

## MONDAY'S THE DAY

STARTING THIS WEEK

'MALE CALL' and 'THE WOLF'

### GRADUATE OF N° 24 RECEIVES OP WINGS

FO T.H. (Tommy) Reeves, who left No. 24 with a recent graduating class, was presented with operational wings at a ceremony at No. 15 SFTS, Claresholm, Alta., a few days ago.

As a WAG, FO Reeves took part in 28 missions over Europe with No. 408 Bomber Squadron.

His home is in New Westminster.

### HOSTESS CLUB GALS HAVE IDEA

The gals who run the hostess club held themselves a final pre-opening-day meeting last night and came up with what we think is a Good Thing, to wit: a rule that the club will be open every night to anyone with props or double stripes. Admission to members of the officers' and sergeants' messes will be by invitation only, except for opening night.

Hours will be from 7 to 10.30 and the coffee bar will be open from 8 to 10.

### Everything Happens At Last (It Says Here)

(A loud fanfare, tucket or flourish, please trumpeter ..... Thank you.)

Blithely for the last two weeks we have been announcing the openings of the station's various new institutions - and each time we've found ourselves with our necks way way out.

This time, to the best of our knowledge and belief it's the real McCoy.

So once again out goes our neck and we say categorically that the girls' hostess club will open (at last) on Monday night; that the library will open (at last) on Monday afternoon. That the pool room will open (at last) on Monday evening.

(For fuller details of all this, see Page Seven.)

In fact Monday (which we hope will dawn bright and clear, the way it always does in the cornier brand of fiction) will be quite a day. It will also be the start of a week marked not only by those abominable 7.25 parades but also (See Page Six) by the inauguration of a whole new sports program.

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This is by way of a thank-you note to the U.S. war department, which operates Camp Newspaper Service, whose cartoons and material The Breeze will be using from now on.

The cartoons, drawn by some of the most competent men in the business, cost The Breeze absolutely nothing. We hope you like them, and we hope that once in a while you'll think kind things about the American army for letting No. 24 have the enjoyment of them.

Camp Newspaper Service was set up for the benefit of U.S. unit papers at home and overseas. In addition to the funnies it provides odds and ends of news from home and abroad (which unfortunately are too much of a domestic American nature for The Breeze to run) and various other features such as aircraft rec pictures (See Page Seven).



Suh:

Far be it from me to gloat and all, but I feel I have to remind you that two weeks ago I burst into print in this column asking why we couldn't have a few street lights around the camp. After watching linemen industriously rigging lights for the last couple of days, I am led to ask whether this is coincidence or an outstanding proof of the power of the press. SUDS

Sir:

I see by the papers that it is proposed to raze the old barn across from the canteen. I think many trainees will agree with me that this swaybacked old structure has a good deal of charm and attraction, especially by contrast with the rather grim angularity of the rest of the station. Wouldn't it be possible to tidy it up, possibly even to landscape around it, find some use for it and keep it as a memorial to the gentler things?

BILL

We think it's a very nice gesture of international goodwill for a Canadian service paper to be given this help. Thanks.

