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On a few occasions since our paper began, various people have asked questions regarding the paper - not directly to the editor, but to the reporters, or even those not on our staff.

The questions were as follows -- "Why was my submission not printed as I wrote it?" - "Why was such-and-such a word changed," - "Why was the item about so-and-so not included?" - "Why should I submit anything if it is going to be changed?"

Now, for some explanations. In the first place, has anyone ever read a paper, book or magazine that has not been edited? Can you imagine a paper being published without someone to check everything before it goes to press? Many times words have to be changed to improve a sentence, but the new word is selected with care so that the meaning of the sentence remains unchanged. Occasionally items have been included in certain submissions which might well hurt the person concerned. Such an item is "blue-pencilled". On the one occasion when a certain item slipped through, the editor made a personal apology followed by a written one in the following issue; absolutely no harm was intended in the original item, but nevertheless one or two people were hurt.

The whole point of the matter is that - whatever you may think, or however you may feel, a paper simply must have an editor who will not be afraid to use the blue pencil if necessary, to improve the paper.

The items submitted by the various sections are the life-blood of the paper. There could be no Eager Beaver without them. It is hoped that this editorial will help you to understand a few of the problems which confront your editor. Keep up the good work and keep your write-ups coming.

EDITOR

PADRE'S PEARLS

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- by Rev. B.J.Davis, Chaplain

The Christmas Communion passed my expectation and it did my heart good to see so many at Church. We were honoured by a visit of the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, The Right Rev. H. Waterman who administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to three candidates on Sunday, January 9th, again, our Church was packed to capacity. It is my fervent wish that we can maintain these good congregations week by week, for a week begun in worship and adoration can be nothing less than a week well done.

With my parochial duties I find it difficult to give any assistance in the Sunday School. To make up for this, I am going to take the Sunday School in Church every time there are five Sundays in a month. As January has this, I invite all mothers to see that their children are in Church for service at 3 pm, also I want the mothers and fathers to come with them. One member of the Sunday School will read the lesson. Any one wishing to be confirmed at some future date, if they will contact me, I shall be pleased to arrange classes for them.

The Church was packed when our first wedding took place,

and Murray Shields and Joyce Pierce were joined together as man and wife. We wish them all the luck in the world.

Padre's Humour - with no reflection on the above named. A couple just married, came to payday, hubby opened his pay packet which contained \$50. He gave the wife \$45. and kept \$5. for himself. Next pay day he gave his wife \$5. and kept \$45. for himself. Wife says, "What do you think I can do with this, I can't manage on it." Hubby replies, "No, I know. I had a rotten time on it myself last week!"

Divine Services

1st Sunday - Holy Communion
8.30 am

2nd Sunday - Evensong 7 pm

3rd Sunday - Evensong 7 pm

4th Sunday - No service.

If and when there are five Sundays in a month, a Children's Service will be held at 3 pm on the fifth Sunday.

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WELCOME

Welcome to the personnel who came to our station this month. We hope you have a happy time here.

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PERSONALITY PARADE

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W01 C.L. Grover

W01 C.L. Grover is a **native** of Nova Scotia from the town of Canso where he received his early education. He moved to Cambridge, Mass, where he studied Accountancy at Bentley's College after which he was employed as a cheque teller with the First National Bank of Boston, until the Wall St. crash of 1929. Returning to Canada, he followed the Sea and was also engaged in construction work. While at sea, he sailed with the Canadian Steam Ship Lines and the Imperial Oil Company, and has survived three ship wrecks.

He joined the RCAF in April 1939 at Halifax as Motor Boat crewman and served with 5 B.R. Squadron at Dartmouth. He passed an Instructors Course on war gases and 303 machine guns and also acquired a Mate and Master's Certificate.

He was promoted to the rank of W01 in 1943 from which time until 1945 he was in charge of the Marine Section at Kelly Beach, North Sydney. From 1945-49 he sailed out of Dartmouth on the RCAF supply vessel Eskimo, transporting freight from Halifax to Goose Bay, Port

Churchill and Baker Lake, and also as Master on Air Sea Rescue vessel M-208. From 1949-53 he was stationed at Patricia Bay, BC, during which time he was master of High Speed Rescue vessels and participated in many searches. While on the West Coast, he spent six months in the Western Arctic where he was navigating officer on RCAF supply ship Snow Bird and in 1952 as navigating officer, he sailed on the Snow Bird from Pat Bay to Montreal via the Panama Canal.

