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COURSE 4 COMMENCES AT OTU

405 SQUADRON HAPPENINGS

405 Squadron was off to a flying start with the advent of the New Year, putting in close to fifty hours flying time during the first five days of 1951. It is strongly hoped that this will continue during all this year. Flights carried out include three short OFE's and a trip to Toronto in search for holiday excursionists.

The beginning of the year saw the majority of the new members of 405 Squadron, the recent graduates from 2 (M) OTU, reporting in, with the exception of a few who are still on leave. The new crews are readily adapting themselves to the Squadron organi-

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The OTU building once again became a hive of activity when Course No. 4 commenced on Monday, January 8. The Commanding Officer welcomed the course members to Greenwood, and Squadron Leader C. C. W. Marshall, DFC. OC 2 (M) OTU outlined the syllabus of training and gave a short resume of the OTU course. Due to the recent snow storm Wing Commander Searle, AFC SASO Maritime Group, was unable to attend, and Course No. 4 was most unfortunate not to hear Wing Commander Searle's talk on Maritime Operations.

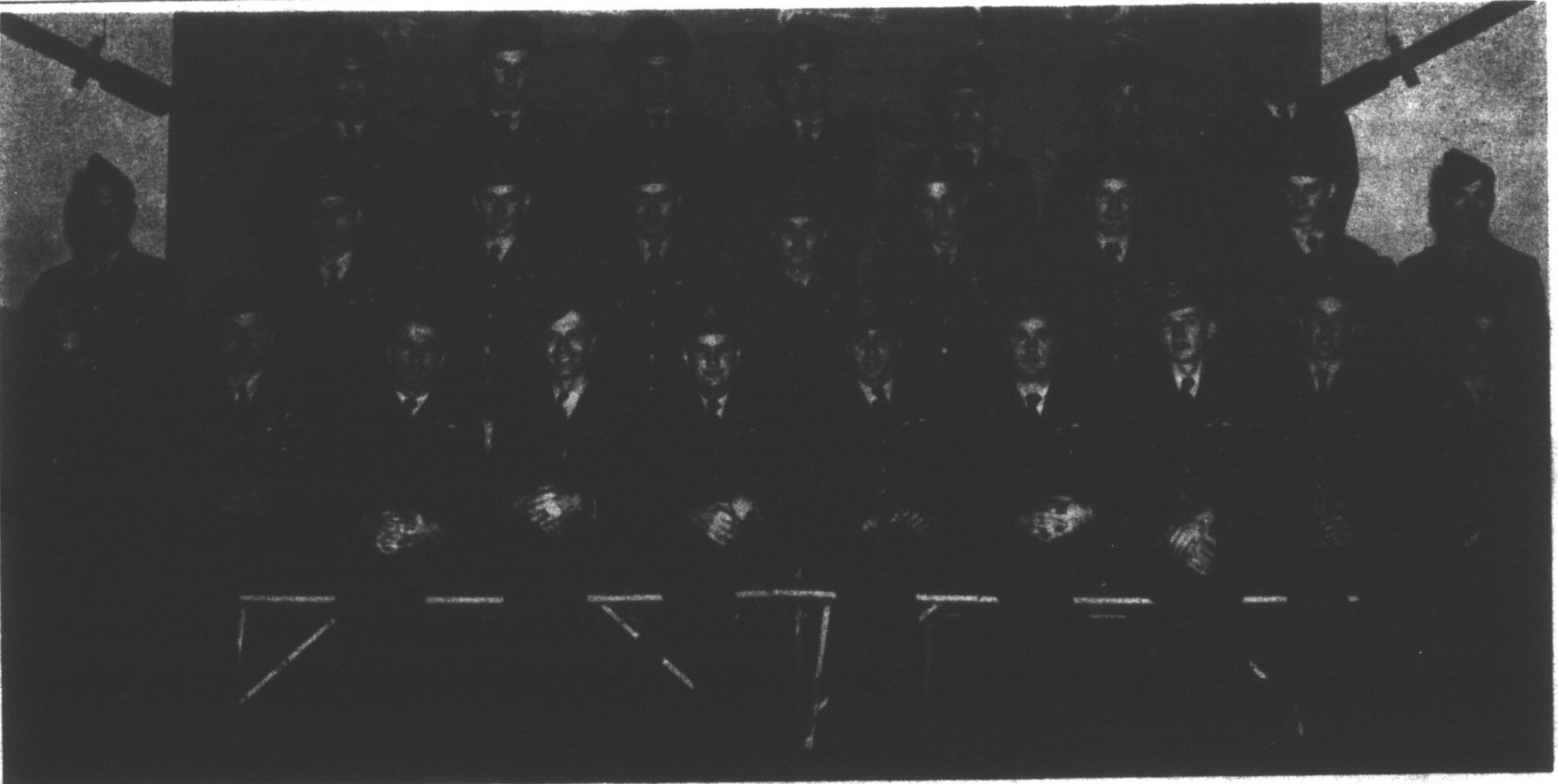
The OTU intake has increased for
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HOUSING INFORMATION