# BITS OF THE BREEZE

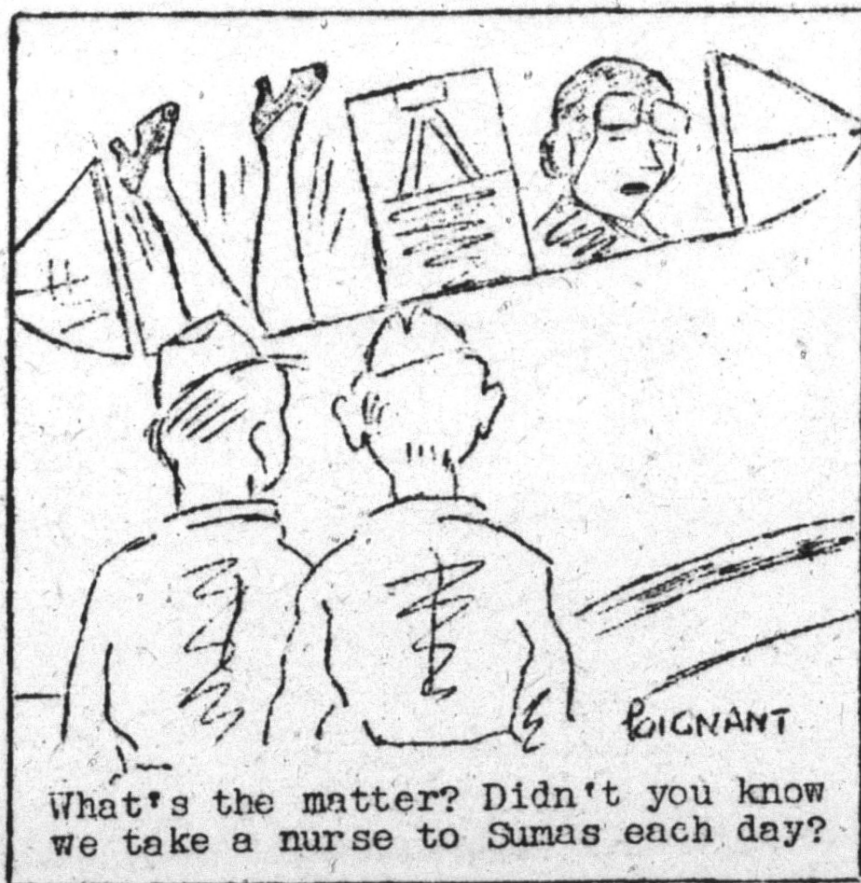
## WHAT'S COOKING ON THE STATION

A great blow on behalf of the equality of the sexes was struck by the Town Hall management committee at a quiet get-together in YMCA Man Harvey Orr's office Wednesday afternoon.

It decided that henceforth all restrictions on where girls can sit at station movie shows are cancelled.

We are asked to publicize an Easter dance to be held next Thursday at the Arenex, New Westminster, by the Pacific Veneer Social Club. (We find something mildly cynical about a title which juxtaposes veneer and social.) Admission is 35 cents.

Probably by now station rumor has exaggerated it into a ghastly catastrophe. What happened in Town Hall Wednesday night was that Kay Stubbs, tall blonde gal from the messing department, nastily sprained her ankle in a basketball game. Another blonde, Nurse Marjorie Tudge (very nice, too, in white shorts) gave first aid, called the ambulance and packed her off to hospital.



## Coming Events

### MOVIES

Tonight:

NORTHERN PURSUIT

Erroll Flynn, Julia Bishop

Tuesday:

THE LADY TAKES A CHANCE

Jean Arthur, John Wayne

Next Friday:

ADVENTURE IN IRAQ

John Loder, Ruth Ford

### SPORTS

Monday:

Basketball (See Page Six)

Wednesday:

Volleyball, floor hockey

Thursday:

Basketball, volleyball

The Wolf

by Sansone



"Hey, Blue-eyes!... th' boys tell me you're a howl!"

### Army Officer Starts Trainig At No' 24-- And Wearing Khaki

For the first time, No. 24 EFTS has a trainee wearing the uniform of an officer of the Canadian Army.

He is Lieut. A. D. Russel, newly arrived on the station after taking his initial training in the east. He transferred to the RCAF after more than a year's army service and is one of the first army officers taking advantage of a new order which permits them to retain their rank—and uniform—until they become air force officers on their graduation from service flying training school.

Lieut. Russel's wife lives at Vancouver. Before he entered the army he was a steel merchant.

# 50 Officers And Men Of No. 24 Join In Tribute To Cpl. McIntyre

### VICTIM OF PRAIRIE FLYING ACCIDENT, POPULAR MISSION MAN WAS MEMBER OF FIRST CLASS HERE

Fifty-one officers and men of No. 24 EFTS travelled to Mission on Sunday afternoon to pay homage on behalf of the school at the graveside of a member of its first graduating class—Cpl. Edward Charles McIntyre, killed in a flying accident at No. 3 SFTS, Calgary.

Cpl. McIntyre and another student pilot from Australia were instantly killed on March 21 when their planes crashed after a mid-air collision in southwest Calgary. McIntyre, 23, was due to graduate April 17.

Cpl. McIntyre was the younger son of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. McIntyre of Mission. He left No. 24 in October after learning to fly under FS E. F. Mould. He had gone overseas with the Westminster Regiment but remustered to the RCAF.

The bearer party, escort party and attending party from the Abbotsford flying school were joined at the service in the chapel of Davies' Funeral Home and later at the graveside in Hatzic cemetery by a firing party from a West Coast air station, by a detachment of 20 men under the command of Lt. A. E. Watkins, from Mission Troop of the reserve army Reconnaissance Sdn., by former fellow cadets of Mission high school and by some 300 civilian friends of the McIntyre family from all parts of the Fraser Valley.

