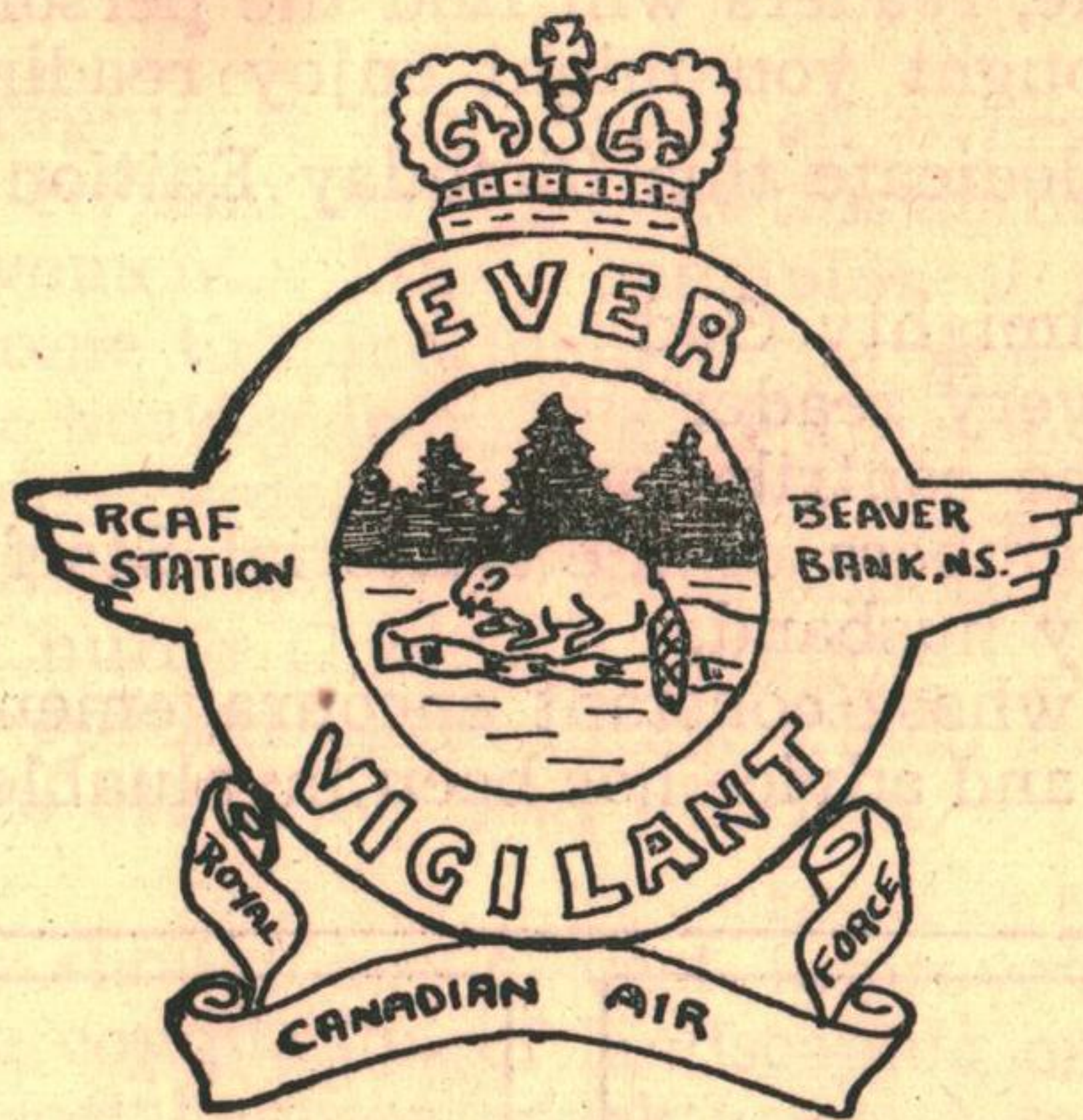


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## EDITORIAL

It gives me particular pride and pleasure to write this editorial. This month the *Eager Beaver* is one year old.

From March 1954 to March 1955, many improvements were made (as readers no doubt noticed.) We gave by-lines to contributors; the coloring contest for the children was born; personality portraits appear monthly, and from now on, we bid welcome to our advertisers.

Now, here we are on our first birthday, an honest-to-goodness printed-in-town station paper.

In this special issue, readers will find the personality portraits of our editorial staff—we thought you might enjoy reading these.

May I gratefully dedicate this Birthday Edition of the *Eager Beaver* to:

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My husband,  
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—EDITOR.

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## Birthday Message from the Commanding Officer

Congratulations to the Editor, Staff and contributors of the *Eager Beaver* on the excellent station paper that has been produced. Each succeeding monthly issue during the first year of publication has shown great improvement. Each member of the station can be justifiably proud of this first anniversary edition. The contents are of very high calibre and the standard which has been established and maintained reflects credit on the entire station. More credit goes to the *Eager Beaver* staff for producing each edition of the paper, including this one, at no cost to the readers.

It is most encouraging to have such an overwhelmingly large percentage of service and civilian personnel at this station who take a personal interest in its improvement. Many examples of this interest could be quoted. A few that come to mind include the time and effort contributed to the skating rink, the hockey team (RCAF Champs for the Halifax area), the Hobby Shop, (which is nearly ready for its grand opening) the Women's Auxiliary, the Brownies, Wolf Cubs and Boy Scouts, the children's dancing classes, the Church Choir, the station library and, last but far from least, that all-important extra effort which makes the quarters and sections so much more attractive and efficient.

The present year should see a vast improvement in the notorious Beaver Bank road, the completion of landscaping on the station, the completion of the interim social centre, snack bar and grocery store re-location, and the commencement of work on the permanent recreation building. Whilst these things should make life more pleasant for everyone, it should be remembered that the real and lasting satisfaction comes with the knowledge of a job well done.

