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EVERY THURSDAY



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CONCERT



"CHEERIOS" COMING SATURDAY

IT'S CONCERT PARTY TIME AGAIN THIS SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE RECREATION HALL, WHEN THE "CHEERIOS" TROUPE OF CIVILIAN ENTERTAINERS FROM WINNIPEG TAKE OVER THE STAGE AT THE USUAL TIME OF 2030 HOURS.

A TROUPE OF UNUSUALLY FINE ENTERTAINERS, THE CHEERIOS BOOK TWENTY GIRLS AND TWO MEN IN THEIR SHOW OF FUN, SONG AND DANCES. IT'S FREE FOR OUR GANG, SO MAKE IT A DATE FOR SATURDAY NIGHT.

SUMMER DANCES FEWER

The new summer-month dance programme that is lined up for the coming hot spell was announced yesterday at the regular meeting of the Station Sports and Entertainment committee. The revised listing excludes weekly Section dances and effective immediately the weekly affairs in the Blueroom will be discontinued until next fall and winter. Waning support and the step-up of sports in the warmer weather were the reasons put forth for the cancellation program. It is also expected (off the record) that the Wednesday night dances in Souris will be resumed this summer.

The regular monthly station parties will swing back to the drill hall and will be held in conjunction with graduation each month. They will be open to all station personnel.

Present plans have openings for regular Corporals' dances in the Blueroom, and tentively are booked for one each month. The regular system of bringing in hostesses from Souris and Brandon will continue.

LIFEBUY SALES LEAP AS TOWN, CAMP AND DISTRICT ARE HIT WITH ACUTE WATER SHORTAGE

The story goes something like "Even your best friends won't tell you" and with the prevailing water shortage of the past week, it's a case of your friends being no ones to talk either. To sum it all up, oh for a nice hot shower.

Pump trouble in the town water supply has made us all feel the pinch of rationing.

HOW ARE YOU AT JINGLES.....?

Here's your chance to win yourself TWO free theatre tickots....and there's nothing to it. All you have to do is complete the last line of the jingle (below) and send it or bring it up to SCRAMBLE office in C.R. (Admin building) by next Tuesday noon. This is a continuation of the SCRAMBLE policy to award two free tickots to the station theatre each and every week. How's about YOU giving it a try?

THIS IS JUST A LITTLE SCHEME TO MAKE YOUR LIFE MUCH LESS ROUTINE; IT MEANS FREE TICKETS TO YOU AND YOU

BRANDON BUS SERVICE STILL BLOWING IN WIND

The idea to get some sort of special service between our camp and Brandon via bus is still in the wind, and it definitely has not been given up as hopeless.

A committee has been appointed to look into all aspects of the situation and their report will have the hinge on the question of whether it's "to be or not to be."

We're all holding high hopes of a successful finish to this problem.

And no doubt you've heard about the little moron who went to a football game because he thought a quarter back was a refund...

Scramble

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WANTED

LOST - two car keys. Please return to LAC Lacey of the Armanent section or drop them into the Guard House.

WANTED: F/S Briggs wants LAC Riby to drop down to see him. Personal matter. Maybe the worm has turned, eh.

WANTED - a way to get our of Trade Improvement classes or a good excuse for missing them.

FOUND - Stamp folder from inside of black pebbled leatherette billfold. Clue: enclosed is one ticket for Webb's Bus Line Portage and three rail stub tickets. Call at Guard house.

There are quite a few of the civilian clerks and storos around that are worried about their income tax forms and just how to fill them out. Drop around and see Sgt. Harry Mackey in the Accounts who shines on matters of forms....

We heard Cpl. Hardy say something about going down to see the MO about something or other and wondered if he had.

.....IT'S MUSE TO MY EARS

TO THOSE WHO DIED
 (or)
 THE BATTLE OF SOURIS

Let me tell you, one and all,
 Of a day of Barrack 1 life.
 Methinks that through this you'll recall,
 Your days of toil and strife.

This quarter to the hour of eight,
 The frost is on the sill,
 This hour that I do relate,
 Is even later still.

Now let me tell you once again,
 Or have I told you yet,
 This place I mean has gained great fame,
 For sleep the a irmen get.

But quickly now, the alarm does ring,
 The room is filled with noise,
 A hand moves out with mighty swing,
 The hut ragains its poise.

