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The month of February was a very special one for several young people on our station.

Little girls officially became Brownies, little boys officially became Cubs and not-so-little boys officially became Scouts.

This month, too, on the 22nd, the late Lord Baden-Powell would have been ninety-eight years of age had he lived. His death on January 8th in 1941, was a great loss to the World in general, and to the Great Brotherhood in particular - and one which will always be keenly felt.

Scouting, both for boys and for girls (known as Guiding in this country) is wonderful preparation for adult life. Among other things, the young people learn self-reliance, team-work, first aid, road safety and safety in the home. They learn to cook, to sew, to grow things - they develop hobbies such as stamp-collecting, match-book collecting, woodcraft, and others, that sometimes carry on all through their lives.

A Scout, as he grows into adulthood, carries all his training with him. His mind is clean, his words are clean, his acts are clean and he knows his God.

Let us all, old and young, boys and girls, live by the Scout Law - here it is:

1. A Scout's honour is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.
4. A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout.
5. A Scout is courteous.
6. A Scout is a friend to animals.
7. A Scout obeys orders of his parents, patrol leader and scoutmaster without question.
8. A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties.
9. A Scout is thrifty.
10. A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

And may the Good Lord help us all to abide by it.

E D I T O R

PADRE'S PEARLS -

by Rev BJ Davis, Chaplain

If you do not wash, you have no part in Me.

There are three stages in the development of the spiritual life, described as cleansing, illumination and dedication. If "the soul of all improvement is the improvement of the soul", no-one can experience such improvement until he has been morally cleansed, spiritually enlightened and comes, often through suffering, to the point of positive action.

Our Lord, in His public ministry, led the disciples progressively into this threefold experience of spiritual growth. Now, on the eve of the crucifixion, He brought to sharp and memorable focus the teaching of years. In washing their feet, Jesus symbolized the cleansing which must precede illumination. The disciples were aware only of the outward action, and were aghast that their Master should thus serve them. Peter's impulsive remonstrance enabled Christ to reveal the inner significance of the act, that one enters into true fellowship with Him when he has been cleansed by Him. Our Lenten self-examination shows

the need for cleansing. He who sees himself as God would have him be, is never satisfied with himself as he is: In answer to every sincere prayer for help, "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean," Christ's reply is swift and completely satisfying, "I WILL, BE THOU CLEAN."

A Prayer for Lent.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

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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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ORDERLY ROOM REPORT

- by AC1 Gulbranson

This month we received the Trade Board results, so we would like to congratulate all those who passed. And to the unfortunate, good luck for this coming March 17.

We are hoping that the Adj will get back from her leave on 28th of this month. The OR staff offer her their congratulations on her promotion to Flying Officer.

As this has been a very short month, we have written a very short article. We promise a bigger and better article for March.

We leave you with this thought: Those of you who are looking for a better posting, will never find one better than the present - Good Old Beaver Bank.

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FAVORITE RECIPE - Mrs I. Duncan

Shortbread

1 cup flour
1 cup potato flour
1 cup icing sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter
A little shake of salt.

Soften butter slightly but do not allow it to become oily. Stir in sugar, salt, add the flour a little at a time. Turn onto floured board and knead lightly. Cut out in squares or rounds, prick with a fork and decorate if desired. Bake in a slow oven 325° until delicately browned.

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WELCOME

Welcome to all the personnel who arrived in February. Glad to have you. Hope you like it here.

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INNER SANCTUM SECRETS

- by AW1 JM Berndt

Best of luck to LAW Tweeten and LAW Thompson who have been transferred to Cold Lake and good luck too, to LAC Clarke who has gone to Biloxi, Mississippi.

I guess our crew chief is going to have double trouble when the Berndt twins get together!!

It seems that we can not persuade LAW O'Keefe and LAW Holberg to sign on the dotted line again.

"Who is that guy "terrible turk"
at the tower?

We are beginning to wonder
when the "bush burner" is going
to return - the girls seem to
be getting lonely.

We all like a little laugh -
Four little ink drops were
crying because their mother
was in the pen and they did
not know how long the sentence
was going to be!

Everyone had a grand time at
the Valentine Dance held in
our Mess on Feb. 19th.

A big welcome goes to all the
new FCO personnel - we hope
you enjoy being with us.

Congratulations to two members
of our section on the recent
additions to their respective
families. LAC and Mrs. Hole,
and LAC and Mrs. Rains. (See
CONGRATULATIONS for details -
Ed.)

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BIRTHDAYS

Many happy returns to all of
you who were born in February.
Your birthstone is the Ame-
thust and your flower, the
Violet.

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PS FROM PUMP AND SEWAGE

- by J. Publicover

Beer - the beverage that rises
in the Yeast and sets in the
Vest!

We have an addition to the
Pump and Sewage family. Oscar
Lively joined us this month.
We are glad to have you with
us Oscar and hope you will
like it here as much as we do.

The chief topic these days is
the weather. But no-one seems
to be doing anything about it.

Some of the brave fishermen
are beginning to tell those
fish stories again - shades
of things to come?

Here is a cute Chinese poem:

1	2
Nice night	Me say
In June	Me love
Stars shine	She coo
Big moon	Like dove
In park	Me smart
On bench	Me fast
With girl	Never let
In clinch.	Chance pass.

3	4
Get hitched	Settled down
Me say	Married life
She say	Happy man
OK	Happy wife
Wedding bell	Another night
Ring Ring	In June
Honeymoon	Stars shine
Everything.	Big moon.

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Ain't happy
No more
Carry baby
Walk floor
Wife mad
Me cuss
Life one
Big spat

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Nagging wife
Brawling brat
Realize
At last
Me too
Damn fast.

