

The Eager Beaver

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COMMANDING OFFICER
RCAF STN. BEAVER BANK, NOVA SCOTIA

Christmas Message from the Commanding Officer

Another year has become history and once again it is time to take stock of our progress. This time last year such items as a new recreation centre, station landscaping, an improved access road, concrete walks to PMQs and quarters, a hobby shop, and drapes for the messes were only on paper. All are now either accomplished or fast becoming a reality.

The recreation centre with its modern groceteria, snack bar, barber shop, theatre, gymnasium, bowling alleys and swimming pool is being constructed and should be completed by early spring. It will have sufficient basement space for such things as a shooting range, hobby shop and lounges. The station landscaping, although not completed, is well underway. The access road has been straightened, widened, reconstructed and gravelled and should be hard-surfaced next year. Concrete walks have been built and drapes are in all messes.

Volunteers have contributed greatly to the building of the station. We now have a very active hobby shop complete with wood-working power tools and station library. We have an interim theatre and snack bar. We have an NPF gas pump and are planning a drive-in rack for self-service of cars. Both a self-help 25-yard range and a skeet range are being built. Scouts, Cubs and Brownies are active and Girl Guides are being organized. The Women's Auxiliary has accomplished much and their meetings are faithfully supported each second week. A station Glee Club has been formed and a Variety Show is now in rehearsal.

Each of the Messes is financially sound and mess functions are improving all the time. Each mess owns its television set, piano, radio-record player, dart boards, table tennis, etc. and the Airmen's Mess, in addition, has a billiard table. The softball season was most successful and, now that the station hockey team has been able to afford some decent gloves and additional equipment, we not only have the best team in the Armed Forces League (Army and MAC) but have a well equipped one.

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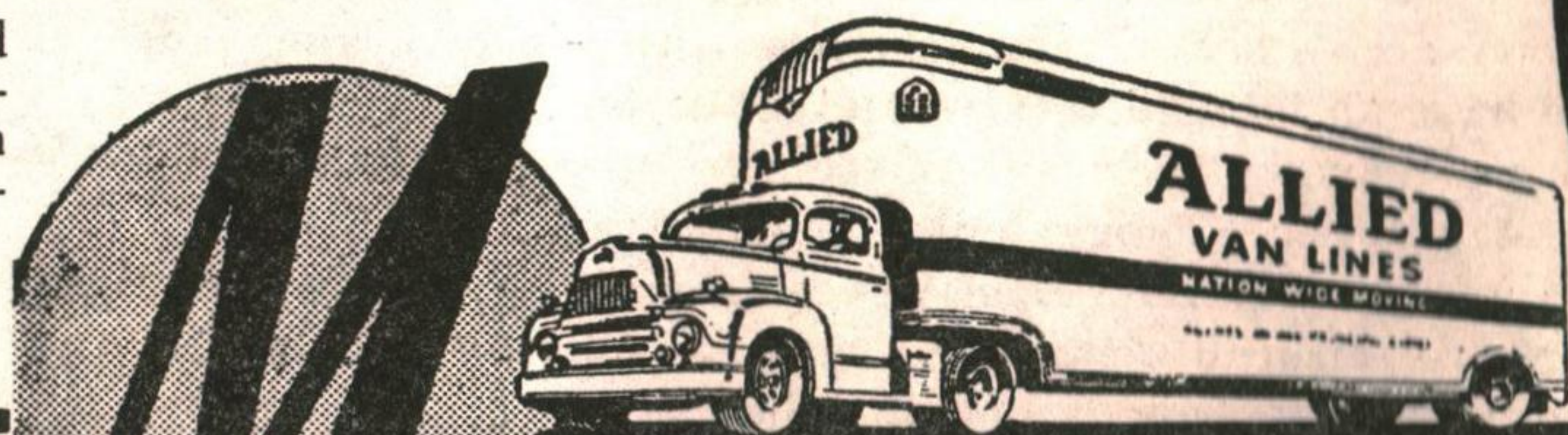
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Our future planning asks for extensive additional landscaping to provide a decent softball diamond, football area and a double tennis court. Later we hope to include through volunteers, several picnic areas.

We have accomplished much — but much remains to be done. Once again I would like to thank each one for your effort during the past year and to solicit your continued support in the future.

May you and your loved ones have a peaceful Christmas and prosperity in the coming year.

PADRE'S PEARLS

by Rev. B. J. Davis, Chaplain (Prot.)

Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? Jeremiah 2:36.

