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NO PITY FOR THE JEW?

Scattered by God's avenging hand
Afflicted and forlorn,
Sad wanderers from their pleasant land,
Do Judah's children mourn;
And e'en in Christian countries, few
Breathe thoughts of pity for the Jew.

Yet listen, Gentile, do you love
The Bible's precious page?
Then let your heart with kindness move
To Israel's heritage;
Who traced those lines of love for you?
Each sacred writer was a Jew.

And then as years and ages passed,
And nations rose and fell,
Though clouds and darkness oft were
cast
O'er captive Israel
The oracles of God for you
Were kept in safety by the Jew.

NO PITY FOR THE JEW?

And when the great Redeemer came
For guilty man to bleed.
He did not take an angel's name;
No, born of Abraham's seed,
Jesus, who gave His life for you—
The gentle Saviour—was a Jew.

And though His own received Him not
And turned in pride away,
Whence is the Gentile's happier lot?
Are you more just than they?
No! God in pity turned to you—
Have you no pity for the Jew?

Go, then, and bend your knees to pray
For Israel's ancient race;
Ask the Saviour every day
To call them by His grace.
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From Christian Gentiles to the Jew.

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SPARKS FROM THE CENTRAL HEATING PLANT

by Hank Webber

Mr. Fred Boutilier and family have moved into their new home on the Beavercbank road near the Drive-in Theatre. Fred says he is quite busy painting and decorating the new house, and watching TV. He does not have too many idle moments.

We see John Dewis driving around in a sporty red Pontiac. Guess he figures the muddy roads of Beavercbank are a thing of the past!! Like the rest of us, he is looking forward to paved roads this summer.

George (Tiny) Smith spent a few days with his family at Yarmouth in January. Sorry to hear he had some trouble with his car.

Denny Vielleux, our steamfitter had a very difficult decision to make. He had to choose between an Electric Welding Machine and a TV set. We hear the TV set was the choice. Could be that Denny is also a wrestling fan.

Charlie McKenna has already been making plans for a fishing trip to Tangier Grand Lake where, he says, there are more and bigger fish. Best of luck Mac, but we will give you a bit of competition when we get to Lake Charlotte around the middle of May.

Joe Doherty is still busy trouble shooting for the PMQ furnaces. The spell of cold weather certainly kept things humming for him.

Are there any challenges for "big fish" this spring?

EDITORIAL STAFF

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ACCOUNTS HI-LIGHTS

by Cpl. Duncan MacDonald

It seems a bit early to be thinking about Spring, but seeing a seed catalogue in the mail a few days ago make us think that Spring cannot be so very far off. I thought of an airman in the Accounts Section at Summerside, whose wife always wanted a rock garden, so Gerry planted some flowers in an old cradle and told her she could rock it whenever she wanted to!

We do not intend to go over all the happenings in and around the Accounts section since our last issue, just the more important ones. First of all was the birth of a daughter to LAC and Mrs. Al Muise in December, and the moving into PMQs of LAC and Mrs. George D'Arcy and Mark in December. The events of the Holiday Season were too numerous and varied to attempt to chronicle now and anyway they have been mostly forgotten in the struggle to pay our extra debts incurred in that season.

F/L Bradshaw had a weeks leave in January, most of which was spent in serious study, he says, and besides he had to spend some time each day in the office, so the time passed quickly and he got caught up on his snow shovelling.

Mike Gallagher of Equipment Accounts spent some leave at his home in Montreal. He got his driver's permit before he left and he said that reminded him of a story about a couple he knows: The bride-to-be had planned to get her driver's license so she could help her husband drive on their honeymoon trip, but had been busy with wedding arrangements and had barely time to get her beginner's permit. After the ceremony they drove to the bride's home for the wedding reception. Finally they were just about to leave on their honeymoon, when to the surprise of the wedding guests the bride dashed back into the house exclaiming breathlessly, "I forgot my beginner's permit!"

The arrival of the SOAF Auditors, F/L Williams and F/L Hynd in January, kept us pretty busy for a while and helped to complete an already busy month. However, it was nice to know that everything was in good order, we hope. We'll know more about that later.

Mrs. Bailey, our typist, who is really an artist with needles and thread and knitting needles and such things, and who thinks we should have something for the ladies who read this, submits the following advice for their guidance;

"For length of skirt, by this rule abide,
Let your chassis be your guide."

Sgt. Hanson visited the dentist in Halifax in January and left his car parked in a "no parking" zone in front of a fire hydrant while he was in the chair. He said, "I like to have something to worry about to take my mind off the pain!"

