

Merry Christmas



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At this time of year our thoughts turn once again to the miracle of Christmas. It is a time when the spirit of peace and goodwill takes on added meaning. It is also a good time to reflect on the events of the year that is coming to an end, and to look forward to 1980.

During this Christmas period, we in Air Command have much upon which to reflect, and it is with a deep sense of pride that I look back upon the successes of 1979. Some of the more visible of our successes were, of course, Operation Magnet, the ongoing airlift of refugees from the Far East to Canada and flood relief operations in Manitoba and Ontario. However, these achievements are only a few examples of a more pervasive success in meeting each of the operational tasks assigned to Air Command during a very demanding period of financial constraint.

It is only through the dedicated efforts of you, the Men and Women, both Military and Civilian, who comprise this Command, that this record is possible. From my numerous visits to Air Command formations from the Dew Line to Europe, I am eminently aware of the challenges you face on a day-to-day basis. I am also aware, and deeply appreciative, of your "can do" spirit and your willingness to make the personal sacrifices which are so necessary to meeting those challenges.

As you know by now, 1980 holds forth significant new challenges as we introduce sophisticated new aircraft into the Command. I therefore ask you to continue to demonstrate the same qualities of dedication and professionalism in order that we will meet our operational commitments with the degree of excellence that characterized your performance in 1979.

To those among you who, because of duty, are separated from your loved ones during the Christmas season, our thoughts are with you.

To you and to each and every one of the people in the command I extend on behalf of my wife and myself, sincere best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and for a healthy and rewarding 1980.

En ce temps de l'année nos pensées se tournent vers le miracle de Noël. C'est le temps où l'esprit de paix et de bonne volonté prend une ampleur spéciale. Il est aussi un bon temps pour réfléchir sur les événements de l'année qui se terminent et de jeter un regard vers 1980.

Nous, du commandement aérien, avons beaucoup sur quoi réfléchir durant cette époque de Noël et c'est avec un profond orgueil que je me souviens des succès de 1979. Les succès les plus notoires, bien sûr, étaient l'opération magnet, l'évacuation aérienne des réfugiés parvenus de l'orient au Canada et l'aide aux inondations au Manitoba et l'Ontario. Cependant, le plus frappant était de rencontrer nos devoirs opérationnels du commandement aérien durant la période de contrainte financière.

C'est par votre dévouement, les hommes et femmes, tant civils que militaires, du commandement aérien que ce record est possible. D'après mes visites à travers le commandement je suis très conscient des défis que vous rencontrez chaque jour. Je suis aussi conscient, et très reconnaissant, de votre esprit de "onx peut" et de votre consentement aux sacrifices personnels requis pour rencontrer ces défis.

Comme vous les savez, l'année 1980 retient de nouveaux défis pour le commandement avec introduction de nouveaux défis pour le commandement avec introduction de nouveaux avions compliqués. Je vous prie, donc, de continuer à démontrer les mêmes qualités de professionnalisme qui nous permettra de rencontrer nos obligations avec le niveau d'excellence que vous avez démontré par votre travail en 1979.

Pour ceux parmi vous qui sont en devoir, ou qui sont séparés de vos plus chers pendant la saison de Noël nos meilleurs vœux sont avec vous. À chacun parmi vous du commandement, mon épouse et moi, nous souhaitons nos meilleurs sentiments de joie et de bien être pour 1980.



En cette fin d'année 1979, j'ai le plaisir de souhaiter un Joyeux Noël à tous les membres de la BFC de Winnipeg.

Ma femme, Scotty, et moi avons eu l'honneur d'être invités aux agréables parties de Noël organisées par les nombreuses unités de la base. Nous tenons à vous remercier sincèrement de l'accueil chaleureux que vous nous avez réservé.

Tandis que nous passons ensemble d'agréables moments, nous ne devons pas oublier ceux qui ne pourront être avec les leurs en ce temps des fêtes, à cause des obligations militaires qu'il faut remplir quelle que soit l'époque de l'année. Au nom de tous les membres de la base, je tiens à tous ceux d'entre vous qui sont loin des êtres qui leur sont chers: nous pensons à vous et prions pour vous.

Si cette année a exigé beaucoup de chacun d'entre nous, elle nous quitte en nous laissant le sentiment du devoir bien accompli, non seulement au Canada, mais partout où nous avons été appelés à servir. En tant que commandant, il m'est évident que bon nombre d'entre vous en êtes arrivés à considérer les lourdes tâches comme étant normales. Il est aussi évident que le personnel de la base (militaire et civil) a su se montrer à la hauteur des circonstances. Je vous remercie tous de votre excellente attitude et vous félicite d'avoir fait preuve du professionnalisme qui caractérise la BFC de Winnipeg.

À en juger par le passé, il semblerait que l'être humain a tendance à vite oublier les sentiments de bonne volonté et de camaraderie qu'inspire cette époque de l'année; cela donne cependant un aperçu de ce qu'il pourrait accomplir s'il tenait ses résolutions. Ce serait être très optimiste de croire que nous pouvons changer d'attitude du jour au lendemain; ce serait être très pessimiste de ne pas espérer que l'année nouvelle nous verra faire un pas dans la bonne direction.

En ce dernier mois de 1979, nous avons tendance à jeter un regard rétrospectif sur cette année, que nous percevons tous sous un angle différent: pour certains, l'année a été propice; pour d'autres, elle a eu ses bons et ses mauvais moments; pour d'autres encore, elle n'a été qu'une suite de désillusions. Quel que soit votre cas, je souhaite que 1980 vous apporte le bonheur que vous méritez, la force et la sagesse de surmonter les difficultés que vous rencontrerez dans votre vie personnelle et dans votre carrière.

En conclusion, je vous souhaite qu'en ces fêtes de fin d'année vous soyez "en paix avec Dieu tel que vous le concevez" et vous présente, ainsi qu'aux vôtres, mes meilleurs vœux et souhaits.

With 1979 drawing to a close, it is with pleasure that I extend Season's Greetings to all members of CFB Winnipeg.

My wife Scotty and I have had the rare good fortune once again to share in the delightful round of Christmas parties with many units on the Base. Without exception we experienced at these festive occasions a warm and friendly reception for which we offer our sincere appreciation.

While sharing Christmas feelings of good fellowship with those present, it is fitting that we also keep in mind the families who cannot be together because of military commitments which must be met regardless of the season. Accordingly on behalf of all members of the Base I offer an assurance to those of you serving away from your loved ones: know that you are in our thoughts and in our prayers.

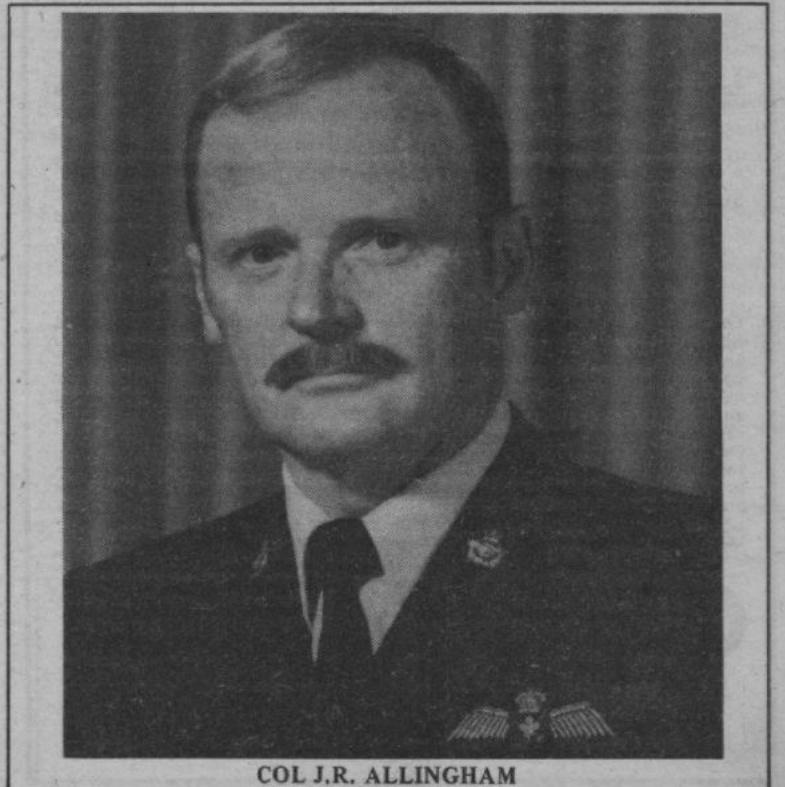
The past year has brought with it many demands for everyone on the Base. But the year has also brought with it a sense of deep satisfaction that we have competently fulfilled our far-reaching tasks at home and throughout a vast area where our people have been called upon to serve. From the vantage point of Base Commander, it is readily apparent extra effort and heavy tasking have become the norm for many. However, it is also readily apparent the personnel of this Base, both military and civilian, have been equal to the challenge. I thank you for your positive attitude and commend you one and all for your very real contribution toward

maintaining the record for professionalism that has come to characterize CFB Winnipeg.

