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"YOU'VE HAD IT!"

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KENNY DANCE SET

SPOTLITE BAND TO PLAY HERE FOR GIGANTIC AFFAIR JUNE 26th

NO. 17 WILL SPONSOR A MAMMOTH DANCE IN THE STATION SPORTCADE WITH MART KENNY'S ORCHESTRA ON THE NIGHT OF MONDAY JUNE 26th IT WAS DECIDED UNANIMOUSLY AT A MEETING OF THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY MORNING. THE TOP LINER NAME BAND WILL BE BOOKED FOR THE DANCE THE SAME EVENING HE GOES OUT OVER THE NATIONAL NETWORK ON THE COCA COLA VICTORY PARADE BROADCAST FROM THIS UNIT.

The committee was unanimous in its decision to have the band stay over for the huge station dance. All aspects of the question were thoroughly discussed and with the station facing a slow-down in entertainment for the month of June it was a natural spot for such an affair. The graduation of the next course has been shifted into July which would leave next month minus the big station graduation dance.

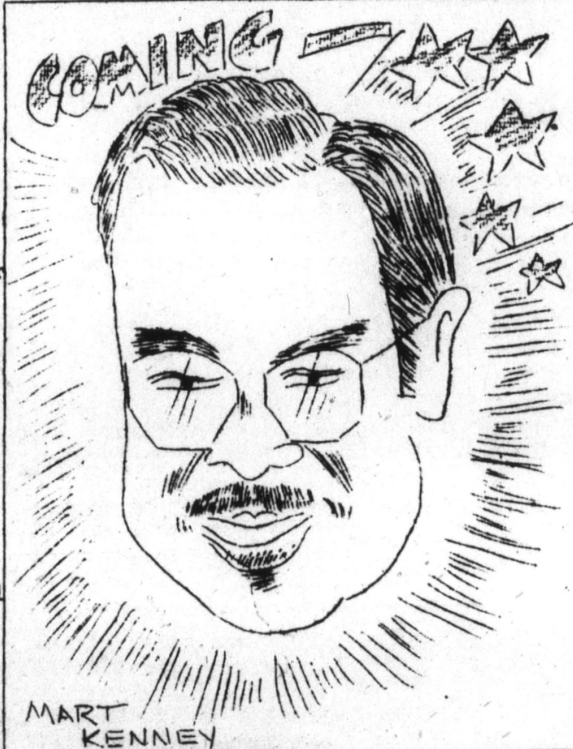
Extensive plans are already underway for this undertaking. Expenses will be more than normally heavy and the support of everyone will be needed to put the presentation on the right side of the books. The dance will be open to civilians and will be widely publicized throughout the surrounding district. It is planned to secure as many as 300 hostesses if possible to attend from Souris, Brandon, Wawanesa, Deloraine and other points. With an eye to all this the admission price has been set at a flat one dollar per couple admission, and tickets will be on sale almost immediately.

Mart Kenny's dance band is widely known and very popular. His twice-weekly radio broadcasts over the dominion network have built a huge following from coast to coast. His rhythmic music is known and loved by thousands.

Watch for announcements that will keep you posted and each and every member of our Unit is urged to talk up the dance and spread the news that this gigantic dance is coming to our station on June 26th.

INSTRUMENTS FOR ORCHESTRA

There is a good possibility of another station dance orchestra being organized sometime in the near future and the first step over the trouble hurdle were recommended by the Sports and Entertainment committee this week when they passed a motion to purchase two saxophones, one trumpet and a base viola. These instruments should pave the way for the orchestra to organize.



PRECIPITATION REPORT

A recording of 1.66 inches of rain is the official precipitation at our station for the past week.

NOT ENOUGH RESPONSE.... DANCE BUS TO BRANDON CANCELLED

The special bus that was to be booked to transport airmen to the Mart Kenney dance in Brandon last night was cancelled on Thursday afternoon. Not enough requests were received at the YMCA to make the trip.

MORE ON THE MORONS

Did you hear about the little moron that took cream and sugar with him to the theatre when he heard they were having a serial.....

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ATTENTION MAINTENANCE

Where are all those noses for news over that in the hangars? There must be some around and we'd sure appreciate your news for the paper. Deadline is Wednesday noon, so how's about it.

BARGAIN - Two bus tickets and one train, Glenboro to Souris. See Sgt. Drummond, GIS Orderly room.

A total of around 40 was the full attendance at the station theatre on 24th May. The boys really must have been out and around that night. Be on the watch for the first-run features that are booked for our theatre.