Cpl. Thomas has started to work again at his boat at the Hobby Shop and hopes

to complete the job in time for fishing, this year. He expects to have a lot of fun with it in the early part of the Fishing Season even though the rivers may be too swift **foreboding!**

Jim Hicks of Pay Accounts had a week's leave in January but kept very busy as Mrs. Hicks was sick at the time. He must have done a good job of looking after her because she appears to be none the worse for the adventures in eating what he prepared, and is now much better.

Our first Income Tax audit occurred in December and they certainly did a thorough job, for which I can vouch personally. In the local paper recently there appeared a small item which seemed very timely: "Untold wealth can bring you a lot of grief if it is untold in your Income Tax Return!"

PADRE'S PEARLS

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

This is the season of Lent, the time for cleaning up the spiritual house, but I do not think I could do better than leave three prayers for your perusal, and I might suggest you include them in your own devotions.

(1)

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness, all our days: that, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy hope; in favor with thee our God, and in perfect charity with all the world, All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

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O Eternal Lord God, who holdest all souls in life; Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth; thy light and thy peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served thee here and are now at rest, may at last enter with them into thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

(3)

Most merciful God, who dost graciously guide us; help us, we beseech thee, to serve thee with all our heart and mind and strength; watch over us with thy divine Providence, that whether we live or die we may ever more be thine, through Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

I trust and hope that all will make their communion on Easter Sunday at 8:30 a.m. May the joy of the Risen Christ abide with you all.

BOOKE NOOKE

by LAC Ritchie

At the time of writing, the Library is closed, but we hope to have it open by the time you read this. There are approximately 800 books in the library at the present time—a lot of excellent reading material, so come on in when we open again.

ORDERLY ROOM REPORT

by LAW Phillips and LAC Gold

Greetings from the Orderly Room. Not very original we'll admit, but we do mean it.

We welcome Joan Icton, who is our new clerk typist. We hope you enjoy DRO's, Joan.

The SOR would like to congratulate F/L Little on his promotion. We hear you had quite a time in Montreal on your recent vacation!

In the CR Slot most anytime you will find LAC Gold (better known as Scotty) singing to everyone who steps up to the counter—or an hilarious burst of laughter will be heard coming down the far end of the corridor.

We hear that Gwen Phillips and Scotty Gold are going to start a new club called 444 on BLUE Mondays and 999 on COLD Fridays. After a few weeks membership in this club you automatically become an honorary member of the AA (Alcoholics Always). Sounds pretty good!!

AC1 Clarkson, our Claims Clerk is trying to get CPR to open a branch line through Beaver Bank. He thinks his time tables would be easier to read than those of the CPR.

Recently our famous Records Clerk, whilst making up the Stn Nominal Roll found that he had lost a Sergeant. After many hours of thought, he remarked "I

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lost him somewhere between my desk and the Sgt's desk. Anyone finding a strange Sgt. looking lost, please notify AC1 J. M. Thimot in memorandum in three copies.

Personnel of the Station Orderly Room wish Mr. Joe Fisher (uncle of Mrs. Babinneau) a speedy recovery from his past illness. Hurry up and get well Uncle Joe, we all miss you.

Talk about Boston's Million Dollar Brink Armed Robbery! Here is the Mystery of the Missing Shoes! On the night of January 14, 1956 in the Sgt's. Mess at the Come As You Are Party, through the smoke and haze crept the Shoe Stealer, and there he spied Sgt. Findlay standing in his stockinged feet. "Ah" he (the shoe stealer) said to himself, "methinks I shall look around for those shoes, as his feet look just about the size of mine" so the mysterious stealer went a-looking and there in a dark corner sat the poor Sgt's shoes in all their glory. "Well", said the stealer to himself, "they may be four sizes

too big for me but they will come in handy when it rains. If I can't walk in them I'll just use them for boats and paddle home". So our tale ends with the poor Sgt. looking for his shoes. If anyone can solve this mystery, please contact the SOR as there will be small reward. We hear that Sgt. Findlay walked home in someone else's slippers!!

F/O Chapman, the Adjt., remarked when she saw the rain which had lasted 11 days that she was beginning to feel she was in Vancouver, B.C. But on the 12th day, when it was still raining, she said, "I won't have to take a train home this summer, I'll just float there."

A good time was held by all at the Station Christmas Party on the 23rd of December, 1955.

Congratulations to a very successful Variety Show. Hope to see another one when the new Rec Hall opens.