Occupants of Temporary Married Quarters may now submit applications for accommodation in Permanent Married Quarters, if they so desire. These applications will compete with others now on file in the office of NCO i/c Housing. TMQ occupants are to complete application forms in full, but para 6 in respect to "Section Head's remarks" is to be disregarded, and no points are to be requested for "waiting period" at para 4.

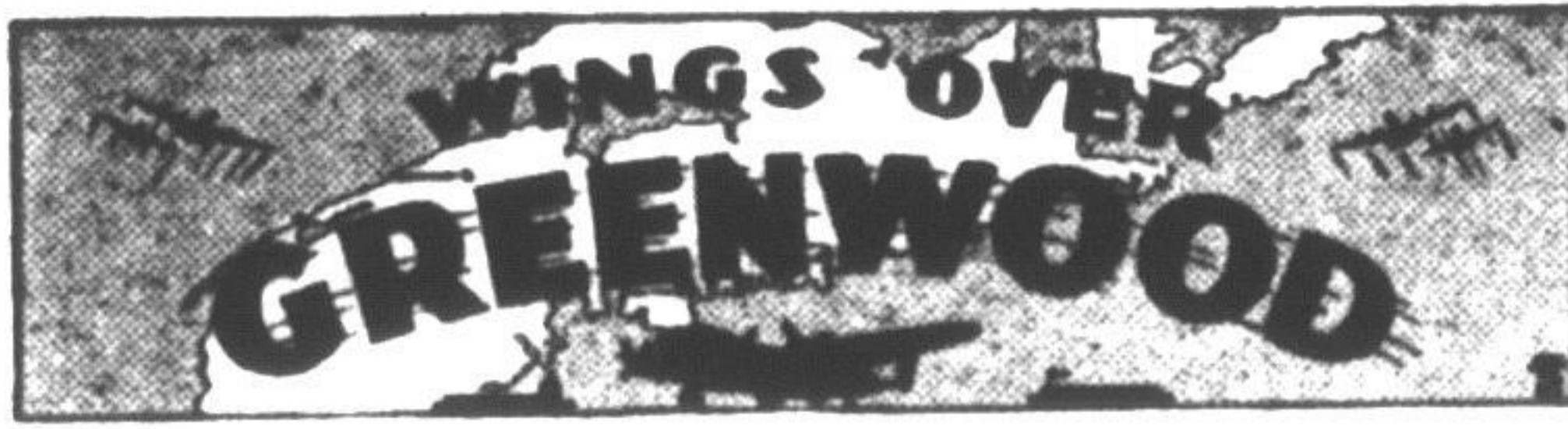
Moves from TMQ's to PMQ's, which will cost between \$15 and \$24, cannot be charged to Public expense. It will therefore be to the advantage of the

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MEMBERS OF COURSE NO. 4 OTU

Front row left to right—Cpl. Cox, F/L Gibson, P/O Owen, F/L Gordon, P/O LaChance, P/O Aucoin, F/O Mosher, P/O Ives, P/O Stacey; LAC Sharp. Middle Row left to right —LAC Scrimgeour, F/L Rolfe, P/O Hannington, P/O Hicks, P/O Brochu, P/O Hawkins, P/O Piercy, P/O Levesque, Cpl. Wetmore. Back Row left to right—P/O Luchka, P/O Monteith, P/O Palmer, P/O Smale, P/O Massey, P/O Fonstad, P/O McLaws. Missing from photo are S/L Bellis, S/L Mitchell, F/L MacKenzie, F/O Bauman.



