

Some Yesterdays

RCAF Auxiliary's No. 19 Bomber Squadron formed 50 years ago today in Hamilton, Ont., with Moth aircraft.

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"Friendlies" raise hackles on local necks

WINNIPEG -- A ferocious and weird mixture of growls, roars and snarls let loose over the city April 24, magnified by mega-decibels, just as the last edition of this paper was going to press.

It was enough to send a pack of Dobermann pinschers scurrying off like a litter of three-week old kittens. That's to say nothing of an unknown legion of back yard gardeners who rushed in terror for their pitchforks.

But it's OK, folks, they weren't in the least hostile, just passing through the land of the big sky.

Creators of the unnerving racket were seven British Tornado strike-attack aircraft en route to CFB Cold Lake, Alta., to take part in the joint Canadian-U.S.-British exercise called Maple Flag.

They landed at CFB Winnipeg for fuel and a brief rest stop. If noise is a deciding factor, no adversary ever will consider attacking NATO. Unless they're all bark and no bite, Canadians can consider themselves fortunate that Britain's Royal Air Force is an ally.

At Cold Lake they will be tasked with flying ultra, low-level missions in a wartime scenario. The aim is to avoid "enemy" ground and air threats provided by other opposing NATO forces.

As a prelude, Britain's XV Squadron had completed three weeks at Goose Bay, Labrador (that belongs to us). It is said that the sparsely-populated, low-flying areas to the north and south of "Goose" are ideal training grounds where crews may practise ultra, low-level flying techniques called for in Maple Flag.

The Tornado's advanced technology includes variable geometry wing platform (howszat?), sophisticated avionics and a fly-by-wire flight control system.

Further, it is said that its automatic terrain-following radar gives the aircraft an all-weather capability, permitting crews to deliver a variety of weapons on pinpoint targets by day or night, in good weather and bad.

XV Squadron was formed in England in 1915 (That was after Julius Caesar's time there, wasn't it?) Normally, the squadron is part of the 2nd Allied Tactical Air Force and is based at Laarbruch, West Germany, in the strike-attack role. It is commanded by Wing Commander (LCol) Barry Dove, AFC (Air Force Cross).



CFB Winnipeg members get a close-up glimpse of Britain's Royal Air Force new strike-attack aircraft, the Tornado. Seven put down in Winnipeg in late April, en route to CFB Cold Lake, Alta., to take part in Exercise Maple Flag. (PHOTO BY CPL. STEVE SAUVE — BASE PHOTO)

Dove, eh? What in hell did I do with my pitchfork, in case those Alberta gophers don't get 'em before they come back this way?

Of course, we could always sic our "Daks" after them, by Jove!

VOXAIR goes to 28 new outlets

Potential readership of Voxair took a large leap this month with the distribution of 654 more copies to 28 new outlets, comprising Legion and ANAF branches and veterans' health-care institutions throughout the city.

This is good news to advertisers, whose message now will reach thousands more readers and potential customers.

It also means that the membership of these branches and veterans undergoing health care now may keep abreast of National Defence and Canadian Forces developments.

In addition, activities of individual regular and reserve force formations and units and Public Service employees of DND will get wider coverage.

Another market exposed to editorial and advertising contents of Voxair comprises the families of Canadian Forces and Public Service members.

All together, this readership makes up one of the richest advertising markets in Winnipeg. Voxair now is distributed to more than 5,000 destinations, which places it among the leading non-daily newspapers in Manitoba.

Make some history happen

It's that time of year again — Spring Cleanup!

As you plow through your cupboards, basements, attics, boxes, garages and come across pieces of clothing, equipment, mugs, dishes, cutlery, crests — anything connected with the RCAF — your discards can be a real treasure to the Winnipeg-based Western Canada Aviation Museum.

If you have a large quantity, call the Museum at 775-8447 and it will be picked up.

If it is a small quantity and you work on the base and can bring it in with you, call Fran Burns at 895-5227 and she will take it to the Museum.

Donors' names and information pertinent to artifacts will be identified with the display.

Public Service unions reach agreement in key areas

Treasury Board President Robert de Cotret has announced that agreement has been reached with the unions representing Public Service employees on the principles to a dental plan, and on improvements to the work force adjustment policy.

Agreements also have been reached which, when approved, will establish the principles for a system of master agreement bargaining for employees represented by the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) and the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPS).

The agreements in principle are the result of several sessions of intensive negotiations and will pave the way for early changes in these areas.

The understanding on master agreement bargaining will, when finalized, establish terms of reference under which it will be possible to negotiate master agreements covering approximately 80 per cent of the terms and conditions of employment found now in individual collective agreements.

Under the new proposed formula, any impasses at the master table will be resolved through a process of binding conciliation. Thus, the right to strike will not apply to items which will be included in master agreements.

Individual collective agreements will continue to be negotiated on issues such as rates of pay, hours of work and paid vacation leave, and impasses at that level will be dealt with as in the past, in accordance with Part III of the Public Service Staff Relations Act.

Public Service pension plans will be funded and administered in accordance with the Act.

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\$21,755 stolen from PMQS

During the period 1 Sep 83 to 1 Sep 84 the theft of articles from backyards and garages in our married quarters totalled \$21,755. South Site PMQ losses accounted for more than \$6,100 of that total, the remainder were North Site losses.

