

# Wings Over GREENWOOD

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## BLOSSOM QUEEN TO BE TELEVISED HERE

### NAV EXPERT POSTED TO GREENWOOD

Flight Lieutenant Lorne MacLean, a graduate in Specialist Navigation from Summerside, has arrived to take up duties at Greenwood. F/L MacLean is a former instructor of the School of Basic Science, Camp Borden, and while at Summerside made many Navigation flights, including the one over the Geographic North Pole.

### BANTAM FLYERS DEFEAT AYLESFORD

Victors by a score of 32 to 19, the Greenwood Bantam Flyers defeated the Aylesford Bantams last Saturday at Aylesford. Tommy Barnes on the mound, backed by a strong squad and the capable batting of Jolly, G. Barnes, and the excellent fielding of LeBlanc, and Webb, led his team to victory. A return game is expected this Saturday. Pitcher—T. Barnes; Catcher—Falkenham; 1st—Jolly; 2nd—B. Long; short—G. Barnes; 3rd—Baker; Field—Peck, LeBlanc, Cole, Webb, McIvor.

### FRONT PAGE RUMORS

It is rumored that the helicopter will be returning shortly to Greenwood and that Tom Causey will be doing his stuff in it for Air Force Day.

—That S/S Showler, the new C Ad O, will be arriving at Greenwood in the latter part of August.

—That extensive Polar Nav. Training, under the supervision of F/L Jewett and F/O MacAlpine, will be shortly under way in 103.

—That the Middleton Concert Band, the RCAF Band and the Navy Band will be in attendance on June 6th.

—That a radio broadcast will be made from the helicopter during the air manoeuvres on Air Force Day.

—That the Apple Blossom Queen and Princesses will be attending both dances that are being held here during the Apple Blossom Festival.

—That a Mustang Fighter and a Mitchell Bomber will be here on Air Force Day.

### STATION CGIT HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

The CGIT girls under the leadership of Mrs. Charko held their Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet in the GIS club room. Special guests were Mrs. Hiltz and Mrs. MacIver. President Joan Beaton welcomed the guests and mothers.

### PARA-BOYS MAKE PRACTICE JUMP

On Friday 13th, the Para Rescue Boys did their stuff over the 'drome, and in a practice jump hit their target, dead on. Joe Courturier, Pat McMennamen and LAC Cockerton left from the Dakota piloted by Bill Asbury and landed in a perfect stick. Flying Officer Asbury, a former instructor pilot of airborne troops, said he had never seen a more precise drop. Courtourier also did some excellent work a few months ago, dropping mail in the Anticosti. Despite high winds and poor visibility, Joe put the mail right down at the door, and according to F/L Nelson, his pilot on that trip, if there had been letter boxes, Joe would have delivered each item individually.

### BABY SHOW

Every Mother and Dad has the most beautiful baby in the world. At least, that's what every Mom and Dad tells us. Well, here is your chance to prove it, for a Mammoth Baby show will be held on May 28th at 1500 hrs. in the Drill Hall.

Two grand prizes are being offered for the best baby of two groups:

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A Silver engraved spoon for Group two (1 to 2½ years).

Ice cream will be on sale, and tea will be served. Spectators admission will be one dime.

Get your applications at the Commissary and enroll now.

This Baby Show is sponsored by the WIVES CLUB. By the way Ladies, have you enrolled in the Station Wives Club yet? There's a great big welcome awaiting you there.

The first public display of Television will take place here on June 6th. The Blossom Queen, Princesses and parts of the air show and static displays will be televised and shown through a television set located in one of the Hangers.

This exhibition will take place throughout the entire afternoon, and the general public as well as Greenwood personnel will be able to inspect the set.

The television 'camera' lends itself remarkably well for this type of work, and this added attraction, the brain-wave of F/O Coburn and F/L Yearron, should be one of the highlights of the day.

Air Force Day here will be one of the biggest undertakings of any RCAF Station in Eastern Canada. Four bands will be in attendance, the Apple Blossom Queen and all her attendants will be here throughout the entire afternoon, civilian aircraft as well as visiting Service Aircraft will be on prominent display. Mobile canteens, ball games, hanger displays, special movies and plenty of music will make this an interesting and instructive day for young and old, and the anticipated crowd of 12,000 should go away with many memories of Air Force Day at Greenwood.