May I offer my best wishes for the continued success of the *Eager Beaver*. I am confident that all station personnel will want to be included in these wishes.

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## ACCOUNTS HI-LITES

by CPL. J. D. MACDONALD

March has brought some changes to our section. We were happy to welcome back F/L Bradshaw. I think all the staff will agree that the combination "Hail and Farewell" party we had on the 11th (of March) left very little to be desired except perhaps, more of the same! The party combined the return of F/L Bradshaw and the departure of S/L Ruel, who returned to Montreal.

Later in the month, our typist, LAW (Mrs.) Shirley MacDonald obtained her release from the RCAF and starts a career at home. We all wish her the mostest of the bestest.

Sgt. Hansen, Mrs. Hansen and Kenneth are spending a few days leave at Sgt. Hansen's home in New Brunswick. He was worried when they left that they might have to travel from Sackville (NS) by helicopter on their return! Hope the road won't be that bad.

Meanwhile, Doug Bailey is carrying on business as usual in the NPF Accounts. He says he finds it very difficult to concentrate on debits and credits since the "Season of the singing birds" (Spring) has arrived. Doug is the only bachelor in our section.

Jimmy Hicks of the Pay Staff told of an unusual sign that he'd seen in a restaurant in Dartmouth. He says they

must be cannibals in there. On a trip to that town we looked up the place and there was the sign, in large letters: "GIRL WANTED TO COOK".

Equipment and NPF Accounts Office are sporting a new look for Spring — venetian blinds!

Speaking of Spring, here's a story told by Cpl. Thomas, concerning his rather deaf grandmother. One lovely Spring morning he met the dear old lady enjoying a stroll. "Good morning, Grannie", said Tommy, "there's Spring in the air this morning". "E-h-h-h?", answered the grandmother. "Spring in the air", shouted Tommy. The old lady stopped, looked piercingly at him, shrugged and inquired, "Why the h—— should I?"

Al Muise is busily auditing vouchers at the Supply and other sections these days, and as it is very near the end of the fiscal year, we don't see much of him. He did tell of a phone call he received at work recently. "Hello" said a voice, "This is Major". "Major who?" said Al. "Major answer the phone, didn't I?" answered the voice and hung up.

I should really tell all about my operation, but then my wife would want to tell about hers and it would start a trend. Anyway some of those doctors at Stadacona Naval Hospital are real "cut-ups"!

Edsall — "Edsall who?" Edsall there is!

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### PMQ MEDICAL NOTES

By MAY LITTLE

The many friends of Wayne Babineau regret that he has been ill with a badly infected throat and all wish him a speedy recovery.

Brenda, David and Alice Robinson were all ill this month. Glad to see them up and around again.

It is also nice to see Mrs. Lyons out taking her exercise. Keep it up Mrs.



Lyons. We are looking forward to seeing you quite well again and your usual cheerful self.

Mrs. H. Burri'll underwent minor surgery in hospital this month.

Mrs. M. T. Butts spent some time in hospital in March.

Mrs. Northrup spent a few days this month in hospital.

It is nice to see Mrs. MacDonald out and around again, after her operation.

Mrs. Ida Duncan spent a few days at home treating an infected throat.

Diane Wallis was kept in bed for a few days, with a bad cold and cough.

## THANKS

Many thanks to the members of the Women's Auxiliary for the lovely rose-bowl and rose which was presented to me during my recent stay in hospital. It was such a delightful surprise.

(Mrs.) Hazel Phillips

By the time the April edition of the Eager Beaver has gone to press, I no longer will be a member of RCAF Station Beaver Bank, or the RCAF. I would like to thank W/C D. B. Babineau, S/L I. G. Duncan, F/O H. A. Little, Sgt. A. O. Findlay and the Orderly Room staff for all the co-operation I have received from them during my stay at the unit. The old saying will apply — "gone but not forgotten". I shall always remember all the fine people I have met since arriving here in May last year. My sincerest thanks to all.

M. E. McMILLAN

## SCOUT NEWS

By LAC G. ASTLE

During the past month we were asked to participate in the Safety Patrol scheme for the children at the station. Our scouts now form the School Boy Patrol—

later on, the things they learn about road safety will help them in the passing of tests and the obtaining of badges. It is hoped that all drivers on the base will take extra precautions when driving, especially in the PMQ area. Please come to a stop when the Patrol is at work guiding children across the road in front of the school.

He are making good progress on the trail of Scouting. Our two new members, George Levy and John Richards, will be ready for their investiture about the middle of April. Gerry Buck, our Assistant Scoutmaster, will be invested at the same time.

We are hoping that the fine weather will come soon. All the boys are anxious to take advantage of the Scout crafts they have been learning during the winter months.

We are hoping too, that our five Tenderfoot Scouts, Frank Rainforth, Murray Rainforth, Norman Lyons, Howard Little and Wayne Babineau, will be able to obtain their Second Class badges before the summer holidays. With the fine weather coming up (we hope!) I am sure we will be able to get out on more hikes and camps, which are required in order to obtain this badge.

Until next time, I will leave you with this thought:

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## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

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To make a braided rug out of old neckties: Open the seams on the back of the ties and cut the fabric into strips from one to three inches wide; the thicker the strips the thicker the rug will be. Clip the strips diagonally at the ends and sew them together. Stitch the edge of the strip flat to eliminate the difficulty of tucking in the raw edges. This done, start braiding the first three long strips. If you want a circular rug, begin coiling the braid immediately, sewing the braided bands together on the underside as you make every two or three coils. For an oval rug, start at the center with a straight strip of braid. To join one braid with another, loosen the two ends to be joined and interweave them so that they will hold firmly; the loose ends from both pieces of braid can be tucked into the bottom side of the rug and held fast with bland stitches.

Rubber boots will last longer and keep their shape better if the insides are propped up with cardboard when the boots are not in use.

