



R.C.A.F. STATION, TRENTON, ONTARIO



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## EDITORIAL

# *A Message*

## *From the Commanding Officer*

*I*T may be that many of the aircrew personnel now in action overseas will have the honour of remaining in their operational units until the war is won. It is even more likely that from the reserves of aircrew now available casualties can be replaced insofar as established units are concerned.

No sane person in Canada has any desire to reduce in will or in effort the force required to bring our enemies to their knees at the earliest possible moment. But we may now be permitted to presume, with due consideration of the principle of economy of force, and in the light of published figures, that the war will be won without further increase in our military establishments.

Somewhere, providentially, between the broad line of our aircrew requirements and the exhaustion of our aircrew resources, a sufficiency has been found, trained, and made available to the cause of the Allied Nations. History will ever warmly commend the development in Canada of this vital reinforcement of His Majesty's Air Forces.

This great masterpiece of energy in protection of our civilization — started by the cordite cartridge of stern necessity — is comparable to a great aircraft: the huge machine which is a victor in the world's greatest contest, countless tons of a swiftly moving airborne body, must needs be brought back to a smooth contact with a body at rest: the peaceful earth of our country. May God help the pilot in his most difficult task. May each and every member of aircrew play his full part.

Many years may pass before the effects of this great psychological revolution have subsided: many tasks yet remain — particularly they may be directed toward a Service like ours, where the intelligence and superiority of every man lends glamour to his duty.

Let each of us strive on to finish the thing we are in. No man is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for another: the man most in need may well be he with the greater loads of responsibility.

Here is the golden ray of opportunity for the personnel of the Royal Canadian Air Force: to add lustre to the laurels of a paramount place in modern war: that lustre of loyalty and leadership in thought and constructive energy, through the critical transition period to the dawn of refreshed and virile Canadian unity and progress.

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## Synthetic Training Tops At Trenton

### Armament Flight Gives Men Best Training On Unique Machines

We hear a lot of talk these days about the relative value of synthetic goods such as rubber, fuel, etc. as compared to the real thing.

Not much has been said about synthetic training of any kind, yet on this Station, there is a synthetic armament training section operating that provides instruction on the ground in bombing and gunnery that is about the closest to firing under actual flying conditions possible to obtain.

Firing a stationary machine gun at a moving target has often been "duck soup" to plenty of fellows, but get them into the air where they have to hit a moving target and control a fast moving plane at the same time and a good many of them will run into trouble.

That's to be expected, so in Ft. Lieut. Stephen's Armament Flight, they have developed a machine in which students not only go through the motions of handling a real aircraft, but are asked at the same time to fire with accuracy on a target moving in much the same manner as an enemy aircraft would under real battle conditions.

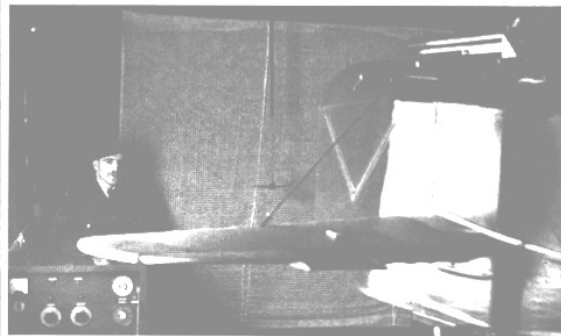
This unique machine is the brainchild of Sergeant G. E. Thomas, a mechanical engineer in civilian life, now instructing in armament on this Station. Besides this Gunnery Trainer, the Sergeant has designed other instruments which have proved themselves to be of inestimable value in the training of bombing and gunnery.

The Gunnery Trainer, as can be seen by the accompanying photograph, is built on the principle of the Link Trainer, but instead of being fixed to the floor is able to travel sideways in two directions. Mounted on the trainer, is a gun which is fired from a button on the control column of the "Link". Instead of spitting out bullets though, this gun shoots a beam of light.

A few feet in front of the trainer is the target, a small model airplane that can be kept continually moving in almost every direction. The instructor controls the target from an instrument panel, which also records the number of hits and misses scored by a student.

"All a student has to do then," we said to Sgt. Thomas, "besides controlling the 'Link' is to aim at the model aircraft?"

"No stree," explained the sergeant, "allowance has to be made for speed and deflection. Directly behind the model plane, but hidden by a large screen, is an electric cell which moves in perfect unison



**GUNNERY TRAINER**—The latest in training equipment for giving ground instruction to flyers is shown above. On top of the link-like device is a camera gun which the student aims at a model plane. At the controls, which operate the tiny target and registers hits and misses, is Sgt. Thomas, the designer.

