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STATION MAKES 134% OF SIXTH LOAN QUOTA

NO. 2 TRAINING COMMAND TOPS \$2,000,000 MARK

No. 17 S.F.T.S. subscribed a total of \$100,800 in the final tabulation of the Sixth Victory Loan figures. Our station reached 134% of its quota.

The loan drive was very successful in No. 2 Training Command and the command total reached \$2,013,800 for 18,490 subscriptions against the quota of \$1,450,000.

Dollar figures as compiled within the Command showed our Unit tenth in standing, a good report in comparison of station strengths. Rivers led the Manitoba Units with \$141,000 subscribed, Paulson was second with \$128,150 and Dauphine third with \$126,100.

THEATRE ALWAYS A YAY

Maybe a few of the boys on Duty Watch or some other such pleasant pastime might take a tip from a Medicine Hat (Alberta, in case you're an Easterner) airman who really put one of the theatres in that city (?) in an uproar by the following incident. It seems that at 10:30 one night the theatre audience was startled right in the middle of the most dramatic part of the picture, by the sound of an alarm clock ripping through the building. Well, the story is this - some enterprising young airman who had to catch a 10:45 bus back to the airport was making sure that he didn't overstay his pass. That sounds to us something like a trick from the Souris district. Why we mentioned duty watch in on this, we wouldn't know.

We've had it again. That prairie wind that we all love so much has really come into it's own the past week or so. Official reports placed the highest velocity this week at approximately 40 m.p.h. Last night's rain was very slight and the temperature this morning stood at 46°. **STATION VICTORY GARDENS EXPECTED TO YIELD GOOD CROPS**

Come summer and fall, station ulcers will be treated to the finer thins of fresh vegetables as the station Victory gardens begin to yield for fruits of toil. The big garden, located somewhere in the NW part of

KENNY DANCE?

ON THE NIGHT OF MONDAY JUNE 26TH WHEN THE COCA COLA VICTORY PARADE TAKES THE AIR WAVES FOR ITS NATION-WIDE BROADCAST FROM OUR STATION, MART KENNY AND HIS ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY FOR STATION PERSONNEL IN A 45 MINUTE SHOW BEFORE THE BAND TAKES TO THE AIR.

IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO HOLD THE BAND FOR A HUGE DANCE ON THE STATION IN THE SPORTCADE, THE SAME EVENING, BUT AT PRESS TIME YOUR REPORTER COULD ONLY LEARN THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED AFFAIR ARE STILL PENDING.

MORE THAN LIKELY, SCRAMBLE WILL CARRY FULL DETAILS OF THE OUTCOME IN NEXT WEEKS EDITION.

HITLER AND TOGO GET HOT SEAT

It would seem that someone on the station has more than a deep hatred of the Axis partners that were dummied and placed at the Victory Loan guillotine standard. Investigation by the SCRAMBLE SBI revealed that the persons or persons attempted to burn the effigies in their rage, with the help of some lighter fluid.

We report, however, that the personages of Hitler and Togo reflecting in the images, were just too rotten to even burn. Little damage was done.

OFFICERS' INFORMATION CENTRE IN WINNIPEG CHANGES ADDRESS

The Officers' Information Centre in Winnipeg has changed location and is now in the National Trust Building S.E. corner of Portage and Garry street, on the mezzanine floor. This is just one block east of the former location.

BASEBALL PRACTICE

CALLING ALL HARDBALL PLAYERS!! YOU AND YOU ARE URGED TO TURN OUT TO PRACTICES ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY NIGHTS ON THE NEW DIAMOND AT 1830 HOURS.

SCRAMBLE has had a bit of trouble with the Union of printers, typists and editors, thus the delay in date of publication.

MORE ON THE MORONS


Hear about the one that took a ruler to bed with him to see how long he slept? the station is heaped with potatoes, corn and the like. Most of the other vegetables will be grown in the smaller garden.

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AS TIME GOES BY... 

SIX MONTHS AGO

"Intertime" station dance of the month goes over with a bang under the direction of Headquarters entertainers..... Icecade opens after long spell of mild weather - hockey takes over as major sport..... Station curlers show their art at curling in Souris League..... Sunday night concerts in Blue Room main week-end attraction in Camp.

