

Magazett



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields

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NEW SECTOR COMMANDER ASSUMES DUTIES

Station St. Margaret's is honored in having on its strength the new Sector Commander Wing Commander E. C. Briese.

W/C Briese has a very lengthy service career covering a twenty-year period. As a pilot in 1940 he flew with that select history-making group immortalized by Sir Winston Churchill as the few to whom "so many owed so much".

In September 1935 W/C Briese, a native of Rosetown, Sask., journeyed to Toronto where he joined the R.C.A.F. After a period of training at Camp Borden he was sent into the field as an AC2 armourer at Jericho Beach, B.C. A draughtsman of some ability, he served as a cartographer in northern B.C. and in 1937 was selected for pilot training.

In 1938 Sgt. Pilot-armourer Briese received his wings and was posted to No. 1 Fighter Squadron at Calgary. It was here, just prior to the war, that he flew the last R.C.A.F. mission in a Siskin biplane, a very versatile forerunner of the Hurricane with which the airforce was then being equipped.

At the outbreak of war in September 1939 No. 1 Fighter Squadron moved to St. Hubert and then in November of 1939 to Dartmouth, where the Wing Commander was commissioned and from where, after additional training, the squadron moved overseas as a unit in May 1940.

The role of No. 1 Fighter Squadron in the Battle of Britain needs no recounting here but when, in 1941, it was retired for a rest period W/C Briese returned to

Canada to become armament officer at the B & G School at Macdonald.

From 1942 until 1944 W/C Briese was in Eastern Air Command, first as C.O. of 126 Hurricane Squadron at Sydney and then as command armament officer in Halifax. The period 1944-45 found him as a liaison officer of the CJS staff in Washington, D.C.



WING COMMANDER E. C. BRIESE

Back in Canada in 1945 W/C Briese had a very brief sojourn in England and on the cessation of European hostilities moved to North-west Air Command as command Flying Control Officer. This was the scene of the North West Staging Route and vast quantities of both military and civilian materials were moved. Search and rescue too, was a very real flying control responsibility at this time.

In 1948 W/C Briese, then a Squadron Leader, was sent to England on a Fighter Controller's course, after which he returned to A.F.H.Q., where for the next three years he served in Directorate of Air Operations which was instrumental in the birth of Air Defence Command as we know it today. In 1951 he was promoted to his present rank and became C.O. of Mont Apica, the second station in our radar chain to be activated. From 1952 until his present appointment he was familiar to all of us as Staff Officer AC & W at command.

Besides being strong operational support W/C Briese is a worthy reinforcement to what some consider a local traditional group; that of the huntsmen and the fishers. When duties spare him he can be as fanatical as any in these outdoor pursuits.

Wing Commander and Mrs. Briese, who were married in Montreal in 1940, reside with their children Richard, 13, and Brenda, 9, on Toronto Drive in Curtis Park.

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SQUADRON SOUND-OFF

In the squadron news highlights of this issue we note that from crew No. 1 Rita Breau has been transferred to Beaver Bank, Les Brown to Holberg and Joe Callahan to Brockville. Lucky guy that Callahan. These people are going to be missed around here, and especially the Ford of the hour.

On the leave front Marj Grundhall and Nels Proctor are spending their long-awaited thirty days at present, and if everything goes according to schedule, by the time this is printed Fred Gillmore, Lloyd Smallman and Liz MacIntosh will also be taking the rest cure.

Crew four are presently initiating a new second 1/C, Corporal Betty Alexander who takes the place of Corporal Nichols, now working with crew six.

Right here, before going on to further crew news, we must mention an auspicious event of the month so far, namely the wedding of John "Moose" Deerman and Ann Balsar. This important step was taken on the fourth of November and we of the paper take this opportunity of wishing the best of everything to the newly-weds.

To get on with the squadron gen. Ady Fowler, crack member of crew 3, is now enjoying a well deserved reward for his strenuous efforts in behalf of Queen and Country by taking annual leave and spending same in the sterling surroundings of his native Cape Breton.

On the first of October electrifying news was made to the effect that two very well-known and highly esteemed personnel, in the persons of LAC Don Harris and LAW Rene Titze, have announced their engagement. There will be more information on this very happy event later, but at this time the Magazett hastens to offer heartiest congratulations.

Departed on T.D. to Camp Borden for a period of two weeks was the crew chief of Crew 3, Cpl. Dot Coles. In her absence the crew will be under the chieftancy of LAW Mary Ann McKay.

Apropos, wedding bells will be ringing in the not too distant future for the above mentioned Mary Ann MacKay, in that the announcement of her engagement to Sgt. T. J. Smith, famous Ops. Supervisor on the Squadron, was made recently. Congratulations also are extended in hearty manner to them both.

Further to the marriage bureau business which departing Sgt. R. Chevretils conducted while captaining the above mentioned crew, we congratulate the former AW A. Rust on her marriage, recently, to AC Len Davis of the metropolis of Hr. Grace, Newfoundland. This happy couple are expected to return to Squadron duties very shortly after honeymooning in the groom's home territory.

AC1 "Spud" McRae and his new bride are now residing in the town of Chatham. Spud looks remarkably well preserved after his honeymooning ordeal, and his return to Crew 3 was very welcome indeed. Coupled with our congratulations are very best wishes for a long and happy life.

Lack of space precludes the listing of further social news of the Squadron at this time, but the column will be doing its very best to emulate the pattern set in the past by Hedda Hopper, Elsa Maxwell, Louella Parsons and the rest. We'll be seeing you over the cocktails.

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TRAINING SECTION

By J. R.

Since the Training Section was founded a year and a half ago, at St. Margaret's, it has developed rapidly and with success. Methods and instructional techniques are constantly revised to enable the staff to render Trade Advancement more interesting and fruitful.