THANKS

May I take this opportunity of thanking the members of the W.A. for the lovely cup and saucer and rosebowl I received during my recent illness at home and in hospital. Special thanks to Mrs. Gilliatt who did so much for my family and myself; and to all the kind friends who sent me "Get Well" cards. I appreciated everything so very much.

Mrs. H. Webber

I would like to give a big thank-you to the Women's Auxiliary for the treat they gave me when I was ill recently. And thanks too, to the kind friends who sent me cards.

Murray Rainforth

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Sgt. and Mrs. Belanger on the death of Sgt. Belanger's grandfather, Mr. N. Clavelle of Hull, Quebec.

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COMM CHATTER

by Isabelle McKay

News from our sections has been missing from the pages of the *Eager Beaver* entirely too frequently in the past. In order that all the news will be accumulated and passed to the Editor in sufficient time for publication, Mrs. Isabelle McKay has agreed to fill the position of Comm Section reporter. It is our intention to keep you posted on all the goings-on from all the sub-sections of the Comm Section which include: Communications Maintenance; Telephone and Telegraph Maintenance; Message Center and the PBX.

We were sorry to hear our Comm Officer, F/O Laurin, was a patient in the Station Hospital recently. We have seen him around lately and he looks as though he was well treated by the MO and his very capable staff.

After receiving many complaints from the SAO, we undertook to modify the Admin. Bldg. intercom unit and at last report, F/L Bradshaw's voice was back to normal. We hope he is not troubled with brown and white wires. Of course if he is not satisfied, the Comm O is prepared to give him lessons in semaphore!

What did a certain SSO mean by saying that if our section insisted on connecting him to the SAO's office by an intercom unit, all he would ever hear from the other end would be a bunch of useless words. Of course, Mr. SSO, you too, can learn semaphore.

Sgt. Andrews has been away on TD to Montreal and now we understand he will soon be off to Clinton. We are all sorry to see him go and wish him luck in his new work.

Sgt. Doncaster is away on TD to Camp Borden attending a service management course.

LAC Peddle is at Lac St. Denis on TD, attending a Teletype Maintenance Course.

Everyone is sorry that Jeannie is leaving us. When you get to Stn. Parent we hope you won't forget your friends at Beaver Bank. Of course Jeannie, if you don't want to go we have it on good authority that Mary would give anything to change places with you.

I heard from a friend of a friend that Salty O'Rourke is doing well for himself at his overseas unit.

Who is the kid with the dutch cut and mischief in her eyes who gets domestic every time she sees a picture of a little white house with double bunks for four little boys?

Someone should advise Laura to take it easy on that keyboard. After all, the machine will only go 60 words per minute.

We were wondering why the message center seemed like a morgue on the 15th of February, but then we realized that Mrs. Abram had the day off.

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It won't be long now Lesile. I wonder if that request for a transfer to Winnipeg will come through so you can be with hubby-to-be.

We wondered what that occasional racket was until we found out that it was our amiable sergeant's cracking bones after hockey practice.

Has lecturing the gals in trade advancement been too much for you Mac—is that why you took leave? We don't really think so, because we feel you earned it. We will try to practice what you preached during your absence.

Belated congratulations to Ruth and Jack who became engaged on New Year's Day. It is too bad Jack is leaving but be patient Ruth, a year is not really too long to wait.

Will the Comm O ever be able to work out a schedule with no graveyard shifts, only a few evening shifts, not too many day shifts but lots of days off? We hear by way of the grapevine that he has been doing a lot of research into this matter. Don't worry Mrs. Churchill, he promised us he would include a lot of midnight shifts just for you.

The new Telegraph Workshop was a pleasant sight when it was completed. We waited a long time but the wait was well worth it. The message Center personnel can relax now — we won't clutter things up anymore.

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We welcomed Maurice St. Pierre to the fold last week. Nice to have you aboard, Moe.

Too very popular and familiar faces departed during February when Bill Ryan and Frank Bourgeois left to return to Maritime Tel and Tel. We feel both these gentlemen made a host of friends here and we hope they don't forget where Beaver Bank is located.

Our present Wire Chief is Elgy Carmichael and for the benefit of all the single gals, it is true, he is single! It is nice to have you with us Elgy and we are only sorry you will not be with us long enough. Elgy is due to leave again in a few weeks.

A lot of personnel in the Comm Section have been wondering what Joan received in the mail on St. Valentine's Day that put such a gleam in her eye. We can't figure out what pierced ears have to do with St. Valentine's Day.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

If the white of an egg will not beat to the required stiffness, add a pinch of baking soda while beating. This also will make it more fluffy and will prevent falling if it must stand awhile after baking.

