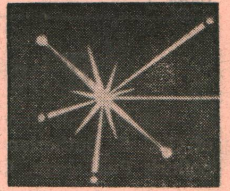




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A MERRY CHRISTMAS



CO's Christmas Message

As 1962 draws to a close and preparations for the festive season get under way I am grateful to have this opportunity to express to every member of the staff, service and civilian, my sincere appreciation for the assistance and support you have afforded me.

Although I have been here only a relatively short period of time, I have had ample opportunity to witness the wonderful spirit which prevails throughout the unit despite the shortage of housing and lack of certain amenities found elsewhere. I am well aware an esprit de corps such as this does not just happen but rather that it is the product of the skill, devotion to duty and sheer hard work of each and every one of you. For this you can be justly proud.

I believe that 1962 will prove to have been a notable year in the history of this station. The recent move of the Central Flying School to Gimli augers well for the future and I feel confident that many of the uncertainties which have beset this station in years gone by will shortly be a thing of past and that we can all look forward to the future with a sense of anticipation.

To all personnel of RCAF Station Gimli, I extend my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and the hope that the New Year will bring peace, prosperity and happiness to you all.

G. SUTHERLAND, G/C

A Christmas Story

The people living in the American colony in Jerusalem decided one year that it would be a very good and worthwhile thing if they would go out at the Christmas season and sing Christmas carols, as they had often done on Christmas Eve at home. Accordingly, a Mrs. Vester was chosen to arrange and lead this service of praise.

As she was busy with her own affairs in Jerusalem, the day before Christmas, the attention of Mrs. Vester was arrested by the sight of a weary poorly dressed and distressed man and wife. The man carried what appeared to be a soiled bundle of rags. But as Mrs. Vester neared the

couple, she noticed the bundle moved and a small plaintive cry issued. She stopped and asked where they were going. The man replied "Allah alone knows. We have no place."

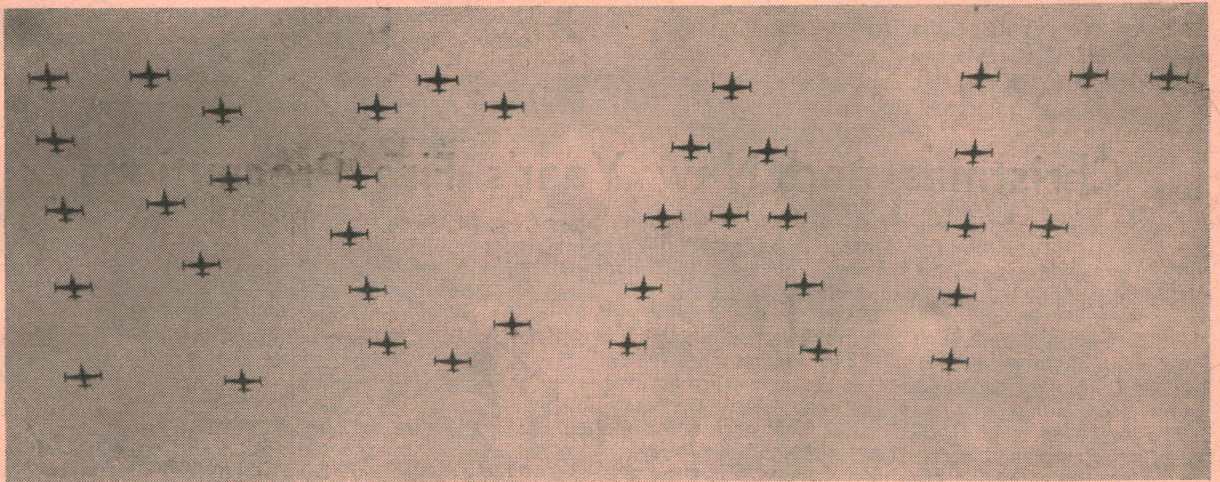
As she understood Arabic, Mrs. Vester listened to their

story. A sorry story of trouble and persecution it was. They had wandered into Jerusalem to seek shelter, but had found none. The baby was but three days old, and the mother so ill she could scarce move. The hospital was closed because of the

holiday, but Mrs. Vester found way of opening doors of healing, shelter and comfort. She sent word to the Carolers to proceed without her that night. She must forego the caroling for here was real need. Then she found stretcher bearers who bore the sick

woman to the hospital. She herself had to take on the nursing until the holiday was over, after she had cleaned and made the baby comfortable. The man and the baby were taken to a hostel, to be cared for there.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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For Safety's Sake

By Dick Clarkin

As you left the house this morning, you noticed how crisp and refreshing the air was. But, like everyone else you pulled the string tight on your parka hood; keeping the weather out as best as possible. Maybe you turned chicken (as I usually do) and took the car. Remember though that many adults and children are walking the roads, with bulky clothes and restricted vision. Those using "Shank's Pony" have a tough

time getting around. Hit the brakes and watch the car go around and around.

During this time of year we always have house fires. Read the article provided by the fire hall. You will be glad you did.

Any bets as to the number of cars that will "slide" off the town road this winter. Let's do our share this holiday season to make the estimate of the Canadian Safety Council, an **over** estimate.

News and Views

By F/O Don Whitmore

ARMY ARCTIC VEHICLES

A new type of tracked personnel and cargo carriers have been ordered by the Army for use in the Canadian Arctic. The Nodwel unit will be used for logistics support. They will also be available for search and rescue work if needed. The half million dollar contract will be filled by a Calgary firm.

CUBAN CRISIS

A two to three week delay in the exchange of troops was announced by Western Command Headquarters in Oakville. Some units had just finished goodbyes when the order for postponement arrived. It appears that the defence board wanted the Yukons available for emergency use.

A further and more far reaching effect of the Cuban alert has been the attention focused on national civil defence. E.M.O. Units all across the country went into an around the clock alert. Ham radio operators stood by to carry out emergency communications if needed.

A new interest in civil defence was shown in many centres. Those interested had the information available. Much thought was given to the problem of what to do with thousands of school children in case of an air raid warning. In Toronto and Ottawa radios were placed in schools so that instructions could be received as rapidly as possible.

It should be noted by all that if an actual alert occurred normal telephone service would be curtailed. All phone circuits would be available to emergency organizations only.

NAVY

U.S.-CANADIAN EXERCISES

Because of the added commitment in the Cuban area, the annual fall joint exercises have been called off. Our Navy however is carrying part of it on in a reduced scale.

On both coasts orders were issued for an increase in naval readiness. Ships went quickly to fueling and ammunition docks to top up their supplies. Leaves were restricted and men ordered on board ship in preparation for sailing.

SHARP SQUALL SIX

Last month the Canadian carrier Bonaventure with five destroyer escorts took part in a joint NATO exercise west of the United Kingdom. Before returning to Canada a good will visit was payed to the British port of Portsmouth.

