

Newcombe and Grant Raised to Flt.-Lieutenants

Flying Officers S. A. Newcombe, adjutant, and F. A. Grant, a flight commander, have been raised to flight lieutenants, it was learned Thursday at No. 24 EFTS.

The adjutant, posted to this school to replace FL L. H. F. Bryans early in February, was formerly at the flying instructor school at Pearce, Alberta, and had worked up through the ranks. He has been in the RCAF since 1939.

FL Grant first served here as a flying instructor, then was appointed a flight commander when FL R. A. J. Burton moved up to squadron commander. He was formerly an instructor at the Windsor Mills, Que., EFTS.

Both promotions are to acting rank.

STAFF POSTINGS DELAYED; SOME MAY REMAIN HERE

Up to press time, no postings have been received for RCAF personnel of No. 24 EFTS, although they are being expected with each mail.

It is believed that a nearly complete changeover in service strength will occur, although certain personnel—whose functions will be no different under the new organization—may be retained for duty here.

Flight Sergeants Don Revie and David Ragg, veteran Link trainer instructors at the school, have been posted to the instrument flying school at Deseronto, Ont., for an advanced course of instruction. Also posted for further training is Cpl. James Coughlan, service policeman, who is to take a course at Trenton, Ont.

TWO INSTRUCTORS WEDDED IN PRETTY SUMMER RITES

PACE—SWANSON

In a quiet ceremony in Vancouver Monday, June 26, Miss Hazel Marie Swanson, of Vancouver and Cranbrook, became the bride of Flying Officer Mervin Roy Pace of Halifax and No. 24 EFTS here.

Flying Officer Robert B. Baker also of the Abbotsford flying establishment, was best man, with Miss Eva May Farley of Chilliwack as bridesmaid. The ceremony was performed by A. S. Tyrer.

Originally planned for late July the wedding was moved ahead because of the projected closing of the Abbotsford school July 14 and the imminent posting of the groom. The newly-wedded couple will make their home wherever the flying instructor is next stationed.

MOULD—RICHARDSON

The United Church in Sardis was the scene June 19 of the wedding of Miss Alice Richardson of Chilliwack, and Warrant Officer Frank Mould of Seba Beach, Alberta, and No. 24 EFTS, Abbotsford.

With Flight Sergeant Karr MacKenzie, also of the Abbotsford station, as best man and the sisters of the bride, Lois and Phyllis Richardson as bridesmaids, the bride was given in marriage by her father.

The former Miss Richardson was a teacher in the Chilliwack public school system, while WO Mould is a flying instructor at the Abbotsford EFTS.

The couple are now on a wedding trip with an itinerary including several British Columbia points. Their future plans depend on WO Mould's posting from No. 24 EFTS, expected shortly.

161 Positions For Civilian Employees Under New Setup

"About 60" civilian employees of the Vancouver Air Training Co. Ltd., operating No. 24 EFTS, are being given their notices today, it was announced. The school will cease training operations on July 14 to make way for the entrance of an operational training unit on August 28.

A total of 161 positions are open at the flying centre under the OTU setup, the announcement revealed, and all present civilian workers who care to do so may secure this employment.

The workers will be able to continue in their present line of work, with the exception of the motor transport, flight office, engineering and stores branches of the elementary flying establishment.

Except for certain messing help, all civilian employees of the OTU will have to live off the station. As EFTS workers, they were allowed to take quarters within station grounds.

Many of the jobs now being done by civilians employed by the EFTS company will be done by RCAF personnel when the operational outfit takes over. It is expected that the complement of the station under the new setup will be much greater.

Company workers interested in staying on at the airport as civil servants have been advised to contact their department heads, immediately.

MOVIES AT ABBOTSFORD

Friday and Saturday, Purple Heart; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Buffalo Bill; Thursday, Journey Into Fear, and The Mexican Spitfire's Elephant; Friday and Saturday, Cover Girl.

The Breeze Blows

You readers have come to expect The Breeze every Friday; you have badgered the editor when it appeared just a few minutes late; you have taken it for granted these many months.

But no more after next week, when Volume Two, Number 19, comes off the press!

For with that issue The Breeze blows away. No.. 24 EFTS, with which it was born, dies only a week later, on July 14.