He remustered to Foreman of Works in 1952, was transferred to Calgary for five months, then to Beaver Bank.

He married Margaret Card, a Windsor girl, in 1941, and has one son, Alex Bernard. Has a number of hobbies, the chief one being wood-working.

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THOUGHTS FOR YOUR SCRAP-BOOK

Twelve things to Remember -

1. The value of time.
2. The success of perseverance.
3. The pleasure of working.
4. The dignity of simplicity.
5. The worth of character.
6. The power of kindness.
7. The influence of example.
8. The obligation of duty.
9. The wisdom of economy.

10. The virtue of patience.
11. The improvement of talent.
12. The joy of originating.
(Marshall Field)

It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.
(George Horace Lorimer)

Freedom is the one purport, wisely aimed at, or unwisely, of all man's struggles, toilings and sufferings, in this earth. (Carlyle)

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled by them.
(Henry Ward Beecher)

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THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our kind friends and the Beaver Bank WA, RCAF, for their acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown

us during our recent bereavement.

S/L and Mrs. I. Duncan

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RADAR RATTLINGS -

by LAC G. Astles

It is better to be late than never! Believe it or not we finally got around to gathering up a few of the happenings around here, for the rest of the station to read.

For a long while, there were only a few radar men on the station, but early in November twelve of us came in.

Another new-comer to the section is Sgt. Dennison. He has come to us from Mont Apica (via St. Sylvestre) and is now waiting to get his wife and family here. Hope it's soon, Sarge!

Four of our boys have been posted. Three are going to England and one is going to Mississippi. Bon Voyage, boys.

Gerry Buck and Tony Rollings have returned from leave out West.

Sgt. Gregoire is now enjoying

a month of solid comfort, digging his way out of the snow at PMQ 49.

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OFFICERS' MESS NEWS

- by S/L I. Duncan

Here goes, to catch up on our reporting, which is a month behind. As far as December is concerned, it can be summed up as follows: "Thank goodness it only comes once a year!"

Our regular Mess meeting on Dec. 15, saw a change in Secretary, P/O ME MacMillan retired in favour of F/O Ken Wheatley.

On Dec. 21, we decided to decorate the Mess and it's appearance afterwards indicated that the money was well spent. Thanks go out to all who helped with the decorating.

The 23rd was an occasion of great joy as we entertained the NCO's - or was it vice versa? From all accounts it was a good evening even if a certain officer objected to Christmas carols outside his window at 2 am!

Christmas Day saw us out in our best blues to serve dinner in the Airmen's Mess.

We would have appreciated a few more customers.

Thursday, Dec. 30 saw us paying a visit to the NCO's Mess and it also was a good evening even though there were no reports of Christmas music!

New Year's Eve was strictly informal and a good time was had by all. Who persuaded a certain S/L to lead a snake dance through the other Messes?

Now into January -- the calm after the storm. The decorations came down and the Mess looked positively undressed. When are we going to get our drapes?

Saturday, Jan. 22 saw us attempting to square dance under the able guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Halifax. If aching leg muscles are any indication, yours truly must have enjoyed himself!

We said "Good Bye" to Mr. T. Dawson of CGE and Mr. K. Cooke of MT&T this month. Tom has gone back to "Upper Canada" and Ken has returned to Halifax.

We extend a welcome to the following newcomers to our Mess: Mr. Lee Varey, CGE, who claims that Mont Apica has

more snow than Beaver Bank;
Mr. Bill Ryan, MT&T; F/O Fran
Wilson, our new Nursing Sister;
and F/O BP (Bud) Lauren, Tech/
Tel. (That Telecom Empire is
really building up, isn't it?)

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FAVOURITE RECIPE

- Mrs. W. Bradshaw

SWEET AND SOUR SPARERIBS

1½ lbs spareribs cut in 1"
pieces

1 tblsp soya sauce
3 tblsp brown or white sugar
2 tblsp cornstarch
¼ cup vinegar
1 cup cold water

Cook spareribs in a skillet
until a delicate brown, add a
little water and let simmer
until the water disappears.
Combine all other ingredients
and cook for approximately
10 mins - or until starch has
been well cooked and sauce is
smooth. Add the spareribs
which have been drained free
from fat, and cook 10-15 mins
in sauce. Serves 4. Serve
with rice and green salad, or
chow mein (canned).