A child's tiny puffed sleeve needn't be ironed. Smooth around a burnt-out light bulb, of the right size, when it's damp. Let it dry that way—puffy and pretty.

THOUGHTS FOR YOUR SCRAP BOOK

Some people are so painfully good that they would rather be right than be pleasant.—L. C. Ball.

A man is a great thing upon the earth and through eternity; but every jot of the greatness of man is unfolded out of woman.—Walt Whitman.

FAVORITE RECIPE

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(A favorite colonial recipe not only in Connecticut Colony but throughout New England).

4½ cups First Kings, 4:22

1 cup Judges, 5:22 Last Clause

2 cups Jeremiah, 6:20

2 cups First Samuel, 30:12

2 cups Nahum, 3:12

2 cups Numbers, 17:8

2 tblsp. First Samuel, 14:25

1 pinch Leviticus, 2:13

6 Jeremiah, 17:11

½ cup Judges, 4:19

Seasonings, Second Chronicles, 9:9

Follow the directions of Solomon for bringing up a child, Proverbs, 23:14—that is, “beat him with a rod”.

SPECIAL HOCKEY NEWS

by F/O Bud Laurin

Our hats are off to the station hockey team for bringing the Hockey Championship to Beaver Bank for the second year in a row.

The cup was originally emblematic of RCAF district supremacy but this year the league was expanded to a four-team league including teams from RCOC and HQEC Army competing against our old rivals MACHQ.

The Beaver Bank Flyers lost but one game during the regular season and after eliminating MACHQ two straight in the semi-finals, went on to defeat HQEC three straight in the finals.

Tentative plans are now being discussed for a six-team league next year which will include the four teams participating this year, a team from the RCMP and a representative team from HMCS Shearwater. It is the present executive's plan to oper-

ate the league as a junior Armed Forces League.

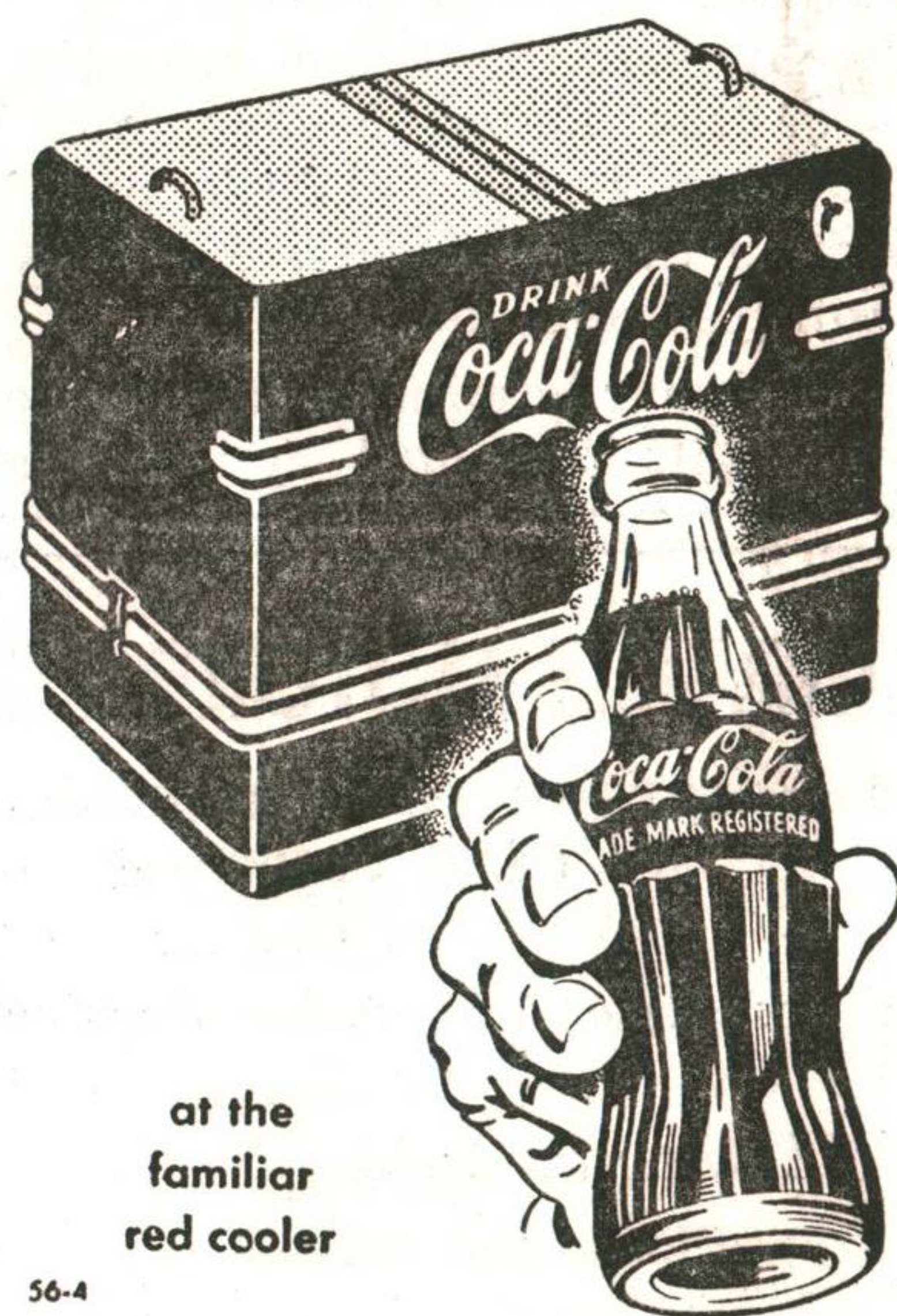
May we take this opportunity to wish the Station success in 1956-57 and hope that the Trophy will be won by Beaver Bank for a third time.