AIR FORCE

OTTAWA — "SLEMON URGES ATTENTION TO NEW DEFENCE SYSTEMS"

— RCAF Air Marshal Roy Slemmon, deputy chief of North American Air Defence Command, says new defensive systems are needed "to put a solid roof on our house." "We need to create systems which will fill out our initial warning and de-

fence capability against the missile threat," he says, "and beyond this we need, it seems to us, the ability to detect, to identify and to intercept in space those vehicles that could be launched against us with hostile intent." "The Soviet Union has the potential for creating offensive military systems for use in space." Air Marshal Slemmon said, referring to the orbital flights which carried Andrian Nikolayev and Pavel Popovich across North America a total of 70 times, "Let me emphasize that as of today, so far as we know, there is no Soviet operational space weapons system in existence.

OTTAWA — "R.C.A.F. CELEBRATES DECADE IN EUROPE UNDER NATO"

The RCAF's No. 1 Air Division recently celebrated its 10th anniversary under the NATO flag in Europe. It was a decade ago this month that the first Sabre aircraft arrived at 2 Fighter Wing, Grosvenor, France, to mark the beginning of the buildup of Canada's air division in Europe.

WASHINGTON — "CANADA HAS-BEEN IN U.S. DEFENCE?"

— NORAD seems to be heading into a military "change of life." The change may mean a lesser role for Canada in the defence of North America. This would be especially so, according to Pentagon authorities if Canada does not accept nuclear weapons for the new RCAF interceptors or Bomarc missile for this would leave Canadian "holes" in the continental defence which the U.S. would have to fill. Most of the changes NORAD now faces relate to the space age. North America needs better equipment for early detection and identification of ICBMs and bomb-carrying satellites. It needs better detection and identification to handle the threat from Soviet missile-launching submarines lying off the U.S. and Canadian coasts. NORAD also needs defensive weapons against both ICBMs and submarine-launched missiles. The changes and the needs are being brought out into the public in dribs and drabs by on-the-record and off-the-record comments of senior U.S. Air Force officials. In public comments there has been little or no criticism of Canada's contribution to defending North America. Privately, criticism is widespread, primarily relating to Canadian hesitation to acquire defensive nuclear weapons.

Christmas and New Year's Fire Precautions

Following are extracts taken from RCAF Engineering Orders and Precautions. Tragedies caused by Christmas trees invariably involve children. It is essential that great care be taken to avoid turning the festive season into a tragic occasion.

The following points will be of assistance in this program, but again, intelligence must be used.

(a) Cut a growing tree or try to buy one that hasn't dried out from prolonged storage (when too dry, tree branches are brittle and shed needles easily).

(b) Stand the tree in water or snow, out doors, until you're ready to use it.

(c) Bring the tree indoors just before Christmas and take it out as soon afterwards as possible.

(d) The larger the tree the greater the hazard, so don't get one any larger than you need.

(e) Just before setting up the tree, saw off the trunk at an angle at least 1" above the original cut.

(f) Place the freshly cut tree trunk in water and keep the level of water above the cut in the entire time the tree is indoors (check the water level at least once a day for absorption and evaporation).

(g) Support the tree well, don't put it near sources of heat (fireplace, radiators, etc.) or where, standing or fallen, it could block the way out of the room and out of the house in case of fire.

(h) No person shall smoke, nor shall any flame producing device be placed closer than five feet to the tree.

(i) Christmas trees are relatively safe as long as they continue to absorb moisture; if the tree stops absorbing water, it shall be removed immediately when this condition is confirmed; in any event, the tree shall be re-

moved within two weeks from the time it is installed.

(j) Branches or boughs of trees shall not be used for decorating purposes.

LIGHTING THE TREE

Never use candles on or near the Christmas tree, they are extremely hazardous and dangerous. Use standard electric lighting sets bearing the label of the Underwriters Laboratories and/or Canadian Standards Association. Inspect every socket and wire to make sure it is in good condition. Discard sets with frayed wiring. A coloured spot light focused on the tree is very effective and safest of all.

Be sure circuits are not over-loaded for fires may start in the wiring.

Inspect the tree from time to time. If needles near lights start to turn brown, change the position of the lights. Provide a switch at some distance from the tree for turn-

ing lights off and on. Make certain that all lighting is turned off before retiring or leaving the premises.

DECORATIONS

Purchase and use flame-proof materials only. Flame-proof decorations are labeled as flame-proof.

RUBBISH

All gift wrapping, waste paper, should be taken outside and placed in a covered metal container as soon as possible.

IN CASE OF FIRE

At home

Get everybody out of the house immediately and notify Fire Hall by actuating the nearest fire alarm box. Remain or have some one to remain at fire alarm box to direct Fire fighters to the scene.

Your Fire Section takes this opportunity to wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a Fire Safe and Happy New Year.

How "Silent Night" Was Born

By F. A. Beyhmer

The night was still and the stars were bright over the high Austrian Alps. It was such a night as might have been when the shepherds watched their flocks and saw the star in the east. On that night in the Alps "Silent Night" was born to celebrate the birth of the Babe in a manger at Bethlehem and, with an immortality of its own, to be sung around the world at Christmas time.

Here is the story of "Silent Night," as it was born in the Alps nearly 145 years ago — as told by the great-grandson of the man who gave it birth. That great-grandson, Otis Gruber, tells it as it has come down through the generations from that Franz Xaver Gruber who in turn was immortalized by the carol that he composed. His telling of it is as a gift to Christendom at the near approach of Christmastide, as the song itself was a gift when it was new, renewed year by year and never growing old.

This Franz Gruber, as Otis Gruber tells, was the son of a linen weaver in the village of Obendorf, hard by Salzburg. The father wanted his son to be a linen weaver, too, for it was according to the customs that a boy follow in the footsteps of his father. Franz, though, had music in his soul and it was a musician that he would be. But that was foolish, Papa Gruber said, and Franz was ordered to stay with the weaving.

There was an old musician, organist at the Church of Saint Nikolas, who understood and saw in the boy a talent that should not be wasted on weaving. Unknown to his parents, the lad went stealthily to the church and was taught to play the organ.

There came a day when the organist was ill and it seem-

ed that there was nobody to take his place at the organ. Nobody? But there was young Franz Gruber. He was just sixteen but he could play almost as well as his teacher. So Franz was told that he would take his teacher's place on Sunday morning.

The boy was frightened. He doubted that he was able to do this thing. And then his parents would be there at church. They would discover how he had been deceiving them. His father might be very angry. His misgivings, however, were overcome. It was his duty, the old organist said. Franz thought of this and gave his promise. It was the least that he could do to repay his teacher.