As you have been hearing every time we blew our own horn, which was not too often, we hope, this newspaper has been an institution here.

Like most institutions, it has had its ups and downs, but it has never missed an issue, through all the near-eleven months of publication.

It has presented, on the whole, a fair and complete picture of life at No. 24 EFTS. It grew and prospered with the station and passes away with it at the ripe old age of 45 issues.

It has been work but fun to put out this weekly. Many times the urge was strong to ditch it, to let it slide, but then came the realization that a few people got some pleasure out of it, so we persevered.

And it lasted right through to the end, which amazes us as much as it must amaze some others. Now we are off to we-know-not-where; once more we vow that we'll not start another paper. But we will!

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Letters

Letters just aren't being written these days, as the station nears its end.

Last call for same is herewith made, for any received during the coming week will be published in the next (and last) issue of The Breeze. If you have something on your chest and want to unburden yourself, do it now.

Sole missive on tap this week is a barbed beef about having to serve so many "tours" of Useful Employment before becoming pilots; it can't be helped, chum...

BITS OF THE BREEZE

That fence just installed around the building area here did some strange things — it cut off the sports field so that now the football gridiron is split nicely from the baseball diamonds, it chopped the victory garden in the middle and it added an additional obstacle to the untried commando course. But we'll let the OTU worry about that...

Unreported last week in these columns was the commissioning of another WO2 — George Fraser — who also became a pilot officer. Formerly at High River EFTS, PO Fraser came here about six months ago as a flight sergeant flying instructor.

The School Council discussed differences between the wage scales of EFTS employees and civilian workers for the OTU which were over the amount on Aug. 28. Also noted was the end of compulsory savings and the effect of this move on station help. The meeting was held Wednesday morning in the administration building.

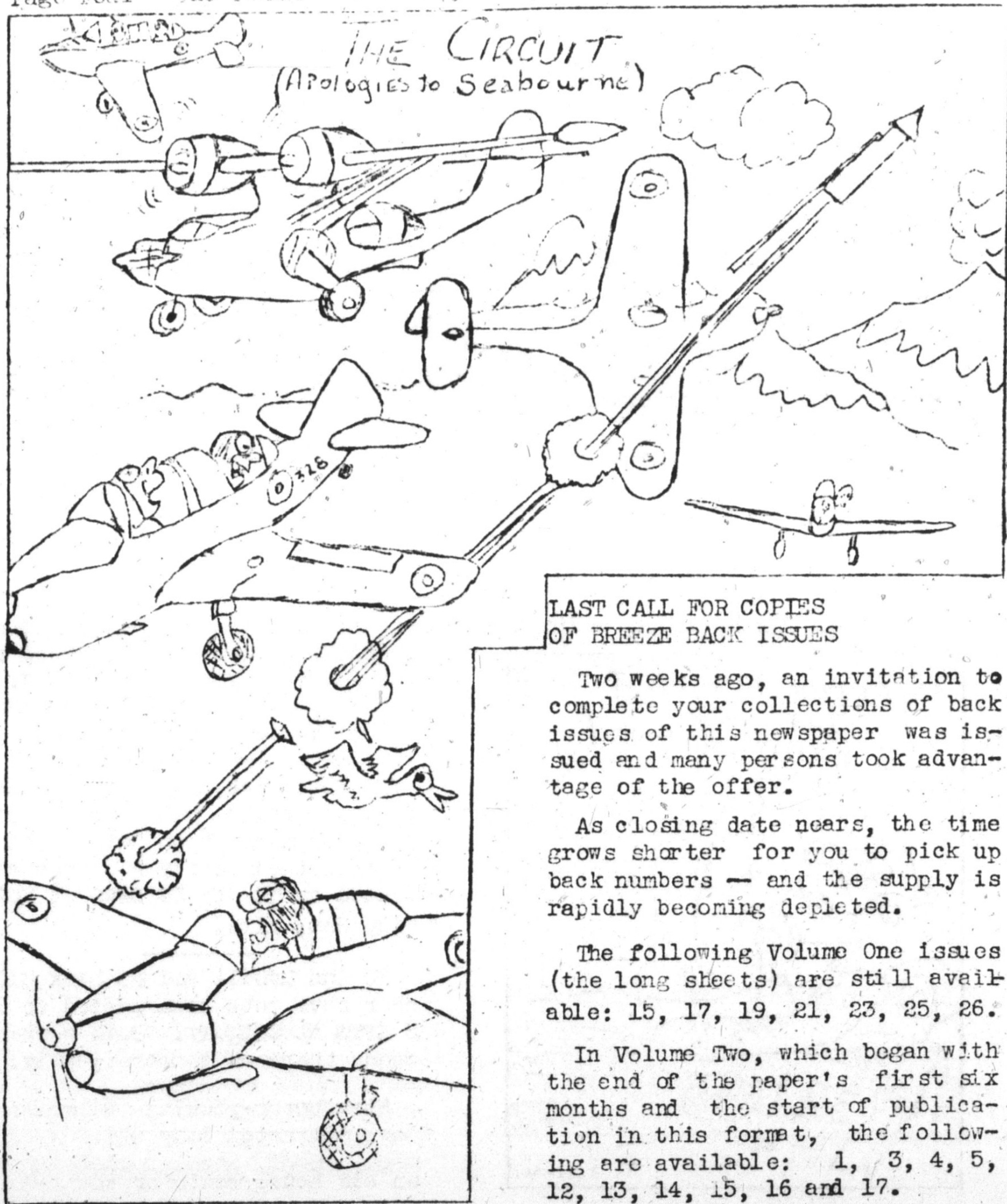
FL A.W. Vanderburgh, medical officer, attended the Vancouver Medical Association's summer school for three days last week. FL J. P. Burrell substituted for Dr. Vanderburgh during his absence.

