

Make No. 24 Best Looking As Well As Finest EFTS

The guard house is to be the first of the many buildings at No. 24 EFTS to have its face lifted, as landscape artists begin a tremendous task of beautifying the grounds of the station.

Seeding, to be handled by Western Air Command, will begin at the main gate by the guard house and when the job is completed grass plots will surround all structures.

Shrubbery is to be planted as the management strives to make No. 24 EFTS not only the finest elementary training school in the Dominion but also the best looking. A landscapist is to be borrowed from the Vancouver Parks Board to assist with the project.

In line with this latter policy, all buildings will soon be sporting identifying numbers and names.

The Grounds Improvement Committee also suggests that at the completion of work on the parking lot, including the spreading of gravel, guards will be instructed to make certain all cars

TUDOR NOW IN CHARGE OF AIR FIELD IN IDAHO

Capt. Ken Tudor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tudor of Sumas City, has recently been transferred to Mountain Home, Idaho, where he is in charge of the new air field recently completed there. Since returning from the European war theatre several months ago, Capt. Tudor has been on duty at the air field at Boise and Pocatello, Idaho.

He saw action as a pilot in Africa and Italy. When visiting his parents at Sumas, Wn., last fall he was a guest of No. 24 EFTS, Abbotsford, and addressed the student pilots.

are parked in the area provided.

At the same time, signs designating the speed limit are to be erected on streets throughout the camp. An open ditch in front of the RCASC building is to be covered by an iron grating.

BREEZE EDITOR COMMISSIONED

Congratulations are in order for WO2 Frank Martineau who received his commission as he arrived back from leave at his home in Rhode Island.

PO Martineau was one of the first instructors to arrive on the station and has since that time been editor of this publication besides carrying on his instructional duties. He has had newspaper experience in several Rhode Island cities prior to joining the RCAF.

He was appointed PRO for No. 24 EFTS a short time ago.

COMPASSION NON-PLUSSES INSTRUCTOR

At one time or another every flying instructor inquires into the feelings of his pupils during violent maneuvers of one kind or another, but it took a trainee at No. 24 EFTS to upset the formula a few days ago, returning with a slightly non-plussed instructor.

It seems that the student was on a training flight prior to graduation, and, having completed a thorough cockpit check before starting into a spin, startled the testing officer with the query, "How do you feel, sir?"

LOCAL OFFICER DEVISES IMPROVED SYSTEM FOR LINK FLYING TRAINING

Striving toward better co-ordination between flying instructors, students and Link trainer instructors, FO G. A. W. Gessell, officer commanding the Link section of No. 24 EFTS, has devised a new system at the local establishment.

The new system is designed to eliminate lost hours in both flying and Link trainer instruction, to assist the student pilots in becoming better instrument fliers and to allow continual cross checking of a trainee's progress in instrument flying and in Link work.

Individual recorder sheets are now being kept for each student and at any time either the student or his instructor may check the progress the student has made in Link trainer practices during the course. A separate card, on which the flying instructor records instrument flying progress and the Link trainer instructor records the student's work in the trainer, will be kept on file for reference.

To help students awaiting work in the trainers to spend their time more profitably, a study room has been provided in the Link trainer building. Aircraft recognition charts, including more difficult views of friendly and enemy aircraft, are a prominent feature.

FO Gessell lost one man from his instructional staff recently when PO Charles House, Vancouver, was posted to No. 2 FIS, Pearce, Alberta. PO House had been stationed at Abbotsford for 16 weeks, coming here from Deseronto, Ont. For a short time he acted as officer commanding the Link section during the absence of FL Ben Knowles and before the arrival of FO Gessell. The latter was formerly stationed at Caron, Sask.

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HATS OFF TO THE GIRLS....