A sleepy eye and tousled head,
 Is all that can be seen,
 And one by one, much like the dead,
 They pick up shattered dream.

And so it goes throughout the day,
 In bed or in the chair,
 We doze and eat and get our pay,
 And sleep does 'way with care.

(Submitted by K.T. of the Flying Records. Tnx)

What makes Macara feel so full of vim and vigor these days?

Cpl. Gordie Ramesbottom of the Parachute Fabric section has been on the go quite a bit of late. Trying for the weekly crown no doubt, eh Gord.

When the W&B had the small pump out this week pumping water from ditch to ditch, saw Cpl. Perkio Riess come rushing out of B.D. 10 with towel and toothbrush in hand. He was just wondering if the W&B boys minded if he got in his morning toilette, and water is water these days.

MALE CALL

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

SOLID SENDER





JUST A COUNTRY LAD AT HEART

Did you ever see a dream walking?...Well we did.....or maybe it was the WOLF. We had to hire one of Pat'd riding nags to track this week's WOLF-OF-THE-WEEK down but we had a nice little trot out into the beautiful Souris country side south ways. Spring is a great thing. We might have thought it purely an agriculture exploration, but we find it different. CPL. GORDIE McKAY of the canteen likes walking evidently and either he's a country boy at heart or there's something right nice down south. Anyway, we dropped around just in time to see him start out south with a bouquet of posies in hand, a whistle on his lips and a spirit in his step. We hear too that Gordie takes to this road at oft times, an unconfirmed rumor of course. Nevertheless, he takes this week's diploma and we can just see those blushes coming thick and fast when our blond hero hears the news.....

We just got over the shivers from Monday mornings parade.....And what tall blonde Irishman reared up on his hind legs and howled the other night when somebody made a grammatical error and called the "Old Blarney Stone", the "Baloney Stone"....maybe not far wrong at that. You'll get used to it Jerry. We're saying so long this week to LAC Mac McNeill of the accounts, a swell guy who is on the way over. Tell us it was quite a do on Monday night down in the Legion too... .. The call for cokes in the Admin was terrific on Tuesday morning..To say nothing of the Accounts Adjutant LAC Marcus Jones who paid a visit to the M.O. Jonsie's diagnosis is something like "sluggitis of gravelosis"....but just who was he swinging it at?... ..and Norm Whittakers eyes reminded us of a couple of boiled eggs in a bucket of red paint.....

Cpl. Paul Hayden is feeling better now that he's been to bed a couple of nights (for a change)..... We understand that F/S Hoogan had a wet time when he went to bed last Sunday. 'Tis rumored that Hoogan is taking swimming lessons from (we presume) Sgt. Red Walsh..... WO2 Blackford finally treated the boys last Tuesday on that promotion of his. A good time was had by all so guess he's not such a bad guy after all, oh! fellows?..... It must be spring, seeing LAC Campbell of Records looking off into space every now and then, it just must be love.... .. And then we have two WO's down in Training wing that are really putting in their

SIXTH VICTORY LOAN QUOTA SET FOR OUR STATION

The quota for No. 17 SFTS in the sixth Victory Loan Drive has been set at a figure of \$75,000. It is hoped that this mark will be topped early in the campaign.

NEWS AROUND THE CAMP IN BRIEF

- X Airmen getting into the Ball-season-swing. Warmups seen on ball diamond east of admin. Building.
- X Water shortage hits personnel quite hard. Cold water shaves definitely not popular.
- X Maintenance Wing handled last of Section dances on Tuesday night. Weekly dances cancelled for summer.
- X Blue air letter overseas forms not but down but shortage of paper warns to go easy on them.
- X Grass adds color to the station. Instructions issued to stay off sodded areas.
- X Ration cards and books will not be issued to Service personnel by local Ration Boards. Must obtain them at Records office before you proceed on leave or pass etc.
- X Morning parades not very popular. Buttons and boots see new shines each day.
- X More next week.

Quite a number of airmen attended the "Jam Session" in the Souris dance hall last Friday night as guests of the dance band Avalonians. The invitational party was set as a going away for ace trumpeter Bix Hoover.

Among the crowd saw Cpl. Jeffries, LAC Pearse, Cpl. Ramesbottom, LAC Drexel, LAC Krueger, F/S Ferguson, LAC Clements, Cpl. McLeod, LAC Turenne and others.