## M. E. EXHAUST

By SGT. J. C. RANKIN

Oh, the moans and groans we hear these days! "Why isn't the bus ready, we can't walk to work"; "the stake truck will take us up the hill to the Monastery". Funny thing, all the ME lads have to walk to work so the rest of the camp can ride—no justice, eh!

Well, folks, we are doing our best to keep everyone happy, but with the numerous breakdowns due to the dreadful condition of the Beaver Bank road, we are lucky to keep equipment rolling at all.

Any army tank wouldn't stand up after a few trips over the Mud Bank road!

Enjoying the remainder of their annual leaves, are LAC McKenna, LAC Gorman and LAC Landry.

AC1 Wells returned to duty after a spell of dishwashing out Kinsac way.

LAC Crossman is wearing a big smile now. He will soon be leaving for Spud Island on transfer to RCAF Station, Summerside. Best of luck to you at your new station.

We bid farewell to LAC Cardinal of the Fire Hall staff. Best of luck Jack. Hope you can find larger fires to conquer on civvy street.

Our section had a big shakeup this month. All driver mechs were reclassified and are now fully fledged OpMME's. Some have already written for Group II. Best of luck, fellows.

Come the end of the month, rumors of promotions will hit the streets. Boy, we hope for enough stripes in the ME section to pay for a big party!

Weekending in Cape Breton last week, LAC Gamache and LAC Latulippe both tried out the cars recently purchased. Heard that Latulippe ran into difficulty after the carburetor quit carbing — 'nuff said!

Once again its adios, until it is time to again sling the ink for the Eager Beaver of Beaver Bank.

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## PS FROM PUMP AND SEWAGE

By JOHN PUBLICOVER

Bartender — One who brings you in contact with the spirit world!

Spring arrived with a nice big snow-storm, but we are glad to have it with us — Spring I mean.

House-cleaning and painting time will soon be here — then come all the excuses to get away with the fishing pole.

Don Lively seems to be in the lumber business!

Hope we get a ride in that new car, Dave.

A certain party at the C. & E. is inventing something that will make his fish heavier and his kites lighter this season.

A bit of Irish — "Have you seen Pat lately?", a friend asked Mike. "Well,

no", said Mike. "I thought I saw him across the street the other day, so I walked over to meet him, and he came to meet me, and when we finally did meet, it was neither one of us".

We'll see you next month.

## PERSONALITY PORTRAIT No. 12

DOROTHY FISHER BABINEAU

Dorothy Fisher Babineau was born in Singapore, Malaya, to a theatrical family. Her grandfather was a pioneer of motion pictures in South Africa and her father and uncle pioneered motion pictures in the Orient.

She was taken to Japan, China and Australia before she was two and at the age of two, she was taken by her parents to South Africa.

Then back to Singapore and from the ages of six to nine she lived in Batavia on the Island of Java.

At thirteen, she returned to South Africa to complete her schooling.

She returned to Malaya when she was sixteen and remained there until she was almost twenty-two, at which time the Japanese war made living in Singapore slightly hectic! She was evacuated forcibly (by her father) on the USS WEST POINT (in peacetime, the luxury liner USS AMERICA) and went first to Ceylon where she spent a few weeks — then, unable to get a ship to California to join her Uncle Joe, she went back to South Africa.

Her fiance, David Babineau, had, in the meantime, also gone to Ceylon where he was stationed.

After spending six months in South Africa, she left for Bombay, India. From there to Bangalore, Mysore, where she and her fiance were married. Son Wayne was born in Bangalore.

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In 1944, Mrs. Babineau and family left India for Canada via the Suez Canal and the U.K. They got to London, England, the same day the Germans launched their V2 rockets — what a welcome! After spending nine weeks in London, she and her family left for Canada aboard the AQUITANIA.

Halifax was her introduction to Canada — Halifax station in wartime and in below freezing temperature! where she, her husband and Wayne boarded a train for Saskatoon, where they stayed for a few weeks.

From 1945 to 1948, they lived in Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto and Ottawa.

In 1948 when her husband went to the U.K. on course, Mrs. Babineau and Wayne went to Jamaica, B.W.I., for a year.

Upon their return, they joined W/C Babineau in Ottawa, where they remained until 1953. In 1953, daughter Julie Jo

was born in Watertown, New York State, U.S.A.

When Julie Jo was five days old, the family returned to Ottawa and when Julie Jo was three weeks old, Mrs. Babineau, Wayne and Julie flew from Montreal to Vancouver to join W/C Babineau at Abbotsford. (A perfectly lovely spot in a wonderful province, B.C.) In October the same year, the family drove across the continent to (Halifax and Beaver Bank station.

In June, 1954, the family went to Tyndall AFB, Florida, where her husband spent two months on course.

She and her husband have travelled extensively throughout the United States.

Her hobbies are — travelling, writing, collecting sea shells and stamps (her husband says she'll collect anything that is collectable!!) and reading.

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I never make the mistake of arguing with people for whose opinions I have no respect.—Gibbon.

Speech is the index of the mind.—Seneca.

Let me not pray to be sheltered from dangers, but to be fearless in facing them: Let me not beg for the stilling of my pain but for the heart to conquer it: Let me not look for allies in life's battle-field but to my own strength: Let me not crave in anxious fear to be saved but hope for the patience to win my freedom: Grant me that I may not be a coward, feeling your mercy in my success alone, but let me find the grasp of your hand in my failure.—Tagore.



## Welcome

Welcome to all the personnel who came to our station in March. Sure glad to have you and hope you are happy here.

## CE CHIPS

By ELLIE PIERRE

The first day of Spring has come and gone. 'It is nice to think of the warm spring days ahead and the opening of the fishing season on April 15th. The sportsman will be getting his fishing tackle out of winter storage to check it thoroughly, making sure it is in shape to catch the biggest fish of the season. How about it, Miles and John? Are you still wagering as to whom will get the biggest one?