Historically our expressions of good will and fellowship inspired by this season have been short-lived; nevertheless, such thoughts offer a fleeting glimpse of what might be accomplished if these values could be sustained throughout the year. It would be excessively optimistic to assume we will change our values overnight; it would be excessively pessimistic not to offer the hope that during the upcoming year we might at least start to move in that direction.

As the days of December rapidly run out, we tend to reflect on how we have fared personally during 1979. What we see mirrored in such thoughts varies greatly with each individual: for some the year has been propitious; for some the year has been attended by acceptable portions of favourable and unfavourable circumstances; and for some the year on balance has been disappointing. Regardless of which of these conditions has been your lot, may you realize your full share of happiness in 1980 and may you be granted the strength and wisdom to contend with the personal and professional challenges that lie ahead.

In closing, to borrow from words more vital than any of mine, I invite you at this holiday season to "be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be". To you and your families I extend warmest personal wishes for Christmas and the New Year.



COL J.R. ALLINGHAM



EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

Unite and unity mean many things to many people. A club member joins because of the identity or oneness gained from being part of that club. A technician interconnects circuits to ensure an effective "solid-state". What of the cook who blends food to acquire just that perfect taste? Of course, let us not forget the welder who makes strong joints.

Has 1979 been a year of uniting? Surely has. Recall the mergers of so many large companies with the inevitable consolidation of resources? How about the "Year of the Child" concept, the year that was to reconcile the child's place in humanity? And what of the NHL expansion, or was it the "leaguings" of that body with the WHA?


Does anyone know how many people incorporated in 1979 for business purposes? Or, how many spinal fusions were performed on individuals so they may be relieved of suffering? Perhaps someone might know how many times materials were synthesized during 1979?

But, what about those who would have things separated from the whole, for example the Government which does not want to be provincial any longer, and those who do not want to be unified in the Canadian Forces anymore, the unhappy separations and divorces, or the religious fanaticism that would splinter the world? Then there is the child separated from its parents by tragedy and the fool from money by carelessness or the politician from voters trust by inept behaviour.

Yes, 1979 has been a good year for examples of both unity and separation. Every person has his or her feeling on each of these phenomenon.

Canadians are known for having the ability to get along, to cooperate and to remain united under stress and adverse conditions. This year, 1979, has been no different. So, with your help, 1980 will prove to be a year of a stronger unified Canada of which we in the Canadian Forces are an integral part.

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A THOUGHT

(Following is the toast made by Mr. Jack MacIver, Past President of the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg, at their dinner held 30 November, 1979. His message is simple, clear and to the point.)

It is indeed an honor for me to reply to this toast Mr. President. In preparing for this occasion, I took the opportunity to visit our central library and review certain documented material there which I felt might be of interest to your guests. Because it was rewarding, and for me a refreshing experience, I would recommend it to all who might enjoy learning something of ourselves from the past.

For there I found that 50 years ago to-nite, on 30 November, 1929 according to reports by the Winnipeg Evening Tribune, more than 500 of John Thompson's Bairns and guests gathered at the Royal Alexander Hotel for the 58th annual dinner of the St. Andrews Society of Winnipeg.

Mr. John Hunter was the newly elected president.

The same traditional form of proceeding was observed here to-nite, except...the complete dinner was broadcast by radio to thousands of brother Scots in every Hamlet, isolated farm, or mining camp who were unable to be present.

On that occasion also was piping, dancing, and all the old favorites were sung by the choir.

There was the reading of congratulatory messages from other societies and according to the press report the Haggis was addressed - with fervor - by the Bard of the society - Mr. J.D. McKelvie.

The principal speaker that night was the Reverend J. Richmond Craig and in my place responding to **Canada The Land We Live In**, stood Premier John Bracken.

After making reference to a recent trip to Great Britain where he visited the giant airship R101 and took an aeroplane trip to Holland - which I am sure was quite an experience in 1929 - he went on to say something that night that is as prophetic today as it was then - that the future of Canada would be measured by the ability of Canadians to conquer the Northland of our nation.

That same page of the newspaper contained a short report to the effect that on 22 November of 1879 - over 100 years ago the annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg was held in William Bathgates' store and that 15 new members were elected to the society.

From 1879 to 1979 so much has changed...and yet really so much has remained the same.

If we held to the good tradition of our society - 30 November, 2029 - will again see our annual dinner honoring the patron saint of Scotland in the traditional form.

It is entirely possible that some of you gentlemen certainly sons and grandsons - will be observing the occasion much as we are doing to-nite.

But I wonder what sort of a world and more particularly what sort of Canada - will we or they be living in.

Between 1929 and 1979 we have had the years of the Great Depression. We have had one major war and a series of minor wars.



We have seen the advent of the television age - the nuclear age - and yes, we have seen men landing on the moon.

We have seen death and destruction, riots, and insurrection all over the world. And its all presented to us in living color via satellite thru our television sets and into our homes.

These are scenes we are seeing almost daily from all over the world, but not thank God, to any comparable degree here in Canada.

We Canadians are without a doubt among the most fortunate people on earth.

We have a most beautiful country blessed with natural resources which haven't as yet been measured.

We have a degree of social and political freedom which really amounts almost to a license.

We are envied by millions. We have had it so good - for so long that there are now elements within our society who just do not realize just what it means to be a Canadian in 1979.

Now I happen to be a Canadian of Scottish descent and I am proud of my ancestry.....

BUT

First and Foremost I am a Canadian. I also happen to have been born and bred here in Manitoba.

However, that does not make me any more or less of a Canadian than a Nova Scotian, Forontonian, or Albertonian.

Just as my ancestry does not make me any more or less a Canadian than a person of French, Ukrainian, or Jewish origin or any other origin for that matter, I am not what you consider a wealthy person just ask the taxman but I am no less a Canadian than those who may enjoy more than I.

Seeing me here to-nite in formal Highland dress it may be hard to imagine that during the last war I happen to have served at sea with the Royal Canadian Navy. Others like me joined the service of their choice to serve Canada, not Manitoba, Ontario, or British Columbia.

And so I put this question to you Gentlemen:

When are we going to stop squandering our magnificent Canadian heritage - a heritage left to us by our immigrant forefathers from many countries - this land they built by enduring what to us were incredible hardships, working extremely hard to house feed and clothe their children and women folk.

If there was more honest to goodness hard work done to-day and if a good many of our better known national "newsmakers" put their undoubted talents and energies into constructive effort instead of destructive and malicious talk about each other - if they stopped empassizing the flaws in our system - and let's face it there are some flaws -

if they could only build instead of destroying - then we could move ahead together.

Right now the whole plan seems to be directed at tearing our country apart.

I might even be persuaded to go along with that if out of it all came a better Canada.

But so far the message I am receiving seems to expose a core of self interest or greed or a combination of both.

The irony of it all is that we ourselves - we Canadians of all backgrounds - you and I - have allowed these people to achieve positions of power, either by voting them in, or in very many cases by simply being apathetic and allowing the wreckers and opportunists to achieve power by default.

I am not singling out politicians or union leaders because I include in my black list a whole range of "do-gooders" from social reformers to so called progressive intellectuals exponents of new unproven theories many of which strike at the very heart of the "Judeo - Christian" virtue upon which Canada was built.

Surely the example of what we have before us to-nite - the continuity and stability provided to Canada by one very small element in its social fabric - our own St. Andrews Society from 1879 to 1979 provides a lesson in itself.

To hold and strive to maintain that which has proven to be good - move with the times - but gradually and without dramatics.

Plan for the future. Surely this is the sort of contribution which might be expressed as the wish to ensure that all who proclaim themselves to be Canadians will be treated and threat their own countrymen with fairness, dignity and above all respect.

I can only hope that Canada, in all respects will continue to be the envy of the rest of the world.

That Canadians will never - ever - will discard the values of brotherhood and co-operation. That in so doing our nation will again become strong and united.

The other evening I was a book of poems by Robert Burns, the great poet of the common man wrote the following that sums up my feelings how I feel we should all act as Canadians towards our fellow men.

"Whatever mitigates the woes or increases the happiness of others

this is my criteria of goodness
And whatever injures society at large

Or any individual in it
This is my measure of inequity"

I have enough confidence in Canada, this land of my birth to look forward to 50 years of brotherhood. I assure you.....

The true discovery of Canada still lies before us.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Editor:

I am a collector of car license plates, and I am doing some research into the license plates used by the Canadian Forces in Europe. I was hoping that your readers might be able to help me collect information on the systems used (i.e. colours of plates, lettering and numbering of the registrations) for registering private vehicles (cars, motorcycles and trailers). If any of your readers would have any information on the

systems in use in Germany before 1973, and in France, Belgium, the Netherlands or Italy in any time period, or actual plates that they would be willing either to part with, or allow me to photograph, I would be most interested in hearing from them. Thank you.