So on Sunday morning, though his face was turned away, there was something strangely familiar to the linen weaver and his wife about the slight figure sitting at the organ. Why, what on earth! It was their son, Franz. As they muttered, perplexed and troubled, the boy touched the keys and the notes of the organ filled the place with such harmony as had not been heard before. Or at least it seemed so to the linen weaver and his wife. This was indeed their son, playing the organ like one inspired. They listened, hushed and humble. When the service was over

they hurried to him, with eyes brimming, to touch him and hear his voice, to make sure that it was indeed their son. The linen weaver tremblingly gave the boy his blessing and his mother cried because she was so happy, for she had always wanted Franz to have his wish and be a musician, though she couldn't oppose Papa in such a matter. Now there was no need for opposition to his will, for now he would help Franz all he could with the music.

So Franz Gruber, the son of the village weaver, had his wish to play the organ and teach music that he loved, though all unaware that he would compose the carol that would be sung at Christmas time all around the world. In time he took the place of the old organist. He had the respect of all the people, second only to the reverence that they paid to Father Josef Mohr, priest of the Church of Saint Nikolas. They touched their hats to Franz Gruber when they met him in the village street, and his parents were proud of him.

Came then the day before Christmas eve in the year of 1818 and Father Mohr was distressed because the organ had broken down and, though he tried, he had not been able to get a man to come through the storm from Salzburg to repair it. That night a call came for the priest to come to a house in the village where a child had been born. He went and bestowed his blessing on the new-born babe.

As he came away from the cottage he looked up at the stars. The thought came to him it might have been on such a night, except for the Alpine snow that covered the ground, when the Babe of Bethlehem was born, such a silent night as this. "Stille nacht," he mused, and "heilige nacht," for what had come to pass in the Obendorf cottage was holy, too, as the birth in the Bethlehem manger was holy.

As he trudged home through the snow, under the stars, words came to him as if by inspiration — "All is calm, all is bright." Then, though it was not his planning or intention, the verse in its fullness and beauty — Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon Virgin Mother and Child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

At home he feverishly set down the words that had come to him as he walked through the night and added to it line upon line —

Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born.

Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Early the next day Father Mohr hurried to the home of Franz Gruber and laid before him the words that he had written.

"Could you, my son," he asked, "make them into a melody?" And Franz said he might, if so be that such inspiration might come to him as had come to Father Mohr in writing the words. It was too bad that the organ had broken down because he needed it for the melodizing, but his wife played them on the guitar. He listened and was satisfied. The melody that he had written was worthy of the words that Father Mohr had written. "Silent Night" had been born, to live on and on.

Early on Christmas morn, the organ being silent, Mrs. Gruber sang "Silent Night" to the accompaniment of her guitar. It was very beautiful, the people said, as they went away.

When the storm was over the man came from Salzburg

and repaired the organ. When he had finished, to make sure that its tones were true, he asked Franz Gruber to play something. Gruber took his place at the instrument and softly at first, then triumphantly, played "Silent Night."

"That is wonderful," the main murmured, for although he was only a repairman he had music in his soul. He begged for a copy of it to take away with him.

There were in those days singers who called themselves troubadours who went from town to town giving concerts. One such group was composed of the Strasser sisters of Zillerthal, who sang the songs that the Tyroleans loved. It chanced soon after the repairman came into possession of the carol the Strassers came to Salzburg and, as one who had found a precious thing, he showed the song to them. It was beautiful, they said, and might they sing it? Father Mohr and Franz Gruber, he was sure, would be most happy if they would sing it.

At a concert at the Cathedral of Leipzig, given by command of the Royal Family, the sisters sang "Silent Night" for the first time at a public performance outside of the church where it was first heard. A music publisher who heard it asked permission to publish it and the first printed copies came from the firm of R. Friese. Since then millions of copies have been published, and this Christmas time, as through the years, it will be sung around the world.

Greetings
and
Best Wishes
for a Merry Christmas.

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Centre St. Phone 29

Greetings
...and our heartfelt
gratitude for your kind
friendship and
patronage during the year.

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COMPUTORS — Part Two

By F/O K. B. Sinclair
THE BINARY SYSTEM

In our first article we saw that the digital computer is essentially a two-state device operating on the ON-OFF principle. Because our normal decimal system of mathematics requires ten symbols to specify any number it is not readily adaptable for computer use. In order to utilize the on-off principle of the computer we must have a number system that uses only two symbols. Logically we call this new system the Binary system. The two symbols of the binary system are 0 and 1. In this article we will show how the decimal and binary systems parallel each other and how we may readily convert from one system to the other.

Although we manipulate decimal figures every day few of us understand the basic principles underlying our own decimal system.

We will briefly review two of the more important principles. The basis of the decimal system is the number 10 and we can analyze any decimal number by reducing it to multiples of ten. As an example:

Each figure in the number 356 stand for a multiple of the power of 10.

The first figure on the right stands for 10^0 (any number raised to the zero power is always = 1), the second figure for 10^1 , the third for 10^2 and so on.

So, $356 = (3 \times 10) (5 \times 10^1) (6 \times 10^2)$
 $(6 \times 10) 10^2 10^1 10^0 = (3 \times 100) (5 \times 10) (6 \times 1)$
 $= 300 50 6$
 $= 356$

In the above we have reduced the number 356 to its basic parts by multiplying by powers of ten.

We can also reduce 356 by dividing by ten.

That is: $356 \div 10 = 35$ with a remainder of 6.
 $35 \div 10 = 3$ with a remainder of 5.
 $3 \div 10 = 0$ with a remainder of 3.

$3 \div 2 = 1$ with a remainder of 1.
 $1 \div 2 = 0$ with a remainder of 1.

So 29 in decimal is equivalent to [11101] in binary.

The above examples serve to show that a definite parallel relationship exists between our decimal system and the binary system.

If we extended the logic further we could show that all number systems, regardless of base are handled in exactly the same way.

A few examples should be worked to ensure that the method of converting from "binary to decimal" and from "decimal to binary" is thoroughly understood.

Electrical circuits called "flip-flops" are available which will repeatedly divide a number by 2 and which will then indicate whether the remainder is a 1 or a 0 (light on or light off). Consequently we have available an effective way of changing a decimal number to a binary number which can then be easily fed into the computer for manipulation.

In our next article we will discuss the "three rules" of "binary addition" and then show how arithmetic operation (multiplication, division) can be reduced to the simple process of addition — the operation by which the digital computer solves most of its problems.

And arranging remainders from bottom to top we have 356 — our original number.

Armed with these facts we can now analyze the methods of converting from the binary to the "decimal system" and then back again.

Since the decimal system has the base 10, it is logical to assume that the binary system will have the base 2 and that all binary numbers will be multiples of the base 2. This follows logically if we understand our own decimal system.