What was stolen?

Bicycles	33
Trail Bikes/Motorcycles	5
Radios/TVs/Stereos	6
Clothing Items	6
Tools	2
Car Motor	1
Money	2
Lawnmower	1
Misc	3
(includes 1 B-B-Q complete with cooking pork chops)	

Why these articles were lost is self-explanatory. People (you) were too trustful and believed that leaving articles unattended or unsecured on "your" property was relatively safe; it wasn't. There is absolutely no guarantee that by the end of summer, 1985, the number of losses will decrease unless you, the occupants, take action to secure these desirable objects so easily removable.

How? Ensure homes and garages are locked when you are absent and that easily removed possessions are secured when not in use.

Let's keep our losses down this year!
Be security-minded!




Terry remembers VE Day

National and local radio and T.V. stations had a field day running old news shots and interviews to mark the 40th anniversary of V.E. Day.

CBC radio had a phone-in show for listeners to tell where they were on the Big Day. I didn't phone, but I was tempted.

I was in the mob outside Buckingham Palace in London. My Mum decided that we should have that memory of the crowd, the noise, the Royal Family on the balcony and the sheer relief and happiness.

I remember uniformed troops wading in fountains, climbing lamp posts and kissing girls.

I became temporarily separated from my Mum when a bunch of Canadian sailors hauled me onto the running board of Winston Churchills Rolls as he was leaving the palace.

It was quite a day for an eleven year old. Mum was right about the memories.

V.E. Day meant that my brother wouldn't have to go away to sea any more. I remember my Dad telling me that Doug would be safe now.

My brother was in the British Merchant Navy and spent the war years as a teen-ager crossing the North Atlantic in supply convoys.

V.E. Day meant that maybe we could go to Canada and see my sister who had married an RCAF bomber pilot and had travelled to Canada as a war bride in November, 1944. It took a while but we made it.

V.E. day meant that a huge Scout, Guide, Cub and Brownie parade was planned for a week or two after the Big Day. Kids from all around the London area paraded to Westminster Abbey. I was given the honour of not only carrying a flag in the parade but of singing a solo at the service.

V.E. Day meant no more air-raid shelters and blackout curtains on every window. Slowly we became accustomed to a less restricted life style. Street lights came on again, cars and buses were able to use full headlights, church bells rang again and my uncles looked different in "civvies."

V.E. Day meant that there were all kinds of uniform bits and pieces to collect and use for our backyard war games. Kids were wearing real "tin hats" and real badges for a change. The real war might have been over but the kids' games went on.

V.E. Day meant street parties with bonfires, and Hitler burned in effigy. Our gang made a dummy of stuffed clothes, painted a Fuhrer face on it and contributed it to our street party.

There were barrels of beer and cider, and a fair supply of spirits carefully hoarded through the war years for "medicinal purposes". We kids sneaked the odd sip of ale when the grown-ups were dancing and not watching.

God forbids we should ever go through that again.

V.E. Day doesn't seem forty years ago.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Terry gets his wish

We picked up a tid-bit in Voxair from "The Kid Bag." It seems one Capt. Lawrence wishes a farewell flight in a Dakota.

Without getting into policy re 402/Dakotas, we'd like to help Terry achieve his aim.

If Capt. Lawrence would contact us, we'll do what we can within the rules and regulations to satisfy his last request. We may be contacted at 5025 (Maj Webster) or 5515 (Capt Krawchuk) to arrange such a flight.

402 Squadron is short of airsick bags so bring your own.

L.E. Olson
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Praises SCAN

I am sure I can speak on behalf of all the participants who attended the pre-retirement seminar, April 30 - May 2 (inclusive).

We, the attendees, feel the seminar was conducted with the utmost expertise which clearly demonstrates the hard work and planning on the part of Sharon Fournier and her staff. The guest speakers were excellent and very informative. All in all - everything was handled in great style.

Thanks to the Staff of the Base Civilian Personnel Office.

Harold Silverman,
Spokesman for Course Attendees

Editorial

I am a community newspaper - My name is Voxair

While the high and the mighty strut and stamp across the world's stage, millions of other people do millions of things that rarely are reported in the big media outlets.

For instance, six women go out to visit the elderly; a small boy smacks a homer to win a baseball game; an amateur theatre group comes up with a whopping hit.

These are the lives of real people. They don't start wars; they don't build empires; they don't get into the history books.

But, their stories are exciting, interesting, vital and important. They should be told.

I tell these stories whenever they're reported to me, because I am a community newspaper. So-called scoops we've never heard of. My arena is not Parliament, the White House, the United Nations or the police courts. It's the neighborhood, the one that Voxair lives in.

It's the Voxair community, and what I have to say about it touches my readers' lives every bit as much as that larger drama going on out there, maybe even more.

I am a community newspaper. I am welcomed into thousands of homes, not as an intruder shrieking the harshness, violence and complexities of this world, but as a friend, a mirror of my readers' lives, their joys, accomplishments and sorrows.

I am a community newspaper. I am proud, tough, independent. I can't buck the military system, or any other system, because that isn't part of my role. I know how to smile, when to grumble, how to chide, how to help.

But, there are problems, several of them, in fact. My community is lethargic. Many of its members have not considered what I can do for them. They have blinkers and a large dose of apathy.

