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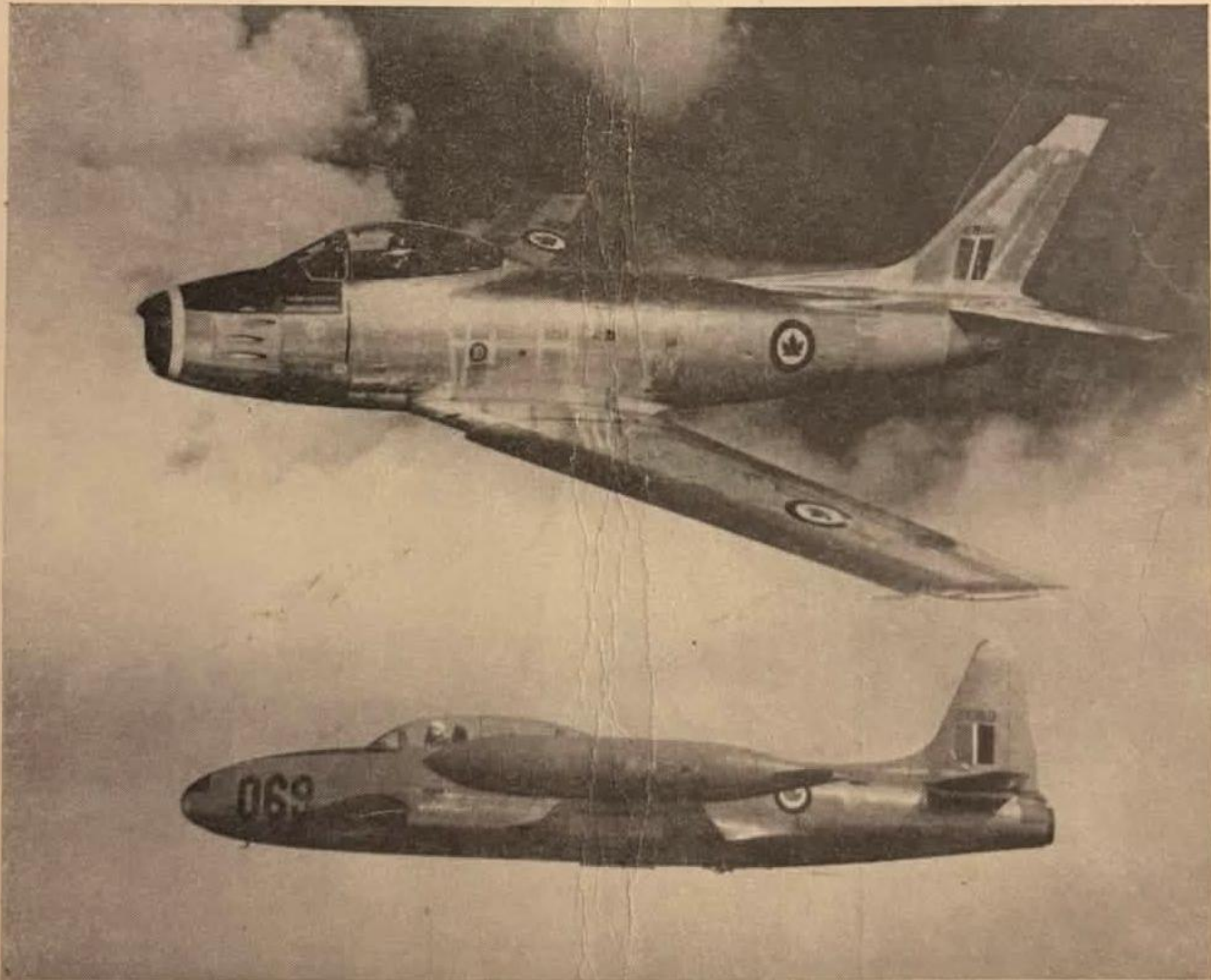
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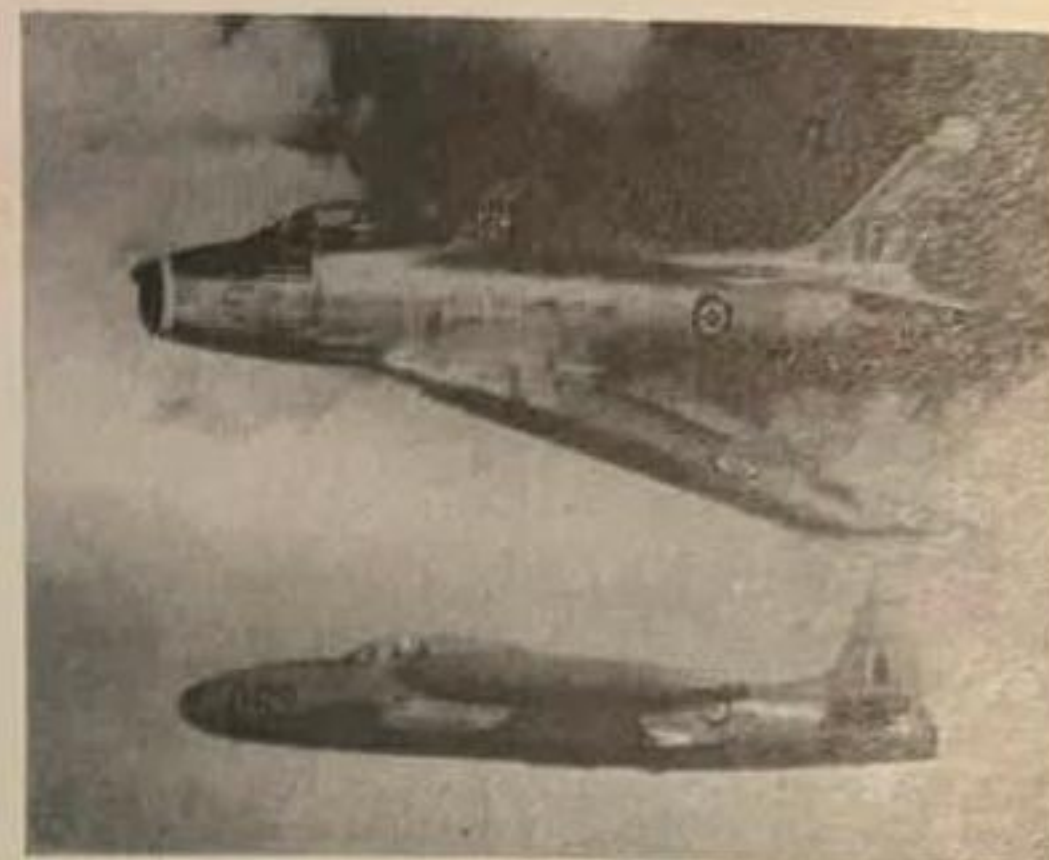
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THIS MONTH'S COVER

YELLOW LEAD

BREAKING OVER THE

TOW WHILE UNDER

CLOSE CONTROL OF

ST. MARGARET'S

EDITORIAL

After a period of considerable suspense, and in one or two instances, actual anxiety, transfers involving several Fighter Controllers at this unit finally came through.