An example will show the method of converting a binary number to its decimal equivalent.

The binary number [11101] is equivalent to:

$1(2-4) 1(2-3) 1(2-2) 0(2-1) 1(2-0) = (1 \times 2-4) + (1 \times 2-3) + (1 \times 2-2) + (0 \times 2-1) + (1 \times 2-0)$
 $= (1 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2) + (1 \times 2 \times 2) + 0 + (1 \times 1)$
 $= 16 + 8 + 0 + 1$
 $= 29$

To convert the decimal number 28 to its binary equivalent (which is the practical problem in computer work) we divide by 2 and arrange remainders from bottom to top.

That is:
 $29 \div 2 = 14$ with a remainder of 1.
 $14 \div 2 = 7$ with a remainder of 0.
 $7 \div 2 = 3$ with a remainder of 1.

Armament Safety

Even though the hunting season is now over, there is still one more hunting accident about to happen. Someone is going to deliberately kill a child. Everything is ready, all factors have been prepared, the gun is there in the closet, the ammunition is either in the gun, or close by, the children are old enough to be left alone for at least a little while (it only takes a little while to have a hunting accident) and father has told them not to touch the gun, but he hasn't taken time to explain or satisfy the children's natural curiosity about fire arms. All that is

left now is the time, maybe even that has been planned.

"ARE YOU GOING OUT THIS WEEK AND LEAVING YOUR CHILDREN WITH A GUN, THAT CAN BE FIRED, IN THE HOUSE?"

Have You Checked

1. Are you sure that gun IS unloaded? — YES [] or NO []
2. Have you removed the bolt and put it away? YES [] or NO []
3. Is ALL of your ammunition under lock and key? YES [] or NO []
4. Have you every really taken time to satisfy your children's natural curiosity about fire arms by showing them your gun and explaining it to them? — YES [] or NO []
5. Are you sure that the neighbours' children won't come in while you are away and talk your children into showing them how the gun is loaded? — YES [] or NO []

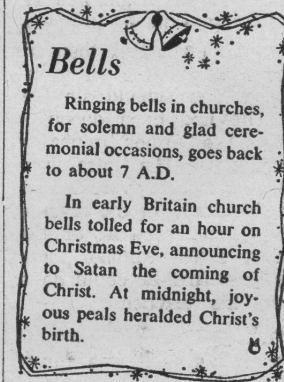
Unless you can answer yes to all of these, the accident may be prepared for your house.

"THINK! THIS DOES NOT HAVE TO HAPPEN."

BOY SHOT IN GUN TUSSELE

An 11-year-old boy who tussled with his twin brother over their father's gun was accidentally shot Sunday afternoon, police said.

The Armament Section provides a service to those people who do not want to keep guns and ammunition in their homes. Your weapons and ammunition can be stored safely, and away from the children in the Armament Section. They can be picked up at any time. Check with Sgt. Gillespie, Phone 130.



shocking, than the man or woman, or child, who sings the joyful Carols of Christmas in Church, but refuses to acknowledge or accept the claims of the Christ-Child in his own life and his own home.

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come.
 Let earth receive her King.
 Let every heart prepare Him room,
 And heaven and nature sing."

A Christmas Story

(Continued from Page 1)

A few days after the holiday, Mrs. Vester saw a man standing on the road near her house, looking about and she discerned it was the Arab she had helped on Christmas Eve. "How is your wife?" she asked. "Gone, gone" he replied. And he thrust forward the baby, now clean and well wrapped. "You take him, you take him." So Mrs. Vester took the child, and found a nurse for him. And that action was the first step in opening up a hostel for orphans and other needy children in Jerusalem, a place of healing and help which has grown and grown until it now cares for hundreds of needy children.

Although Mrs. Vester dearly loved to sing the Christmas Carols of praise and joy, it was a good thing that she also knew how to live out the spirit of these Carols. There is nothing more pathetic, and



At Christmas

May your heart reflect the joy of the true Christmas spirit.

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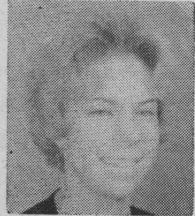
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RC Chaplain's Christmas Message

Through darkness and confusion Christ is our guiding light to heaven. By the simplicity of His life He reminds us of the true values in life and leads us from the passing to the lasting, from frustration to purposeful living. May Christ's peace, happiness and light be in your heart this Christmas of 1962.

A. J. BERTSCH, F/L
Chaplain/RC



We Teens

By Donna Nesbit

Have you ever wondered to yourself exactly what part do teenagers play in today's modern world? I'm sure that this question arouses many varied opinions. It is common knowledge, and all teenagers must truthfully admit that today's younger generation is a pampered, spoiled and arrogant individual who is expectant of everything. This is of course with exception. The demanding teenager of today fails to exploit his own potential. In order to make a success out of our life we must learn to think sensibly for ourselves and make the best of any situation instead of resigning ourselves to fate.

The younger members of this progressive world must cement themselves with a certain prestige and prepare themselves for the task of leading the up and coming future world. Teenagers must have ambition, determination and a thirst for further knowledge. There is no such thing, I feel, as being completely satisfied with yourself. We must constantly look for betterment in our moral, social, and mental character. Not only teenagers but everyone must look ahead. Learning does not just come to a halt at 16 or at 21 or whatever the case may be. To assure yourself that there is nothing more for you to learn is to plead complete ignorance. We must all learn to contribute something in doing so, leave the world a better place than in which we found it. Remember "IN ALTA TENDE" — "STRIVE FOR THE HEIGHTS."

ON THE TEEN SCENE:

A welcome back from all her friends to Aleta Demdash who has just gotten over a serious illness. It's sure nice to see you back, Aleta.

A hearty congratulations goes out to Fern Keene for the tremendous performance she gave in the recent drama club production of "Worm's Eye View." Well done, Fern.

Rose Keene and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone concerned

with the recently finished swimming program. We were both presented with a lovely gift much to our surprise. Once again thank you so much from both of us.

BOWLING BLUES:

Well, our bowling league this year consists of approximately 60 teenagers. Bowling takes place every Saturday morning and everything is going very well. This year's executive is: President, Jim Parker; Vice, Lynda Laycock; Secretary, Donna Nesbitt, and assistant, Lynn Miskey. A big welcome this year to all our new bowlers.

CURLING CAPERS:

Our curling league is also a source of amazement. There are ten teenage rinks and very enthusiastic I must add! Teenage representative for curling is Jim Parker. Keep a look-out for more curling news.

A hearty congratulations to the girls' volleyball team from the high school who have thus far advanced to Winnipeg playoffs. Three cheers for the fairer sex!

