

## All Savings From Operations Of EFTS Turned Back to Crown, Officials of School Here Point Out

All savings accruing from the operations of No. 8 EFTS, Sea Island; No. 18 EFTS, Boundary Bay; No. 33 EFTS, Caron, Sask.; and No. 24 EFTS, Abbotsford, have been or are being turned back to the Crown through non-interest-bearing Dominion of Canada certificates, officials of the local school pointed out today.

Sole exception to the non-profit move by the Vancouver Air Training Co. Ltd., operators of No. 24 EFTS and the Sea Island school (now closed) is the retention of \$30,000, set aside for the Aero Club of B.C., the sponsoring club.

Questions in the House of Commons recently brought from the parliamentary assistant to Hon. C. J. Power, minister for air, enlightening information concerning the Abbotsford flying centre.

### Voluntary Action

Up to January 2 of this year, the Vancouver Air Training Co. had built up \$269,343 in surplus earnings, of which 80 per cent was returnable to the Crown under the contract in force. The company, however, together with its close associate, the Boundary Bay Flying Training School Ltd., volunteered to return as well the remainder after payment of income taxes.

According to Hansard, the original government contracts with elementary schools allowed 25 per cent savings by operating companies. This was subsequently reduced, however, to 20 per cent, when it was found that remuneration was somewhat generous. The local EFTS firm has forgone even that profit.

Mentioning EFTS firms generally, the report said, "the modifications in the terms and conditions of the contract and the concessions demanded from time to time have been immediately and generously conceded by the operating companies, who have declared that they are more anxious to do a good job than to make profits.

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LT.-COL. G. J. OKULITCH

who returned Wednesday of last week from Moscow after spending a year in Russia as assistant military attache to the Canadian legation. He left the Russian capital May 6 and arrived at Edmonton less than five days later. The young high-ranking officer's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Okulitch of Abbotsford.

## Fairweather Tops Class

A Vancouver student pilot, LAC D. M. Fairweather, was honor student of the latest class to receive its token wings at No. 24 EFTS. In ceremonies before the entire RCAF personnel, the class was graduated Thursday and sped on its way to SFTS training bolstered by the knowledge that it was one of the best to have finished at the local school.

FL L. S. Milne, assistant chief flying instructor, was wing commander on the parade which honored the graduates, with Secretary-Treasurer Fred Graham of the Vancouver Air Training Co. Ltd. presenting the wings on behalf of Manager Stewart McKercher, KC.

Before a throng of specially-invited parents, relatives and friends of the finished students, the presentations were made and congratulations proffered to each of the completed class. Following the presentation, the wing marched past, with FL Milne taking the salute. LAC Fairweather stood beside the ACFI in the reviewing stand.

### Men from Six Provinces

LAC G. O. Barker of Abbotsford; LAC D. R. Baxter, LAC T. McGeachie and Cpl. H. D. Wey of Vancouver; LAC A. R. Dallimore of Victoria; LAC F. Haywood-Farmer of Savona, LAC D. R. MacKenzie and LAC G. A. Wells of Revelstoke, LAC J. R. Embleton of Courtenay and LAC J. Stewart of Kamloops were other British Columbia airmen in the class.

One American, LAC M. I. Stokoe of Los Angeles, Calif., was among the graduates, as were also student pilots from Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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PEOPLE ARE FUNNY...

As Col. Lemuel Stoopnagle says,  
"People are funnier than anybody,  
mostly." We believe him.

They get a kick out of believ-  
ing the worst, however much they  
are told the truth. Knowingly,  
they wink at you with the leer  
which says, "The whole world is  
crooked, isn't it?"

The case in point, of course, is  
the common disbelief that EFTS  
companies are non-profit. But no  
less an authority than the Minis-  
ter for Air gave forth with facts  
and figures the other day in Com-  
mons, showing unbelievers just  
what the score is. A news story  
based on this report is published  
in this issue of The Breeze.

But we suppose no amount of in-  
formation will convince some peo-  
ple; they just like being ornery.



Sir:

I would like to suggest that  
the south room of the Airmen's  
Canteen building be turned into  
a mixed canteen, where we girls  
can drop in for a coke and such  
in our sports clothes.

As it is, Hostess Club rules  
say we can't go there in sports  
gear and so we have to go back  
to barracks and change before we  
can sit and chat.

GAL

(No comment; it's up to the pow-  
ers that be. The room was recent-  
ly designated as a conference rm.  
- Ed.)

Sir:

The Sergeants' Mess recently  
held a cribbage tournament and we  
understand there is one now in  
progress in the Officers' Mess.

We would like to point out that  
we consider our winners as the  
station champions and will contin-  
ue to think so until they are  
beaten.