FOUR MONTHS AGO

First six page SCRAMBLE rolls off the press this month..... Shilo defeat Station Flyers in hectic ice battle here by a score of 6-2..... Riess tops bowling league, loses out in finals..... Snack bar opens on station and does real business..... Training Wing captures Station Sports pennant... Station show, "RHYTHM IN REVUE" plays in Rec hall for two nights.

TWO MONTHS AGO

New Canteen opens for business..... Swing Time draws huge crowds for two performances..... WO2 Frost takes over as station discip..... "HAIRY DOATS" hit tune of the month with the airmen.

SWING TIME SHOWS TWO NIGHTS IN RETURN ENGAGEMENT

The travelling RCAF show "Swing Time" played before two houses here on Tuesday & Wednesday night, and they're still as good as ever. Even though they had the loss of comedian Al Bostal who went down under the fire of Capt. McKenzie and his pliers, the gang carried on in fine style on Wed. nite. Cancellation of their booking at 2 MD Brandon held the show over for the second night here. The unit held it's old zip and pep and they'll always pack the crowd in at our station.

There are a hock of a lot of sore muscles these days as everyone gets out for the sports periods. The limps are temporary.

IT'S NOSE TO MY EARS.....

I DOUBT IT

When a pair of red lips are upturned
to your own

With no one to gossip about it;
Do you pray for endurance to let them
alone?

Well, maybe you do - but I doubt it.

When a sly little hand you're permitted
to seize

With a velvety softness about it;
Do you think you can drop it with never
a squeeze?

Well, maybe you do - but I doubt it.

When a tapering waist is in reach of
your arm

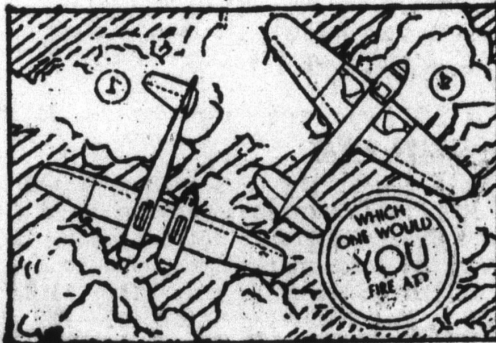
With a wonderful slimness about it;
Do you argue the point 'twixt the
good and the harm?

Well, maybe you do - but I doubt it.

And if by these tricks you should
capture a heart

With a womanly softness about it;
Will you guard it and keep it and act
the good part?

Well, maybe you will - but I doubt it.



FIRE AT No. 1. It's the German Bv 141, a two seat-ship of unusual design reputed to be the first asymmetrical plane. The off centre fuselage balanced by the cabin nacelle and the half tailplane make this plane easy to recognize. The centre section of the wings is rectangular while the edges of the outer panels taper to broad, curved tips.

NOT AT No. 2. It's the RAF'S "Typhoon", a low wing, single seat fighter and divebomber. A huge air scoop below the nose gives a deep appearance to the engine. The wings have a thick centre section and taper on both edges to rounded tips. The tapered tailplane has rounded tips and a single fin and rudder. This plane is a speed boy.

They tell us that the Equip-Accounts are looking for about steen players from the House of David to bolster their team for softball battles.

IF IT ISN'T IN THE SCRAMBLE IT JUST AIN'T NEWS

CANTEEN SCORES AGIN!

WOLVES GALORE AS BURROWS PICKS OFF CROWN FOR WEEK

QUIT PRIZ!!!

The canteen boys definitely have something, that's certain. For the third time since our inception of the wolf nomination, the lads behind the counter (and behind the news it seems) have walked off with the title hands down. And we reassure you our selections are not just outa the wind. SCRAMBLE has a wolf detecting laboratory that is equipped with the most developed and most modern pieces of dirt machinery you've ever seen or heard of. Some organizations have stool pigeons --- we use vultures. So we just can't miss.