This is a question we might well ask ourselves as we make plans for these fine weekends. Change of scene does not always mean change of spirit. We can be on the move so constantly that we receive no advantage from the shifting situation. No matter how fast or how far we travel we cannot escape ourselves, or our God. In the case of Israel, its restlessness was a symptom of underlying insecurity. That nation had lost its morale because it had forsaken God and then attempted to cover up its uneasiness by trying one thing after another. Israel was a nation in flight from reality. How like them we are. We have energy but we misuse it and misdirect it. Our RECREATION is so often WRECKREATION rather than real RECREATION. Like Israel of old, we need to stop our gadding and turn to God, and the need has become more imperative to the extent that we have stepped up the momentum of modern life. We have confused change with progress.

Padre's Humor . . .

In counting the collection one Sunday, the Rector found two trouser buttons in the plate. He made reference to it the following Sunday by asking the people to **REND THEIR HEARTS AND NOT THEIR GARMENTS!**

THOUGHTS FOR YOUR SCRAP BOOK

There is often as much independence in not being led, as in not being driven. — Tyron Edwards.

If you have knowledge, let others light their candles at it. — Fuller.

Love is the hardest lesson in Christianity; but, for that reason, it should be most our care to learn it. — Penn.

APOLOGY

I wish to apologize to all EAGER BEAVER readers for the many errors which occurred in the July and September issues of our paper. This was due to very poor proof-reading by our printers. Future proof-reading will be done by

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KITCHEN KRUMBS

by Cpl. R. E. Young

Our news this month is a little brief as most of our staff are saving their leaves for the hunting season.

The kitchen staff were very sorry, as were his many friends, when they heard that Mr. Dillman had to undergo a very serious operation. We are glad to be able to report that the operation was successful and Mr. Dillman is progressing satisfactorily although he may be in hospital for some time. Best of luck, Earl.

We note that one of our staff took advantage of the dentist when he was on the station. Congrats, Bill, on your new addition!

It is nice to see Mrs. Richards back at work again after a short spell at home with a sprained ankle. Try not to do any more fancy stepping, Gwen!

Welcome to the new members of our staff, Mr. V. T. Heriault and Mr. Kermit Richards.

On Saturday, October 15, we held our first Section party which was a big success, enjoyed by one and all. All are in favor of another party around Christmas time.

In October, our staff was increased. We were joined by Sgt. T. Gudmundson, our new NCO, from No. 2 FWHQ, Gros Tenquin, France, and LAC Johnny Tremblay from Clinton, Ontario. We bid them welcome and hope they will enjoy their stay with us.

In our section, as in every other, the topic of the day is "deer" — oh pardon me — "deer". We have at least two hunters on our sta. LAC W. Rhinehart and LAC G. St. Pierre. Both chaps were successful in bagging deers while on hunting trips.

At least with the deer season here, we don't hear Lohnes complaining about his Studie. The only complaints we hear now are about his gun — but we expect, one of these days, to hear of his triumph.

Speaking of Lohnes' Studie, yours truly had the misfortune of being stuck recently. Lohnes' offers to push with his Studie and what happens? We got a little way and he runs out of gas — just when he was having a big laugh at me! Now who's laughing!!

We are happy to report that Earl Dillman is home from the hospital and doing nicely. Hurry up Earl and get better, we all miss you.

Our condolences are offered to Mrs. Dillman who recently suffered a bereavement when her brother was accidentally killed.

This is all for this month.

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AIRMEN'S MESS NEWS

by LAC John Cathcart

On Friday, September 16, a dance was held in the airmen's lounge, with music provided by Gordon Covey and his band of reknown, the "Nova Tones."

About one hundred people attended the dance which was believed to be one of the best of the year. There were refreshments, a door prize and prizes for certain dances. Intermission was at 11 p.m. and then dancing continued until 1 a.m. Our guests were the Commanding Officer, W/C Babineau and Mrs. Babineau. From all reports, this dance was a success. Another one is being planned for Hallowe'en. It will be a costume affair and should be very enjoyable.

An inter-mess dart game was held in the Mess on Friday night, September 23. The Officer's Mess was represented by F/L Hill, F/L Wallis, F/O Burril and F/O Robinson who were the guests of the Airmen. In the tournament the Airmen's mess was represented by Cpl. Basingwaite, LAC Hole, LAC (Scotty) Brown and LAC Carlyle. Incidentally, the Airmen won the tournament.

A station Bingo game was held on October 3. This was our first Bingo game of the season and was held in the Airmen's Mess.