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RADIO HOBBY CLUB

If you are interested in any phase of radio work, do yourself a good turn by attending a Radio Hobby Club meeting in the Recreation Centre at 1830 hours next Wednesday, January 17. You may wish to build your own radio or learn basic radio theory. Maybe you are just plain curious.

The Radio Hobby Club is for those who want to wield a soldering iron as well as for those who want to tap a key. The present membership consists mainly of Radio tradesmen and the Club is keen to introduce as many as possible of the hitherto uninitiated to the fascinating hobby of radio.

Note: The meeting next Wednesday will be through in time for Bingo.

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HOUSING INFORMATION

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individuals concerned to do as much packing as possible themselves.

The latest information available on the new housing units is that they will commence to be ready for occupancy January 25, or thereabouts. This delay is due to difficulties being experienced by the contractors.

Although it is not desired to discourage personnel from making enquiries regarding their individual points or standing, it should be borne in mind that the houses will be ready soon, and the NCO i/c Housing will pass on any further developments through the columns of this newspaper. The allotment will be on a priority basis according to class, i.e., officers, Sr. NCO's, and Cpls. and below.

The office of the NCO i/c Housing is open for housing enquiries daily between the hours 1100 and 1200 only.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Miss Linda Patience, daughter of Warrant Officer and Mrs. B. R. Patience, entertained a number of her young friends on Friday afternoon last, the occasion being her fourth birthday.

Master Gary Falkenham underwent a tonsilectomy at the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Middleton, on Tuesday, January 9. His many young friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Arthur Foster, Halifax Chronicle Herald carrier, wishes to thank all Air Force and civilian customers who gave him such worthwhile gifts at Christmas and New Year's.

Corporal A. S. McNabb and family have left the station for a short leave, and thence to Goose Bay.

Warrant Officer L. S. Williams and family departed, by car, on Monday, January 8, for Centralia.

Corporal S. Hopkins never thought he would make it so soon, but he's down from the mountain at Tremont, and with his family, now occupies a house in the "Pines".

Flight Sergeant and Mrs. E. C. Fresque are now resident in a house on the "Hill".

Flying Officer G. H. Carey was married in Toronto (Weston) to Miss Jean Taylor, on December 30. They have taken up residence in Middleton.

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zation and are already proving to be an asset. This brings the present strength of the Squadron up to eight crews.

The New Year also evidenced some shifting in the Squadron. Flying Officer Kilgour is sailing this week with HMCS Stadacona, taking a course in ship recognition. Upon completion of the course, he will be an expert in that field, and will thus be able to impart his wisdom to the other less fortunate members of the Squadron. Flying Officer Mosher has temporarily departed to attend Course No. 4 at OTU. He will be back with us again in four months as captain of an aircraft. Flying Officer Noonan, Flying Officer Benson and Flight Lieutenant Ashton have taken on staff positions with the OTU. The Squadron takes this opportunity to wish them every success in their new positions. Flight Lieutenant Epps is back with us again after an absence of two months, during which time he was attending a course at Centralia.

Squadron personnel at present, as always, are busily engaged in their continual pursuit of knowledge, amidst a maze of lectures, publications and note books, both on and off the station. In conjunction with flying duties, an extensive ground school program is the standard rule in the Squadron. Added to that, squadron members, along with other station personnel, are journeying twice week-



STATION THEATRE

Sat. Jan. 13 — "Bagdad", Maureen O'Hara, Vincent Price, Paul Christian.

Sun. Jan. 14—"Two Flags West", Joseph Cotten, Linda Darnell, Cornel Wilde.

Mon. Jan. 15—"Mighty Joe Young", Terry Moore, Ben Johnson, Robert Armstrong.

Tues. Jan. 16—"Caged", E. Parker, A. Moorehead, Ellen Corby.

