

# Wings Over GREENWOOD

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## GREENWOOD LANCS RETURN FROM NORTH

### PLENTY OF MUSIC FOR AIR FORCE DAY

The Royal Canadian Navy Band from HMCS Cornwallis, the RCAF Band from Trenton and the Middleton Concert Band will be at Greenwood all afternoon on June 6. According to F/L MacLean, the Air Force Day Programme director, these bands will be supplying music throughout the entire afternoon.

### JUNE 6 PROGRAM HAS LOTS OF VARIETY

If all goes according to plan, the visitors to Greenwood on Air Force Day should be given an interesting time.

The television display will be free and the ball games in the evening will be well worth seeing. The Air Show under the direction of S/L Moody will be a good one. A flight of Navy Seafires will perform and a Mustang from Trenton will supply the acrobatic thrills. The already famous Lancasters "Zenith" and "Polaris" from Summerside are expected in, and should prove of interest to all.

It was in these aircraft that Grant Nelson put up a record in the non-stop flight from California, and John Moss flew over the pole. It is hoped that these Lancs will take part in the flying show and then be parked near enough to the crowd, so a good look may be had of them. The para-rescue boys can be counted on to give an interesting performance, and of course 103 S & R Aircraft will be in the air on formation, bomb-dropping and low-flying exercises.

The boys up in Maintenance are giving the Static Display a lot of thought, and the show in No. Seven and Eight Hangars should not be missed. The Synthetic building will also house interesting exhibitions, and Safety Equipment are already erecting their exhibit down there.

In the evening, a movie will be shown in the Station Theatre, and at nine o'clock, the final dance of the Blossom Festival will be held in the Recreation Hall.

### OVER DUE LANC SAFE AT BLUIE WEST

There were plenty of worried people in 103 last Monday night, when word was received that Flying Officer Forbes and crew had taken off from Goose Bay on their search and failed to return on E.T.A. Three crews were speedily rounded up, and preparations were made for an immediate take-off to the North, when a signal came through that the Lancaster had landed safely at Bluie West, Greenland.

### CHANGE OF TITLES IN RCAF

The former Central Air Command is now known as "Training Command"; former II Group is now "Tactical Group", while our own 10 Group has been changed to "Maritime Group". These titles became authorized on April 1st.

### KIDDIES PLAYGROUND

The Wives Club are looking for volunteers for a cleaning-up job on the Station Playground. This is an excellent spot for kiddies to play, and the Wives Club anticipate having no difficulty in procuring a gang of volunteers to really get it in shape.

### FRONT PAGE RUMORS

It is rumored that:

—The RCAF will soon be opening a base in Newfoundland for Search and Rescue.

—The RAF Bomber Squadron visiting here in August will be commanded by Johnnie Moss's former CO.

—Radio Broadcasts made by personnel of Greenwood will be broadcast over a Station in Saint John.

—Double garages will be built for each two adjacent houses at Kingswood Terrace.

—A Bugle Band will be formed on the Station.

—The Soft Ball club will shortly receive their sweaters.

GREENWOOD, N. S.—After several days of battling heavy weather in the North Atlantic Search, 103's two Lancasters arrived back at Greenwood on Saturday.

Although the missing seamen were not located, the flights were packed with innumerable thrills. On the way to Goose Bay, the throttle linkage of F/O Forbes's aircraft broke, and the aircraft had to be landed on three engines. Severe icing played havoc with the Lancaster piloted by John Moss, and Sgt. Short, the engineer, received a heavy chunk of ice in the face when it was thrown off the airscrews and into the fuselage. Windows were smashed and the tail plane and de-icing boots, damaged from the flying glass.

One aircraft operated from Bluie West, Greenland, and from reports of the crew, it's a pretty tricky place to fly in when the weather is bad.

Both aircraft received their Searching Orders from the U. S. Coast Guard vessel "Owasco.", and weren't at all sorry to leave when the Search was called off.

### AIR CADET OFFICERS TAKE COURSE HERE

Fifty Air Cadet Officers from all sections of the Maritimes arrived last week-end to take a refresher course at Greenwood. They were given instruction in Drill, Supply, Accounting and other Air Force Matters. Instructors on the course were W/C Hiltz, S/L Smith, S/L Ross, W/O Williams and F/L Shoemaker.

Air Cadet Squadrons are the chief source of recruits for the peace time Air Force, and the training that youths receive while in the Cadets is invaluable when they join the Service.

### POLICE HAVE NEAT GARDEN

The plot of ground surrounding the Guard Room is really looking fine, and is the envy of a lot of sections. It has been noted that several projects are under way in other sections to improve the exteriors of their buildings, and a small plot of ground with a few flowers, really makes Greenwood look pretty swell.