Yours very sincerely,
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"ACES HIGH"

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LIEUTENANT FRANK LUKE, JR.

Frank Luke never won a popularity prize; he was contemptuous of authority and was thought to be a braggart by his fellow pilots. He made only one good friend among his squadron mates — Joseph Fritz Wehner, a young pilot who had once been suspect as a German spy. Liked or disliked, in only two months at the front, Luke shot down more balloons than any other U.S. pilot and became the U.S. Air Service's No. 2 ace.

Most pilots were inclined to avoid balloons because they were extremely dangerous targets. They were invariably ringed with anti-aircraft guns and often protected by a flight of fighters. Going after one was much like kicking a hornet's nest, but it was just the sort of challenge Luke liked, and, with Wehner's help, he made a career of it. They had been flying together for about a month when they took off on 18 September, 1918. Luke downed three airplanes and two balloons, but Wehner was killed while flying cover. Before his death, Wehner, whose combat experience was measured in weeks, had accounted for four aircraft and four balloons.

After Wehner's death, Luke continued his war on balloons alone and achieved a mixed score of 18 balloons and aircraft before he was shot down. He made his last flight on 28 September as orders were sent out to arrest him for being AWOL. That evening, he shot down three balloons but was badly wounded. Going down, he strafed German troops at Murvaux, France, then landed just outside the village. As the German troops approached, Luke pulled his .45 and began firing. He was killed beside his Spad in the return gunfire. For his gallantry in action, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.



LIEUTENANT WILLY COPPENS

Joining Belgian Escadrille No. 6 in July 1916, Willy Coppens flew many sorties without scoring a victory. A year later he was transferred to Escadrille No. 1, where he won his first victory over a German fighter airplane. Coppens' first try at a balloon — with incendiary ammunition borrowed from the British — was without success, but on his second try he flamed a balloon over Zarren, Belgium. Elated, he landed, reloaded, took off again, and knocked down a balloon at Houtulst. The Belgian Houtulst forest area became his favorite haunt, and he knocked down balloons there as fast as the Germans put them up.

In all, Willy Coppens knocked down 36 balloons, the highest score ever against those difficult targets, and one aircraft. He was highly decorated, receiving honors from the British and the French and the King of Belgium, who made him Baron of Houtulst.



As another year draws to a close, 429 Sqn totals up its yearly facts and figures. "429 World Airlines," in the course of the year has airlifted over 2,000,000 lbs. of freight, 260,000 lbs. baggage, 24,000 lbs. mail, 6,000 passengers (those lucky devils!) and has flown over 3,000 hours to accomplish this. Not bad for four Hercules, (or rather at best of times, three out of four)! 429 Sqn, of course, attributes a large part of its success to the excellent servicing and maintenance that has been received

all year from the BAMEO staff. To top off the year's flying, three of our squadron members have found themselves with three new beautiful brides. The Squadron extends a warm welcome to Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Brad McDonald, and Mrs. Crocker. Best of wishes to the newly-weds. (Maybe we can start a new T.V. program, "The Love Boat"). What better way to start off a new decade. See you in the 80s. (by LT R.G. Abbott)

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Season's Greetings NAV SCHOOL REPORTS

No one seems to remember the last time the CFANS logo appeared in VOXAIR so there are a lot of comings, goings and changes in positions and duties which should be mentioned.

Gord Currie, Bert Page and John Hamilton all came and stayed, John having checked us out from the safety of the Staff Air Nav Course on the third floor before joining us. Rick Sponder also came downstairs to join us for six months of gainfull employment between the Aerospace Course (ASC) and his Colorado Springs posting, while going up (stairs) are Rick St. Germain and Dave Cooper, the 79/80 Nav Sqn candidates to ASC. Don Harold and Puption (MAJ Bob Grandmaison) both came and left but have promised to come back after completing the Hercules OTU in Trenton. Don Hanson changed positions, from Nav Leader 435 Sqn Edmonton to ANS Nav Squadron Commander, taking the office of John Prendergast who moved into the vacancy created by the retirement of Erick Neilson from Training Standards and from the Canadian Forces. Erick has moved to his holdings in Ontario to become a gentleman farmer or some such thing.

Brian Handley is presently in the dark helping 435 Sqn resupply CFS Alert. He is alternately known as "bird" or "cheevers" depending on his uniform. Before leaving for the north he was holding down 491st place in the race for the coveted Vezina trophy. Meanwhile, star forward Rudge Wilson has tempo-

rarily dropped hockey in favour of volleyball as he has replaced Al Hamelin at the junior officers couth & writing school in Toronto. He says he will keep up his running while on course.

Doug Munro finished off his summer reserve work as ALN with the army in the far north. The main requirement was to be able to determine, within reasonable time, which end of an APC is the front. ANS nav can breath easy now that it is known the second phase of the operation in January — will be filled by a 435 Sqn nav. ALN means Arctic Land Navigator. No one at ANS has determined yet what APC means.

As a means of escaping the hot seat - ANS Programming, Ivan Hawley with his lady hid in various countries of Europe for a month. John Evans moved into the slot and is becoming proficient at crisis management. However, John is already asking for a months leave. Ivan noted that of interest in CF Europe is the government survey to determine the validity of maintaining our integrated military organization vice returning us to the triservice environment, with a view of some possible changes in the future. One can only hope that the outcome will be in the best interest of the military and the Country. Would we be, Army, Air Force and Boat People in a new dis-integrated armed forces?

Oh yes, George Simmons, Guy Turenne and Earl Mohns are still here.

(by CAPT I.J. Hawley)



HELP GEORGE DO IT

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR LITTLE BIT TODAY

Energy conservation cannot be accomplished all at once. Conservation must be done bit by bit. One of the best places to start is in the home.

Ladies, have you done your bit today? If not, tomorrow you may have to do without. It does not matter where you start, but a bit in each room will pay great dividends. There are common items applicable to doing a bit in each room. Some of these are: check to see that all storm windows are properly fitted; ensure that inside windows are properly closed and locked; turn down thermostat and close off heat register prior to airing a room out and turn off lights.

In the bathroom, a lot of bits can add up to one big piece. Check the toilet to ensure that it does not run constantly; check taps on sinks and tubs to ensure that they are not leaking. The hot water tap is an enemy, not a friend. If the hot water taps are leaking, it is costing you electricity or gas as well as water. Use the shower whenever possible instead of the bath. This way you use approximately 1/4 of the water and obtain the same results.

The next area where a good bit can be done is the kitchen area. The kitchen area can completely ravish the home conservation programme. The assault on conservation programme starts prior to your going into the kitchen area. When the appliance salesman sold you that frost-free freezer, did he tell you that it would use 150 kilowatt hours per month compared to 100 kilowatt hours for a manual defrost? Did he

tell you that the self-cleaning range uses more power than the regular range? Did he tell you that all eight elements heat up on a four slice toaster even though you are only making one slice of toast? When purchasing appliances, look, check and read before you sign the dotted line.

The kitchen is the heart of the home. There is no sense pumping conservation into the heart if it is permitted to run out slashed arteries. How often do you fill the kettle to make one cup of coffee? Do you turn on the oven to heat up one pizza? When finished with the oven, do you forget to shut it off right away? These are only a few of the ways of bleeding off your resources. Some ways to help stem the flow are as follows:

1. Heat only the amount of water needed for each application.
2. Use small burners on range for small pots and pans.
3. Determine what is needed out of the refrigerator prior to opening the door. Don't hold the door open and then decide.
4. Cool off hot foods prior to placing in refrigerator.
5. Stack dishes until you have a tray full for the dishwasher. Do not do three or four dishes at one time.
6. When doing dishes by hand, do not fill the sink up and do one or two cups, ensure you have enough to make the task worthwhile.
7. When using the oven, ensure that it is turned off when you finish. A lot of people forget to turn it off because the heat indicating light did

not come on. 8. When using the toaster, do several pieces of bread at the same time. Any toast not used at that time can be used for croutons or dressing at a later date.

9. Organize the layout of food in your deep freeze in order to be able to pick out what you need without holding the lid open for 10 minutes.

10. Ensure that you have a full load of laundry before filling the washer with hot water. If only one or two articles are to be washed, consider doing them by hand.

11. Ensure that you have a load for the dryer before turning it on. One pair of mittens or one pair of jeans is definitely not a load.

These are some of the things that are readily noticeable. There are numerous ways to conserve energy and each and every bit helps.

The two biggest electrical energy and dollar consumers pertaining to the home at this time of the year are the hot water heaters and your car heaters. The average hot water heater uses 540 KWH per month. The in-car heater and car heater combined uses 405 KWH per month. When the total KWH of these articles are costed, you are looking at the biggest portion of your hydro bill. Common sense will show us how to conserve hot water. The purchase of an electrical timer for the car heaters would more than pay for itself over a period of time.