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CURRIE'S CHARIOTEERS -by AJG

Careening crazily (how else?)
over the Beaver Bank road day
in and day out provides won-
derful opportunities -- for
some the opportunity to relax,
for others the opportunity to
reduce. It seems that those
who should be reducing are re-
laxing and that those who
should be relaxing are reduc-
ing. If you have any doubts,
stop some time and take a
look at the lean and lank Miss
Wamback and Mr. Currie. Then
take a look at the robust and
rotund Miss Graves and Mrs.
McKay. Guess you're wondering
about Joan Salkus? Well, she
is the epitome (Oxford Concise
says that that's a miniature)
of what Jean Graves is striv-
ing to be -- the perfect Size
12. But the more she strives
the more of her that seems to
come alive!

The Commuters of the Currie
Chariot have had to give up

"propheteering" mainly because
they weren't so hot at it.
They'd look at the sky on the
way out in the morning and if
it were a brilliant red, they
would say that a big storm was
coming -- what did we get?
Fine weather, natch! If they
beheld a fine red sunset,
they'd say, "Don't you listen
to the weatherman. He says
we'll have a blow and some
snow -- but that sky and
the angle of the sliver of moon
in your heaven will prove him
wrong. It's going to be fine."
Can't help but wonder, can
you, where all that snow came
from the third week of Feb-
ruary -- just can't help but
wonder!

And while we're wondering --
wonder how many commuters are
treated to complete turkey
dinners as they make their
homeward journey. It's a
fact that the Currie Chariot-
eers have been seen littering
the Beaver Bank roadside with
bone dry turkey legs, empty
potato chip bags and bread
crusts. What, no tea bags?

Lest the rumor of a smooth,
all-weather, four lane, ex-
press highway die, let us
revive it. Wonder why the
C&E section hasn't thought of
a toll road -- or maybe a cor-
duroy road -- right now it's

a pothole road!

Ask Mr. Currie where the paint's gone off the rear fender -- his stock answer, "Doggone!" (Get that, Manny?)

We understand that Joan Salrus has given up ... oops, we were just going to write the word. Say, can anyone lend me a cigarette?

The other day we heard Gordie Gulbranson singing, sweet and low in a raucous tenor, "Don't sit under a Douglas Fir with anyone else but me" -- and the question came to mind, "Who's driving the old Gulbranson jalopy over the Malahat Drive these days?" Well, who is, "Cowboy"?

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PERSONALITY PORTRAIT

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Sergeant A.O. Findlay

Born in Dartmouth, NS, on 23 July 1919, Art Findlay attended Park and Hawthorn Schools and Dartmouth High. During these years, he was active in basketball and track and field sports. (Who knows, the four minute mile might have been established before 1954!) Following High School, Sgt Findlay chose a painter's

trade and was employed at the work when World War II began. On August 28, 1939, he was called to Active Service in the Canadian Army, having been a member of the non-permanent Militia since 1938. During the years '39 and '40, he saw service with the Halifax Coast Brigade, Royal Canadian Artillery, being stationed for the most part in coastal ports in the Halifax area. He also saw service in Newfoundland coast batteries and left these units to take an eight-month commercial course sponsored by the Nova Scotia Technical College which included Artillery Armament Accounting. After this, he was employed as Artillery clerk until 1944 when most coastal batteries of a fixed location were mustered to infantry corps. He proceeded overseas in 1945, and served in England, and the Continent, returning to Canada in February 1946. On deciding to remain in the Armed Forces, he transferred to the RCAF in November 1946. Since that time he has served at RCAF Station Trenton, MAC HQ (then 10 Group HQ), ADC HQ St Hubert, Quebec, until his transfer to RCAF Station Beaver Bank. In 1942 he married Valentine Lashkow in Halifax. They have one daughter, Nancy Jean who is a year old.

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ACCOUNTS HI-LITES

- by Sgt Hansen

This section regrets not having a write-up for the January edition of the Eager Beaver. Cpl MacDonald, our capable reporter was suddenly admitted to hospital, so - no write-up. This writer will endeavor to fill the gap, and hopes that you will bear with the evident inexperience.

Cpl MacDonald returned from the hospital minus a small part of himself called the appendix. He spent two weeks sick leave recovering from his operation, and is now on annual leave learning how to balance pots and pans. Cheer up, Mac, think of the experience you have gained.

LAC Chalifoux has departed for Rockcliffe to contribute to that unit's pipe band. If he is as capable with the pipes as he was with the pen, I'm sure Rockcliffe has made a wise choice.

We have two new arrivals in our section in the persons of LAC Bailey who arrived from Moise and LAC Hicks from Rockcliffe. Welcome to Beaver Bank - we trust your stay will be pleasant.

LAW Macdonald, our steno, is planning on leaving the ser-

vice in the near future, for the job of housewife. I don't know if you are wise or not Shirley; according to my wife, housekeeping is a 24-hour job.

F/L Bradshaw has again been admitted to hospital -- we hope his stay this time will be a short one. S/L Ruel from Montreal has taken over in the meantime.

Having struggled this far, I think I will sign off until the next time.

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A LAUGH OR TWO

Speaker: "I was born an Englishman, I have lived an Englishman, and I shall die an Englishman."

Voice from the back of the hall: "Mon, mon, hae ye no ambeetion?"

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Give a woman an inch and immediately she'll try to park her car in it.

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"You're the famous psychiatrist? Then, tell me, how can you stop a man eating grapes?"

"I see no harm in that."

"Off the wallpaper?"

Some people are descended from a long line their mothers once listened to.

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OFFICERS' MESS NEWS

- by S/L IG Duncan

Let me see, now, what did happen this month?

The mess dinner on February 4 went off without a hitch although some of our wives were not too happy when we used the week-end show as part of our entertainment. The rest of the entertainment was provided by a bunch of liars playing a curious game called "Liar Dice" - most of them seemed to have, and I quote, "honest faces!"

Election of officers came up on the 16th with the following results:

PMC	- F/O Atkinson
VPMC	- F/O Laurin
Bar Officer	- F/O Standing
Entertainment	- F/O Wilson

These lucky people are now in for a six-month term; of office, that is!