But on with our wolf for this week. Maybe you don't know LAC Bryan Burrows, but surely you've heard of him or seen him limping around the station at one time or another. Well, the limp is gone and now we have one heck of a time keeping up with his wild chases. But we're doin' alright just the same. It was Burrows who brought out the headline news that wolves are no longer in fashion. He tells that we now call them foxes, which are in reality wolves that go calling with flowers. But we still don't think he's the Ferdinand type so we'll skip it. They tell us he's more the cave man type. He's a very extensive traveller even if only in a confined area, and that he hails from Toronto. The latter we refuse to comment on. "Wilbur" is also of agricultural species and such names as Wheat city hotel seem to cause attraction. He'll tell you too that there's nothing like a good Black Horse, if you can't get anything else. And so we quit. He's canteen smoothie No. 3.

Among those having themselves a time at the service centre in Brandon we noted LAC Slim Johnston (a former wolf winner)....and Sgt. Sinclair was busy showing the gals how to jitterbug. Sort of a shakedown..... And of course we couldn't miss WO2 Douglas returning from his 7 days diaper leave. If those are compassionate grounds maybe more of us should try for leave, eh..... We were told to make a note to the senior NCO's that WO2 Alcorn has a former Torontoite date up for the dance on the 24th. Not quire sure but someone mentioned something about a

OH! THOSE DAUGHTERS!

SHE WAS ONLY AN LUDERMAN'S DAUGHTER -- BUT HER LIMBS WERE OKE....

waitress.....Why is it that Sgt. Riley Alley always dodges corners when he sees a SCRAMBLE reporter around? Are we that bad, Riley?...It really was the "Cap" we saw out cutting the lawn this week down Dental Clinic way. Capt. McKenzie explains that it's good for the figure....And speaking of "CDC", was told it stood for "Came Darn Close." Maybe Sgt. Russ Wisdom could enlighten us...

There was the cutest little WD corporal up around No. 3 hangar this week and there was a F/S Baine around there somewhere too. By the looks of the blonde WD, it could be the \$128 question.....Ever since LAC Gisel, the accounts steadfast bed-holder-downer, saw "The Miracle of Morgans Creek" at the station theatre, he's had that peculiar look in his eye. Be satisfied with twins, eh Gis.....The town department of public works and stuff have reinforced the swing-bridge flooring since F/L Toft was married. Evidently the bridge couldn't take those mad dahos homo every night.....

We liked the remark at the Corporal's dance when the MC was barking out instructions in an elimination dance - "All girls with their own teeth stay on the dance floor"embarrassing if anyone dropped out, eh.....And speaking of embarrassment, LAC "Pop" Rainville still gets the odd red patch when he thinks back to last Saturday when he saluted WO1 Titley....LAC Dan Riby really smelt like something or other when that bottle of perfume broke in his pocket.....Cpl. Joe "Coal Harbor" Wlosek doesn't like the idea of leaving, and we don't blame him. We saw her at the Corporals dance on Wednesday night.....

LAC Iveney still doesn't know just which way to turn....Wasn't that Sgt. Bob Pugsley we saw walking, handinhand with something very cute last Saturday night?...We've heard rumors that LAC Jack Bender is getting married sometime in July. Sounds O.K. too, John.....And don't forget to get those K.D.'s all cleaned up and ready to go for the hot (?) weather.....

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff



VOLLEYBALL CROWN STAYS HERE

THE STATION HURRICANES JOURNEYED TO BRANDON ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND WHEN THE SMOKE OF BATTLE HAD CLEARED FROM THE VOLLEYBALL COURTS AT A.4, THE B.D.S.A.A. CUP WAS STILL TUCKED UNDER NO. 17'S ARM. HURRICANS WON IN THE 3 TEAM FIELD TO DUPLICATE THEIR WINNING WAYS OF LAST MONTH.

It was the smallest entry in the district service tourney in some time.

Hurrica won 3 games and lost one in the robin play to cop the trophy. They defeated A.4 15-6 and 15-3, lost to A.3 15-13 and won the final game from the same team to clinch the victory with a 15-13 margin. It was the fifth win in seven tries for our volleyballers, a very enviable record in the service loop which meets monthly.

P/O White, Sgt. Fessenden, Cpl. Budnitsky, LAC Couzens, LAC Johnston, LAC Evenden and LAC Kaiman made the trip.