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GUARD HOUSE GAB

- by Sgt J. Waite

LAC Chomica (Porky) is now
enjoying 21 days sick leave
at his home in Chatfield, Man.
following a recent appendec-
tomy.

We are glad to be able to say
that we have, as an associate,
one of the high scoring members
of our local hockey team. For
those not "in the know", Cpl
Delaney scored two goals in a
recent game. Gord, what did
you say to the umpire when he
disallowed your goals because
the whistle had blown?

My transfer has come in -- we
shall be off to Europe in the
next few months.

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A LAUGH OR TWO

An advanced student of litera-
ture unearthed from "Spicy
Western Stories" a gem that
read: "She was silent for a
long time. He could smell the
perfume wafted upward from be-
tween her proud breasts placed
so cleverly on the lobes of
her ears". The New Yorker
snapped it up, of course, and
added the perfect comment:

"Novel!", but we wouldn't like it as a steady thing."

A young boy was asked by his history teacher to name the principal contribution of the Phoenicians. The youngster's answer, given without hesitation, was "Blinds".

Orson Welles was directing a night scene on location in Los Angeles. Originally in a good mood, he suddenly became annoyed and irritable. "What's wrong with him?" asked a member of the crew. "Oh", replied the other, "The sun's coming up and didn't ask his permission."

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C.E. CHIPS

- by Mrs.E. Pierre

The December issue of the Eager Beaver went to press before an account of our Christmas party could be given.

Cheese, crackers, and cold meats were served and as it appeared that it wasn't going to be a White Christmas, at least it would be a wet one! (Any bulging heads the next morning were very seasonal.)

Our party was honoured by the presence of Miss Leighton.

W/C Babineau, accompanied by Uncle Joe Fisher, P/O MacMillan, S/L Duncan and F/O Little dropped in and hearty seasons greetings were extended by one and all. Speeches were made by F/O Wheatley and W/O Grover. They commented on the success of the past year and extended good wishes in the forthcoming year to our section and to all employees. The party was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

With the chill winds and snows of winter, a number of our employees were bedridden with the 'flu. They have now fully recovered and are back on the job.

Our winter equipment on the station has been put to the best of use to combat the results of some heavy snowfalls. Roads have been cleared and sanded, but nevertheless, it is best to keep a thought in mind that the roads are still treacherous and accidents happen so easily.

Our section would like to congratulate Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Waite on the arrival of a son, and wish the best for him in life. Mrs. Waite was a former employee here.

More news and views in the next edition.

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P.S. FROM PUMP AND SEWAGE

- by John Publicover

Dairyman: One who owes all he has to Udders.

Well, here we are starting another year with the hope that it will be a happy and prosperous one for all. We at P & S feel that the past year has been a happy one for us, and as we go into our second year, note with pride the progress made during 1954.

To date we have been lucky with our quota of snow and hope the supply for the rest of the year will not be too generous. A comforting thought when the north wind comes howling across the wide open spaces:

"O wind, if winter comes can spring be far behind?"

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Boiling in salt water will toughen clothespins and protect them against splitting and freezing.

To silence squeaky shoes, pierce the soles with three or four tiny holes in back of the ball of the foot.

Empty butter or margarine cartons are convenient for holding cookie dough which is to be refrigerated before baking.

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ORDERLY ROOM REPORT

- by GW Gulbranson.

Things in general are pretty quiet after the holidays. Here in the SOR we are expecting the results of the latest trade board, although only one ClkTyp wrote -- LAW MacDonald for her Group 2. Here's wishing her the best of luck.

Our Adj is having more aches and pains lately, so she has decided to take three weeks leave. We hope she will enjoy them - (she will!)

I have just received the latest flash from the "Moisie Kid", LAC Craig. He is still complaining: he doesn't like Moisie (as you have all heard) and is being posted to Edgar, Ontario. He wishes to give his regards to all of the unfortunate personnel who are expecting a posting, at RCAF Beaver Bank.

Now that Christmas is all over I am wondering what scheme

LAC Lyons is plotting. Filed your income tax return yet Daddy?

Sgt Findlay and Cpl Niddery are, as usual, busy as ever.

AC1 MacDonald, our Clk Typ up in the Ops Building, is getting ready for the next trade board. Best of luck, Mac.