We sure picked a grim night for our dance on Feb. 18th; rain, slush, poor roads - with the result that our attendance from off the station suffered. However, we who did attend had fun and enjoyed ourselves.

This month's departures: F/O Hazel Needham to Uplands, Mr. G. Munro back to Halifax and Maritime Tel.

Arrivals: Mr. F. Bourgeois, Wire Chief, and S/L JR Ruel, Accounts.

In hospital again is F/L A. Bradshaw. Brad has now shed his plaster corset and feels several pounds lighter.

Just had some good news from the PMC. The Mess is going to invest in a TV set - 24 inch Admiral. This will be good news for the living-in members and those peasants among us who haven't as yet purchased a set.

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SUPPLY SECTION NEWS

- by J. Salkus

The close of last week brought the opening of our newly set up Clothing Stores. The boys did a good job. Keep it up, fellows.

Congratulations to Jim MacDonald and Don Waddell on doing so well on their recent Trade tests.

We all want to welcome Ed Doucette to our section. Before going to the "Stad" hospital, he was with Electronic Stores. Hope you will like it here with us Ed. Ed is taking over Stock Record Cards and Jim MacDonald will be handling clothing.

A certain corporal in our section doesn't seem to go home much these days since he found interests in the Halifax district!

Stocktaking is keeping everybody on the hop these days.

Are those seams straight yet, Joan?

Well, other than the facts already mentioned, work goes on the same as ever at a steady pace.

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M.E. EXHAUST - by LAC Gioia

Another month has come and gone and a few more springs and shocks have been broken. There is little to report from our section, but here it is.

Bob Gorman and Leo Thibodeau went to Chatham on TD in Feb, with our bus.

Sgt Rankin went on a Ground Defence Course.

LAC Gamache is on leave in Montreal. Wonder if he misses Beaver Bank? Hope he enjoys his leave.

We have two newcomers to our section - LAC Rouse, ME Tech, and LAC Bent, OPMME. We hope

you will be happy here, boys.

That's all the exhaust for now.

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ALARMS FROM THE FIRE HALL

- by LAC WV Brown

Not much has happened since last month - nevertheless here it is.

Cpl Gaudet has traded his car for a '50 Pontiac.

Yours truly is leaving for Lachine, PQ, on TD for three weeks. Sure will be nice to see the big city again. Montreal is going to be quite a change after Beaver Bank.

LAC Cardinal who has been with us for quite a while is taking his discharge from the RCAF, to return to civilian life. Jack plans to return to his native Montreal to try his hand at a new job. Best of luck, Jack, and we hope all your wishes come true.

LAC Brown, our new man from Sydney, is still looking for a house to rent. If any of our readers know of one, won't you please give us a call at the Fire Hall? Thanks.

Cpl Gaudet went to Truro this

month on TD for a few days.
Seems this section is going TD
crazy these days!

That's all for now.

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GROCERY STORE ITEMS

- by M. Lively

Nothing right as usual in the
Grocery store (except the
customer). "Prices too high",
"meat too tough", "bread too
stale", "why can't you put
your prices in line with
Sobey's", "Boy, you sure are
making money", "Bet you never
had it so good"; -- these are
a few of the remarks overheard
daily in the store.

Business is about as usual.
Sales vary with the weather
and the road conditions. The
business turnover, in my opin-
ion, does not warrant many
special prices. The greater
the sales, the more variety
can be carried and at a lower
price. So -- the more cus-
tomers, the better the business
on both sides.

Undoubtedly many changes could
be made to the advantage of
my customers -- here is a step
in the right direction. F/O
Wheatley tells me that in the
near future the store will be
located near the PMQ's (no

hill to climb) and might even
include a snack bar.

At this time I would like to
say "Thank you" to all the
people of PMQ's and to the Air-
men and Airwomen who are living-
in, for the business you bring
to the store. Keep coming,
won't you?

To those interested in the
"March of Dimes" Polio Cam-
paign -- \$22.00 was realized
in the Beaver Bank district.
\$3.95 was left in the can at
the store. A big "Thank you"
to all who so kindly donated
to this world-wide worthy
cause.

The people of Beaver Bank very
much appreciate the great job
being done by the boys of the
ME section, in keeping the
Beaver Bank trail clear. Many,
many thanks.

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SPECIAL

- submitted by LAC Brown

CHURCHILL

In the centre of the village
In the wigwam of the wise ones
Where the head men of the Nation
Come to talk in solemn council,
Squats the old Chief,
Winnihaha;
Also known as Sitting Bulldog;

Squats and issues his in-
structions
To the lesser Chiefs around
him;
And the smoke curls gently
upwards;
Upwards from his third Havana,
As he dishes out his orders
To the head men and the wise
ones.

First he speaks to Handsome
Pinstripe,
He who quietens all the
quarrels
Of the tribes in foreign
countries
Pouring oil on troubled waters.
Some there are with minds that
wander
From the purpose of the pow-
wow;
Minds that wonder will he
give us
Just an inkling of the future
Of the date of his retirement?

Winnihaha does not tell them,
Sitting Bulldog keeps his
secret
Once again a pow-wow closes
With the question still un-
answered
"Got a match?" asks Winnihaha,
As the last one leaves the
wigwam,
And he lights his fifth Havana
And the smoke curls gently
upwards
In No. 10 Wigwam street.

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RADAR SECTION NEWS

- by F/O Atkinson

The submission from this section was late last month, so we are combining two months news in this article.

The telecom section is now divided into two separate sections -- Radar and Communications. With the arrival, a short time ago, of F/O Laurin, the communications part of telecom has been turned over to him with all the blessings of F/O Atkinson, who is now denoted as Radar Officer.

In the early days of the Radar section, all the maintenance was handled by CGE personnel, but now that we are getting a few technicians in, the maintenance is slowly being taken over by RCAF personnel. We are still suffering from growing pains, but we hope to have things under way by the time CGE pull out around the end of March.