I'm hurting because of it. I need help, lots of it, of every kind. I'm not looking for hot-shot reporters or writers with a "cause," just ordinary people who would like to help in any way they choose.

I could use administrative and clerical help, people to answer the telephone, more story submissions from more organizations and individuals.

If you happen to have had some journalistic experience, so much the better. We'll give you the best seat in the house.

Our quarters are cramped and messy at the moment, but this is to be resolved sometime in the next several months.

Building No. 10, the one I live in, is scheduled to get the treatment from a wrecker's ball whenever the new Air Command Headquarters building is finished. Base authorities say they're going to have to move us somewhere else; something more luxurious, by comparison, we hope, and that wouldn't have to be in the high-rent district.

I am a community newspaper and I can't put everything on the front page. Sometimes there are stories I can't put on any page, because of space and cost restrictions. I try to stick to 12 pages, but once in a while I flex out to 16, which costs more money.

When a story gets a judgement call and doesn't make it in print, my editor hears about it, in spades. Some people think my editor is a super dip stick! Sometimes my editor is tempted to return the compliment.

While I am at it, I might as well tell you what my editor wants in a news story. He says he wants the story to tell the who-what-when-where-why and how.

He also said that there are 10 elements that make up news. They are:
Immediacy - freshness, timeliness, as happening now;
Proximity - events allied with interests of Voxair's readers;
Consequence - affects many people, has mass appeal;
Prominence - the story has some mystery, intrigue, fascination about it, involving a well-known individual;
Suspense - an uncertain outcome;
Oddity - deviates from the normal; unusual or out of the ordinary;
Conflict - physical contact or competition;
Emotion - feelings, curiosity or that evoking anger, compassion, sympathy;
Sex - of more interest to one sex than the other; and
Progress - new developments, improvements, growth. OK, school's out for this edition.

I am a community newspaper, in a great community, and I'm proud of it. How about you?

Come one, come all Westwin community plans family fun day

Westwin's community council will stage its annual Family Fun Day, Saturday, June 22.

A children's carnival will take place from 1 to 4 p.m., including a bicycle-decorating contest, races, fish pond, children's rides, raffles for a bicycle and a crime-prevention trailer

display.

Hamburgs, hot dogs and soft drinks will be available.

Parents get a chance to have a good time in the evening with music, food and a dance at the Recreation Centre-Curling Club parking lot, from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m.



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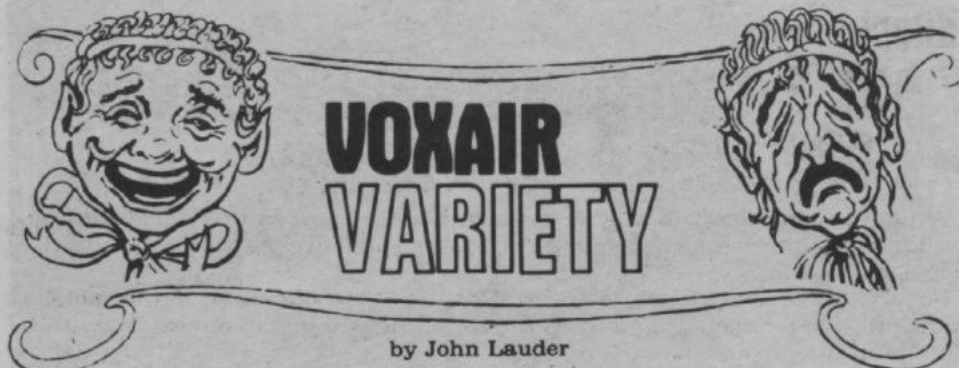
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As your humble servant has been out of the country for the past six weeks, it is hard to report on local events just past. So we will consider only the future, which luckily is very bright in the world of song and dance, also music, bread and dreams.

The Contemporary Dancers are celebrating their 20th anniversary by hosting a Festival of Canadian Modern Dance at the Gas Station Theatre from to-night, May 15th until the 25th. They have lined up some eight sponsors to ease the financial pain, and will offer groups and soloists from all across the country, including Montreal's Margie Gillis, the O Vertigo Danse from that same city, and from Vancouver, two companies, lead by Judith Marcuse and Karen Jamison. Toronto will send their Dance Theatre, and of course the host Winnipeg Company will perform, along with special guest artists.

All this runs nightly at 8:00 p.m., with Saturday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 to \$12, and more info can be had by calling 452-1239.

And later in the month, from the 23rd to the 26th, the Fifth Annual Provincial Dance Festival will be held on the main stage of the Manitoba Theatre Centre. This consists of a series of workshops and classes on ballet, jazz, ethnic and folk dance and can be seen for \$3.00 per day. Winners in the various groups will be featured in a wind-up show on May 25th, with admission only \$4.00. Info from 945-4578.

Not to be outdone by the dancers, the mime group company, 40 Below Mime, (from Winnipeg, of course) is holding an International Festival of Contemporary Mime, bringing in world-wide performers. This also runs at the Gas Station Theatre, beginning on May 31st.

Now for the above mentioned Bread and Dreams, if you are still with me. This is the title of yet another Festival, this one "of Theatre and the Community," to be a combination of entertainment and education. It is sponsored by the Canadian Popular Theatre Alliance, and will be held in no less than four locations here, from June 17th to 23rd. More to come next time around. It is also bilingual.