Ladies, start doing your bit. You may ask watts this got to do with me? The answer is watts are bucks to you.



The course members and staff of the Aerospace Squadron are always ready for the Christmas break, and this year is no exception. Aerospace Systems Course 32 has had a very intense term due to the inclusion of the Electronic Warfare Course into the syllabus; nevertheless, everyone is still smiling as the academic portion of the course gradually yields to the research phase which culminates with the symposium. From the staff, "well done!"

There have been several squadron members deserving congratulations since the last article. First, congratulations to CAPT Bill Learmond who received a flight safety award for completing 500 hours of safe airborne instruction while on staff at CFB Moose Jaw. Second, congratu-

tulations to MAJ Bill Cimino, our United States exchange officer, who received a suggestion award from Mather AFB for developing a computer programme which compiled and assessed student performance at the USAF Navigation School.

On a "less military" subject, congratulations and best wishes from all squadron members to Wendy and Squadron Leader Gary Barber on the arrival of their daughter Jennifer.

Finally, on behalf of the Aerospace Squadron, the Squadron Commander, MAJ Noel Funge, extends best wishes for the Christmas Season and the New Year to all members of CFB Winnipeg.



A XMAS MESSAGE FROM THE BXO



As we fast approach the end of another year, one tends to recap hi-lites and accomplishments of the months that have so swiftly gone by — in our case we measure this by assessing our service and assistance to you the patrons or customers who are really the owners of the Exchange System. On that basis we feel we've had a fine year! The Retail Store offered a greater variety of products; the Snack Bars and Catering service served more food than in former years, and the service station has been a tremendous success.

None of this would have been possible without your patronage for which we are most appreciative.

The Canex Staff are pleased to take this opportunity to wish each of you and yours a warm and wonderful Festive Season with every good fortune in the New Year.

ST. ANDREWS CELEBRATION



MAJ R McDiarmid of the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (left) chats with the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Pauline McGibbon in Thunder Bay recently while looking on are Jack Stokes (the Speaker of the Ontario Legislature) and LCOL R K Diem (the commanding officer of the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment).

MAJ McDiarmid who commands A Coy 2PPCLI was a special guest of the Scottish regiment during a formal mess dinner honouring St. Andrew, the Patron Saint of Scotland. Other guests included representatives of the United States Army.

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MAJOR Ron Guimond 832-1311 extension 461

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SPOTLIGHT

WESTWIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL (NORTH)

DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

The CFB Winnipeg Dog Obedience Club is one of a number of clubs operating under the auspices of the Community Council. The Dog Club was formed approximately ten years ago and since then has grown into a viable effective organization.

The primary objectives of the club are to promote correct dog control and management and to promote proper handling and care of dogs. Additional objectives are to encourage obedience trials held under the rule and regulations of the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) and teach the rules and procedures of competitive obedience and show handling.

In order to achieve the primary objectives, the CFB Club in conjunction with the Golden Retriever Club of Manitoba Inc., sponsor training classes of twelve weeks duration. These classes are normally conducted during the periods January to April and September to December. They are held on Sunday nights in Building 21 under the guidance of Mrs. Monica Torrance a qualified CKC competitive field trial judge.

Registration for the next set of classes will be held in Building 21 at 1930 hours 13 Jan 80. (Dogs are not required for registration night). Classes being offered include:

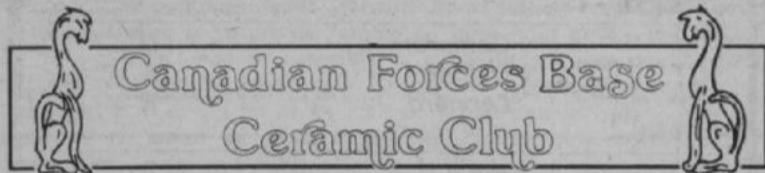
- A. Puppy Class (under six months);
- B. Novice (beginners);
- C. Graduate novice;
- D. Open;
- E. Utility; and
- F. Conformation (depending on availability of instructors).

The fee for the set of classes is \$12.00 for those personnel and pay the monthly council assessment and \$15.00 for all other personnel. When registering your dog for classes you will be required to show proof of vaccination for hepatitis and distemper and present your council membership card if claiming the lower rate.

The classes being offered are not restricted to purebred dogs. Family pets are more than welcome and are encouraged to attend.

For further information on the club or classes feel free to contact a member of the club executive. They are:

President — CAPT Harry Steingart	885-2962
Vice President — Mrs Jacquie Ritchie	885-2411
Treasurer — Mrs Gloria MacLeod	489-2002
Secretary — Mrs Pitter McKieve	832-5483



Once again this year the Club is off to a good start. Forty-two members have enrolled and space is still available for 20 more members. Although a bit late to join to finish Christmas presents, the club will be open on Monday and Thursday evenings beginning 07 Jan 1980. For those who want more information call the Club at 885-6814 or Anne at 489-7324 or Pat at 895-1006.

The Club is holding a Christmas Raffle. The draw will be held on 10 Dec 79. Tickets are available from all members at 5 for \$1.00. Prizes total over \$200.00.

- 1st Prize — 24 Ceramic Christmas Tree
- 2nd Prize — 19 Ceramic Christmas Tree
- 3rd Prize — Roman Planter with Compote Base
- 4th Prize — Quiche Dish

Club members are reminded that the Christmas Party will be held in Bldg 10 on 10 Dec 79. Full details are available from Inez at local 403 or 261-1278 (evenings).

As a final reminder, members should note that firing will be accepted up to 13 Dec 79. Final pick-up and clean up is on 17 Dec 79.

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Mrs. J. Allingham Opens Snow Flake Bazaar

Mrs John Allingham (center) opened the annual Snow Flakes Bazaar held on the 17 Nov at the Hercules Lounge. Helping in the ceremony (L to R) was Mrs Evelyn Harrison, Bonnie Marlin, Fran Donley and Suzanne Barette. The Ladies Guild and the Catholic Womens' League wish to thank all the people of the community for their support at their annual tea and bazaar. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

(Photo by SGT M Vaillancourt)

XMAS SAFETY HINTS

Cheerful lights of Christmas bring a special warmth to the holiday season — but each year tragedy strikes somewhere in Canada, through electrical fires or other accidents.

The main reason is either worn or defective equipment or carelessness. Christmas lights and electrically-lit decorations are tested and certified by CSA (Canadian Standards Association) for safety. However, people often forget the most basic rules when handling electrical equipment.

Fire Safety precautions should lead the list of every sensible family's precautions for Christmas. There is no place like home for the holidays — there is also no place like the home for **Christmas Fire Hazards**.

The main thing is to exercise special care in all your Christmas preparations and activities which will help you ensure a **Fire Free Holiday Season**.

Christmas Lights

Special effects and contrasts in colour can be achieved with the use of spotlights or floodlights. These bulbs are made to withstand snow, rain etc. They are supplied with bulb holders, ground or snow spike, swivel joint and outdoor cord and plug.

Always look for CSA certification marker when purchasing or replacing lighted displays.

Know the difference between series and multiple burning lights, it determines the type of bulb for replacement.

Be certain that outdoor and indoor lights are marked as such on box.

When string is provided with insulating washers on sockets, use them for greater safety. It keeps water from seeping in. **On outdoor displays, sockets must be hung with the bulb pointing downward.**

Use only insulated staples to hold strings in place, not nails, tacks or

brads.

Check strings of electric light sets carefully for worn insulation, broken plugs or loose bulb sockets.

When replacing burned out bulbs, always unplug power supply first, make sure the replacement lamp is the right kind and voltage.

Christmas Trees

Don't purchase a tree that has dried out. Test twigs and needles to see they are not brittle.

Store tree outdoors until used. If stored indoors, re-cut butt and keep immersed in water.

When tree is to be erected, recut butt diagonally, stand tree in water and maintain water supply.

Never decorate a tree with candles.

Use of fire retardant chemical spray on your tree is no substitute for butt immersion and is **not recommended**.

Do not allow the tree to block access to doors or windows in case of fire.

Some plastic trees are flammable, other artificial trees are fireproof.

Set up the tree away from sources of heat such as radiators, fireplaces and TV sets.

Use only certified CSA lighting sets and **non flammable decorations on the tree.**

Switch off the lights when leaving the home or at bedtime.

Do not allow discarded gift wrapping under the tree.

Metallic trees are conductors of electricity and should not be decorated with strings of lights, illuminate with floodlight.

Declare the area around the tree a no smoking area.

Remove the tree from the home as soon as possible after the Christmas celebrations.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE STAFF AT CE/FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU.