It is with regret we tell of Miss Leighton's departure from the Civilian Personnel Office. Miss Leighton has been transferred to the Dockyards. I know she will be greatly missed by all of the civilian employees on the base. On behalf of all my fellow employees, I would like to express our best wishes for her happiness in her new job. We all agree that Maxine has done a remarkably fine job as Civilian Personnel Officer. She has spent much time and much overtime to make up overtime pay, regular pay, superannuation, etc. Her efforts on our behalf is very much appreciated by all of us.

Our section has been renovated with an additional room constructed for the electricians. Stores have been made more spacious.

F/O K. Wheatley returned from leave this month. It is good to have you back with us again, sir.

WO1 C. L. Grover is on 10 days leave. Hope you are enjoying your vacation, major. No doubt you are having the time of your life, playing with the skipper (little Alex Jr.)

Mr. Aulay Sim and Mr. Bill Taylor also enjoyed a few days leave this month.

We will lose one of our employees shortly. Mr. Fred Mitchell has accepted a position with the Maritime Central Airways. We will be sorry to see him go, but wish him every success in his new job.

The ball is still rolling in our section and everybody is working as industriously as ever.

More news next month.

## PERSONALITY PORTRAIT No. 13

Flying Officer J. A. Quarnstrom

John Arne Quarnstrom was born on the 23rd of June, 1922, in the Province of Skone in Sweden. He came to Canada two years later with his parents, who decided to settle in the city of Vancouver, B. C.

In 1930 the family moved to Nanaimo, B. C., on Vancouver Island, where John received his elementary and high school education. He is also a graduate of Willis Business College.

Prior to enlisting in the RCAF John worked for the Comox Log and Railway Company at Ladysmith, B. C.

He enlisted in the RCAF in April, 1942, after completing the aircrew pre-enlistment course in Vancouver.

He received his airgunner's wing at No. 3 Bombing and Gunnery School at Macdonald, Manitoba, and then proceeded to the Gunnery Instructors School at Mountain View, Ont.

On completion of the instructors course, he was posted back to Macdonald as an instructor where he remained until the end of 1944, at which time he was posted overseas.

He returned to Canada in March of 1946 and was released from the service.



John Quarnstrom was married to LAW Helen Holden-Meyer at No. 3 B. & G. on 16 June, 1944. They have two children, Judy, aged 9, born in Kitchener, Ontario, and Jackie, aged 6, born in Nanaimo, B.C.

On the 25th of February, 1953, John re-enlisted in the RCAF as a Fighter Controller and was posted to Officer School, London, Ontario, in May of the same year.

Since re-enlisting he has been stationed at St. Hubert, Quebec and 5 ADCC at Vancouver, B. C. He was transferred to Station Beaver Bank in February, 1954. His hobbies are wood-working and fishing.

## A LAUGH OR TWO

About the time you learn to make the most of life, the most of it is gone!

The cub reporter's story of the golf tournament read: "At this point the crowd lost interest in watching Mrs. Smith's long drives and hurried to watch Miss Green whose shorts were dropping on the green with amazing regularity".

## HOSPITAL NOTES

By LAW JOYCE SHIELDS

N/S Wilson is back at work after enjoying two weeks annual leave at her home in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

F/O Gordie Standing spent a week in Stadacona Hospital this month. He is now enjoying seven days sick leave.

LAC Murray Shields is back on the job again after spending two weeks in Stadacona in March.

LAC "Porky" Chomica is still a patient in hospital.

Doctor Fuller, our Medical Officer from Bedford has been holding the usual sick parades three days a week.

## FAVORITE RECIPE

Mrs. C. M. ROBINSON

### Quick Cocoa Devil's Food Cake

1½ cups sifted flour (cake)

1¼ cups white sugar

½ cup cocoa

3 teasp. baking powder

½ teasp. soda

1 teasp. salt

2/3 cup shortening

1 cup milk

1 teasp. vanilla

2 unbeaten eggs

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tom of bowl, also the spoon. Blend well with spoon. Add eggs unbeaten and beat in very thoroughly with spoon. Add remaining milk and beat with spoon until perfectly smooth. Bake in 350° oven for 35-40 minutes. Frost with 7 minute icing.

## CPO COPY

By MAXINE LEIGHTON

By the time this goes to press a few changes will have been made in this office.

Upon my transfer to the Dockyards, things here will be left in the capable hands of Miss A. J. Graves, who will temporarily take over the CPO office. Best of luck, Jean.

As this will be my last submission to the Eager Beaver (this, we regret—Ed.) I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all my fellow workers and associates for their kindness and co-operation given to me during my stay at Beaver Bank. My special thanks go to the Commanding Officer and the CAdO. It is a far cry from the days of a "maid and a million men" (more or less, when we were all located in Barrack Block No. 1.)

During the month, Miss Joan Salkus terminated her duties because of ill health. We hope she will soon be on the road to recovery and able to work once more.

The CE section is going to have the misfortune of losing Mrs. Pierre. Our office is also going to miss her as she has often stepped in to lend a helping hand during a particularly hectic period. Our best wishes Ellie, for health and happiness in the future.

## Birthdays

Happy birthday to all you March babies. Your birthstone is the Bloodstone or Aquamarine and your flower, the Daffodil.

## PERSONALITY PORTRAIT No. 14

### MAY LITTLE

May Little, formerly May Pack, was born in Huntingdon, Hunts, England and came to Halifax, N. S., at an early age.

She was educated in Halifax schools and the Maritime Business College.

On December 9, 1939, she was married in St. George's Church, Halifax, to Howard A. Little of the RCMP, who was then on loan to the RCAF for the duration of the war.

May lived in Halifax during the second world war while her husband was away on duty. In 1940, son Howard Jr. was born in Halifax.

In 1945 after her husband returned to the RCMP, the family moved to Montreal and remained there for a year.

In 1946, upon Howard's return to the RCAF, May and her family moved to Trenton, Ontario.

In 1947, they were transferred to 102 Marine Section, Dartmouth where they lived at the RCAF Station (now known as HMCS Shearwater.)