### Wings Over Greenwood

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sonnel here. In an interview to the Standard, Westy paid high tribute to the flight engineers who accompanied him on all his flights. Flight engineers are the key men on all Rescue Flights, especially those made on water. Little - known incidents that happen when aircraft are operating away from Base, particularly in the North, are ones that spell failure or success to every Mercy Mission—The time when George Wilks fell into the icy water of Harrington Harbor while frantically trying to free a snarled anchor rope when the aircraft was piling on ice; the repairs in flight that have been made by Cpl. Joberg; the all-night toil of Shorty and McCarrol, to repair broken float gear and then their flight of 10 hours the next day without a wink of sleep; nose wheels that collapse on northern landing strips; repairs to heating systems in 50-below weather with gravely injured people aboard; engine repairs made in sub-zero temperatures, with no hangars or workshop facilities—these are but a few of the jobs that are superbly done by the lads who fly as flight engineers, and enable 103 to set records second

### HELICOPTER STILL ON SEARCH

Try as he will, Tommy Causey just can't keep out of the news. After doing an excellent searching job from Chatham, Tom returned to Greenwood last week. He had scarcely landed when he got news of another hot tip from the Search Area. Off he went again, this time to Sisters Brook, N.B., and picked up two trappers who heard something suspicious on the day that the Expeditor went missing. They were flown to the suspected area, and although the helicopter gave it a thorough searching, no trace of the Expeditor was found.

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For gifts, prizes for your personal use, Mrs. L. Thompson, 84 Kingswood Terrace, has a large assortment of good quality cards and stationary.

to none. Many of these incidents must have been running through Westy's mind while he gave his interview, and the tribute that he gave to Greenwood Engineers will forever be endorsed by all of those who fly.

### Editorial

In a feature article in the Montreal Standard, Ron West was given a considerable write-up. F/O West won the McKee Trophy, and as it was awarded largely for the work that he did while on this Station, we at Greenwood feel that an honor was also bestowed on many of the per-

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## Gas and Oil

(Condensed from American Mercury and Readers Digest.)

Do you buy premium or grade one gas? Have you ever stopped and asked yourself just what you get from the extra two cents a gallon that you are paying? The chances are, if you are an average motorist, you have not given it much thought, other than what you have read in the gasoline advertisements about more pep, better mileage and less knock.

Premium gasoline contains slightly more tetraethyl lead to increase the antiknock and octane rating, but there are only a few makes of cars that are engineered to take advantage of these qualities; i.e. Oldsmobile "90" and Cadillac. Thus the added qualities of premium gasoline are lost on most cars. In some cases it might even do harm as there is a chance of its inducing lead deposits.

Here is the opinion of an expert that works on fuel consumption, power and antiknock, Professor Frederick H. Dutcher of Columbia University's department of mechanical engineering: "If an engine will run on regular gas without knocking, it is foolish to buy premium. And drivers should not worry about a little knock now and then. A suspicion of a knock on a hill is not a bad thing; it indicates that conditions are fairly close to optimum."

What about oil changes? Every thousand miles seems to be the old reliable, but is it necessary for a car that is not burning oil? The legend

## TALENT SHOW

Monday evening, May 23, the Woman's Auxiliary sponsored a Talent Scout Programme. A short business meeting was held first, followed by a talk by Dr. Purchase on the Maritime Medical Care, Inc., sponsored by the Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

The programme was then turned over to Miss McGee who was in charge of the evening's entertainment. Mrs. Ken Walker acted as Mistress of Ceremonies and called on the Talent Scouts to present their contestants.

First to perform was F/L Shoemaker's young daughters, Barbara and Joan. They sang a duet "Cruisin' down the River" and a Dutch Song, accompanied by their father on banjo and singing a soft harmony.

Cpl. Lee Bourque followed with a tap dance that was professionally done and a real treat to dance enthus-

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persists that, "oil breaks down" or "wears out." It doesn't—it just gets dirty and in cold weather may get diluted with gasoline. The three leading car manufacturers, G.M., Ford, and Chrysler, all recommend that 2500-3500 miles or more in summer and slightly less in winter. They all agree that the oil filter should be replaced every 5-8000 miles, though. The U.S. Government has ordered that all their cars have the oil changed in the Spring and Fall or at 4000 mile intervals, whichever comes first. In this way they are not only saving themselves money, but helping to

## THE LITTLE WOMAN

(Continued from last week)

Then she gets the uniform payments arranged,  
When the blouse is no good—Regulations have changed.  
One year she has servants and lives like a lady,  
The next year she does housework and has a new baby.  
That there'll be a bank balance she has no assurance  
—It all goes for likker or some darn Insurance!  
At an age to retire, He is still hale and hearty,  
Fit as a fiddle, the life of the party,  
While she's old and haggard, cranky and nervous  
—Really a wreck after His term of Service.  
But even at that, when all's said and done  
She goes on believing that Air Force life's fun.  
She has loved every minute—and the reason why  
—She'd have been bored with the average guy!!  
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But in actual fact it should have been she!