And then there's the story of the two Japanese statesmen who jumped out of a hotel window because they found an American vessel under their bed.

Help out in your canteen. ALL BOTTLES, CUPS AND PLATES TO BE TAKEN BACK TO THE COUNTER WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED AT THE TABLES.

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

HE'S BEEN HERE TOO LONG

When he came here he was bright and gay,
That was a year or more away,
Now take a look as he comes your way -
He's been here too long

There's dust in his eyes and in his hair,
He looks around with a vacant stare,
He doesn't want to go anywhere -
He's been here too long.

If you ask him: "How was flying today?"
He grins at you in a sickly way,
And says, "We're planting wheat today -"
He's been here too long.

He walks around in a sort of trance,
The light of life has gone from his glance,
He couldn't hustle with ants in his pants -
He's been here too long.

He always looks for a place to rest,
He doesn't care if he's not well dressed,
He's forgotten the Air Force call for his best -
He's been here too long.

What can be done for this airman bold,
Wasting away on the prairie cold?
Post him away ere he starts to mould -
He's been here too long.

They say that F/ S Murray Ehrlick was standing guard in front of the door to the ladies rest room (Wed. nite dance) and refusing to let even the ladies in. For what reason? Better ask Murray that one....

Paper restrictions make it impossible to publish SCRAMBLES for everyone on the station. Pass your copy to your friends so that they too may keep up with the latest news of the station.

We hear that Hitler cabled Hirohito on December 7th: "YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY GET RID OF THAT JEW JITSU."

SHE WAS ONLY A BOTTLE-MAKER'S DAUGHTER BUT NOTHING COULD STOPPER.....

The following letter was received this week by the Commanding Officer of our Unit from the AOC AVM T.A. Lawrence and SCRAMBLE has received permission to publish it:

1. It is with great pleasure that I can advise you of termination of a most successful Victory Loan Campaign. In this Command total subscriptions of \$2,013,800 were received from 18,490 subscribers, including civilian employees of civilian schools who subscribed for an additional \$250,000. This is an all time high and an evidence of the continued loyalty and support of all personnel.
2. I can assure you that the excellent results obtained at your unit are greatly appreciated. You have made a magnificent effort for which I am deeply grateful.
3. Please extend my sincere thanks to the members of your Victory Loan Committee and to all other personnel who have helped make the campaign a success by their splendid co-operation.

(Signed)
T.A. Lawrence A/V/M
A.O.C., No. 2 TC

WOLF WITH WINGS

Whether or not it's possible for wolves to have wings, we wouldn't know but we've picked out one this week who really has 'em. Could be they're black, but it's hard to see these things in the dark. "H" Flight holds the winner of this week's crown. We'll relate and maybe you can guess. Know the fellow that has that lovely little gal friend way out Lethbridge way? The same fellow that week ends in Brandon more than quite often? The smoothie that goes for walls papered with Petty and Varga, and who's on the receiving end of torrid letters of love and stuff that are second to none? This same instructor doesn't confine his patter to business hours alone either, it carries on in great style far on into the evening, and gets more terrific as the hours dwindle. He's the killer type that isn't satisfied with one lady to escort for the evening, he has to see how many more he can get on the string. Figured it out yet? He's a WO2, and we'll let you think it over for a bit before we tell. Read on further in the column....

Say, we've heard a lot of good ones but tie this one in your basket. We learned from first hand that Cpl. Lachiene of the SP's has his own special beauty care...all all the good it does him. Prior to retiring, said hesspee applies the cold cream, the old wonder-thunder stuff that gives out with the smoothie look, and then he calmly wraps his head up in a steaming towel. Oh dear me.... We might suggest to N/S Whillans and S/O Dang that if they're planning any future cross country hikes, how's about consulting Dr. Urquhart and his little shop of instruments before starting to tramp. We've heard of drowned things and stuff, but you should have seen them -- the soaked sisters. People do get caught in the rain..... See that LAC Marcus Q. Jones ignored the official roll call in the Legion on Wednesday night. He was duly marked absent, with no excuse...but maybe he still remembers things of bashed wrists from not so long ago..... LAC's Young, Dorn, Borkowski, Trylinski and Smith tell us that Ninette is quite the spot ..There's a bevy of nurses down thata way we hear, and the boys thoroughly enjoyed their outing, including the merry-go-round. Kid's play, we call it.....Whiz Button he was known as in them thar days. You should have seen our Adj at third base in the indoor softball game last Tuesday.....

