

WEATHER REPORT:
It's good weather
for it

ALIVE YOU DUG
DOWN IN THE
SOCK YET?



out of the Scramble

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STATION QUOTA SET AT \$85,000.00

Each week SCRAMBLE will carry full reports on the Sixth Victory Loan drive on our station.

THE SIXTH VICTORY LOAN DRIVE WAS AWAY TO A FINE START THIS WEEK AS THE OFFICIAL RETURN AT PRESS TIME CLICKED THE VICTORY REGISTER AT \$41,750, ALMOST HALF OF OUR QUOTA. TRAINING WING LEAD THE SECTION RACE WITH OVER 58% SUBSCRIBED TO DATE. The \$85,000 quota for the station is split among the three sections on a pro rata basis of pay income.

P/O Gore, chairman of the loan campaign at our Unit stated that he is quite pleased with the results of the drive thus far in an interview today. Our campaign opened on Monday. He also holds high hopes that our Unit will top the \$85,000 mark early in the drive and it is an honest desire that each and every man on the station will do his level best to invest in the Sixth loan.

The section quotas are set at \$45,000 for Training Wing, \$25,000 for Maintenance and \$15,000 for Headquarters.

P/O Gore told your reporter that a novel sales recorder will be located adjacent to the post office building. Be on the watch for it and follow our drive for the top.

The quota for No. 2 Training Command is \$1,450,000, the Air Force objective is \$10,500,000 and the National objective is \$1,200,000,000.

"Hang the paperhanger" - "Lend for Victory" - "Save to beat the devil" -- pick your slogan and invest NOW to help win this war.

"PUT VICTORY FIRST."

RUSH ON KLEENEX AGAIN IN CAMPEN AS SCRAMBLE GOES TO PRESS A DAY LATE

Fingernails have been chewed short this week and the tears of anxiety have boosted Kleenex sales to a new high as SCRAMBLE is a day late on the news shelf this week. Worried airmen fret and stew 'till the paper comes out and they breathe freely once again when they slip by the wolf nomination.



SCORE TO DATE

TRAINING WING:
58.7% of qta.
MAINTENANCE:
39.8% of qta.
HEADQUARTERS:
35.6% of qta.

OBJECTIVE:
\$85,000
TO DATE:
\$41,750

DATE SET FOR CORPORALS' DANCE

FINALLY THE WORD HAS COME OUT. THE LONG AWAITED CORPORALS DANCE IS COMING UP ALL BOOKED AND PLANNED FOR THE NIGHT OF WEDNESDAY MAY 17th. It's the long awaited sequel to the successful affair the two hookers had last December. Since then the boys have been howling for another one and it's taken a few months for the wheels to get rolling. With the cancellation of the weekly dances in the Blueroom for the summer season, the Maytime dance will hit right on the spot. It will be open to Corporals only.

There'll be hostesses on hand, good food and a snappy band to put the evening over with a bang. All corporals on the station are asked to keep that date open because your support is needed to make the party a success.

"SWING TIME" COMING BACK

You all remember the RCAF hit show that was here a little over a month ago. Yes, and it's coming back to our camp for a one night engagement on May 16th. It's good news.

offer no excuses but are all apologies gang. And no wise cracks because after all some occasions come only once a year.

out of the ~~Scramble~~

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

CAN YOU BEAT IT...?

The horse and mule live 30 years
And nothing knows of wines and gin.
The goats and sheep at 30 die
And never taste of Scotch or Rye.
The cow drinks water by the ton,
And at 18 is mostly done.
The dog at 15 cashes in,
Without the aid of rum or gin.
The cat in milk and water soaks,
And then in 12 short years it croaks.
The modest, sober, dry bone hon
Lays eggs for 'nogs--then dies at ten.
All animals are strictly dry,
They sinless live and swiftly die,
But sinful, ginful, rum soaked men
Survive for 3 score years and ten!



CRACKS
BY
CORTY

When they asked me to write a column for the SCRAMBLE, I didn't know just what to do. I was itching to write so decided to sit down and scratch a little. With the beer ration lifted a bit I can now speak a bit more fluidly.

