

3-Star Pennant In Victory Loan Sought by EFTS

With initial impetus from a \$5000 Victory Loan subscription to start it on its way, the No. 24 EFTS combined campaign for \$52,500 was nearly at the grand finale today, drive chairmen announced.

Purchaser of the \$5000 bond, bought with the proceeds of the sale of his Saskatchewan farm, was Jack Rollins of the engineering department at the school, who said he was a modest man and wanted his contribution to the "Put Victory First" appeal "soft pedalled."

Rollin's purchase set the pace Monday and the Vancouver Air Training company employees rolled on from there right over its \$27,500 target Tuesday with Secretary-Treasurer Fred Graham reporting the response showed no signs of stopping short of \$33,000, enough to win the EFTS workers a three-star industrial pennant.

He estimated, however, that the \$20,000 mark had been passed in the air force campaign to raise \$35,000 for the war coffers.

Only two of eight flights have made complete returns and several other groups still have to be solicited. On this basis, it would appear that the final report on RCAF subscriptions will show more than \$35,000 in Victory bonds.

"Although we have reached our assigned quota, we still will not be eligible for the three-star pennant until we are oversubscribed by \$5,500," Chairman Graham declared, noting that when all returns are in from departments still incomplete that the \$33,000 sum will be short of realization by \$1000 if only department

NEW CHIEF INSTRUCTOR, ARRIVES AT NO. 24 EFTS; PROMOTED FROM RANKS

Squadron Leader G. E. Kerley of Regina on Monday officially took over the duties of chief flying instructor and commanding officer of RCAF personnel at No. 24 EFTS here, replacing Squadron Leader Morley Gain, who has been posted to the Macleod, Alberta, SFTS.

Welcomed by Manager Stewart McKercher, KC, the new chief of service personnel at the school spent his first day acquainting himself with the station and his new duties. He was formerly on the staff of No. 4 Training Command in Calgary, supervising the elementary flying training program for this and other similar schools under its jurisdiction.

Up Through Ranks

SL Kerley, who enlisted in July, 1940, is a product of the Commonwealth Air Training plan having been raised through the ranks from AC2 to his present station. For two years prior to his connection with command headquarters last August, he was progressively an instructor, flight commander and squadron commander at Macleod.

Born in Regina and educated in its schools, he makes his home at 753 Montague street there with his wife and nine-months-old son, Hugh. Mrs. Kerley plans to remove her household to Abbotsford shortly.

quotas are subscribed.

He appealed to employees to bring signal honor to the school "by taking those lazy dollars out of the banks and putting them into circulation." The special pennant, if won, will fly at the station gate.

Main support in the loan came from women employees, who reported their goal oversubscribed. Those who did not buy bonds could be counted on the fingers of one hand, the chairman de-

First CFI Here



S/L MORLEY GAIN

first chief flying instructor and officer commanding RCAF personnel at No. 24 EFTS, Abbotsford Airport, who with Mrs. Gain and their two sons, left here on Tuesday for Macleod, Alberta.

clared.

"Remarkable Response"

Stores section was the first to go over the top, with the administration branch next and the aircraft maintenance crew close behind.

Credit for "the absolutely remarkable response" was given by the chairman to the "people here who realize the very real danger of inflation."

Members of the EFTS company committee include W. E. Sambrooke, J. Bertalino, Bert Biddle, John McGee, Alfred Stringer, Charles Wilde, William McCreadie, Ginger Nugent, Frank Neilson, Eric Adames, Evelyn Gould, Arch MacLean and Hugh Barclay.

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HE WON'T LIKE THIS...

Our new chief flying instructor
and RCAF commanding officer, SL
G. E. Kerley, has been here since
Monday. In the few days since
then, he has made a top-notch im-
pression on his men.

His manner is unassuming but
his capabilities are quite evi-
dently great; it will be a pleas-
ure and a privilege to serve und-
er his leadership.

Wednesday night in the Officers
Mess he met his staff, both offi-
cers and NCO's, at an informal
reception. He won't like our re-
marking on it, but right then we
all boarded his bandwagon.

LEADING THE WAY...

In what is actually the first
Victory Loan here, company people
have put the RCAF to shame; think
of it, over the \$27,500 quota in
just two days of campaigning and
still going strong.

Shake a leg, airmen.