The Section has three members at this date, with Sgt. Nelson as Chief Instructor and Head of the Training Section, ably assisted by LAC Raymond, who, besides being a capable instructor, also provides St. Margaret's and Station Chatham with fine dance music, and LAC Morrell, one of the unit's top athletes, who does a fine job instructing.

As you read this article Trade Advancement courses are under way and we sincerely hope that each and every one attending the lectures will benefit greatly so that on the next board we have a 100% pass. There is, after all, one great and leading quality which results in advancement in your chosen field, and that is the measure of trade proficiency which we manage to attain, through study and application to duty. In this respect the Training Wing Section is designed to provide just that increase in Trade Proficiency with its attendant results in tangible benefits to all.

To the ones that wrote in September we wish to congratulate each and every one that passed and may you keep up the good spirit, the spirit of a FrtCop.



PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

Since his arrival from St. Jean's last September to take over the duties of Station Disciplinarian big burly Flight Sergeant L. Kelly has become one of the most familiar figures on this station.

F/S Kelly was born in Ottawa, attended Holy Angel and Elgin St. Schools and later attended Ottawa Tech. He enlisted in the Governor-General's Foot Guards at the age of fifteen and served in that unit for five years.

In 1939 he enlisted in the RCAF and was sent to Rockcliffe and later Halifax to assist in the setting up of Eastern Air Command HQ. "Those were the days," Kelly said happily, "Eastern Air Command consisted of one small room on Pier 21 with old packing boxes for office furniture." A month later they moved to more spacious quarters in the former Navy League building. F/S Kelly considers this period to be the most exciting of his 17 action-packed years in the RCAF. "I did everything and anything around there . . . I even fired the boilers one night, when the regular fireman got drunk. Worst moment I ever had," recalled F/S Kelly, "I was on guard duty one dark foggy night, on Pier 21 opposite the gas works, when I saw all these men

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slipping past all armed with rifles. They were guarding the plant against sabotage, but I didn't know that . . . scared hell out of me."

In 1941 F/S Kelly was sent to Trenton on a disciplinarian course, then went to No. 1 MD as a drill instructor. In the following years he went to various stations such as No. 12 E.F.T.S. at Goderich, Ont., where he was promoted to F/S, No. 23 E.F.T.S. at Davidson, Sask., where he was station WO. and drill instructor for aircrew trainees, until the school was moved to Yorkton. Next stop was Dauphin Shilo, and Brandon where he instructed Pacific volunteers on a small arms and battle indoctrination course . . . "the best course and the biggest black flies you ever saw". In 1945 F/S Kelly went to Toronto on an administration course, returned to Brandon, then went on to No. 1 Admin. Unit at Stevenson Field, Winnipeg. After another brief stay in Toronto, he returned to Trenton where he remained for six years, till his transfer to St. John's.

During the Flight's stay at St. Jean's he was Training Wing WO for female training for two and a half years. He says he has seen them all "come and go". It was while employed there that he helped set up the Manning Training for Airwomen.

From there Flight Kelly went to RMC to instruct on the Reserve Officers training plan for four months, only to return to St. Jean's as Sqn WO of Service Training, which position he held until his departure to St. Margaret's.

F/S Kelly's chief outside interest is sports. During his high school years he played hockey and rugby at Ottawa Tech. During his stay at Trenton, he was president of the Belleville City Baseball League, and the Belleville and District Hockey League, besides doing publicity and promotion work in boxing shows.

He has been a guard of honor for three Governors-General of Canada, but considers the most memorable event of his career a ceremony at Ottawa when he was a member of a color party that bore the colors of the regiment with which his father had served overseas.



LAC JACK RAYMOND

The picture above needs no identification. LAC Jack Raymond is one of the **really** old timers at this Unit, having joined the squadron while we were located at RCAF Station Chatham.

Jack was born in the early '30's and attended school in Montreal.

The most interesting feature of Jack's career before joining the Air Force was his work in nightclub entertaining in Montreal. Jack really knew the big time, and he brings to the Service talents which have placed him in great demand whenever a competent performer is desired at social engagements.

He is well versed in the aspects of his trade, and is at present giving lectures on Trade Advancement.

Jack is also one of those on whom St. Margaret's this year is pinning high hopes in the Inter-section Hockey League.

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This month St. Margaret's bids farewell to Sgt. R. R. Chrevrefils, who is transferred from here after five years of service.

"Chev", as he is best known, gained a very high reputation at this Unit, and as

he leaves to take up duties at Mont Apica this month, there is no doubt that his departure will be regretted by his many friends, and that Stn. Mont Apica is getting the services of a very capable Sr. NCO.

Chev was born in Timmins, Ont., where he received his education. Prior to enlisting in the RCAF in February, 1949, he did a stint at gold-mining, but it is doubtful that he found this a rewarding occupation. Not all streets in Ontario are lined with the stuff.

Sgt. Chevrefils has been around since joining the Air Force, having seen service at Trenton, Chatham, Toronto, Uplands and St. Margaret's.

His promotion to Cpl. came on March 29th, 1953, and in October of this year his skill and experience were rewarded by the addition of the third hook.

Chev is married and the father of two very fine kiddies. His wife and family hope to join him at Mont Apica in the near future.



SGT. R. R. CHEVREFILS



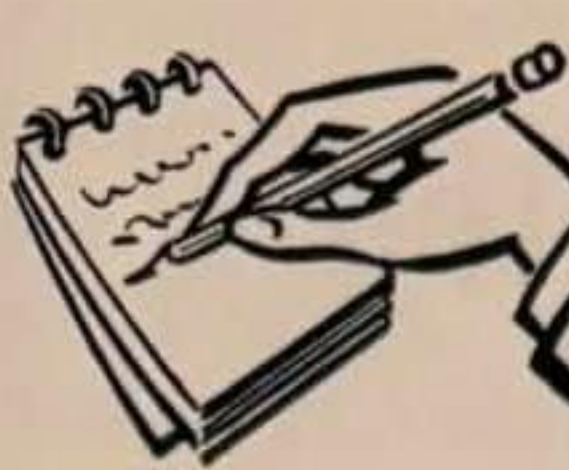
LAW DIANA SMITH

Pictured above is LAW Diana Smith, skillful clerk in the Orderly Room, who has been on strength at St. Margaret's for more than a year.