Congratulations, not entirely untinged with envy, go out to F/O Lou Torpe and family who achieved the ultimate posting: Cold Lake. In as much as Lou, in the course of several discussions (sic) on the relative merits of living in the West or East has voiced, with some conviction, a preference for the former, the only sentiments of regret at his departure from this region will be felt by those of us who see him go.

In addition, we will shortly be losing such old St. Margaret's hands

as F/O "Dock" Dockendorff, who's off to Mont Apica; Gerry Chase to Senneterre, and Ralph Stewart to St. Marie. The station will be sorry to lose all those stalwarts who have been with us since the beginning; trained controllers, who bring to their new units skill and experience gained, in some cases, from upwards of three years service at this unit.

In addition to their beer mugs, they will be taking with them our sincere wishes of God speed and good fortune in their new fields of endeavour.

The powers were benevolent on the other hand, in, though transferring F/O's Pete Hay and Al Montrose, they kindly arranged that these two old timers (in terms of service

at St. Margarets) were to remain on the Station. They have been transferred to Sector, and, so to speak, have merely gone upstairs. Besides other advantages attaching to these two transfers, they are now one floor nearer the Canteen, a fact giving much satisfaction to the transferees.

But La Creme de la Creme of ALL postings was no doubt that which brings F/O Tom Meloche to Air Division overseas. Tom has voiced every satisfaction with this turn of events, and though we regret his departure from our midst, we rejoice on his behalf at the good news. Tom is at present on TD at Clinton, and shortly thereafter will be crossing the pond.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In your last issue of the paper, I was more than pleased to read it. Since I was once stationed at both Chatham and St. Margarets, I felt I was back there once more. The column, "Curtis Park Jottings," and all the improvements done since 1953, the familiar faces of all, set your issue off.

It's so good to know that so much has been done by all for the welfare of the personnel.

All the personnel have been changed since my departure, but the interest is still held in the station.

I'd like to congratulate all on the staff for a really wonderful job. The paper is the BEST edition, from all I read, and a job well done by all.

It's good to read the Magazett.

Sincerely,

JOYCE MOORE

The above letter to the Editor was received with a feeling of gratitude combined with a sense of satisfaction at having accomplished to a certain degree, what we of the staff set out to do, in reorganizing the MAGAZETT.

In essence, the above referenced letter gives us, besides an indication of reader interest, an insight into what our readers, both near and far, desire in our monthly publication.

We cordially invite comments and/or constructive criticism of our effort, and with increased participation from those of you who make up our Station, we confidently look forward to producing, in PRINT, a successful mouthpiece of Stn. St. Margaret's.

There are innumerable instances in which you, our readers, can materially assist the Editors in producing a Station Magazine in which we can all take pride. From diverse comment in mess and canteens, come the very stories which stimulate interest in our Stations among those of us presently stationed here, and,

more importantly, those who bring personal reminiscences of St. Margaret's to other Units.

Incidentally, we have in mind the introduction of several new departments, e.g. "Swap Shop", an "applauding column", more detailed info on what gives with the "Social and Gossip" angle of our Station, and application, in an intensive degree, to what materializes in and around our fair station.

We now consider our station newspaper officially launched, and it is the sincere wish of those of us who compose the staff that it will prove to be a worthy organ of Stn. St. Margaret's.

From the outset, a vivid interest in this undertaking has been evidenced by all and sundry, and we hold out to our readers the thought that, in agreement with the contribution of our Protestant Padre, F/L McKay, personnel participation in offering any or all items of interest, is, in the main, the main-spring of whatever success we aspire to achieve.

SOCIAL LIFE

A social evening was held in the Officers' Mess at St. Margaret's on the evening of June 2nd.

The main object of the evening was to honor G/C and Mrs. McKenna of R.C.A.F. Stn. Chatham prior to their departure for Winnipeg. Our C/O, S/L R. D. Forbes-Roberts, in proposing the toast to the guest of honor, spoke of the high esteem in which G/C McKenna was held by us at St. Margaret's, and of the spirit of cooperation existing between the two stations, which was in large measure due to the efforts of Stn. Chatham's departing C/O.

G/C McKenna replied in appropriate terms, describing the personal satisfaction it gave him to see our unit grow from its humble beginnings at Stn. Chatham to its present

vital position in Air Defence Command.

An excellent dinner was enjoyed by all, and a decidedly attractive touch was added by the introduction of a cabaret style dining and dancing. The music ended around 2330 hours, and for about an hour thereafter, a sing-song was arranged, accompanied by the distinguished pianist within our midst, F/O R. W. R. Stewart, ably assisted by the efforts of Mr. John MacDonald, a prominent local business man.

A LOOK AT THE WORLD

Looking at the world at this time we find that politics have predominated the May world scene.

Foremost in this respect we glance at Great Britain, where we find that the Conservative Party under the leadership of Sir Anthony Eden has been given a fresh, and more generous mandate from the British Electorate, in that during the May 26th. general election they emerged victorious over Labour with a majority of 59 seats in the House of Commons.

The outcome of the election had been pretty accurately forecast by political pundits throughout the world, and for the first time since 1945 a political party has been returned with a working majority.

The outcome of this election, though doubtless having local and domestic significance for Britons, will not reflect any basic change in the foreign policies of the United Kingdom, as we have seen in the past that the Foreign Office conducts the affairs of the nation more in concert with Commonwealth and UN motives than along purely domestic political lines. We can expect little departure from the general tone of British foreign policy, rather may we anticipate a strengthening of those views which have for the past six years guided British actions in the realm of world affairs.