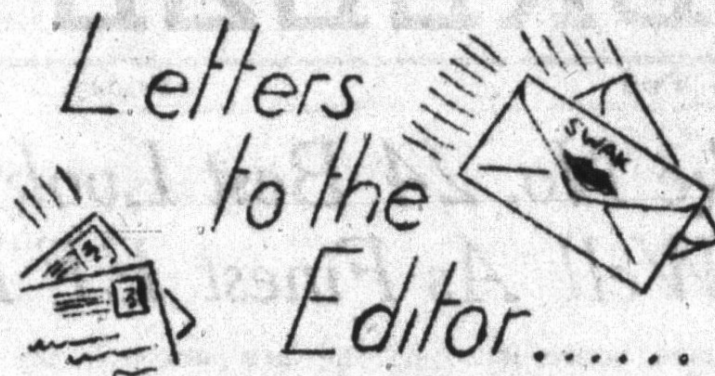
The Girls' Hostess Club opened for business in Town Hall this week -- a milestone in the station's history -- and has turned out to be a superlatively fine setup. The girls have spent a lot of time and energy to make a pleasant, home-like spot for us joes. Perhaps the best way we can thank them is to go to the club and let them know that we enjoy it.

GRASS AND STUFF....

Now that seeding of all the acres of raw earth around the station has started, the matter of "no short cuts" stops being just an annoying rule and becomes in the interests of everyone who wants to see the place looking nice.

G'BYE NO.

We go on course this weekend. It's been fun. G'bye. THE JOES



Sir:

I arrived on the station shortly after its opening and it has been a continual matter of wonderment to me that we are expected to teach students to taxi properly when they daily witness the improper procedure used by the hard-working maintenance staff when they place aircraft on the line for the day's flying.

Wouldn't it be possible to instruct the civvies in the proper taxiing practice before allowing them to place aircraft on the line? This business of moving an aircraft on to the tarmac at half throttle or better and with brakes squealing should be stopped.

AN INSTRUCTOR

Sir:

In recent weeks we have been getting eggs for breakfast, but when we were suddenly cut off this week I began to wonder why. Since I have an uncle who operates a farm near here and he is selling eggs at a price lower than formerly, I can't understand why we can't have plenty of them here. I found that a short time ago, when eggs cost nearly 50¢ a dozen we had plenty, but now that
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BITS OF THE BREEZE

WHAT'S COOKING ON THE STATION

Somebody ought to take a series of pictures of No. 24 around now, just for the record, because with the landscaping of the station getting into its stride, the place is going to look a lot different within a few months and succeeding generations will find it hard to imagine the acres of raw earth (or dust, or mud) that we know today.

In case you haven't been down around officers' quarters of late, this is to report that a man-sized victory garden is being planted to the south of them, with spuds, carrots, radishes and the like which, in due season, will appear on your plates in the various messes.

PO Gilbert Cassell, the soft-spoken new OC link section, will help PO Bert Price with the station's new program of education in current events.

Pictures of Courses 99, 101, 102 and 103 are now ready and can be obtained at the canteen.

Quite a lot of the boys seem to agree with a suggestion made in a letter to the editor last week that it would be a nice idea to preserve the old barn across from the canteen and maybe landscape around it a bit, just to keep something unrectangular and informal-looking on the station.

Our hats are off to Kay Stubbs of the messing department who, with an ankle taped up solid after a nasty sprain, still danced every dance in the hostess club on opening night -- and kept smiling.

Chaucer called April showers "sweet." Didn't know about updrafts.

Coming Events

MOVIES

This Friday:

ADVENTURE IN IRAQ

John Loder, Ruth Ford

Tuesday:

An "A" picture, not yet announced.

Next Friday:

MURDER ON THE WATERFRONT

Warren Douglas

Joan Winfield

DANCE

Abbotsford Hut, Saturday night

HOSTESS CLUB

Every night, 7 to 10.30

SPORTS

Tuesday: Staff night

Mon., Wed., Thurs.:

House league games.

HOSTESS CLUB CURES SHYNESS

Honest, the boys of No. 24 can be a shy lot.

If you don't believe that, you should have been in the Girls' Hostess club for the first couple of hours of its first open evening Monday. It was a painful affair for a while, with the girls sitting expectantly round the room and a scant half-dozen men hanging around bashfully, occasionally getting up enough courage to ask for a dance, then ducking back into the shelter of the other guys' presence. All the time, Evelyn Gould, "senior girl" for the evening, mentally chewed her nails in despair.