The combination of beauty and brains with which this airwoman is endowed is explained by the fact that the place of her birth is Inverness, on the famous and glorious island of Cape Breton.

Diana's public schooling was conducted at Inverness and from 1950 to 1953 she attended Mount Allison University. Enlisting in the RCAF in the Spring of 1953, Diana has seen service at the following Air Force Units: Manning, St. Jeans, P.Q.; Contact training at Trenton; Clerk Admin. course at Aylmer, and finally, in August 1954 we of St. Margaret's were happy to claim her as one of our numbers.

Diana, besides being an enthusiastic sportswoman, has also a profound musical appreciation and comprehension.



CURTIS PARK *jottings*

As this pen scratches across the page the cries of "Trick or Treat" fade into the distance — good old hallowe'en is almost over for another year. The council, for the third consecutive year, provided an evening's entertainment for our youngsters. A Torch parade was to have started proceedings. However, rain forced cancellation of this part of the program. The most important phase of the night was, of course, the judging of costumes. This took place in the Rec Hall and what an array of costumes! There were pirates, Indians, and all sorts of funny looking creatures. The judges, after much difficulty, picked out the winners, after which bags of candy were given to each child. This concluded the evening's festivities as far as organized functions were concerned. Afterwards doorbells were ringing constantly as the youngsters demanded a treat — or else!! All in all the entire night was a success and the children were kept from roaming the park damaging and carrying off public or private property.

Your reporter had the pleasure of attending a council meeting last month and was greatly impressed by the manner in which this body attacks the problems with which it is confronted. These Councillors know what is needed, how to get it and waste no time in doing just that! The main topic of discussion was whether or not the Council should pledge an amount of money to the Hotel Dieu Hospital in their Drive for funds. The decision of the Council was to furnish three children's wards. This is a fine gesture on the part of Curtis Park. Your Council acted for you — the residents. The manner in which the money will be raised for this donation will be by sponsoring dances, concerts, and other forms of entertainment. By patronizing such social events, folks, you will contribute to this very worthy cause, so come on now, give a

little — remember "it's better to give than to receive".

The Stn. Chatham Central Warehouse Staff are preparing for Christmas once again. Their toy and gift shop will be located in the building in which the airwomen were formerly billeted. It is hoped that this shop will be open for business by November 15th, so watch for further announcements. The profits accumulated from sales in the shop will be used to finance the Children's Christmas party. Don't forget now — buy at the Station Gift Shop and Save \$ \$ \$ \$ — there will be scores of gifts and toys at prices which everyone can afford.



The Midget Hockey League is just about ready to swing into action. "Ed" Eccles says his boys have built up a fund from football raffles, etc. and the League is self-supporting. Hockey practices as well as league games will be played in the Chatham (town) rink. Plans are under way to organize a playing league with 2 or 3 teams from Chatham. Once again, Ed, thanks for a job well done. Support the little leaguers, folks — attend their games and let them see how pleased we are with their fine efforts. Too bad about the "rink waiting room" going up in smoke — haven't heard whether or not a new one will be constructed this year or not. Wonder how the fire started!

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Well folks, it's finally happened — it is actually true! I know because I've heard and seen — anyway, the CEO told me all about it. If all goes well many of St. Margaret's married personnel will be occupying new houses next year. There it is, folks — the contractor **has** moved in. Of course some of us may not be around to live on the new site — we **may** be transferred before.

CHEERIO

"Your Park Reporter"

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NEWS FROM THE MIR

Greetings from the pill dispensers:

There have been very few bruised, bent and broken bones in the past few months, but now that hockey time is here let's be careful on the ice.

There have been quite a few changes in the MIR staff lately with the transfer of Sgt. Hailstone and LAW Landreville. Their departure has left a great gap here. A welcome to the trade goes to LAW Robinson, who will be departing shortly for Aylmer, on course. Also we welcome our Med A's from Stn. Chatham; guess a week is all they can stand at a time, but it's not such a bad place, eh, Molly? We also have LAC Hummel, our Clerk Medical, who hails from Ontario. He doesn't think St. Maggie's is such a bad spot either, or does he?

Perhaps some of you have noticed a peculiar smell around the mess lately. We were trying to get rid of something. Nobody has had any ill effects from it YET. Sgt. Kushner and Cpl. Trethewey are still blue in the face, but nothing fresh air won't cure. Thanks a lot for all the work well done. The results remain to be seen.

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POETRY CORNER

By C.S.M.

Lines on a Station Warrant Officer
Delegating a Task to a Lesser Being:

. . . Said SWO:

"You, Joe!"



Although we have no Recreation Centre at St. Margaret's, we have a lot of sports enthusiasts and quite a few athletes. The recreation we have includes dancing, bowling and hockey which now is the main concern as we are just about commencing another hockey season. The St. Margaret's hockey team is hoping to get into the inter-section league with Chatham RCAF. The hockey executive has already been formed



We give you a couple of "shots" of the Girls' Softball Team that brought laurels to the station during the past season.

and we have F/O Babcock as the coach and manager, so I hope he is given all possible support as he will really need it.

In our volleyball league we apparently have a very strong team in the Sgts. Mess, although you would think that all the sgts. being so . . . old, surely any young bunch of airmen could go out and beat them. So guys, before the season is over, let's see you get a team together and show the Sgts. what's what in volleyball.