Thurs. Jan. 18—"The Story of Molly X", June Havoc, John Russell, Dorothy Hart

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HOME AND SCHOOL

Seventy-six members attended the Home and School Association Meeting on Monday evening last. Mrs. N. MacMillan was nominated Secretary-Treasurer, in place of Flight Lieutenant Zaleschuck, who leaves for Trenton this month. Miss Spurr's class, Grades 5 and 6, won the banner by having the largest number of parents present.

It was decided that the issue of cod-liver oil capsules would be continued until the end of June.

The program "Panel of Experts", scheduled for the evening, was postponed until a later date. In its place, LAC MacMillan showed some of his motion pictures. These films were most interesting and included were some taken at Aylmer, Ontario, Quebec and Greenwood. Many beautiful scenes of the Valley, taken at different seasons of the year, were also shown.

At the conclusion of the meeting, refreshments were served.

ly to Acadia University, where they are enjoying a series of lectures given by professors at the university.

The series is to be concluded next week by a talk on world affairs to be delivered by Dr. Watson Kirkconnel, President of Acadia University, and a recognized authority in that field. The obvious reason for all this activity—promotion examinations.

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Our Mayor, Flight Sergeant Harry MacAulay, has found himself a new job as temporary SWO in the absence of Warrant Officer G. E. Millar, who motored to Belleville for a short period. Warrant Officer "Ozzie" Gregory has finally returned to his duties in Station Orderly Room, after completing the special assignment in which he has been engaged for the past few months.

Corporal R. A. Taviner has reported from Niagara Falls, where he is honeymooning, that he misses his chums in the SOR. He's only kidding of course. "Tav" was married in Toronto on January 3. Further info will be available when he returns.

At press time, Wing Commander C. D. McLean is on a short leave, and Squadron Leader C. E. F. Underwood is acting C Tech O.

With the restoration of normal power to the Telecommunication Section, things have more or less returned to normal. Coffee is served at the proper times. Beefing about overtime, days-off, and Joe Jobs has recommenced. Changes are taking place. Joe McLeod, the man of the hammer and saw, is at it again, this time with a new counter in the T/T Room. Flying Officer Joslin has left, after an appropriate send-off the night before, for R & CS Clinton, Ontario. We wish him all the best and hope to see him back here when he completes his course.

Flight Lieutenant Murphy and Sergeant Sprague will be leaving shortly, for a visit to Air Cadet Squadrons, to install radio equipment.

Flight Lieutenant Mock and his clerical staff will soon be located in the Telecom Wing of GIS building swinging the whip on personnel in Telecom Maintenance located elsewhere, the only advantage being that same whip-swinging is done from a safe distance.

The Safety Equipment personnel have a clue on what "The Thing" might be. It may be "The Maritime Kit", because nobody knows what it is. One thing is certain about the latter — it must float, because it was found on a beach. Perhaps in near future we will know the answer to the \$64. question that has stumped the nation.

We see Flight Sergeant Davis oiling up "the shotskun" once more. Ap-

pears the cotton-tails don't have a chance. He has related many "a tail" about his rabbit hunting in Australia while serving an apprenticeship for a Mates Ticket, but Corporal Vaughn says he will find rabbit hunting somewhat different here in the Maritimes.

Corporal Vaughn of Safety Equipment has at last been able to import from Darkest Africa, of all things, "A Monkey Skin". He has had trouble convincing the section personnel what you use them for and until he does his sales will be low. However, he has already an order for a genuine leopard skin, so he is not discouraged.

The New Year has brought forth a hidden extra ambition among the Safety Equipment personnel who are due for trade board, insofar as "gen" is continually transmigrating around the section.

Two Maintenance men were elected at the recent Airmen's Mess meeting. LAC Duffy was elected President while LAC Churchill was elected Bar Officer.

There seems to be a big line up around stores in number seven hangar these days. Do you suppose that it could have anything to do with Carl Richardson winning the fifty dollar door prize?

Warrant Officer Machan is passing out cigars these days. The reason? He is the proud father of a seven-pound baby girl. Congratulations, Major.