When I started out to join the R.C.A.F., I left New York for Toronto. They asked me if I was going by Buffalo, but naturally I went by train.

First thing I noticed when I arrived in Souris was the beautiful view--one look and I saw the whole country. But the prairies are beautiful, in a flat sort of way.

Went looking for a place to live. Found a room but things were a bit cramped. They told me the housing situation here was bad, I found out that the situation period was bad. Asked the landlady what the teabag was doing on the bed, she said that was the pillow. The room was so small the dresser didn't have drawers, it had shorts. I asked her where I could put my bags, and she said to leave them under my eyes.

Had a nice shower when I hit the station first. Rushed in the shower room first thing in the morning. They told me I could have water the next week.

They sent me to work in Central Registry. I was all set for the usual quiz. When the Adj asked me if I filed fingernails, I told him no--that I just cut them off and threw them away.

So excuse me while I finish shovelling this car of coal. See you next week.

And who was that "crooner" in the Community hall who lent his voice during intermission at a recent dance. Maybe the wireless boys will be able to tell us.

NO STRIPES

A British army major recently recommended for commission one of his lance corporals who, after passing before a battery of interviewers and psychologists, was returned to his unit as being unfit to hold a commission.

The major, piqued at the decision, wangled an interview for himself before the board and appeared wearing a corporal's stripes.

Tuesday the result of the interview reached him. Not only was he described as being unfit to hold a commission but the statement recommended he be deprived of his corporal's stripes!

Many of the old timers of this station are on their way out on postings. Among them are WO2 Art Sawatski and Sgt. Moyer of H.Q. S'long and best of luck.

N.P.F. WINS CHALLENGE

The Accounts grudge matches continue. This week the Pay boys with their chests still way out there, took on the NPF gang on the bowling alleys. NPF now are carrying the extended frontage. They won in a close battle.

TRAINING WING CAPTURES MARCH PENNANT

A LAST MINUTE FLASH AT PRESS TIME. TRAINING WING HAS WON THE SPORTS PENNANT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH WHEN FIGURES WERE COMPILED LAST NIGHT. IT IS THEIR 2ND WIN IN 4 MONTHS.

It was with great pleasure last Thursday evening that we noted P/O Keith at the Milk Bar in Brandon. She wasn't bad wither.

We wonder why a certain red headed steno in H.Q. is always feeding samples of home-cooking to one of the rummers in the same section? It's becoming a daily occurrence and we'd just love to know what's behind it all.....

SLAP THE JAP.....BUY A BOND.....PUT VICTORY FIRST.....BUY A BOND.....GET ONE TODAY.

QUIET PLIZ

BEHIND AN O.P. BADGE



We didn't catch up to him until after he was posted to Winnipeg this week, but we still got him. Yessir, coming to us from quite an official source, this week's wolf-of-the-week selection is just the thing we've been looking for for quite some time now. Prior to this appointment of the wolf, we were always the first to give that title to our smoothies, but this week others beat us to it. Cpl. Mills, of the Service Police draws the award with full honors. We sometimes have wondered, Milsey, old boy, why you were always so anxious to take over the town patrol and even at times volunteer to do it every night, and why on your days off you always made your way to Souris. And we've seen him hit the high spots in town from the Chocolate Shop to the Royal and they've tacked the name on him. It's the waitresses selection and we think they know best 'cause at one time or other, they're bound to meet them all. Yep, we caught up with Mr. Mills, just the week he left but the Quiet Pliz has far reaches even into Winnipeg. Congrats on your coronation, Millsey.

