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SERVING TRAYS GET FIRST TRY-OUT

'SWING-TIME' COMES HERE NEXT WEEKEND

The R.C.A.F. Show "Swing Time" comes to the stage of our Rec Hall a week from this Friday for a duo performance on the nights of March 10th and 11th. This show is definitely a top liner and one that all our station should keep as a "must-see" in the station entertainment cycle. The travelling troupe of nine men have been playing to packed houses all across the dominion.

Solid jive, smooth swing, romantic vocals, modern magic and side-splitting humor are the ingredients of the "Swing Time" presentation. It's the same hot little show that toured the dominion, Alaska, Yukon and Newfoundland in 1943.

DANCE NEXT THURSDAY



The whole station swings into dance, a week from tonight when the times rolls around again for station dance time. The monthly affair, March edition, will be in the hands of Training Wing dance committee.

There'll be the usual gang of swell partners for you from Souris and Brandon, good music and all for another big time. Tickets will be on sale soon.

TWENTY MEN ARE NEEDED TO ATTEND A RED CROSS BOX SOCIAL AT DELEAU ON FRIDAY MARCH THIRD. THERE'S FUN FOR THE FELLOWS THAT WANT TO ATTEND THIS SOCIAL. LEAVE YOUR NAMES AT THE "Y".

NO SECTION DANCE NEXT TUESDAY

With the monthly dance in line for the coming week, the regular Tuesday night section dance in the Blue room skips a week.

MORNING AGIN'

.....Did you hear about the stoopladder the Morons built without rungs to wash basement windows....

AIRMEN'S MESS SEES DEBUT OF NEW R.C.A.F. SERVING IDEA

IT'S KINDA NICE'EATING OUT OF A GOOD CLEAN PLASTIC SERVING TRAY....THAT WAS THE GENERAL OPINION OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE AIRMENS MESS WHEN THE TRAYS WERE GIVEN FIRST TRIAL AT THE NOON MEAL ON TUESDAY.

Our Unit was selected as one of the two throughout the dominion to make the try-out of the new serving system. The trays may be adopted for use throught the RCAF is they prove a more advantageous method of food serving.

With a separate compartment for each different serving of foods, the trays should make the service much faster than the old method. The novelty of the thing is good, and make for cleaner tables and a much faster way of disposing of your utensils after the meal. The use of these trays is being watched closely and results are being tabulated as to their feasibility.

HOOR FOR TELEPHONE NIGHT RATES SET AHEAD

It was announced this week that effective March 1st, for the benefit of all members of the Armed Forces, night rates on long distance calls on the lines of the Manitoba Telephone System, also Inter-Provincial and Trans-Canada calls, commence at 6 P.M. instead of 7 P.M. as heretofore.

STATION SHOW PLAYS IN TOWN

"RHYTHM IN REVUE" WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE AVALON THEATRE IN SOURIS TONIGHT. The station production which played before large audience on the station last Sunday and Monday nights is being presented for the outside public. The musical revue was a hit to station personnel.

Director and producer, LAC Jack Raskin, will be missing when the cast stages in town. LAC Raskin left for Ontario this week to continue his training.

A full review of the show is carried on page 3.

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Submit your lost and found items to the SCRAMBLE office. We guarantee results in less than seven days. Cheques made payable at par etc. etc.

WANTED: Anyone having or knowing of a good portable typewriter for sale, contact Sgt. Smith, H.Q. orderly Room.

LOST: One pair of black socks, dirty, partly worn. Last seen walking out of Barrack Block nine. Finder please return to LAC Rollins, D.C. B.B. 9.

HAVE YOU READ MY LATEST BOOK? "Advice on Courtship" or "How to Propose in 58½ Easy Lessons" by AC1 Joey Young. Copies now on sale in Room 1, DB 10.

LAC McNaughton left us this week to take up new duties at Rockliffe. "Mac" was a member of the station hockey team.

I crept upstairs, my shoes in hand,
Just as the night took wing,
And saw my wife, four steps above,
Doing the same darned thing.

WINNIPEG WAR SERVICES PLAN HUGE ANNIVERSARY PARTY

For the evening only of Friday March 3rd, the United Services Centre, Winnipeg, will be closed at 1900 hours, and the whole will move to the Winnipeg Auditorium, on the Mall, behind the Hudson's Bary Store, at 2000 hours. At this location there will be held an Anniversary Party for all volunteer workers and Service personnel in uniform. Because of the size of the expected gathering no other civilian guests will be allowed. Volunteers will be admitted by card.

This will be a gala occasion. Bands of the P.P.C.L.I., M.D. 10 and the RCAF will be in attendance. There will be a floor show, dancing and many surprise events.

....IT'S MUSE TO MY EARS

"LIFE'S GREAT ADVENTURE"

I never shall forget the day,
Mother took my hand,
And whispered, "Please be brave, son,
Today you are a man."

She straightened out my tie for me,
And wiped my tearful eyes;
Then softly said, "Chin up son,
A big boy never cries!"

I thought of everything she said,
Each tiny little fact;
With quivering lips I said "Goodbye"--
Remember, I'll be back."