LEAGUE GAMES BILLED HERE FOR NEXT WEEK

SOFTBALL, BASEBALL AND SOCCER FIXTURES BOOKED FOR OUR STATION NEXT WEEK

THERE'LL BE ACTION APLenty ON THE STATION SPORTS FRONT NEXT WEEK WITH SCHEDULED GAMES OF SOFTBALL, BASEBALL AND SOCCER BILLED FOR OUR HOME GROUNDS AS THE BRANDON DISTRICT SERVICE LEAGUES SWING INTO FIRST PLAY.

On Tuesday night 19 EFTS Virden brings their softball team to our diamond as the first invaders. The station team is almost ready now and will be all set to go when that comes around. Advance reports say we have a good lineup of material.

Soccer and baseball take the highlite on Wednesday night when our station teams play at home to teams from Rivers. There should be plenty of action in these games. Bad weather has been putting the dampor on practise nights but the team managers tell us they'll be ready for the CNS'ers.

No. 17 had a fine record in both softball and soccer last summer. As no records of the games are at our disposal, we are unable to give the exact figures, but the teams were right up at the top of the hoap. Baseball is new to our station this year and we're looking forward to a good team of base busters.

Remember these games and turn out to lend the cheers for our players. The softball diamond is by the Admin. building, soccer field is east of the coal piles and the baseball square is next to the soccer spot. All games start at 1830 hours. Let's give the boys our support.

A CHALLENGE

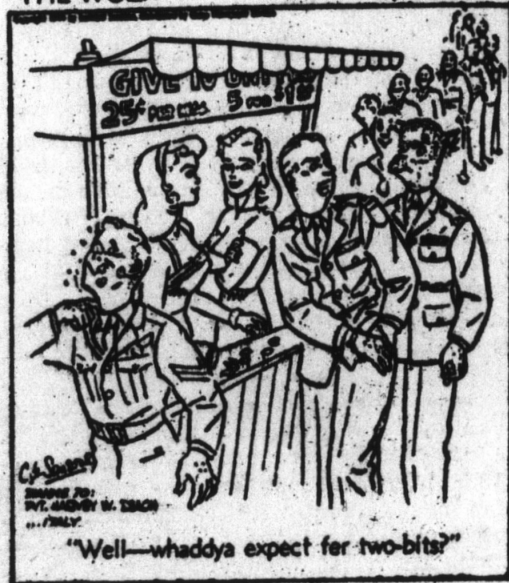
Up where the Link section was, they tell us they have a pretty fair softball lineup, in fact it's even better than that. The Linkers are just looking for a team to compete with and throw the ball doors wide open for challenges from any team. Anyone taking up the glove, get in touch with P/O Sheppard and make arrangements. The Equipment boys also claim they have some hot material over their way, so we'd suggest the two get together and let the fur fly.

HOW ABOUT IT? —

TURN IN ALL SCORES OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES TO THE SCRAMBLE. LET US REPORT YOUR GAMES, TO KEEP YOUR SECTION IN THE NEWS.

THE WOLF

by Sansone



GROUNDCREW SOCCER PLAYERS WANTED

Any groundcrew personnel interested in soccer are asked to leave their names or call around and yell out in a big voice at Sport Store. P/S Ferguson reports that he has a good roster of aircrew players, but he needs more men from the ranks of the boys on the terra firma.

There is also a need for volunteer referees for the soccer matches and anyone willing to help out are asked to contact Fergie.

Little ikoy, only two,

Put some ex-lax in Pa's brew;

Mama cried, "O! such capers! —

Run and hide the Sunday papers!"

(How'd that get in here?)

You like to read the news, we like to print in. Remember our phone number is 6.