It would be a good idea if a  
station-wide crib tournament were  
to be held, so airmen too could  
get into it.

SERGEANT

(Interest in crib seems to be  
very high; let's hear from other  
members of the crib brigade.-Ed.)

# OH MIGHTY ANSON!

"It feels like flying a block of flats after the trim little Cornell," says LAC Pete Seabourne, ex-Breeze cartoonist, of the Anson he is now learning to fly at MacLeod, Alta. Pete is an odd character, a former English film editor, and he puts his convictions into colorful talk.

His discourse on Gentle Annie, in a letter to the Editor, was begrudgingly complimentary, however.

For Annie, as most of our pilots will tell you, is a docile gal, even though you may curse her for her head-rapping bulkheads and her fiendish uncomfortable seats, her wickedly tiny nav table and her peculiar habit of pulling her wheels up and squatting on the tarmac, props tasting dirt.

This started out to be a story about Ansons, but we refer you to any twin-trained instructor for further details: Seabourne said some other things which will be of interest to this station.

## ABOUT BUTCH

"Butch's ample presence helps to brighten our days even though he's in the course ahead of us. He seemed a trifle worried today; the reason was an abrupt letter from the liquor board informing him that another permit was out of the question as their files show that he has already had six this month," Pete says. "Of course, bribing nav instructors is a very expensive business." For the information of latecomers, Butch



is B.W.H. Merrick, DFC, DVM, one of the dam-busters and the station fun maker during his lengthy stay here as a student pilot. Seabourne's tale is no doubt exaggerated.

"The service has taught me two things, there's no place like home or a station like Abbotsford," he wistfully opines.

"Naturally the discipline here has to be strict, but we wistfully think of the Abbotsford janitors as we massage our house maid's knees after a long floor-scrubbing session."

## NO, NOT THAT!

"Perhaps if I struggle through this course I shall visit #24 again. If I come by air, I bet I shall arrive in the true Seabourne style-- in a shower of red rockets and very lights. I can almost hear the sigh of relief as I step out of the wreckage."

Seabourne first came to fame here when he cartooned FL Peter Denbigh, then his instructor, on his knees praying that Pete the Pope would get down safely. During Seabourne's career here, he illustrated The Breeze.

# BITS OF THE BREEZE

## WHAT'S COOKING ON THE STATION

Let it not be said that the Japanese influence is strong among us, but we must admit that priceless mirror structure at the guardhouse looks strangely like a pagoda. Shades of our hon. ancestors!

That Lynden dance mentioned in these columns last week has been postponed to June 2; an airmen's station dance is due same week; Officers' and NCO's respective messes will hold parties May 23.

Staff members moaned, but will do no good. Daily PT classes begin Monday.

Lineoleum is due to go down on canteen, NCO's dining room and on girls' dining room floors shortly. Canteen improvements include recent enlarging, phone booth etc.

Navy boys who trespass here in their jeep are getting their dental treatment from Capt. R. Grant, station dentist.

PO's Young, Ridley, Parker and Bradford are now FO's.

The Sergeants' Mess has stated definitely that WOI Art Bell and WOI Chuck Banner are the station cribbage champs and defies anyone to beat them. Officers take note.

**WANTED** - Home, apartment or living quarters in Abbotsford. Phone SL E.E. Kerley, CFI, No. 24 EFTS.

### CLIP JOINT

We've been meaning to tell you for two weeks now, but just ain't got around to it -- the station barber shop (Lyle Pinkerton, prop) is now doing business on the east side of Town Hall. Old and new customers will be welcomed.

Pinkie is from Ladner, but was with the Hotel Vancouver before hitching up with this school more than 3 years ago.

He's been shuffled around quite some on this station, for his initial shop was in the Sergeants' Mess. He was then moved to the Canteen and now operates in what was termed on The Breeze Town Hall map as a "janitors' room."

### MALE CALL by Milton Caniff



## Coming Events

### MOVIES

Tonight:

**TWO YANKS IN TRINIDAD**  
(Maybe)

(Ed. Note - Reminder of next week's movie schedule not available; YMCA Supervisor Orr is in station hospital.)

### HOSTESS CLUB

Every nite - 7 to 10:30; next Thursday, Wallie Peters' Quiz Show at 8:30; all are welcome.

### ABBOTSFORD HUT

Regular Dance, Saturday nite.

### MODEL CLUB

Thursday nite, Town Hall 7:30

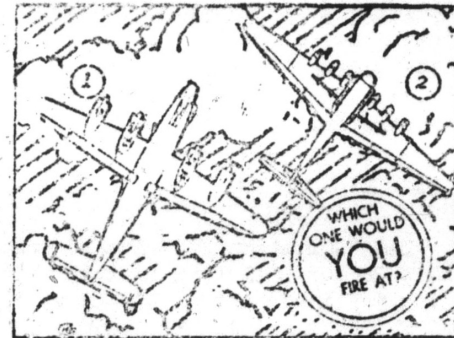
### COMING:

Airmen's dance, Town Hall, first week of June, with Dal Richards' Vancouver Hotel orchestra. Nobody above rank of corporal admitted.