S/L BEER

The officers and airmen of 2 A. D. C. C. will soon be bidding "Bon Voyage" to S/L R. M. Beer, having recently been transferred to A.M.C.J.S., London, as an Exchange Officer to the R. A. F. Mrs. Beer and their two sons Doug and Fred will accompany S/L Beer to England. Our wishes for continued happiness and good health go along with them all.

S/L Beer was born in Charlottetown, P. E. I., and was educated at West Kent School and Prince of Wales College. His service life first started back in 1932 when he enlisted in the 8th Medium Battery, Prince Edward Island Field Artillery where he served for 3 years. He then joined the Canadian Government Merchant Marine in 1935 and served aboard various vessels in the West Indies and South American Service. In 1936 he joined the R. C. M. P. Upon completing one 3 year engagement he enlisted in the R. C. A. F. Marine Branch. During the early war years he was posted to several stations including Trenton, Dartmouth, Ottawa, Vancouver and Bella Bella. During this period he was promoted through the ranks to WO2 and commissioned in October, 1942. While serving as Officer Commanding the Marine Detachment at Uchulet, B. C., he was transferred to A. F. H. Q. on staff of the

Deputy Director of Marine and promoted to F/L. As Deputy Director of Marine, R. C. A. F., he was promoted to S/L in 1945 and served in this capacity until termination of hostilities. In October, 1946, at his own request he reverted to F/L and was transferred to Patricia Bay, B. C. as O. C. 22 Marine Squadron. In 1949 he was again promoted to S/L and attached to the Royal Canadian Navy, and upon qualifying as a naval navigator, served on the destroyer "Athabaskan" in the Pacific, Caribbean and Atlantic areas. On returning to the R. C. A. F. in 1950 he assumed the position of Officer Commanding 122 Marine Squadron at Dartmouth, N. S. In 1951 he was again posted to A. F. H. Q. to plan and execute the liquidation of the R. C. A. F. Marine Branch, thus completing his marine service.

June 1952 found S/L Beer transferred to the Fighter Controller Branch, and being posted to A. D. C. C., R. C. A. F. Station Chatham, N. B. Soon thereafter he proceeded on course to Tyndall, A. F. B., Florida where he qualified as a Fighter Controller in December of the same year. Returning to Chatham he assumed the position of Sector Senior Controller, which position he has held for the past 2½ years including his subsequent transfer to RCAF Station St. Margarets, in November, 1953.

On two occasions, in 1939 and 1943 S/L Beer's applications for air crew training were rejected on medical grounds. However, he did acquire considerable unofficial flying time and in 1945 passed the Department of Transport pilot examination, medical and air test qualifying for private pilot license for light aircraft.

Recreationally S/L Beer enjoys fishing, hunting and yachting in that order. His fish stories are widely known by all and we are sure will stand him in good stead at his new stations.

THE BOOK CORNER

New Books in the Station Library:
Sincerely Willis Wayde—John P. Marquand.

Coromandel—John Masters.

The Good Shepherd—G. S. Forster.

Something of Value — Robert Ruork.

Captain of the Medice—John J. Pugh.

I Recommend—By F. S. Nelson.

Something of Value — Robert Ruork is an interesting novel, and almost certain to become a record breaking best-seller. Months before it was published Hollywood paid for it the sum of \$300,000—unex-

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amplified I believe. It will be condemned by many, hated by many but it is impossible to take it lightly. I recommend it because I myself could not lay it down.

It is a tremendous and compelling novel of Africa. The setting is Kenya, where the blacks and whites who once lived in peace are at each other's throats. The reason for that can be found in the old Basuto Proverb: "If a man throws away his good customs, he had better first make certain that he has something of value to replace them."

Mr. Ruork gives us an exhaustive description of the life of the hard-drinking, hard-loving, hard-talking British settlers on one hand and on the other a vivid picture is drawn of the Kikuya of Kenya and their tribal brothers, a picture of their ritual ceremonies, witchcraft-religion, their manifold cults of death and torture and particularly of their weird manner of thought.

Into the story is also woven a fascinating account of the business of being a white hunter which is what the hero Peter becomes. This together with several love stories which run throughout make the story whatever its faults abysmally interesting. It is interesting because the subject is grievously timely touching as it does on the whole inflamed world problem of racial relations. It is interesting because Mr. Ruork is full of his subject, cramming his story with ten thousand exact and astonishing tales. It is interesting—let us admit it—because it is shocking.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR MONTH OF MAY

STATION ENTERTAINMENT

Tuesday evening, May the 17th, was the occasion of the station Bingo held in the Airmen's Mess. A very enjoyable social evening was had by all who attended and sixteen personnel walked away with very good prizes ranging from the twenty-five dollar jackpot down to a

suitcase. The jackpot put a very welcome twenty-five dollars into the pocket of LAC "RED" Wilson from sector.

In all, sixteen games were held counting the jackpot. Prizes included twelve merchandise articles and three games each at five dollars cash. Dancing in the downstairs lounge followed the bingo.

The entertainment committee would like to thank all who made the evening a success and a special note of thanks to WO1 Round for the volunteer assistance in calling the numbers. It is intended that more bingos will be held in the future in order to vary the type of entertainment available on the station.

During the month of May we commenced showing movies in the new station theatre and the change is a great improvement over the former theatre in the right tower. The space available is much more elaborate and the atmosphere more of a regular theatre. Everyone seems very pleased with the facilities and one of its main advantages is that it is interconnected with our new snack bar which in itself is a credit to the station. Movies are still shown Wednesdays and Sundays and it is hoped that continued support of the theatre can be anticipated. As has been mentioned in the past the entertainment value of the films is beyond our means to change due to the fact we are on a distribution list and have no choice of films, however we have been getting some very good films and should continue to get good ones in the future.

A carnival is planned for the month of June and we ask everyone to keep eyes open for announcements of same and hope you will support it. Planned also as previously stated are dances, beach parties (weather permitting) and other forms of entertainment you would like. Once again your committee would be only too glad to receive your suggestions regarding the type

of entertainment. So PLEASE let us know what you want.