### 103 SEARCH NORTH ATLANTIC

Two Lancasters from Search and Rescue left for the North on Tuesday, to carry out a search for a Danish motor vessel in distress off Greenland. The aircraft operated from Goose Bay and Bluie West. The aircraft were flown by Flying Officer Ted Forbes and Flight Lieutenant John Moss.

### WEST RECEIVES MCKEE TROPHY

Ron West, who recently left Greenwood for a recruiting job at Brandon, has been awarded the McKee Trans-Canada trophy for Canada's "Pilot of the year". Westy received the AFC last year for his work on Search and Rescue, and this latest award clinches everybody's opinion at Greenwood, that they don't make 'em any better than Ron West."

### Wings Over Greenwood

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There was a young fellow named Gandhi,  
Who went to the Pub for a Shandy,  
And with his loin cloth,  
He wiped off the froth,  
And the Barmaid said, "Blimey, that's handy".

### HEALTH TOPICS

#### S/L Purchase

#### MEAT TO EAT

Personnel should exercise common sense and caution in the selection of meat for their families' consumption. This is particularly true now that summer is arriving with its hordes of flies.

The retail source should be equipped with a refrigerated showcase and enough refrigerator space for storage of pre-cooked meats. Meat should never be carted around at room temperature, and never exposed to flies. This is inviting food poisoning.

Our station commissary is now fully equipped with refrigeration, which was installed solely for your family's protection.

The consumers will do well to buy only "inspected meat". This meat comes from the larger packing houses which carry on inter-provincial trade, and thus must abide by the Federal Government's regulations which are stringent for our protection. These regulations are embodied in the "Animal Contagious Diseases

Act", and the "Meat and Canned Foods Act." It is noteworthy that "animals killed by butchers and farmers for the local meat trade are not necessarily subject to inspection." The abattoirs of the packing companies are also built to conform to high standards of public health and sanitation. Each slaughtered carcass is subject to inspection by a Government Inspector, and the carcasses condemned if signs of one of thirty-three different animal diseases are found. In a number of other diseases, parts of the carcass or its organs are condemned and destroyed. All this, of course, is expensive to the companies and makes their meat slightly dearer. You can be sure that these safeguards would not be paid for by the companies, unless it was dangerous to us for them to do otherwise.

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**OUR SWIMMING POOL**

By S/L Beaton

There is a recognized necessity for a swimming pool on this unit. The old pool in Zeke Brook is downstream from the septic tanks serving the P.M.Q., and therefore cannot be used. The Commanding Officer gave the Unit Construction Engineering Branch permission to proceed with the construction of a pool between the Station Hospital and Zeke Brook.

The site was chosen for its central location, and its proximity to the Hospital, where heat must be maintained the year round. It is the intention to heat the pool when more funds become available.

After serious consideration, a 25-foot by 60-foot pool was decided on, graduating from 3' deep to 9½' deep. It will be built of reinforced concrete with a diving tower, showers, and foot baths. A concrete walkway will surround it. The ground will be terraced and landscaped, and it will be fenced for the safety of the children, etc. Construction will be such that eventually the pool may be enclosed when funds are available.

It will be a fresh water circulating type, manually chlorinated at present, but automatically chlorinated in the future. All other precautions necessary to keep it safe and sanitary will be taken.

A larger, more elaborate pool is impossible at present because of the prohibitive cost to the personnel. The present plan would call for an expenditure of \$8,000 to \$10,000. However, by using material and equip-

**Fish and Streams**

By F/O Gordon

(Continued from last week)

When planning a trip to the vicinity of Annapolis, one must remember that the season is about two weeks in advance of the Greenwood area. Mayflies are about over, and after the last warm spell you need plenty of black fly repellent.

On the south and east coasts of the province the first run of sea trout has started and you are in for a lot of fun if you strike one as they run about two or three pounds.