PASSING THOUGHT

A math teacher had just become a new father and he was attempting to change his son's diapers for the first time. After a few unsuccessful tries he called to his wife, "What side does the hypotenuse go on?" . . .

That's all for this month. study hard!

Donna

Speaking of Fashion

BY ANNA

If you are one of the few who are gifted in one of the arts, sewing may be and can be the most satisfying creative effort of your everyday existence. The number of women who sew, has greatly increased year after year and the rewards are not the more money saved or a matter of convenience but the satisfaction of creating a garment to

express an individual personality. It is to this kind of individual that this article is dedicated.

With the holiday season just around the calendar, what you probably need most is a go-anywhere stand-by you can dress up or down at the drop of an invitation. Such are the jacket-dress ensembles that can take you

from family or friends get together to parties. Beneath the jacket is a sleeveless sheath with a just right neckline to display your favorite or complimentary accessories. With a bit of ingenuity you can give your dress that tunic look that is returning this season or any number of ideas you may have hidden under your hat.

Until I see you again, here's wishing each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and the Joyest of New Years.

Christmas Greetings

Kardy's Hardware

Christmas Greetings

BEST WISHES FOR

THE NEW YEAR

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*May the Yuletide
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RECREATION SECTION



Scouting News

By FS John Fisher

After a successful summer camp held at Arnes, Manitoba, scouting for the First Gimli Troop slowed down for the rest of the summer. Four of our eager scouts working on their Cub Instructors Badge attended Cub Camp at Gellwell in July and at this camp Allan Wouters and Bob Steven- sen were highly honored by the presentation of their Queen Scout Badge. After our summer sojourn, registration night rolled around and the new year began. Without a doubt, we now have a well rounded troop of 41 boys. Our growing numbers being a result of new transfers and boys coming up from cubs. I take this opportunity to welcome all their parents and may they have a pleasant stay in Gimli.

Between the early summer and fall a change of scouters had taken place. Our hard working, dependable idol of

boys Cpl. "Dick" Troy (now Sgt.) relinquished the position of Scoutmaster to yours truly FS "John" Fisher. I only hope I can carry on his excellent work with the troop. Good scouting, Dick, at your haven in the hinterlands at Alsask.

WO2 Bob Adkin joined us at summer camp and proved an excellent cook (except for porridge). He also earned the nom de plume of "Heartless Adkin." Ask any scout and they will give you the gay details of our cross country hike.

We must not sit by and forget our old stand-bys, namely "Bart" Barteaux and Cpl. George "Grass Rope" Bonner who have been with the troop for a number of years, and also our able and competent restorer of health and blood collector "Al" Boyles, who has decided to take a rest this year from Scouting. Don't believe it, we always have him on tab. Rumbling in from far off places this fall and a mighty

scouter known as "Gillie" . . . Sgt. Bill Gillespie. Gillie's experience in scouting dates back a few years and we appreciate having him with us. With our staff settled in we commenced the year with a going up ceremony where our new cubs were introduced to the ways of scouting. With this addition of 6 boys to our troop, we formed a Senior Patrol which is now under the guidance of Bob Adkins and George Bonner.

In the last part of September we sent two patrols to Pembina, "Birds Hill", Manitoba to the International Camporee where they proved their scouting knowledge and brought home Yankee plunder (hats, badges, crests, belts, etc.) and on "A" and "B" ribbon to their proud and happy scoutmaster and scouters. Well done, boys.

Through the year we try to cover all aspects of scouting and try to have fun doing so. In this way we have many surprises in store for us; like having the scoutmaster shot during a troop meeting and have the boys catch the murderer. If your boy comes home with a wild story please believe him, it may be true.

Our future plans are close to home. We are endeavoring to turn the bush area south of the PMQ and Annex School into a park area. So far we have just started clearing dead wood, but if you hear shouts and a great commotion in that area do not be

alarmed as it will be the Scouts and Scouters busy on your park.

On behalf of the Snouts and Scouters I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your whole-hearted support on our fund raising drives. It is a pleasure to associate with such wonderful people. Our toy drive was a wonderful success, but you will be hearing more about that later. Just remember; a scout is a friend who will understand.

The Sioux Pack started the new fall season with a full complement and much enthusiasm, September and October passed with Instruction, star work and a "Going Up" ceremony in the Drill Hall. We wish lots of luck to Arthur Jennings and Steven Cronshaw who are now Scouts. Pat Mooney, Donald Hyndman and Donald Reed were made temporary sixers replacing boys who were transferred.

With so many new chums in the pack, November has been devoted to Investitures with Bill Warburton and Douglas Stutsky being accepted into the pack on November 7th and Ken Dooks and Brian Reid on the 14th. David Sawyer, Louis Larson and Brian Christensen will be sworn in, during the following weeks.

November will have a lecture on Good Health Habits by Nursing Sister Waddleton, followed the next week by a talk on wood working, paint-

ing, etc., re the Toy Makers Badge, by LAC Upham.

Parents are invited to visit the pack and enquire as to the progress of their boys at any time. If you are unable to visit the pack, drop us a note with your son and we will visit your home.

The Iroquois Cub Pack opened the new fall season with much enthusiasm and many new faces. Our meetings are held on Mondays commencing at 1845 hrs. and concluding at 2000 hrs.

Our long range plans include a night at the swimming pool where the boys may attempt to pass their Swimmers badge, also the future holds a Saturday morning ramble.

The parents are welcome to attend any meetings. We welcome any question from the parents regarding their sons' progress.

For more information, please contact LAC Ray MacInnis, Local 123, Cubmaster.

Bowling

All leagues are in operation in the bowling alleys now. LAC Ross Murray has high triple game to date with a 690 count. LAC Don Ward has high single game with a 315 and Helen Nicol high single for the ladies in the mixed league with a 222 game. Teenagers are bowling every Saturday morning now and some fine scores are coming from the league.

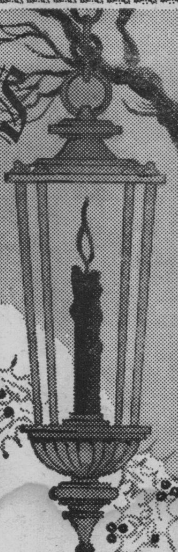


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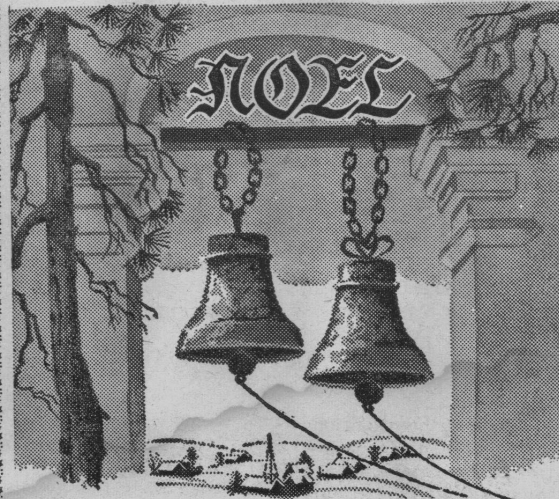
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GOLF — 1962

The "Wind Up" party of the 1962 Golf Season was held Friday, October 26 in the Recreation Centre, attended by 20-30 members and special guests G/C Sutherland and pro Jim Doyle.