FS Stan Sisk, physical training instructor who has for the past month or more been giving staff members their daily PT, has been posted on TD to 34 SFTS at Medicine Hat, Alta.

FO Tom McGill and PO Nick Gilcher have both been posted to No. 3 SFTS at Calgary. Both were already there on temporary duty.

Strawberry-picking pilgrimages have attracted many staffers this week. Most popular spot is an old house south of the field.





**LAST CALL FOR COPIES
OF BREEZE BACK ISSUES**

Two weeks ago, an invitation to complete your collections of back issues of this newspaper was issued and many persons took advantage of the offer.

As closing date nears, the time grows shorter for you to pick up back numbers — and the supply is rapidly becoming depleted.

The following Volume One issues (the long sheets) are still available: 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26.

In Volume Two, which began with the end of the paper's first six months and the start of publication in this format, the following are available: 1, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

ALL LOCAL FLYING
INSTRUCTORS GETTING
HARVARD CHECKOUTS

Lone Aircraft Rushed
As Closing Date Nears

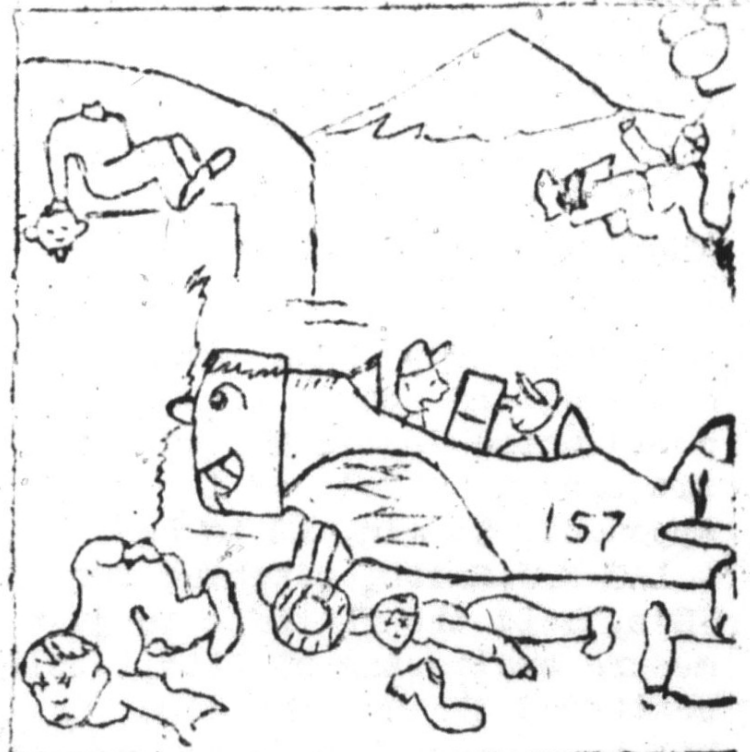
Allotted to this school for instructor practice, a single Harvard service flying trainer is being flown constantly at present in order to check out as many of the flying staff as possible before No. 24 EFTS closes July 14.