We were rather stumped over the little and yet quite attractive incident that we witnessed in the Guard House last Friday morning. It was really attractive, Jimmy, perfect figure but lacking-what did you say Sgt. Street? Yes, guess you'd better tell us the whole story, James and no buts about it.Oh, the lady in red, everybody's crazy 'bout the lady in red....The biggest little story to sweep the Souris countryside in years, but our typewriter remains mum.... Just who S/L Jones is, we wouldn't know but the Accounts boys remember last Friday night when they were bowling downtown and they speak of the sudden promotion of one of their officers. Oh, the blushes that came out.....This week we say solong to Pto. Jack Bruce of the Postal staffbest of luck Jack and we sincerely hope that you won't forget us here while at your new post in Ottawa.....

Walking down the street the other day, we noticed a Corporal from GIS, seemingly quite pleased with the breeze....and on straining our ears heard him mumbling something to this effect:

The wind, the wind, the naughty wind,
He blows the skirts so high,
But God is just, and blows the dust
To blind the bad man's eye....

See that LAC O'Hara is back from his weekend marriage and looking happy as a bug in a rugThe hospital assistants thought they had seen everything, but when LAC Roy Hall went on duty last Saturday morning, it was so cold in the ward that LAC Marshall had his radio in bed with him to keep warm.....

NEWS AROUND THE CAMP IN BRIEF

- X WEDNESDAY NIGHT DANCES RESUMED IN THE SOURIS COMMUNITY HALL.
- X Easter Star Dance in Souris on Wednesday night attended by many airmen.
- X The War Services Club Rooms in the East United Church in downtown Souris is open to all. Make that your stopping point while on leave or while waiting for trains. Light lunches and the comforts of a very cozy lounge room.
- X Sixth Victory loan off to a very good start.
- X Many seen with "VI" lapel badge. Remember our objective and the cause. BUY A BOND.
- X Remember the sock darning service of the "Y" Socks handed in on Monday will be returned on Thursday, darned. Make sure that they're washed before handing in.
- X "CHEERIOS" Concert party draws good crowd at Rec. last Saturday.
- X Golf Course in Souris getting the final going over in preparation for the coming golf season. Better get into swinging shape.
- X "In Red" leaves town
- X Date for Corporals May Dance announced.
- X Weekly section dances in the Blue Room canceled.
- X Ts'all for now.

....And since when has S/L Simpson adopted rummy instead of crocinole....And we might also ask our wolf of last week what the attraction is at the press shop, didn't we see you rushing down there one morning?..... What is so interesting in Brandon that keeps F/S Norton and WO2 Milne making tracks in there at every opportunity?.....Cpl. Curr gets a bit rough in his softball...ripping buttons off the feminine spectators coats isn't in the game Alex.....The hospital reported one bed-pan deficient in morning check up not so long ago. Would like to know who had it.....Saw Sgt. Ron Wills, Cpl. Al Cagnier and LAC Boyco enjoying themselves at the Trianon in Regina last weekendAnd since when does Sgt. Main rate a salute? What secret power do you hold over officers, Bill?.....

Sgt. Red Walsh and F/S Al Alcorn evidently did OK at the dance last Saturday nite even though they were worried about each other getting dates.....And our little chum LAC Ken Harding was doing OK, sitting on one knee with another bit of femininity removing something from his eye. Good gag, KenWho's the plushy guy in the instrument section who found his feet flying down Portage avenue last weekend when mixed up with the Fire department?.....LAC Lloyd Brown still thinks that Oak Lake is a bit of allright.....We stand by F/L Toft's side this Saturday when he takes his bride. The very best to you both from all the gang hereNow what would WO2 Milne be doing with a toy gun in his room.....?

WATT-GARDINER ENTER FINALS HOWE TOPS BOWLING

FINAL STANDING				
Team	Played	Won	Lost	Points
HOWE.....	27	18	9	36
GLENCROSS....	27	17	10	34
HALLIBURTON..	27	16	11	32
WLOSEK.....	27	15	12	30
RIESS.....	27	15	12	30
McCLOSKEY....	27	14	13	28
MITCHELL.....	27	13	14	26
McCAUGHERTY..	27	11	16	22
TOFT.....	27	10	17	20
DOOLEY.....	27	6	21	12

F/O GERRY HOWE AND HIS DAWN FLIGHTERS FINISHED OFF THE SPRING BOWLING SEASON LAST THURSDAY NIGHT WITH A TWO FOR THREE WIN FROM McCLOSKEY TO TOP THE FINAL LEAGUE STANDING WITH TWO POINTS IN THE LEAD.