The bowling season has just opened so there isn't actually too much to say about it as yet but it soon will create more interest and be in full swing. The Inter-mess league in Chatham is operating and St. Margaret's has three teams in the league. The airmen's mess are tied for 4th place and the Sgts., who have a pretty fair bunch of bowlers for old men, are also in the middle of the bowling wars. Then we have the Officers Mess who also have an ardent bunch of bowlers and are doing very well.

I think in this issue of sports we should donate a little space in order to say goodbye to Sgt. Betts, a very good athlete and ardent supporter of sports on our station.

Remember we all can't be good athletes but we can all be good sports!

—R. Morrell

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CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club is now well under way and the second general meeting was well attended. The club Chairman, Ossie Col-

well, showed some of his colored slides, taken around Sudbury and Niagara Falls in Ontario and around Kitimat in the beautiful province of British Columbia. The slides and the tips on what to do and not to do when taking color pictures were very interesting.

Mr. Dill, the Station Photographer, answered questions from the members and also had a display of various types of photography. His advice was greatly appreciated and should improve our picture taking technique.

That is the type of meeting I like to attend. A short business meeting and an interesting program. Watch for the announcement of the next meeting. Everyone is welcome at these meetings; you don't have to be a member of the club but I am sure if you attend a few meetings like that you will soon be approaching our club treasurer with your two-dollar registration fee in your hand.

The dark room is now open for the use of members several nights a week. Developing, printing and enlarging are being done with some very good results. This is where being a member pays off; the cost is small and the fun of doing it yourself is thrown in.

The Chairman has been enjoying a couple of weeks' leave, and we hope taking more color pictures. In his absence Ken Schriner is in charge. Don't forget to watch for the next meeting and in the meantime, if you wish to become a member, see Cpl. Pilgrim or Ken Schriner.

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"THE THING" —By Cpl. Phyl MacCawley

Downstairs in Barrack Block No. 2 (who knows what they have upstairs now?) we have an appliance which is affectionately (?) known as "The Thing". It has been known on occasion to have been addressed as "The - - - Thing". Most people, however, call it, and quite properly, a washing machine.

The one in Barrack Block 2 is, however, unique. Common maybe in trade name, but certainly not in temperament. It sits in majestic reign in the very centre of the laundry room floor and stares in haughty silence at its comrades-in-clothes, the driers.

The day when a king-sized laundry can no longer be ignored is a dreaded one indeed. Armed with smiles, a firm resolve not to lose our tempers (and an armful of dirty clothing) we approach "The Thing". Gently we fill her with water. It is at this precise moment that "The Thing" begins to live up to her reputation. As quickly as we fill her up with water, she empties it out the other side. This, of course, is done in a very quiet way so that approximately four gallons of water have gone in and come back out before we are aware of the event.

Approximately one half hour later, after completely mopping up the laundry room floor, we proceed all over again. Well, with luck we progress as far as putting the clothes through the wringer. At this time we are always convinced that a decoration should be issued for courage above and

beyond the call of duty for those who have to use "The Thing". So far we have totalled up an impressive score of four smashed fingers, one bent thumb and innumerable tempers lost forever. This in addition to thirty-six button halves collected over a short period of time. To our minds, one of the most awe-inspiring sights in the world is to suddenly and with no apparent cause, have a wringer pop up and merrily twirl some piece of apparel around and around until it is in shreds. The article, when finally retrieved, must still be useful in some way, but as yet we have been unable to determine just what it is.

Excess moisture disposed of, we now proceed with the emptying process. This finale is always good for a laugh to the numerous spectators who have gathered by this time. "The Thing" is emptied by means of a hose. One end is attached to a spout on the machine, while the other end drapes gracefully across the end of the sink. Everything is fine, until suddenly the water pressure becomes too heavy . . . a stream of dirty, soapy water is directed in one's face and then all over the floor.

This is the last act of temperament on the part of that grand old (at least twenty years) lady, "The Thing". Anyone know a good laundry?????

(We were originally going to write a short article on King Henry VIII, but upon doing extensive research found that he was a bad king, so the less said about him the better).

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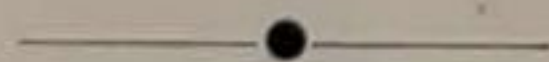
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CREW NO. 6

Since our last appearance in the Magazett there have been a few changes in Crew 6. LAW Worthington is back from PBX and LAW Fraser is back from the Library.

"Wedding rings are little things
That blushing brides display.
Little bands in fragile hands
That keep the wolves away."

With that thought, congratulations, Arlene. Speaking of congratulations, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our good wishes to LAC "Robbie" Robichaud and his wife and their new female 6 pound, 13 ounce crew member, Doreen.

Our new 2I/C is Cpl. Nichols from Crew 1. She brings with her a rumor of romance.

In closing we would like to welcome LAC "W. H." Duggan from Moisie and LAC Gordon and AC Fox from Clinton.

How is the food in Newcastle, Don?

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STATION ENTERTAINMENT

Since our last publication of the "Magazett" your entertainment committee has had the opportunity to present two dances both of which proved quite successful. The first of these was held on Friday evening, October 7th to celebrate Thanksgiving Day and although a good majority of the Station personnel took advantage of what one might consider the last of the long week-ends for some time, to go away, there was still a fair attendance and the evening proved quite successful. The dance followed the same pattern as our previous dances with regard to spot dances and a door prize. The music was once again ably provided for the dance by Jack Raymond's orchestra and dancing continued on until one o'clock in the morning. It is our hope to give you as many dances as we possibly can and as was previously mentioned the occasion arose once again in October when the night of the witches took over, namely Hallowe'en. A very large and gaily costumed crowd attended this dance, held on the evening of Monday, October 31st. Weird and original were the costumes noticed creeping around

the black and orange decorated canteen and lounge and one had to be careful lest some strange phenomenon jumped from behind a chesterfield, to send chills up one's spine. The evening, however, passed without mishap or heat failure and we all felt relieved after it was all over. Seriously, however, an enjoyable evening was had by everyone and I think we would all like to see a couple of Hallowe'ens each year if they could be as enjoyable. The judging of the best costumes proved a little difficult but finally winners were chosen and the lucky ones proved after unmasking to be Cpl. Pare, who was dressed in a perfect resemblance to a circus clown, and LAW Deeley, gaily bedecked as a harem girl.