Last but not least, we wish to compliment our new Clk Steno, Miss Wamback, on her fine work here in the Orderly Room.

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ALARMS FROM THE FIRE HALL

- by LAC Brown

Hullo again, folks. Sorry we failed to have our news in on time last month; we will be on time from now on.

There have been some changes in our section. LAC Mac McKenzie has been transferred to Sydney. Best of luck on your new station Mac, we hope you like it there. (Mac will be sadly missed, as he was one of the few barbers on the station).

Welcome to LAC Brown, who has come here from Sydney. If any more Browns are sent here,

someone is going to have to change his name! If you should happen to call the fire hall and want to talk to a Brown, please state number, rank and initial. LAC Brown hails from Clementsport, NS. (He says that not too many people have been there.) We are certainly glad to have you here, but I wish you would change your name!

In the near future we shall be having fire drills for all station personnel, with first aid hand extinguishers.

That's all we have at present. See you next month.

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INNER SANCTUM SECRETS

- by AW1 Berndt

Here we are again, to tell you of the comings and goings (mostly goings) of our FCOs.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing Cpl Chorzempa and LAC Vere Holloway, all the best on their overseas postings. (Watch that Kummel - it's powerful stuff!)

Mistletoe came into its own at the stroke of midnight at our New Year's Dance. By all re-

ports, a good time was had by everyone.

All the girls seem to be planning a new occupation. Hope your dreams come true, girls!

Many thanks to all who attended the shower for Mrs. M. Shields, and helped to put it over so successfully. Let's have more get-togethers like that!?

By the time this is read, LAW Arbeau, LAW Innes, and LAW Andersen will be civilians and married. All the best to you, girls.

We wish to thank S/L Gallagher, Command RC Padre, for giving us our first RC Church service this month. Also, thanks to the ME Section, for the many times they took the church runs to Bedford on Sundays.

Welcome to our new Nursing Sister. We hope you enjoy our station.

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SPECIAL

Furniture Shampoo -- prepared and used by Mrs. T. Wallis:

Dissolve one cup soap flakes

in two quarts of boiling water. Add one tablespoon borax, let stand overnight or until mixture has jelled.

Place $\frac{1}{4}$ of the mixture in a dry bowl and beat to a high froth. Apply the froth to a small area with a moderately soft brush and scrub gently. Wipe off with a damp cloth. This shampoo is also excellent for rugs and stuffed toys.

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BIRTHDAYS

Birthday greetings to those who were born in January. Your birthstone is the garnet and your flower is the carnation or the snowdrop.

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SCOUTS AND CUB NEWS

- by LAC G. Astle

Since the Scout Troop was formed on the station late in November 1954, we have come a long way with the task of test passing.

To date we have two tender-foot Scouts, Frank Rainforth, patrol leader of the Stag Patrol, and Howard Little, patrol second of the same Patrol.

In the near future we hope to have an Investiture, at which time Wayne Babineau, Murray Rainforth and Norman Lyons will be invested.

On Jan 22, our Troop attended an outing with the 1st Kinsac Troop. Although the snow was a bit deep, we did manage to play a few games. We also stayed in the woods for supper. Some of the boys had quite a time getting their camp fires going, but after a while we all managed to sit down to a "good" meal. At about 7.30 pm we returned home, a bit tuckered out, but glad of the chance to get out in the woods.

Cubs started again on Jan 7, with Akela Vere-Holloway in charge. The turn-out was good. Regretfully we say farewell to our leader who is going overseas shortly. We wish, at this time, to say "Thank you, Akela, for a job well done. Our wish is for your every success." Through Akela we are happy to announce that all eligible Tenderpads will be invested shortly. We will shine that night and invite our parents to the "Do".

On the 14th Jan, we were lucky to have Sgt Dennison take over as our new Akela. We'll DOB,

DOB, DOB, Akela, as we know you will, to have us be the best Cub Pack.

February 22, we hold very dear as this is the birth date of our founder, Robert Stephenson Smyth, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell. We shall honour you, in Cub tradition, on or about this date.