It was the windup of a hectic schedule as six points separated the first five teams. The four top teams enter the playoffs for the league championship.

Glencross' Maintenance quintet finished in second spot just two points behind the leader, and two points back of him the sailing Halliburton outfit rolled into third position at the end of their whirlwind finish. Halliburton's six point win from Toft last Friday night cinched his playoff berth. Wlosek and Riess split honors for fourth place. Wlosek made it two for one at Mitchell's expense on Thursday night to catch the Equipment gang for a tie.

In a playoff for the right to enter the playdowns, Wlosek took Riess for two games out of three.

ADMIN BUILDING SOFTBALL

H.Q. Orderly Room took the Accounts ten in a short four inning softball game on Wednesday noon. The score was 11-5. The Accounters had trouble on the mound.

MAINT. TEAM WINS SHOOT

With a total of 498 for five targets, Maintenance No. 2 team took the top spot in the regular weekly rifle club inter-section matches for week ending April 18th.

It was a close race as Equipment punched home a 497 score to pace second and the Electrical gang with 493 took third position. Eight teams participated in this week's shoot to bring back the old zip in the matches. The final tabulation is as follows:

1. Maintenance No. 2.....498
2. Equipment Section.....497
3. Electrical Section.....493
4. Wireless Section.....489
5. Aircrew Team.....487
6. Station Workshops.....478

THE WATT-GARDINER DOUBLES COMBINATION FROM NO. 17 WALTZED INTO THE FINALS OF NO. 2 TRAINING COMMAND'S BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON BY WINNING HANDS DOWN IN THEIR MATCH AT PORTAGE, AND PICKED THEMSELVES A SPOT IN THE SASKATOON EXCURSION WHICH WILL HOLD THE FINALS. THE GAMES WERE PLAYDOWNS BETWEEN TWO AREAS TO DETERMINE THE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THIS DIVISION.

Our top ranking duo displaced of F/O Cathcott and F/O King of No. 3 B & G School, MacDonald in two quick games. The first game was 15-9 and the second 15-2.

Command finals in W.D., men's and mixed doubles are to be held at No. 7 I.T.S. in Saskatoon on Saturday April 29th. The matches are booked for 1400 hours.

In our area, MacDonald will represent for the W.D. doubles and Rivers carry the colors in the mixed doubles. Cpl. Watt and F/S Gardiner will be firing at the men's doubles crown.

The station joins with the SCRAMBLE in wishing our boys, and the other representatives of our district the best of luck and hope to see the badminton crowns tripping down this way.

SPORT CHATTER

With spring weather at it's best this week, plans for the station baseball organization is taking good strides ahead. Both WOI, Titley and F/S Parsons, who are in charge of the hardball, report that they have had quite a good following inquiring of the baseball set-up for our station. It is hoped that practices can be arranged as soon as the equipment is on hand. Which should be quite soon.

Meanwhile, softball is starting to boom around the station. This weather has just about everyone out limbering the winter kinks from their arms. The station league should be set for action before very long.

We say solong this week to F/O Vince Forbes, PT & D officer at our camp for the past steen months. As officer in charge of sports, F/O Forbes (along with his instructors) has been largely responsible for the varied supply of equipment that stocks our sport shelves today. Whether a lot of our gang realize it or not, our station is without a doubt one of the best sport equipped camps in the country. You are offered a variation of games second to none. We give our "bests" and "solong" to this hard working officer--- who, incidentally, was our chief booster as officer i/c of the SCRAMBLE---and we're happy that he's happy about the posting.

7. Maintenance No. 1.....430
8. Works and Buildings.....422

MORON THE MORONS

Did you hear about the little moron who thought a cellophane bag was an invisible woman...?