AC1 Mason has left the Electrical Section to assist LAC Harvey down at the Link Trainer.

Corporal Greenough, LAC Moorcraft, and LAC McLellan are the new faces around Maintenance. They have just arrived from Summerside.

The Supply Section reports that if anyone has noticed and wondered at the scars on Sergeant Kenney's nose, here is the explanation: The aforementioned NCO whips up to work in his little ole green Chev, steps out and as he is slamming the door, he leans forward to have a last check on the various switches and, of all things, catches his nose in the door. And all this happens to a guy who claims no relationship whatsoever with Ichabod Crane. We wonder.

Warrant Officer Creelman swears that he actually overheard the following conversation coming from the SSO's office one morning recently:

Flying Officer Jones: "Gee, I sure am feeling awful this morning".

Flying Officer Murphy: "Flu"?

Flying Officer Jones: "No, not since I remustered from Pilot to Supply".

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Tomorrow, (Saturday), Greenwood travels to Shearwater, where they take on the powerful Navy teams in mixed badminton, volleyball, bowling (3 teams—2 men's and one ladies) and basketball. In December, the 'sailors' came to Greenwood and gave us 'pigeons' a going over, in all four sports, but ladies bowling has been included this time, and our picked team of ladies from different teams won't take a back seat to many men's teams, and you can bet they will give a good account of themselves. As for the other teams: That was last year we were beaten, and this is a new year!! Well, we'll wait until we get back to do our braggin'. The bus is leaving from the Drill Hall at 9 a.m. tomorrow, so tell your baby sitters we'll be back tomorrow night—sometime? The basketball game which is the last event, is scheduled for 6.30 p.m. Line-ups for the various teams, as of Tuesday, were as follows:

BADMINTON

LADIES — Dawn Wheeler, Reta Dymment, Phyl Bourton, Jean McLean, Audrey Baxter, Joan Austin, Vera Oliver, Joan Jewell.

MEN — Norm Smith, Dave Pudney, Ray LaRoche, Mike Carle, Gordie Faulkner, Herb Dymment, "Bunny" Austin, Don Carlson.

VOLLEYBALL

Doug Lyon, Tommy Thompson (Capt.), "Deke" Parsons, Jim Murray, Tommy Hornsby, Robbie Robertson, Bill Clark.

BOWLING

LADIES—Kay Murphy (Capt.), Thelma Gilmour, June Foley, Donna Ferguson, Carm MacMennamon.

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BASKETBALL

Tommy Hornsby, Herbie Smale, Chuck Wheeler (Capt.), Harry Roper, Everett Middler, Howie Vincent, Johnny Byrne, Vic Gilmour, Bill Tucker, Ken Stacey, Mike Piercey.

VOLLEYBALL

Last week the semi-finals got started with a 4-out-of-7-series. First place Armament clashed with third place 103 Sqdn., on Monday, and after two touch and go games with the issue in

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Life in connection with any form of peace-time military service tends to become dominated by materialism and paternalism. Our favorite topics of conversation are pay and allowances, housing, postings or transfers, promotions, the high cost of living and the things that money can buy. We look to the service to direct our destiny from the time we enlist until we are retired on a pension. There creeps over us the comforting or discomposing feeling that if we do the job that has been assigned to us as best we can, the service will care for us in sickness or in health until the pension doth us part. Then, with hooks or rings on our sleeves and medals on our breasts, we pass into civvie street through the same door by which we entered more than twenty years ago on the day of our enlistment. What a warm, consoling feeling of security our "pater" imparts to us.

But someone wisely said: "It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure that you haven't lost the things that money can't buy."

Searchingly, someone else said: "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

It occurs to me very frequently that some of us think entirely too much about an assured income and security, and too little about the intangible, spiritual qualities without which life becomes poor indeed. Every way is eagerly sought, except the way that leads to the life more abundant.

In our thoughtful moments, we all become conscious of a deep, basic need that is not satisfied by what we own or by what is commonly called success. The very security that the world can give, the world can take away.

But those whose lives are in tune with the Infinite, and who cultivate eternal, spiritual values, experience a kind of security which the world cannot give or take away, and "the peace of God which transcends all our powers of thought."