Have you asked F/O Gordie Mason of NPF about the tough salad he had at the officers mess last Sunday. Celery a la oxford or something like that. Would seem that our Mr. Mason had a couple of hunks of leather on his feet that weren't just the acme of comfort and in relaxment, removed same for the moment. Sure enough, minutes later came a call to the phone and no shoes. He got quite a surprise when they were issued in on a huge platter all decked out with celery and stuff.

And unconfirmed reports say that the celery wilted.....Of course you heard about the two wise ones from the Equipment that went out for new fields to conquer last weekend. Travelling by thumb, Riess and Schryver report 46 1/2 hours of hiking out of 48. And who the two suspicious characters were that gave them the lift, they'd still like to know.....Evidently Sgt. Ken Roffey didn't appreciate the episode when the chair was pulled out from under him. We noted that he retired to a more comfortable spot and took the girl friend with him.....Who was the fair haired F/S that enjoys walking in the rain, hand in hand?.....F/S Johnny Harrop's smiling face has been missed lately, but the lad has been hard at work. John has taken to contracting and building houses and things.....We want to know why AC Red Wakeling of the Photo section wants a posting to Lard Bay?.....

Dropped in to the Sgt's mess: 24th celebration on Wednesday night and garnered quite a bit. Forthwith, snatches from here and there.....F/S Briggs was noticed having a nice little chat with something cute when we first walked in....Martin, Bowen, Skeates, Gardner and several other slickers congregated in the games room planning their attack.....WO Alcorn did alright for himself, here an embrace, there an embrace, everywhere an...etc. etc....."Fat Boy" Hughes and lady friend insisted that every one have an olive....through the air..... Sgt. Major, the new hospital specialist was doing alright for a stranger..... while we watch Sgt. Wheadon pretty close, and if that man was 10 years younger he'd put all the younger fellows to shame in their wolfing efforts.....And what was Sgt. Sinclair doing there in the games room after everyone had departed? Minus toupee Sink does a bit of alright.....

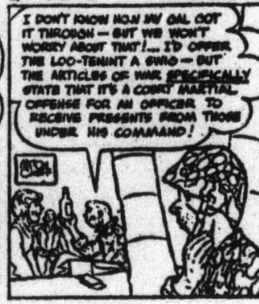
Cpl. Louie Lemooing was quite happy about the whole thing at the dance downtown on Wednesday. Car is a nice thing to have, eh Louie?.....The boys are still trying to find out where LAC Dixie Bell gets that magic from. Some of the gang have seen him reading a book, but....?.....Cpl. Lorne Boucher is becoming the steady supporter of the dances in Souris. Bet you could count on your left foot the number he's missed.....Say solong this week to LAC's Smith and Iveney, a couple of clerks first class on their way. Smith said something about he was being consulted so's we could get on with the second front invasion. Best of luck fellows.....

MAINTENANCE SMOKER IS BARRELL OF FUN

The Servicing Squadron smoker held in the Blueroom on Wednesday night was a top liner and everyone had themselves quite a time. Inside information wasn't released to the press.

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff



HOOKED BY THE BOOK

TIE ONE - LOSE ONE AS SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS

TIE GAME WITH VIRDEN ON WEDNESDAY

In an exciting fastball game on the station upper diamond on Wednesday night, No. 17's Bluehounds split the opener in the Service Softball league with Virden as darkness and rain moved in and took over at the end of seven innings. The game ended in a 3-3 deadlock.

With both hurlers handling the ball with good control, the crowd was treated to a pleasing display for opening game schedule. Mann held the Virden row to six scattered hits and had the game well in hand until an infield blowup in the seventh inning saw three Virden runs cross home plate. The errors came in mitfalls for those few minutes. The Bluehounds collected a run in the first inning, and added another in the 5th and seventh stanzas to total their three.

Bluehounds	-	100	010	1	-	3
Virden	-	000	000	3		3

BLUEHOUNDS: Hazen (ss), Mann (p), Baine (c), Johnstone (1), Reisler (3), Hewitt (cf), Hemmelreich (rf), Lewis (2), Blank (lf).

Despite rainy weather, station golf enthusiasts have been getting in the odd round this week. The course is really in top condition, although grass on some fairways is in need of cutting. The course mower is expected to be returned from Winnipeg almost immediately, and cutting will commence as soon as it arrives.

RESULTS

SOFTBALL

BDSAA League:

Wednesday: Souris 3 - Virden 3 (tie)

Thursday: Souris 2 - Rivers 4

Station Exhibition:

Thursday: Equipment 3 - G.D.'s 15

Equip. Accts 1 - Pay Accounts 10

SOCCER (B.D.S.A.A. League)

Wednesday: Souris 0 - Carberry 2

BASKETBALL

BDSAA League games rained out this week.