In 1950, upon transfer to RCAF Recruiting, Halifax, the family moved to Eastern Passage, Halifax County.

On December 1st, 1953, they moved to PMQ 40, RCAF Beaver Bank, where her husband is now CAdO.

Her hobbies are — knitting and going to shows.

## Personnel Visiting on TD

F/O A. Fisher from St. Margarets; S/L F. R. Sarty from ADC St. Hubert; S/L J. R. Ruel from 1 Gr. HQ (Aux) who was here for a month; F/O R. W. R. Stewart from St. Margarets and F/O Anonsen, also from St. Margarets.



## CONGRATULATIONS

To — the following, whose promotions became effective 1st April, 1955: Sgt. J. W. Dean (SP); Cpl. D. M. Duncalfe (SP); Cpl. W. G. Delaney (SP); Cpl. L. J. Reynolds (Ftr Cop); Cpl. W. J. O'Rourke (TTOP); Cpl. E. J. Ludwig (Rdr Tech (G)); Cpl. K. W. Clarke (Rdr Tech (G)); Cpl. H. J. Brown (Fire Fighter).

To — LAC Louis Robinson, who became engaged on Feb. 17 to Jacqueline Lois Whitman, of Windsor, N. S.

To — AC1 Bill Swim and AW1 Beth Watson, who announced their engagement on March 17th.

To — AW1 Joyce Berndt and Cpl. Ai Brumm of Camp Borden, on their recent engagement.

To — Mr. and Mrs. Jobie MacDonald on the birth of their baby girl, Mary Regina. She was born on the 10th of March and weighed 8 lbs. 10 ozs.

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To — Mr. and Mrs. J. Doherty, who welcomed tiny daughter Linda Marie on the 27th. Linda weighed 8 lbs. 13 ozs. at birth.

## Personnel Away on TD in March

W/C D. B. Babineau; F/O C. M. Robinson; F/O H. G. Andrews; F/O F. G. Wilson; F/L W. D. C. Hill; F/O J. H. Maxwell; F/O W. G. Standing; F/O H. C. Burrill; F/O J. A. H. Quarnstrom; F/O K. H. Wheatley; FS C. H. Hoppe; FS F. R. E. Sullivan; Sgt. J. C. Rankin; Cpl. J. A. Gaudet; LAC R. P. Gorman; LAC J. L. Thibodeau; LAC W. V. Brown; LAC E. J. Ludwig and AC1 J. R. Beaudet.

## INNER SANCTUM SECRETS

By AW1 JOYCE BERNDT

We welcome F/O Wach and F/O Ross to our section. We are glad to have you with us and hope you will be happy here.

We wish our Adj a lot of happiness in the future. Hope our futures hold the same sort of happiness!

Best of luck and happiness to Danny McLean and Phoebe, who were married on March 19th.

We all had a most enjoyable time at the St. Patrick's Dance held on March 17th. Our special guests were W/C and Mrs. Babineau, S/L and Mrs. Duncan, F/O and Mrs. Little and FS and Mrs. Hoppe. Hope you all had a good time. (We did—Ed.)

LAW Vautour has left us for a while. We will miss you Roma — don't stay away too long.

Guess who drank soda pop at the Officers' Mess Dinner on March 25th? That's Crew One for you!

F/O Andrews was away on TD this month.



LAC Carlyle and AC1 Hopper have returned from a month's leave. Nice to have you two back. Crew Six missed you both.

We welcome our Senior Controller, F/L Wallis, back from a month's leave spent in England.

Here's wishing LAC and Mrs. Pierre all the best on their new posting. Hope we see you soon again—and also, hope you'll write.

Rocky McInnes has gone home for the Easter holidays. Going to miss you around here Rocky.

The Berndt Twins have gone on a week's leave.

See you all soon.

## ORDERLY ROOM REPORT

By M. E. McMILLAN

Another month has rolled around and it is Eager Beaver time again. Now some chatter from the Orderly Room.

Two of our personnel, Cpl. Niddery and LAC Lyons, enjoyed a few days annual leave this month.

AC1 Gulbranson is still trying to get the claims out on time, while doing his own job plus the work of LAC Lyons (who was on leave).

The O.R. staff has presented Miss Wamback with the thickest volume of Webster's Dictionary that could be found in the City of Halifax. The reason for this presentation? We refer you to DRO serial No. 44 dated 3 March, pg. 2, under Part 1 Administration, para. 9, 5th word in line 4. Miss Wamback still maintains that both F/O MacMillan and Sgt. Findlay checked the DRO's.

The following dialogue was overheard recently. "Gordie, why do you put oil in your hair?" The reply was loud and strong "Why shouldn't I have oil on me—I'm packed in here like a sardine". (Could he mean the Orderly Room?)

## PERSONALITY PORTRAIT

### No. 15

#### ELDRED PIERRE

Born in Mount Albert, Ontario on 7 Dec. 1928, Eldred Pegg attended Mount Albert Public School, S.S. No. 13 and Mount Albert Continuation School. During these years Eldred, at the age of 5, was a typical child full of mischief, such as the time she hued a "railroad track" on her mother's dining room table with a four-inch spike! On another occasion, in the fall, having seen her father build a bonfire in the yard, she decided to build one of her own. This took place in her upstairs bedroom! This resulted with a six-inch hole being burnt in the carpet and the floor underneath being charred. Having three older brothers with whom she grew up, Eldred was, naturally, a tomboy; preferred playing "cops and robbers" to playing with dolls.

During high school, she participated in the usual sports such as basketball, baseball, tennis and roller skating. She was a member of the CGIT and did a lot of knitting and sewing for the Red Cross during the war years.

