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No, this general is not explaining the size of his last fishing catch. GEN Ramsay M. Withers, chief of Defence staff, is emphasizing a positive point at a press conference held in CFB Winnipeg last week. The general's point — people of course! (CF Photo by SGT Van Tunstead)

Three Defence Installations Visited

WINNIPEG — Canada's top military man, GEN Ramsey M. Withers, chief of the Defence staff, visited three western defence installations last week, in Winnipeg and Shilo, Man., and Dana, Sask.

The visits were part of GEN Withers' ongoing tours of Canadian Forces bases and stations in Canada and abroad, since taking over as defence chief about five months ago.

First stop was Air Command Headquarters in Winnipeg, where he arrived last Wednesday (Nov. 19). The visit coincided with the annual conference of the Commander of Air Command, LGEN Kenneth E. Lewis. Attending were commanders and commanding officers of all bases and stations in the nation-wide organization.

Thursday (Nov. 20), GEN Withers went to CFB Shilo, where he observed training and visited various elements on the base.

Early Friday, he left for the Canadian Forces radar stations at Dana, about 35 miles east of Saskatoon.

As chief of the defence staff, GEN Withers is the senior military officer in the country, and senior adviser to the minister of national defence.

As such, the 50-year old general is assigned the responsibility for the effective conduct of military operations and the readiness of the Canadian Armed Forces to meet the commitments assigned by the Canadian government.

National Employers Support Committee Appointment

OTTAWA — Defence Minister Gilles Lamontagne has announced that BGEN (ret'd) George Robertson, 64, of Halifax, has been appointed chairman of the National Employers Support Committee (NESC).

He succeeds MGEN (ret'd) A. Bruce Matthews of Matthews and Company, Incorporated, Toronto, who started the committee in 1978.

The NESC is a committee of businessmen who solicit voluntary support of corporations and companies to give employees, who are reservists, time off to meet their military training commitment. This time off is without loss in job progression, or in vacation time.

There is a chairman for each

provincial committee. The committee's size is dependent upon the number of reserve units and their locations in the province. These provincial chairmen volunteer their time without pay.

Currently Nova Scotia chairman of the NESC, BGEN Robertson is a senior partner in the barrister-solicitor firm of McInnes-Cooper and Robertson, Halifax.

BGEN Robertson's connection with the military began in 1930 when he joined the Canadian Army (Militia) as a gunner and received his commission in 1935. During the Second World War, he served on Canada's east coast and overseas, including duty with the Royal Air Force and as a staff officer at 1

Canadian Army Headquarters.

He is a former Militia Group Commander at Halifax and from 1965 to 1970, he was senior militia adviser, Atlantic Region. He retired from the reserves in 1970.

In June, 1974 he was appointed to the Order of Military Merit in the Grade of Commander, in recognition of conspicuous merit and exceptional military service.

BGEN Robertson is one of the founding members of the Army Cadet League of Canada and is presently serving as its honorary solicitor.

He is currently honorary colonel of his regiment, the 1st (Halifax-Dartmouth) Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery.



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Blind Fund Bingo a Success

On Wednesday, 15 Oct 80, the Annual Winnipeg Military Police Bingo for the Blind Children's Fund was held in Bldg 21. The 247 bingo enthusiasts who attended provided yet another successful endeavour to raise monies for our fund. As in past years two jackpots were offered. The first of \$200.00 was won by PTE B. Smith of BTNO section and the second jackpot of \$100.00 was won by Miss G. Harrison.

Our annual raffle draw also took place during the bingo. This year we featured a new incentive to become a winner. The winner was offered the

choice of either a colour TV or a Microwave oven. The lucky winner this year was Mr. Allen Bell and he elected to go home with the microwave.

Our thanks go out to CWO Barton for a great job of calling for the evening. Also many thanks to ex-MWO Bill Stewart and the Community Council whose assistance every year is greatly appreciated.

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

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(SGT. C.L. Spiers)

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BASE COMMANDER'S AWARD:

Pictured above is MCPL W. Rehberg, CD receiving the Base Commanders' award from COL J.R. Allingham, Base Commander, CFB Winnipeg. Pictured to the left is the Base Chaplain (RC) MAJ (Rev) R.H. McKenna. MCPL Rehberg was presented this award for his work with the youth at CFB Winnipeg and throughout the city of Winnipeg. A talented musician, and Youth Conference leader, MCPL Rehberg conducts a special day with the cooperation of a number of volunteers. The Youth Conference was developed at CFB Greenwood, Nova Scotia and brought to the Winnipeg Area through the efforts of MCPL Rehberg. At the present time the Youth Conference movement has spread to every province of Canada and Europe through the efforts of dedicated members of the CF such as MCPL Rehberg. (BASE PHOTO)

Reserve Medical Officers Needed

No. 17 (Winnipeg) Medical Company, the only medical unit in the Manitoba Militia District, has received authority to fill three vacancies for medical officers and is attempting to recruit the officers from within the medical profession in the Winnipeg area.