But once the affair got into its stride and the room began to fill up, it was a real evening, with the dance floor packed, all the chairs and chesterfields filled, and a crowd milling around the coffee bar, where Mrs J. J. Best and Miss Hilda Thomson were kept jumping to fill orders.

The Hostess Club turned out to be exactly what the station needed -- a place to relax or to have fun without formality (the rules were changed in the first half-hour to allow in men in battledress) and without any superfluous organizing of the "let's all have a good time now, boys" type.

High point of the opening night came when Hugh Barclay, the CGI, tied on a pretty beflowered orange oiled-silk apron and set to work on a sink full of dirty coffee cups.

The club will be running every night from 7 to 10.30 from now on. It's open to all airmen (except guys in sweatshirts right off the sports floor, a few of whom have already tried to crash the gate and been politely ousted). Officers and senior NCO's get in only by invitation.

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff

SCENTS-IBLE APPROACH



LIBRARY RUNNING

After a false start, the new library went into full operation this week.

Under present plans, it will be open from 4 to 5 p.m. daily, from Monday to Friday inclusive, and for about two hours in the evenings, from around 7 or 7.30.

Mrs J. I. Best is librarian and is in charge during the afternoon. The evening job will be done by volunteer workers.

NEWS PERIOD DAILY

However they make out in their studies, No. 24's trainees should be well up on the war and the rest of the world's news.

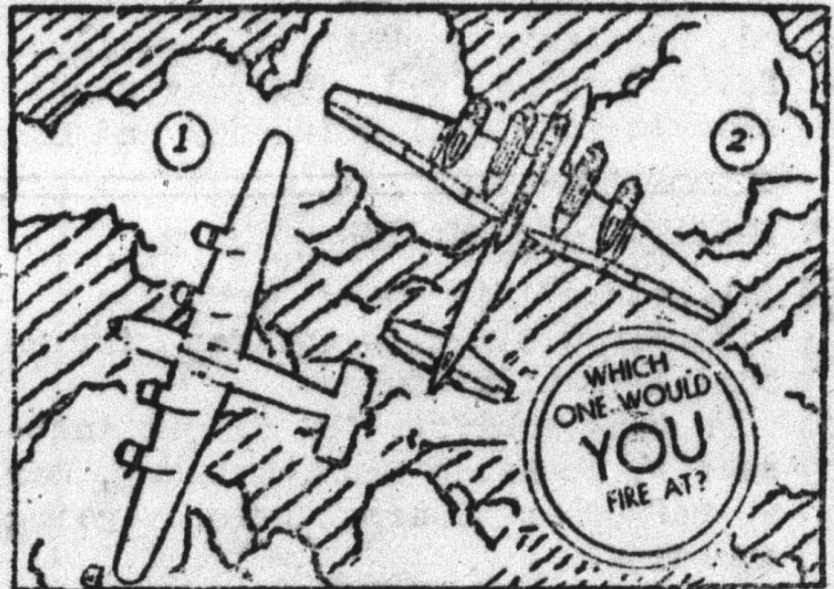
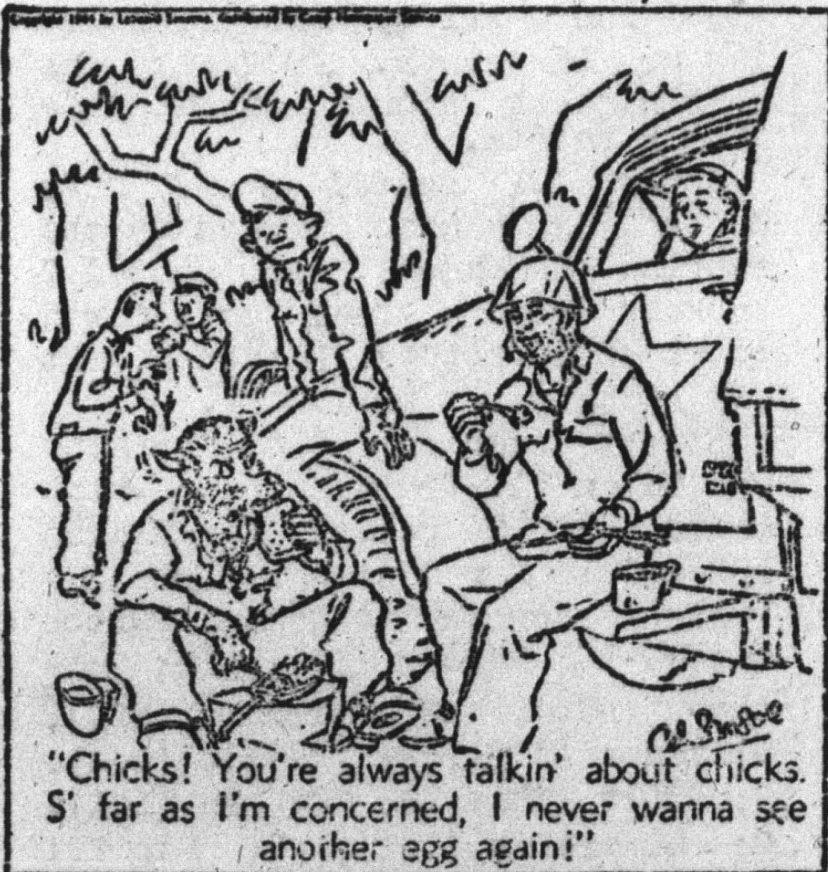
Latest addition to the course is a 15-minute period every morning at 8 when a news broadcast will be tuned in in ground school.