The Mess Hall supplied a very delicious buffet dinner and once again we thank the persons responsible for their assistance. In closing, for this edition of our station paper, we of your entertainment committee hope that we can give you at least as much, if not more, entertainment in the months to come.

—T. J. Smith

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FILMS**STATION THEATRE****MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

Subject to change without notice

Nov. 2—"Saskatchewan"

Alan Ladd, Shelly Winters

Nov. 6—"Last Time I Saw Paris"

Elizabeth Taylor, Van Johnson

Nov. 9—"Above Us the Waves"

John Nills, Donald Sinden

Nov. 13—"Make Haste to Live"

Dorothy McGuire, Stephen McNally

Nov. 16—"Deep in My Heart"

Jose Ferrer, Merle Oberon

Nov. 20—"Passion"

Cornel Wilde, Yvonne DeCarlo

Nov. 23—"Double Jeopardy"

Rod Cameron, Gail Robbins

Nov. 27—"Red Garter"

Rosemary Clooney, Jack Carson

Nov. 30—"Three for the Show"

Betty Grable, Marge and Gower Champion



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C. E. SECTION

F/O John Rundle, Flight Sergeant Jack O'Hara, together with the Civilian Members of the Construction and Engineering staff.



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M. E. SECTION

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TELEVISION—By A. Woodcock

When the changes at CHSJ Saint John are completed later this year, it seems certain that reception in this area will be good and, no doubt, many more people will be purchasing TV sets. With this in mind, the writer hopes that this article will be of some benefit to future viewers.

The location here, being on the fringe area of Saint John, necessitates of course, the erection of a high antenna, the purchase of which would, at first, appear to be a simple matter. Unfortunately, the uninitiated may not be too familiar with such technical terms as "Single fives", "Single tens", double stacked of both, "All beamers", "Conicals", etc., etc. This variety, plus the even wider variety of prices, may cause some delay until "a deal has been organized". However, once the die has been cast and the equipment delivered, one can proceed with the interesting and enjoyable task of erecting same. This operation, apparently so simple, can, and has been known to, become quite complicated (check recent demonstration by certain St. Margaret's personnel). The main difficulty lies in the fact that antenna must be securely attached on the roof to give as much height as possible. Here it becomes obvious that the average person not versed in the art of mountaineering or steeplejacking might encounter some difficulty negotiating the roof in the first place. However, having borrowed an extension ladder and decided on the point of location for the mast, the ladder is erected in the most strategic position for the ascent. At this point, it has become obvious that as many friends as possible must be available to assist in the operation (preferably those holding accident insurance) and it is the owner's responsibility to provide an assortment of tools and safety equipment; such assets as spiked shoes, alpine sticks and safety nets are not usually available but could be usefully employed. It must be emphasized here that a first-aid kit is mandatory. Back now to erection of the ladder. During this operation all telephone wires,

hydro wires, and clothes wires must be avoided at all costs, as entanglement with some of this equipment could lead to serious consequences. Selling the new TV set in order to pay a bill for damages would be highly unsatisfactory. But enough of this pessimism; let us proceed to the roof where nine time out of ten one encounters (a) a strong wind, (b) sub-zero temperatures, (c) the roof so steeply pitched that a safe footing cannot be obtained, (d) a deep sense of nausea, (e) an immediate and urgent desire to visit the bathroom.

If these setbacks have not forced the abandonment of the whole project, one then proceeds in a methodical and pre-arranged manner to hoist equipment onto the roof and install antenna in the shortest possible time.

Securing ridge plate to the roof requires very little effort (the surplus holes made in the roof, naturally, must be plugged at some future date). Now raise mast in vertical position. When base is secured in roof socket one can gaze in admiration at the gleaming array of di-poles, reflectors, etc., swaying gently in the breeze high overhead (check the weather here). Having recovered from this momentary sense of elation, the next move is to fasten the guy wires. In a normal group, there are seldom any volunteers for this job, in which case the owner is forced to risk his own life; the job not being made any easier by the advice so readily forthcoming from his associates. Mission accomplished, the party descends to the ground and proceeds into the living room, their confidence restored; the usual celebrations get under way and are only terminated when it becomes obvious that no picture is forthcoming. Much argument then ensues as to the probable cause of this phenomenon, ceasing suddenly when the owner's small son appears clutching a coil of lead-in wire and asking what same is for? The ladder is then reborrowed and, with less enthusiasm, the party remounts the roof, pulls down antenna, attaches lead-in wire, erects antenna and returns to the living

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room. There, wire is connected and set switched on. Yes? no picture. A serious conference now takes place and, after all phases of the operation have been analyzed no reason for failure is apparent. At this stage friends leave.

Subsequently, technical advice having been obtained, owner reborrows ladder, remounts roof and reverses antenna 180 degrees, having overlooked the fact that the di-pole was in the front instead of at the back!

Happy Viewing, Friends.

—oOo—

F/O Danny Cook and family are by this time in the U.K. having departed this unit late in October. We wish him and family the best of luck in his new surroundings.

HOBBY SHOP

In case you weren't eating in the air-men's mess on the week-end that the Hobby Shop had its display, we asked the Station Photographer to take a picture of it. We have to admit that all the articles displayed were not actually made in our Hobby Shop, but most of them could have been and later this year we hope to have a show of things made here.