The funeral service was read jointly by Rev. C. W. Bryce of Abbotsford and Rev. J. F. Shaw of Mission.

Three volleys were fired as the flag-draped coffin was laid in the

newly-turned earth in Hatzic cemetery, then a trumpeter from Western Air Command sent the mourning notes of the Last Post echoing across the valley.

FO H. McNab commanded the detachment from No. 24 with FO Tex McGill in charge of the escort party, and FS G. W. Gauley as funeral parade warrant officer. The firing party was under Sgt. Connelly.

The bearer party was made up of six Leading Aircraftmen from No. 24 EFTS.

In gratitude for the striking tribute, paid by the flying school to his son, Dr. McIntyre said his home in Mission would be open anytime, day or night, to any member of the unit.

FO McNab expressed appreciation after the ceremony to the airmen who took part for their co-operation and the excellent showing they made.

### Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



### Who Threw That Section Eight?



## 7 Team Local League Planned For Fastball

Two RCAF teams and on EFTS team are expected to be entered in a Fastball League being formed at a meeting in Abbotsford next Thursday. Fastball, if you are raising your eyebrows, is plain old softball.

The league will embrace, besides the station outfits, two Navy teams, a Reserve Army team and one from the town. The schedule is being drawn up to begin about May 1.

The diamond at Jubilee park in Abbotsford will be refaced and backstop and bleacher accommodation rebuilt. It is expected at present that majority of games will be played in town, but contests between the station teams will likely be staged on the diamond being prepared alongside Town Hall.

FO Tex McGill and PO George Sturgiss will represent the RCAF at the meeting Thursday, while EFTS delegates are still to be named.

# SPORTS . . . .

## COURSE 101 WINS HOOP TITLE Noses Out 99 As Playoff Goes Into Overtime

Course 101 finally carried off the House League basketball championship of No. 24 EETS on Tuesday night.

It did it the hard way, nosing out Course 99 by a score of 40 - 38 after the game had gone into overtime. The teams had already fought it out five days earlier in a battle which ended in a tie with the boys, after semi-final games earlier in the evening, too exhausted to carry on into extra time.

High Scorers: Mahood (101), 6 baskets, 1 foul shot; O'Rielly (99), six baskets; Watson (101), 2 baskets, 5 foul goals; Conway (99), 5 baskets, 1 foul goal.

## NEW SPORT PROGRAM

Under the direction of two newly-appointed sports officers -- PO Keith Young and PO Jack La Belle -- trainees, aircrew-in-waiting, officers, NCO's and civvies will start fighting it out next week for the three-sport championship of No. 24.

Three leagues have been organized -- for basketball, volleyball and floor hockey. The winning team in each will be credited with 5 points, runners up with 3 and the remaining team with 2. The section obtaining most points will become station sport champions and will be suitably rewarded (possibly with a badge of some sort).

The leagues will run for four weeks. Schedules will be published in The Breeze and in weekly flying orders.

### Next week's timetable:

#### BASKETBALL

Monday: 7 pm, Officers v Civvies; 8 pm, NCO's v 101; 9 pm, 102 v 103

Thursday: 7 pm, Officers v 101; 8 pm, 102 v UE; 9 pm, 103 v Civvies

#### VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday: 7 pm, Officers v 102; 8 pm, 103 v NCO's

Thursday: 7 pm, Officers v Civvies; 8 pm, NCO's v 101; 9 pm, 102 v 103

#### FLOOR HOCKEY

Wednesday: 7 pm, Officers v Civvies; 8 pm, NCO's v 101; 9 pm, 102 v 103

# Town Hall Full Throttle Next Week

## A.R.P. FOR STATION

In line with an Ottawa request for strengthening of air raid defenses on the Pacific coast, No 24 EFTS has named Charles Wilde, former mayor and ARP chief at Vernon and now barrack warden, its ARP head. He will select a committee and it is expected special training will be given to nurses and other station personnel.

## LIBRARY, CLUB, POOL ROOM OPEN

All the varied recreational facilities provided in Town Hall will go into operation with a bang at the start of next week.

Billed for Monday is the opening of the library, the girls' hostess club and the billiard room.

The writing room, to which tables and leather chairs have been moved from the canteen, is already in operation.