It is proposed to accompany the broadcast with the showing of war maps on the epidiascope used by the aircraft rec. department.

IF THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS WEEK'S CARTOONS IS NOT AS FANCY AS LAST WEEK'S, WE APOLOGIZE. O.WING TO DELAY IN THE MAIL, WE ARE FORCED TO USE STENCILS INSTEAD OF MATRICES.

THE WOLF

by Sansone



-GNS

NOT AT No. 1 -- It's the Liberator, high-wing, four-engine bomber with wings of wide span and full taper. The nose of the deep fuselage projects far ahead of the engines. The tailplane is rectangular and has twin rudders.

FIRE AT No. 2 -- It's the German Fw 200 Kurier, low-wing, four-engined heavy bomber with underslung engine nacelles and tapered tailplane and single fin and rudder.

SPORTS

OFFICERS HURL CHALLENGE

"The others might just as well give up now because the officers are going to win -- unless they get up some competitive spirit."

This aggressive quote comes from PO Keith Young, one of the station's sports officers, and concerns the three-sport house league -- for basketball, volleyball and floor hockey -- launched this week.

So far only one night's basketball -- three games -- has been played. Remaining basketball, volleyball and floor hockey tilts scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday nights were cancelled because of the stage show in Town Hall Wednesday and Easter 48's starting Thursday.

POSTINGS HIT STATION

Postings this week:

PO Floyd Glass to Trenton for an administration course.

PO Doug Stewart, 'D' Flight instructor, to No. 3 SFTS, Calgary, for a refresher course before going overseas.

PO Charles House, former temporary OC link, to No. 2 FIS, Pearce, Alberta.

NO. 24 HAS DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Visitors to No. 24 this week included AVM G.R. Howsam, AOC No. 4 TC; Austin Taylor, and Dr J.K. Sproule, directors of Vancouver Air Training; FL Eric McVeity, PRO of No. 4 TC; FL Ralph MacDonald, on leave from Pearce before going overseas (he is a former instructor here) and FL R.C. Morden, command navigation officer.

Officers (justifying PO Young's warning) highlighted the evening by trouncing Civvies 45 to 19.

PO Burton nearly tied the Civvies' score all by himself, rolling up 18 points. PO Young was next highest scorer of the game with 9 points.

Course 101 routed Staff NCO's 39 to 27 in a game marked by the scoring of Mahood, who potted 7 baskets and a foul goal for a total of 15 points. Puttonen shot six baskets for the NCO's.