On behalf of the Airmen's Mess, we would like to take this opportunity of saying Thank You to the personnel who have served on our entertainment committee — for all the work, time and energy they put into providing entertainment for the airmen and airwomen.

NEWS FROM PMQ'S

by May Little

F/O and Mrs. Robinson motored to Pictou in September to visit Mrs. Robinson's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Shuttleworth.

F/O Standing and family returned from a visit to their parents in Ottawa, Ont.

Mrs. Blackmore's sister, Mrs. H. Young of Sydney, N. S., visited Mr. and Mrs. Blackmore in September.

In September, F/Sgt. and Mrs. Dixon had as their guests, Mrs. Dixon's father, Mr. F. Vincent and F/Sgt. Dixon's father, Mr. F. Dixon.

On September 22, W/C Babineau made a liaison trip to RCAF station, Sydney. He was accompanied by his family. Uncle Joe showed his California film to the members and guests of Officers' Mess at Sydney.

Mr. Joe Fisher, uncle of Mrs. Babineau, left for Michigan on September 28, after spending six weeks with his family.

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W/C Babineau left for a C.O's conference in Montreal on October 1. From there he will be joining Mr. Fisher and will accompany the latter on his lecture tour throughout Michigan during October.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackmore had, as their guest in October, Mrs. Blackmore's mother Mrs. Cyril Mercer, of Sydney, N. S.

Mrs. Jean Rowden, who is staying with her daughter and son-in-law, LAC and Mrs. Douglas Poole, celebrated her 76th birthday on October 26. Happy birthday Mrs. Rowden and may you have many more.

Mrs. H. Webber underwent an operation in the Halifax Infirmary in November. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Patients in hospital during the month of October were Mrs. W. A. Bradshaw and Mrs. C. Robinson. Glad to see you both up and around again.

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OFFICER'S MESS NEWS

by S/L Ian Duncan

The weather man was kind to us on Saturday, September 10 when we had our corn and wiener boil on the property of our good friend Major Cameron RCDC. The corn was good and so was the b—r!

We entertained some of our good friends from the GOBC Filter Center at Truro on September 14. They were given a tour around the station and stayed for buffet supper. From all accounts they enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

Our mess meeting on September 15 saw the election of a new secretary, F/O McCauley — you lucky fellow.

The square dance on September 24, although not too well attended, was most enjoyable and gave us a chance to lose a few pounds through good, honest sweat; although with chili con carne (ugh!) and meat balls and spaghetti we soon regained the lost weight.

Our first mess dinner of the new season was held on Friday, October 7, and gave us the opportunity of initiating several new members into the Eager Beaver (this has nothing to do with the EAGER BEAVER! — Ed.) division of the Loyal Order of Moose - Moose. You were all good sports.

We want to welcome two new members to our mess. F/L Doug Niblett, our long-awaited SMO and F/O Bob Newman. May their stay here be a happy one.

The spooks were out in full force on October 29 for our Hallowe'en Dance. Costumes were very much in evidence and detection of various personalities was difficult. Prizes were awarded to Captain and Mrs. Bob Guay after much head-scratching by a panel of judges. The evening was a good one except for the "burnt offering" of fried chicken which was

served up for late supper — but we did have fun.

Our "Stag Night" on October 21 was quite a good thrash, with drinks going at two for the price of one for a short period. My, my, weren't there a lot of thirsty people!!

Friday, November 4 was the occasion of our second Mess dinner. We had guests from Shearwater headed by Lt/Cdr. Bradley, and Capt. Bob Guay represented the Army. So for the first time we had a tri-service representation. Numerous pranks and jokes were pulled off during the course of the evening, some of which didn't work too well — namely one pistol which went click, click, click, bang, and one air cushion which didn't make any noise at all! However, it was all in the cause of good, clean fun.

In November F/O Newman departed for the UK on his Controllers Course. F/O Atkinson took off for the deep south for a five months course — how lucky can a person get? F/O Chapman, the new Adj., arrived from the CNS in Winnipeg—hope you will be happy during your stay here. F/O Henry, the latest addition to the Operations Empire, joined us this month.

Literally hundreds of our officers seem to have been on TD, leave, etc. Since they know who they are, no further mention will be made of their exploits.

HOBBY SHOP NEWS

by LAC John Cathcart

It is time once again to stop all saws, drills, etc. and give you a bit of news from this department.