SCRAMBLE CARRIES A COMPLETE SPORTS COVERAGE EACH WEEK.....

DROP CLOSE MARGIN TO RIVERS

Station Bluehounds were held in tow by a tight pitching staff from Rivers as they dropped a close 4-2 decision in a scheduled BDSAA league game last evening. It was the second tussle of league play this season for our station team.

The game was fast and exciting with hurlers again taking the spotlight with their almost persistent control over the situation. Rivers made their start in the initial inning when they scored three runs and the Bluehounds never quite recovered that opening onslaught.

Rivers	-	300	100	x	-	4
Bluehounds	-	100	100	0		2

MY KINGDOM FOR A HORSE.....?

The riding Club for our station is in and we'll have horses for riding rental on the station this summer, it was decided by Station Fund this week. Arrangements are well under way and fast action is expected to have the club going within a short time.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN ALL SPORTS RESULTS TO SCRAMBLE...LET US KEEP YOUR SECTION IN THE SPORTS SPOTLIGHT.....

MORE ON WOLF

Well, well, how do you like those apples!! After we go to a whole half column to tell you about the wolf of the week (see page 3) we forgot to mention the name of our woman killer. Well you've probably guessed by now anyway, it's WO2 Paul Martin.

Sgt. Whitford and his crew deserve quite some credit for the lovely lunch at the Wed. nite Sgt.'s do. Someone mentioned that Whit was just trying to make a hit with a certain woman but methinks he was out to show the boys what he could really do if given half a chance.

Here's something one fellow let us in on. He sez the reason the steaks in the airmen's mess were so good on Thursday was that they haven't enough help and couldn't take time to burn them.....

LOSE IN SOCCER

Carberry eleven with plenty of practice in hand took the first game of the BDSAA soccer loop on home grounds when our station team tripped that way on Wednesday night. The final score was 2-0. The winners scored at the 2-minute mark and about 3 minutes later added the final tally of the game.

Despite the loss, our gang showed up well for the amount of play they have fielded prior to the match. The rainy weather has been a holdback for our station sports and soccerists had managed to get in only one complete practice up to Wednesday night.

The RAFers from No. 33 showed more finish around the goal and proved this with their margin of shots. Their goaler, a former pro in an English league, was just too tough to beat.

NO. 12 S.F.T.S. BRANDON PLAYS HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN A REGULAR LEAGUE SOCCER MATCH. THAT'S FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Twelve players made the trip to Carberry. Goal - Bullimore. Fullbacks - Ruffell and Green. Halfbacks - Glover, Wigglesworth and Westhead. Forwards - Moulder, Smith, Cpl. Nourse, Glenn, F/S Ferguson and Pemble.

STATION SOCCER GAMES SCHEDULED FOR COMING WEEK

Friday night, Course 102 and 110 will tangle on the station soccer field in a hard-at-it grudge match. On Monday night next, the station team is scheduled to tangle with the Course 110ers in another exhibition tilt.

TENNIS COURTS BY NO. 6 HANGAR

Tennis enthusiasts around camp will be all hepped up to learn that plans for the erection of two courts are all but complete as approval has been stamped for the necessary expenditure by the Station Fund committee. The double layout will be situated on the hard surfaced area between No.'s 5 and 6 hangars. Removable posts and outside netting will be erected. Tennis racquets are on order and a supply of balls are already on hand.

Lieut. W.A. Cotter arrived on our station this week to replace the gap in the Dental Clinic staff by the posting of Capt. Grenkow to Carberry.

NEW P.T. AND D. OFFICER ARRIVES

The new station P.T. & D. officer, P/O J.R.B. Dick arrived on the station yesterday. P/O Dick came to our station from No. 1 CNS Rivers.

HOW ABOUT SOME OF YOU FELLOWS USING A BIT OF SOAP AND WATER BEFORE GOING TO THE MESS FOR DINNER. PRACTICE CLEANLINESS.

THE INSTINCT WAS EXTINCT

There's one from up Control Tower way. And it's about one of our budding pupil pilots. A short time ago our ace was up instrument flying. The safety pilot gave him two minutes to pin-point himself and he was then to mentally calculate the course for No. 17 and the time required to fly said course. This was done and the Anson flapped merrily on its way. When the time was up, the safety pilot removed the hood and the afore mentioned ace looked over his shoulder and saw the aerodrome about 10 miles to port. He then started to let down into the circuit at the same time patting himself on the back for being such a sure-fire pilot navigator. All was going fine, the wheels were down and he was just about to turn cross wind when he realized something was haywire. The flying was OK. The weather was OK. But one thing was wrong and that was the aerodrome. Guess what aerodrome it was? That's right, it wasn't Souris at all - IT WAS CARBERRY!!