She completed her Junior matriculation in 1945, then completed a one-year course in business training at the Canada Business College in Toronto, where she graduated in 1946. In the business world, she has held stenographic jobs in various offices in Toronto. While employed by the Toronto City Police, she was a member of the Toronto Police Association. In September 1952, she married Edmund Pierre in Scarborough, Ont., where he was stationed with the RCAF. After her marriage Eldred resumed her business career and was employed at the Kingston Rd. and St. Clair Ave. East Branch of the Bank of Toronto in Scarborough.

While employed there, she made the acquaintance of a well-known figure in



the wrestling world, Mr. Timothy Geoghagen, known as the "Irish Strong Man."

Eldred came to RCAF Beaver Bank upon the transfer of her husband in February 1954. Her hobbies are knitting, crocheting and reading.

## HOBBY SHOP NEWS

By M. E. MACMILLAN

On February 15, one of the buildings from the contractors site was moved to a new location on the station — by the CE section.

Until eager hands, under the direction of F/O Quarnstrom and F/O Standing, starting working, the building didn't look so hot! Now, if you walk into the building, you can see our dream of a Hobby Shop becoming a reality.

It is divided into four rooms, the large main one for wood-working, two smaller rooms for leatherwork, ceramics and any

other handicraft and the fourth room will contain all the tools. We would like to thank all those who have loaned their equipment — F/O Quarnstrom, F/O Standing, WO1 Edgerton and FS Hoppe. We would also like to thank those airmen who spent so much of their off-duty hours in the Hobby Shop helping to clean it up, building shelves, etc, etc.—not to mention the civilian workers whose work is tremendously appreciated. The Hobby Shop will be officially opened very soon.

## OFFICERS' MESS NEWS

By S/L IAN DUNCAN

March — the month when ill winds blow none of us any good (is that a double negative?)

Once again we started the month with a Mess dinner, and a right good one it was, too. If you see our PMC sniffing the port it's because the first lot had a slight vinegar taste. Which female F/O jumped three feet when the VPMC shot F/O Standing for interrupting the CO's speech? All in all, it was a good evening.

At our Mess meeting on the 14th a new secretary was elected to office. F/O Wach now holds this high honor.

Saturday the 19th saw us paying homage to St. Pat.—several days late, but we had a party nevertheless. A member of our Entertainment Committee put in quite a bit of leg work, ringing doorbells the night before, but he went around too early to catch very many in their pyjamas. However, he did catch two, didn't he, sir? It was a come-as-you-were-caught-on-Friday-night party, and turned out to be a great success.

This month's departure: S/L Ruel, back to Montreal.

This month's arrivals: F/O Wach from Edgar and F/O Ross from Lac St.

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Denis. A big hello to you both. May your stay here be a pleasant one.

Back from a holiday in "Blighty" is F/L Wallis. When are we going to see your mess kit, Tom?

F/L Bradshaw is now wearing a different style corset. This one has iron stays and according to Brad, is real comfy!!

Our TV set has been installed and is proving very popular with all members of the mess. The bar stewards claim they don't mind now when they lack customers at night.

Stop Press News: Our mess dinner scheduled for April was held on the 25th to enable us to say farewell in an appropriate manner to Don Cameron and Lee Varey, both of CGE, who are leaving us at the end of the month; Don to Ottawa and Lee to Toronto, both in Upper Canada, lucky fellows. The dinner went off very well, the only complaint registered was by F/O Wilson, who found a small reptile in her soup! The hi-lite of the evening was the initiation ceremony of our new members, into the Moose-Moose degree of the Loyal Order of Eager Beavers. F/L (Rev.) Mabey, F/O Wach and F/O Ross may now consider themselves Meese (plural of moose!) in good standing. Congratulations to you.

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## SPORTS COLUMN

By LAC JOHNNY CATHCART

Here it is, April, and time for us to have our little chat with you.

Well, Canada has done it in Krefeld, Germany and Beaver Bank has done it in Halifax! The night of March 8th will be long remembered by the people here on this station — that's the night our hockey team took the hockey championship from MAC.

It was a good game to watch and the fans proved it by all the cheering.

We defeated MAC by a score of 4-2.

From the time the puck was dropped in the first period, there was nothing but skating and stick handling by our team. Young Rancourt, who has shown great talent in hockey since coming here, drove in the first goal with the assist going to Roger Bayne to put our team ahead with a 1-0 score.

About the 8 min. mark of the first period, MAC tried for a goal and were successful — thus tying the score, 1-1.

Our second goal was credited to the team's captain, none other than Don Cameron. Now we were ahead by 2-1 and the score stayed that way throughout the first period.

The second period some great hockey was played as both teams tried to hold their own positions. MAC tied the score after a few minutes of play in this period.

Mel Baker got our third goal of the game when he captured a loose puck at center ice and skated fast to the other end and slipped the puck in past MAC's goalie before anyone realized what had happened.

In the third period it was Beaver Bank all the way. It seemed that the opposing team just couldn't break through the Beaver Bank defence. Roger Bayne scored the fourth goal of the game for our team. Then arose a great cheer from our fans, followed by much hand-shaking, back-slapping and wide grins appearing on the faces of all. In the excitement the coach, Jobie MacDonald even forgot about his hand which was fractured during the evening.

All played hard and well, but in every game there are one or two outstanding players. Two who showed great skill in this particular game, were Sgt. Oscar Lavigne, who excited the crowd when he dived after the puck again and again — and Barney Gilliatt, who deserves much



praise for playing on the defence line for the whole hour. After the game, players and fans returned to base and a get-together was held in the Airmens' Lounge for the players.

Our CO, W/C Babineau, gave a short address, thanking the players for the fine spirit they showed during the hockey season. He said that the station was proud of them for bringing home the cup, especially since this is the first season that Beavercreek Station has had a team. This we can say on behalf of the players: They could not have been prouder had they brought home the Stanley Cup!

A meeting of the Sports Committee was held this month. They discussed sports events for the summer; softball was the main topic. There is much enthusiasm for inter-section teams and also for a station team. This year we hope that the Radar and Comm. sections will produce teams and enter the league, which now consists of the ME team (last year's champs who claim they will be this year's too) HQ team and three teams from Operations.