Some two weeks ago, the station team travelled to St. Hubert to compete in a sudden death game with ADCHQ for a right to carry on in the ADC playdowns to declare a champion of all ADC units across Canada.

It was no disgrace that our boys were beaten by a score of 4-2, the fourth goal coming at 19:58 of the last period, with our hard working goal tender, F/O Henry, sitting on the bench in favor of a 6th forward.

It was a well played and hard fought game from start to finish and for a unit

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as small as ours, we should be proud of the showing we made.

Not meaning to take away any glory from the Command team — the outcome might well have been different had we met on a larger ice surface and closer to home!

To ADCHQ, we wish you luck and may you go on to win the ADC championship. It is sincerely hoped that this worthwhile scheme will be continued in future years. You can be assured you haven't heard the last from Beaver Bank.

To our faithful fans—we thank you for your loyal support. Your cheering (and I use the term loosely) not only assured us of your support but contributed largely to the confusion of our opposition and at times even the referee!!

See you on the Ball Diamond!

BEHIND THE NEEDLE

by Cpl. Benedict

In January, with the admittance of our first patients, the hospital went on full-scale operation, open 24 hours a day. Since then, we have been kept busy with patients coming and going.

New members to the staff since the last issue of the *Eager Beaver*, are N/S Marier from London, Ontario and LAC Blair from Station Seneterre. Hope you will both be happy here.

In March our hospital benefitted from a generous gift presented by our Station

Women's Auxiliary. A 17" CBC Columbia TV Set. The patients derive much entertainment from it, especially the Howdy Doody fans! Many thanks.

On behalf of the patients, thanks to F/O Standing who made and donated a gigantic cribbage board to the hospital. It measures 34" in length and is 8" wide — very helpful for near-sighted patients — and it also provides exercise when one walks from one end to the other to peg the points!

We welcomed Capt. MacIntyre, dental Officer and Ass't Pvt. MacKay who were at the Station Hospital for a week attending to the toothaches of personnel. Who has the most pull on the Station? The Dentist!

In closing we remind you that—Unless you make regular deposits in the Banks of Goodwill your demands may come back marked "Insufficient Funds".

CONGRATULATIONS

To—LAC Earl A. Thomas and AW1 Jean Shirley Smeltzer who became engaged in January. Wedding bells will ring for them on March 10th.

To—LAC Jean-Marie who became engaged to AW1 Stella Paradis in February. The wedding will take place on a happy day in July.

To—LAC and Mrs. Al Muisse on the birth of their baby girl on November 9th. Wanda Louise weighed in at 5 lbs., 11 ozs.

To—LAC and Mrs. Swim whose small daughter Elizabeth Bernice, 8 lbs. 10 ozs., arrived on January 10th.

To—LAC and Mrs. Harpell, on the arrival of William Edward, 2 lbs. 6 ozs., on December 26th.

To—F/O and Mrs. W. McCauley who welcomed their baby girl, Rhonda Lynn on 27th of October.