BEERY LAMENT

Sir:

I don't like to question the
way things are run around here,
but why can't we airmen have a
wet canteen the same as the Off-
icers and Senior NCO's ?.....In
the extent of my fairly limited
knowledge, I know of no other
station, either ground or flying,
that does not have a wet canteen.

Joe Btflpsk.

Sir:

Joe is me !! My tonsils have in
the course of the past two months
become sorely parched from the
distinct lack of liquid refresh-
ment to be noted on this station.
Of course our PT instructor would
not approve, but why can't we of
the common herd have a wet can-
teen, too ? Cpl. Psmith

And more: "Why is there no wet
canteen ?"..."Why not a wet can-
teen for airmen as on all other
flying stations ?

(The national beer situation is
looking up; airmen can take some
comfort in government plans to
allow brewers to produce to the
limit. Many flying stations have
no wet canteens. - Ed.)

NEW CFI MEETS SCHOOL COUNCIL

The hand of welcome was extended to SL G.E. Kerley, New CFI here, at Wednesday's meeting of the School Council. Manager McKercher presented the new RCAF commanding officer to the group and SL Kerley voiced his appreciation for the introduction.

Business at the session included reports on the Victory Loan here, plans to create "Share-the-Ride" groups, a report on grounds and a discussion of means to build up attendance at the Town Hall Hostess Club.

A committee including Evelyn Gould, M.J. Nugent and W.E. Sambrooke is to investigate the ride-sharing possibilities and report next week. The insurance considerations will be given special attention.

Grounds improvements were noted, including the removal of the old barn and the planting of shrubs. Signs are now placed on all buildings, designating each. Lawns, which have been seeded, are now being rolled.

Lectures on the use of parachutes have been given to all members of the engineering staff, who often have to fly on aircraft tests, it was reported.

The attention area was extended east to the RCASC building, as was its original arrangement.



Coming Events

MOVIES - 8 pm, TOWN HALL

This Friday:

OLD ACQUAINTANCE

Bette Davis, Miriam Hopkins

Tuesday:

STAND BY FOR ACTION

Bob Taylor, Brian Donlevy
and Charles Laughton

Next Friday:

BLONDIE'S BLESSED EVENT

Arthur Lake, Penny Singleton

DISCUSSION CLUB

Monday at 7 pm, Admin bldg.

MODEL CLUB

Thursday at 7:30, Town Hall

HOSTESS CLUB

Every night, 7 to 10:30; all

invited Thursday at 9 for

Jellie Peters' Radio Quiz

DANCE

Abbotsford Hut, Sat. Nite

The Wolf

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Largest Planes Can Land Here In Any Weather

Publicity favorable to Abbotsford Airport has resulted both in the East and West following the suggestion made in the House of Commons by Tom Reid, MP, that a Langley field be used as an alternative flying field when Vancouver airport is fogbound. The member for New Westminster intimated that when the city air terminal on Sea Island was fogbound, Trans-Canada Air Line planes had to return to Lethbridge, Alberta. Langley Prairie, he said, was free of fog.

George Cruickshank, MP, Fraser Valley, was quick to put the House right, declaring, according to Hansard, the official record:

"The hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Reid) this afternoon rather left the impression that planes coming to Vancouver suffer on account of fog at certain points.

"I do not think he intended to convey exactly what I gathered

from his remarks. I do not want the committee to get any such idea, because the minister knows that one of the best airports in Canada is the airport at Abbotsford, 42 miles from the centre of Vancouver.

"I am not going to go into details, but I can assure the committee that that airport is big enough to handle any bomber made on the American continent.

"For the minister's benefit I may say about three weeks ago a 50-passenger transport took off across the centre of the field. It did not have to use the middle of the runway. That will give the hon. members an idea of the kind of airport that is there. I simply want to correct the impression which may have been left by the hon. member for New Westminster as to existing airports near Vancouver."

Vancouver's Reply

Answer of William Templeton, manager of Sea Island flying field, to Mr. Reid's suggestion is that Langley Prairie is "probably the foggiest place in the Fraser Valley."

"It was a mistake to build an airfield at Langley Prairie in the first place," Mr. Templeton argued. "It was constructed before

MESS FUNCTIONS HONOR SQUADRON LEADER GAIN BEFORE LEAVING SCHOOL

Short Vacation Before Taking New Posting

Bid farewell at two mess parties at No. 24 EFTS, Squadron Leader and Mrs. Morley Gain, with their sons Nelson and Cameron, left here Tuesday for a short vacation prior to SL Gain's reporting to Macleod, Alberta, service flying training school on May 1.