MAJ R. A. Diespecker, C.D. Commanding Officer of the unit, which parades out of Minto Armoury, 969 St. Matthews Avenue,

said this week the three vacancies must be filled to ensure the unit's continued effectiveness.

MAJ Diespecker said the new positions have become available through new organizational moves which will increase the number of medical officers attached to the unit to five from two by next April 1.

"It is very important that the medical profession be represented in the unit," MAJ Diespecker said. "Medical officers are enrolled in the reserves as Captains and may be promoted to Major after four years on completion of some military training. Former regular force or reserve medical officers may receive credit for their previous service."

The medical unit comprises 37 ranks and three officers, an increase

of 21 personnel during the past 12 months.

Earlier this year, 17 Medical Company won the coveted Ryerson Trophy in a Canada-wide competition of militia medical units, sponsored annually by the Canadian Defence Medical Association. It was the second time in the last five years that the Winnipeg unit won recognition for being the top medical unit in the Canadian reserves. Last month, the medical company won the annual T. Eaton Cup Competition, a purely military skills event, competing against infantry, armoured and artillery units from across Manitoba and Kenora.

Physicians interested in contacting MAJ Diespecker can do so between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Minto Armoury, or by telephone, 774-4129.

CFB Winnipeg Carol Festival

It seems rather early to be writing about Christmas at this time of the year, but like the Commercial says, "We can make preparations early." From the point of view of the Chapels, the Christmas story is the "Raison d'être", for our existence. By this we are not stating facts about commercialism, but about the birth of the Christ Child.

The Christmas season has become one of high commercialism, and where this is not necessarily good, it is not completely bad. It is only a wrong emphasis. And it is only this in so far as we sometimes place more value on what we get for Christmas rather than on what we can give to others.

"To Love is to give of oneself." So said Plato.

"God loves the whole world so much that He gave his son." Thus said St. John.

We should be saying "How can we give?"

The answer is, that we try to help others less fortunate. This is our Christmas commitment; so who believes in Christ. We give worship to the new-born Christ. We attend the witnessing of the anniversary of His Birth. We give of our financial resources to aid others.

This year, you are being given an opportunity to do this at the annual base Carol Festival. It is hoped that people will plan to attend the "Festival of Carols and Lessons" on Sunday, December 21st, 1400 hrs. and generally support offerings which are to be used for the "Municipal Christmas Cheer Fund".

Plan this in advance. Christmas is only a few weeks away!

(R.H. McKenna Base Chaplain (RC))

When He is Gone

What is this life I have?
Is good at times; is bad others.
It is good when the sun rises and my love is with me.

Is bad when I'm alone and sad
The burning, yellow sun tinges upon our faces.

The cloudy black sky blinds me when you are afar.

The bird sings sweetly our love laud.

Song sung blue as the distance separates us.

A grin, a streak, a smile, a beautiful smile upon your face.

A frown, a tear — many tears down my face.

Sunny skies are ours alone.
Rain upon my window pane —

drip, drip, drip.

The green grass on the meadow grove.

In my corner all alone.
Hand in hand through the breezy air we run along happily.

Your letter in my hand — reminder of you.
Whispered words of love and endearment near my ear.

Strained ear listening for your call.

I love you, I love you.
So cruel is distance and time.

Flying the fluffy clouds; thoughts of you; I'm homeward bound.

Spent on the ground — I see you in blue.

In my arms once more: I'm home, I'm home, my love.

(Linda J. Razmus)

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429 Composite Squadron

(by CAPT. A.B. Baker)

This great autumn weather cannot possibly last. Perhaps it is a prelude to another mild, great prairie winter. Of course the weather in the Azores and Germany was balmy for MAJ Shepherd and his crew on the Lahr special flight. Speaking of flights, the Navigation School also had an orientation flight last week. All went well by all reports so we now have a large group of highly motivated navigation students.

Rumour has it that James Donovan is destined for lofty heights, taking over a squadron operations position from Brad McDonald. One guess that it's back to the cockpit for Brad. Another move out of the office is for Rick Ancomb, who has been our esteemed Squadron Administration Officer for as long as anyone can remember. Brian Allen, who has just arrived a short time ago from

rocketing a desk around NDHQ will be sliding into Rick's shoes. The transition (at 180) should be a smooth one and give the good LT (N) Ancomb a fresh outlook on life.

That fabulous, overworked Loadmaster section is going to receive a relief valve in the form of an extra body. This event should coincide with the advent of 1981, so that year should provide a little more family life to Wayne Harker's crew.

Just as an aside, the Squadron Christmas party is scheduled for December the seventeenth so lay down that green stuff and pick up those tickets early. In past years it has been a most enjoyable soiree and this year it will be even better. You may enquire about tickets from the Orderly Room. Fare thee well for now!