### STATION COOKS COOK OF THE YEAR RCAF UNTIL TROPHY

A campaign to put No. 24 EFTS in position for the RCAF "Cock of the Walk" award as the top station of its type will get under way at once, the School Council decided Wednesday. The Minister's pennant will also be sought.

J.L. Apedaile, OBE, financial advisor to all EFTS units, and C.R. Troupe, general supervisor of all AOS under the RCAF, are to visit here next Friday.



**NOT AT NO. 1** -- It's the U.S.'s C-69 "Constellation," world's fastest transport plane. This four engined speed boy is designed for stratosphere flying. The nose of the long, rounded fuselage projects ahead of the engines.

**FIRE AT NO. 2** -- It's the German Me-323, a huge high-wing transport powered with six engines. It is a power version of the Me-321 glider.

KEEP KEEP OUR STATION CLEAN

### NICE LINES OF COMMUNICATION



# SPORTS

## EFTS Sweethearts Trounce Abbotsford

Every run chalked up by the EFTS girls in Tuesday's fastball rumpus with the Abbotsford lassies was a home run, according to the box score. Margaret Smith (canteen) clouted three, Doris Avery (MT) two, Margaret Glock (Engineers) two, Delores Swan (timekeeper) one, Isobel Long (timekeeper) one, Mary Fulton (Off. Mess) one, and Helen McGee (timekeeper) one. The game was played in Abbotsford before a throng of fans.

Bunny Glendinning (canteen) pitched, with Marg Smith behind the plate for seven innings. The remainder of the lineup: Avery - 2b; Glock - rf; Swan - lf; Long - lb; Fulton - 3b; McGee - cf, and Vivian Machan (test flight) at shortstop.

### KASSIE'S KOMETS TAKE PLAYOFFS

LAC "Gentleman Jim" Kassie and his Borden Ball team beat the living daylight out of LAC Heaven's D flight team in the Course 102 playoffs, 17 to 9. The two teams had been tied at the end of their league schedule.

All members of the winning team were presented with canteen tickets worth a dollar by the Vancouver Air Training Co., Ltd.

Heaven's Angels led at the end of the first half, 7 to 6, but no amount of effort could keep them in front when the Komets surged.

The two teams were made up entirely of members of the latest graduating class.

### BALL GAMES NEXT WEEK:

Monday - 6:30 UE (2) v A; 7:45  
UE (1) v H.

Tuesday - 6:30 E v B; 7:45 C  
v G.

Wednesday - 6:30 UE (2) v H;  
7:45 A v C.

Thursday - 6:30 E v A; 7:45  
B v G.

((Remember, first team mentioned is responsible for the ump, second for scorer.-Ed.))

### SECOND DIAMOND READY

A bigger backstop, a smoother and grassier infield are advantages claimed by PO Keith Young, sports officer, for his new field south of the first diamond.

Two league games can now be in progress simultaneously, although no announcement to that effect has yet been made.

A volleyball court is also to be erected on the sports field, on a spot near the new diamond.

## OVER 600 SERVICEMEN VISIT M-S-A "HUT" DURING PAST MONTH

Six hundred and forty-three servicemen visited the Hut or Social centre in Abbotsford during April, the executive of M-S-A Citizens' Committee was told at its regular meeting Thursday by Mrs. G. C. Grant, senior hostess.

Interest of the Junior Hostesses in suggesting and carrying out original ideas to vary the entertainment being provided was commended by various committee chairmen present. A suggestion from the girls that weiner roasts and picnics be held occasionally during the summer months was favorably received. Party evenings, initiated by the girls, were reported to be successful and will continue to be held from time to time.

A priority on additional table tennis balls has been provided and more packs of cards have been ordered, it was reported.

## ALARM SYSTEM INSTALLED AT ABBOTSFORD STATION

A complete fire alarm system, covering the entire station, is now installed at No. 24 EFTS.

Nine call boxes are ready for immediate use, strategically located throughout the grounds, with secondary emergency buttons in all hangars. A regular recorder system in the fire hall at the school punches a paper tape with the number of the box being rung. The fire siren is also hooked up to the apparatus and blows when a call is turned in.

## BRIDE-ELECT FETED

Miss Phyllis McNelly was guest of honor Monday evening when the telephone girls entertained at the home of Miss Emily McDonald. A buffet lunch was served and Miss McNelly, whose marriage to FO Wm. D. McIlveen takes place Saturday evening, was presented with a breakfast set of California pottery.