And looking forward to the summer theatre, Rainbow Stage will feature *HMS Pinefore* and *Mame* this year, and they have already held auditions for the many singers and dancers required. In offering a couple of tried and true musicals, they are following the present system in use on the London stage. Musical there seem to have to be at least one President Reagan to attract the thousands of Americans who make up the major portion of the theatre-going public in the British capital these days.

Examples are the 27-year old *West Side Story*, *42nd Street*, which is new but full of songs from the old Warner Brothers and MGM musicals, *On Your Toes*, and *Singing in the Rain* — all 30 to 40 years of age. Then there are the younger 5 to 6 year olds by Andrew Lloyd Webber, *Cats*, *Evita* and *Starlight Express*, all still going strong.

A new Brit musical uses an old American song title, *For Me and My Girl*, but puts some new music and song in place. But the hit of the show is the 40-year old *Lambeth Walk*, the dance craze of the pre-war (that's WWII) generation.

It has been noted in the past that London stage productions move from there to New York and later to Winnipeg, but if this holds true we will have nostalgia ad nausea, as the shows which died on Broadway in the 40s and 50s, are revived in London now, and then move westward next year.

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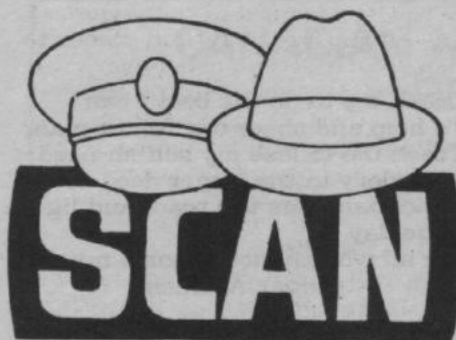
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To help and cheer our fellow man;
Teach me to lose my selfish need
And glory in the larger deed
Which smooths the road, and lights
the day
For all who chance to come my way.
(Edgar A. Guest)



Her Honour, The Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, Pearl McGonigal, is piped into the mess by MWO Barbour (402 Air Reserve Squadron) and Cpl Langtree (3 RCR Pipes and Drums) upon her arrival at Base WOs' and Sgts' Mess. The event was a Prairie Region Communications and Electronics Branch mess dinner in the CFB Winnipeg Warrant Officers and Sergeants mess, March 28. A highlight was the attendance by BGen George D. Simpson, OMM, CD, Commander of Canadian Forces Communication Command. Gen. Simpson retires in July after 34 years service.

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Its influence in the daily life of several-hundred small rural communities, however, is immeasurably greater than the statistics indicate. For these townships and villages, the Legion has become the focal point of community life, both socially and through a wide-ranging series of social-service programs it provides for individuals and communities in need.

The Legion was founded in 1926 as an amalgam of existing veterans' organizations. It was originally designed to help veterans of the South African War and World War I to re-adjust to civilian life at a time when rampant inflation, high unemployment and economic depression had conspired to make Canada a dramatically changed society from the one they had left. Its purpose was to ensure that the veterans and their dependents received fair pensions, disability allowances and adequate medical and rehabilitation treatment.

The Legion still expresses its original values of patriotism, loyalty, self-help and remembrance, and focuses its energies on the welfare of Canada's veterans. But its activities in the community have extended much further. In 1984, the Legion contributed almost \$30 million and thousands of hours of veteran time in the implementation of its service pro-

grams and activities.

In smaller communities, the Legion assumes the functions handled by other service organizations in larger centres. It hosts blood-donor clinics, establishes eye banks, runs Big Brother programs, provides emergency-housing units, maintains drop-in centres, day-care units and indergartens. It administers low-rental housing projects for the needy and contributes generously to schools and homes for handicapped children. It provides funds for medical research, bursaries for students, develops young athletes through its sports training program and is one of Canada's largest supporters of scouts, guides and cadets.

The membership profile of the Legion has also changed over the years. Today's Legion is no longer a primarily British, male-dominated organization. It cuts across age, sex, language and class boundaries. A new generation of leaders is emerging from the 160,000-strong segment of Legion membership, known as the "Sons and Daughters."

It is from this filial body of younger members that The Royal Canadian Legion will draw its leaders, for the continuation of its public-service programs and for upholding the Legion's cherished principles of patriotism, duty, individual freedom and community service.

The Diamond Jubilee Year is a milestone in the history of the organization as it formally marks the start of the process of handing on the responsibility of running the Legion to the Sons and Daughters.

The Legion's Future

OTTAWA — "Our Diamond Jubilee Year is a new beginning for us," says Steve Dunsdon, Dominion President, The Royal Canadian Legion. "It marks the start of the handing on of leadership to a younger generation which shares our values and beliefs."

For the past ten years, there has been a steady increase in the size of the Legion's younger voting membership and its active involvement in Legion affairs.

Today, the segment of associate members sknown as the Sons and Daughters is 160,000 strong and represents nearly one-third of the total Legion membership and affiliates. Some 65 per cent of this group are in their thirties or younger.

As a result, the Legion executive has decided to officially start the process of handing on the responsibility of running the Legion to its Sons and Daughters through a symbolic oath of allegiance, known as the "Articles of Faith."

