the subject is probably a military secret.

YOU'VE GOT TO GET UP
-- OR YOU WON'T EAT

"Look," says Messing Officer Eric Adames, who is by way of being somewhat annoyed, "Tell the Unemployment boys that they may find themselves without any breakfast unless they start getting up a little earlier from now on."

Henceforth the rule will be strictly NO BREAKFASTS AFTER 8 O'CLOCK.

SPELLING HEE

Editorial note to whoever it is that writes the menus on the airmen's mess blackboard: There is no "E" on the end of potato and tomato in the singular.



"Figure I'll get on course next year, if no more NCO's come in"

Around The Admin Building - - -

NOTICE TO W.I.T. DRIVERS -- The front office asks you to watch personnel orders closely this week for a "very important" announcement.

G.M. LeBailley of New York, representing the Ranger engine people, and GC J.A. Easton, senior aeronautical engineering officer of No. 4 TC, were visitors to the station this week.

Also a visitor was SL Hammond, command provost marshal.

YMCA Man Harvey Orr is chairman of the new management committee for Town Hall. With him are Tex McGill, vice-chairman, FS Gauley, Sgt. Weaver, and Mrs. Joan Best.

In case you didn't know it, No. 24 has

a sick visiting committee; it complains of lack of business, blames this on good food and accommodation. Members: Fred Graham, management; A. MacLean, civvie flying wing; Hugh Barkley, G.I.S.; K.J. Nugent and J. McReady, works and bricks; D.L. Harrington, stores; F. J. Neilson, quarls; W. Sambrooke and J. Bertalino, engineers, E. Adames and Miss Gould, messing, and V.A. Jerrard, control.