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HOBBY SHOP REPORT

It seems as I have been the one appointed to bring you people up to date on the news of our Station Hobby Shop. Since we opened, October, 1954, we have added many articles to our stock, and have done our best to have a good variety of Hobbies so that we may please everyone. Judging by all reports, it seems as though we have a great percentage of artists on this station,



as our biggest sale has been with the Craft Master Paints. How are they coming along? Do not forget to enter your painting in the contest for the snack bar decorations. Grand prize for the winner.

We were fortunate to have Miss Val Legere, from the New Brunswick Handycraft Branch, back with us for the third time this year. Many personnel took advantage of the wonderful opportunity, and as a result many worthwhile articles were made. In fact I think some of us even surpassed ourselves with our finished products. We now have a sewing instructor, Miss Geary, who is here for two weeks. The Hobby Shop Committee are greatly disappointed that the turn out for her classes is not as great as first anticipated. What happened to you girls who were so interested and showed such enthusiasm for the initial suggestion?

Our Hobby Shop is going to be closed May 31st for the summer months, but shall re-open this fall. It is our hope that more personnel will take advantage of the Hobby Shop next term than was shown this term, as the Hobby Shop is solely for the benefit of the personnel of this station. We hope you have enjoyed the work of the Hobby



Shop Committee as much as we have enjoyed working for you. In closing I'd like to add a little thanks to F/O Spiller, who has done so much to make a success of the Hobby Shop.

WO Weddell

NEWS FROM CREW FIVE

FLASH! At a banquet held in the Airmen's Mess on Friday, May 13, the Crew 5 bowling team was presented with the Creaghan Trophy, plus individual trophies. Congratulations, kids!

Proud new papas on Crew are: F/O Spiller, father of a baby girl, and Cpl. Currie and L. A. C. Wiebe—both presented with boys.

Another happy event which lately occurred is the marriage of Jean James and Bruce Riley. Best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Two others soon to take "the leap"

are Grace Taylor and Jim Neely. Grace received a beautiful diamond on April 6.

We'd like to welcome the newest additions to our crew—Hank (the Yodelling Stranger) Orydzuk, Tommy Kazakoff and George Brown (Newfie). Gone from the Crew (to greener pastures?) are Pearl MacKenzie—posted to Beaverbank, and Shorty Sears—now Crew Chief of Crew 4. Oh, well, our loss is their gain.

As for the rest of us on crew, we're patiently waiting for warmer weather so we can have some of these beach parties we've been making plans for. You might not know it, but we have a whole orchestra right on our very own crew—consisting of two guitars, violin, and accordion. Perhaps with a little coaxing, they might even play for an old-time dance for us sometime.

Well, that's all for now folks! See you next month.

Cpl. C. Reese

There used to be an old saying that a chain was only as strong as its weakest link. We might re-write that one, to match the local conditions, and say that a road is only as good as its deepest pothole.

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SPORTS

Sports activities this month are at a minimum, although interest is still high. This due to the fact that in most cases we're still in the practising stages.

In the soccer section, so far, the ME, CE and fire fighting sections have formed teams and come rain or shine are out there kicking. This sport has aroused unexpected interest from the boys and should provide some excellent entertainment this summer.

Every one gets into the act in volleyball, although interest has waned to some extent.

PING PONG TOURNAMENT

During the past month the finals in ping pong got underway at long last, with LAC Lesjak copping first place. LAC Krauser settled for second place.

DART TOURNAMENT

In the dart tournament finals F/L Park hit the bull's eye for first place with runner up LAC Wally Spurrell taking second.

SOFTBALL

There but for the rain goes the girls' softball team. With the new equipment in and all the girls raring to go the only hold up is the wet diamond.

Good turnouts at the past few practices indicate a good season. Any others interested, it's still not too late to get out and warm up.

Those of you non-athletes are expected to limber up the lungs and be out to cheer the team.

BASEBALL

To date the boys have had two exhibition games and came out on top on both counts. The first game was 10 to 4 against Chatham town.

In the second tilt, facing the same opposition, we trounced them 13 to 6. Keep up the good work, fellows, and let's hope you have the same results in your coming schedule. Here too, the boys sure would appreciate your support to help make a winning team.

LAW Fehrenbach

SGT'S MESS ENTERTAINMENT

Sgt. T. J. Smith

Although our Sergeants' Mess here at St. Margaret's does not boast the largest membership in the world we certainly feel that our social and entertainment activities can compare with the best. Everything from Mess Dinners to dances are looked forward to with enthusiasm by the members and are in most cases one hundred per cent backed by members. Although our facilities are small they are quite sufficient for the number of members and a beautiful lounge is available for dancing or bingos. During the past few months we have had a dining-in night, a number of bingos and dances and a Mess Dinner. The dining-in night provides us with an

opportunity to bring our wives and girl friends out to the mess for dinner and dancing. A cocktail hour is usually held prior to dinner, and with Sgt. Jack Gulliver, one of our mess members, we are always assured of a magnificent meal as is every other organization planning the same on the station. Our bar steward, Sgt. "Andy" Levy, is always available to give the very best of service in that department. Mess dinners always give us a chance to dress formal and are always interesting, educational and entertaining. We say interesting and educational because we are always fortunate to have a guest speaker who can inform and enlighten us on our responsibilities as Sr. NCO's from their own experience and knowledge and of course entertaining from the relaxation and mixing encountered.

Bingos in the mess are another must as in other spots on the station and are always well attended by the members, some of whom of course go home richer than when they come. We of the Sergeants' Mess will keep you informed of our entertainment activities as they occur from month to month by means of the station magazine.

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(d) The missile must receive accurate guidance, particularly on its final downward plunge to the target. The time of flight of the IBM is measured in minutes and transients (ie corrections in heading, etc) are in fractions of a second but there is no early warning and no defence in sight.

To those of us who are concerned

with Air Defence (and who is not these days?), it may be some consolation that the IBM is still a few years away. Aerodynamic data on speeds of Mach 15 are only just becoming available to designers; information on that region above the atmosphere through which the IBM will travel is still very sketchy.

Despite the seemingly unsurmountable obstacles the engineers are making progress and we may well shudder at the prospects of H bombs descending on our cities with no warning. Against this we can weigh the thought that History records no instance of man's ingenuity creating a weapon against which man's ingenuity could not devise either a defence or a counter-weapon.

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CURTISS PARK JOTTINGS

At this time of year we of Curtis Park think of ways in which we can keep our children off the streets.