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FOR THE CHILDREN

The Tree Climbing Fish

In the mangrove swamps of North Borneo, lives a strange little fish only a few inches long. It is the mud skipper, or tree climbing fish, one of the most remarkable of nature's freaks. This fish spends most of its time hopping about the mud flats in search of food, or just basking in the sun. It even climbs out of the water upon on mangrove roots or stones when it is chasing victims. While out of the water, the large gill chambers are kept filled with air and the tail is often left hanging down in the water. It literally breathes through the skin of the tail better than by means of gills. It can survive for thirty-six hours with its tail under water but hardly half

~~that~~ long if only the gills are allowed to function. It has become so accustomed to a life out of water that it is not able to live in what should be its native element for any length of time. Besides the breathing tail, this fish has developed another unique feature - flexible magnified vision. Its movable bulbous eyes are adjustable to vision in the air as well as in the water. A special muscle enables the fish to shift the spherical lens so close to the retina as to produce a sharp image, even of objects at some distance away.

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Here are the winners of the December colouring contest.

Group A - Ages 3-5

1st Prize - Sandy Bradshaw

2nd Prize - Billy Duncan

Group B - Ages 6-8

1st Prize - Diane Wallis

2nd Prize - Denise Lavigne

Group C - Ages 9-12

1st Prize - Murray Rainforth

2nd Prize - Helen Taylor

The drawing for the January contest was done by Arnold

Rainforth. Please have your entries in no later than Feb.28, so that winners' names can be announced in the next issue of the Eager Beaver.

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BEHIND BARS

- by Cpl Dale Maidens

Sgt. Taylor, custodian of Central Warehouse, is taking life easy while on leave. Yours truly is filling in for him and enjoying the 8 to 5 shift. Dun't rush back, Sarge!

It's nice to see the new TV set in the upstairs lounge of the Airmen's Club. Now watch the bar sales drop!! It certainly is a beautiful set.

We'll leave you now with the thought of the month -- Lot's of people who aren't being paid what they are worth should be happy about it.

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C.P.O. COPY

- by Maxine Leighton

Due to extra work caused by Superannuation, there was not report submitted from this

office for the December issue. As the Editor has been bugging us for this month's write-up, we decided we had better get at it right away.

We welcome two additional female employees to the Admin staff. Miss Jean Graves filled the position of the Commanding Officer's Secretary on 8 December 1954, and Miss Marion Wamback arrived on 3 January 1955 as the Orderly Room typist. After seeing the Orderly Room skit which was presented at the section Christmas Party, it is hoped that Miss Wamback will not be too overworked.

It is much regretted that Mrs. McKay, who has been misemployed in this office since June 1954, will be leaving at the end of the month to go up the hill and perform her regular duties. But she will be kept busy in this office before she goes, as there are still lots of odd jobs to be done around here.

Several employees will be happy to know that their overtime has now been submitted and payment is expected to be made at the end of this month (Jan.) This overtime was not submitted for November payment and it was upon the advice of officials that it was not submitted in

December due to overload of Superannuation and other priority work. I personally thank Mrs. E. Pierre (of the CE section where most of the overtime is worked) for her valuable assistance in compiling and checking this overtime which has to be done before same can be submitted for payment.

Mr. LA Gilliatt has now returned from Toronto, where he was attending the Johnson Control Course.

Mrs. Foley and Mrs. McKay are still patiently waiting to go on course to Clinton.

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SPORTS COLUMN

- by LAC John Cathcart

Once again it is time to give you some news from our own little world of sport. Last month we told you all about the station hockey team and how they were making out in the league. At first there was a bit of trouble in getting it organized, but now it is progressing on its own. They have their own committee with chairman and all.

On Tuesday, Jan 25, the team, under the watchful eye of

coach Jobbie McDonald, won a decisive victory over the league leading team from MAC. There was a little discussion about the score. Although our team won by a score of 3-1, there was some talk of its being a shut-out for us with a 3-0 victory. It is said to be the fault of the referee who somehow forgot to blow his whistle when a player from the other team went off-side with the puck. The three stars of the game were Gil Gamache who drove in the first goal, Roger Bayne and Don Cameron. We believe, according to the standings, this win puts the Beaver Bank squad in third place, but we feel, like everyone else, that a team can have all the money, equipment and what-have-you, but they cannot win every game if, repeat if, they have not got the moral support of their fans behind them. The old saying still goes - "a good crowd makes a good game." It always makes a team feel better to know they have their own fans cheering them on to victory. So let's not keep our team in third place - let's put them in the lead.

See you next month.