At ceremonies throughout Diamond Jubilee Year, the Sons and Daughters will pledge the following:

- The continuing remembrance of the fallen who died in the service of our country.
- The maintenance of loyalty to the Sovereign, to Canada and to its people.
- The adherence to the Rule of Law.
- The safeguarding of the rights of the disabled, widows and dependents and all who served.

• The retention of the spirit of comradeship.

• The continuation of The Royal Canadian Legion.

"With most of our veteran members in their sixties," says Dunsdon, "the time is right for this rejuvenation. Our Sons and Daughters will perpetuate our ideals and maintain the integral place of the Legion within the Canadian way of life."



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Events Diamond Jubilee

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A nationwide campaign involving 30,000 Legion volunteers will sell more than five million Dutch tulip bulbs by May, 1985. The bulbs will be delivered in time for planting in the fall of 1985 and will flower in the spring of 1986.

Through the year, groups of volunteers from the Legion will put on a 90-minute stage show of music and theatre entitled, "We'll Meet Again." It is expected that over 100 performances will be mounted across Canada. In some cities, professional troupes will volunteer their time to assist these performers with the production.

A commemorative book, "The Royal Canadian Legion, 1926 - 1986," outlining the history of the Legion and the Canadian veteran, will be available for sale this May. Approximately 15,000 copies containing some 10,000 words and over 150 pictures will be sold.

More than 500 Jubilee Dinners will be held across Canada to celebrate the Legion's proud role as an integral part of the Canadian community life.

As part of the celebrations, the Legion has commissioned the production of a 30-minute television program documenting the largely unknown story of the Legion's volunteer work with, and financial assistance to, individuals and communities across Canada.

The Legion has also commissioned one of the Most ambitious aural history projects ever undertaken in Canada. Over a three-year period, and in consultation with professional historians, an aural history of the Legion and Canada's participation in the major wars will be prepared. This unique project will be donated to the National Archives in Ottawa for use by historians, academics and the public.

"While one of the purposes of Jubilee Year is to celebrate," says Robert McChesney, CM, CLU, Chairman, Diamond Jubilee Committee, "we believe the occasion will serve as a fitting reminder to all Canadians of the Legion's contribution to our way of life."

Contributions to Canada

In 1984, The Royal Canadian Legion spend \$30 million on various community activities and thousands of hours of volunteer time to implement its social service programs. The following roster outlines some of the groups and programs the Legion is involved with:

- The Salvation Army — Red Shield Drive;
- The Red Cross;
- St. John's Ambulance;
- Over 600 cadet corps;
- Over 500 Scout Troops, Cub and Girl Guide packs.

In addition, the Legion:

- Contributes to schools and homes for the handicapped;
- Provides 1,000 student bursaries and scholarships for continued educa-

tion which, led by the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary, exceeds \$475,000 annually;

- Supports a sports training program encouraging the development of abilities of young athletes. This includes some 817 hockey, 870 baseball, 713 softball, 180 soccer, 60 lacrosse teams and 500 track and field clinics;
- Hosts blood donor clinics;
- Institutes Big Brother programs;
- Operates drop-in centres, day-care units and kindergartens;
- Provides 3,200 low-rental housing units for senior citizens in 60 communities;
- Sponsors a national Literary Composition and Poster Contest.
- Contributes to fellowships in geriatric medicine and a Chair of Family Practice at the University of British Columbia.

Legion Torch

Throughout Diamond Jubilee Year, The Royal Canadian Legion will use The Torch as the symbol of its 60th Anniversary.

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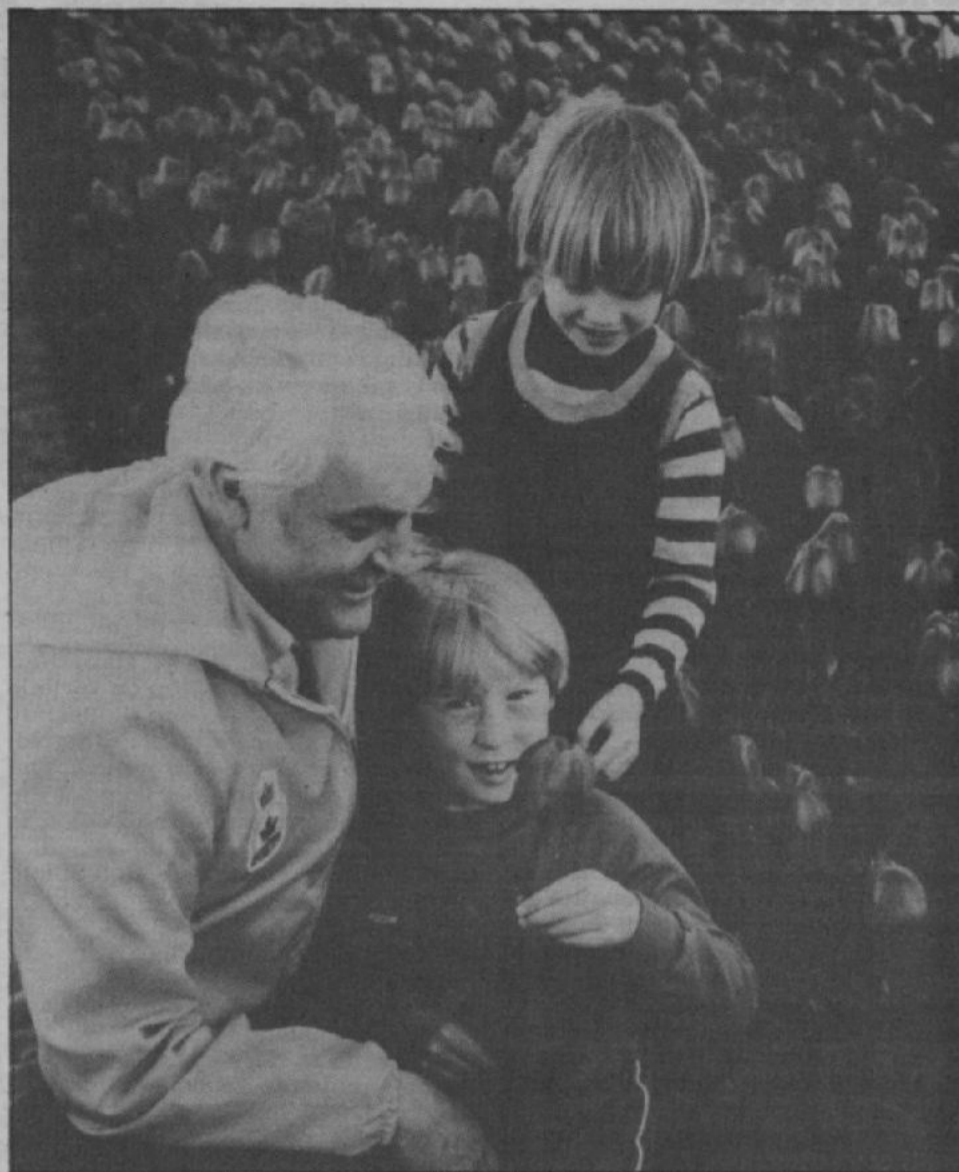
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WHERE Planetarium, Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, 190 Rupert Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