She pointed out the way to me,
I turned to go and then,
Hastened quickly through to door ---
The sign outside said "LIE!"

CONGRATULATIONS, FELLOWS!!

SCRAMBLE meets out congrats to the following personnel on their promotions for the 1st of March:
Sgt. Johnny Harrop to F/S, Sgt. Bill Monger to F/S, Sgt.'s Garvon, Horne and Dustak to F/S, Cpl. Holmes to Sgt., LAC's Wood, Dewar, Al Hewitt and Louis Turenno to Corporals.

And then there was the girl who was so lazy she wouldn't even exercise discretion.

MALE CALL



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

QUARANTINE

PROSPERITY IS A TIME WHEN YOU HAVE WINE, WOMEN AND SONG. DEPRESSION IS A TIME IN WHICH YOU HAVE BEER, MAMA, AND THE RAI O..



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LIFE SAVERS



High and hard ground are the best protections for bivouacs against gas attacks. Wooded areas and ravines should be used whenever possible.



After a gas attack, woods and areas covered by heavy underbrush should be thoroughly investigated before entering.

VOLLEBALLISTS LOSE

FINISH SECOND IN MONTHLY TOURNAMENT HELD AT RIVERS

No. 17's Hurricanes finished in second best spot once again in the monthly Brandon District Volleyball round-robin tourney. Eight teams competed in the tourney which took action at Rivers last night.

Hurrics won five of their six tussles but were not quite good enough to bring the cup back to our station. A.3 Shilo captured the cup for this month.

The tourney had entries from A3, A15 and A35 Camp Shilo, A4, 12 SFTS and 2 MD Brandon, Rivers and Souris.

Hurricanes lineup included Cpl.'s Budnitsky, Garrish, Cook and Wlosok, LAC's Johnson and Couzens and Sgt. Fessenden.

SUNDAY NIGHT QUIZ RESUMES IN BLUEROOM

It's Quiz time again this Sunday night in the Blueroom. The show will start at 2000 hours.

SPARKERS MAKE CONSPICUOUS START

WIN TWO GAMES THIS WEEK FOR MAINTENANCE ENTRY IN STATION HOCKEY LEAGUE

Electrical section boomed their way into the station hockey picture with two wins this week. They defeated the Hospital squad 9-3 and beat Control Tower 8-5.

by L. Henderson

WITH LITTLE PRACTICE WARMUP THIS WINTER, THE BOYS FROM THE ELECTRICAL REALLY ENTERED THE STATION HOCKEY LEAGUE ON MONDAY NIGHT BY DEFEATING TRAINING WING AND CONTROL TOWER TO THE TUNE OF 8-5.

Both teams were in there digging right from the start and though the defense on both sides was slightly lax, it made for plenty of air borne rubber at both ends of the rink. Training wing led by a couple of goals 'till near the end of the game when the sparkers broke loose to score 4 markers in the final eight minutes of play.

Both goalies stopped a lot of rubber. The fact that T.W.'s netkeeper stopped one sure shot with his eye partially explains the Electricians strong finish. We hope that a good chunk of beefsteak took care of the eye, and Training wing intends to attend to the other side of the deal next Monday night.

STATION DROPS GAME TO CARROLL

Boards 15 feet high, small ice surface with the ground peaking through in many places was the setting for an exhibition game between a 17SFTS squad and Carroll at Carroll on Monday night. The score read 7-6 after a game of spills and lugs. Ever try playing on ice and frozen earth? Try it, it's an experience.

Cpl. Joe Wlosok and ACl Krutz were the boys who stole the show. Wlosok counted for two goals and played persistent hockey all night. Krutz also hooked a couple besides his steady game on defence. Ferguson, Nelson were the other scorers for No. 17.

LINEUP: Epple, Krutz, Parsons, Bay, Ferguson, Menzies, Nelson, Wlosok.

SUNDAY IS OPEN-HOUSE DAY FOR AIRMEN AT YMCA

STATION HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDING

Section	Won	Lost	Points
TRAINING WING	3	2	6
MAINTENANCE	2	3	4
HEADQUARTERS	2	2	4

(All teams are grouped under the 3 wings)

ANNIVERSARY

If some of you older-timers will let your Souris memory jog back about a year, you'll remember the opening of No. 17 SFTS on March 7th, 1943. This coming Tuesday marks the first anniversary of our Training School. Things have changed plenty since then and it's a sure thing a lot of us now or expected to be here today. The rumors were choice in those days as to what our station would be. It was going to move, going to close and all the rest of the usual D.R.R.'s.

Remember the old post office where I&R is now, how it used to be an all day job to get a letter, the way we used to move back and forth from one barrack to another, and the gang that had to bunk in No. 3 hanger when the old mercury was tickling the bottom of the thermometer? And the week we were snowed in with that March blizzard?

Time passes quickly. No. 17 has made a good showing in it's year of existence.

We came, we saw, we worked hard..... and we're still here.

We overheard several fellows say: "Every time we have chicken or turkey, it's all gone by the time we get to the mess hall. What's cookin'?"