(Joke over)

BOXERS FAIL IN PRELIMS AT BRANDON

WLOSEK AND HOWE SEEK ALLEY TITLE

GLENCROSS AND HALLIDURTON ELIMINATED FROM BOWLING PLAYOFFS

Training Wing and Maintenance are represented in the finals of the Spring Bowling league championship as F/O Howe and Cpl. Joe Wlosek and teams advanced into the last bracket of playdowns this week. Howe ousted WO2 Glencross on Tuesday night and Wlosek turned back the challenge of F/O Halliburton in last night's single game. The finals are booked for the downtown alleys next Tuesday night at 6:30 P.M.

Howe finished the regular schedule in first place and Wlosek's gang ran fourth. Both teams are evenly matched and handicaps will run close.

Prizes for the bowling will be announced in next weeks issue of SCRAMBLE.

The Accounts section won their challenge match with a town team in a 5-pin game played at Pat's last Thursday night.

Gal: "Did you ever sell brushes?"
Airman: "No, why?"
Gal: "Well, you'd better get one and start selling. That's my husband at the front door."

Have you visited the station library lately? There is a fine selection of books for your choosing.

The station Press Shop will give you a swell press job for only two bits. Have you tried them yet?

Why were all the pilots so nervous during the B2 examination last week? From one point we heard a conversation like this:
Doctor: What's the matter P/O Wolin, your pulse is going like a trip hammar?
Wolin: My wife is coming to Souris tomorrow and I'm going in to meet her.
Doc: Oh, that explains a lot. Okay, you're through here.

BOXERS FROM NO. 17 FAILED TO QUALIFY FOR THE NO. 2 TRAINING COMMAND FINALS IN THE DISTRICT ELIMINATION MATCHES HELD IN BRANDON ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT BUT THEY LEFT A GOOD ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES JUST THE SAME.

LAC's Tufts, McCann and Leonard climbed in the roped square and carried the colors for our station. A handful of supporters tripped to No. 17 to cheer the boys on.

The three fighters totalled their bouts for three wins and three losses.

Both McCann and Leonard won their first bouts. McCann (from the Airmens messhall) carried his 145 pounds for a 2nd round TKO in his first match. He had his opponent bleeding badly before the towel toss. Jack's second bout of the night was won by default and in the third try he lost by a close decision to an airman who held a 12-pound weight advantage. It was a tough break to run up against.

In the lightweight bracket "Mickey" Leonard, tipping the scales at 137, scored a 3rd round knockout in his first match. Leonard floored his plucky opponent three times before he stayed down for the count. Mickey also hit trouble in his final bout and lost by a decision. His opponent clinched continually throughout the three rounds and would not break. Leonard lost two of the rounds for hitting in the clinches, and otherwise had the best of the battle. It was a tough night and Leonard had no rest between his two fights.

Tufts was met with a shower of fists in his bout and the fight was stopped in the second round. He weighed in at 164.

The 2 Training Command boxing championships will be held in the Saskatoon arena on April 28th and 29th.

Advert: Man who gets paid Tuesday and is broke y Friday wishes to meet man who gets paid Friday and is broke by Tuesday.

NO. 17 ENTERS IN B.D.S.A.A. SOFTBALL, SOCCER AND BASEBALL LEAGUES

Entries have been submitted from our station in the Brandon District Services Athletics Association leagues for softball, soccer and baseball. The softball league will commence around May 23, Baseball about the same date and soccer on the 24th May.