The members of "Rhythm in Revue" that were present recalled a couple of the hit tunes from their show.

bids for "Wolf of the Week". It seems Paul Martin and Art Sawatsky were south of the border last week end and no doubt they had quite a time. They looked it anyway....F/L Toft is beginning to get a little weak in the knees about now. The coming event is right soon. We offer our bests in advance.

The dance hall was plenty crowded in Souris last Saturday night as a host of airmen went with the Spring call. We picked out several wobbly knees but no names mentionedgood to you aron't we fellows.. must be in a good mood... And how about asking LAC Sandulak where he spent his tear of last weekend? ... Was nice to dig into them pork chops on Sunday for our Easter Sup....Just who is the Corporal from the Firehall that runs around in those beautiful red-seated trousers? The story behind the whole thing must be good but we couldn't get it for publication. They said "Nix"

SPORTS



CPL WATT AND F/S GARDNER CAPTURE COMMAND SEMI-FINALS BERTH IN BADMINTON



GREAT STUFF - THIS DUTY WATCH PT. EH CHUM?



BOWLING WINDUP IS HECTIC RACE

ONLY THREE TEAMS DEFINITELY ELIMINATED

AS THE BOWLING LEAGUE HITS THE LAST LAP THE RACE HAS BECOME DEFINITELY A TIGHT ONE AND TWO PLAYOFF BERTHS STILL HANG IN THE BALANCE. WO2 Glencross and F/O Howe are the only two teams that have cinched themselves for one of the four top places. Three games have yet to be played: Halliburton VS Toft, Mitchell VS Wlosek and Howe VS McCloskey. Toft, McCaugherty and Dooley are the only quintets that are out of the running.

In Tuesday's games Glencross put a clincher on one of the top spots with three games from Dooley. McCaugherty finished off with a 2-1 win from Wlosek and Riess made a last minute bid for a spot in the playdowns with 6 points from Mitchell. The scores on the whole were lower than usual.

Cpl. Angus led the triple efforts with a 648 and Anaka finished close with 644. LAC Norm Whittaker took single honors with 261.

The spoon for week April 4-6th for high single is being held for the run-off of the Wlosek Mitchell postponed match of April 6th.

The playoffs are scheduled to start this coming Tuesday night with the first team versus the second team and third versus fourth. It will be a straight knockout affair. The winners will match for the championship on April 20th at 6:30 P.M.

Who is the little fellow down in the Armament section, who, when his bullets ran out, started to run after wild game. Is it that he was so desperate that he had to do something?

And Cpl. Dan Daubert of the hospital doesn't know a deer from a pig yet it would seen.

Cpl. Jeff Joffries and F/O Gorry Howe are experts of the air exponent so we hear. When they went to take a taxi home one night they had to pitch in and help with a flat tire and took their turns on the pump handle and it just about was all they could do. They arrived back in camp a couple of sleepy tired men.

One of these fine days our F/L Ongley is going to miss that morning bus. His last minute dashes over the bridge and around the corner just as the bus pulls out can't hold out with that luck forever.

Why are Sgt. Regolous, F/S Norton and Sgt. McDonald so anxious to get in to Brandon tonight?

BOWLING LEAGUE STANDING

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Points
GLENCROSS...	27	17	10	34
HOWE.....	24	16	8	32
RIESS.....	27	15	12	30
HALLIBURTON.	24	13	11	26
MCCLOSKEY...	24	13	11	26
WLOSEK.....	24	13	11	26
MITCHELL....	24	12	12	24
MCCAUGHERTY.	27	11	16	22
TOFT.....	24	10	14	20
DOOLEY.....	27	6	21	12

Two airmen were leaving the hotel room. "Have you forgotten anything?" said the first to the second.

"I don't think so," replied second. "I've got all of the towels, the Gideon Bible and the dresser scarf."

JUST SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE SCRAMBLE.....