The Council is giving considerable thought to this problem also. By the time you read this I think that much of the playground equipment will be in operation. In addition, a boys baseball league is being formed. The teams will be made up of boys in the 9 to 14 age group. Give these lads your support folks—whether or not you have a youngster taking part—get out and cheer—for someone else's son.

I imagine soft ball equipment will be available for the younger boys and girls. Then too, there is the Saturday morning recreational activities in the Drill Hall, so all in all our youngster will have plenty to do during the summer.

Oh, yes, for the wee tots there is a large hole near my front lawn in which they can dig—I have sixteen blades of grass and ten tons of sand along the edge of my lawn—we sure have fun with that sand.

By this time I suppose most of you have spent many weary hours spreading loam and planting grass seeds on your lawns. So far there has been plenty of moisture to give the seedlings a start.

The big Council Bingo Jack-pot took wings on 16 May—two lucky people split \$140.00—nice going folks—our congrats. I understand that these Bingos are to continue for a time, but whether or not they will be held all during the summer I don't know.

I was asked by one of our airmen (a Curtis Park resident) if the facilities of the library at RCAF stn Chatham could be utilized by St. Margarets personnel. We find that ALL residents of Curtis Park may use the library at Station Chatham.

Just passing this on for others who may be wondering the same thing.

In another month or so some of us will be greeting new neighbors in the Park. Many officers and airmen at both units have been given the nod and will be leaving at an early date. Who knows? Maybe I'll be writing a column for the "Igloolik Journal" some day soon. (Igloolik is situated somewhere between Whitehorse and Siberia—I think.

Rumour has it that wading pools may be constructed in the Park in the not too distant future—something for the tots—and let's hope that these pools do come into being. At the moment there seems to be less in the way of facilities for the wee ones than for the older boys

and girls. Nice going,—Council, we appreciate your efforts—and folks, let's not forget the fine job our Council is doing on our behalf.

It won't be long until Station Chatham is completely fenced in, then the Security Regulations will become effective. Don't forget to pick up your dependents' Identification Cards at the guard house.

Seems as though I have prattled on for hours, so—will close off this column. Until next time—remember all safety rules when driving your cars in Curtis Park—the little children pop up from all directions—so be prepared to stop in plenty of time to avoid hitting these youngsters.

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BOWLING BANQUET

The age old misleading conception of Friday, the 13th, being unlucky, once again proved to be fallacy on that night in May here at St. Margarets, when the Intersection bowling league held its annual banquet. Roughly one hundred personnel who bowled during the season were lucky enough to be able to attend the most enjoyable banquet seen on the station in some time, and of course there are always the really fortunate ones who walk away with the trophies, and our congratulations go out to those individuals through this medium. The banquet gave the personnel of the station a chance to really dress up and everyone took advantage of the opportunity. Our airwomen looked more beautiful than ever in their evening dress and they really enjoyed the opportunity to dress up.

The evening opened with a cocktail hour followed by a very magnificent six course dinner, with chicken as the main course. The bowling committee would like at this time to extend to Sgt. Jack Gulliver and his messing staff, from the cooks to the waitresses, their most sincere thanks for a wonderful meal. Nothing was spared by the messing staff. Following the meal the Commanding Officer, S/L Forbes-Roberts, presented the trophies to the winning teams and individuals which were as follows:

Women's high average (194)—Cpl. Helen Gallagher.

Men's high average (189)—Sgt. Frank Betts.

Women's high single (331)—LAW M. M. Brown.

Women's high cross (692)—LAW M. M. Brown.

Men's high single (313)—Capt. Ashbrook.



Top picture shows members of winning team of play-offs in bowling league. From left to right; Sgt. T. Smith, Cpl. G. Lynden, Cpl. H. Gallagher, and Sgt. R. Lohmaier, Missing: Sgt. F. S. Nelson and LAW M. Weddell. Centre: Members of winning team of year with trophies. Bottom: Mr. J. D. Creaghan presenting the Creaghan Trophy to LAC Sears, Captain of winning team.

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BOWLING BANQUET

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Men's high cross (729)—LAC "Duke" Dutkiewicz.

League winning team—Crew No. 5—Playoff winners—Day Staff.

After the presentation of trophies a dance was held to the music of LAC Jack Raymond's orchestra. Hosts and hostess for the evening included Cpl. Gordie Lynden, LAC Shorty Sears and Cpl. Helen Gallagher who were members of the league committee and who, along with the other committee members, deserve great credit for the organizing of both the league and the banquet.

Distinguished guests at the banquet included the Commanding Officer, S/L Forbes-Roberts, the CADO S/L Eisenhower, C. Tech. O. S/L Battison, COps OS/L Albert, Capt. Ashbrook, representing Sector Commander, Stn. Adj. F/O Campbell, and Mr. J. D. Creaghan, who was so kind as to donate a most welcome trophy for the league winning team. Once again this writer's congratulations to all concerned for a job well done.

TRUE WALTONIANS

To the delight of all true Waltonians and to the chagrin of those who engage in less idealistic pursuits (and they are legion) the fishing season is well under way. The views of the fish incidentally must closely parallel those of the non-fishers who never cease to deride intelligent discourse, ichthyologically speaking. However, this piece will make no effort to appease these uninitiated; rather it will count the blessings of the simon pure.

The Miramichi River and its countless tributaries offer some of the finest salmon and trout fishing in the world. Geographically we are situated in just about the center of this finny bonanza. One can set out from Chatham in almost any direction and in one hour's time wet a line in such renowned waters as the Renous, Kanes, Sevogle, Southwest and myriad smaller streams.

Since the word "simon pure" was used we'll mention that the artificial fly, wet or dry, is the accepted lure and, in the case of the Atlantic Salmon, the only legal one. Bait angling and spinning are quite legal in the quest for trout, and salmon have known to go for this type of

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WEDDING BELLS

On May 4th, a wedding was held at Kingsport, N. S., uniting in wedlock AW1 Sheila Cathers and LAC Sheldon Huntley.

"Shorty" Huntley, as he was known to most of us, had been with this unit for a period of three years, serving both at Chatham and St. Margarets.

Sheila joined our ECO Staff about nine months ago.

The above photo was taken as the happy couple were setting out on their honeymoon which included a motor trip to many of Nova Scotia's most famous beauty spots

Sheldon is now stationed at Metz, France, where he will be joined by his new bride in a few weeks time.