FO Ken Ringheim, posted here from the Pearce, Alta., instructor school to assist in familiarizing local flyers with the type, has flown with many pilots on the unit who have never used such a machine. FL Ralph Burton, squadron commander, is also doing similar checkouts.

Joe Bertalino, assistant chief engineer, has returned from a short course in Calgary on maintenance of the Harvard and is doing the daily inspections.

A few more instructors remain to be checked out, following which the Harvard will be used to give pilots first and second pilot time. Because of the large number of men seeking to use the aircraft, no solo will be allowed, but two instructors will be permitted to fly it together.

Test flight is being used as headquarters for the Harvard operations. Schedules are posted there and in the tineshock of No. 3 Hangar.



"See! I told you I could start this thing if I kept at it long enough!" — Poignant.

BUTCH MERRICK, VIOLET
HAY NUPTIALS TOMORROW

Miss Violet Hay, of Abbotsford, and FO Wayne T. Merrick, DFC, DEM, of Indiana, will be joined in marriage at Macleod, Alta., in a ceremony tomorrow.

FO Merrick is the renowned former student pilot here whose fame as "Butch" Merrick recalls No. 24 EFTS' short but colorful history. Butch was tail gunner for WC Gibson in his dam-busting raid over Germany and participated in many other overseas operations.

Miss Hay is teller in the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada and is a beauty contest winner. FO Merrick is currently on leave at Macleod.

SPORTS

THREE GOOD FASTBALL GAMES PLAYED HERE THIS WEEK

In a bang-up ball game Monday night on the sports field, a well coordinated Useful Employment outfit surged ahead of its Officer opponents to win, 12 to 6.

LAC K.J. Smith, pitching for the UE's, held the flathats to just a meagre smattering of hits, well-scattered through the game, while his teammates backed him up with good fielding and a powerful, six run seventh inning.

G flight twice went down to defeat - first Tuesday night when 3 Repair depots team pushed through to a 6 to 3 win.

Then C flight defeated G flight Wednesday night in another hard-fought tussle.

NEXT WEEK'S FASTBALL:

Monday: C flt. vs. 3 RD

Tuesday: Officers vs. NCO's

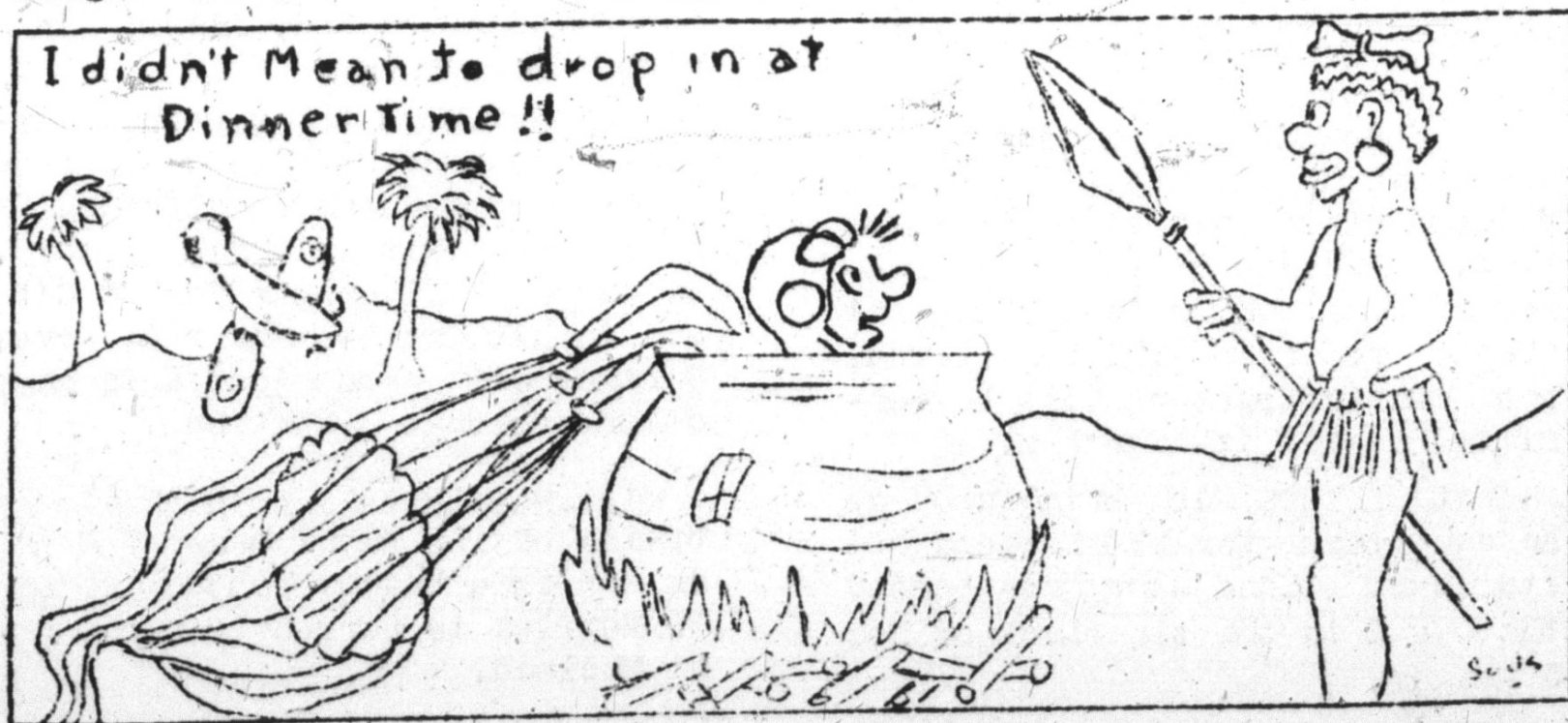
Wednesday: UE vs. Officers

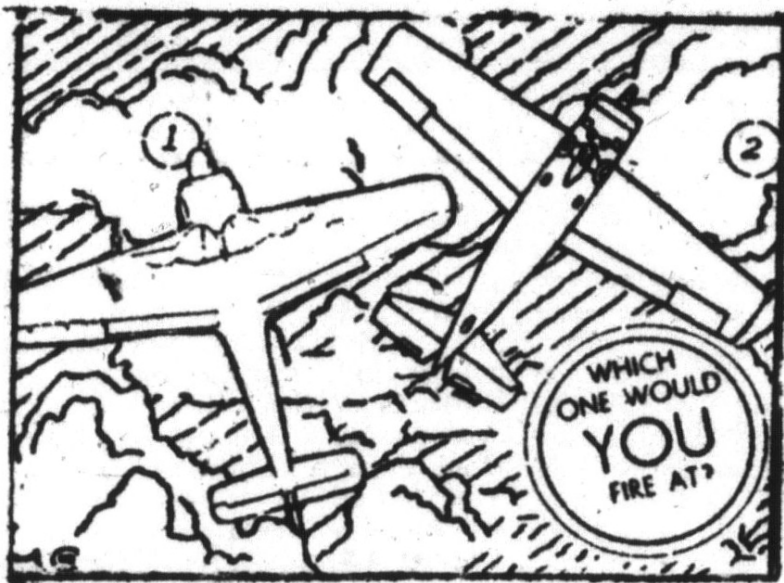
Thursday: G flt. vs. 3 RD

All games are at 6:30 p.m.

SPORTS STORES CLOSED; SEE KASSIE FOR EQUIPMENT

FO Keith Young, sports officer, today reported that sports stores now have no regular hours, since the demand for sports equipment has fallen off considerably, but that personnel seeking equipment should see LAC Kassie, UE man who is assigned to the work. Certain equipment is now being stored.