"The French Connection"

Ci-dessus voici la photographie des étudiants et des professeurs du premier cours du "REVISED LANGUAGE TRAINING PLAN" (RLTP) à l'école de langue à l'édifice 21 à BFC Winnipeg. Comme on peut le voir par leurs sourires, ils sont très contents, mêmes "HAPPY". Après 5 mois à Winnipeg, ils iront à l'École de Langue à BFC St. Jean P.Q. Au mois de mai, comme ils seront parfaits bilingues, ils recevront leurs diplômes comme premier groupe du Nouveau Programme de Formation Linguistique.

Première rangée (de gauche à droite):

MAJ C.P. Dillon — Mme D. Bernardin — Mme J. Hedges — M.R. Hébert — M. J. Lemon — Mme E. Karras — CAPT K.E. Orr.

Deuxième rangée (de gauche à droite):

CAPT L.M. Hansen — MAJ R.G. Richards — LT H.G. Rietmuller — CAPT D.W.F. Widdows — CAPT B.V. Dowler — CAPT J.H. Goodman — MAJ D.W. Karras — MAJ J.R. Gale — CAPT K.W. Armstrong — Mme P. Guévremont (absent).

Bops Talks

(by CAPT. C.G. Carbert)

Have you visited the Base Recreational Library lately? Within the last two years or so? If not, you are due for a surprise. The library is administered by the Base Training Section for the BOPSO. Under the guidance of CAPT Lynn Malcolm, who until recently was the Base Training Officer, the facility developed from a roomful of books into a library.

The books have been classified and sorted under a modified Dewey Decimal system that is as efficient as any city or university library and allows you to find a specific book in seconds. A major program of repairs to existing books was undertaken in the Spring of 1979 and continued this Spring as two employees of the Command Pool of Civilian Assistance devoted two months to recover-

ing, binding and mending.

The construction of new bookshelves, re-upholstery of the furniture, and the rearrangement of the total package all lend to a functional facility with a comfortable atmosphere.

The librarians add to the atmosphere as they help you find a book, exchange pocketbooks, or place suggestions for books you would like to see added to the shelves (English or French).

All this has been going on quietly in Bldg 90, just across from the Post Office for the past two years. Why not drop in some evening or on a Saturday afternoon for a look.

Hours of operation are:

Tues, Wed, Thur - 1800-2030 hrs
Sat - 1300 - 1530 hrs

Nav School Reports

(by CAPT I.J. Hawley)

In late September, the school finally mugged out those who had been avoiding the caustic comments all summer. The event was held at the Westwin Curling Club which has a way of drawing from people their most profound statements. "I don't go to mug parties unless they are for me or somebody else" took the prize. Last time it was "for those who have never attended a mug party, this will be your first time to attend a mug party". The originators of these comments prefer to remain anonymous.

The majority of NAV instructors now have a comfortable office in which to work thanks to some fine work by the CE Section. Gone forever are the plastic and plywood half partitions which seem to amplify all sounds. In are two centre walls, carpet, a new paint job and a lot more quiet. The Aircraft and Electronic systems instructors are left wondering when their carpet will arrive.

The latest arrivals from Maritime Command are Chris King and Mo Palahicky. They have completed the Hercules OTU, the Nav Instructor Course and have already started instructing. Mo and Laurie have settled in River West and Chris is in barracks. Both have joined the A&ES (no carpet) instructor cell.

Friday, 24 Oct saw the majority

of instructors in conference while the youngsters and students completed their semi-annual fitness demonstration. The results of both were discussed over lunch at the curling club (again) before splitting into teams for a sports afternoon. This time soccer and floor hockey were dropped (too many injuries?) in favour of the more refined game of curling. The overall score was staff 12 and students 4 in curling and volleyball games. The staff has finally found a winning combination after three

dry years.

Speaking of sports, the Nav school students have accepted a challenge from 3 CFFTS (Canadian Forces Flight Training School), Portage. Basketball, volleyball and floor hockey are the first items on the menu. This may be the start of a friendly rivalry between the two schools.

Don't forget! Reserve the 13 December for the CFANS Christmas Party.

Values of Life

Supposing today were your last on earth;
The last mile of the journey you've trod;
After all your struggle how much are you worth?
How much can you take home to God?
Don't count as your possessions, silver or gold;
For tomorrow you leave them behind;
And all that is yours to have and to hold;
Are the blessing you've given mankind.
Just what have you done as you've journeyed along;
That was really and truly worthwhile?
Do you think your good deeds would offset the wrongs?
Could you look over your life with a smile?
We are only supposing, but if it were true,
And you invoiced your deeds since your birth;
And you figured the "profits" you've made in life's deal;
How much are you really worth?