The turn out for the final tournament (held in conjunction with the "Wing Up") was somewhat disappointing. However, this was mainly due to the late golfing weather extending into the "first Bonspiel of the year" which regrettably was on the same day.

Winners in the "Wind Up" Tournament were: A Flight, Bing Shearer, Ron Jones; B Flight, George Hall, Pogo Agopowicz; C Flight, Captain Gillis, Sam Brown.

During the evening trophies were presented by G/C Sutherland to the finalists of the Handicap, Scratch and the Ladies Tournaments.

Winners and Runner Up in these events were: Scratch Tournament, Bing Shearer, Ron Behler; Handicap Tour-

namment, George Hall, Pogo Agopowicz; Ladies Handicap, Erin Mellis, Gen' Behler.

Actually not much can be said in regard to this list of finalists, they worked hard, played well, and earned the honors awarded them. No doubt SOME of these players were (advised?) — (coached?) — (nagged?) — (browbeaten?) — (caljoked?) — etc., throughout the summer by well meaning friends — brothers — fathers — yes — even — husbands and it all appears to have been of value — BUT — as usual there are no honors for the unsung heroes — the coaches. As one of these coaches has often said and I quote, "This game of golf looks very interesting — I only hope I can learn to play it — sometime" — (He did not win a trophy — but — his wife did).

We wish to thank Captain Gillis and the several committees of the Golf Club for their efforts on our behalf during the 1962 season. Several good tournaments were organized and conducted in spite of the weather hazards, disa ppointments, complications and especially the droves of mosquitoes that frequented the course. At this time we would like to extend a welcome to all the golfers from Saskatoon. May your stay here be pleasant and profitable. We hope you bring new ideas, vitality, etc. and will be quite willing to help us organize a good Golf Programme for 1963.

WATCH FOR NEWS REGARDING THE ERECTION OF THE PRACTICE DRIVING NET IN THE RECREATION HALL . . . about Feb. 1, 1963.

Volleyball

The standings as of Nov. 20th in the Inter Section Volleyball League are as follows:

	Won	Lost
Flyers	2	0
A/C Cont.	2	0
Repair	0	2
Hdqts.	0	2

Curling

Cpl's. Club held a mixed bonspiel on Saturday, the 17th of November. Winners of the Main Event were Mrs. Veale, skip; Hap Taylor, second, Lee Rundle and Mrs. Terris. The 2nd event was won by Mrs. Herron, skip; Art Straughn, third; Serge Dufour and Mrs. Oben. 14 rinks competed for the prizes, and a very good time was had by all who participated. It is hoped to hold another bonspiel of this type later on in the season.

Station Profile



was the North Star with a huge dorsal fin for testing anti-icing and de-icing equipment.

Between the "Ice Wagon" and his arrival at Gimli, S/L Higgins spent five years working at the Accident Investigation Bureau where he was able to apply his practical experience towards accident analysis and prevention.

S/L Higgins may not be remembered for his career but he will certainly be remembered with pleasure for himself. A thoroughly friendly and genuine person who with his charming wife and family will be missed at Christmas this year at Gimli.

Merry Christmas in Victoria.

S/L J. J. Higgins retired this month after twenty-three years of service. This period of time has spanned the Second World War and the post-war period.

"Jack" Higgins joined the RCAF in 1939 as an "aero engine fitter." In this trade, he serviced flying boats on the West Coast and trainers in Saskatoon. In 1942 he re-mustered aircrew (from the rank of Sergeant) and graduated with his wings in June 1943. After a short tour on instructing, S/L Higgins combined flying with his ground engineering experience as a member of the Winter Experimental Test Flight at Gimli (1945) and the Winter Experimental Establishment at Edmonton. He describes this as the most challenging and satisfying period in his career.

His log book shows flights in Spitfires, Mustangs, Mosquitoes, Gloster Meteors, Lockheed Hudsons and Venturas, Lancasters, Halifaxes, Liberators, and Lincolns.

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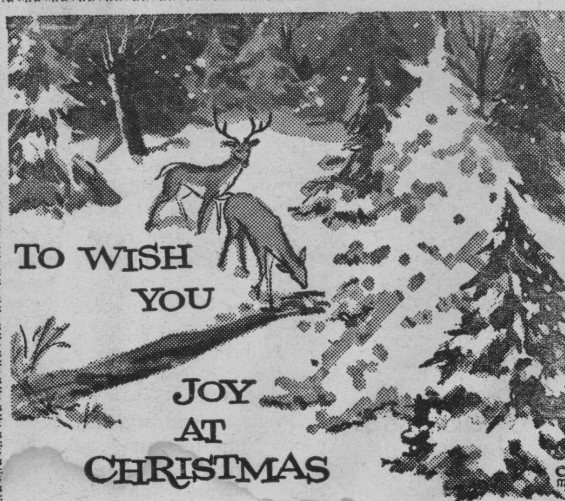
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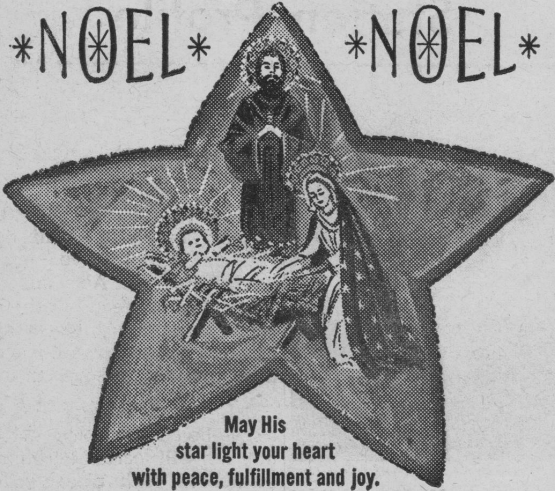


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The Commanding Officer buys the first apple in the Scouts Apple Drive from Scouts Doug Nesbitt and Bill Laskey on Thursday, November 22, to start their fund raising campaign.