The hobby shop will soon celebrate its sixth month of operation and already it has proven to be one of the most popular places of recreation on the station. Here you can meet those you do not know and those you do know amidst informal surroundings; here you can construct some-

thing of value to yourself with your hands and in which you can take pride.

Pretty soon old man winter will be well and truly with us — may we suggest that if you find yourself at loose ends some evening, getting in the wife's way, come down to the hobby shop. (You may find yourself babysitting if you stay around the house!!)

Happy cutting until we see you. Here is this month's safety message: "Saws are for one purpose only, that of cutting wood, not fingers, etc. so be careful."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Butter and cheese may be cut easily with a thread held taut between your hands.

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FAVORITE RECIPE

by Mrs. Thelma Niblett

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1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups sifted flour

1 teasp. salt

 $\frac{1}{4}$ teasp. soda

Blend together—

 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup shortening

1 cup sugar

Cream well.

Add—

2 well beaten eggs

Combine—

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk

1 teasp. vanilla

Add alternately with dry ingredients to creamed mixture.

Place—

One-third of batter in second bowl. Add one square (1 oz.) melted chocolate and $\frac{3}{4}$ cups shelled walnuts chopped. Spread in two greased square pans.

Arrange—

nine double graham crackers over batter in pans.

Add—

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips to remaining two-thirds of batter.

Spread over graham crackers.

Bake—

In moderate oven 20-35 minutes Cut into squares when cooked.

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ACCOUNTS HI-LIGHTS

by Cpl. Duncan MacDonald

Foremost in the news at the moment is the Tenth Canada Savings Bond Campaign, which judging by the number of applications pouring into the Pay Office, is off to a good start. Although of course, no quota has been set, all personnel should invest in Canada Savings Bonds as far as the budget will allow, thus availing themselves of a very good opportunity to save money, and at the same time to combat inflationary tendencies. However, it should be pointed out that the man who writes the advertising for the bank is not the man who makes the loans.

As the football season is still on, perhaps we find a parallel between the lack of promotions on the first of October and the following story:

A football fan died and went down below. Satan took him by the hand and showed him the magnificent stadium. They sat on comfortable seats on the fifty-yard line. Then the fan was introduced to some of the most famous football stars of all time. They wore gorgeously colored uniforms and the fan expected to see the most spectacular football game ever played. "Where is the football?" he asked. "There isn't one" replied Satan sadly. "That's the hell of it!"

Sgt. Hansen, Cpl. MacDonald and Cpl. Thomas recently completed short courses in Ground Defence at Greenwood, but not at the same time. One of the instructors there, Cpl. C. . . . will be remembered not only for his interesting lectures but also for an expression he liked to use: "There are lies, d . . . n lies and statistics!" Apparently he didn't believe in statistics. That's the way it goes.

Mike Gallagher, latest addition to the Accounts Staff, went into one of the Pto-mainie Palaces in his hometown of Montreal and asked for a pastrami sandwich

on rye bread. The sandwich arrived and after a taste Mike roared for the manager. "Hey!" said Mike, "This tastes terrible, the meat is O.K. but the bread is from yesterday!" The manager answered, "So what's the matter with yesterday, it wasn't a nice day?"

George D'Arcy, of NPF Accounts, used to have a skunk for a pet when he lived in barracks. One day he absentmindedly took his pet into the Mess Hall. The Orderly Corporal said "You can't bring that skunk in here, think of the terrible odor!" "Why not?" replied George, "He can get used to it the same as I did!"

Well, on that tender note we shall close, with the following words by an unknown author:

All are architects of fate
Working in the halls of time
Some with massive deeds and great
Some with ornaments of rhyme
Nothing useless is or low
Each thing in its place is best
And what seems but idle show
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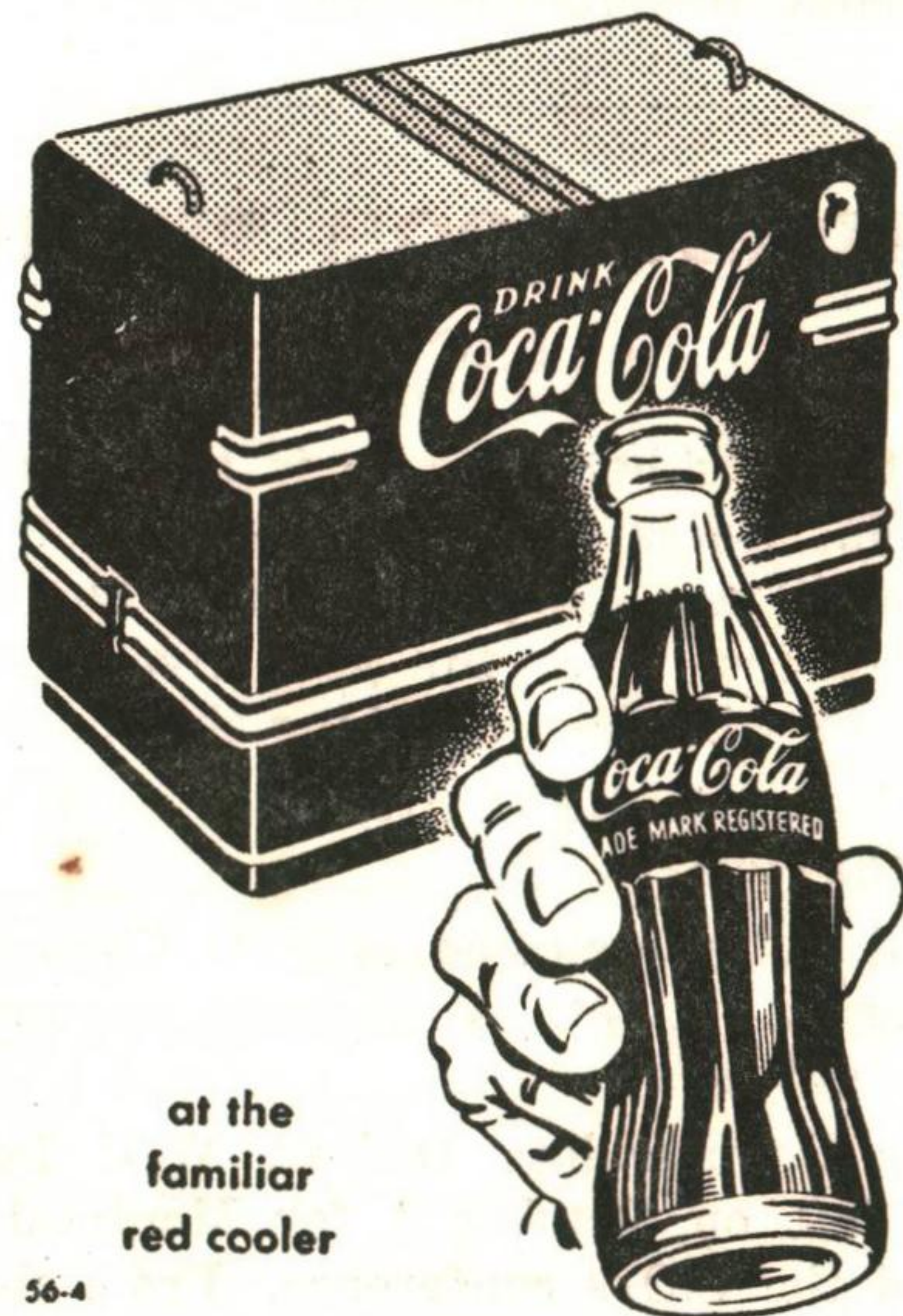
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The subject of the 1954-55 contest was "What I Like About Canada". Copies of the three prize-winning essays will soon be obtainable from the Current Affairs Officer.

Pause, refresh with ice-cold Coca-Cola



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HOSPITAL NOTES

by LAW Joyce Shields

Captain R. Guay, Dental Officer, returned to Stadacona Dental Clinic after spending one month at our Station Hospital.

F/O Fran Wilson spent three wonderful weeks leave in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

In September, the RCN Mobile X-Ray Unit spent two days here.

F/L J. E. Parent, Med/N from ADC HQ recently spent three days at the hospital on a routine staff visit.

LAC J. Gallant spent a week in Stadacona Hospital.

F/L D. H. Niblett, M.O., arrived on the Station on September 21 from Officers' School, London. He and his family left Beavercreek on October 15 for Toronto where Doctor Niblett will be on course for two months. They are expected back around the middle of December.

AW Frances Adams joined the hospital staff. She has completed her Basic Med "A" course at Aylmer, Ontario and also two months post graduate training at Rockcliffe Hospital, Ottawa.

ORDERLY ROOM REPORT

by LAC Gold

October is here and so is the Hunting Season. Guess what, gang—our NCO i/c and SWO are studying maps of the outlying areas! Run for your lives, cause this pair will shoot anything that moves!!