Chief flying instructor and commanding officer of RCAF personnel at the local school since it opened in September, the squadron leader was feted by the Officers' Mess and the Sergeants' Mess in separate parties on

the war, about 1937, but has never been used."

Mr. Templeton asserts Mr. Reid is mistaken in assuming that Trans-Canada planes fly back to Lethbridge when they can not land at Vancouver.

They go to Abbotsford, Penticton, Oliver, Patricia Bay or half a dozen other alternative fields, he reports.

Three-Time Winner



PO VICTOR HANSEN

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hansen of Matsqui, Victor Hansen graduated on Friday from Macleod, Alberta, service flying training school, and was commissioned coincident with his wings presentation. He ranked second in his class, and left Abbotsford EFTS in November as leading student in his course here. PO Hansen's wife is with him at Macleod and last week a daughter was born to the couple.

station.

Best wishes in his new position were delivered to the former CFI by Manager Stewart Mc-Kercher at the officers' affair, while WO Allan Puttonen, past president of the Sergeants' Mess, offered SL Gain the hopes of the NCO's that he continue to prosper at Macleod. SL Gain was one of the few honorary members of the Sergeants' Mess, an honor reserved for special friends of the organization.

A number of other social affairs in Abbotsford, Sumas and surrounding communities marked the departure of the school official and his family.

Male Call

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



Forecastle Armor



SPORTS

U.E. TO BUILD COMMANDO COURSE

With physical fitness playing an ever-increasing part in the training of war pilots, it has been decided to construct a commando course on this unit, SL G.E. Kerley, new chief flying instructor, told Useful Employment flights Wednesday morning.

Site of the intended course was not announced, but the CFI said the obstacle run will be set up by the UE boys when the location has been decided.

Physical training has been gaining in emphasis here during the past few weeks, with the schedule now calling for PT for all students once a day and similarly for Useful Employment flights.

It is expected that the usual obstacles — water jumps, climbing walls, hurdles and the like — will make up the course, which is planned for all personnel.

BADMINTON TOURNEY TO START TUESDAY

Because of a shortage of bats and a dearth of entries in the tournament, the badminton elimination contest will start Tuesday night in Town Hall, instead of the date previously set, PO Young said today.

Play will start at 7:30, May 2, he said, as the station's premier court artists battle it out for the championships. Racquets will be restrung before then.

Draws for the tourney will be posted on the sports notice board in Town Hall, the sports officer said, and all entrants should be on hand to play as scheduled; entries may still be made.

HOUSE LEAGUE SPORTS SUSPENDED

PO Keith Young, co-sports officer, today announced that the indoor sports leagues at Town Hall have been suspended because of the seasonal decline of interest in gym play.

With the advent of continued good weather, basketball, floor hockey and volleyball teams have been hard to organize and the schedules have not been kept.

Regular curricular sports programs are not affected by the change, but only night play.

TALK ON THE CARPETS...

Further action to preserve the playing floor of Town Hall was taken Wednesday with the installation of cocon matting runners along both sides of the gym. All spectators will be asked to use the mats instead of the floor.

LATE SPORTS NEWS

HUGHES TAKES SECOND IN BC PRO/REC MEET

LAC E.L. Hughes, student pilot of course 103 here, walked away with second place honours in the B. C. Provincial Recreation sports meet in Vancouver Wednesday night, in a clearcut win over 200 other competitors.

In the men's senior B group, the local airman - a Victoria native - competed in all-round gymnastics, including tumbling, box-horse, springboard and parallel bars, to come second. In some groups, he led the winner.

The team of which he was a member also took second. It was led by Tom Rubin, Mt. Lehman road Pro-Roc instructor.

In previous years, cups and such trophies were awarded, but wartime conditions make it necessary now to present certificates instead.

Only three weeks of practice put the trainee into shape for the competition, an annual affair.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE READY, BUT NO PLACE TO PLAY IT

A nice fancy softball (fastball, if you must) schedule has been produced by the sports department for station play, but all the fields are seeded or otherwise used, PO Keith Young complains.