Congratulations to Sgt Dennison, LAC Ludwig, LAC Clark, LAC Bard, and LAC MacDonald, all of whom passed their last trade board exams. This incidentally, represents 100 percent passes for the radar section. Keep up the good work!

LAC Clark was selected for a

GCA course, and left for Biloxi, Miss. a short time ago.

LAC Watsyk, LAC Sametz and LAC McKinnon are expecting to leave shortly for England, to take a course which will prepare them for work on equipment currently being used in Europe. Good luck to all of you on your new positions.

Rumors have it that LAC Smith is planning matrimony in April. Who is the lucky girl, Smitty?

Sgt Aebig is at St. Marie on the 6B course. Around the end of March he expects to be back with us, bulging at the seams with knowledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cameron were blessed with twins in January. (See Jan. issue for details - Ed.) Mother and babies are doing fine. Can't say much for Pop - he seems to be pretty tired!

Wol and Mrs. Edgerton now have a baby boy. (See CONGRATULATIONS for details). The old man doesn't seem to get much sleep these nights - problems?

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To keep baked potatoes hot, wrap them in aluminum foil but be sure to punch a few holes

in the top, so the potatoes can breathe.

To make a rag book for a child, stitch together six or eight nursery rhyme handkerchiefs. They are so easily washed, and can't be torn.

Cut out animals in thin, white cardboard and paint them with phosphorescent paint. Then stick them on the walls in the children's bedroom.

Hair brushes and combs should be cleaned by washing them in water to which a small quantity of ammonia has been added.

Slivers of onion, celery and green pepper added to canned baked beans give pleasant texture contrast.

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CE CHIPS

- by Mrs. E. Pierre

Christmas and New Year have come and gone, Cupid has had his day, but Old Man Winter remains in full force, giving us a tough battle against the lusty winds, ice and snow. The bulldozer, and snowblower have been industriously used to combat the heavy snowfalls.

F/O Wheatley is away on annual leave. We sincerely wish you an enjoyable vacation.

We wish to welcome Alfie MacInnes to our little domain. Alfie was employed in the Central Heating Plant with Hank Webber. Hope you enjoy working with us, Alfie.

Eric Dillman and Allen Kennedy who were employed with us, have now completed their work. It was a pleasure to have you both with us for a while.

Our section is being renovated. Our C&E Stores will be more spacious, although it involves extra work for Bill Taylor who has to rearrange all stock, etc.

The chief topic of conversation recently has been hockey, and more hockey! Coach Jobbie MacDonald has an advantage over most of us, as he knows hockey inside out. How is the eye Barney? The flyboys from Windsor show great competition. I must say, tho', we do have a number of enthusiastic supporters of the station team, in our section. Many of them have been to the games, cheering the team on.

How many glasses of buttermilk in one quart, Miles? It is a very appetizing beverage tho' and good for what ails you.

The fishing season must be on its way in. It has become

the main topic of discussion between two chaps in this section. Any bets being made John? Who will get the biggest fish this year, Miles?

More news next month.

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FOR THE CHILDREN

Champion Glider

The man of war, or frigate, bird, is a genuine feathered airplane. Without moving its wings for hours at a time, it floats high in the air, ascending in spirals or drifting lazily along, directing its easy flight by changes of the angle of its "planes" so slightly that any such effort is not apparent. The bird is very impressive by reason of its size and the enormous stretch of its wings which measure $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet across. When a flock of thousands of individual birds soar on motionless pinions, they look like an aerial army of invasion. At sundown, they roost in bushes or mangrove swamps but their weak and clumsy feet make it difficult for them to take off from anything except a high place. It is strictly a tropical bird, seldom seen farther

north than the coasts of Florida and Southern California.

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Here are the winners of the January coloring contest.

Group A - Ages 3 - 5

1st prize - Marian Wheatley

2nd prize - Sandy Bradshaw

Group B - Ages 6 - 8

1st prize - Diane Wallis

2nd prize - Frances Burrill

Group C - Ages 9 - 12

1st prize - Murray Rainforth

2nd prize - Judy Quarnstrom

The drawing for the February contest was done by Wayne Babineau. Please have your entries in no later than March 25, so that winners' names can be announced in the next issue of the Eager Beaver.

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CPO COPY

- by AJG

You civilians must be finding it pretty hard to locate me these days, buried as I am under seasonal returns. I managed to get my head up long enough to sign on ghost writer to get out this month's copy.

Abe Lincoln said that "a man is just as happy as he purports to be" - and one of the happiest men around the Admin Bldg is "Nick" Singer. His pet hobby seems to be driving people out of their offices while he spreads on the wax. It's strange how many people in the world are only happy when they are pushing somebody else around - but that's NOT "Nick". Even when you meet him outdoors moving snow from one drift to another, he has a cheerful grin for you.

We heard a good story the other day - it has us wondering when Marion Wamback is going to take her first "dip" this year. A year or so back she went in pretty early - ski suit and all! Did you ever see anything funnier than ski pants ballooned out with water? Or, for that matter, a blanket-draped figure a-shiverin' and a-shakin' as she tries to dry her clothes over a bonfire?

"Flew Bugs" (that's RCAF jargon for 'flu germs) carried out a successful bombing attack on the civilian personnel lately. The Admin Bldg still reeks of Oil of Eucalyptus, but all who were stricken are now back on the job.

If you are in Halifax some Monday or Thursday and see a familiar face and think it is

Some airwoman in summer uniform, it will only be CWAC Graves on her way to parade. She was transferred recently from the 60th LAA Regt RCA, Brockville, to 101 Manning Depot, Halifax. (She's not a traitor to the cause, really - just "too old". She did train unofficially with 2400 Sqn RCAF in Toronto for a while, but when the WD's were reorganized, the crows' feet added weight to the theory that she was just "too old").