(by CPL R. Sousa)

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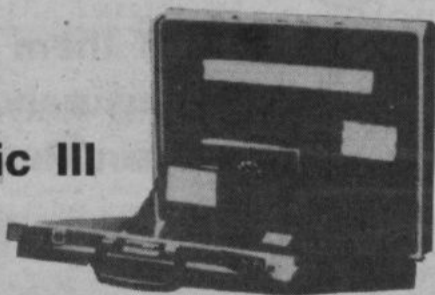
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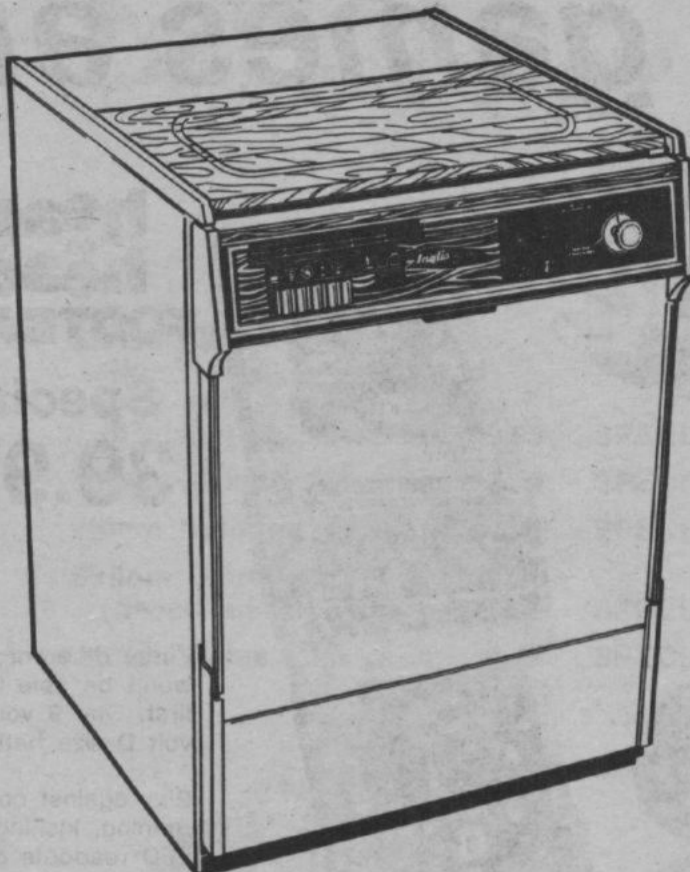
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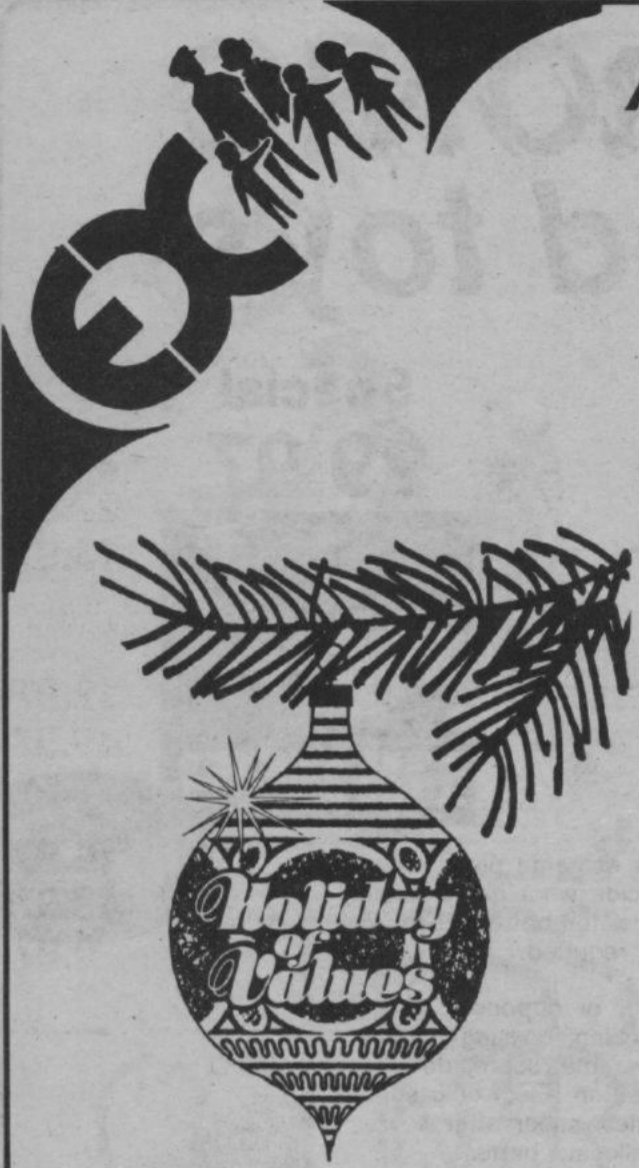
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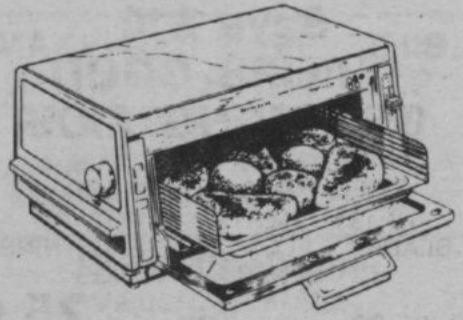
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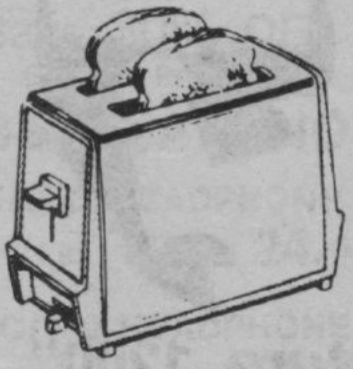
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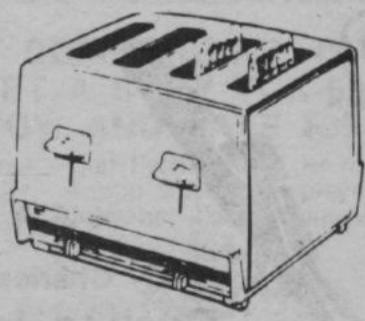
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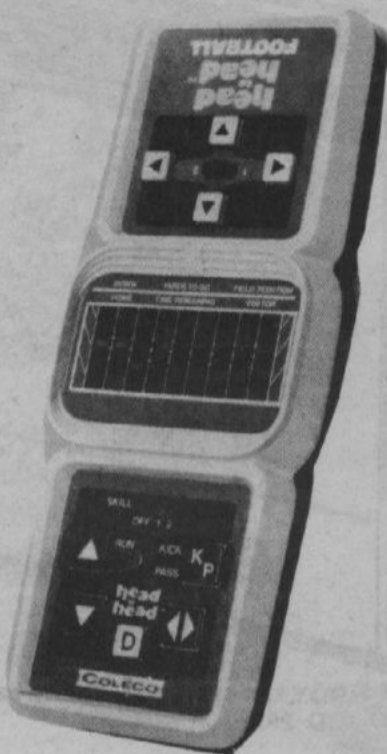
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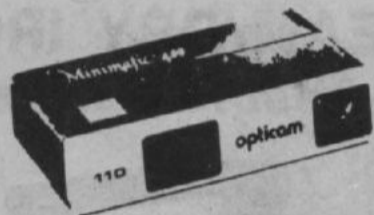