To both, we extend our heartiest good wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

HELLO, FROM CREW 4

Hello from Crew 4: We are back again to give you all the latest happenings of our little family. There have been a few changes since we were last heard from, such as LAW (Sally) Laaksonen taking over the position as our second 1/c. Also a new arrival to the crew, hailing from Australia AC1 (Auzzie) Reardon, who we hope will enjoy a pleasant stay with us.

The second paragraph has to do with a terrific downfall in our crew. It appears that a new fad has suddenly struck us. The fad of being engaged to be married. Up to the present we have successfully gotten our former Sheila Cathers married

off to LAC Huntley. But apparently that was only the start of things. Barbara Newcomb is the girl at the top of the list now; she will be tying the big knot on June 11. Then, Paula Elvin is yet another of our rapidly diminishing girls to hit with the misfortune of recently becoming engaged. No date for her death has been set as far as the rest of the crew know. Still another, Bob Jackson—wait a minute—how did that fellow ever manage to get himself on this list? Anyway he is getting married and says that the ceremony will be in the latter part of August; he even states the year as 1955.

And now Crew 4 bids everyone farewell until next month. P. S.—Clinton! Please send us a refill of girls!

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A. V. M. WRAY

RCAF Station, St. Margarets, was honored last month by the visit of Air Vice Marshal L. E. Wray, OBE, AFC, CD, since January 1st of this year, Air Officer Commanding of Air Defence Command.

The visit was something in the nature of a familiarization tour and consequently lacked the formality usually associated with such an occasion. There was no ceremonial parade. It was a two day affair in the Maritimes, and was jointly shared with station Chatham. The local itinerary occupied a full day, and consisted of an inspection of all sections and buildings on the station. The afternoon was spent in the "Ops" building, and personnel, both at squadron and sector level, were observed at their operational tasks. A debriefing, attended by senior officers, was held on completion of the tour.

The Nile, world's longest river, flows 4,100 miles from its source in tiny springs in Central Africa.

TRUE WALTONIANS

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offering. Salmon killed in this manner are returned to the water by any true sportsman. (There's an appealing dearth of this rare bird).

In addition to the Miramichi watershed many fine streams from the Kouchibouguac northwards literally abound with trout. Most notable of these are the Bartibog, Wine and the Church Rivers.

Large stretches of these waters are open to all comers and all that is necessary is a two dollar license.

For any who consider this type of fishing commonplace we can move farther north to the Restigouche, Upsalquitch and the carriage trade. Here one is offered the very finest salmon fishing in the world. All you need, besides a love of fishing, is a million dollars to join one of the clubs.

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WEDDING OF INTEREST



The chapel at R. C. A. F. Station Chatham was the scene of a pretty spring wedding when on Friday, April 1, at 7.30 p. m. F/L McKay, Padre, united in marriage AC Bruce Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Riley, of Quesnel, B. C., and AW Jean James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. James, of Orillia, Ont. The ceremony was attended by friends of the bride and groom.

The bride was radiant in a floor-length gown of heavy Belgian lace over a slipper satin with matching bolero. Her fingertip veil fell from a white coronet. She carried an armed bouquet of American Beauty roses.

As maid-of-honour, AW Jacqueline Ray, chose a pink nylon net over taffeta ballerina length gown with matching headdress. The bridesmaid, AW Grace Taylor, wore a ballerina length gown of blue nylon net over taffeta with matching headdress. They wore corsages of roses.

The groom chose LAC Frank Hutchens as best man, while LAC Paul Johnson was ring bearer.

The reception was held at RCAF Station St. Margaret's.

A farmer's wife in Manitoba was in quite a sweat the other day when she accidentally locked herself in the brooder house with the baby chicks. It had a low ceiling and a high temperature. For two hours she sat on a pail turned upside down and saw them eat, drink and go to bed.

Dripping with perspiration, she counted her blessings instead of chicks when her husband arrived on the scene to rescue her.

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SIGNS OF PROGRESS

F/L MacKay, Prop. Padre

First, a word of congratulations to the ambitious and hard-working staff of the Magazett for the May issue in its new appearance. This is another sign-post indicating progress and vitality at RCAF station St. Margarets. (Let all the weeping complainers take note.) We are always pleased to see these signs, which include our added recreational facilities in the Snack Bar and Theatre. Naturally our own main theme of rejoicing is concerned with the improved facilities for worship in the new theatre, where we are continuing to hold services regularly at 1730 hours each Sunday.

These four signs of progress point to a fifth without which the others lose their value, namely Personnel Participation — which simply means your active interest and co-operation. Because of the existing needs, these things have been provided, and better provisions will continue to be made, but it is the responsibility of the Personnel to make full use of them. This brings to mind an old, old promise, whose truth has been proven by generation after generation, and with this we close this column.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; and they shall walk and not faint."

The time you plan to save by beating a train to a crossing often is lost waiting for an ambulance.

FROM THE R. C. PADRE

SCHEDULE OF RC SERVICES FOR JUNE

Services for the Month of June
Masses:—St. Margarets Parish Church.

Sunday, June	5th	1000 hrs
"	"	12th 0800 "
"	"	19th 1000 "
"	"	26th 0800 "

Masses:—Radar Station: Every Sunday at 1630 hrs.

Benediction: — At St. Margarets Parish Church every Sunday at 1930 hrs.

First Friday: June 3rd. Mass at St. Margarets Parish Church — 2100 hrs. Confessions: Friday —1500 to 1600 hrs and from 1900—2050 hrs.

Confessions: St. Margarets Parish Church — Every Saturday, 1500—1600 hrs. Every Saturday Evening 1900--2000 hrs. Confessions at the Radar Station: — Every Saturday between 1600—1630 hrs.

Office Hours: Every Wednesday and Friday from 1330 hrs to 1530 hrs. Room 108, Ops Bldg.

For the pioneer, life was a struggle for more land. For his descendants it's a struggle for more closet space.

Britain's latest secret weapon to protect its jet planes has leaked out. It's mothballs. RAF officials at the big fighter base at North Weald report the camphor capsules were used as a last, desperate measure to scare off the flocks of birds which menaced planes landing and taking off. The mothballs were spread over a 500 square yards' area in the middle of the airfield. The vapor fumes irritated the birds' lungs and after a few days they gave the airfield a miss.