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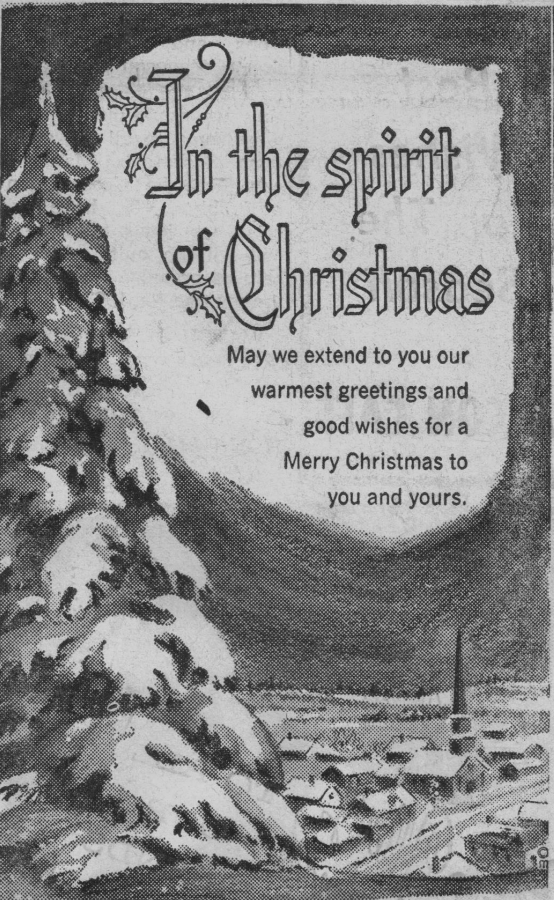
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Hunting

By Moe Sarrazin

Because of the quantity of our game in Manitoba, there are a number of our hunters that are inclined to forget the definition of sportsmanship. With deer season closed, it may be a little late to remind our hunters on how to be a sportsman. A few weeks ago one of our airmen shot a buck. He explained it to be a very clean kill; one shot, one buck. After examining his game he found a wound on one of the front legs. It seemed to be a bullet wound of approximately two to three weeks. He had been hunting four or five hours through our rough Manitoba woodlands before killing his prey. Imagine all that to finish the job of one poor sport. During duck season I have found a half dozen ducks killed and left in a field by these so-called hunters.

I predict that in the near future hunting will be but a privilege to only the confirmed sportsman. A newly founded association for hunting in Canada will be a great asset to our hunters, only if these sadists are not permitted hunting licenses. Our game will not always be so plentiful so it is everyone's job to be conservation minded. Help our wild game by taking only your limit. If you are going to hunt, do it the sportsman's way and the safe way. Our game will last forever if the hunter sends all his game to the taxidermist or the oven.



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A Story for Christmas

HERMIE, THE JANITOR

His name was John Her- man and his title was cus- todian, but we all knew him as "Hermie," the janitor. No one knew his age, but he had been custodian at our high school when my mother's old- er sister was a pupil there, and that was half a century ago. During the whole of his ill-paid tenure he remained a bachelor, and his only home was a single room in the base- ment of the school, in one corner of which was the en- ormous soft-coal furnace that heated steam for the class- room radiators.

In spite of the menial as- pects of his job, once each year Hermie had his day. Every year on the Friday be- fore Christmas the school would celebrate with a party and a Christmas tree, attend- ed by scholars, their parents and the young fry. Only one man had the build to portray jolly old St. Nicholas. And so each year, as the last and happiest event on the happy program, there would emerge from the furnace-room — as though he had descended the chimney of the furnace it- self — such a vision of Santa Claus as you can hardly im-

agine. Laughing through a sure-fire routine, perfected by years of practice, Hermie would captivate the young- sters, holding little boys and girls on his knee, whispering surprises in their ears, and carrying out his act with com- plete authenticity, even to the laughter and the twink- ling eye. When we returned to school after the holidays he would be there sweeping up, the same trudging old man — just the janitor who lived in the basement.

When he could no longer stoke the furnace, they re- tired him on an inadequate pension and he moved to a little house on the edge of town, also inadequate and not so warm as the school base- ment. During the following summer and fall he puttered and puffed at jobs he could not do, trying to make up for being unoccupied. At the first snow, he took to the house and was not seen again until the Christmas holidays.

On the Friday morning be- fore Christmas, he came trudging to school through the light snow, carrying a large suit-box. He went to

the principal's office.

"I thought you might be needin' a good Santa Claus, Miss Ollie," he said to the principal.

The principal bit her lip and looked helplessly at the old man. Finally she said, rather huskily, as though to have it done with, "I'm sorry, Hermie — we've already got a man." The old man nodded and hung his head. "But here," added Miss Ollie, "the school has a Christmas pres- ent for you." She handed him a large box of chocolates which someone had given her. The old man took it because he didn't know what else to do.

From the school he went to the churches, one at a time, seeking a one-night stand in his favorite role. Each place it was the same — but each place the minis- ter, or someone, was moved by the pathetic gesture of the old man who hated to lay aside his seasonal masquer- ade. The best they could do was a gift, and he got all kinds, all of them last-min- ute items. One of the minis- ters gave him a pair of too- small gloves, another's wife

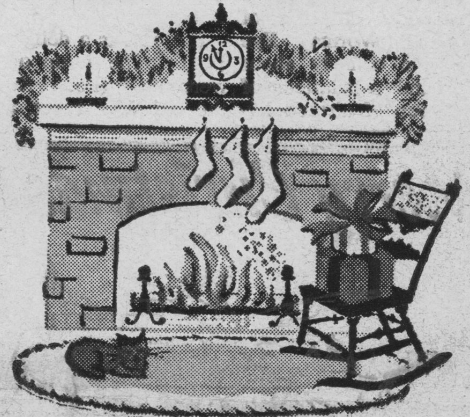
donated a hand-knit wool scarf, and so on. He went home loaded with "presents," and then there was a basket from a welfare group, and a turkey donated by a service club. By Christmas Eve his table was overflowing.

Shortly before dark on Christmas Eve he emerged from the house. All of the "gifts" were loaded into a large gunny-sack and he was wearing the old familiar Santa Claus suit and beard. He tramped through the snow to the poorest homes in the neighborhood and there he distributed his gifts. At each place where there were chil- dren he would stop to tell

them about his reindeer and the North Pole. He made many stops, for in addition to the gifts he had received, he had included such things as a set of sterling silver tea- spoons which had belonged to his mother, and several books from his own library. It was nearly midnight when he returned to the cottage, and was not seen during the rest of the holidays. A few days later, the old man died in his straw-tick bed and some neighbors found him there, as if in peaceful sleep. In a dresser drawer they found the Santa suit, neatly folded for use another year.