Welcome to LAW Stewart, one of our new ClkTyps.

And a big welcome to F/O Chapman, our new Adjutant. We thought you would never get here.

Our Commanding Officer, W/C Babinneau left on October 1 for Montreal to attend the C.O.'s conference. From there he will proceed to Michigan to join Mr.

Joe Fisher for a month's leave. During his absence, S/L Duncan took over as Acting C.O.

Our little hustler on DRO's LAW Phillips spent her leave in Vancouver — lucky gal.

Yours truly spent the long weekend looking for his lost teeth. If anyone finds an upper set I will be grateful!

Our CADO, F/O Little returned from TD to Montreal. Glad to have him back.

All for now — we'll see you in the next issue — if you are still with us.

PS FROM PUMP AND SEWAGE

by John Publicover

First of all, congratulations to Dave Davis who is now the proud father of twins. You can throw away that alarm clock now, Dave.

Needless to say, the current topic of conversation is — deer. Wives planning a weekend outing are very apt to find both husband and transportation missing!

Three mighty hunters headed for Cape Breton from our section. Hope they were all successful.

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THE TRAINING SECTION

by F/O Del Wach

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LAW "Who wants a stencil made?" Landry.

LAC "Gimme some travelling music" MacLean.

LAC "†\$%&*\$%°*†*\$" Brown.

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LAW "Ain't married life fun" Szo.

LAW "Remove that GD cube from that track" MacDonald.

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F/O "90% head-on collision" Holland.

F/O "??????" Quarnstrom.

F/L "The one and only Smiley" Wallis.

F/O "You are going on TD this week" Robinson.

F/O "Just tore a hole in the seat of my pants" Wach.

Sgt. "J. C. who has my punch" Mosher.

Cpl. "Who is posted to St. Maggie??" Young. Mad at us right now.

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Talk about confusion on the station when the postings came in! I did, and am still, going "nuts"! I have lost three faithful contributors to the Eager Beaver.

Joyce Berndt (leaving in November) who gave INNER SANCTUM SECRETS; Cpl. Ludwig (leaving in November) who gave us SCOPE DOPE; and Johnny Cathcart (leaving in January) who gave us SPORTS COLUMN, BOOKE NOOKE, HOBBY SHOP NEWS and the occasional AIRMENS MESS NEWS.

I am extremely sorry to see you people leave but hope you will be happy at your new stations. Thank you very much in-

deed for being such dependable contributors to our paper.

I would also like, at this time, on behalf of our Protestant Choir members, to say thanks again to our choir director, LAC Louis Robinson, who took such pains with the few members who did attend practice regularly. We appreciate all your help Louis and hope you will be able to form a choir at the station to which you are going.

GUARD HOUSE GAB

by Cpl. D. M. Duncalfe

Since the last issue, quite a few changes can be seen, looking at things from the Main Gate's point of view. Before long, all we will be able to see of the Administration Building will be a very small piece of the southeasterly corner. Now even the sunny side of the school is obliterated from view. Quite a change from a year ago!

A few changes have taken place in our staff too. Both Sgt. Dean and Cpl. Delaney have left for gay Paree, or anyway, that vicinity. We wish them every success at their new station.

Cpl. Henning has come to us from overseas. We welcome him and his family and hope they will all be happy here.

The early morning hours disclose brightly clad figures stealing on tip-toe past the Guardhouse, bristling with all sorts of rifles, guns and cannon!! and eyes on the lookout for the wary Buck. Somehow these same figures look quite dejected as they stagger back with beads of perspiration on their brows and their cannon dragging along behind. Everyone has the same tale — about the big one that almost ran them down! Isn't there an honest liar in the crowd?!

The entire staff here are patiently awaiting the results from the Trade Board — the suspense is killing us!

LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD

by The Training Section

There came up to the gates of RCAF Station, Beaver Bank, N. S., a poor disillusioned airman, who had travelled from distant lands, across wide open spaces — namely, Clinton, Ont. He was one of those lads who had passed through the University of 1 R&CS in what was considered by them their most valuable trade — FtrCOp, no less. At the end of the course he had been given his choice of postings. Says he, "Halifax for me, they have "taverns there." On his arrival at Halifax railroad station, he had made inquiries as to the whereabouts of his new unit. On being told that it was away out in the bush, he fainted dead away and when he revived, he found himself passing beneath the golden barrier at the entrance to our fair station.