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CREW 3

Crew 3 is sure leading the way around here at least from the standpoint of social activities. Two crew parties in less than three weeks, independent of paydays or days off. A dandy party was held on the night of May 5th, commencing sometime around nine p.m. in the downstairs lounge of the airmens canteen. The party was held with the primary purpose of honouring Jeanyne Belanger and Dave Noon who have left us on transfers to overseas duties. Both were presented with going-away gifts by the entire Crew, and the Controller, F/O Anonsen, expressed sentiments appropriate to the occasion.

The party was obviously a well planned affair, under the management of the crew chief and 2/ic Cpl. Chevretils and LAW Mary Ann McKay respectively. Despite a rather modest beginning, things livened up quickly after a few rounds of Olands had gone down the hatch. Couples drifted on to the dance floor and seemed not to mind

the absence of orchestra, making do with the Juke box selections. A very attractive supper was served and to the organizers of the affair we extend a well deserved tribute.

The new crew members LAC Morrell AC LeBlanc, AC McRae are fitting in nicely on the crew and doing their share in maintaining the high standard of efficiency which is traditional on Crew 3.

We mentioned having had two parties. Well, it so happens that the second one was held no later than last night, and with the hazy perspective of only six or seven hours we would prefer not to go into a detailed description of the festivities at this time. Suffice to say we all had a bang up time and coke machines have yielded up a more than usual supply all morning.

That's the works from Crew 3 for this time, and we'll be back with more news in the next issue of the Magazett.

SOMEBODY YOU KNOW?

Overheard: "An echo is the only thing that ever cheated her out of the last word."

PERSONALITY



LAC DAVE WAUGH

LAC Dave Waugh is the Magazett's choice as this month's personality. Though a comparative newcomer to the service—he joined in August 1953—his grasp of FtrCOP matters belies his short experience.

Posted to this station in December of 1953 he has since then served with credit in every capacity in which he can be employed. Until recently assistant crew chief of crew four he can now be found as a very competent addition to the Training Wing Staff.

Dave went through the usual "manning" at St. Johns and attended his trade course at Clinton. Still single, he hails from Campbell River, a British Columbia hamlet and, the writer thinks, somewhere on Vancouver Island.

The American Automobile association has come up with these figures for Massachusetts motorists:

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THE SAFETY CORNER

This month's article, "Doing Our Part," while not directly concerned with safety, is published for the benefit of us all. If it is put in practice it could benefit us all in all our activities, be it practising Safety Precautions, participating in sports, or doing our day to day job. It is something worth while remembering.

DOING OUR PART

Once there was an emperor who wished to learn if people lived on the moon. It occurred to him that if a loud enough noise were sent up from the earth, it might be heard on the moon and given an answer. So he sent an order throughout all his domains that every man, woman and child should gather in every village square on a certain day at a certain time, and at a certain instant, raise a mighty shout—loud enough to reach the moon.

Elaborate plans were required for the experiment. At last the appointed day arrived. At the appointed hour all the subjects of the empire were assembled, anxiously awaiting the appointed instant. The signal was given and—instead of the loudest sound the world had ever heard—there was utter silence.

Everybody had remained still, because he wanted to hear the great sound himself.

In every enterprise, every man and woman must do his or her part. If every one of us will do his bit, however small, it might seem by itself, the sum of our contributions will achieve our goal.

CPL. & MRS. PERCY THOMPSON



Shown above are Cpl. and Mrs. Percy Thompson at a Farewell party held in their honour on the evening of 25 May, 1955.

Cpl. Thompson had served with our Unit for more than two years and achieved great popularity with those with whom he worked.

Originally from Ontario, he is now transferred to Clinton where he will be serving on the Exam Board. They have one child.

Cpl. Thompson and family take with them the sincere best wishes for success in their new environment.

Statistics show that golf is the third most dangerous sport. Too many broken glasses at the 19th hole.

HOCKEY CLUB DANCE

An all ranks dance sponsored by the station Hockey Club was held in the Combined Mess on Sat. 30 Apr. 55. Music was supplied by Jack Raymond and his Squares. A very good crowd was in attendance and it appeared, judging by the sounds that escaped from the dance floor, that a good time was had by all. It is felt that one of the drawing cards for the dance was the fact that various forms of refreshments were available at the dance. We wonder why every one was putting the touch on LAC Guy during the last hour of the dance. The following distinguished personnel were in attendance, AC2 Ppipt (pronounced It, the P is silent) AC1 Smith (everyone knows them) and AC1 Xzerklivenski. In closing the Hockey club wishes to thank all those who attended to make their venture a success.

A most disheartening experience was that of the patriotic eleven-year-old boy in New York, who wrote to the army volunteering his services and asking: "If there is anything I can do, please wright me." Back came the chilling answer: "Learn to spell."

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In the next two or three months the unit will undergo a major change of senior officers. Our present Sector Commander, S/L W. S. Quint will be leaving and W/C Briese will be taking over. S/L Beer, our COps O is leaving for England and Capt. Ashbrook, an exchange officer from the U. S. A. F., will be pulling stakes for a new assignment.

F/O Carter was recently transferred to 2 A. D. C. C. from Station Parent. He was made most welcome by his fellow controllers, some of whom were on course with him at Tyndall A. F. B.

More transfers — F/O Torpe is preparing for departure for Cold Lake, while F/O Skeaff will have no trouble arranging his transfer to Station St. Margarets. LAC Tremblay will now be enjoying life around Ottawa, after bidding farewell to the Miramichi area. LAC Rodrigue seems very happy about his transfer to Station St. Margarets.

The station bowling league was wound up by a gala turkey banquet and dance. Congratulations are in order for Capt. Ashbrook who was presented with a trophy for the high single of the year.

LAW Trainor and AC1 Holland, both FCO's, are preparing earnestly for the June trade board, and so is LAC Rodrigue, our clerk typist.

Two of our most recent arrivals, ACs Ling and Nickerson have chosen to take their leave early and are now enjoying 30 days around home. LAWs Long and Parnell are also on leave.

Cpl. Pare, who was our Statistics clerk for 3 months, has gone back on crew, and Cpl. Taylor has assumed the duties of NCO i/c Statistics.

EDUCATION

The following results are tabulated for outright groupings only.

The overall percentage of passes at St. Margaret's for the March Trade Board Examinations was 79.5%.

Total number of passes in Command was 65.26%.

Total number of passes all units 66.54%.