We thought one morning that we had come face to face with the "Padre's Pearls". - It was Ellie Pierre, looking pert and pretty with her new smile and attractive hairdo.

Say, can the ghost writer come up for a while? I just want to put in a word or two of appreciation for all the midnight oil Miss Maxine Leighton burns on behalf of us civilian employees. This is to let you know, Maxine, that we think you are doing a swell job. Thanks very much.

We were glad to hear that Isabelle McKay's husband, Phil, is well enough to be back at work. Isabelle had a long worrisome siege after Phil's recent appendectomy with its accompanying complications. As a matter of fact, Joan Salkus reports that she was nearly "bowled over" when she saw Phil

at the bowling allies the other night.

Our thanks to the Sgts Mess for their kind invitation to attend their Valentine Party. Those of us who were able to be there had a wonderful time. Those of us who were not, have a touch of the green-eyed monster in our eyes.

Say, how about that! Menus in the Mess! Mrs. Dillman, who dishes out dinners, was away for a while with an infected hand. Miss McKay has recovered from her bout with the sick bed.

Charlie Smith tells us, with a sharp rap of the salt shaker on the table for emphasis, that he DOES NOT go over to "the Island" to see Don Messer. Never mind, Charlie, there are two points per year accruing toward the awarding of a PMQ!

We'll leave you with "the top of the mornin' to you" -- and the rest of the day to the man of the month, BLARNEY Gilliatt, the only man with a name to suit the approaching seventeenth of Ireland!

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AIR FORCE SLANG

- submitted by S/L IG Duncan

(With apologies to S/L CH Ward Jackson, whose book "It's a

Piece of Cake" furnished most of the items for the following article.)

This is respectfully dedicated to all types who at various times have been "browned, brassed or cheesed off". The glossary consists entirely of WW II slang (mostly RAF) presented in the hope that the interest of you, the reader, will be stimulated to the extent of contributing up-to-date items to add to this list. (As there are so many items in this glossary, it is necessary that it be divided. Thus, each month, seven items will be listed. - Ed.)

- ACEY DEUCY - Airman Second Class
- ADRIFT - Absent without leave, i.e. AC1 Jones is adrift
- ANNIE, OLD ANNIE - The AVRO "Anson" aircraft, sometimes called "Old Faithful".
- AVIATE, TO - To fly, to fly flashily, or to show off when flying.
- BEAU - The Bristol "Beaufighter" aircraft.
- BEAUT - A beauty, or anything first class.
- BEETLE-JUICE - Betelgeuse, a star in the

quadrilateral formed by Procyon, Sirius and Rigel -- all navigators will remember this nickname.

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MEDICAL NOTES

- by LAW Joyce Shields

A new member has been added to the hospital staff, Corporal Bennie Benedict. He recently returned from two years' duty overseas. We hope you will enjoy your stay with us.

F/O Hazel Needham has left us. She has gone to RCAF Station, Uplands, Ontario.

We had quite a few patients in Stadacona this month. LAC Chomica, LAC Doucette, LAW Phyllis Fryer, And Corporal Duncan MacDonald went in with an emergency appendectomy. F/L Bradshaw has returned to "Stad" -- hope that operation is not necessary.

The Blackmore family had a case of chickenpox in their home in February.

Mrs. H. Lyons underwent a spinal operation this month. Mrs. D. MacDonald underwent an emergency appendectomy in Feb.

W/C Babineau, Mrs Babineau and small daughter, Julie-Jo, did battle with the 'flu germ this month. Mrs. Babineau also suffered a back injury.

Mrs. Coolen was in hospital for a few days during February.

F/O Fran Wilson is happy with her new surroundings, now that she has conquered her inventory. Soon we start counting pills, taking stock in the pharmacy.

Dawn, 5-year-old daughter of LAC and Mrs. MacKenzie, spent a few days this month in the Children's Hospital.

Sgt O'Leary, Hygiene Assistant from ADC HQ, spent a day here in February.

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THOUGHTS FOR YOUR SCRAPBOOK

The best mirror is an old friend - George Herbert.

He who gives quickly gives twice - Cervantes.

I owe all my success in life to having been always a quarter of an hour beforehand. - Lord Nelson.

Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry. - Mark Twain.

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SPORTS COLUMN

- by LAC John Cathcart

Hi there - once again we meet, and it gives us great pleasure to chart with you, through the medium of our station paper.

In the sport world of our station there is not much news except that the station team is still in the league. At present, our team is waiting for a replay with 101 Com. Flt. from Dartmouth in a sudden death game to decide the semi-final winners.

On Feb 8, both teams met at the Shirley Street Arena in a game which resulted in a 1-1 tie. Up until the Third period, the Flt boys had a 1-0 lead over our team. Then, coach "Jobbie" MacDonald decided that it was time for some action. This he got when A. Melvin went in to score -- this brought it to the 1-1 tie. An exhibition game was played on Tuesday Feb 15 between our team and the Intermediates of Windsor in the Windsor Arena. Although our team lost, there was some spectacular play on the part of both teams. One misunderstanding occurred which was soon settled. Three penalties were passed out, two of which went to the Windsor team.

On Monday, Feb 28, our team will face the 101 Com.Flt. in

their rematch game. If Beaver Bank is victorious, it will be meeting one of the teams from MAC.

A good time was had by one and all who attended the Valentine dance that was held in the Airmens' lounge on Saturday, Feb. 19. Music was supplied by a four-piece orchestra called the "Scotians". Good, too.

Out of town guests were five post-graduate nurses from the Dartmouth hospital -- they obviously enjoyed themselves. Coffee, sandwiches, cheese, pickles and fancy cookies were served during intermission -- delicious!

Another dance is being planned for the 17th of March, to celebrate the Irishmen's Day (we understand there are many here - Irishment, that is.) Let's have a good turnout at this dance, eh?