Since we opened last month quite a number of people have been making use of the shop. A Sewing Course has been held for two weeks and on November 21st Miss Leger will be here again to instruct in leatherwork and glove and slipper making. This will be an ideal time to make those Christmas presents.

We have a fairly good selection of kits on hand and can order others for you. Drop in to the Hobby Shop Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evenings. While Miss Leger is here commencing 21st November the Hobby Shop will be open every weekday afternoon and evening.



SERGEANTS MESS ACTIVITIES

Here, again, a few words of activities from the group of intellectuals who graced the cover of your last edition of the Magazett — WOW — that should be enough, shouldn't it? I will venture forth however, and see if our editor will print this passage after such an opening. The evening of the witches and pumpkins was heartily celebrated here in the Sergeants' Mess as in the other messes, if a little prematurely. Our occasion for celebrating was Friday evening the twenty-eighth of October and really proved to be a very successful party. Many and varied were the tricks and games pulled on our unsuspecting guests. Everyone co-operated, however, and willingly joined in the pranks and to all apparent notices enjoyed the fun. It was really a lavishly decorated and costumed crowd who attended the party as accompanying photos should prove. Picking out the best costumes was a little hard to do but our judges came through with a very popular choice, winners being Mr. Ed Sticklen and Miss Aura Somers.

Spot dances were thrown in every so often to vary the proceedings and among the winners were Sgt. and Mrs. Greg Campbell. The dance was really a great success and the committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who co-operated.

Among other activities in the Sgts' Mess has been the opening of the bowling league in Chatham. Bowling is one of the many active winter sports enjoyed here and the hatching over of the scores always causes a good laugh over coffee on Wednesday mornings. We have a number of curling enthusiasts in the Mess also and their sport should be getting under way very soon. Since our last publication, the noon-hour volleyball league has ended and the Mess team, captained by capable Sgt. Art Kushner, walked off with the trophy. Although we had to rush our dinner occasionally, it was a lot of fun. A dining-in night with the wives is planned for Remembrance Day, November 11th and we hope we have a good turn-out for the event. So-long for this time from the Sgts' Mess. —T. J. Smith

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AC1 Richard, J. G. E.

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From St. Margaret's
F/O Cross, R. L.
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Sylvestre
Toronto
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Released
Holberg
Released
Beaverbank

—oOo—

Very shortly there will be an announcement with regard to the holding of a dance in support of our Station Hockey team.

Those whose shoulders have been placed behind this worthy project will have the gratitude and admiration of us all, and to lend our support to their efforts by attending their social functions, we are contributing, at least passively, to the creation of a local team.

Our hats are off to F/O Ed Babcock and the members of his team, upon whom we are pinning our hopes for hockey glory during the present season.

—oOo—

MODERN VERSE

Crew No. 6

To take things as they be
that's my philosophy
no need to worry mope or cuss
if things were changed they might be worse.

I'm fairly gracious to a bore
who tells me jokes I've heard before
but he will find me glum and grim
who tells me jokes I've told to him.

See a pin and pick it up
and luck is sure to find you
except at times when someone else
is coming close behind you.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF ST. MARGARET'S

Anonymous

First impressions are greatly dependent on the individual's attitude when arriving at any station. Coming just in from a training station, first impressions are usually more favourable than when coming from an operational unit; because things just aren't done that way back home.

Being met at the gate by a group of you lovely smiling gentlemen (first impressions remember) is fine for the morale, but guys (Please!) your "Da Dum Da Da, Da Dum Da Da", is sure hard to digest just before your first dinner. The guys are certainly more mannerly where I came from.

Having a helping hand to "show you the ropes" the first day almost makes you feel as if they've been waiting for you, but being joed for Fire Piquet the second you wonder how they ever did that job before you came.

Then you report to your section! Everyone's friendly, but how can you ever attach all those names to so many different faces? "Back home" you just seemed to know everyone. As for the work, how it ever was done properly before you came is an unsolved mystery. Why, we did exactly the opposite where I came from, and that must have been the right way.

The first introduction to the station Rock & Roll kids usually is a mad one but after a time we're rocking and rolling with the best of them. And then the station joker; there's always one on every station, but it's really amazing how he can sometimes help to smooth the rough spots on the road to long friendships.

The individual's first impression of a new unit may not affect the station but one wonders how the station's first impression of you will affect the individual.

—oOo—

LAW V. Freeborn was happy in her transfer to Jericho Beach. Her many friends here hope that she will find everything to her liking out there in her home territory.



By F. S. Nelson

New Books—

The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations.
Inside Africa, by John Gunther.

BOOK REVIEW

Inside Africa by John Gunther

Four times the size of the United States, Africa is the most varied, mysterious, and exciting region on the earth and also the least known. The only single volume covering the whole vast area comprehensively, this is John Gunther's mightiest feat of reporting—and reads with the pace and vitality of a novel. Fabulous and powerful figures parade through its pages, many of them introduced for the first time to the American public. Packed with exotic history, color and background information such as no one has ever before assembled, it is a unique accomplishment.

Starting in French Morocco and continuing through every part of the Dark Continent, the reader will make astonishing discoveries—where the uranium came from that went into the first atomic bombs; the reasons why witchcraft is increasing among primitive people out in the bush; the tyranny of the veil in Arab countries, and what is being done about female emancipation; Williamson, Tanganyika's "King of Diamonds", who may be the world's richest man; the King of Swaziland, who has ninety-three wives; Mr. Tubman of Liberia, a country where tommy guns may salute guests of honor at a party; the great market of Marrakesh "one of the supreme sights of Africa or anywhere else in the world"; places where, under colonial rule, "a boy of thirty, with a European staff of not more than three or four, may be in charge of a territory as big as Oklahoma". Woven into the fabric of the book is the glamorous history of Africa, from the days of the Pharaohs and the Phoenicians to the latest racial conflicts in South Africa and new political explosions in Tunisia and elsewhere.