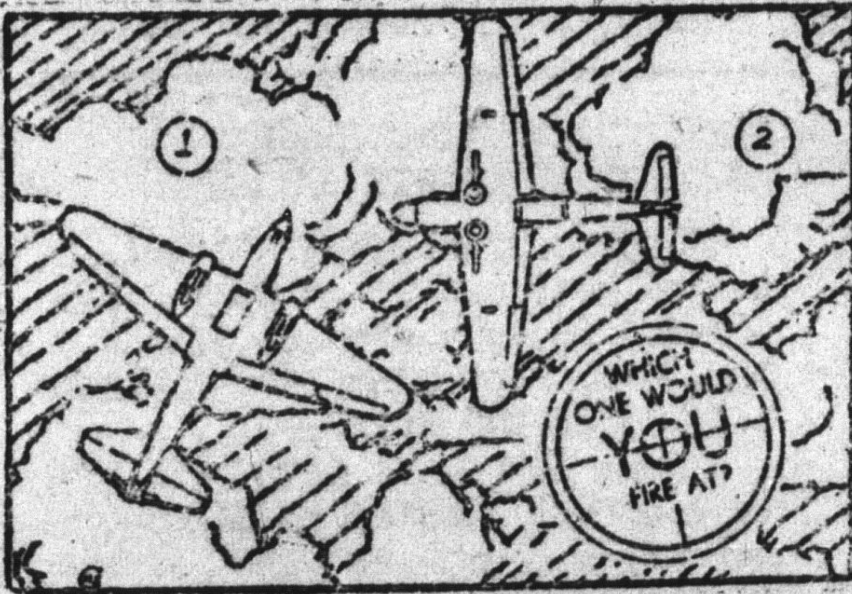
The parking lot might do as a temporary substitute for a field if it weren't so rocky, but much work would have to be done there.

DOLLAR A DIP

PO Don Morrison is a man who will always accept a challenge -- at Cultus Lake last week somebody bet him a dollar he wouldn't jump in the lake.

He won the dollar.

IF YOU HAVEN'T BOUGHT BONDS, BUY TODAY! IF YOU HAVE ALREADY, BUY MORE TO WIN THE WAR!



NOT AT No. 1--It's the Russian IL-2 "Stormovik", a low-wing, single seat fighter with in-line engine. It has a long, thin fuselage with a pointed nose. The trailing edge of the tapered wings flares into the fuselage. Tailplane is diamond shaped with rounded tips.

FIRE AT No. 2 -- It's the Jap "Tony", single seat fighter with an in-line engine. Equal taper on the leading and trailing edges of the wings to rounded tips. The leading edge of the tailplane is swept sharply back.

BITS OF THE BREEZE

WHAT'S COOKING ON THE STATION

Another "Radio Quiz" show will be staged to the enjoyment of all who care to be in the Hostess Club Thursday night at 9, PO Wallie Peters said today. The first one two weeks ago, with PO Peters as MC, delighted a small crowd, especially when three gals found themselves pouring milk down the throats of their escorts, meanwhile trying to blow up balloons. They'll be held every two weeks, according to present plans.

Monday night is the new meeting night for the Discussion Club, which this week in the Admin bldg talked over postwar aviation. The next topic- "Farms of the Future."

A special check for The Breeze in the station library the first three days of this week revealed that only 47 books were drawn on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the attendance was but 93. Hours are 3 to 5 afternoons and 6:30 to 8 evenings, except Friday, when the afternoon hours are 1 to 3. The library is closed weekends.

Our old barn, last vestige of a peaceful farm where now bustles a thriving airport, is gone, sold to the wreckers for a reported 50 simoleons.

Students of the class due to graduate next week are planning a smoker Thursday night, following their graduation parade. The affair will be held in Town Hall.

Gad, but it's hot!

CFI TO PITCH FIRST BALL AS SOFTBALL STARTS SUNDAY

The Abbotsford Town Softball League gets under way Sunday afternoon in Town with SL G.E. Kerley, CFI, pitching the first ball to an RCAF officer.

Airmen of No. 24 EFTS will try to down the Abbotsford Comets, a merchants team, as the season opens. A possibility that girls from the station will field a team to make the opener a double header fell through when weekend passes and work interfered.

Five or six teams will make up the league -- the Navy, the Abbotsford merchants, the Reserve Army, an EFTS civilian team and one or two RCAF squads, depending on the interest.

EXTRA!

FIVE OFFICERS PROMOTED

Pilot Officers Henri SAUVE, John TRUSCOTT, Evan CAMERON, Geo. SETERLAND and G. J. GOW, the latter TD here (flying control) are now FO's, they learned last nite.