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PERSONALITY PARADE

Nine

Sergeant J.C. Waite

Sgt. Jack Waite was born in Vancouver, BC on September 24, 1925. He attended public school at Gold Bridge, BC, and then high school at Bralorne High School, BC. He joined the RCAF as student aircrew (WAG) in April 1944, and was discharged in December of the same year. He then joined the Canadian Army in March 1945 at trainer Gunner Op in the Armored Corps. Changed to Pacific Infantry training in July 1945 and in October 1945 to RCEs. He was discharged from the Army in June 1946. Re-enlisted in the RCAF as Equipment Assistant in October 1946 until he was discharged in June 1948. He enlisted in the RCMP in November 1948 and after training, he was stationed at North Battleford, Sask, and Ottawa, Ont. He was discharged from the RCMP in December 1951. He again enlisted in the RCAF in March 1952 in trade of Security Police and was stationed at Centralia, Ont, prior to coming to RCAF, Beaver Bank. He has been transferred to One Air Division (Overseas)

from approximately March 15th, 1955.

He married Audrey Isabel Nichols of Ottawa, in June 1951, and they have one daughter Nikki Darlene aged $2\frac{1}{2}$, and one son, Steven Richard, aged 2 months.

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CONGRATULATIONS

To - Mr. and Mrs. Don Cameron of CGE, who welcomed twins, on January 3rd. Deborah Ann weighed 5 lbs 11 ozs, and Michael Alexander weighed 5 lbs 7 ozs.

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SPARKS FROM THE CENTRAL HEATING PLANT

- by H. Webber

The first month of our new year is just about over, and who said we were not going to have any winter?

Judging by the amount of snow we now have, this could be one of those old-fashioned Nova Scotia winters we have been reading about in the papers.

Robert George and Ally MacInnes say "let it snow" -- they have both moved into trailers near the station and are prepared to spend some comfortable nights

should the roads get too bad. How about some of those good oven baked beans we have heard so much about?

We have welcomed a new Stationary Engineer at the Heating Plant. Mr. George Smith, from Yarmouth. Known to us here as Tiny, he always has a story should anyone call.

Mr. John Dewis still brings us Math problems from Vocational School -- and some of them are stinkers! Any good maths teachers around? We expect to be in trouble if the questions get any harder.

We'll be back with you next month.

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HOUSEWIVES HOBBIES

Mrs. D. Maidens	- Rhinestone Jewellery
Mrs. L. Roche	- Greeting Cards
Mrs. L. Calver	- Beauty Counsellor Makeup
Mrs. H. Lyons	- Dressmaking

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BOOKE NOOKE

- by LAC J. Cathcart

Hi there, book worms. Once again we are happy to have a

column in our paper. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoy writing it.

Last month we told you that the library was officially opened to personnel and dependents on the station. We have had great response to it, but would like to see more new faces in the library. We have many good books in, and are expecting more shortly.

This month we are giving you brief outlines on two books that are gaining wide popularity; The Rommel Papers and Desiree.

THE ROMMEL PAPERS - Rommel owed his rapid rise to high command in the German army between the wars, not so much to his outstanding gallantry as a subaltern in the first World War, but rather to a book he wrote on infantry tactics based on his own experiences, which gained him a considerable reputation in military circles, which Hitler read.

While he was writing that book he found he had preserved none of the essential documents; he had kept no notes, no sketches of the terrain, while his diary had great gaps for most important periods when he was preoccupied with the fighting.

Rommel was determined to be at no disadvantage when he came to write his second book, dealing with his experiences in the Second World War. Thus from the moment that the leading tanks of his division creased the German frontier on May 10th, 1940, he began to dictate a detailed record of his operations. He drew sketches in colored chalks of every phase, he preserved all orders, situation reports, strength returns, etc, and he took thousands of photographs. At the first opportunity he worked on a more considered draft and later revised that draft.

Such is the mass of material which Rommel left behind him on his death, and which his family largely succeeded in preserving in the face of many hazards, not only from the Gestapo who naturally preferred that Rommel should leave no papers, but from the invading Allies, who showed an equally natural interest in them.

Added to them are the letters which Rommel wrote to his wife daily. These letters, remarkably outspoken, sometimes, one would have thought, to the point of rashness, throw valuable light on the state of his mind and clearly reflect his moods, his hopes and his fears.

In this book the reader will also read about the thrust across France in the spring of 1940; it was the fastest advance ever made in military history. He will also be an eye witness to the fall of the French army. The book also contains the full account of the North African campaign, the Italian surrender and the death of Rommel as told by his son, a boy of fifteen.