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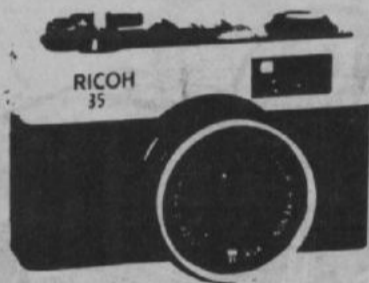
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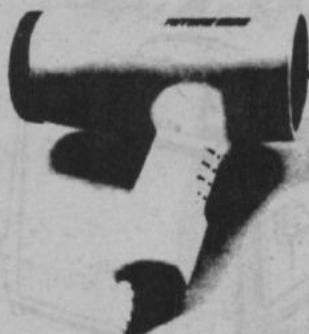
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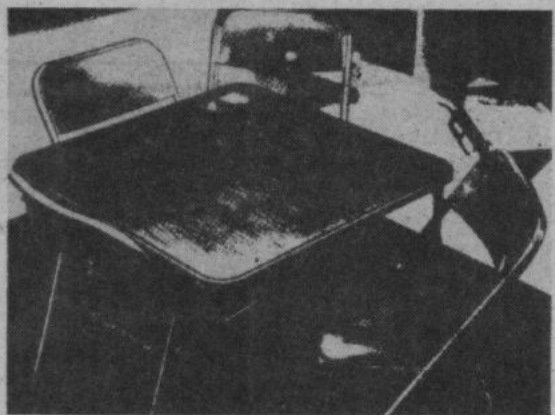
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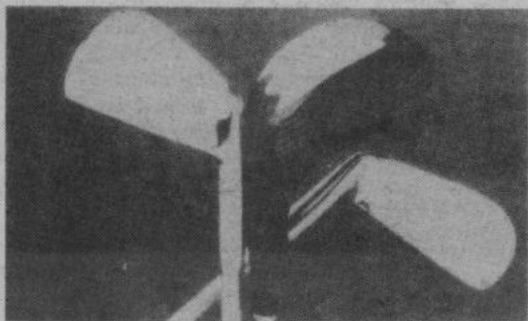
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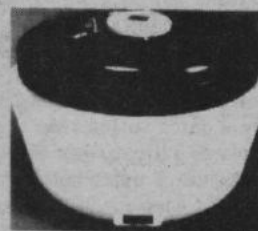


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Gavin's Column In Bed With What?

"AARRRGH!"