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Jazz

By Forbes Skeaff

This style of music is generally regarded by all as one of the most distinctive American contributions to the art of music.

The word itself is actually of uncertain origin. Many believe the Negro Musicians in the late nineteenth century, who played a definite type of melody and rhythm, originated the word as well. On the European continent others laid claim to the origin.

Regardless of where or when the name was first used, the music itself is generally considered, originated in New Orleans. Certain critics believe it was created in a primitive form by the natives of Africa long before it was heard in this part of the world. Probably the most outstanding supporter of this particular theory is "Duke" Ellington, who not too long ago composed a series of musical scores entitled "Black and Tan Fantasy". By this means he attempted to illustrate the rhythmic moods and feelings of the African native.

The original New Orleans jazz group consisted of cornet or trumpet, trombone, clarinet and various types of percussion instruments. Outstanding names amongst the members of these early groups are those of Bix Biederbecker (cornet), Louis Armstrong (trumpet) and Jellyroll Morton (piano).

From the south this new and highly emotional form of music spread northward to such centres as New York and Chicago. It was at this time that the size of the ensemble grew and more formal arrangements (musical scores) became necessary. No matter where played, however, the emphasis was on the ability of the individual performer to improvise.

In the early 1930's competition became quite keen and considerable rivalry developed between the Negroes and the Whites. The public as well began to study critically this newly formed type of music.

Many new names began to appear on the already impressive list of masterful exponents. Probably the most widely recognized being that of a young Jewish lad from Chicago, namely Benny Goodman. It was not long until he became known as the "King of Swing". Space does not permit the listing of the hundreds of fine musicians who during this era began earning heretofore unheard of sums of money. A few of them were such greats as Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Harry James, Gene Krupa, Bud Freeman and Glen Miller.

Public clamor and acceptance of "Swing", an offshoot of jazz, in which highly stylized arrangements, rather than improvisation, were apparent, push real jazz into the background. Today it is still kept alive by a faithful group of followers and students of the early greats from New Orleans.

It therefore may be said that no matter what other forms of rhythm and melody capture public fancy, real downright jazz will forever hold its place as the basis from which all others have grown.

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Teacher had just finished lecturing the class about the facts of life when a girl at the back, about 16, raised her hand and said, "Teacher, could I have a baby?" Teacher said, "Yes, Mary, I think so." Then a girl about 14 raised her hand and said, "Teacher, could I have a baby?" Teacher said, "Yes, Alice, I think so." Then a little girl at the front about six raised her hand and said, "Teacher, could I have a baby?" Teacher said, "No dear, you couldn't have a baby." She sat down and the little boy behind her slapped her on the shoulder and said, "See! I told you you had nuthin to worry about!"

Padre's Corner . . .

Science And/Or Religion

By F/L McKay, Prot. Padre

There are some interesting and welcome signs today of a new interest in religion on the part of scientists.

The Atomic Scientists associations, formed so promptly to try to guard civilization against an atomic war, are finding themselves faced by the problem of men's ethical standards and the necessity for the world unity of mankind.

At once such interests bring them face to face with religion both as a necessary spiritual basis for a dynamic morality, and as having, in Christianity at least, a goal of universal human harmony.

An example of this attitude on the part of the scientists is the statement published some years ago by 181 leading men of Greece—scientists, men of letters, artists—as follows: "The future of humanity is dependent on the formation of sound spiritual bases without which no true civilization can exist. These spiritual bases cannot be laid outside the ethical framework of the Christian faith."

It well becomes every responsible citizen, and most especially members of the armed forces, who are officially concentrated on the defence of Human Rights and Freedom, to examine our own position in regard to this vital factor of our civilization—to say the least. It is quite possible that by a careless indifference to religion, those who are supposed to be protecting civilization today may actually undermine its very foundations and hasten mankind towards ultimate dismal doom.

The British and Foreign Bible Society reports the distribution of more than 15,000,000 copies of the Scripture in Canada during the past fifty years. Since the beginning of World War I, 1,300,000 New Testaments were given to Army, Navy and Air Force personnel, and over 1,500,000 bilingual Gospels to immigrants.

Our policy is to donate the Offering of one Sunday Service each year to this organization. Sunday, 5th December, 1955 is Bible Society Sunday in our Chapel (P).

Protestant Chapel services are held in Stn. Theatre each Sunday at 1730 hrs.

—oOo—

To those assembled near the Newcastle Cenotaph on Remembrance day, Friday, 11th November, was presented indeed an impressive sight.

Under a gentle snow-fall, members of the Newcastle Branch of the Canadian Legion, supported by Armed Forces groups from RCAF Stn. St. Margaret's, the N.B. North Shore Regiment, Local Air Cadets, Firemen of Newcastle, and a Contingent of the Girl Guides, plus several local dignitaries, laid their wreaths at the foot of the cenotaph in the annual tribute to the fallen of Newcastle.



(Photo by St. Margaret's Photo Section)

The above photo shows W/C R. D. Forbes-Roberts, C.D., our Commanding Officer, immediately after the laying of the wreath. In the background is discernible a section of the St. Margaret's Squadron.

Davy Crockett could have dwelt here

By C. S. M.

A journey from Richibucto to Boies-town to Kedgwick to Bathurst and back to Chatham is roughly three hundred miles. This route circumscribes an area of about five thousand square miles which offers some of the finest big game hunting in Canada.

Within the confines of this area, and St. Margaret's is a reasonable hub, are countless deer, moose and wildcat. Bear and lynx also are quite plentiful and there have been reports of the occasional puma or mountain lion though this has not been confirmed in recent years by a kill.