DESIREE - Desiree is the story of a silk manufacturer's daughter who became the Fiancee of Napoleon, the wife of one of the greatest soldiers, the crowned Queen of a great country and the founder of a Royal dynasty. Desiree Clary moves like some new Cinderella through the pagentry of the Napoleonic scene, crowded as it is with gallant soldiers and beautiful women. Here is Josephine who stole Napoleon from her; here is her sister Julie, Joseph's (Napoleon's brother) wife, Queen of Naples and then Queen of Spain; and never far are these sinister characters, the crafty Fouche and the cynical Talleyrand ... And of course, there is Bernadotte, the Republican sergeant who became a General, and who saved her from drowning herself in the Seine

and married her.

This is a story of their love, their loyalty and their honesty.

It is a telling analysis of their characters revealed in fiction form.

Desiree has been translated into nine languages and was the best seller wherever it appeared.

(In the movie, Marlon Brando plays Napoleon, Jean Simmons plays Desiree and Michael Rennie plays Bernadotte - Ed)

This is all from the bookshelf this month - but there is a thought. "A home without a book is like a house without windows; no man has the right to bring up his children without books to surround them."

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DIESEL SMOKE

- by "Swede" Phillips

Here we are again with a few puffs of smoke.

On the fourth of December, Charles T. Smith, better known as "Smitty", took a week off and got himself married over at the Island. Best of luck to you and your wife, Smitty, and a lot of happiness, too. We hope he gets married quarters soon.

We see that another one of the Airwomen is sporting a diamond ring which was given to her by one of the Diesel operators. When is the big day, Johnny? Hope you'll let us know.

Apparently everyone up here on the hill spent a very quiet festive season - and there were not too many thick heads!

Fred Boutilier has his Grade Two now and will be going back down below once again. "Boots" was ill for a few days, but is back with us again.

Our boss, Barney Gilliatt was away in Toronto on a course for ten days and while in Toronto, he attended one or two of the NHL games. While he was away, "Smitty" was the big wheel.

That's about all for the time being - more "smoke" next month.

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MEDICAL MEMO

- by LAW Shields

Cpl JD MacDonald from the Accts Section is a patient at Stadacona Hospital. The staff of the Eager Beaver miss you Cpl so hurry back.

Cpl R MacKean is on sick leave.

LAC C. Chomica was also on sick leave this month.

LAC Doucette, Supply Section, is a patient at RCN Hospital.

Our new nursing sister, F/O F.G. Wilson arrived on our station on the 20th of this month, from Chatham. Replacing N/S Needham, N/S Wilson hails from Charlottetown, PEI. Welcome to the hospital, Sister.

(How lucky we are to have a doctor who comes out to us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, in every kind of weather, snow, sleet, hail, storm and what-have-you. We are very grateful to you Dr. Fuller, and we also thank Dr. LeBrun, who comes when Dr. Fuller is unable to. Ed.)

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STATION FIRSTS

F/Sgt Hoppe, Mrs Hoppe and their daughter Joanne, were the first people to be confirmed in our little station chapel. The Bishop of Nova Scotia administered the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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SPECIAL

These next pages were reserved
for write-ups from the follow-
ing sections:

Sergeants' Mess
Airmens' Mess
Supply Section
M.E. Section
Accounts Section
C.G.E.
Grocery Store

In fact, if the expected write-
ups had come in, the paper
would have been even larger.

Our dead-line is the 25th of
each month.

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"Oh God, give us the strength and
courage to live each day as
though it be our last."

FILM LIST

Listed hereunder are dates, titles and stars of films booked for you for the month of February.

Feb 3 STRONGHOLD
 (Veronica Lake, Zachary Scott)

Feb 6 THE CADDY
 (Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis)

Feb 10 SUSAN SLEPT HERE
 (Dick Powell, Debbie Reynolds)

Feb 13 PRISONER OF WAR
 (Ronald Reagan, Dewey Martin)

Feb 17 BLACKOUT
 (Dana Clark, Belinda Lee)

Feb 20 WAR OF THE WORLDS
 (Gene Barry, Ann Robinson)

Feb 24 THEY RODE WEST
 (Robert Francis, Donna Reed)

Feb 27 BOUNTY HUNTER
 (Randolph Scott, Delores Dorn)