We hope you enjoyed this little chat as much as we did.

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COMM CHATTER

- by Porter and Shields

Welcome to the first of our columns. We hope this will be a monthly feature, and that you will enjoy reading it as much as we enjoy writing it.

We would like to say "Hi" to F/O Laurin, LAC Cain, LAC Pelletier and AC1 Bergeron. They are the most recent additions to the Telecom Empire. Glad to have you with us.

AC1 Hoban returned from his "thirty" this month. Hope you had a good time. Good to have you back, even though you have to go on the bar.

LAC Tommy Andrews was last seen heading West for his annual leave. Winnipeg had better look out!

Cpl Buffington is also on leave. He had seven days left, so decided to use them before the end of the leave year. Congratulations on the birth of your baby boy. (See CONGRATULATIONS for details - Ed) All the best to you in your future role as father.

Who is the only man in the Comm Section who has to try at least two keys to get into the Transmitter or Receiver or Receiver sites - and does this continually!

Speaking of strange doings by section members, anyone wishing to have their fortunes told, please contact LAC Smith, Swami, Go. 3. We've also heard that Smitty has given up drinking water lately, as it has some unexpected re-

sults. True or false?

A certain WO in the section is reported to have offered a party a ride down from Ops one evening at five, and when he arrived at the door muttered, "Darn it, forgot my car at home". Wonder who he could be?

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OFF THE BASE

Many personnel were away this month, among them being: W/C Babineau and F/L Wallis, who were at Chatham; and F/S Sullivan, F/S Hoppe, Sgt Rankin, and AC1 Beaudet who were on the Ground Defence Course at Chatham.

F/O Standing and F/O Wheatley were at St. Hubert.

F/O Maxwell, F/O Burrill and F/O Quarnstrom were at St. Margarets.

LAC Thibodeau and LAC Gorman were in Moncton.

Those who took leave in February included the following: F/L Wallis, F/O Andrews, F/O Robinson, F/O Roche, F/O Wheatley, Cpl Benedict, Sgt Gregoire, Sgt Taylor, Sgt Waite, Cpl Dean, LAC H. Brown, AC1 Burns, LAC Carlyle, AC2 Cote, LAC Gamache, AC1 Hoban, AC1 Mader, LAC Muisse, Cpl Mac-

Donald, AC1 Newhook, AC1 Smith, and LAW Vautour. LAC Vere-Holloway and A/Cpl Chorzempa left on the 27th on their Overseas postings.

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DIESEL SMOKE

- by Swede Phillips

Last week we lost one of our Engineers, Mr. F.J. "Boots" Boutilier. He has been transferred to the Central Heating Plant. He will be missed up here, especially when there is any painting to be done. (He is handy with the brush). But our loss is the Central Heating Plant's gain.

We now have our tool board and bench finished. If you people would like to see what a "good" tool board looks like, come up and see ours. Everyone put a lot of work into it and it really looks fine.

A member of the Phillip's family was on the sick list this month. Mrs. Hazel Phillips underwent surgery on Feb. 19. She felt pretty rugged for a couple of days, but is progressing nicely now. Should be home by the 1st of March, (I hope).

That's about all for now, except that we hear somebody will soon be sporting another new Chrysler Product, V.8,

power-flite and all!

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

At the first WA meeting in February, new Executive officers were elected. They are:

President - Mrs. I. Duncan
Vice-Pres. - Mrs. A. Muise
Secretary - Mrs. L. Thibodeau
Treasurer - Mrs. F. Cameron

Beautiful baby blankets continue to be presented to all new babies. Dependents who spend more than 3 days in hospital or who are seriously ill at home are presented with a rose bowl, complete with flower.

The money to pay for the above has come from somewhere - the load is being carried by the twenty-five members who attend WA meetings regularly. That's right, only about twenty-five wives out of a possible sixty-five. Astonishing, isn't it?

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PERSONALITY PORTRAIT #11

Flying Officer G.L. Calver

F/O Lorne Calver was born in God's Country (Lipton, Sask.) in 1915. He attended Regina

Normal from 1934-35 and joined the RCAF in Ottawa in May 1938. He attended a Supply Course at Station Trenton and was transferred to Winnipeg, where he renewed his acquaintance with Gwen May Aitken of Dysart, Sask. After a sharp, fierce struggle, he was led to the altar in June 1940.

He was transferred to Calgary in 1942 where daughter Gail Anne arrived. Then, in 1946 he was transferred to Vancouver where daughter Joyce Lynne was born.

A short tour to Edmonton, and back to Vancouver (a dark climate) for another year. Transferred to 6 RD Trenton for a 3-year period and thence to Ottawa in January 1953 where he was commissioned from WO1 in January 1954.

On completion of Officers' course at London, Ontario, he was transferred to his present position at Station Beaver Bank.

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SCOUT AND CUB NEWS

- by G. Astle

On 21st of February, the big day came for three of our members when they were invested into our great brotherhood. They were Norman Lyons, Murray Rainforth and Wayne Babineau. Hope you can live up to the promises you made, boys.

We are glad to have George Levy and John Richards as new members of our troop. I am sure you both will try your best to pass the tests as soon as possible so that you can be invested.

We were invited to a supper on the 25th of February which was organized by Cubmaster Dennison and the Group Committee. There were approximately 40 people present. Grace was said by the RC Padre, Father Mabey. A toast was given to the Queen by Cub Ronnie Rankin and one given by Scout Wayne Babineau to the memory of Lord Baden-Powell. Speeches were made by Akela Dennison and S/L Duncan, Group Committee Chairman. Padre Davis who has been a Scout since 1907 gave a short talk on scouting which was most interesting. Mr. F.A. Lane, the Assistant Provincial Commissioner was present. His speech, too, was very interesting as he has been a Scout almost as long as Padre Davis.

A few, well-chosen words on the many benefits of cubbing and scouting were spoken by the Commanding Officer.