WATT-GARDINER COUPLE FOR BADMINTON VICTORY

ADVANCE TO SEMI-FINALS IN S.T.C. TOURNEY

TWO BADMINTON STARS STEPPED OUT OF OBSCURITY LAST SUNDAY AND RIGHT INTO THE LIMELITE OF THE COMMAND PLAYDOWNS AND WE'RE HAPPY ALL OVER. F/S GARDINER, ONE OF OUR FLYING INSTRUCTORS, AND CORPORAL WATT OF COURSE 104 WERE THE MIGHTY ATOMS THAT BASHED THE BIRDS IN top style at the Rivers tournament last Sunday and brought back the doubles quarter-finals bacon to our station. Their combination was too hot for the rest of the competitors and they waltzed through every match with comparative ease. The duo now advances into the semi-final at No. 12 in Brandon this coming Sunday. If they are successful in that event they will trip to Winnipeg on the 29th of this month to play for the No. 2 Training Command championship.

Gardiner and Watt had little trouble with No. 12's entry and won handily by scores of 15-5 and 15-8. In the second round they downed SPTS Weyburn 15-8 and 15-6 and finished off a perfect afternoon against the Rivers combination with 15-2 and 15-8 wins.

Cpl. Watt, who hails from Victoria they tell us, was former Junior champion out there on the Western shores. He's also done some fine court work in California and Ontario. Flight Gardiner calls St. Catherines his stamping grounds and has done plenty of good racket work down that way. It's an East-West combination that's really clicking and we're all behind the boys when they trip to Brandon for the crack at the finals.

SUMMER TO SEE SPEED-UP IN SPORTS

STATION SPRING AND SUMMER SPORTS WILL BE SWINGING INTO ACTION REAL SOON AND PLANS ARE BEING STEPPED UP TO BE IN READINESS FOR THE SCHEDULE.

The Sports-Entertainment committee meeting on Wednesday brought out big doings for our sports setup. There'll be plenty for you to keep yourself fit at and a sport for every liking.

A TENNIS committee is cracking on the need of courts for the station and as soon as a site is approved, the construction of two courts will be commenced. Those interested in tennis are asked to pitch in and help with the making of the new layout.

SOFTBALL leagues are already in the embryo stage and will be set as soon as the diamonds are in playing shape. New softball equipment is on hand in the sport stores. SOCCER will be at full swing again this season and the stock of boots and shin pads for this sport are being replenished. Soccer was very popular here last year.

Meanwhile, the GOLF committee is hard at work and it is hoped that the same arrangements will be made available this season for station personnel as were last season. Airmen and officers were permitted membership in the Souris club for a \$5 fee. It has been proposed to buy a few sets of clubs that will be for use on loan from sport stores. The golf ball situation is rumored to be about the same as last year but if anything a little brighter. The Souris course is free of snow and playable at present.

It is hoped that BOX LACROSSE will become a favorite here along with the rest of the games. Anyone interested should start shouting and let us see how much interest there is floating about. It is proposed to purchase Lacrosse equipment to enhance the sport shelves still further.

BASEBALL should figure as one of the top favorites among our station sportsmen and equipment for this is also in the order book. Those wishing to try for a station team are asked to contact WOL Titloy personally. A station team entry is being placed in the B.D.S.A.A. along with those of softball and soccer.

Ample HORSESHOES are on hand for this summer and the same arrangements as for last season are in mind for the SWIMMING setup down town at the Souris river. The idea of the formation of a RIDING CLUB for our station was nice to see our Editor and Cpl. Kotelmach getting powdered up last Sunday evening. Must have been some attraction in town.

THE WOLF

by Sansone



ion, purchasing a few horses and renting them out at a nominal fee per hour is being investigated thoroughly. This idea has become a top liner at many stations and reports show that there is some lovely riding sports south and east of the town.

Along with other sports, you can still throw in the odd game of hop-scotch or marbles and we'll guarantee you will keep yourself busy and in good shape.