The hour being rather late, he was issued with a blanket, thrown into a room and told to go to sleep. First thing in the morning he went to that building so appropriately named — the Mess. After inquiring, he was directed to the building in which was located the SOR. As he opened the door and boldly marched in, he was met by two scantily clad airwomen and two very loud screams. After three scarlet faces faded to a light pink, hasty apologies were made. "Sorry Mac, wrong door." He proceeded around the corner of the building, cautiously opened the door

and found himself — (whew! made it) in the SOR.

A reporting-in form — oh joy, only about ten signatures to get. Off to the hospital, where he is taken as one of the group of blood donors, and finds himself lying on a bed with his red life-giving fluid flowing away rapidly. When this error is discovered, it is too late: the blood is gone.

Signature finally obtained, our weakened airman proceeds on his way to the SWO's office, only to find that the SWO is out inspecting barracks. On to the Supply Section, where he inquires about clothing parades. The only pair of socks he hadn't lost were on his feet and had holes in both toes! "Just had one yesterday"; "And when is the next one?"; "A month from today and no casual for anyone before then."

So our friend, who is beginning to regain his strength, proceeds to the Accounts section, having decided that the sensible solution to his problem of cold feet is casual pay parade and to buy plain black socks in town (Dreamer). "No records received, you have no A43, you get no money, that's the story." The airman turns sadly away, the one bright thought in his mind being that things must be better up the hill.

Proceeding to the ME Section, he requests transport to the Ops building and here at the ME, he hears the saddest tale yet, which ends with the sentence "but you'll find that the walking isn't crowded!" Our airman starts walking.

Oh, we almost forgot — you don't know about whom we are writing. May we introduce AC2 Ambroise Ebenezer Mansell Ethelbert Doe, Jr., commonly known as Bert.

After plodding along for 37½ minutes, Bert reaches the great white building, is duly signed in and escorted to the Ops Orderly Room where he proceeds to fill in many questionnaires. Then to the Train-

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ing Section for his familiarization with local techniques.

First position in which he was 'checked out' was the canteen and coffee drinking therein. At this stage of the game, AC2 Doe was feeling quite happy. Then came the shock — he must buy coffee for all members of the training section while he is being 'checked-out' in each position in the building to the satisfaction of said section.

Being a bright young lad, Bert was cleared from the Training Section in the amazingly short time of nine days. (Regular period is three days!) After all, what is a mere outstanding loan of \$4.50.

During this time he had learned many things, all of which were completely different from what he had been taught at Clinton, and it was a very confused lad who joined the crew working the mid-night shift. Confusion reigned supreme as more changes were explained.

So, one more FtrCOp joined the ranks of confusion — oops, pardon us, Canada's first line of defence.

INNER SANCTUM SECRETS

by AW1 Joyce Berndt

We are happy to congratulate Mclean, Jones and Young who are all Corporals now. Did you get your hooks OK?

Many of our personnel went on TD this month (October). F/O Maxwell, Cpl. Young, LAW Vannorden, F/O Hill, Cpl. Roberts and AC1 Masztalerz.

Our Commanding Officer, W/C Babinneau was away from October 1 to November 4, on TD first then on leave in Michigan.

LAW Swailes has left us to be married in October. Sure hated to see her leave. Best of luck and much happiness, Bobbie.

AW1 Hamilton is getting married in November. Lots of happiness is wished for her. She thinks she may stay with us for awhile.

Acid Test:

Rastus: "Boy, how old is you'?"

Sambo: "Well, now . . . ah don't exactly know."

Rastus: "What y'all mean, yo don' know?"

Sambo: "Ahm not shoah, Ah's eitha fo' o' five."

Rastus: "Tell me boy, do girls affect you'?"

Sambo: (shaking his head) "Uh, Uh!"

Rastus: "Den yo' is fo'."

CONGRATULATIONS!

To: LAW Swailes who married Cpl. Knobby Clarke on October 22.

To: AW1 Hamilton who was wed on November 5 to Leading Seaman Robert Taylor.

SPORTS COLUMN

by LAC John Cathcart

Winter is already here. We have put the summer months behind us and look forward to what will be our main sport for the white season. Before we discuss our winter activities, we would like to recap the past ball season for those who are interested.

The recently finished ball season was the best yet, and the outlook for next year looks even better. Four teams battled for position game after game. Although there were a few arguments, the games were played with good hearts. The champions of last year, the M.E. team, were battling right to the end, when they lost out to a new entry, the Telecom section.