If you're down town don't forget the War Services Club room. It's a honey spot, with games, books, a radio and all such to keep your idle hours occupied. Have you tried the home-cooking in the snack bar? The prices are very low.

If you're down to a show or out skating, drop down to the club rooms afterwards for a snack.

WE... THE PEOPLE... SQUEAK...

- WITH AVIE ANSON -

It is with pride that your humble correspondent writes this item on "We the People Squeak" Sunday and Monday night a dream of many was finally realized in the successful presentation of "RHYTHM IN REVUE"..... Lets look in Sunday night as the first night with all its troubles and nervesness and dwell on Monday night.... I know that this is a column which is supposed to cover all the details of a week at # 17 SFTS with the gang, but I cannot help but dwell on the concert just a little more than I usually cover a subject.... First, of course, our congratulations must go to the directors who stepped into the job with such fervor and zeal.... They must have had a vision beyond that of most of us, vision of a show that would finally place #17 in the centre of the RCAF realm of Showmanship... To those men who have given up so much of their free time in order to place this show at the mercy of so many critics... our thanks and congratulations beyond words..... Naturally I made it a point to step up after the performance and give my words of commendation to the wonderful caste in whose hands lay the success or failure of the show.... When I did, I found .. not the gang that I pal around with day after day but a group who had become successful stage troupers over night.... who had gleams of pride of accomplishment in their eyes, gleams that said "It was a job well done on my part".... To each and every one of those guys and gals we can only say that we are proud of you and we know that you are going on to bigger and better performances.... We wish you well, Now to the most difficult tasks that every columnist (are we braggin') has to perform... To turn the spotlight on those who shone just a bit brighter... First a salute goes to LAC Jack Raskin who had the very difficult job of training this group into becoming promising starlettes , , , He succeeded in a large degree... However I keep in mind the fact that this was a strictly amateur troupe and cannot be expected to step out "There" and be absolutely at ease, nor did they... Thanks Jack, you will not be forgotten at # 17 for some time to come. S/L "Dusty" Rhodes and F/O Forbes - these were the older, more experienced guiding hands that passed on the assuredness so badly needed by the caste.... Their help in the musical score was also noted by your columnist... and with F/O Forbes "Twenty-Four Hours a Day" and LAC Raskin's "My Love Is Just For You" we find that song writing is not confined to those who can rely on it for livelihood... very nice songs (maybe a little weak in presentation).... It was with regret that LAC "MIKE" Williams (of Wales) had to have the difficulties that cropped up on Sunday night with the sound equipment... But in snooping around we find that the equipment was usually temperamental that night (which isn't odd)... and Monday night proved it... so "Mike" your reputation as an electrician is still spotless Stopping into the caste for a

moment we turn the spotlight on the following for their inspiring contribution, Mona Inkster... if that's natural talent Joan Davis had better watch her step.... Bernice Willits and Des Pearco... We haven't heard a word of destructive criticism yet and we've been looking... very fine kids. Manny Finkleman, Jane Georgison, Bon Volodarski... yours was an act that showed the artistry of veterans at work and was a grand performance on the whole along with that of Dolores Ferguson who may well be proud of the accomplishment in her field... It was extremely noticeable that all of the caste were suffering rather badly from that thing known as stage fright and we certainly hope that all of you have put that away in moth balls - where it should be.... F/O Forbes struck a well placed note at the opening of the show Monday night when he said that a show thrives on applause... the artists feel whether an audience is with them or not. That is why I want to, here and now, thank the boys who were patient over little faults in the group to not only applaud very generously on Sunday night but turn out again on Monday night, (to witness a performance that gave them justifiable reward) .. thanks gang and I know that I am speaking on behalf of the complete caste..... Now kids, on to SOURIS and the best performance that you have ever given. I know that, with the first showing off your shoulders you will be the talk of the town and will have added more laurels to the ever growing popularity which is yours right now. Good luck and may many, many more performances be ahead for all of you.

Affekchunately yers,

AVIE

H'YAR AN' THAR...

Have you heard AC1 Lukasiewicz singing his song "Somebody loves me, I WONDER WHY..."

We're still worried about Sgt. Welsh picking up those overshoes in Brandon. We heard they were still under the bed.

What's this about the M.T. taking to baling out...? Cpl. Howlett could give an explanation, maybe....

We're once again blessed with the presence of WO2 Jarry Hannon, recently returned with his bride from Calgary. The funny one they tell on him was when he took his tunic into a press shop, getting all spicked up for the wedding; the shop pulled a fast one on him and returned an AC2's tunic.... WAS LARRY'S FACE EVER RED WHEN HIS WIFE LOOKED AT HIM..... Incidentally, he says that he intends keeping his wife away from the wolves of the Sgt's Mess as long as possible. Can't we even get one peak at "Jackie?"

ANYONE INTERESTED IN A RIDING CLUB?..... IF YOU ARE LET MR. LAVERS KNOW, AND IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST, COULD BE SOMETHING CAN BE WORKED OUT ALONG THE LINES OF A CLUB.