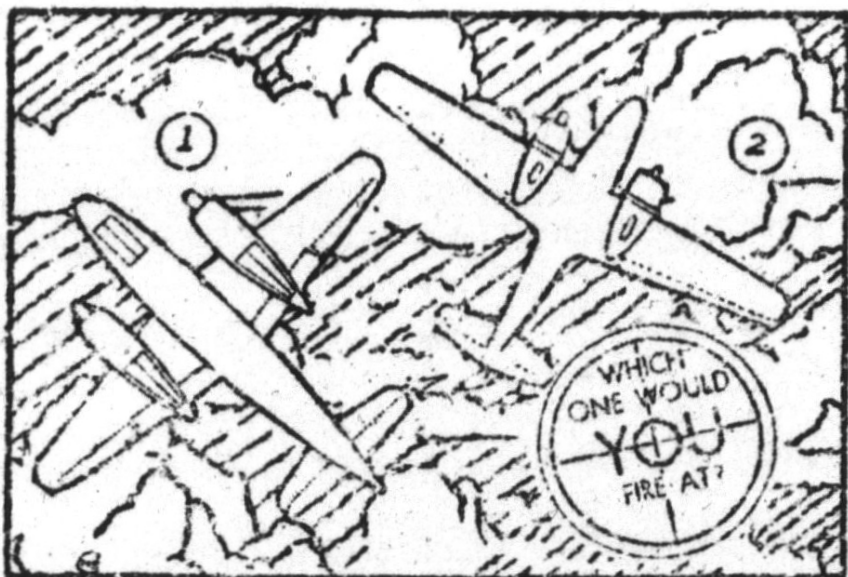
Cataloguing of books in the library will be completed by the weekend. Mrs. Best will act as librarian and hours -- at the start -- will be from 4 to 5 p.m. daily. Later it is expected that girl volunteers will go on duty each evening.

With the installation of a sink for the coffee bar, the hostess club is ready for its long-delayed opening.

Two billiard tables will definitely be ready in the lounge next to the rifle range on the east side of Town Hall and it is possible the third may also be in operation by Monday.

## DISCUSSION CLUB STARTS

Postwar rehabilitation and reconstruction plans are now being debated by a newly-formed Discussion Club, meeting Thursday nights in Town Hall.



-CNS

NOT AT NO. 1 -- It's the Marauder, high-wing, twin-engine medium bomber whose long round nose projects well forward of the nacelles, cylindrical fuselage extends past tailplane and wings are fully tapered to round tips.

FIRE AT NO. 2 -- It's "Nell", Jap medium and torpedo bomber marked by long nose, long tapered wings. Later model has gun blisters on sides.

# NEW RULES FOR REC HALL

"In the past few weeks there have been numerous and continuous violations of the rules. This, we feel certain, is due to the fact that no rules have been posted" -- a somewhat Irish statement, but that's the way the sport department prefaces a new list of regulations for Town Hall.

"We apologize for this and we are making amends"... by hereby formally posting the rules for the use of the sport floor, to wit:

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## STUDENT'S FIRST FLIGHT WINDS UP IN PRANG.

LAC K.N. Smith had his first flight this week.

It was a familiarization flight so he could find out how aircraft behaved. He found out -- plenty.

Because LAC. Smith also had his first crash.

With PO Bert Mullen at the controls, the Cornell was cruising around in the general vicinity of Aldergrove while Smith peered down getting the general lay of the land from the air.

Something went kablouie with the fuel system.

Net result: A crash landing in a stump-studded field owned by a Mrs J.K. Gledhill on Aberdeen Rd.

Damage: To Mrs Gledhill's field a broken fence; to the aircraft a broken wing; to LAC Smith and PO Mullen (fortunately) none.

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## TRAGIC FOOTNOTE

The editorial joeboy's tent-sized raincoat (See last week's Breeze) is, we report with deep sorrow, still missing. Have a heart, whoever took it!

1. All persons entering the hall will do so by the side entrances and there will be no general traffic across the main floor.
2. On show nights personnel going to movies must use east door.
3. Gym shoes ONLY will be allowed on the floor.
4. All equipment must be signed for when drawn from sport stores.
5. Personnel will leave no articles of clothing about the perimeter of the floor. Dressing and undressing are to be done in the locker rooms.
6. Tuesday night will be staff night. No student personnel will be allowed on the floor. From 6 to 8 p.m. the badminton courts will be reserved for staff girls and the basketball court from 8 to 9 p.m.

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## LOOKS AROUND -- INTO HOSPITAL

"Keep looking around!", PO George Sturgiss yelled at his student. The student did.

Today he is in the station hospital for treatment of a stiff neck and a possible dislocation of a vertebra.

But, in spite of all, he soloed.