For those ardent fishermen who think the best fishing grounds are in the lakes and streams along the eastern shore, you need only look to the cross country road from Annapolis to Liverpool for waters known as "Fisherman's Paradise." In the centre of this area is a game sanctuary, and waters within its bounds can only be fished when the party is accompanied by a licensed guide. The local experts of the district swear that the

ment now on hand, and through the generosity of contractors engaged on the station in providing construction equipment, etc., the approximate cost to personnel will be \$1150.00. The construction will be undertaken by the unit Construction Engineering Branch.

The necessary funds must be raised by graduated donations from the unit personnel. There will be further information about this plan later.

**HOBBY SHOP NEWS**

For all Model Aircraft fans, contact LAC Munn in the Hobby Shop. He has just received a shipment of the latest in Model Aircraft. Have we anybody on the station who could help teach this interesting hobby to some of the younger generation? Also in the shops, a new supply of Radio tubes and condensers, for all the 'Hams' on the station.

Mrs. Leigh Johnstone is proudly demonstrating her new ironing board made in the Hobby shop by her husband. LAC Williams, of the hospital, has lots of spare cash in his pockets these days. He's to be seen every evening in the Hobby shop making table lamps for numerous customers. A good way of making that extra cash required for that 48 in Halifax. If these chaps can do it.....so can you.

The Royal Canadian Navy have two land Search and Rescue parties available at the Naval Air Station at Dartmouth. These parties are available on short notice for land duties, such as rescue of personnel from an aircraft crashing on land.

trout range from two to three pounds.

Readers are requested to submit items of gen of interest to fellow anglers to F/L Publicover, Station Headquarters. Such info as good spots for a day's outing, route directions, bait, or lure being taken will be published in this column. Questions may be sent to the above address and the answers will appear in the next issue.

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## Social News

By Mrs. Jack Kelly

On Friday evening a very enjoyable dance was held in the Sgts. Mess with a very large attendance. Music was supplied by the Walkers, and lucky prizes went to the following patrons: Mrs. F. Creelman, and Sgt. Findlay, door-prize; F/L and Mrs. Peden, elimination dance, and Sgt. and Mrs. Murray Bent, spot dance. At intermission a very delightful buffet lunch was served, winding up an extremely successful evening of entertainment.

On Sat. evening the Cpls. Club held another of their popular social evenings. An orchestra under the direction of Cpl. Ken Walker was in attendance, and dancing was enjoyed followed by refreshments served by the ladies.

Cpl. and Mrs. D. Barnard have left for Toronto, where they will spend their annual leave.

Sgt. C. "Buck" Story has returned from Fort Nelson, B.C.

Mrs. Z. R. Charko entertained at a party in honor of her son who celebrated his 5th birthday.

Next Monday evening, May 23rd, the W.A. will hold its usual semi-monthly meeting. Much interest has been taken in their "Talent Scout Night" which is to be the feature of the evening. Miss McGee and her committee anticipate a very large attendance and a cordial invitation is extended to one and all.

F/O J. D. Murphy has returned to the station after spending a few days in Moncton, Amherst and Windsor.

Mrs. C. Angus and daughter Marilyn Dawn will leave shortly for Vancouver, B. C. They plan to travel via TCA. Their many friends on the station regret to hear of their departure.

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Foley and fam-

## PARA RESCUE EXPERIENCES

While undergoing advance training at a western RCAF Station, a para-rescue Cpl. of this Station underwent a gruelling and trying experience. When jumping from a height of 1500 feet the chute failed to open until he reached approximately 250 feet above ground level over rugged terrain, near Jasper, Alta. Although shaken both morally and physically, the Cpl. later remarked, "I'm not as upset about the whole thing as my buddies who watched from the ground."

When fishing season opened this spring, most fishermen were concentrating on casting their flies, bait, etc., on the waters of the local lakes, brooks and streams. But not the Safety Equipment Section. From the following yarn, they had other ideas—Just recently, Cpl. Joe Couturier went aloft for a test jump, and due to a miscalculation of the variable winds, wished he was accompanied by "Mae West", when he narrowly missed a cold ducking in the Annapolis River. Guaging his jump to bring him near the "Wind Sock" on the drome, the uncertain winds decided otherwise and carried him to the banks of the

ily, of Canning, accompanied by Mrs. H. Foley of Kentville, spent the weekend with Cpl. and Mrs. Don. Foley.