MALE CALL by Milton Caniff **MUST HAVE COME FROM UNDER THE ROCK OF AGES**



WE THE PEOPLE... Squeak

Howdy gang...and here is your little "friend" Avie knocking on your literary door with some more of that stuff that brings tears of anguish to the eyes of many of our finest members of number 17 and gleams of satisfaction to others.....So much for that stuff..... Lets dive in, as you did when that first time came around each summer, at the old swimming hole. That is always one way to get into it.... now let me see,,what have I on the agenda tonight ????. Well there's that little bit of information we received regarding the behavior of a certain group of "MAIL" members of # 17 who saw fit to take over the "wet" canteen the other night.....I understand that the place will never be the same again, incidently men,if you keep that up you'll be knocking that record so carefully cherished, and added to by the accounts, into a cocked hat.... There's always the question comes up in a case like this, "Can you hold it or not"?...and I don't mean that coveted spot on the social record..... We dropped into the service centre last weekend and while there we saw many of our own boys on the prowl with that ~~HEEBEEBEE~~ look in their eyes....Among them were two or three of our cooks who were sampling some of the centre's gastronomical tid-bits - and enjoying it.. ..around the other side was an LAC Storie of Maint. frantically wiping at the back of his hand, and I investigated in my own subtle manner it seemed very suspiciously like lipstick was I right'er rong???. Incidentally while wandering the streets in a very lost mood I ran into Proud PAPPY Tressider who was showing off to everyone his pride and joy and rightfully so, we agree "Tres", very nice.By the way, while on the discussion of Brandon, we also saw "Smitty" of the Equipment section gazing off into the vast spaces and striving to visualize some of those Western Mountains... he had a swell chance to brag abt them mountains when he pulled up a chair to one of these few Brandon beer "Gardens" with intention of hoisting a few.... well, Smitty we don't blame you for bragging as you certainly have something to brag about.... I had the distant pleasure, along with many others on the station, of meeting Mrs. Lavers.. the better half of our esteemed "Y" supervisor "Les"..... I hope that her visit to # 17 was a pleasant one and that by this time she knows that we are taking good care of her husband, no matter how difficult it may be, that is a difficult job... Just try and follow him around and you'll see what I mean..... Not having been here for the concert group last week-end I can't vouch for this, but from all reports... it weren't good...thats just a gentle hint that maybe it might be advisable to check on these groups first... in other words , maybe we could use a talent scout or two.... .. While I'm getting the crabbing out of my system, I might add the fact that the cancelling of the weekly dances has not brought added favor onto the heads of the entertainment committee,... however, gang, you are partially responsible yourselves for this by not buckling

down and helping to make them the whole-hearted success they should have been, both by your presence and your willing assistance when needed... personally I think that the co-operation shown by the boys on the station is disgusting and we pretty well deserve every disappointment that we receive... a person who won't work a little for his entertainment, when called upon to do so, doesn't want that entertainment very badly... On a Station such as # 17, every bit of fun relies on the free-will offers of the boys. It just can't be helped and has to be that way..Remember, this column is written by a fellow airman who has neglected his share just as much as anyone else and is now about ready to get down to business..How about you???? While on the subject, I might just thank the boys whom I understand backed the entertainment committee 100% when a group was needed to handle the affair at the Canadian Legion in Souris on Tuesday night, the ones that did go had a grand time and were not the least bit sorry... for those who refused, think it over!..... Now lets get back to the ordinary affairs of this column and continue to chew a few guys apart..... It was noticed by one of our correspondents that Corporal "Hitch" Mitchell was trying to be in two booths in the Chocolate Shop at the same time.... that's quite a feat, isn't it Doug..... Say, I heard quite a few stories about a little "Lady In Red" and believe me, if the Town of Souris had a daily newspaper, I'm sure that little lady would have been good enough copy to push the War right off the front page of the paper...I understand that there are a few boys who wept bitter tears when she finally felt that she must depart from these immediate surroundings.... VOLUNTARILLY of course... I understand that due to her departure the town theatre has once again had its capacity turnouts as usual, and, everything is back to normal as far as entertainment is concerned - Ch!e, never a dull moment..... Well, that seems to be all for now, but unless you can find a brand new place to hide next Thursday, we'll be around to shove another copy of the "SCRAMBLE" in your face next week, so you had better start looking for that noval spot or you're done..... Tally ho, Yoix and all that sort of palaver...in other words ... if you can't ...don't..... I'll be with you next week with more patter and chatter about this 'n that and what have you, till then-----GO BUY A BOND.

YUR PEN-PAL AVIE ANSON.

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