Lowest scoring of the evening was in an all-trainee game which ended with 24 points for Course 102 and 16 for Course 103.

High scorers to date: Burton (Off), 18; Mahood (101), 15; Puttonen (NCO), 12; Gilcher (NCO), 9; Young (Off), 9; Kassie (102), 8; West (102), 8; Watson (101), 8; SL Miller (101), 8; Dinelli (Off), 8.

STATION OPENS COUNTRY CLUB

No. 24 has always been a bit unusual as EFTS's go, but in the last week it has acquired a distinction unique among flying schools -- that of having its own country club.

Twice a week now guys from No. 3 (Gentlemen-in-Waiting) Squadron set out in batches of 25 or so for Cultus Lake.

When the first load climbed into the bus bound for the lake they were distinctly suspicious of the whole affair. "This," they said in effect, "is just another job; sure as shootin' we'll find ourselves put to work building something, or cleaning something up." Somebody even got wide circulation for a rumor that the boys were being sent out to fix up a summer lodge for the use of officers only.

When they came back it was quite a different story.

They had, it appeared, had a whale of a time.

The quarters -- in a rough shack fitted up with air force bunks -- were fine. The food -- air force rations cooked by civilians in the pavilion at the lake -- was fine. The scenery was fine. The games were fine. The canoeing was fine. The fishing wasn't fine -- nobody caught anything much -- but it was fun. The swimming (so said a couple of the hardier souls who tried it) was cold but fine. The local girls were fine and friendly as the very devil. The discipline was fine because there wasn't any worth mentioning.

If the boys are looking around for someone to thank for all this, they might start with WO2 George Proctor, leading light of No. 24's outdoor club, who did most of the organizing of the camp, and put in a lot of time scurrying out there with truckloads of blankets and such, to make sure the country club's first members were comfortable and properly looked after in their unique quarters.

Nice stuff, huh?



Hmmm! Pterodactyl VI, 60-foot wing-span group.

UNBALLYHOODED SHOW IS WOW

A dozen players travelling under the name of Frank Scott And His Cavalcade of Laughs blew on to the station Wednesday night with no advance publicity worth mentioning and proceeded to fill Town Hall with more good honest belly-laughter than that edifice had ever heard before in its short career.

Highlights: A character called Reid Johnson doing a superb impersonation of Mae West and an even more superb impersonation of a Gypsy

Rose Lee strip-tease;

Two LAC's from No. 3 Squadron, George McIntyre and Alf Hill, cradled on the knees of two luscious babes, furiously drawing on baby bottles in competition (which McIntyre won);

A luscious babe doing the boomp-a-daisy with Cpl. R.M. Curry of Co. 103 and FL Forster.

A father-and-son gymnastic act by Frank and Norman Scott;

The Scott daughter, Ruth, in some clever sleight-of-hand;

Two dancers, with legs and stuff, called Jessie Simmons and Margaret Lamond;

Two singers, Eileen Taylor and Elsie English;

A lad named Walter Blake with a clever harmonica and ritual tales.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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the price has been cut almost in half there is a dearth of them. Can you enlighten me?

ROBERT

(Sorry, we can't - Ed.)

Sir:

Since publication of the order making short-cuts on the station out-of-bounds I have noticed that although the downtrodden airman is prohibited from using them, a number of the civilians continue to do so. Some of my friends have also noticed this. We are wondering why we must observe the rules to the letter when others do not.

A \$2.25-A-DAY JOE

Sir:

It is my opinion (and I'm not alone in this, I'm sure) that the public telephone in the canteen is placed in a rather noisy position.

If this phone had a booth round it, or if it were placed in another position.... it would be possible to carry on a conversation without a lot of "Beg pardon" and "What did you say?"

(Signature illegible)

WHOLE STATION PARADES IN HONOR OF COURSE 99

All No. 24's personnel paraded Thursday afternoon in honor of Co. 99, which received its elementary wings from FL Aikman, DFC and bar.

Sgt. S. J. Hubenig of Vancouver, whose serial number is only 4306, is the course's honor student.

On Wednesday night the graduates celebrated in the traditional way.