GOLF NEWS



The station golf club committee has been active already and have lined up proposed matches and tournaments for play this summer. These matches are to be run off at the Souris golf club during the coming months. Here's the tentative schedule of events:

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- MAY 28th - Mixed tournament - 4 ball foursome, 9 holes. 12:30 hours. Prizes by flights, lunch. Fee: 25¢.
 - JUNE 4th - Men's tournament - Open for members, 27 holes, prizes by flights. Start 0900 hours. Members of the club in the RCAF and living in Souris are requested to bring lunch for themselves and one in addition to accommodate golfers living on the station. Entry fee is 25¢.
 - JUNE 18th - Mixed tournament: 2 ball foursome 18 holes, start 12:30 hours. Bring your own lunch, drinks supplied. Entry fee 25¢.
 - JULY 23rd - Mixed tournament: 4-ball foursome, handicap play, 9 holes. Start at 12:30 hours. Bring your own lunch, drinks supplied. Entry 25¢.
 - AUGUST 6 - Brandon Open. Western Manitoba championship played at Brandon golf course. See further advertising about this date in SCRAMBLE
 - AUGUST 13 - Souris and District Open - four man team "Shield" competition included.

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The tourneys have been spaced so that those unable to take in one tourney, are able to get in on another, according to their weekend passes.

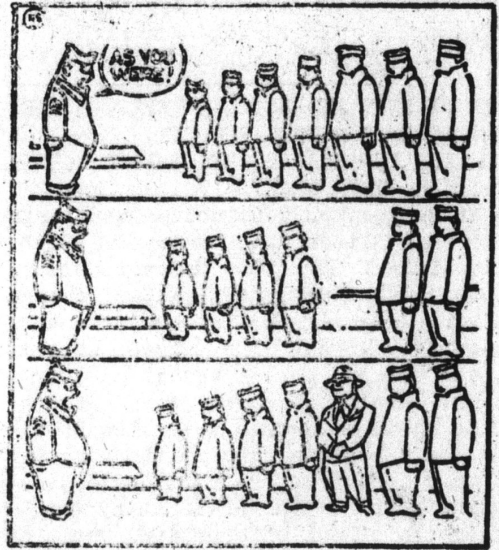
The course in Souris is in good shape and despite the colder weather, quite a number of players have been getting in early practise.

CORPORALS DANCE IS DECLARED A TOP SUCCESS

With a good crowd of two-hockers in attendance at the Bluroom on Wednesday night, the Corporals Leap Year Party was hailed as a real success. Lovely hostesses from both Brandon and Souris attended the dance and the 2:1D band was really in the groove with their dancing rhythms. Lunch was served to the guests at midnight.

Your reporter tried to find out how many leap year proposals were attempted during the night but we got absolutely nowhere. Anyway, everyone had a ball time.

AS I WAS.....!!



REMEMBER THE NEW RULE IN THE AIRMENS CANTEEN IS THAT EVERYONE TAKES DISHES, CUPS, BOTTLES ETC. BACK TO THE COUNTER WHEN FINISHED. **THEY DOOD IT TOO**

Maybe it's just once in a lifetime, maybe not. Anyway, it's not only the duty watch airmen who are detailed to get out with sweat and brawn. SCRAMBLE witnessed numerous officers out around the officers' mess building last week, shovelling and spreading the dirt around in their landscaping efforts. Even the IT drivers gave ground that night as truck wielders Henson and Mrabelli took over for the night from their Wingeo duties.

AS OUR SILVERWARE DISAPPEARS....

"Why are you washing your spoon off?"
"So I won't get egg all over my pocket."

STILL FRESH...

Date: "Don't you want to kiss me? Don't I appeal to you?"
Airman: "It isn't that -- I just don't want to throw this gum away yet."

A BROGUE IN THE SHOWER

We just couldn't help but overhear that Scotch brogue pouring out from the officers quarters showers the other morning as S/L "Sandy" Simpson let loose with his parody to "There'll always be an England." Our shorthand isn't good but we got it down something like this:

"There'll alwa ys be an England,
As long as Scotland stands,
It's just through poor old Scotland
That England's wealth expands.
Our friendly neighbor England,
We always will defend,
We'll fight all England's battles,
Her broken ships we'll mend,
And when the war is over,
And Victory has been won,
We'll sing all England's praises

WE + THE PEOPLE SQUEAK

I SCRATCH MY HEAD AND BLINK MY EYES AS THE
DAWN STEALS ACROSS THE SKY,
BUT NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, THE THOUGHTS
I THINK WEAVE WEARILY BY, OH MY!