- WHY**
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CRITICAL INSPECTION — Gen. Manson does a walk-around the Junkers-52 before the induction ceremony. His soon-to-be successor as commander of Air Command, LGen. D.M. McNaughton, is a member of the advisory group of the Museum.



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The idea will be to walk, jog, run as many laps as you can around the track, or swim as many laps as you can in the pool. As many people as you want can participate because the total amount of laps will be divided by the number of participants.

So come on, get the people in your section off their butts and get them to do their share! What section will average the most laps per participant? We will find out May 31, 1985. See you there!

Semaine Nationale de L'activite Physique

La semaine nationale de l'activite physique aura lieu du 25 Mai 85 au 2 Juin 85. Pour souligner l'evenement les mepl de la BFC Winnipeg organiseront une petite competition entre les differentes sections de la base.

La competition aura lieu le vendredi 31 Mai 85 de 0900 hrs a 1500 hrs. Il s'agira tout simplement de marcher, faire du jogging ou courir autant de tours de piste que vous pouvez ou le desirez, ou nager autant de longueurs de piscine possible. Tout le monde peut participer car le nombre total de tours sera divisé par le nombre de participants. Allez, secouez les membres de votre section pour qu'ils fassent leurs part? Quelle section aura le plus de tours par participants? Nous le saurons le 31 May 85, au rendez-vous.

SOCCER

The Base soccer team is progressing very well in preparation for their first game in the Winnipeg 4th division soccer league. If you wish to try out for the team, practises are being held every Monday and Wednesday from 16:15 to 17:30 at the Westwin soccer pitch. See you on the field.

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That's why MTS organized Telecom Tech '85. "It was designed to update DND on new technology and provide them with information on the evolution of business communication," explains one of the coordinators of the seminar.

More than 70 military personnel, including some top-ranking officers from Canada's Department of National Defence, attended the one-day seminar at Winnipeg's Birchwood Inn, April 3, cost-shared by MTS, and three other Telecom Canada companies.

Decreasing data-transmission costs

The seminar covered a lot of ground, but one of its main messages centred on how organizations can decrease the costs of data transmission. An effective solution lies in using existing facilities. For the military, the key is in using SL-1's on Air Command bases. This technique was reinforced by presentations from Bill Severs, Account Representative, AGT, who spelled out the benefits of the SL-1 while John Unrau of MTS later concentrated on showing participants how to send data by using an SL-1 installed at the Birchwood Inn to hook up to an SL-1 at DND, connecting to their computer and on to Datapac to Ottawa.

"Today, there are about 35 SL-1's on military bases in Western Canada, but none is being used to send data. That's why we wanted to stimulate their interest," says John. "And we accomplished what we set out to do. The response was most favourable."

Cost-effective video-conferencing a reality

Those who were at the seminar also heard that today cost-effective videoconferencing is indeed a reality. In a video-conference demonstration between Winnipeg and Ottawa, MTS General Manager, Gordon Holland, and Lieutenant General, Paul Manson, met with Mike Corlett, Chairman, Senior Vice-President, National Systems Group, Telecom Canada and Major General Larry Ashley, Chief Air Doctrine and Operations, National Defence Headquarters, (Ottawa), showing that it's easy to meet with your counterparts without having to leave home base. Telesat Canada brought into Winnipeg, and erected at the Birchwood Inn, a satellite dish which made the demonstration possible.