(by SGT T.H. Alexander)

Fire Precautions for Christmas Decorations

MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
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UNDE LOCALLY YOURS

As the new president of UNDE Local 705, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your confidence and assure you I will do

my best to uphold the ideals of our Local.

I have given a great deal of thought to the direction I would like

to see our Local take and I would like to share my ideas with you.

One of my main concerns is the lack of information our members have been receiving with respect to courses, seminars, etc. All dues paying members have the right to know what is available, and to participate if they so wish. To this end, I plan to establish an Education Committee responsible for ensuring that all members are given the opportunity to take advantage of these courses.

Another area that must be looked into is the Committee on Collective Bargaining. Due to the size and diversity of the occupational groups at CFB Winnipeg, the volume of work involved in submitting proposals to Ottawa, is horrendous.

I am looking forward to the challenges of the coming year and with your support I am sure that Local 705 will be one we can really call "OUR" Local.

As we quickly approach the festive season, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Executive of Local 705, to wish you and yours, a Joyous Christmas and a very safe and Happy New Year.

Lee Monk
President
Local 705

ST Meeting: A second meeting was held with Treasury Board Oct 5 in an attempt to reach a settlement concerning the payment of a differential to employees in the ST Group who perform their duties in both official languages. The employer is not prepared to acknowledge that a differential should be paid to members of the ST Group. The Arbitration Board, however, has recommended that the parties obtain relevant data to arrive at a reasonable amount that ought to be paid to the STS who require additional qualifications and skills to perform their duties.

The Alliance has requested the Pay Research Bureau to conduct a survey to collect information

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CPL	Purdy	R.N.



concerning the payment of a differential in organizations outside of the Federal Government for comparison purposes.

Labour College Correspondence Course: Alliance members who are interested in continuing their union education should take note of the correspondence course being offered by the Labour College of Canada. The course consists of twelve lessons: three in economics; three in political science; three in sociology; and three on graphs. The course fee of \$30 covers the cost of all 12 lessons including texts, materials, and certificate. One of the advantages of this type of course is that members may study at their own schedule. Anyone interested in receiving further information about this course should contact the Labour College directly by writing to 562 King Edward Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 7N6.

Pension Bill Planned: It was announced in the House of Commons recently that the government intends to introduce a new bill to provide for the indexing of public

service pensions in the near future. Bill C-12, which would have reduced pension indexing, died on the order paper.

CR Contract Negotiations: The first meeting between Treasury Board and the Alliance on behalf of the CR Group took place 8 Nov 79. Bargaining demands were exchanged and explained at this meeting.

The Alliance is seeking a one-year contract to be in effect from 12 Nov 79 to 9 Nov 80 with an increase of 15% to all rates of pay effective 12 Nov 79. In addition, the Alliance is proposing a COLA Clause as a further hedge against rising prices. The proposal submitted by the Alliance provides for COLA adjustments each three months which are folded into the rates of pay.

The PSAC is seeking improvements to the Vacation Leave package which would provide for vacation leave as follows: 3 weeks after the first year; 4 weeks after 8 years; 5 weeks after 20 years; and 6 weeks after 25 years.



Our Lady of the Airways - St. George's

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE DE NOËL

At this time of the year it is customary to send Christmas cards, exchange gifts and to remember our friends in the Lord in many meaningful ways. We, your Chaplains (RC) want you to know that we are ever mindful of you as your lives, your interests, your hopes and even your disappointments do become a part of our lives too.

To you and your loved ones wherever they may be we greet you in a very special way.

The Glory song is with us still:
A King is born today:
Proclaim his birth to all the Earth!
He comes to show the way!

These words from the Norwegian Christmas Carol appear to point out the age old message of Christmas. Written over a hundred years ago, this Carol portrays the need to sing, to rejoice, to voice praises for one who is all sufficient, all embracing for the needs of mankind.

Yet the lilt of the words recall the simplicity of Norway, a land of Fjords, of trees, or rocks, and of a sturdy people. As the words are sung, there comes a realization that there is a haunting note which seems so very out of place in our industrialized societies.

There is a sense of awe in the Carol. It recalls that man has lost a capacity to wonder, to dream, and to think in other than material ways. There is in man a hunger for the things which defy rationality — joy, peace, contentment and harmony.

To show his love for mankind, God found it necessary to send one who could show the way to truly catch man's attention. God found it necessary to put this man in a group of people that dominates society — the poor.

Born in very humble surroundings, this God-child ushered in a world of values attainable by all.

The Carol tells man to sing, to gladly voice new praises to our King. Song becomes a new form of language wherein the stark simplicity of this event unites all men in the bond of fellowship of our common humanity that unfortunately often only comes to the surface once a year.

Noël est tout autant la célébration de la naissance de l'amour que le moment de commémorer la Nativité. En se faisant homme, le Christ a fait apparaître la nature de l'amour de Dieu pour nous. Au moment où nous nous réjouissons ensemble ici à Winnipeg prions pour que les hommes reçoivent en abondance la force et le courage de voir plus clairement non ce qui les divise mais ce qui les unit; et que, le véritable esprit de ce temps de Noël, sa joie, sa beauté, son espoir, et, par dessus tout, sa foi immuable puissent vivre parmi nous et que la paix benie soit sur nous, qu'elle s'installe et qu'elle grandisse pour nous faire vivre en harmonie et en sympathie avec les autres. Dans l'esprit de cette saison si particulière, nous tenons à vous offrir à tous nos vœux de santé et de bonheur au cours de la nouvelle année.

To those of you who have accepted various important ministries in our Chapels (RC) we, you chaplains, are indeed most grateful. Together we endeavour to blend our talents to give honor and glory to God Our Father. At this time of the year we express publically our appreciation of the support given to us as Chaplains (RC) by the members of our chapels but also to the many who are not members of our chapel but come to our assistance so very, very frequently.

With this in mind, we extend to you and yours the Blessings of this Holy Season and throughout the New Year.

R.H. McKenna
R.J. MacFarlane
Chaplains (RC)

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OUR LADY OF THE AIRWAYS

CONFESSIONS

SAT 3:00 — 4:00 p.m.
Sun (23 Dec) 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE — Two Vigil Masses
7:00 p.m. (Childrens' Mass with live pageant)
11:30 for Midnight — Carols will be sung prior to midnight Mass
Christmas Day 11:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

31 Dec 7:00 P.M.
New Year's Day 11:00 a.m.

ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL (RC)

MASSES:

CHRISTMAS EVE — Two Vigil Masses
7:00 P.M. and 11:30 for Midnight
CHRISTMAS DAY 9:00 a.m.
NEW YEAR'S EVE
31 Dec 5:00 p.m.
New Year's Day 11:00 a.m.

The Birth of Christ

The birth of Christ in Bethlehem 2000 years ago is both a mystery and a challenge.

The Divine announcement to Mary, the nature of his conception, and the angelic proclamation to the shepherds, baffle us and have long provoked debate among scholars. Though the Holy couple made their home in Nazareth, it was in service to a decree of the Roman Caesar that they happened to be in Bethlehem where Mary gave birth. It is a mystery that such an administrative requirement by an alien power provided the occasion of a scriptural condition being met. The promised Messiah was expected to be born in

Bethlehem a direct descendant of King David. One can only be humbled by the unexpected and mysterious way God works.

The recognition that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah is a challenge to our ideas of power. Herod was not long in realizing this. So keenly did he feel the threat to his rule that he ordered the slaughter of male infants. Ultimately Jesus' own people rejected him because he would not accept or conform to the power structures of his day. The relationship between religious devotion and political power still troubles the world. What does the birth of this particular baby in

Bethlehem have to do with tension and power struggles today? Everything. The admission that the incarnation took place in Bethlehem is a recognition that God is at work in the world. Furthermore the exercise of his power is not forced upon us unwillingly, but comes by way of the compassionate Savior born in Bethlehem.

May you experience peace and joy this Christmas and continued confidence toward the future as you reflect on its meaning.

The Chaplains(P)
Padre L. Barclay
Padre D. Saunders
Padre B. Yager

CWL NEWS

Our Lady of the Airways C.W.L. ladies are forever being involved in not only CFB Chapel-Community activities but have been silently reaching out to another very important need in our St. James Area. We refer to the senior citizens of the immediate area. Every day of the week some lady goes to a nursing home and offers her assistance to some person in need of companionship, and through this time-consuming christian endeavour, the response is most encouraging. We never know what positive response that will come our way.

Perhaps the most widely publicized events of our league centers around our bazaar activities with our sister organizations, The Protestant Ladies' Guild. This is not only a time to work together but it is also a time to become aware that we as ladies do have a common goal. This is great. As mothers and wives of servicemen we do have much in common.

Our annual pot luck supper with our ladies of the Good Shepherd Chapel is always a very delightful evening. The presence of our chaplains is always a sign of encouragement to us. Of course, Santa Claus is a highlight of the evening. Santa even had a new suit this year. Very good Santa!