"I only asked how you felt," muttered Gerry (that's the better half) as she threw the box of tissues from the bedroom doorway. "Your chicken soup will be ready in a minute".

My throbbing head was echoing against the pillow. My aching fingers plucked ineffectively at a popped-up tissue. How long have I been here, I thought, it must be weeks, weeks, weeks. A quick glance at the calendar clock revealed what I feared. It had only been last night after dinner that I'd collapsed. Was there no end to my suffering?

That is a fair description of yours truly in the throes of suffering from the flu. According to Gerry, that is.

The concern shown in our house when yours truly gets violently ill is very discouraging. It almost makes me want to stay well. Between wife and daughter the mental anguish I undergo cannot be measured.

"Mom says to stop sniffing, it's a bad example."

"Jackie says you swore when she spilt that hot soup on your chest. What's the matter with you?"

"Gail (the next-door mother of the child that carried the flu bugs) just phoned. You woke little Julie when you screamed as I was combing the noodles out of the hair on your chest."

This line of conversation went on for the two days I was confined to my sick bed. The third day I sat in the clothes closet with the door shut.

In the peaceful dark my mind ran over the results of a survey I'd performed a few months before. All husbands interviewed responded identically. Whenever they were sick in bed at home, they were given a hard time. They were awakened from soothing sleep to receive horrible tasting medicine.

Murmured telephone conversations were held at just the right volume so only key words could be overheard by the patient. "Nrmmma nrmmma... fever is high... nrmmma nrmmma pale as a ghost... nrmmma nrmmma... can't last long... nrmmma nrmmma...!"

Children were sent in to do one or more of several disturbing things:

- a) bounce on the bed if the illness was non-contagious;
- b) stand and stare and eat strips of bacon if the illness was nauseous;
- c) start a fight or beat wooden spoons on saucers if a severe headache was involved; and
- d) ask simple questions like who can have your electric drill when you don't need it anymore.

Whatever the wiles used, the husband would drag himself from his warm bed and head for work just to get some rest.

After much deliberation and in depth use of electronic equipment (I have a pocket calculator) the reason for all the female action became apparent. The female of the species just didn't want the male at home during working hours. His working hours, that is.

The plot is set up to prevent the male breadwinner from discovering just how undertasked the other half is when at home alone. He can struggle for years to provide labour saving devices for the little woman but the only time he'll see them working is when he's sick.

Vacuuming the bedroom is ideal for the treatment of headaches. The warning buzzers on ovens, washers, and dryers can (if properly timed) send even the most heavily sedated sufferer up the wall in two days.

It may not be manly to retreat from the battle of the sexes but I think the answer is to check into a quiet hotel the next time you're under the weather. Send out for hot soup in one of those unspillable tumblers. Hire a warm soft hand to soothe your troubled brow.

Most important, though, register under an assumed name.

PMQ Council (South) (by Bob Moquin)

Hello, again! Well, not much to report this ish. Someone turned off the tap. Either that, or all of you out there are saving up your news. You have no idea how hungry a column can get with no input from readers. Anyway, here goes.

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Here's a list of the winners of the costume competition at the South Side MQ Kids' Hallowe'en party. I apologize for not including them in last issue's column. I had planned to wait until the pictures were available. That took longer than anticipated. Oh, well... Murphy's Law... plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose... and like that.

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The winners are:

Age Group		Boys	Girls
6 mos - 5 yrs	1st	J. MacConnell	S. Krahn
	2nd	B. Lake	A. Noseworthy
6 yrs - 9 yrs	1st	S. McGhie	S. Duncan
	2nd	C. Thistlethwaite	M. Patrick
10 yrs - 12 yrs	1st	S. Hofman	P. Lowenburger
	2nd	J. Patrick	S. McGhie
Best overall		S. McGhie	M. Patrick

Once again, congratulations to, not only the winners, but to all the boys and girls who entered... and to the parents concerned. Well done.

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Well, faithful readers, that's about it for now. Until next time, then, take care. See ya!

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Exercise Gunner 8002

(by CAPT. M. Beztily)

2 PPCLI Mortar Platoon, or Mike Troop as they are known in G Battery, 3 RCHA, deployed to CFB Shilo on 11 October to participate with G Battery in Ex Limber Gunner, the bi-annual artillery gun camp.

The platoon operated on its own for the first 10 days doing annual 10 milers, range classifications and dry deployments. During that time we also had the opportunity to train with the Regina Rifle Regiment. The aim of training the militia is to bring the mortar men of the Rifles up to the regular force standard and keep them there, so that in time of emergency the militia will be ready to fill the depleted ranks of regular force units. The Rifles did an excellent job and they thoroughly enjoyed the "mech" experience. Another such exercise is planned for December in Dundurn, Sask. The Mortars joined G Battery in the field on 21 October for the Battery Commander's exercise, an exercise that practiced day and night movement and defensive fire planning. As usual the QM came through with his normal load of bad weather and to top things off he even brought in six inches of snow.