FIRE AT NO. 1 :

It's the short, blunt-nosed German singleseat fighter, Focke-Wulf 190. Reputedly the only single engine Nazi fighter with a radial. Both edges of the lowset wings taper to blunt tips and the fuselage tapers shaply aft of the wings.

NOT AT NO. 2 :

It's the US Navy's Grumman F4F "Wildcat," a short nosed, midwing single seater with a radial engine and a deep bodied, cylindrical fuselage. Both edges of the wings taper almost equally to square tips. V cutout in the elevator.

SERGEANTS TO HOLD PARTY AND DANCE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Scheduled for Wednesday evening in the Sergeants' Mess is a final party and dance — the windup to the organization's many social affairs since its start last November.

Chairman Arthur N. Bell and FS Dave Ragg are supervising.

Coming Events

MOVIES, TOWN HALL, 8 p.m.

Tonight:

THREE HEARTS FOR JULIA
Ann Sothern, Melvyn Douglas,
Lee Bowman

Tuesday:

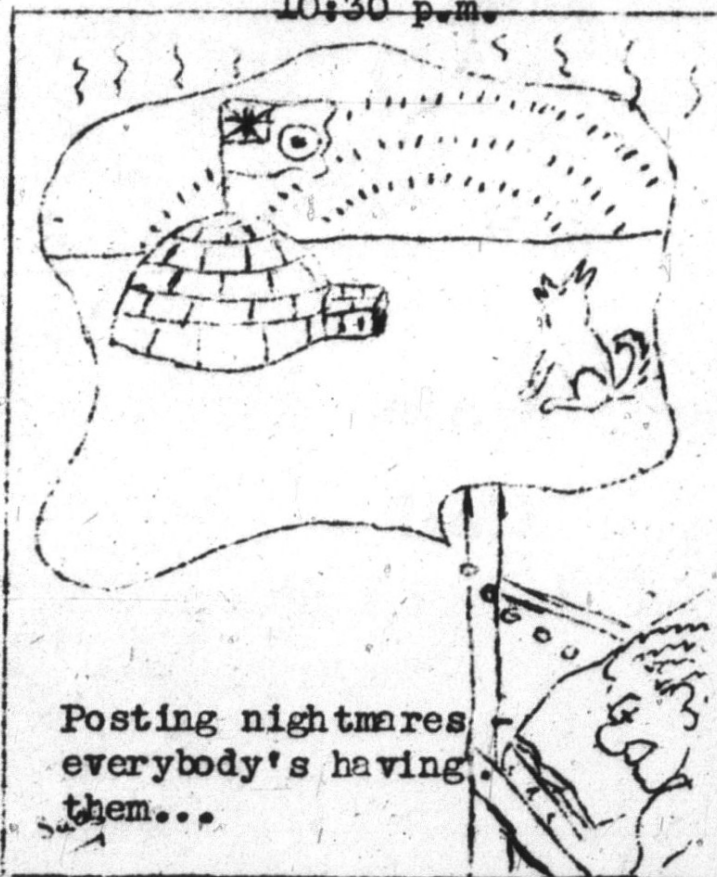
PRESENTING LILY MARS
Judy Garland, Van Heflin and
Fay Bainter

Next Friday:

BATAAN
Robert Taylor, George Murphy
Thomas Mitchell

HOSTESS CLUB

Open every nite from 7 to
10:30 p.m.



Posting nightmares
everybody's having
them...

AVM HOWSAM COMPLIMENTS EFTS'S

Speaking at an "open house" ceremony at No. 15 EFTS, Regina, on Saturday, Air Vice Marshall G. R. Howsam, MC, air officer commanding No. 4 Training Command, paid what he called "a well deserved tribute to EFTS establishments."

"The very first chapter in the history of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan," he said, "goes to the civilian flying

clubs and the elementary flying training schools. As such, the first chapter was the key to the early development of this successful plan."

"When Germany broke out in September 1939 the RCAF was able to expand very rapidly."

"When the ultimate day of victory is at hand those of our elementary flying schools will have every right to feel they have con-

tributed a very substantial share towards the winning of the war, even though they have been far from the firing line and the target. Their contribution has been a very full one indeed."

Staffs of the elementary flying schools have always displayed a high degree of efficiency, the air vice marshall stated, and their work was much appreciated by the RCAF and by all Canadians.



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