From the information presented, there's no doubt that for the military there's a wide range of possibilities



More than 70 military personnel attend a telecom technology seminar at Winnipeg's Birchwood Inn to hear presentations by Telecom Canada members. Left to right are LGen Paul D. Manson, commander of Air Command; MTS general manager, Gordon Holland; Col. Edward J. Gaines, deputy chief of staff, communications and electronics, at Air Command.

for videoconferencing, including the training of recruits and for holding meetings of top officials.

Admittedly, use of the service raises security concerns, but some answers are on the way through trials on videoconferencing conducted with the U.S. military.

Now that the military have been exposed to the benefits and capabilities of new communications technology, their next step may be an assessment and getting in place systems that would meet their communications requirements now and in the future.

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Former regular officers wanted CADOA out to up membership

Prime role of the Canadian Air Defence Officers Association is that of providing the Minister of National Defence with informed opinion through the Conference of Defence Associations.

"This arrangement has been established by the government and has the approval of the Minister," said Colonel Peter Carver, on a recent visit to Winnipeg. Colonel Carver, a former Commander of 1 Air Reserve Wing, is the President of CADOA.

The group is out to increase its membership and to become a more truly national organization by recruiting former officers of the regular force. "A good percentage of our members are drawn from the Air Reserves," said Colonel Carver, "but

former officers in the regular force have maintained their interest in air defence, and their participation in this organization gives them a voice in national defence."

Colonel Carver explained that CADOA's input is sought by the Conference of Defence Associations to insure balance with direction offered by naval members of the same association and from the various corps associations of the army. Recently the group also was invited to assist the Senate Defence Committee.

"The forces were hidden from public view for some time," he said. "Recently, thanks to good media coverage, a real interest in the military emerged and the public is receptive to the need for change and

growth.

The function of CADOA is to give a mixed military and civil point of view for the Ministry to consider. Failure of airforce officers to take part in the process could actually result in policies to the detriment of balanced defence."



Col. Peter Carver, President of CADOA, left, and Lt. Col. Larry Olson, Commanding Officer of 402 Squadron and Regional Councillor of CADOA.

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HISTORIC CEREMONIAL — Guests and spectators observe induction ceremony in made-to-order weather. Among official guests in the front row are George T. Richardson, former honorary colonel of 402 Air Reserve Squadron, whose firm, James A. Richardson and Sons, financed the purchase, conversion and restoration; and LGen. Paul D. Manson, commander of Air Command. Far left, front, is Gordon C. Emberley, former long-time executive director of WCAM, who has resumed a flying career.

Early aviation history revived; 402 Squadron flew it to Winnipeg Reincarnation of "Iron Annie"

By The Editor

WINNIPEG — Most mature ladies take just pride in physical appendages, but there's a dignified, high-bosomed dowager new to this city who has gone from three to one!

In her youth, she flew the romantic skies of Spain with the Spanish Air Force. She even had a brief fling at the movies.

Today, in her re-incarnated life, she sports a complete face-lift, new make-up and is the pride of the Western Canada Aviation Museum.

In her earlier days, "Iron Annie" used to be a three-engine Junkers-52 transport aircraft. She was built in Spain 33 years ago for the Spanish Air Force, under a German pre-war licence. The Germans earlier had christened her kind "Iron Annie," because of the unique, at the time, all-metal; construction and robust performance.

Some years later, after having appeared in a Geraldine Chapman movie in Europe, this "Iron Annie" gravitated to a museum in Orlando, Florida. That's where the WCAM found her in mid-1982.

The Museum wanted a single-engine JU-52, but only six were built and not one survives today. One of the six had an historical connection with Canada, in that it plied the northern skies as a freighter with Canadian Airways Limited, now CP Air, in the 1931-42 era. It carried the registration of CF-ARM.

Owner of CAL was James A. Richardson, founder of the current firm of James A. Richardson and Sons of Winnipeg. The company, now headed by George T. Richardson, son of the founder, financed the purchase, conversion and restoration costs to the tune of \$200,000.

The work was done for WCAM by Bristol Aerospace Limited of Winnipeg, transforming it into a replica of the original CF-ARM.

System

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dance with accepted practices of major, private sector employers. The current indexing will be replaced by an inflation-protection feature based on the earnings of the fund.

A system of joint management has been agreed to which will see the establishment of a Management Board with equal employer-employee representation.

Legislative changes to implement these revisions will be brought before Parliament following further consultations with the Advisory Committee on the Public Service Superannuation Act.

Agreement has also been reached on the basic principles for a self-insured Public Service dental plan to be administered by a Board of Trustees, with equal management-union representation.

Discussions on two other issues of concern to both government and union representatives — amendments to the Public Service Staff Relations Act and political rights of Public Service employees — are also continuing.

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RCAF 409 Night Fighters' reunion set for June

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WINNIPEG (CP)—It's hard for some of them to believe that 40 years have slipped by since they duelled in the dark with enemy bombers and rockets over England.

The tense nighttime battles, which pitted Allied planes against German bombers, fighters and unmanned flying bombs, involved a generation that is now, for the most part, in its retirement years.

And that's why a former member of the Royal Canadian Air Force 409 Night Fighter Squadron—the Nighthawks—believes a reunion this summer is so important.

"There's a lot of getting-together to do," says 63-year-old Chuck Dunham of Winnipeg.

"Some of these people haven't seen each other in 40 years and they're running out of time," the robust Second World War veteran said in an interview.