Two days of Régimental tech shooting and fire planning followed with the platoon actively participating and supporting infantry assaults on enemy positions. During that time we also had the opportunity to observe CF 5's from CFB Cold Lake dropping 500 lb bombs and strafing with 20 mm cannon. U Battery of 3 RCHA also put on a demonstration firing of four BLOWPIPE anti aircraft missiles.

Ex Limber Gunner ended with the CO's exercise which again placed the emphasis on defensive and counter attack fire planning. 3 RCHA and mortar platoon were tasked with supporting 1 and 2 PPCLI in the defense of the oil fields and refineries located around the town of Douglas. The Redland Force (bad guys) crossed the frontier (after being warned not to, by the UN, tsk, tsk) during the early morning of 27



CPL Mark Couture, right, of Calgary, Alta., and PTE James Walker, left, of St. Stephen, N.B., two members of the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry's Mortar platoon, wait for the order to fire their 81-mm mortar during live-fire artillery exercises at Canadian Forces Base Shilo, Man. CPL Couture is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Couture of (27 Gladys Ridge Road), Calgary, and PTE Walker is the son of Mr. Arthur and Pauline Walker of (21 Ross Ave.), St. Stephen.

(CANADIAN FORCES PHOTO by SGT. V. Tunstead)

October. At first their overwhelming numbers forced the PPCLI (good guys) back, however with heavy concentrations of very effective fire by the guns, and tubes of Mike Troop, the enemy advance was stalled by last light 29 October. After a hot meal and 2 hours sleep the Patricia's went back into the line at first light 30 October and under cover of heavy indirect fire proceeded to send the nasty Redlanders running home.

Thus, happily ended another saga of mortar platoon and 3 RCHA joining forces to shake and bake anyone daring to cross the frontiers of CFB Shilo.



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Westwin Community Council Activities

(by Cliff Matkowski)

Yes we do have a Westwin Community Council! However, due to a lack of council membership and past summer holidays, we have held a low profile in our community for the past 6 or 7 months. But fear not — things are starting to happen. Just elected to Executive Positions, are CWO (Bruce) Barton — President, and CAPT (Ronn) Cooper — Vice-President.

We have done a lot of scouting and now have a full complement of councillors (all volunteers I might add) and are listed for your information as follows:

- WARD 1 - MCPL (Linda) Priemski Rep/Westwin Thrift Shop
- MCPL (Ralph) Harvey Rep/Youth Bowling
- WARD 2 - SGT (Jerry) LeBlanc Asst. Rep/Teens
- CPL (Pat) Haines (Asst Secretary) (Rep/Boxing Club)
- WARD 3 - CPL (John) Myers Secretary
- SGT (Doug) Marshall Rep/Woodworking Shop
- WARD 4 - MCPL (Gilles) Bertrand Rep/Dog Obedience Club
- LT (Sandy) Bowser Rep/Photo Club
- WARD 5 - SGT (Cliff) Matkowski Publicity
- SGT (Gord) Walker Housing
- WARD 6 - MWO (Phil) Hebert Rep/Teens
- CWO (Bruce) Barton (President) Rep/Bingo & Garden Club
- WARD 7 - MCPL (Terry) Fuller Councillor
- CPL (Brian) Dessler Rep/Cubs & Scouts
- WARD 8 - MCPL (Marty) Coppes Councillor
- CPL (John) McGinley Rep/Playgrounds
- WARD 9 - MCPL (Joanne) Degan Rep/Pre-Teens/Ceramics Club
- SGT (Larry) Lippert Rep/Minor Hockey
- WARD 10 - CAPT (Ronn) Cooper (Vice-President) Rep/Skating Rink
- LT (Paul) Croteau (Treasurer)

WOW! What a List.

Well there they are folks, the people representing your interests in the community. But please remember we need your support! By now most of you will have met your respective ward councillors during their door to door instruction and questionnaire survey. The response has been encouraging. Again I thank the many residents in my area who actually invited me in to chat and even have a cup of coffee during that brisk evening. It made for a rather long evening walk-a-round to say the least, but I did enjoy meeting and talking to my neighbours whom I did not know before. You know, I learned something that night — somewhere out there amongst all of you, there really is a neighbourly and community spirit. But the big drawback, indicative to our modern day times I think, everyone waits for the other guy to come forward first. WHY?

On the other side of the proverbial coin, there were some residents of my area who were very skeptical of my visit and didn't even take the time to fill out the questionnaire; and I wasn't even selling anything — but goodwill, which was free. I am thankful however, that you people represented the minority of my ward. But I will not give up on you, for deep down, I feel everyone has a sense of responsibility. It just takes some people a little longer to come out of their shell than others.