For those who prefer the sport of an aerial target:

That aristocrat of the wildfowl world, the Canada Goose, has made the Tabu-sintac marshes a mecca for sportsmen from all over the continent. Brant also feed here on their southern journey and this hunters' paradise is but forty scant miles from St. Margaret's.

Virtually every wooded area in the district provides cover for Partridge and Pheasant. That wildest of all woodfowl, the Woodcock, is an ever-present challenge for the experts. The many lakes and rivers as well as the coastal areas, are breeding and feeding grounds for the migratory black mallard, teal and whistler. It is no effort for a good gun to down a daily limit of ducks.

Local nimrods have dusted off the old musket. Sleeping bags and other woodsmen's paraphernalia are constantly at readiness and for the real addict, the salmon and world series fevers are now but secondary ailments, forgotten.

Although moose are mentioned as being plentiful, and they are, unfortunately there is a closed season on this monarch of the wild. A moose tick plague in the thirties all but wiped out the species in the maritimes but strict conservation measures have brought them back hardier and as numerous as ever. It is quite probable that an open season will be declared in 1957.

As an indication of the game population in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, American sportsmen took out 25,000 deer carcasses last year. This figure would be more than matched by resident hunters and of the total half would be taken in this province.

Conservationists take a very dim view of game law violators. Illegal killing of moose or jacklighting of deer carries a mandatory jail term and a fine of up to three hundred dollars.

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The pictures above show pieces of heavy equipment at work on our PMQ project at St. Margaret's.

The photos are shown for the benefit of all those pessimists who have been saying "I'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN I SEE IT."

This bulldozer together with other heavy equipment has started pushing in the new entrance road to James Park and by the time you receive your copy of the Magazett they should have cleared out one or two of the main roads in the PMQ area and have dug out a sewage disposal ditch down to Wine River.

While we can expect a lot of activity on the project during the winter months, we should not expect too many miracles as the approaching winter weather will make many construction operations very difficult and tedious. The existing contract requires that all operations be completed by the 15th of September, 1956 and it is expected that the forthcoming contract for the 6 Room School will stipulate approximately the same completion date.

A few of the more interesting facts about the PMQ's are:

- (a) There will be 17 two bedroom houses, 65 three bedroom houses and 25 four bedroom houses.
- (b) Approximately half of them will be in semi-detached buildings. (i.e. 2 units per building).
- (c) They will all be heated with oil.
- (d) Exterior finishes throughout the Park will be half brick veneer and half asbestos siding of various types.
- (e) There are 27 different house designs and with different colour combinations. No one should be unsure of whose house is whose.
- (f) There are several ranch style bungalows among the 2 and 3 bedroom houses.

Rather than fill up the Magazett with all the details, I am extending an invitation to all personnel interested in the development to drop in at the CE Section anytime where we will be glad to show you any of the plans and information we have at our disposal.

F/O John Rundle.

On Recreation —

Sgt. B. McAllister
From Sports Stores

What is it? "Recreation is a voluntary and worthwhile use of our leisure time."

Service personnel usually have considerable time which might be considered as leisure, and therefore have ample opportunity for recreation. It is, however, quite sad to note the number who do not voluntarily participate.

Ideally, all recreation projects or activities should be the result of the decisions of a significant number of potential participants. It is imperative, for success, that the participating personnel have a definite part in the planning, operation and responsibility of the activity; so remember, any ideas you may have, or suggestions, will be greatly appreciated in this office.

Recreation is a nebulous thing, we must know what it is, and what it is intended to do before we can determine a place for anything in our scheme, or where we are going. The key to effective station organization for Recreation is the building of programs and services on YOUR interests and desires. YOU, the consumers, have a voice in what activities should be made available. Let's hear from you!

With Christmas drawing near, how about putting on a show? And the type most suitable to this unit is that of a "Variety" nature. Easy to produce—no special scenery required—no script needed. Very few costumes, if any, and plenty of talent readily available! Solo acts must be good, but sketches will get through on a couple of good "gags."

I would like to relate at this point some of the factors both amusing and disturbing that the writer was faced with when given the job of producing one such show, at RCAF Aylmer, Ont.

When eventually the programme is sorted out into some kind of order, for better or worse, and rehearsals started, this, believe me, is the most trying time of all. And after one or two rehearsals, the producer begins to wonder what the devil prompted him to

put on a show at all, and just how many fresh vegetables can be expected from the audience on the first night as a token of their appreciation.

Eventually things go with a swing, (although each turn seems to get less amusing, the more often it's rehearsed) and opening night arrives—much too soon actually in all the artists' opinions.

The worst period of opening night is the 15 minutes before curtain goes up, with all the cast in a high state of "nerves" and those not due on in the first scene peeking at the audience through the spy hole—those waiting to go on usually crack feeble jokes to which the remainder reply with slightly hysterical giggles.

The stage manager is checking for the fiftieth time the list of furniture—making sure that the receptacle china, the handle complete, is ready to go on, in the bedroom scene, etc. The one man who is quite unmoved by all this hustle and "flap" is the curtain raiser, who sits on a stool in the wings, placidly smoking "rollins" and knowing full well that he will not be required to face the "hungry lions" over the footlights.

And so the curtain goes up—or across—or quite frequently, in this case neither, and our show was on. Awful moments must be faced up to, and although every conceivable precaution is taken, one or two always seem to happen; the lights won't go out in a blackout sketch—the pianist plays in too high a key for the singer, or a feeble sputtering is heard off stage when "the explosion" should occur.

However, all this helps to amuse the audience, which is the whole object of the show. In conclusion, possibly some of you who have had past experience in helping promote such a show, will think back on the fun and embarrassing moments you have had and come forward and offer suggestions. Possibly we here at St. Margaret's can promote such a show.

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