Wing Commander and Mrs. G. A. Hiltz and son Michael spent the weekend in Fredericton, N. B.

A group of members of the newly formed Art Club motored to Wolfville on Thurs. evening to talk over plans for the future of the club, with Miss E. Beals who is the professor of Fine Art at Acadia. Miss Beals will conduct the art classes on the station for the summer months.

Sgt. and Mrs. Curren and son Jimmie will leave on Monday for St. John, N. B. where they will spend a week visiting Mrs. Curren's mother.

## STATION EVENTS

MONDAY—Wives Club.

TUESDAY—Show.

WEDNESDAY—Hobby Shop at Cpl. Steidels.

THURSDAY—Show.

FRIDAY—HUBBY'S NITE OUT.

SATURDAY—Open House.

SUNDAY—Show.

Annapolis River. Waiting nearby was Doc. Purchase, who plunged down the muddy embarkment and pulled the entangled airmen to safety.

Last Air Force Day a certain member of the Para-Rescue Squad had a peculiar experience. While jumping over Halifax, the prevailing winds carried him over his target and he landed on a busy thoroughfare, holding up traffic from all directions. After releasing himself from the "harness" of the chute, he found to his dismay while attempting to escape the horde of well wishers, a souvenir-hunter had made away with his parachute.

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**SERVICING FLIGHT NEWS**

By LAC Corman

Things have quieted down again to a normal tempo, now that only two Lancs are doing the search area detail daily, though the engineer types, namely Cpl. White, LAC's Simon, Dagert, Boyd and Sgt. Shortt, are still logging quite a number of hours in the air, not only over the search area, but on Navy exercises as well.

LAC Middler is away on a Jet course now and Clem Balesdent just arrived back from same last week, all jenned up. Now that we have F/O McCarthy, Clem Balesdent, Walker Haig, Bob Estabrooks, Cpl. Swinimer, and "Rickie" Richardson, all jet merchants in our midst, the rest of us feel like plough jockeys when they talk of such things as speeds in excess of 500 MPH, axial flow, and pounds of thrust and with no carburettor! How could it be? Anyway, we are all waiting to see Clem's first test run on his super hot rod, super sonic, deluxe special scooter, now under construction.

:o:

**Section Notes**

F/L Yearron and his staff of the Signal Section recently received recognition from RCAF Headquarters for their submission of a revised Form S-40. Their suggestions were considered the best of all submitted from RCAF Units across Canada.

Mrs. E. K. Stronach, teacher at the Station School, reports the loss of a lady's wrist watch between Friday and Sunday afternoons from the school room in the GIS bldg. The Bulova watch was a pink gold with a yellow gold link bracelet. Due to sentimental reasons, Mrs. Stronach is very anxious to locate the missing timepiece and has expressed her desire to reward the finder.

Last Friday night the personnel of Workshops were called out to undertake a rush repair job on the Lanc 976. The work required to be done was estimated at 8 hours, but the

boys came through with flying colors, completing the job in 4 hours. Good work lads.

No false alarms—one alarm call for a small local bush fire only, is the record now held by the Station Fire Dept. for the past three weeks.

Sgt. Larry Dagg and his boys are however putting in the time doing their Spring housecleaning and the Fire Hall has taken on the "new look". The fire boys work on two shifts under Cpls. J. C. Avery and C. Fraser. The fire alarm system which has been faulty in the past has now undergone a complete overhaul and is reported in top shape.

**SUPPLY SECTION NEWS.** Upon his return from the annual inventory inspection of the Air Cadet Squadrons throughout the province of N. B., Sgt. Jack Kelly reports that the competition between the St. John and Edmundston Sqdns., this year is very keen for the Air Vice Marshall Morfee Trophy, symbolic of the most outstanding Air Cadet Squadron in the Maritimes.

Cpl. J. B. Jeddrie learned last Sunday that hook, line, sinker, plus ambition are not necessarily the chief qualifications of a good fisherman. Mrs. Jeddrie, an English bride, outdid the Cpl. by at least 10 pounds on the day's catch.