The supper was followed by a Cub investiture, at which time Mr. Lane presented the new-coming boys with their Leaping Wolf badges:

Donald Northup, Arthur Northup, Robert Northup, Douglas Hill, Douglas Blackmore, Robert Bradshaw, Arnold Rainforth, Michael Muise and Donald Crossman. Jimmy Rankin and Jimmy Ireland became Sixers, and John Doucette and Gary Lewis became Seconders.

To close the evening, we had a camp fire around which the boys, their fathers and mothers (the WA ladies) sang some scouting songs.

We wish to thank the following members of the WA for the fine job they did in decorating the tables and of serving the supper: Mrs. Little, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Calver, Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Rainforth, Mrs. Blackmore, Mrs. Muise, Mrs. Cameron, and Mrs. Quarnstrom.

Special thanks go to Cpl Jarrett for the baked beans and scalloped potatoes and to all those who so generously donated the bread, cakes, cookies, beverages, etc., etc.

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SYMPATHY

The station extends sympathy to LAC and Mrs. Muise and family, on the death of Mrs. Muise's father, Mr. William Payne, on February 22, at the Sunnybrook

Hospital in Toronto.

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CONGRATULATIONS

- by Mrs. May Little

To - W01 and Mrs. Edgerton on the arrival at their home of a son, William Leonard. He was born on December 11, 1954, and weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs.

To - LAC and Mrs. Rhinehart on the birth of a daughter on February 6th; Barbara Gail weighed 6 lbs. 7 ozs.

To - LAC and Mrs. L. Hole whose daughter Deobrah Ann Mabel was born on February 12th. Her weight was 5 lbs. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.

To - Cpl and Mrs. Buffington who welcomed a son on February 21st. Lyle James weighed 8 lbs. 9 ozs.

To - Cpl and Mrs. Rains who have added daughter Debra Lynn to their family. She was born on January 28th and weighed 5 lbs. 15 ozs.

To - F/O MacMillan on her promotion.

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RADAR RATTLINGS

- by LAC G. Astle

The talk around the section these days points to the 17th of Ireland, when five of us will be writing the trade exam. Hope we all have the luck of the Irish!

We wish to welcome LAC "Junior" Jeanmarie to our section. Hope you like the place, Jr.

Our section would like to offer best wishes to Sylvia Harding and Al McKinnon who recently became engaged.

We will regret seeing the CGE people leaving at the end of March. Thanks for all the help boys, and the best of luck at T.O.

Here are a few terms which you may have heard us using without knowing their meanings:

Technician	- Resident of Texas
6N7	- Thirteen
Yogi	- Hindu holy man
Transistor	- Female having no fixed home, wandering from place to place.
Pentode	- A convict frog
Ohm	- An h'Englishman's castle
Ham	- The trailing edge of an uncouth animal.

Amplifier- A device for taking noise and making it louder.

Kilocycle- A dangerous two wheel vehicle.

Engineer - A locomotive driver who owns a TV set.

See you all next month.

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BOOKE NOOKE

- by LAG Cathcart

Once again we open the door to the enjoyment and happiness contained in books. We enjoy letting our readers know just what we have in the Booke Nooke. Someone said, and this can not be denied, "Books are the most remarkable creation of men. Nothing else he builds ever lasts."

Our reviews this month are on **PRIVATE KELLY** by Frank Kelly, and **JOHN A. MACDONALD** by Donald Creighton.

PRIVATE KELLY -- In 1944, Private Kelly was dropped at Arnheim. He spent the remainder of the war in Stalag 4B until its liberation by the Russians in April 1945. Then, without warning, while living in Leipzig, he was arrested as a spy by the Russians, interrogated "under pressure", and just as suddenly, released. Kelly re-

turned to Leipzig, only to be re-arrested. For ten days he was held in physical and mental distress, bewildered by a false charge of espionage and terrified of being sent to Siberia. Then began a series of moves from prison to prison, brutal interrogation, alternating with solitary confinement, until Kelly, still protesting his innocence was condemned to ten years imprisonment in Vladimir, called with good reason, "the prison of lost men." Here Kelly found himself among Lat's, Russians, Yugoslavs and even a handful of Japanese. His fellow prisoners included statesmen, bishops, doctors and lawyers. In time, Kelly struck up firm, if oddly asserted friendships, and, in the surroundings of the grim Russian jail, discovered entirely new worlds of thought and culture. Frank Kelly's sudden and dramatic release made the headlines in 1953. Here is his own story of what lay behind those headlines. A detailed account of those incredible years that began with a parachute jump over Arnheim and ended with an emaciated and emotionally-prostrate man discovering himself to be a world sensation.

JOHN A. MACDONALD -- To Canadians too long undernourished on formal and dull Canadian

biographies, Donald Creighton's JOHN A. MACDONALD can only be an exciting shock. It begins in Kingston, Upper Canada, in 1820 and ends in Ottawa, the still primitive capital of the newly-created Dominion of Canada, on the evening of July 1st, 1867 -- Confederation Day. Within these years lay the Rebellions of 1837-38, the birth of responsible government and the endless growing pains and complexities in the early stages of a nation acquiring great form. Step by step with the country went John A. MacDonald. His youthful talents, amiability and casual competence plus a gift for seeing always with a clear and amused eye, develop as we watch, until they come together fully matured and ready for his great test. The young politician becomes at last the great statesman when only statemanship could have coaxed and finally riveted the pieces of Canada together. The flashy graces of youth had by 1867 turned into the virtues of patience, tolerance and casual good fellowship, covering the vision and toughness of purpose essential to grand accomplishments. Not since the MacDonald Papers were presented to the National Archives of Canada in 1917,

has anyone attempted a new and lively appreciation of John A. MacDonald. Canadians have never really believed that the biographies of their public figures need be dull, and it took this book to prove it.

We leave you now, with this little thought: "If you are looking for happiness, let a book open the door to it for you."