Thats it gang, when your columnist starts to fill in these lines with poetry, all I can say is "YOU'VE HAD IT". However fellas, it's not quite that bad, as a matter of fact I have a very large agenda of subjects to cover tonight..... What with dances, concert parties, and one pay parade to hit on ...really though, I think the best I've heard in a long time is in reference to a blow by blow account of a certain game of the airman's favorite sport, "barrack room baseball"..... The crowning point of the whole story was the description of one enterprising young airman who saw fit to carry on a rip roaring vending business in the line of chocolate bars, chewing gum and soft drinks...I guarantee that he was about the only man to come out of the battle unscathed, with money in his pocket, yes sir, we've seen the point at a lot of these games but that takes everything..... As for the varied entertainment on the station for the last week, I think it is better to start at the first and cover them all, one by one..... First of all comes last Saturday night and a bevy of lovely "EAT-ON" beauties and their male escorts who gave us a performance that rates right up at the top of the list of past shows to be in the spotlight on No. 17..... A great amount of credit goes to those kids who gave us many laughs to remember and plenty of good clean entertainment.... Thanks a million kids and remember where we are and rest assured that a great big hearty welcome awaits you on your return...any time!..... The next little item to step into, in the realm of entertainment deluxe was the repeat performance of the "SWING TIME" show... It has truly been shown above all further contradictions and theirs is the "Biggest Little Show in the RCAF".... They're a grand little show and they proved beyond all doubt, when the Ace comedian, Al Bestal, was removed from two of his teeth and had to take to the hospital for recovery that they are real troupers, everyone one and they filled in so well that the show went over really great the second night.... We're glad to report that Al was able to be up and around Thursday and get away on schedule with the rest of the gang... It was very noticeable by your reporter that the gang just didn't feel the same when one of their numbers was missing.... We're also happy to say that one of the rabbits used by Denny Thyme (magician deluxe) although taken seriously ill was also brought back on the road to recovery by our alert hospital staff. There's nothing those guys can't do, is there?... If the next time you go on sick parade, they take you out and let you feast sumptuously on lovely green grass, you'll know that the rabbit was cured just like that...what .. no surgery!!!! Now

whila we're still on the sujet of entertainment and stuff bordering same, lets look the colossal Corporal's Dance over (from a distance, because my uniform with the hooks on it was at the cleaners, so I couldn't go). The Corporals once again succeeded in showing every other section of the station how to really put one of those dances over... From all reports it was a grand affair and actually bordered on the type of a dance that you might step in on in the City of Winnipeg (that's the closest city) even the supper was very much alright, with all the trimmings, etc.... In reference to this dance, I couldn't help but overhear a conversation immediately after between two of the enterprising Corporals who were responsible for the affair. The first line which was about all I could catch was, "now, in the next one we'll have to do etc, etc," Yes, sir that sure sounds like the punishment boys at it again (Corporal Punishment)..... Now lets get a few gleaning from here and there, little items of conversation that I have picked up by the usual snoop methods.No doubt, there are a few people on this station who realize that we have probably the number one diplomat and good will artist to ever hit the 49 th. parallel, right here on No. 17 in the person of airman Kelly, who feels that there just he sn't been enough of that borderly "love" going on between the USA and Canada, so he has taken the job himself.. and according to him, he's just the guy who can do it. See Gordie carries the good will of the station (and a little of his own) to North Dakota this week-end....I don't know whether it will be safe for anyone else to go there for a visit after he's back or not.... anyway, I understand that F/L Smith is also going on the little jaunt so things should be in safe hands.....I witnessed a very sorryful and pethetic sight when Corporal Jeff Jeff. ries was seen trying, by fair means and foul, to acquire a second slice of that delicious raison pie served in the mess the other day.... I don't blame you Jeff, it makes your mouth water to try a little and then by the time you decide that maybe it's pretty good and you'll have some, they change thier minds and all you have is the sample you've already et..... and more pie just like that which mome tried to make and we'll hand o'er the keys of the station to the baker who dreams up that pastry..... I'm so awfully tired (yawn yawn), just remember, if you're trying to be a live wire and meet up with another one, there's a terrible shock due somebody and I wouldn't be surprised if it was you..... So Goodnight fellas and pleasant night maros.

yours Anie

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