Volley ball was also discussed and it is hoped that more people will participate in this game, especially as the station is so much larger than it was last year.

See you all next month.

## RADAR RATTLINGS

By LAC G. ASTLE

Does anyone know where Joe is? "He's on TD" — "No, he's been posted" — both wrong, he's on leave!

Our section has been creating a lot of work for the SOR during the last month. LAC Ed Ludwig was away on TD, and now LAC (Jr) Jeanmarie is on TD.

Sgt. Aebig and Sgt. Dennison have just returned from short leaves, which I am sure they enjoyed.

We are happy to say that no one has left us during the month. Whoops, made a slip there. We have lost all our good men from CGE, who incidentally were sent off with a party (which everyone enjoyed. (Hic!))

Does anyone know who the section poet is? One of his poems goes something like this. Quote — Down the four rut, turn pike trail, Came the new marshal, a man who'd not fail — unquote. Sorry, I seem to have misplaced the rest of it. Maybe we'll be lucky enough to find it for the next edition.

With a sigh of relief we can now report that the March trade board is over. Best of luck to those who wrote.

You'll be hearing from us again next month.

## PERSONALITY PORTRAIT No. 16

### FLYING OFFICER W. G. STANDING

William Gordon Standing was born in Ottawa on June 23, 1921. He was educated at the public schools in Ottawa and also attended the High School of Commerce and the Ottawa Technical High School.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War II, (Feb. 2, 1940) he enlisted in the RCAF as a wireless operator (Grand) and received his training at the RCAF Wireless School, Queen Mary Road, Montreal.

Upon completion of this course he went overseas and served with the RAF, training wireless operators at 12 OTU at Benson.

From there a short posting of 3 to 4 months was spent with 400 Fighter Squadron, RCAF. During the Spring of 1943, Sgt. Gordie Standing remustered to aircrew and returned to Canada that same year to train as a bomb-aimer. Portage-



la-Prairie was the scene of his graduation in January of 1944 where he received his Bomb Aimers Wing and also his commission as a Pilot Officer.

Easter of 1944 saw Gordie returning overseas for further training. His final transfer to 415 Squadron, RCAF, came on Dec. 24, 1944.

The next three months and three days were spent on operations. In this period, he completed 29 operational trips or "raids" which constituted a tour of operations and permitted him to wear his "operational wing". In May of 1945, F/O Standing returned to Canada where he served at RCAF Station, Yarmouth, N. S., until his discharge on August 31, 1945.

Upon his return to civvy street he was employed with the Civil Service in the Canadian Hydrographic Service, later being transferred to the Post Office Department in Ottawa.

On May 7th, 1949, he married the former Helen Craig of Ottawa. They have three children, Tommy and Brian, both born in Ottawa, and Carol, who was born in Halifax.

Before his return to the RCAF F/O Standing served with the RCASC, holding the rank of 1st Lt. Later, he transferred to 2416 AC & W Sqd. (Reserve) RCAF, as a Controller.

After he had completed his training at Officers' School, London, Ont., he was posted to Chatham, then Tyndall AFB, Florida, RCAF Foymount, Ont., and finally to RCAF Beaver Bank. His hobbies are — woodworking, boat-building and badminton.

## NEWS FROM OTHER PLACES

In a letter to LAW Shields, Jean Sibley says she is very happy at Lac St. Denis. She remustered to Clk/Med and likes it. She wishes to be remembered to all her friends.

LAW Jennie Chorzempa, who is now at No. 4 Fighter Wing in Germany, writes often to LAW Shields. In a recent letter she says she is a switchboard supervisor and is also learning the German language. She is enjoying Europe and says "hi" to all her friends here.

In a letter to LAC W. V. Brown, Cpl. Nick Melnechuk reports that he is hospitalized in Trenton — he broke his shoulder while playing hockey. When he is well again he will be going on an Instructors course and when this is completed he will be an instructor in MedA School in Aylmer.

## DIESEL SMOKE

By SWEDE PHILLIPS

Well, another month has elapsed since you heard from this section.

The Power Plant is getting what you may call, a face lifting. As far as the brass and copper goes, it's an awful job but the place does look a little better. The refrigeration copper and brass is also getting the works! Danny DeWolfe is supervising this job — he has good ideas of how it should be done. (Go easy on the crocus cloth, Danny.)

Well, that new Chrysler product I told you about in the last issue, showed up. No doubt most of you have seen it by now. In case you didn't know, it's proud owner is Charles Smith (Smitty) of the Power Plant. It's a two-tone blue, a nice car and Smitty says the V-8 motor is great.

We hear through the grapevine that there is to be a big day in May. (And it isn't Sadie Hawkins day, either). When is it to be, J. E. C.?

We hear that one of our engineers is raising cats now. What breed are they Mac?

We haven't had too many people in to see our tool board yet. Those who have



been in to see it, including W/C Babineau and F/O Little, say it looks pretty sharp. As I said before, it's a job well done by all hands.

All for now — more "smoke" next month.

## FOR THE CHILDREN

### The Fish Which Has An Anti-Aircraft Gun

The archer fish is a little fish with a brilliant yellow and black-striped body. He has unusual tastes. He is not content, like most small fish, to eat the shrimp or insect larvae which swarm in the streams and ponds of Thailand and other East Indian countries where he lives.

He insists on something extra. Flying insects are his favorite food. He has an extraordinary way of bringing these delicacies within reach, since he has no way of going after them. He shoots them down with water flak.

This is the way he does it. He waits just beneath the surface of the water until a tempting morsel settles on some overhanging twig or perhaps flies overhead. Then, pushing his mouth upward, he shoots his liquid bullet straight at his quarry. Battered and wet, the insect falls into the water and is quickly swallowed.

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Here are the winners of the February coloring contest.