To—F/O and Mrs. C. Robinson on the birth of a daughter on January 9th. Ada Lorraine weighed 7 lb. 11 ozs.

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NEWS FROM PMQ's

by May Little

F/O and Mrs. H. Andrews left early in January for Yuma, Arizona, where F/O Andrews attended a course. They returned in March.

We were pleased to welcome back Mrs. R. Bayne and sons. Mrs. Bayne has been visiting her folks in Winnipeg. Nice to see you around again, Shirley.

Mrs. G. Standing and children returned the last week in December after a three weeks visit to her parents in Ottawa.

David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blackmore, is at present attending school in Truro, N. S. We miss you David—good luck in your studies.

We were sorry to say "good-bye" to friends who were transferred during the months of December and January:—LAC MacKenna and family who went to B. C.; LAC Webb and family who went to B. C.; Sgt. Dean and family who have gone to France and Cpl. Delaney and family who went to France.

F/O and Mrs. Henry had, as their guests recently, Mrs. Henry's mother, Mrs. K. Finan and Mrs. Henry's aunt, Mrs. Irene Garrison of Sarnia, Ontario.

We are pleased to see Barbara Poole home again after a spell in the hospital.

During the Christmas season, LAC and Mrs. C. Shuttleworth were the guests of F/O and Mrs. C. Robinson.

Mrs. Shuttleworth, who has been residing with her daughter and son-in-law, F/O and Mrs. C. Robinson, has returned to her home in Barrie, Ontario.

LAC and Mrs. Bent and family recently spent a few days leave in St. John, N. B.

Sgt. and Mrs. Mosher were recently visited by Mrs. Mosher's mother, Mrs. Reid, and brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reid, Westmount, Sydney, N. S.

S/L Duncan and family left early in March for Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Miss., where S/L Duncan will be attending a course.

In March F/O Burrill and family spent a few days leave in Yarmouth, visiting F/O Burrill's parents.

While F/O Standing is on course in March, Mrs. Standing, Tommy and Brian will be staying in Ottawa.

On February 27th, F/O Henry, accompanied by Mrs. Henry, daughter Susan and Mrs. Henry's mother, Mrs. Fina, returned to Sarnia, Ont.

In January a very pleasant baby shower was held for Mrs. Robinson.

In February, a combined baby shower was held for Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Wallis. It was most enjoyable.

SPECIAL THANKS

Sincere appreciation and thanks are extended to the station personnel who were ready to assist in the search for Johnny in February when he was reported missing. We were touched by the anxiety expressed by all our friends and neighbors when they knew Johnny was lost, and we will always remember the kindness shown to us by everyone.

LAC and Mrs. A. Doucette.

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KITCHEN KRUMBS

by Cpl. Young

The holiday season is long over and from all reports, our staff enjoyed themselves.

LAC J. Tremblay spent a good leave at his home with his parents at Bagotville, P. Q.

During December and January three of our staff added grandchildren to their family trees. Congratulations to Mrs. Dillman, Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Shuttleworth.

In January we welcomed back LAC Roger Beaudet from Resolute Bay. The kitchen hasn't been the same since.

We are also very glad to see Henri back on the job. Henri was quite ill during the early part of January.

The Airmen's Mess Hall has been considerably brightened by the addition of gaily printed drapes as well as clear plastic tablecloth covers.

Since the Christmas season, the Sergeant has received many requests for his recipe for Mild Sage Dressing, so here it is:

- 1 lb. fresh bread crumbs
- 1 lb. mashed potatoes
- 1 medium sized onion (finely chopped)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup celery (finely chopped)
- 2 tblp. finely chopped bacon
- 2 tblp. finely chopped ham
- 2 tblp. finely chopped giblets

Season with

- 1 tblp. salt
- pinch of pepper
- 2 tblp. sage
- 1 tblp. thyme

Crumb one loaf of fresh bread with a nutmeg grater, add mashed potatoes to the bread crumbs. In two tablespoons of butter, saute the onions, celery, bacon, ham and giblets. Add this to the mashed potatoes and bread crumbs. This dressing should be moist. After completion of the above recipe you find the dressing is not moist, add water only.

OFFICER'S MESS NEWS

by F/Lt. Doug Niblett

1956 burst in on us literally with balloons exploding, noisy rattles and whistles, music and dancing at a combined Officers' and Sergeants' Mess New Year's Dance.