The end.

(Reprinted from the "Bordenaire.")

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## Social News

By Mrs. Jack Kelly

Mrs. W. H. MacDonald of Truro is visiting with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Chapman, Barrack Block No. 3.

Master Douglas Roberts, son of Cpl. and Mrs. T. O. Roberts, entertained a number of his little playmates, Wednesday, May 18, the occasion being his fourth birthday.

The M.T. Section held a farewell party for Sgt. and Mrs. Len Dewis at the Cpls. Club on Fri. evening. Dancing was enjoyed, followed by refreshments, served by the ladies.

On Monday evening, May 16th, the lady bowlers of the Kentville League entertained the Greenwood ladies, after defeating them 2-1, on the Kentville alleys. A most enjoyable lunch was served at the home of Miss Pauline Buddell, the hostess being assisted by ladies of her team.

Sgt. and Mrs. Bruce Farquhar and son Wayne spent the week-end in Mahone Bay.

Mrs. J. T. Kelly entertained her bridge club on Tues. evening.

Cpl. and Mrs. W. Falkenham and family spent a few days in Lunenburg, last week.

On Friday, May 13th, Mrs. F. Geraghty entertained the mothers and children of Barrack Block 3, in celebration of the birthday of her daughter Heather, who was two years old on that day. A number of games were played, followed by refreshments served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. B. Jeddrie, the mothers being served, by Miss Gertrude Geraghty and Mrs. Wyn Hewitt.

Miss Kay Thompson of Montreal, has returned to her home, after visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Sgt. and Mrs. L. Thompson.

A number of friends of Mrs. B. A. Dawson gathered at her home on Friday evening to tender her a surprise party, on the occasion of her

birthday, on Friday May 20th.

The "NIGHT HAWKS" bridge club held a very enjoyable banquet at McNeil Tourist Home in Wilmot on Thurs. evening. An elaborate chicken dinner was served by Mrs. H. McNeil, followed by the presentation of prizes. Mrs. B. Farquhar held high score for the year, and Mrs. T. R. G. Bennett second highest. The evening was later spent playing bridge, followed by refreshments at midnight.

LAC and Mrs. M. Rafter have as their guest Mrs. Vernon Rafter, of Amherst, N. S.

LAC and Mrs. A. Simmons spent the week-end with Mrs. Simmons's mother in Truro, N. S.

Mrs. B. A. Dawson and son John Allan spent a few days last week in Middleton, visiting friends.

Cpl. and Mrs. J. A. LeBlanc and LAC J. O. V. and Mrs. LeBlanc are to be congratulated on their recent new arrivals; a son and daughter, respectively, both born at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital in Middleton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hara of Yarmouth, spent the week-end with Sgt. and Mrs. W. Coates:

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the W. A. Meeting on Monday night when their much-looked-forward-to Talent Scout Programme was featured. The audience was greatly surprised at the talent presented and thoroughly enjoyed all numbers rendered. The participants were as follows: the Misses Joan and Barbara Shoemaker, (1st prize), Dr. Archibald, (2nd prize), LAC Munn, F/O Wolfenden, LAC McLeod and Cpl. Lee Bourque.

The poem, "The Little Woman" has been the cause of much discussion among our good wives. A few of your poems have already arrived here, and we are publishing the final verse of Borden's "Little Woman", and starting with one of Greenwood's. Next week, we'll come out with the rest. Thanks a lot ladies, keep 'em coming!

## TALENT SHOW

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iasts.

LAC Norm McLeod piped "Road to the Isles" and other Scottish Airs on his bagpipes that had a good many toes tapping which showed some Scotch blood in Greenwood.

LAC Ralph Munn sang a solo, "The Wiffenpoof Song", and Brahms "Lullaby" as an encore. Ralph has a real Welsh voice and was a treat to hear.

Dr. Archibald was the last contestant to perform, his selection being, "Warsaw Concerto", which showed his skill at the piano keyboard.

Judges of the applause for each contestant were Mrs. Lee Johnstone, Mrs. Phyl Story and F/O Webb.

Winners were Barbara and Joan Shoemaker, first prize; Dr. Archibald, second prize.

Mrs. Ken Walker extended hearty thanks to those who performed and stated that the talent shown during the evening far exceeded the prizes to be awarded.