Lets face it, one must sacrifice a little of one's time to project a community minded spirit. Is that too much to ask? We'll see! And remember, you don't all have to be leaders or superstars of any kind. We need followers too! So let's stand up and be counted. Participation and a neighbourly attitude will give us a good community and a better place to live. If you have any community minded ideas, bring them forward to your councillors. They'll look into them — that's what they are there for. They don't have a crystal ball!

Now moving on to new business, the institution of a Day Care Centre is not just a rumor, but hopefully a soon to be, dream come true for a lot of working mothers and single parents in our community. Replies from the flyers indicated that this was truly a needed and worthwhile project to undertake. The works are now in the mill for authority, location, administrative details, etc. We will keep you informed.

Are you looking for a new hobby? Our Base Ceramics Club is now in operation and looking for new members — no experience necessary; and you should see some of the products they turn out — just phenomenal! Well come and see for yourself. The club operates out of Bldg 81 on Mondays and Thursdays from 7-10 p.m. The Club hopes to see some new faces.



MAJ A.G. Bonenfant and CAPT R.E. Alp of the Recruiting Centre in Winnipeg recently had the privilege of escorting several guidance counsellors, vice-principals and principals from schools in Manitoba and Northwest Ontario on a tour of military establishments on the West Coast. Purpose of the visit was to be able to inform students about career opportunities in the Canadian Forces. Installations at CFB Comox and CFB Esquimalt were visited. Highlight of the tour was a visit to 409 Squadron in Comox, where this photograph was taken. (CANADIAN FORCES PHOTO)

And for the more vigorous; our dependent's Boxing Club is off to a "Smashing" success. Managed by PTE Rick Gagnon, the boys meet Mondays to Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in Bldg 21 Room 106. Come out and watch these guys in action. You may want to join them.

Tis the season to start our XMAS decorating. The Community Council has put up first, second, and third prizes of \$50, \$30 and \$20 respectively for the three best decorated houses in the North Site MQ's. Judging will take place on the evenings of the 22nd and 23rd of December. So let's dig out those lights from the basement and light up our community — the kids will love it!

Who fired up the teenagers? The Teen Club Dance held this month enjoyed a 100% increase in attendance from last month. I understand they really had a good time. The interest they have shown for this club has generated new vibes in the community council and we are prepared to put more interest into this organization. The next dance will be on the 12 Dec. 80.

Hold it! Here's a Boxing News Flash from coach and manager Rick Gagnon.

The CFB Westwin Boxing Club travelled to Brandon on the weekend of the 15th to participate in a Boxing Card hosted by the D.O.T.C. (Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council) of Brandon. They did quite well for their first Boxing Card. Lyle Henderson stopped his opponent in the second round by the Referee's decision — An R.S.C. (Referee stops contest). Graeme Swanwick lost to his opponent by a split decision. Although Graeme lost, he certainly captivated the crowd with his determination. Mark van der Laan lost to his opponent, who's eagerness in the first round proved decisive to unsuspecting Mark. Dan Moser also travelled with the Club but did not box that day. Rick and the guys really enjoyed themselves. Till next time, Rick says "keep those Hands up."

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**Voxair Variety
by John Lauder**

Anyone who has ever dabbled in amateur theatres, whether it be a Christmas concert, a school play, or even a small scale ice carnival, knows the feeling of nervousness that builds prior to the event. The current Manitoba Theatre Centre Main Stage presentation is based on this feeling, and shows the effects of first night apprehension on an entire theatre group, actors, directors and helpers. Appropriately, Canadian writer David French has called his play *Jitters*.

There are quite a large number of in-jokes about stage life, plus several cuts at both critics and audiences, combined with the usual gag: our Canadian inferiority complex. To me the play was not as funny, nor as ironical, as the recent *Billy Bishop Goes to War*, but never-

theless it is well worth seeing.

Starring in the play-within-a-play, and thus also starring in the larger vehicle, are Jennifer Phipps and Eric House. Phipps as an ageing actress on the come-back trail, and House as a journeyman actor who prefers to be a big frog in the little Canadian puddle than the small one in the bigger world of Broadway. Both were successful in their parts. Ms Phipps as a nice gal with some buried bitchiness, and Mr. House as a self-deprecating ham. For the most part the supporting cast was up with the two leads, although at times there roles were sketchy to mere clichés.

As always the line between comedy and outright farce is a thin one, and playwright French has not always been too clear on what he is trying to achieve. As indicated above,

the play is well worth the price of admission, and it will run until December 6th.

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The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra seems to be slowly surviving its troubles of recent months, and is performing with vim and vigour. A recent concert was conducted by **Mario Bernardi** from the National Arts Centre, who proved that some good things can come out of Ottawa. The guest artist was pianist Eugene Istomin, who gave a brilliant rendition of the Brahms Concerto No. 2 in B Flat Major. Next the Symphony will feature conductor **Boris Brott**, from Hamilton, plus pianist Dylana Jenson, a gifted youngster of 19 years. The concert will be on November 28th and 29th at 8:30 p.m. at the Centennial Hall.

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