A few years ago we started the Brochet Missionary project and now it has grown so big that we cannot handle this project alone. We rely upon every possible source of help. The men of our chapel have been great, but Denis Massicotte, his wife — our member, have been making daily visits to our chapel in offer to prepare and pack the various items. Our project for Brochet has gone so smoothly this year that we may receive all the credit but in reality the praise is for everyone. We are indeed grateful to everyone involved, in the truck pick-up, packing and transportation of the items to the departure point. We cannot overlook the kind folk who fly our treasure to Fr. Darveau. The pilot and his crew just hop right in and help to unload the boxes. What co-operation — and we the members of the C.W.L. receive the glory but we do not keep it all for ourselves.

Another small but we feel important project that we conduct this year has to do with the Alcoholic treatment program. We are not involved in the program but we are in the spiritual way. Whenever there is a program being conducted on our base, we support the people on the course by our prayers and we write letters to each member to just let them know that we are concerned and if we cannot help in any other way we can always pray. We are very happy whenever we are asked to express in writing our prayerful

concern. Nearly everyone knows someone who has or has had an alcoholic weakness.

To all our members and friends, we extend the wishes of the season and blessings to everyone. Merry Christmas from Our Lady of the Airways C.W.L.



CHRISTMAS CHAPEL SERVICE PROTESTANT

THE CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
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CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE
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CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION
— 24 DEC. AT 2330 HRS (1130 pm)

THE CHAPEL OF ST. ANDREW
SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS (ADVENT IV)
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Braves	11	3	7	1	38	60	7	49
Dolphins	12	3	8	1	36	49	7	58

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Heuman	2	Turnbull	2	Hindy	2	Turnbull	3
Whincup	2	McLean	1	Dart	1	Bertrand	2
Hindy	2	Whincup	1			Jalonen	2
Badour	2	Badour	1			Dart	1
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Ski Meeting

A meeting was held on Dec 5 to finalize the format for the coming ski season. Although we failed to fill the Base Theatre we did get more people out than in past years. We hope this interest does not fade as we require a minimum of 20 people on each trip to utilize the transport. Keeping this in mind we decided upon the following:

1. The activities of X-Country and Downhill Skiing, as pertains to this article, are open to all DND employees and their dependents.

2. Transport has been arranged for the 29 Dec 79 and every second Saturday thereafter up to and including 19 Apr 80. All trips will be proceeding to Mt. Agassiz (unless another local area is chosen).

3. Reservations, including names and phone numbers, are required and will be made at the Base Rec Center (North Site). A fee of \$1.50 per person will be paid at that time.

4. Reservations for a particular trip (to a maximum of 40 people) will not be accepted after 1600 hrs on the Thursday prior to the Saturday of departure.

5. Point of departure and arrival will be Building 84 (CFANS) North Site, at 0700 hrs and 1900 hrs respectively.

6. Should a cancellation be necessary, every effort will be made by the coordinators to contact those concerned and their money refunded.

7. Your coordinators for this season are Capt Gord Whitson (Loc 504), Cpl Ron Wyman (Loc 740) and Mike Cashin (889-4793).

Again, due to financial restraints we need your support to make this a viable arrangement.

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(BY CAPT G.R. WHITSON)

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Lipsett Hall Gymnasium Christmas Schedule

The Lipsett Hall Gymnasium Christmas schedule will be as follows:
24, 27, 28, 31 Dec 79 and 2, 3 Jan 80
0800 - 1300 hours - Military personnel only
1300 - 1530 hours Military/Dependants Casual Use
22, 23, 29 and 30 Dec 79
1300 - 1500 hrs
25, 26 Dec and 1 Jan - Closed
Normal hours of operation will resume 4 Jan 1980.

Westwin Gymnasium Christmas Schedule

The Westwin Gymnasium will be open for casual usage as indicated below for the Christmas and New Year period.
24, 27, 31 Dec 79, 2, 3 Jan 80
0800 - 1130 hours Military/Dependants Casual
1130 - 1330 hours Military Personnel only
1330 - 1600 hours Military/Dependant Casual
28 Dec 1979
0800 - 1130 hours Cadet Sports Day
1130 - 1330 hours Military Personnel
1330 - 1600 hours Cadets Sports Day
22, 23, 29, 30 Dec 79
1300 - 1600 hours Casual Military/Dependants
25, 26 Dec 79 1 Jan 80 Closed
4 Jan 80 Normal hours of operation resumes.

Westwin Gym Schedule Change

Effective the 16 December 1979 the Casual Gym Period for Sundays will be:
a. 1300 - 1500 hours Casual Usage;
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CURLING PLAYOFFS

The 1979 Curling Playoffs were recently completed and the CFB Winnipeg Curling Club will be represented in zone competition by probably the strongest selection of curlers ever. The men's assembly are led by the Earle Morris rink, which last year were provincial semifinalists, winner of the Manitoba Association of Competitive Curlers, and winner of several bonspiels highlighted by a 13-1 record in the MCA. Some of their individual accomplishments are:



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The other CFB representatives are the Wes Walker rink with Terry Patton skip, Wes Walker third, Dale McLelland second and Brian Treleaven lead, and the Keith Nesbitt rink with Bob Davis, Don Bell and Jim Roberts. The seniors are ably represented by Gord Pollock, Cec Goulding, Ed Hanney and Morley McArter.

All the best in the city zone playoffs!

(by R.D.J. Brown)
Curling Club

Veteran MP Appointed MND's Parliamentary Secretary

OTTAWA(CFP)—The federal government has announced that long-time Conservative member Dan McKenzie representing Winnipeg South Centre has been appointed parliamentary secretary to the Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans Affairs.

The main responsibilities of the DND parliamentary secretary are to act as spokesman in the House for the Minister in his absence and to assist the Minister in his portfolio duties.

Nomination du Secrétaire Parlementaire du MDN

OTTAWA(PFC)—Le gouvernement fédéral a annoncé que le député conservateur représentant la circonscription de Winnipeg Centre-Sud depuis plusieurs années, M. Dan McKenzie, a été nommé secrétaire parlementaire du ministre de la Défense nationale et des Affaires des anciens combattants.

Il aura comme principale tâche de représenter le ministre advenant son absence à la Chambre des communes et de le seconder dans l'exercice de ses fonctions.



MAKING FRIENDS

CPL Laurette Bedard, 21, a cook from Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg, pauses from her work to give a young Indochinese refugee a friendly welcome to Canada.

On arrival at the refugee staging area at Canadian Forces Base Edmonton, all refugees are taken to military facilities where they start the immigration processing system which includes complete medical inspection. They then go to the base's mess or kitchen facility for their first taste of Canadian food.

By the time the program has been completed, it is anticipated that 25,000 refugees will have passed through the staging area at Edmonton.

Laurette is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John LaFrance of Trenton, Ont., and is one of 65 Canadian Forces personnel sent to Edmonton to aid the refugees in such areas as food services, transport, security and baggage handling.

(CANADIAN FORCES PHOTO by SGT David Spearing)

Guidance Counsellors Tour

Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre Winnipeg hosted 25 high school representatives from throughout Manitoba and North-western Ontario on a tour of West Coast military establishments. The tour included a visit to CFB Comox where guests were shown the operation of the different squadrons which included static displays of their aircraft. In addition, a briefing on the history of the Base was presented by MAJ Jim Gregory, the Comox host for the tour. Highlight of the Comox portion was a briefing and demonstration enthusiastically

given by a member of the Para Rescue Section on the Base.

From Comox the tour proceeded to CFB Esquimalt for two days of briefings and tours of various facilities. Included was a tour and briefing at Royal Roads Military College, a tour of the Fleet School in Esquimalt, Naval Officer Training School and a visit to HMCS SASKATCHEWAN. To wrap up the Esquimalt portion, our guests were presented an insight into the life of the land element by a visit to the PPCLI.

The intent of this tour was to

enlighten the school representatives on the lifestyle and challenges offered by the military profession. The counsellors will hopefully pass this information on to the widest possible audience of students as another viable career option. Although the tour was not without its headaches due to a service flight delay, a bus breakdown and other logistics difficulties, the consensus from the tour exposure gained would be an invaluable asset in their future counselling endeavours.