In the semi-finals, the Headquarters team lost out to the M.E. and the Ops teams lost out to the Telecom team. Now the M.E. has had to place a work order for a new wall; they don't like the clean spot on their old wall where the shield used to hang!!

To the loyal supporters who came to nearly all the games, we take this opportunity, on behalf of all the teams, of saying many thanks for your support. We hope you will be as loyal to the hockey team as you were to the softball teams.

We hope that before the next issue is published, we will have some information for you about your station hockey team. So far, the prospects look mighty fine. We feel that the boys who will represent Beaver Bank this year in the hockey league (we have a choice of two leagues to enter; Dartmouth and Windsor) will "bring home the bacon", as the saying goes, the way their fellow airmen did last year. Everyone who was here last year remembers the night our team brought home the cup. We were all very proud of our team.

Well fans, we see that we have gabbed enough, so will say 'bye for now and, until we see you in the next issue, will leave you with this little thought: "If you lose with a smile, then you are still considered a winner."

SYMPATHY

The station extends sympathy to LAC M. C. Eustace, whose wife, Dorothy, died on October 27.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Miles Rainforth upon the death of her father Mr. J. G. Jollimore, Jollimore Village N. S.

We all extend our sympathy to WO1 A. Grover, whose mother, Mrs. Frances Grover, passed away at Canso, N. S., on October 25.

Sincere sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Earl Dillman whose brother, Mr. George T. Bell, of Port Wallis, was fatally injured accidentally in October.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The Sea Anemone

The Sea Anemone which rivals in beauty the wild flower of the same name, is neither a plant nor a decoration.

It is a member of the animal kingdom and feeds upon tiny sea creatures which are attracted to its heavily poisoned, petal-like tentacles.

Some of these anemones are so lovely and their poisons so swift-acting, that they are used by some species of crabs to catch and kill marine life for crab food.

Coloring Contest winners for September; Group A. Ages 3-5

1st prize—Sandy Bradshaw

2nd prize—Ronald Rankin

Group B. Ages 6-8

1st prize—Brenda Robinson

2nd prize—Christine Muise

Group C. Ages 9-12

1st prize—Laurie Publicover

2nd prize—Arthur Northup

The drawing for the October-November contest was done by Wayne Babineau.

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CHORAL GROUP

A few enterprising people on the station, interested in singing, have recently formed a Choral Group. A meeting was held in the school on November 17 (Thursday) to discuss matters, with the following present: F/Sgt. F. Sullivan who was elected President; Mr. John Publicover, Vice-President; Mrs. Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mrs. I. Duncan, Mrs. D. Babineau, Mrs. T. Wallis, Mrs. L. Hole, Mrs. H. Burrill, Mrs. Val Findlay, Mrs. M. Northup, F/Sgt. Dixon, Mr. M. Rainforth, LAC Doucette and LAC A. Gold. Unfortunately, several other people interested in joining our Group were unable to attend this initial meeting. We have two pianists, Mrs. Findlay and Mrs. Merle Roche.

We are extremely fortunate to have as our director, Mr. Ralph Willis, who is skilled in the art of directing a choir. He is well-known in the Halifax area, as he has a choir in Halifax and also one in Bedford.

We are anxious to increase the membership in this Choral Group. You don't have to read music to be able to sing, the majority of us cannot read a note. All you need is the desire.

We rehearse two nights a week; Thursday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 7 p.m. Please come.

Station Party Here Success

by F/O Del Wach

The Combined Mess was the scene of a gala occasion, Tuesday, November 15 when an "across the mess" party was held for personnel departing from the station.

The party proved a huge success as all ranks conducted themselves in a manner of which they may be justly proud.

The lower lounges of the three messes were open to all ranks and liquid refreshments could be purchased from the officers and sergeants bars. Revenue from

the beer sales went into the Station Fund.

All messes were befittingly decorated with road maps, and each person posted was presented with a souvenir tag depicting an incident or trait by which he or she will long be remembered. The more fortunate wore beaver tags promoting the slogan, "I'll defend Beaver Bank".

Dancing to the tunes of the Nova Tones was held in the Airmen's Club. Prizes were given to the novelty dance winners.

In spite of the "nibblers" everybody got hungry during the course of the evening and the messing staff, well aware of the fact, served a delicious lunch of chicken and chips in the Airmen's Dining Room at midnight.

A vote of thanks is offered the committee responsible for arranging the party. They did a marvellous job and it was through their efforts that the evening was such a tremendous success.

Everyone had a wonderful time. All agreed it was a night well spent and one they will often recall with pleasure.

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