We had barely recovered from welcoming in the New Year, when we were treated to a Dining-in-Night meal at which our CO presided at both the table and the kitchen. Having prescribed the mixture, he also dispensed it, with assistance from the Mess staff, and the resulting Malayan Curry and Rice was enjoyed by all "patients". The "treatment" was a great success as evidenced by the fact that the SMO, though prepared, was not approached later for antidotes or to soothe inexperienced or sensitive stomachs.

February was an active month with historic events. For the first time in Beaver Bank's short history, an officer of Air Rank attended our Mess Dinner. Air Commodore Costello, Air Officer Com-

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manding Maritime Air Command, was guest of honor and was accompanied by a few of his staff officers and other guests. Speeches after the meal indicated that the AOC and CO were in agreement in being proud of their respective hockey teams but differed as to which of the two was the better one. After dinner a display of magic and some competitive games. Beaver Bank's natural hospitality was extended to letting Maritime Air Command win on points!) helped to round out a very pleasant evening.

Later in February, another important officer of Air Rank, Air Commodore Reyno, Deputy AOC, Air Defence Command, attended an excellent luncheon at our Mess immediately on arrival at this station on a visit of inspection, and his obvious interest in us was enhanced by the menu. His good advice and instruction to us after the meal was welcome and will prove valuable.

February Dining-in night was a great success and well attended, as many of our nomadic TD-type officers were back—for a while, at least. There were many games and prizes, an excellent buffet of fried chicken and a play, in silhouette on modern surgical advances. The play, it was rumored, was produced in defiance of the sponsors of "Medic" who rejected it as being too informative!!

Before February was out, some of us (names picked out of a hat) attended the HMCS Shearwater Mess Dinner at which our CO was guest of honor. The meal was excellent and the service amazingly efficient. Particular note was made of the method of attracting the attention of the PMC, through the vice-PMC, who struck a gavel thrice on it's block. The PMC gave his decision or advice after similarly using his gavel, and directed the exuberance of all present along gentlemanly lines. Competitive games were played after the dinner, and as no score board was maintained the general euphoria made

both sides, Navy and RCAF, claim to have won.

A happy and interesting evening was enjoyed by all and some of us believe, after sampling the Navy rum, that HMCS Shearwater should be renamed HMCS Firewater!!!

Only a week of March has passed at the time of writing. Though depleted in numbers by officers away on TD, we have had our Mess dinner anyway. An attempt was made to emulate the Navy gavel procedure, but as we have only one and that came apart as a result of the vehemence of the vice PMC, both he and the PMC had sore knuckles the day following. Once again the excellent meal and the good spirits — of those attending — made it an enjoyable evening.

Before closing this report, we must welcome two newcomers. F/O Archie Geneau join us at our new CEO and will do his best to extract the uranium-bearing metals in our water supply. P/O Matt Marier joined our hospital staff as Nursing Sister in February, and morning sick parades are already being conducted in formal Gallic-type language!

SCOUT AND CUB NEWS

A Father-Son banquet for the Cubs and Scouts was enjoyed by all those concerned on February 29th.

The delicious supper consisted of beans, wieners, chips, cakes and cookies and was served by the following ladies whose help was much appreciated: — Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Dennison, Miss Dennison, Mrs. Gudmundson, Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Niblett and Mrs. Rainforth.

Toasts and short speeches were given after the dinner and entertainment was provided by the scouts who put on a skit and the combined efforts of Dr. Niblett and Cpl. Henning who both showed some lovely colored slides.

WOMENS AUXILIARY

In February, the W.A. held their elections for new executive officers and committee members.

The new executive is as follows:

President Mrs. Findlay
Vice-President Mrs. Poole
Secretary Mrs. Doucette
Treasurer Mrs. Dixon

Welfare committee members are:

Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Bayne and Mrs. D'Arcy.

Entertainment committee members are:

Mrs. Niblett, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Mosher and Mrs. Hansen.

During the past year, the W.A. obtained the initial supply of cod liver oil pills for the school children; gave a grant of \$25 to Mrs. Publicover for the school library (we hope to make this an annual grant); and donated a lovely 17" CBS Columbia TV Set to the hospital.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

by F/Lt. Doug Niblett

A general meeting of the photography club was held in February at which an executive committee was elected and plans for future projects discussed. The executive officers are as follows:

President F/Lt. Niblett
Vice-President Cpl. Benedict
Treasurer Cpl. MacDonald

The aims of the club include: the obtaining of a suitable room to hold photographic equipment, photographic excursions, exhibitions, competitions and other fun.

Monthly meetings will cover advice and instruction on various aspects of photography and we plan, in the near future, to add a junior club for teenagers.