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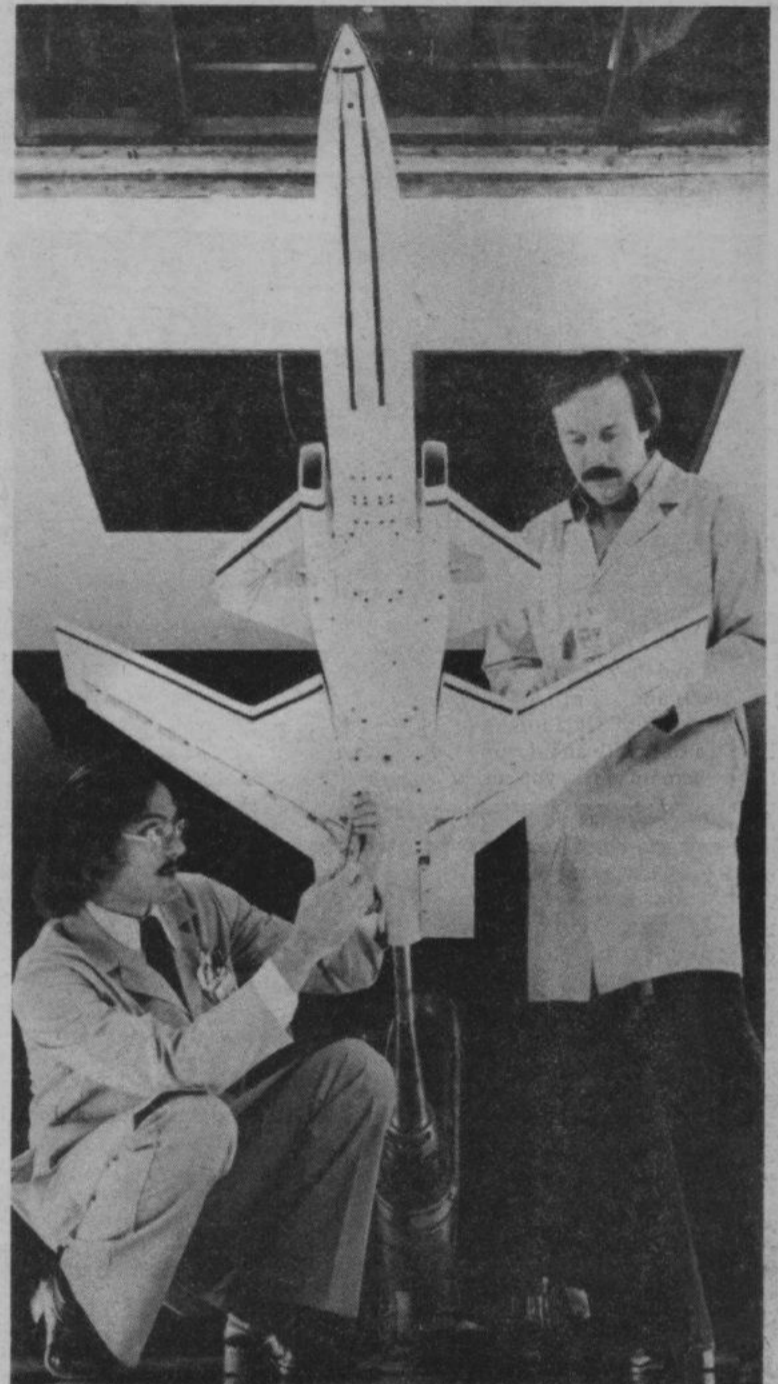
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FORWARD LOOK



This Grumman Aerospace design of a forward-swept wing fighter aircraft is being tested in a wind tunnel at the company's Long Island, New York, facility. Wind tunnel testing simulates flight and is done to improve the aerodynamic characteristics of aircraft models so design changes can be made before building full-scale aircraft. The forward-swept wing design promises to provide future military aircraft with added maneuverability and fuel savings. Pictured are Grumman technicians Roy Charletta (L) and Bert Thompson.

(GRUMMAN PHOTO)

YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED

WINNIPEG — More than 400 young Winnipeggers, both male and female, pursue part-time military careers as members of Manitoba Militia Units on at least two evenings a week this fall and winter.

And, say Capt Beverley Maertens, staff officer for Logistics and Administration in the Manitoba Militia District Headquarters at Minto Armoury, the young people have made sure there is lots of activity in city armouries this winter.

During an interview today, Capt Maertens said Militia activities this year are "at a very satisfying level — even though the units not only in Winnipeg, but throughout the province and in Kenora can always use more people."

The Logistics Officer, who is in charge of recruiting effort of the Militia District which includes Winnipeg, Kenora, Flin Flon, Portage la Prairie and Brandon, said it is difficult to assess this early in the year just how many new members have joined Militia units this fall.

"Numbers fluctuate for quite awhile after things get going in September," Capt Maertens said. "All we can say so far is that things have gone well so far this year."

Units — The Fort Garry Horse at McGregor Armoury parade Tuesday evenings and Sunday, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada parade Monday and Wednesday evenings, The Royal Winnipeg Rifles, 17 Winnipeg Service Battalion and 17 Winnipeg Medical Company, all at Minto Armoury — parade Tuesday and Thursday evenings on a regular basis, with additional activities planned on several weekends during the fall and winter.

Said Capt Maertens: "One of the problems we face in Militia work is that the general public by and large doesn't know who we are, what we are and what we do."

Militia participation first of all means a form of national service, the administration officer said. Skills, both military and in a growing number of trades, enable Militia members to lend a helping hand in community or national emergencies such as flood emergency service or clean-up after other natural disasters, should the need arise. Beyond this, Captain Maertens said, Militia members get an opportunity to share training, annual camp exercises and new friendships with people they meet through their work in the Militia.

Also not generally known is the fact that young people joining the Militia can count on earning at least \$80 a month from the time they join, and as much as \$125 a month within a year as they acquire military expertise and trades skills making them more useful and capable of carrying more responsibility and receiving military promotions, Capt Maertens said.

To be eligible for Militia membership, applicants must be at least 17 years of age and have Grade 8 education or better.

Once accepted, an untrained private earns \$9.75 a night for less than six hours service, \$21 for six hours or more. Pay rates are \$10.50 and \$23.25 respectively for a private with basic training, \$12.50 and \$27.75 for a corporal with basic qualifications and \$12.75 and \$28.75 for a corporal first class.

"Sure, it is less pay than you can

make dishing out hamburgers, but there is not question that the work is more demanding, more educational and far more satisfying," Capt Maertens said. "There is not doubt that out people here are more fulfilled by what they do in Militia work than in most other part-time occupations."

Oh, yes, the Logistics Officer said, uniforms ARE worn by the young men and women serving Canada in the Militia.



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A Rusty Old Halo

When Hoyt Axton wrote the lyrics that told about a bullfrog by the unlikely name of Jeremiah he had no idea that it would turn into an institution in the music business. Hoyt, who co-wrote the Kingston Trio's widely successful "Greenback Dollar" with Ken Ramsey, also penned "The Pusher", a song that found its way into four gold albums including the soundtrack of "Easy Rider".

Hoyt was travelling with The Three Dog Night as an opening act and it was The Dog that recorded his "Joy To The World", a strange little ditty about a bullfrog that roared into a platinum hit. The Dog also recorded Axton's opus "Never Been To Spain" and numerous other groups have had solid hits with Axton's material.

Now it's Hoyt's turn...capitalizing on the name, Hoyt opened his own record company, Jeremiah, what else? This little company just pulled off a coup by having his fledgling company named as "The Best New Record Label of 1979" and the first album to chart for them is Hoyt's own "Rusty Old Halo" (JH 5000) and it's pure listening pleasure.

The native of Oklahoma, opens the set with the title track, "Rusty Old Halo", a tune with an infectious beat that lays down the theme that if you're a turkey here on earth, you just might have to pay for it later on. This tune is

Since returning from summer leave in September, A Company 2 PPCLI has followed a very busy training schedule. The approach to training has been innovative in providing a departure from the traditional methods of company training.

An adventure training exercise early in September provided the opportunity for everyone to become acquainted following the high turnover in battalion cross postings. Upon returning to Kapyong Barracks, the training program commenced. Emphasis was placed on section instruction which encompassed several subject packages. The training concept provided soldiers with both a refresher and extension of the basics mastered as recruits. In addition to a review of weapons handling and marksmanship, other training subjects have included navigation, first aid, internal security, and winter warfare.

Several field exercises conducted at CFB Shilo at platoon and company level provided operational practice of the areas mastered while in garrison. Operational readiness has been stressed through quick reaction procedures. The training exercises have achieved a large measure of realism through tactical deployments.