WE - THE PEOPLE SQUEAK

YOUR COLUMNIST TAKES A GREAT ENJOYMENT OUT OF LISTENING IN HERE AND THERE AND IN SO DOING GETTING SOME CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM FROM THOSE WHO ARE SUFFICIENTLY INTERESTED TO GIVE WITH SOME OF THAT HONEST STUFF IN THAT REGARD WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE MAIN CRITICISM IS THE FACT THAT WE DON'T GO FAR ENOUGH WITH OUR STORIES.....IN OTHER WORDS, THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO JUST CAN'T CATCH ON TO THE TALE BEING TOLD.....WELL, THANKS GANG, I WILL ENDEAVOR TO CORRECT THAT FAULT IMMEDIATELYBUT I WOULD ASK YOU TO KEEP IN MIND THE FACT THAT I DO HAVE TO CONTROL THE PEN A LITTLE EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T CONTROL MY THOUGHTS THAT MAKE THIS COLUMN POSSIBLE.....YOU CAN SAY TOO MUCH YOU KNOW.....O.K. NO LETS GET INTO OUR CROP ,FOR THIS WEEK, OF THE SAD, SAD, STORIES..AND BELIEVE YOU ME THERE ARE SOME THAT WILL BRING TEARS TO YOUR EYES (ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE GENTS ON THE RECEIVING END) . I WAS sitting in the mess the other day, shooting the breeze with some of the champions of said art, namely the S.P. boys....well I couldn't make head nor tail of it except the odd words and phrases that popped out.....AMONG them I heard "That Swing Bridge in Souris is just too small for two people, even a boy and girl (heavens knows they can usually crowd into a mighty small space) yes, I got that Red, tha nks.. Then up popped "Mac" with the statement that , and I quote "It's still Brandon for me", define that will you "Mac"?.... Over in the corner sat my friend(at least he was before this column hit the press) "Tiny", who incidentally knows what a mess was constructed for..mainly eating, and was making good use of same for that purpose.... However he did stop long enough to tell of his experience on one of those hanging ropes over in the drill hall....and once again I quote "I just got "oomph" from the top and slid down again" self explanatory I think..... At any rate a fine body of men, But I am afraid that they won't help me You had better join the forces with W.O.L Titley fellows as I understand that he is looking for me too..... Say what is wrong with the gang in the Equipment Section these days----one day they're away in the sky and the next they are down flat on the ground. I can't quite understand that gang....but it is a great life, isn't it fellows????..... Got a little dope on the weekly Maintenance dance from here and there and as near as I can gather it was tops in every way..... due to the work of F/S Parsons and the committee, Maintenance boys can be quite happy over the effort put forth on their account by the flight,....I say more workers just like him and there will never be a dance ever fall flat.... ..Incidentally, in reference to the dance what was that remark of Cpl. Cook's in regard to the chocolate cake,..very subtle, very subtle..... Right about here I am going to do a bit of picking apart and it's all directed toward those fellows who are so free with the non-constructive criticism pertaining to the entertainment on this station,,,, well gang, there isn't any welcome mat out on the steps of the Y.M.C.A. for that kind of criticism ----YET--- but we are certainly looking for some cracker-jacks in that line of work and from what I hear from here and there, there certainly must be an awful lot of talent that only those afore-mentioned critics know of, as I certainly have been on the look-out,.... If that "breeze" of yours means anything, how about trotting that talent out in the open... or forever hold your peace---'Nuff Said,..... The fellows seem to take this water shortage pretty well but if there is anything they

Miss it's the finger bowls being taken away in the mess...We do understand that the laundry is going on double shift if this keeps up.....Can't help thinking of several lines from "The Ancient Mariner" about now.....However the boys on the station are just looking on the whole thing as just "Another Shortage"..... I's still wandering what prompted a certain Flight Sergeant from Headquarters to step out of his own back yard to the extent of actual taking part in the airmen's favorite sport right on their own grounds.....Mind you this is some time ago, ...maybe he learned the hard way that there are some things that AC's can excell at..... The face of F/L McAllen turned all colors of the rainbow in Souris the other night when, after having a very successful bout with the cards , a card was pulled out of his sleeve... the fact that the airman who disclosed this surprise was a magician of no mean ability had nothing to do with it, or did it.....?.....With that I think I have covered everything of note this week and will pack up "LUCY" (You aren't interested fellas---she's not your type) and will skedaddleBe good eh?

Yur Friend (?)
AVIE

Sgt. Moyer, who despite all his worries of the coal pile, claims that the Sgt. Mess dances make him feel like old times are here again. Never heard him complain yet.

Papa Gnu came home and Mama Gnu looked at him shyly and said: "I've got Gnus for you."

IAC (paid finally) Fulmines is on the look for a house t'would seem, someone is coming to see him. The boys in the mess still have him for the "wolf" nomination.

SEND ME HOME TO MOTHER

TO _____

ADDRESS _____

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"IT'S ANOTHER SCRAMBLE"