New members are welcome—the more the merrier.

FOR THE CHILDREN

THE BARK BEETLE

This is really a midget beetle, being less than one-twelfth of an inch in length. It is brown and black in color, and for its size, has amazing strength. His jaws are so very strong that he can eat the bark and wood of the white pine, where he spends his life. When he makes his home, he tunnels completely through the bark and hollows out a tiny chamber in the wood beneath. It is from here that the female beetles make egg galleries and raise their families. Perhaps the most interesting thing about this small creature is the way the male beetle protects his young. He firmly wedges the back ends of his wings into the entrance to the tunnel and maintains his position so tenaciously, that it is almost impossible to dislodge him.

Coloring Contest winners for the last issue:

Group A. Ages 3-5

1st prize—Bryan Wallis
2nd prize—Brenda Henning

Group B. Ages 6-8

1st prize—Adrienne Doucette
2nd prize—Denise Lavigne

Group 3. Ages 9-12

1st prize—Laurie Publicover
2nd prize—John Doucette

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CHORAL GROUP

Our station choral group is progressing well. We made our first public appearance in Dartmouth when we sang with Mr. Willis's Temple Choir in his Showboat Revue. Cpl. Henning did his magic act and our quartette, consisting of LAC Doucette, Flt. Sgt. Dixon, Miles Rainforth and John Publicover rendered two songs. Incidentally, Flt. Sgt. Dixon has now been replaced by WO2 Foster. Members of the Choral Group will be singing again with the Temple Choir and the Bedford Choir, in the Easter Sunrise Service to be held in the Armouries at 7 a.m. on April 1st.

We are to appear again in the Showboat Revue on April 10th, 24th and 25th. Why not come along and enjoy it? All proceeds from the shows on the 24th and 25th are to be donated in their entirety to the Crippled Children Fund.

AIRMENS' MESS NEWS

by Cpl. Leger

Our mess committee has lost a few members: LAC D. Orr was posted to Toronto; our secretary Cpl. Benedict was replaced by LAC Ritchie; LAC Muise was replaced by LAC Cormier and LAC Landry has been replaced by Cpl. Yasinski.

A look by our chairman, into the future reveals happy tidings such as the possibility of renovations to the airmen's canteen.

Our new recreation hall should open officially during the month of June. Part of the rec hall basement will be used as a large lounge equipped with TV etc. . . . and could be a suitable place to hold section parties. A shooting range, archery range, hobby-craft space, bowling alleys and swimming pool complete the basement part.

Until the next time . . .



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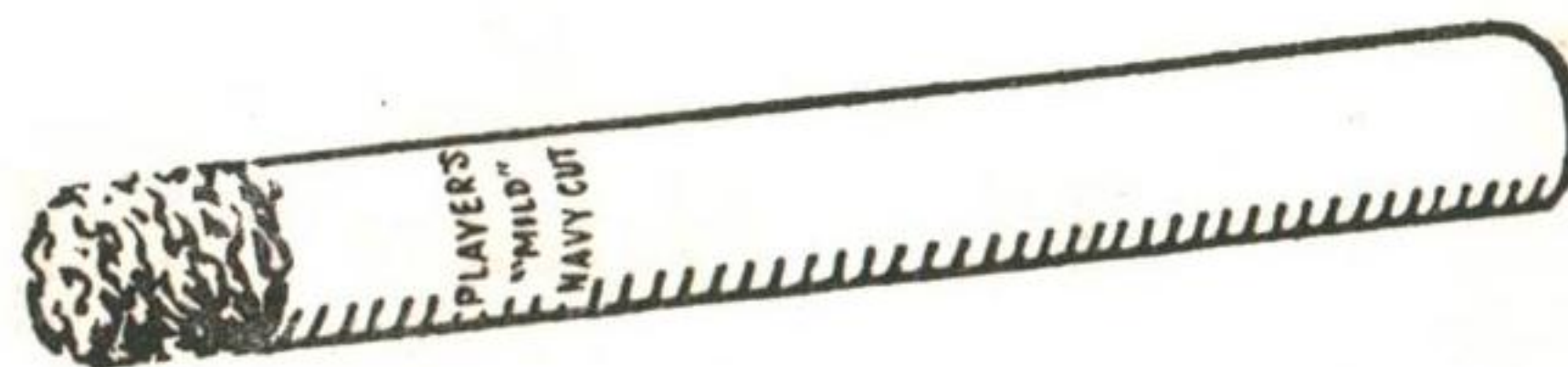
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