Notwithstanding the demands of a heavy training schedule, A Company has also assumed the role

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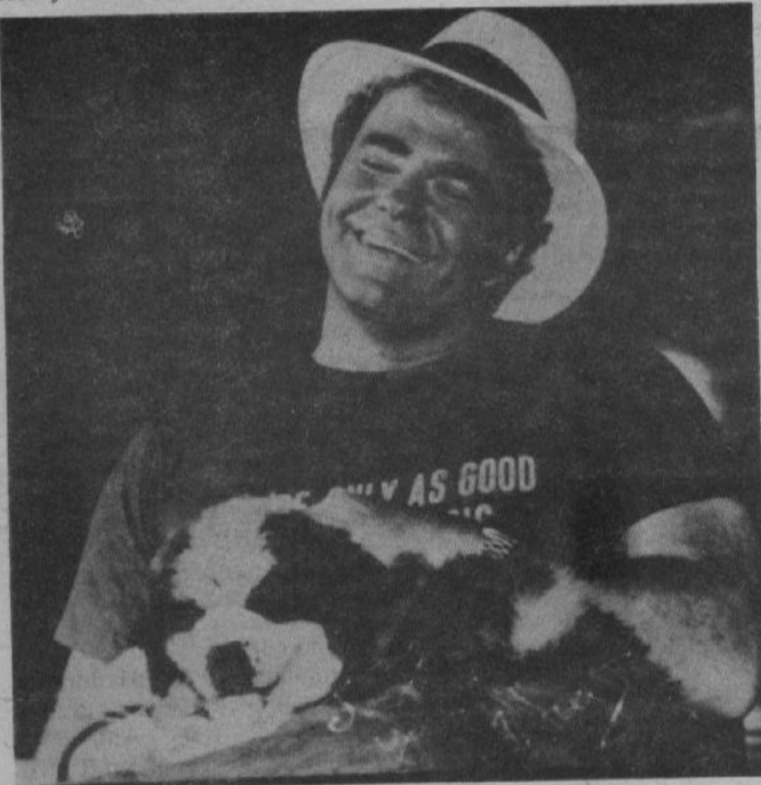
During a company exercise PTEs J.A. Noble (left) and J.A. Roy demonstrate a combined effort to coax a stove into operation. (PPCLI PHOTO)

of a mechanized sub-unit. A constant vehicle maintenance program has been followed, often at a compromise of valuable training time. A further application of the training to date will be made at two forthcoming exercises. In January, 1980 EXERCISE RAPIER THRUST will involve field manoeuvres against other units of 1 CBG.

Next summer, RV 80 will see A Company participate in a very rare event in Canada — a divisional concentration.

The operational readiness of A Company 2 PPCLI has underscored the majority of training objectives. The designation of 'ready' company has become an implied motto.

(By LT MA Power)



HOYT AXTON

just starting its chart run and already breaking top 40. Axton debuted this tune recently on the Carson 'Tonight' TVer and forgot the words.

Next in line is his recent top 15 track "Della & The Dealer" a tune that tells about a girl and two guys on the run and while the melody is lilting and light hearted, the lyric line holds an undercurrent of murder and drugs. Superbly penned and handled to perfection vocally.

"Hotel Ritz" is an absolute knockout. This song deals with a rich man's child that gets hooked on what Axton describes as the 'Prince of Pain' and how no amount of money can save her. This song is topical and deserves to be released as a single.

He adds his "Evangelina" and "In A Young Girl's Mind" which was released on his previous A&M albums and wraps up the set with "Torpedo", "Viva Pancho Villa" and "Gotta Keep Rolling".

This set could just as easily be titled Hoyt Axton and Friends as some of the heavyweights that work behind the scenes include Garth Hudson, Stephen Stills, John McCuen, Jeff Baxter, Paul Butterfield and Dr. John Add that group to some of the best session sidemen and background vocals and you've got the ingredients of a runaway best seller.

BABYSITTERS COURSE
A Babysitters Course will be held at CFB Winnipeg in the near future. Anyone interested in attending should contact Mrs. Shelley Wright at 885-7488.



MILITARY POLICE NOTES

Wednesday, 17 Oct 79, turned out to be a fine evening for the Military Police Bingo for the Blind Children's Fund. The 205 who attended the Hercules Lounge that evening provided the ingredients for its success. Only three prizes were shared during the entire evening. According to Bingo Enthusiasts, that's a fair night. Big winners for the evening were Debbie Bertrand who took the \$100.00 prize all by herself; M. Debruit, P. Cummings and L. Cummings shared the \$200.00 jackpot; and Mrs. S. Sentner alone captured the share-the-wealth jackpot.

The raffle for the colour TV also took place during this annual event. Mrs. Bertrand, the hundred dollar winner, drew the winning ticket. The winner, Mrs. E. Nelson, was present for the draw, a nice change.

Our thanks go out to SGT Harry Sentner for a great job of calling for the evening; and to the Community Council in general for their assistance.

Once again, many thanks to all those who attended and who have supported this worthy cause.

Well our first snow fall has come and gone, only to come again, leaving in its wake ACCIDENTS. Accidents are caused by road conditions, vehicle failure, obstruction of vision, just to name a few. Are these really accidents? The Oxford Concise Dictionary defines accident as an "event without apparent cause". If each accident was carefully reviewed, most of them could be attributed to some "apparent cause". Notably, driver error, either prior to or in conjunction with the accident.

During this time of year we shudder at the thought of driving through another Winnipeg winter. Our seemingly brief summer creates a natural phenomenon and a great majority of us forget his/her winter driving habits. Because of this apparent change which takes place, extra care must be taken to help prevent those so called "events without apparent cause".

We can start by proper vehicle maintenance. Ensuring your car is tuned up for the winter months ahead helps prevent unexpected stalls during the early morning or late afternoon rush hours. Have you ever been in one of those long line-ups? Those start and go situations that gets your morning off to such a good start. You wait and wait to get past the bottleneck, thinking of any number of things that could have happened, only to find out the problem was caused by a stalled vehicle. These situations only add to the problems already created by our winter driving conditions.

Many times, finding yourself stuck in such a traffic tie-up, you get so frustrated that when it finally clears, you forget all about the conditions that caused the problem in the first place. The roads, which are icy or snow covered, just don't react the way you want them to when you speed away trying to make up for lost time. You can imagine the results. More tie-ups. This time because of an accident —not just a stalled vehicle.

Winter driving adjustments can only be made by you the driver. Your driving habits must change to meet the current conditions. Conditions which could change each day and create new problems to cope with.

Each day we must adjust speed and time to road and weather conditions. It's better to take a little longer and get to our destination without mishaps than to have those insurance deductibles cutting into our Christmas spending. If everyone arrives at their destination safe and sound, this will prove to Old Man Winter that we can cope with him by adjusting to whatever he happens to have in store for us on any particular day. HAPPY MOTORING.

(by MWO R.J. Little)



THE BEST FOR 1980

MQ RENTAL CHARGES

OTTAWA—Defence Minister Allan McKinnon today announced Treasury Board approval for a revision of government-owned married quarters (MQ) rental charges.

As a result, members of the Canadian Forces of the same rank, occupying similar quarters in a given area will now pay the same charges regardless of date of occupancy.

Previously, some new occupants of married quarters would have had to pay as much as \$100 more per

month than occupants who had lived in their MQ before 1 Nov, 1978.

Rental increases, based on CMHC appraisals, are intended to bring rents in line with local housing rates.

Under the new regulations, for example, a warrant officer moving into a 1,000 square foot MQ at CFB Calgary will pay \$200 per month instead of \$280. A private at CFB Esquimalt who may have had to pay \$240 monthly will now pay \$150.

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(CF PHOTO BY MCPL TUNGSTEAD)

WEATHER NEWS

Well we are just a few short days from Christmas and its time once again to reflect upon the past. With the weather we have to look forward to in the next few months, re-living the climate of November should be easy! I think that by anybody's standards (at least anybody who has spent past Novembers in Winnipeg), it was a very acceptable month weather wise.

We experienced above normal temperatures for fourteen days last month with the maximum high temperature of 7.5 degrees on both the 16th and 18th. This was a far cry from the all time high of -8.0 degrees on Nov. 8th. Now for the depressing news, lowest temperature was -18.0 degrees on the 8th and 12th and the highest daily minimum was a balmy -1.0 degrees on the 2nd of November. All things considered it was a beautiful month as 20 out of the 30 days we were well above the mean monthly temperature.

Hopefully we will be able to look forward to similar treatment during the month of

December - if you believe that however, you should consider therapy. The average maximum temperature is -9.4 degrees with the extreme coming on 6 Dec. 1939 when the mercury climbed all the way to +11.7 degrees while the average minimum temperature is -18.9 degrees, in great contrast to the -47.8 degrees the inhabitants of Winnipeg enjoyed on Christmas Eve one hundred years ago in 1879. The days will continue to shorten until 22nd December when winter officially begins at 0510 C.S.T. the time for the Winter Solstice. From there on the days get longer with hopefully more and more warming sunshine.

The 15th of December is a busy evening for those ardent stargazers; conditions are as follows:
- Venus - low in the southwest at sunset and sets about two hours later.
- Mars - rises in late evening and is high in the southwest at sunrise.
- Jupiter - rises in late evening and is high in the southwest at

sunrise.
- Saturn - rises before midnight and is high in the south at sunrise.

And of course don't forget to look for the guiding light on Christmas Eve, there to take us all into a time of peace and love. On behalf of myself and my fellow workers in the 16 Hangar Weather Office, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and may the love of God accompany a New Year full of health and prosperity to all.



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