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SPECIAL

- by LAC Hugh Brown

A Day in the Life of an FCO

To start with, what is an FCO? In the word of the Prophet, he is everything, nothing and at times, rises to great heights. He may be long, short, fat or skinny, but on his shoulders he carries a great burden (usually a big head the morning after the night before!)

The day starts with the musical tinkle (?) of the telephone or the alarm clock, depending on the state of mind or inebriation in which he retired. Usually it is not too difficult to drag the lad or lass (as the case may be) out of the arms of our old friend, Morpheus, and the tow truck at the ME Section is only used

on an average of 7 days a week - not bad, what!! We need not mention the rush to the washrooms and then to breakfast (what, no breakfast this morning, again?). The time has now come for our bright-eyed bunch (usually bright red) to go up to the monastery - that is where the organized confusion begins. In hushed tones, a voice may be heard saying, "Someone has made a slight mistake - excusable, of course, and taken my headset!! Loud be the praises that are heaped upon the head of the innocent (!) offender. By the time things are straightened out to everyone's satisfaction, great wailing and gnashing of teeth may be heard from the general direction of the pulpit of the Chief Mogul for the day. Where are the plotters? Who's on scope? Why doesn't someone tell the PBX op to put me thru? Hello, hello, hello, oh hell, wrong scope! Try the other switch, no, the other one. Can you hear me now? Who's going squirley?(FCO jargon for nuts) Initial, where? Which way? East? No, North. Better make it West! Height? Speed? What, faded? Can't be, it's still on my scope in the cabin. Well never mind, too busy to take it just now anyway! How about a break -- I've been here for an hour and haven't had my

coffee yet! Is it dinner time yet? I want to go to early lunch!

After lunch, things look brighter and all goes without a hitch. At 4:30 the tired and weary band of workers (?) are replaced. To see the drawn and haggard faces, one might think that the entire bunch had just been released from a concentration camp! After a half-hour of feasting and rehashing the day's events an entirely different spirit seems to enter into the FCOs and in varied garb and financial status, they may be seen heading towards the canteen.

After tipping a few, the worries and cares fall away and are replaced by a much happier frame of mind.

However, by 11 o'clock some have fallen by the wayside and though there be music and poetry in the air (shades of Omar Khayyam, eh Eustace?) the FCOs make their way back to the barrack blocks thinking of the early hour they must rise to start the new day.

Note:-This could be anyone, or no-one, but as the saying goes, if the shoe fits . . . !

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BROWNIE NEWS

- by "Brown Owl" Calver

On Feb. 11 at 6:30 in the evening, an Enrolment Ceremony was held in "Brownieland". Nine little "tweenies" became brownies. They were: Christine Duncalfe, Linda Duncalfe, Diane Wallis, Christine Muise, Joyce Calver, Denize Lavigne, Laurie Publicover, Adrienne Doucette and Frances Burrill.

After the delightful little ceremony, coffee and cookies were enjoyed by the mothers present, and cake and chocolate milk were enjoyed by the Brownies.

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HOUSEWIVES HOBBIES

Mrs.L.Roche - Greeting Cards
Mrs. L.Calver - Beauty Coun-
sellor Makeup
Mrs.D.Maidens - Rhinestone
Jewellery
Mrs.H. Lyons - Dressmaking
Mrs. A. Muise - Women's Hair-
cutting.

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NEWS FROM OTHER PLACES

Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Wallis, of Isleworth, Middlesex, England are having a wonderful time with their son F/L Tom Wallis

who is visiting them during the month of March.

In a recent letter (to Mrs. Babineau) from Mrs. Ettie Kempner, she asked to be remembered to the many friends she made at Station Beaver Bank. The weather in South Africa at present is warm and sunny -- summer, in fact. (Wish we had some of it here. - Ed.)

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BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered by Father Mabey in our Station Chapel to:

Joseph Lane McKenna, son of LAC and Mrs. McKenna, on February 6th. Mrs. Joseph Chiacorelli and LAC Gilles Gamache are Godparents.

Dawn Marie Delaney, daughter of Cpl and Mrs. Delaney, on February 6th. Godparents are Sgt. and Mrs. Belanger.

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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN HEIR- LOOM?

- submitted by J. Graves

There are so many who seek out the auction rooms in the hope

of "discovering" a rare masterpiece -- be it a painting, a piece of furniture or delicate glassware. How few of us realize the gems of wisdom that await us between the covers of a book on some library shelf, at the cost only of the time it takes to read them.

Here are wonderful words spoken by Daniel Webster in Boston more than one hundred years ago:

If we work upon marble,
it will perish.
If we work upon brass,
time will efface it.
If we rear temples, they
will crumple to dust.
But if we work upon men's
immortal minds,
If we imbue them with high
principles,
With the just fear of God and
love of their fellowmen,
We engrave on those tablets
something which no
time can efface,
And which will brighten and
brighten to all eternity.

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MOVIES FOR MARCH

- 3 - SO THIS IS PARIS - Tony Curtis, Corinne Calvet
- 6 - RACE FOR LIFE - Richard Conte, Mari Aldon

- 10 - TRACK OF THE CAT - Robert Mitchum, Teresa Wright
- 13 - PORT OF HELL - Dane Clarke, Carole Matthews
- 17 - BIG CHASE - Lon Chaney, Glenn Langan
- 20 - CAPTAIN SCARFACE - Barton McLane, Virginia Grey
- 24 - FIRE OVER AFRICA - Maureen O'Hara, MacDonald Carey.
- 27 - TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT - David Niven, Yvonne DeCarlo
- 31 - TROUBLE IN THE GLEN - Margaret Lockwood, Orson Welles.

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

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FLASH

Our hockey team won its first game against MAC by a score of 3 - 1. The second game of the 3-game series will be played in the week commencing 14 Mar -- time and place not yet known.

This may be the last game, so don't miss it.