There were 100% passes in the following trades;

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Particular attention is being paid to the T.A. programme, which is now well under way. The aim of this training is to obtain outright grouping for the Airmen & Airwomen in their respective trades. However, personnel should not rely strictly on TA program—it is everyone's personal responsibility. Organized TA programs are only to supplement personal effort.

HI, EVERYBODY!

It is indeed a pleasure to introduce and congratulate one of our newly engaged couples of this station. Yes, it is none other than JoAnne J. Mallock and Robert J. Jackson.

Bob and Joey have been with this station for approximately a year. Bob being from Crew No. 4 and Joey from Crew No. 1, are both well known for their achievements and co-operation in our FCO trade. Also both of these kids stand out in our station social functions. I am sure we all know, or have met, Joey and Bob.

Bob and Joey were engaged on the 9th of May and have set their wedding date for around the middle of August, 1955. Joey hailing from Victoria, B. C., and Bob from Brantford, Ontario, couldn't help but make a truly outstanding couple.

We sincerely wish them a very happy and successful marriage.

The best, Bob and Joey.

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 AC2 JA Dearman from Clinton
 AC2 JM Eva from Clinton
 AC2 GA Reardon from Clinton
 AC1 JEA Luce from Aylmer, Ont.

From St. Margarets

LAC LE Sandiland to Sollingen,
 Germany
 LAC JERG Grondin to Metz, France
 Cpl. LS Reeder to Halifax, N. S.
 LAC RR Moffitt to Moisie, P. Q.
 LAW MYJ Belanger to Metz, France
 LAW MJ Barisenkov to Vancouver,
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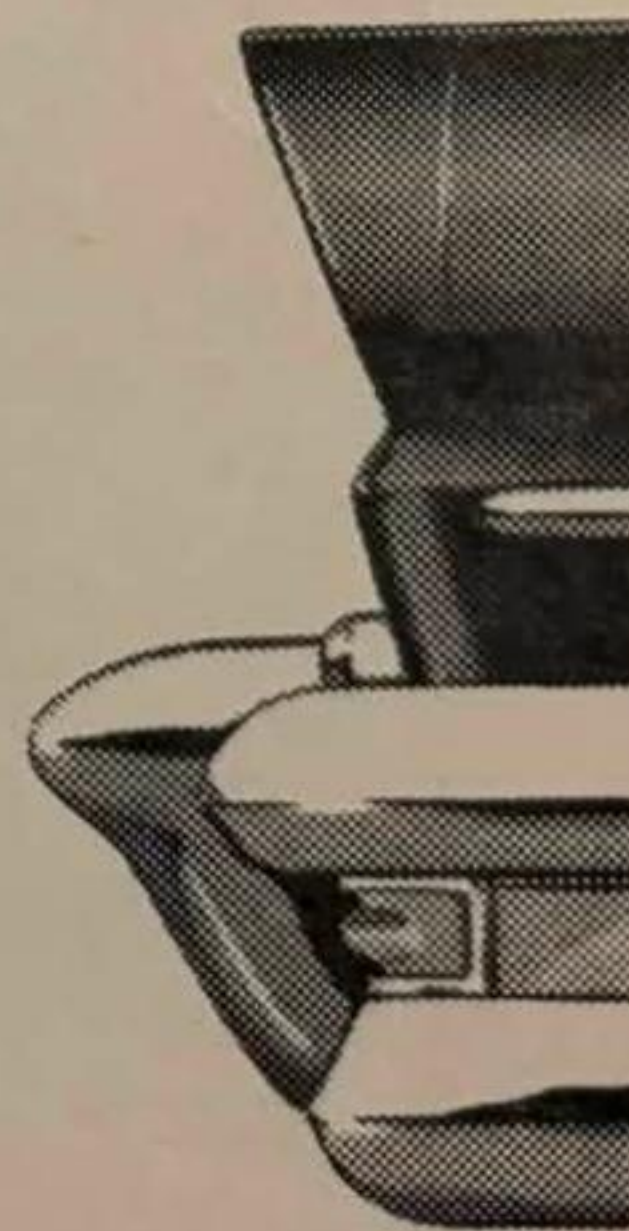
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THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD

By F/O RWR Stewart

The foreign policy of this country has never been considered isolationist, nor is it extremist in the sense that other policies are today. For this reason Canada is said to maintain a middle-of-the-road policy.

Let us examine the roots of this problem. To do so, we must go back to the Aristotelian principle, "In Medio Stat Virtus," or in other words, virtue consists in moderation.

A virtue is a good habit, which lies neither in the excess, nor the total lack, of a certain act. The virtue of temperance, for example, would neither be abstaining from liquor nor over-indulging in it. It would consist in the moderation of it. All this is manifest from the excellency of the human reason. The mind must be able to control the material faculties of man, and have them in complete domination.

The good reasoning by Aristotle in the matter of virtue has been obvious down through the ages, and is evident everywhere in our daily lives today. To isolate one of the million possible examples, let us consider leadership in the Service. In order to be a good leader, one must apply discipline. One must be strict, but not too strict; he must be understanding, but not too soft; he must be friendly, but never familiar, and so on, ad infinitum. In other words a leader must not go to one extreme or the other, but he must be in the middle of the road.

Following Aristotle's principle further, we come to social doctrines. On the one extreme we see Communism, which could possibly be expressed:—Nothing belongs to anybody, and everything belongs to everybody. On the opposite extreme we see Capitalism, where everything belongs to somebody, and nothing also belongs to somebody. Somewhere in between these two doctrines lies the ideal situation which would be a middle-of-the-road doctrine and which would again illustrate the great principle "In Medio Stat Virtus."

It wouldn't hurt us in the Service to reflect on the wisdom of this principle. By our social life, we are exposed to excesses in drink. It would be nice if we could all be moderate drinkers. Naturally once a person is an alcoholic there is no question of moderation; he must abstain completely. But anyone who is not an alcoholic will soon become one if he does not moderate his drinking habits. So, after all, Aristotle can teach us a lesson even in our own messes. The same thing applies to almost everything we do in our daily lives. Even the story we tell our children about the three bears shows us again and again the ideal situation — not too much, not too little, but just right.

Whether we consider social doctrines, foreign policies or individual lives, we must first know our own capabilities and limitations in order to gauge ourselves correctly to always find the middle of the road.