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AN ACT OF FIRE PREVENTION A
DAY HAS RESULTS THAT
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SECTION NEWS

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Corporal Teal says he heard two moths in conversation one day last week in clothing stores. One was heard to say, "I'm afraid I'll have to stop eating greatcoats". T'other one says, "Huh, why"? First Feller says, "Cause I'm getting ulsters in my stomach".

Flight Lieutenant Johnston and Sergeant Ramsden are on a bit of annual leave this month. F/L Johnston and family proceeded to Ontario while Sergeant Ramsden from Ontario prefers to spend his leave in the Maritimes. Could it be that he is bushed already?

The Flying Control Staff has increased by one officer, Flying Officer Wallace, from 103 R Unit. The staff hopes he has a long and enjoyable stay.

With Mr. Foster, Mr. Millar and Sergeant Harvey in Toronto and on leave, things have been running very nicely in the Met Section. Our genial boss, Mr. Giesbrecht, has been running around from one map to the other saying, "Got England, Iceland or Greenland plotted"; and Mr. "Specials" Dennis is driving the whole staff crazy. Mr. Foster and Mr. Millar are in Toronto on the OIC's conference, while Sergeant Harvey is spending his days in Belleville.

It is rumored that LAC Hansen is staying away from Auburn since coming back from Christmas leave. Could it be the "heartthrob" in Chatham?

LAC Walker seems to be losing a bit of sleep these last few nights. It

SPORTS

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doubt until the very last, 103 Sqdn. with "Robbie" Robertson as Capt., came through, 21-17 and 21-19, to hand Armament two humiliating defeats after losing but one game all season.

The other two teams to clash were Maintenance, who finished second in the schedule, and Headquarters, who copped fourth spot. In the first day of play, Headquarters won out, 2 games to 1, but two days later Maintenance won two straight, 21-14 and 21-17, and now have a 3-to-2 game lead, with but one more to go to clinch victory.

HOCKEY

The locals are having a tough old time of it with Jack Frost neglecting the natural ice players completely. A few (?) years ago in Kirkland Lake, your writer had played hockey or skated for two months by this time of the year, on natural ice. But this is not Kirkland Lake.

Next week, if the weatherman dishes out the proper weather, the Flyers will play Middleton on Monday; Bridgetown, at Middleton, on Tuesday, and at Middleton again on Wednesday. Games at 8.30 p.m.

seems he has turned out to be a poet, and not a Clerk Accountant. Watch for the poem; only three verses, but very good for an amateur. Good luck in your new profession, Ivor, but it is not worth losing sleep over.

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DANCE DOIN'S

The first dance of the 1951 season proved beyond a doubt that most of the people in the Valley and here at Greenwood had a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. Our usual crowd of 400 dwindled to a mere 250, due, in most cases, to an acute shortage of those little half-dollars.

However, that didn't detract from the fun available for those who did show up. And, although there were very few with enough energy left to jitterbug, a good time was had by all. The big news of the evening was supplied by Court Dodge, the popular bandleader. He had become the proud father of a five-pound boy the night before, and still had that starry gleam in his eye. Court tells us that the little fellow was born with a saxophone in one hand and a pipe wrench in the other. I guess that he's all ready to follow in his father's footsteps.

The big door prize was back in effect again and the draw took place at midnight. The lucky winner was Leading Aircraftsman "Karl" Richardson, from the Armament Section here at Greenwood.

The Dance Committee has plenty of new ideas up its sleeve for 1951, so make it a point to be in the Recreation Centre every Friday night. And resolve now to bring someone new each and every week.

CD'S AWARDED

Recent lists received from AFHQ indicate that the following personnel from RCAF Stn. Greenwood have been awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD):

Flying Officer J. J. D. Murphy,
WO2 G. Pelletier BEM,
Flight Sgt. G. F. Clark,
Sergeant M. M. Monson.

BIRTHS

To LAC and Mrs. E. A. Boutilier, on Saturday, January 6, at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Middleton, a boy.

To Warrant Officer and Mrs. F. B. Machan, on Saturday, January 6, at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Middleton, a 7-lb girl; wife and baby doing fine.