Our "ace" calmly pulled in his head and muttered something about "I guess the compass was wrong."

S/L Simpson (pointing to cigarette stub on the floor of the Stock control room) "Is that yours?"

LAC Sammy Kalef: "Not at all, sir, you saw it first."

Small boy: "I'm not afraid of going to the hospital, mother. I'll be brave and take my medicine, but I ain't going to let them palm off a baby on me like they did on you. I want a pup."

F/S Murray Ehrlick is taking over the reigns of the station Bluehounds softball team in the absence of Sgt. Bill Fessenden.

A SMILE A DAY



"You know—I had the most fantastic dream last night!"



HI-NA GANG? PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A GREAT BIG SHOCK.....I JUST COULDN'T SEEM TO FIND ANY DIRT TO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE LINES OF THIS COLUMN THIS WEEK AND I'M SURE THAT IT JUST BREAKS YOUR LITTLE HEARTS TO HAVE SUCH A SAD BLOW FALL UPON YOU..... Well never mind, maybe we can find something that will succeed in taking up your valuable time for these odd few moments..... Now, let me see, hummmmm, I could tell you about a certain army lad who spends his off moments during the day in the Dental Clinic and then really goes to work at night.....Of course I don't know the whole story as I just couldn't get to the seat of the trouble.....however it has something to do with bicycles in the park at Souris during this past week, at any rate friend Dufault should have some tall explaining to do..... There is something else that I neglected to mention last week that struck me rather forcibly (don't get any ideas kids). During the several stage performances in the station Theatre, that is in regard to those who are in charge of gathering entertainment from the personnel of our station sure shouldn't have any trouble reinforcing their ranks with the boys who feel that they are so much better than the performers who are doing the job that they see fit to take a very active part in the procedure ...
Fellas, if you're so darn good, why don't you see those in charge and have a booking for a week in the station theatre...It is a shame that such talent is wasted....In other words, my strong suggestion is for you to put up on the stage or shut up..... It is not very nice for those of us who are listening to the stage performers, and certainly doesn't give those performers, who are good enough to give their time, a very good impression of our stage..... My goodness, the way that the first aid was freely handed out in the drill hall the other night certainly deserves mention..... I understand that it is all due to the fact that Les Lavers carried out his New

Year resolution and was seen hoisting those great big 25 pound bar-bells around... It was enough to scare anybody.... Glad to see you in there Les, keep it up and it will disappear in no time..... I hear stories about one of our RAF pals who, it seems, can't see anything but the broad, wide ocean from the deck of a Greyhound of the Atlantic.... He's just in such a rush to get home that everything reminds him of that return trip.... I don't blame Corporal "Loose" Nourse at all and that's probably why "There'll Always Be An England".....
 Say, lookie here, Lovelace.... what were the reasons for all the jaunts into the fair town of Souris and why so consistently? I hear that you go pretty early and return pretty late, maybe getting song tips from P/S Johnston on how to be a Clerk General..
 I heard a quaint saying the other night in the canteen (nothing to it at all, of course) to the effect that anyone who volunteers to leave Souris and go overseas is a coward: personally, I don't get it, what's the joke fellas?????..... It has come to my attention that a lot of the boys from the camp, when going in to Souris, make it a regular habit to stop in at Grants Drug Store and have a chin-wag with Jean.... Now just who Jean is I don't know, but it seems that a lot of boys do their shopping there and at the same time receive all the dope on what goes on at the station..... Doesn't make sense, does it?? Further to our remark last week, as to the remarkable things that can be done by our Medical section, a story that bears out that statement comes from one of our national magazines... It seems as though a reekie, on reporting of a dispressing feeling, was X-Rayed and found to contain the following medico shuddering effects....in addition to 23 assorted nails and boot hobs, the airman had swallowed an open safety pin, a piece of glass and a jagged piece of metal. Then for good luck he had broken his heel plates into quarters and gulped them down..... Well, that seems to be all I can manage for tonight except to remind you that the ballteams are looking for your support and I hope that they won't be disappointed..... Get out and back your team and help them on to the winning that title **for which they strive**..... So bye for now fellas and above all keep your feet dry, oh!

Arnie Amson

He: "Shall we sit in the parlour?"
 She: "No, I'm tired - lets play tennis."

SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE SCRAMBLE



TO: _____
 ADDRESS: _____