## DALY TEAM AND STUDENTS FIGHT FOR LEAGUE LEAD

Jubilee diamond will be the scene of the first decisive contest of the Abbotsford and Services fastball loop Thursday night as the RCAF Students and Daly's Comets do battle to keep intact their unbroken win streaks. Both clubs have swept through three contests.

Last Thursday the Students edged a powerful EFTS outfit, 9-8, while the Comets decisioned Mission 8-7 on Friday. Monday the Mission City men sunk the unseasoned Navy squad 22-0.

Due to a postponement of the EFTS-RCAF Staff contest, listed for Tuesday, the EFTS girls and Abbotsford lassies had a chance to meet for the first time this year and the local girls went down to an 11-4 defeat.

The rickety bleachers that for who-knows-how-many-years have seated fans for softball and other sports on Abbotsford's Jubilee grounds have gone the way of all unpainted wooden construction—they sagged and creaked, rotted and came undone—and are now to be torn down.

While entirely new bleachers or grandstand facilities are out of prospect for the time being, Commish. Chairman Shore states that the two sets of bleachers which flanked the old boxla court until it too went the same "way", will be moved to the ball diamond and set up behind the backstop—on concrete foundation. Some new construction will be made on the project, Comm. Shore declares, to give safety and added seating to the stands.

Backstop will probably be rebuilt and moved back about ten feet to allow for extra field space but the work on this is to be done by the ball players themselves. That was the agreement made with the Commission when it was approached at the outset of the season with a request for new bleachers.

When this work is completed and the outfield hay is cut, the park will have taken on a fairly complete face-lifting.

## AUSTIN C. TAYLOR HONORED BY OFFICERS OF 24 EFTS; DIRECTORS MADE MEMBERS

President Austin C. Taylor of the Vancouver Air Training Co. Ltd., was made honorary president of the Officers' Mess at No. 24 EFTS at its meeting this week. All directors of the company were made honorary members.

Officers of the staff and their guests will hold a dance in the mess next Tuesday, it was announced at the monthly session. Saturday nights will henceforth be regular open house nights.

PO Morley Sparrow was elected to succeed FO James Murphy as secretary of the mess, with Captain R. N. Grant, Canadian Dental Corps officer attached to the school, taking over from FL Carl Agar as bar officer. Meetings will now be held the second Monday of each month.

Squadron Leader G. E. Kerley, new chief flying instructor, introduced to the membership, were three newly-arrived flying instructors.

## DISCUSS REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FEATURES

Educational facilities offered by the government of returned servicemen were talked over on Monday by the No. 24 EFTS discussion club, meeting under the leadership of FO Bert Price, station educational officer.

FO Gilbert Gessell, Link OC and a former high school principal, was the speaker on the subject, outlining the proposed arrangements to deal with the rehabilitation problem. The group meets every second Monday in the station library.

## BIRTHS

SPARROW—To PO and Mrs. M. Sparrow of Abbotsford, on May 10, a daughter.

WITT—To FO Reg. and Mrs. Witt, in Vancouver, Wednesday, May 17, a son, 6 lb., 6 ounces.

## Revert to Crown

(Continued from Front Page)

### Postwar Program

"Their only desire is that upon completion of the contract, each school will be able to hand over to its sponsoring flying club sufficient funds to rehabilitate its club so that it may in the post-war period continue in advancing civil aviation in Canada.

"A special form of charter and bylaws... have been drawn up and approved... under which any club benefitting from these profits must be incorporated and which protect such profits in the hands of the flying clubs from being exploited," the report continued.

Also mentioned was a recent meeting of EFTS managers at which it was agreed to recommend that all and any profits and savings be limited to \$5000 a year.

An interesting item in the report was the fact that 38,775 pupils had graduated from elementary flying training schools up to January 2, at an average cost of \$911.55 per pupil.

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**HIS EXCELLENCY** Governor-General of Canada, visits and inspects No. 24 EFTS together with Her Royal Highness Princess Alice and others of the vice-regal party. In the top picture the Earl of Athlone shakes hands with FO B. D. Croxton, DFC, of Vancouver, as SD G. E. Kerley, RCAF commanding officer, looks on. Princess Alice is shown in the centre photograph chatting with President Austin C. Taylor of the Vancouver Air Training Co. Ltd., and F. H. Brown, financial advisor to the minister of munitions and supply. Below, the Governor-General inspects uniformed civilian workers at the school, accompanied by Chief Engineer W. E. Sambrooke and Manager Stewart McKercher, KC. Engraving is reproduced by courtesy of the A. S. & M. News, Abbotsford, and pictures are by M. J. Nugent.

## 'General Salute'