"We're sure there are a lot of people across Canada who haven't been involved with the squadron since the war. It would be just great if we got 100, but we'll be happy if we get half of that. We really have no idea of how many will come—everyone is so long in the tooth now."

One of Dunham's chief problems is reaching wartime members who are now widely scattered. He asks them to contact him at 31 Keats Way, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3K 0S2.)

Dunham, a former maintenance crew chief who has never lost his love for the 409 Squadron, is in charge of planning the June 21-23 reunion at Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg.

The 500-member Nighthawks were formed in England in June, 1941, at Digby, Lincolnshire, after a nighmarish 12-day Atlantic crossing from Halifax — punctuated by German submarine attacks — but they went on to play a big role in the defence of Britain.

After loosing the 1941 Battle of Britain which he had promised Adolf Hitler he'd win, Luftwaffe boss Herman Goering tried to regain Hitler's favor with a night bombing campaign designed to level London and other major civilian centres.

It was the job of the 409 Squadron's 24 night fighters to stop the bombers.

But the Nighthawks lost more planes to the notorious foggy weather along the English coast than to German gunners.

Night aircraft combat was in its infancy, many mistakes were made and 409 Squadron lost 17 planes and 52 men in 24,000 hours of combat flight time.

"We lost a lot to crashes, engine failure and weather—that was one of the worst things," Dunham says. "The fog and ice were atrocious."

"But you did have the advantage of picking them up on the radar and hitting them before they knew you were there. We took fewer casualties than Bomber Command or the day fighters."

The 409 Squadron pilots were credited with 65 enemy planes destroyed, seven probable kills and 24 damaged. The Nighthawks also downed 12 unmanned German V1 Doodlebug rockets.

Dunham said after D-Day in 1944 the squadron moved to bases in Normandy and Holland to provide night patrols over the troops as they advanced against Germany.

"The British and Canadians got on very well—especially the women you might say," he said with a chuckle. "Everyone was young—that made it easier. People were more flexible."

The squadron was disbanded in July, 1945, in Twente, Holland.

It was reactivated at CFB Comox on Vancouver Island as 409 All-Weather Fighter Squadron on November 1, 1954, to fill Canada's commitments to the North American Air Defence.

The squadron is moving this year to CFB Cold Lake, Alta., where its pilots will fly Canada's newest fighter—the CF-18.

Dunham said the two-day Winnipeg reunion, which features a dinner and dance, will focus on nostalgic mingling.

"I expect we'll be drinking the odd bottle of beer and the hard stuff," Dunham said. "It could be the last time some of us see each other."



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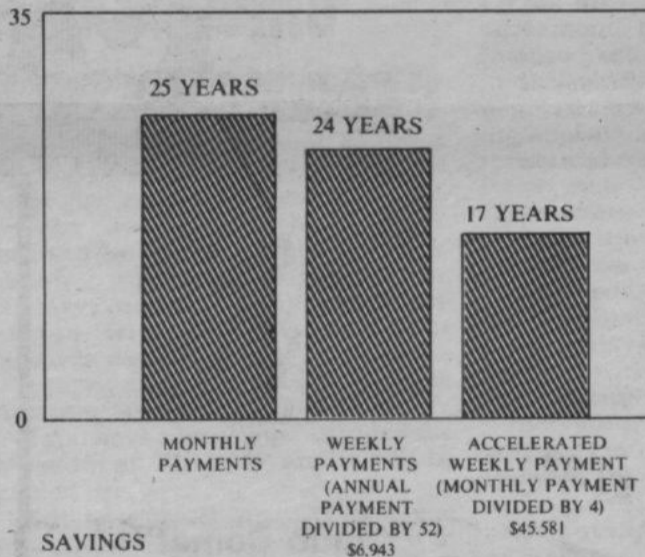
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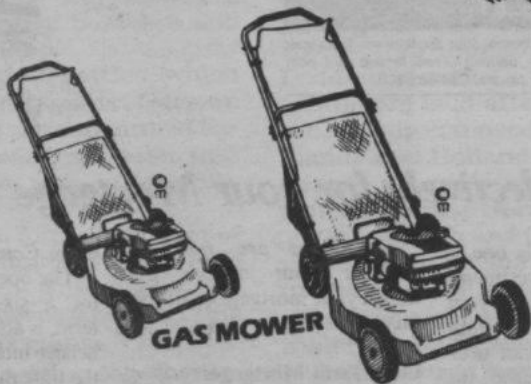
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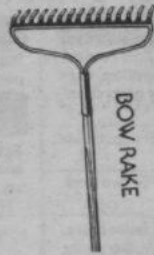
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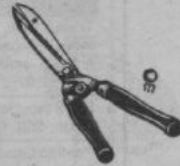
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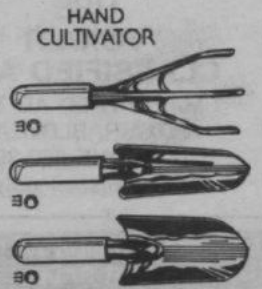
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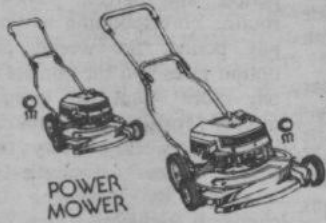
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