#### Group A—Ages 3-5

1st prize—Billy Duncan

2nd prize—Marion Wheatley

#### Group B—Ages 6-8

1st prize—Robert Bradshaw

2nd prize—Diane Wallis

#### Group C—Ages 9-12

1st prize—Helen Taylor

2nd prize—Judy Quarnstrom

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The drawing for the March contest was done by Wayne Babineau. Please

have your entries in no later than April 25 so that winners' names can be announced in the next issue of the Eager Beaver.

## EDUCATION WEEK

(March 6-12)

On the evening of March 8th from 7.30 to 9 p.m., a delightful time was spent by many parents on the station. The school principal, Mrs. I. Publicover, and teacher Mrs. H. Lively had covered the walls of both classrooms and the corridors, with the work of their pupils. Examples of writing, arithmetic, composition, geography, history, social science and art made a most effective display. Parents were very impressed.

Two movies were shown, after which Mrs. Publicover gave a talk on the school library, asking that parents encourage their children to borrow the books available, and to keep them in good condition.

F/O Burrill, chairman of the School Committee, thanked Mrs. Publicover and Mrs. Lively for the wonderful work they are doing on behalf of all our children.

## Housewives Hobbies

Mrs. L. Roche—Greeting Cards

Mrs. L. Calver — Beauty Counsellor  
Makeup

Mrs. H. Lyons—Dressmaking

Mrs. D. Maidens—Rhinestone—Jewellery

Mrs. A. Muise—Women's Hair Cutting

## PADRES' PEARLS

By REV. B. J. DAVIS, Chaplain (P)

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 1 Corinthians. 11-26.

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Although the clouds of time and space seem to separate us from the presence of



our glorious Redeemer, still, with the eye of faith we can pierce through the veil and lay hold on the hope of our everlasting resurrection. If, in one way, Jesus has gone away from us, He planned to be with us in another way. In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we have a closer infolding in the arms of His tenderness than we could have had if we had walked with Him in Galilee. We can be nearer to Jesus than was St. John when he laid his head upon the Master's breast.

In the Sacrament, He becomes, as the Prayer Book says, spiritually present with us as we are made one with Him, flooding our hearts with His presence. We cannot separate Easter from the Eucharist. The Bread that is made alive with Jesus's presence wonderfully symbolizes His coming from the grave.

As we take this bread, we become one with Him. Through us, He will go from victory to victory over selfishness in the hearts of men and women.

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### A Prayer

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest Himself to His Disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray Thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold Thee in all Thy works, through the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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On March 13th, Ruth Shirley Waddell, Barbara Edith Waddell and Debra Ann Mabel Hole were made members and received into Christ's Holy Church in Baptism.

Suffer little children to come unto me.

By REV. G. MABEY, Chaplain (RC)

In preparation for a Happy Easter, faith requires a clear choice between the good and the evil in our personal lives. This choice must of necessity be a difficult one, because we are here in this world to prove we can love God above every created gift or worldly advantage.

This choice is as hard to make as the choice of Christ, which was death itself, and that in deepest suffering. We will not understand the joy of Easter unless we can make this choice, no matter what the price. We must give up our own will in the face of obedience to the law of God as we see it. That law is made known to us by a higher authority. Following this at all cost, we can find peace at Easter.

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"May our efforts be pleasing in Thy sight, O Lord.

## PERSONALITY PORTRAIT

### No. 17

#### JOSIAH DUNCAN MACDONALD

Duncan MacDonald was born at Ingonish, N. S., in the heart of the "Moonshine Belt" of Cape Breton. This name was given to the area because of the peculiar luminosity of the moon and for other reasons, too involved to discuss at this time.

He attended school there and at Sydney, N. S. and upon leaving school obtained an excellent job as make-up man for a department store Santa Claus. However this was early Summer, so consider-



able time would elapse before the work would start. He felt another job was called for in the meantime and landed one as underground manager for a mortician.

Business was quite dead when he joined the RCAF in Oct. '41 and proceeded to Manning Pool, Toronto, Ont.

From there he went to No. 4 B & GS, Fingal, Ont., thence to London, Ont.

From London he was posted to No. 4 RD, Scoudouc, N. B. and was serving there when captured by Jean MacEwan, of Westville, N. S.

They were married in August, 1942 and still are. He was posted to Goose Bay in November, 1944 and was discharged in September, 1945 at Halifax, N. S.

Space does not permit a full account of his meteoric career which saw him rise from AC2 to LAC in only four years!

He re-enlisted in the RCAF (Reg) at Halifax in July 1945, and served at Halifax and Dartmouth until August 1951, when he was transferred to Summerside, P.E.I.

Cpl. MacDonald and family came to Beaver Bank, N. S. in November, 1953.

They have two daughters — Sandra, born at New Glasgow, N. S. on October 4, 1944, and Nancy born at Summerside, P.E.I., on March 12, 1953.

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## GROCERY STORE ITEMS

Submitted by F/O D. WACH

The past week has brought busy days to your grocery store. The customers are not alone in wishing that Pay Day would come more often with more of them.

The proprietor is looking forward to the coming weeks which will find the store located in a new building. The added space will provide a better opportunity of serving you. (more efficient methods of legal robbery!!) Certainly the new location will noticeably shorten the distance you ladies now cover with the baby carriages. There were at least a dozen of them (carriages) parked outside the store one spring-like day last week.

Latest rumor overheard in the Grocery Store: "The Beaver Bank road will be paved in 195??? or sixty???"

Mannie has taken a new slant on interior decorating. He's papering his den with \$10.00 bills. Oh, pardon me, the bills are "unpaid."

Here are the store hours: Monday through Saturday — 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

## Visitors

Mr. John Lightle visited F/O and Mrs. Howard Little for a few days in March.

## DO YOU KNOW?

Submitted by F/O D. WACH

A pound of peanuts contains 2,700 calories, the daily requirement of the average man or woman?

Rheumatism is rated as the No. 1 chronic disease in the United States?

It is only rarely that a person dreams in color.

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