Cpl. "Boots" MacDonald NCO i/c of the men's haberdashery for the Station, wishes to advise that socks woollen and shirts B. G. are still not available.

It has been reported that FS Creelman has everything under control in No. 4 Hangar.

LAC R. Seanor is spending a few days annual leave with relatives at Berwick, N. S.

The Lindholme gear carried by Greenwood's Lancasters and Cansos consist of five containers joined together. One container contains a seven-man dinghy which inflates when it strikes the ocean. The other containers float, and as they are joined together they can be pulled into the dinghy.

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### Maintenance News

By LAC R. L. Sprange

Maintenance is back to normal. Sgt. Wilson completed a new paint job on his car, and from all accounts it looks mighty swell.

On Saturday morning, LAC Ron Hewitt was invited by his young son down at the hanger while he was doing a 150-hour inspection on Lanc 967. Young Hewitt decided it was time for a swim and told his Dad so: he then slipped quietly into a drip pan full of oil. Ron found him just a shade too big for the "squeegee" so wrung out his clothes by hand. (amidst a screen of blue air.)

George Wilks and LAC Myshrrall are building up a new Merlin Engine

Bay. The new bay is intended to cut down the man hours required for engine changes. By having the replacement engine all ready to put in, work should go a lot smoother.

The establishment in our hangar has been increased by the arrival of LAC's Ferguson and Mantle. These lads are both recent re-enlistments and are A E Techs., by trade. Welcome to the Hangar, Boys!

We at this hangar now feel that personnel in other sections must know the pangs of jealousy as we march smartly to work by the STRAINS of McLeod's Reel and the poundings on the drum of Walker.

This must have a demoralizing effect on others. (Not to mention the effect on ourselves.)

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# SPORTS

By Cpl. Herb Dyment

**BASEBALL.** The schedule for the Western Valley Baseball League is out and our first home game is at 1800 hrs (6 p.m.) on Wed. May 25th. against Bear River, so we'll just have to spend our holiday on May 24th fishin' or sumpin'.

At 1800 hrs, on Friday May 27th, Bridgetown will be the visitors. These first two games call for the support of everyone on the station, so come out and really "Holler" the team on, as their next four games are on the road (away) and it will be June 17th before the boys again play at home.

**SOFTBALL.** There was a senior softball meeting in the Drill Hall on Tuesday and with a fair sized attendance. Cpl. Doug Lyons was nomina-

ted as coach, and Bill Clarke manager for the coming season. An exhibition game was arranged against Waterville on their diamond last Wednesday evening, too late to give results.

The Inter-Station Softball League got away with a bang on Monday, May 16, Hdq., Hosp., and W & B defeated Maintenance No. 1 by the score of 17-16. Sgt. Wilson, player-coach of the Maintenance "nine" had his team off to a good start in the first inning with a 10-run rally but the Hdq. team coached by Doug Vaughn kept cutting the lead down and finally won out in the last half of the 7th with 2 out.

On Tuesday May 17th Workshops, F.H. and Equip., under FS Fraser Creelman's steady pitching, defeated No. 1 Hanger 10-7. Breault for Workshops smacked a home run in the first inning and before Fitz and his gang could stop 'em they had run up

6 runs and never were headed.

Games for next week are as follows:—

Mon. May 23rd, Hdq. vs No. 1 Hangar.

Tue. May 24th, Maintenance vs Servicing.

Wed. May 25th, Workshops vs Maintenance No. 2.

Thur. May 26th, Signals vs 103 Officers.

**HORSESHOES.** WO1 Cardin and his partner Ted Ryan came through with flying colours on Wed. May 18th and advance to the next round. Ted slapped on a couple of ringers which ain't bad tossin' for a greenhorn??? Rumours have it that Lou Coleman and "Slim" Webster are the two to beat. LAC's Steeves and Sheehan are also supposed to be sure hot. We'll soon see.

**HOCKEY.** It is certainly well past hockey time and yet Montreal Royals just won the Memorial Cup, defeating Brandon Wheat Kings in one of the best Canadian Junior hockey series ever played. It was a 4 out of 7 series and yet it was forced to go to 8 games.

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