To LAC and Mrs. Y. Daigle, on December 10, at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, a son.

To LAC and Mrs. Gerald C. Pugh, on December 18, at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, a son, Gerald Robert, 9 lbs., 4 oz.

103 R UNIT ACTIVITIES

Immediately after the holidays, Flying Officer McAllister departed for Clinton where he is currently instructing Fighter Command pilots on the use of navigation aids, while Flying Officer MacLauchlan departed for Edmonton on his way to the Survival Course. A signal recalling him was received after Flying Officer MacLauchlan was enroute, and, to date no one is sure where or when the signal will catch up with him. We hope to see him some time this month.

On January 4, Flying Officer Cameron and crew proceeded to Cape Canso, to search for a small dory and two fishermen, but bad weather forced their return. The same day, Squadron Leader Arnold, accompanied by Squadron Leader Martin, flew to Gander to discuss mutual problems of coordination with the Senior Controller of Oceanic Air Traffic Control and with U.S. Rescue Services at Gander. The conference is expected to achieve closer operating liaison on all levels with all Rescue services there.

On January 5, Flying Officer Cameron and crew renewed the search for the lost dory under difficult search conditions, with boiling seas and high winds. After an unsuccessful search, the Lancaster returned in failing light. The following day, Flying Officer Cameron and Group Captain Anderson completed local flights with 39 Air Cadets in Dakota 600. While airborne, they were directed to investigate a burning vessel off Parrsboro coast. Some burning bales of hay floating in the water turned out to be the cause of alarm, but before this was confirmed Flying Officer Pearson and duty crew were alerted and on the point of taking off.

Flight Lieutenant Zaleschuk relinquishes his post as Training Officer of 103 in the near future, and will be transferred to Training Command HQ. Flight Lieutenant Booth will be joining the Unit on completion of his leave, and Flight Lieutenant Barlow returned from Centralia after completing the IFS Course.

STAFF CHANGES

"Wings Over Greenwood" bids adieu to Flying Officers K. A. Benson and D. M. McAllister, who have relinquished their duties as Unit Reporters from 405 Sqdn. and 103 R Unit, respectively, on completion of approximately six months of useful service. Flying Officer Benson is now on the staff of 2 (M) OTU, and Flying



PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday, Jan. 14—1100 hours, Worship, Protestant Chapel; 1100 hrs., Sunday School.

Friday, Jan. 12—Choir Practice—1900 hours.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday, Jan. 14—Mass, 1700 hours—Roman Catholic Chapel.

COURSE 4 BEGINS AT OTU

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Course No. 4 and now includes four Maritime Crews from which to form the nucleus of 404 Maritime Squadron. In addition to the Maritime course, the OTU is carrying out a conversion course for Flying Officer Owen and Flying Officer Bauman. On completion of the conversion stage, these two pilots will be engaged ferrying Lancaster aircraft for the Repair Depots.

Two familiar faces around Greenwood are now to be seen in the OTU building, namely Flight Lieutenant "Doc" Gordon, DFC, formerly Station Adjutant, and Flying Officer W. A. Mosher, 405 Squadron. Both these officers are attending Course No. 4, to qualify as Captains on Maritime aircraft.

LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

Jan. 18
6.30 p.m. 3 vs 6 Alleys 1 & 2
2 vs 7 Alleys 3 & 4
8.30 p.m. 9 vs 13 Alleys 1 & 2
5 vs 11 Alleys 3 & 4

Jan. 20
1.15 p.m. 1 vs 4 Alleys Open
3.15 p.m. 8 vs 10 Alleys 1 & 2
12 v.s 14 Alleys 3 & 4

(Jan. 4 & 6)
High Single—Marg. Bishop—257
High Triple—Rita Dymant—624
Hidden Score (Triple)—445
Kay Bennett—445

Officer McAllister has proceeded to R & CS, Clinton, to instruct on Navigational Aids.

Flying Officer E. Frymire has taken over the responsible task of Unit Reporter for 405, and Flying Officer J. Lee has assumed the same responsibility for 103 R Unit.

A hearty welcome is extended to the new reporters.