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John Denny receiving the Award for the Best Performance from the Commanding Officer, Group Captain Sutherland

Lake Centre Players Review

The Lake Centre Players have finished their first of the season "Worms' Eye View." It's a comedy about the trials and tribulations of a small group of airmen living in a civilian billet in wartime Britain. The cast is a delightful collection. The group of airmen were: Pop (Peter Kendrick), the old WW 1 vet, an LAC,

Duke (Kevin Hatcher) the rake, and Mark Trelawney (Peter Staples) the cultured corporal and hero of the play. This group is soon joined by a couple of characters; Taffy (Morris Henderson), the righteous Welshman, and Porter (John Duffy) the not-so-righteous Cockney who has an angle on everything and a corner on the local ladies clothing market (particularly lingerie).

The civilian inmates of the "happy Albert House" are; the battleaxe landlady, Mrs. Bounty (Ann Kendrick), her henpecked husband and frustrated drain expert, Mr. Bounty (John Thew), Mrs. Bounty's despicable son Sidney Spooner (Jim Herring) and our heroine, young Bella Bounty (Fern Keene). Ros Lawrence's interpretation of Thelma the Maid was one of the highlights of the play.

The plot makes light of the stagnation and boredom of the war around 1942. Airmen were billeted in civilian homes in out of the way places with both the places and homes leaving much to be desired. Humorous friction between Mrs. Bounty and the airmen, and Mrs. Bounty and her poor husband are evident from the beginning.

However, Taffy and Porter's arrival unsettles Mrs. Bounty's empire a little, but not as much as the romance between Mark and Bella, the long desired assault of the insufferable son Sydney by our hero, and the return of Mr. Bounty from his educational trip to London to truly take over the household (and follow his vocational desire, drains).

The comedy throughout is simple and unsophisticated (and very enjoyable). John Denny, who played Porter won the Award for the Best Performance and judging from the applause — the audience agreed.

See you at the Theatre.

A Cree Version Of The Birth Of Jesus

By A. I. Avery, Norway House, Manitoba

In the days of many, many, moons ago, all the Indian folk came to Rossville at Norway House to receive treaty in their own tribe. Napaum and Wewa came too, Napaum paddling his birchbark canoe. On the rocks and on the compound of Rossville, all one could see was Teepee after Teepee. As Napaum and Wewa came nearer the sight thrilled them, for here all their friends would be.

A few moons later, during the moon of Hoarfrost, when many Teepees were gone and all other Teepees were filled with men, women and children. Napaum and Wewa could find no place to live. Wewa being great with child must have a place to sleep. Under a big spreading Balsam tree a bed was made of Balsam boughs. That night a beautiful red-skinned Baby was born. Napaum wrapped the Baby in rabbit skins and placed Him in a ticanogon.

There were trappers about the region in those days, and Kesa-Muneto appeared to them. The Northern Lights shone so brightly that they were sore afraid. But Kesa-Muneto said unto them: "To you people of Muneto is born this day in the village of Rossville a Saviour who is Owasis Jesus. You shall find him wrapped in rabbit skins lying on Balsam boughs with Napaum and Wewa." As the very air glittered with Hoarfrost, the stars and northern lights reflected the very glory of God, a group of angels cried: "Glory to Kesa-Muneto in the Highest, and may Peace come to all the world."

The trappers, seeing the Northern Lights so very bright over Rossville, said, "Let us go to the village and see what all this means." Hastily they harnessed their dogs and set out along the Nelson River. As they came to the place where Muski-kewe-yinew (medicine man) lived, they went in to greet him and hear what he would say of all that had come to pass. At first he was very angry, then he told them, "When you find the child you call the Saviour, come and let me know so I can go and worship Him too."

The trappers arriving at Rossville saw where the Child lay with His parents under the spreading Balsam tree. The trappers told the parents, and those gathered round about, the things told unto them by Kesa-Muneto and the host of aneels. Wewa kept all these sayings in her heart. The trappers returned to their own Teepees by the other river for fear of Muski-kewe-yinew, all the while praising Kesa-Muneto for what they had seen that night.

There also came to Rossville that day three chiefs who

had seen the very, very bright Northern Lights shining over the place where Owasis JESUS lay. This being the long-awaited son of Kesa-Muneto, the chiefs brought for Him their most treasured gifts: a mink pelt, a ball of spruce gum, and a packet of beaver tails. After worshipping Owasis Jesus, the three chiefs returned home another way, being warned in a dream to do so by Kesa-Muneto.

Glossary: Napaum — Husband; Wewa — his wife; Kesa-Muneto — Great Spirit (God); Owasis — Child.

Merry Christmas



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Cpl. John King (top photo) and Cpl. Harry Phalen (bottom photo) are congratulated on their long years of service and forthcoming retirement by the CO, G/C G. Sutherland at the Corporals' Club Dinner in their honor. John King served with the RCN during the Second World War before joining the RCAF in 1951 as a Safety Equipment tech. Harry Phalen joined the RCAF in 1941, and rejoined in 1946 after his release following the war. Since then he has had a tour overseas and then came directly to Gimli, where he finished his tour as a member of Snag Crew.

Water Safety

Red Cross Water Safety and Swimming Awards were presented to the following personnel on Saturday, Nov. 24th.

Beginners — Marilyn Irwin, Sandra Ramsay, Billy Christman, Susan Agopswicz, William Selkirk, Geraldine Keene, Doug Materi, Stephen Jones, Lynda Godden, Ther Cronshaw, Lynn Hyndman, Dana Moore, Garry Paradis, Garry Cotter, Wayne Saretsky, Mary Howarth, Sandra Saretsky, Maureen Howarth, Rodney Risky, Sherry Lynne Tulford.

Juniors — Cameron Malcolmson, Francine Cronshaw, Kenneth Saretsky, Margret Archer, Jimmy Kendrick, Kenneth Wouters, John Godden, Douglas Stutsky, Lyne Simison, David Chase, Lynn Clarkin, Sheila Butler, Terry O'Neill, Donna Materi, Carol Deuel, Deborah Sherwood, Scott Moore, Brian Liggett, Billy Paradis, Gerry Martin.

Intermediates — Read Sutherland, Mike Hogan, Ralph Paris, Betty Wittingham, Sharon Stern, Douglas Stern, Windy Hogan, Wayne Mockford, Linda Scales, Joan Kerr, Keith Muncaster, Donald De-

uel, Mike Prior, Stephen Cronshaw, David Kilpatrick, Donald Hyndeman.

Seniors — Mike Martin, Randy Sherwood, Rollie Selkirk, Darrol Danyluck, Gerald Moran, Susan Fisher, Bonnie Muncaster.

The following personnel were examined Thursday,

Nov. 22 for Senior Swimming Awards — Ian Parker, Billy Barkman, George Bass, Gordon Selkirk, Dennis Prior, Charles Tomlinson, Garry McCaig, David Caird, Lynda Bowdry, Joyce Howarth.

Red Cross Classes will be commencing again after the New Year, approximately Jan. 15th.

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