It is now hoped that this programme, with some additions, might be put on at the Station Theatre at some future time.

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### Section Notes

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#### WORKS AND BRICKS

S/L Beaton has left for Trenton this week on business.

This Section has a new arrival in our midst. He is F/Sgt. C. Lowe of Ottawa, who is here to do research work on heating.

Cpl. Giles says the swimming pool is progressing favourably. Who's going to do the test dip? Cpl. Giles, likely.

#### AIRMEN'S MESS

Cpl. Best always seems to be able to get in the news. His latest claim to fame is that while he was fishing the other day one jumped up on the rocks beside him and he immediately proceeded to attack it with a stick. For quite some time the battle raged, then the fish, apparently tiring of trying to hook the "large human", flopped back into the water. Could it be that the Cpl's fish-eating is getting the better of him?

#### HOSPITAL

LAC Vaughn, the star of the baseball team, has a sore arm. Did he get it from typing too much? Perhaps its the result of demonstrating his powers as a pitcher, after all.

The hospital has a new member who answers to the name of F/O Taylor. He is here on Summer Employment getting a bit of time in on his Internship. The Sick Bay sure is well staffed now.

LAC Williams (Willie) is on the sick list with a sore leg. Two to one it's just an excuse to get out of walking the aisle in the near future.

Sgt. T. R. McQuat is arriving shortly as a replacement for Sgt. Dewis in the MT Section.

Down in SHQ, Mrs. Phyl Miller is having a pretty busy time these days with scores of letters for Air Force Day as well as her normal work.

During the fishing expeditions over the holiday, Cpls. Burke and Rafuse took the honors for size and weight for individual fish, being two

### THE LITTLE WOMAN

By "A Greenwood Gal"

To parties we go, and to parties we stay,

Until very late hours, or 'till break of day.

We wake in the morn with a pain in the head

And think to ourselves t'would be better dead.

With the wails of the kids and the groans of the men,

We finally decide "O, never again!"

So, that evening we think it wise to play bridge,

But the cupboard is empty, and so is the fridge.

Then Pa says to Ma, "Go put on your hat,

And we'll go for a stroll," or something like that.

We may meet some friends of the evening before,

Or someone we met up with during the war;

Then we hash over our ailments or trials of the past,

And the men talk shop, 'till finally at last,

Someone suggests a trip to the Mess.

We all say "No", then—"Oh, sure we guess!";

So we all wind up in the usual spot,

When some take a few, and some take a lot.

But then, we find we are all dead broke,

So we chat about old times over a coke.

and a quarter pounds and twenty-two inches long, respectively. Not to be outdone, Corporal Jack London of the CR brought home a total of 28.

Sgt. Don Short had a narrow escape when a piece of ice flung from the airscrew of a Lanc struck him in the face a fraction of an inch below his eye.

Flying Officer Cottnam is said to be giving Billy Rose a close run in his judgment of Beauty—Have you picked any Princesses lately, Billy?

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### Maintenance News

By LAC R. L. Sprange

The personnel of this Hangar welcomes F/O K. Bain who has recently arrived at this unit. F/O Bain is an Engineering Officer and has just completed his course at Camp Borden. It is believed that he will also be the M.E. Officer on this station. Welcome to our Sweatshop, Sir.

F/S Maniate's electricians, who form the greater part of the Maintenance No. 2 team, played and defeated the 103 S & R Officers team with a final score of 4 to 3. Nice going, fellows.

Maintenance Wing wives have

been complaining about the overtime work in this section. It seems that diaper changing holds a higher priority with them than engine changing. Pop, incidentally, agrees.

Local merchants have had their stocks of grey darning wool depleted since the boys have been indulging in after-breakfast walks—for exercise, of course.

The married personnel here have asked if a fence could not be put up by the brige at Zeke's Brook. It is felt that this fence would be beneficial to the safeguarding of the children; the younger ones especially, on this station. An ounce of prevention is worth far more than a pound of cure in children's safety.

### CANSO TRIPS THIS SUMMER

Preparations are already being made for the two Canso trips to the North, this summer. One Canso will be engaged in a wild-life survey and the other will be freighting from Goose Bay to Mecatina and Indian House Lake.

The proposed crew for the wild-life survey will be F/L Nelson, F/O Hawkshaw, F/L Russell, F/L Lovelace, Cpl. Wilks and LAC Brooks. The crew of the "freighter" will probably be F/L Publicover, F/O Cameron, F/O MacAlpine, F/O Charko, Cpl. Zaleschuk and LAC McCarrol. Both aircraft will be away most of August so the boys are already hoarding away fly dope and fishing gear.

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