### No Beefs, Says Airman Who Thinks Trenton Is Tops

By LAC "BILL" HILL

To write an article on my personal likes and dislikes of Trenton Air Station is undoubtedly an assignment of the first magnitude. The fact that I have spent eighteen months on this station might label me as being qualified — I do not agree! I have spent a mere three weeks on another station which is not long enough to cultivate any strong likes or even dislikes. Somehow I feel handicapped that I cannot compare this station with any other. Consequently, this verbal rambling cannot be counted as being very authentic.

I am one of those fortunates who, because of the location of this station, can spend a forty-eight at home, but — that isn't quite good enough. The opportunities to take in a symphony or play etc. are too rare, although I must confess going to Toronto from here for several "Feasts for my Ears." In other words, the location isn't so bad after all.

As for living quarters there is with the target and it is only when the light ray hits this cell that a hit is registered."

According to the sergeant, aerial gunnery may be compared to duck shooting, where shots must be fired some distance ahead of the duck to allow for its forward speed.

"Here's an instrument," he said, walking over to another contraption. "that we call a deflection trainer and which is used to teach

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### OFFICER CADETS TAKE COURSE HERE

"No. 1. K. T. S. is proud to welcome such a robust body of men as No. 1 Officers' Training Course and wishes them all the success in their future careers", said F/L Davidson, Administrative Officer of Composite Training School, on the arrival of the first twenty-eight potential officers taking the Officers' Training Course at No. 1 K. T. S.

Prior to this time, the Cadet Course was taken at Domaine d'Estrel, St. Marguerite, Que., but now is conducted at R.C.A.F. Stn., Trenton.

F/L Davidson explained that at the present time, these men are in the happy or unhappy condition of being neither officers or N. C. O.'s. They enjoy all the privileges of the Officers' Mess but since they are not yet commissioned, for purposes of discipline, they pay respects to officers but do not receive officer's compliments, in spite of the fact that they wear white armbands.

A good number of these men have seen action overseas in aircrew and thus bring a wealth of experience to Trenton. Many have completed courses in Flying Control on the west coast and upon successful completion of the four-weeks course will be commissioned as Flying Control officers.

This class, while only the first at Trenton, will undoubtedly be followed by many more men who have been chosen from the ranks and commissioned.

### Thanks a Lot Rotarians . . .

Some idea of the fine work being done for the airmen and airwomen of this Station by the Trenton Rotary Club is given in the information by the Club that since November 21, 1943, it has played host to an estimated 3375 of our personnel at a cost of \$1,097.00. \$551.00 of this amount has been given as prizes at the Rotary Club Bingo games at which another \$68.00 was spent in providing free cigarettes and apples. Concerts staged for airmen and airwomen have cost the Rotarians \$88.00 and the "Give-a-lift" stations situated at each end of the town set them back another \$300.00. The War Services Committee of the Trenton Rotary Club can rest assured that its sincere efforts to keep the personnel of this Station entertained is much appreciated!

little left to be desired. Trenton was a peacetime station which no doubt accounts for living quarters definitely being the last word, comparatively speaking.

Recreation! I doubt if anyone could name a game we haven't got —table tennis, billiards, etc. You can add any others to this list, if you wish.

And now for those people whose middle name is "Sports". This is the only R.C.A.F. Station I know of that can boast a swimming pool along with all the seasonal sports, namely, tennis, soft and hard ball, lacrosse, football and hockey.

Entertainment too, on the station, is quite abundant. Two theatres furnish a goodly portion as well as concerts by the station band and various outside groups.

And then that band within a band — the station dance band, playing for the station dances must too be added to the roster for your entertainment. There is a host of other things I could speak of that are just as vital as those mentioned but I honestly would have no other words than praise for them. Maybe I "don't get around much anymore", but I have always maintained that life to me is very much what I make it on this station or anywhere else. Circumstances, granted, do have their say and often more strongly than we would like them but I for one consider myself rather fortunate to be here, but at the same time hope this brutal war will cease soon 'cause I have a "yen" to get back into civies just as quickly as you.

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## What will you get?

### A Rehabilitation Quiz

1. How many days' pay of rank does a serviceman or woman get, after honorable discharge from the ranks at the end of the war? Is it 15 days, 30 days, 60 days, or 120 days?
2. At what scale will allowances be paid to their dependents during that time? The usual rate, one half, not paid at all?
3. On discharge an A.C.2 gets \$65.00 clothing allowance. How much will his Flight Commander get? Twice as much, half as much, nothing at all?
4. You are a single man, discharged at the end of the war after one year's active service, but can't get a job right away. What out-of-work benefits can you claim? Is it \$1 a day, \$15 a week, \$45 a month, \$100 a month?
5. For how long are you entitled to draw that allowance? A month, ten weeks, or a year?
6. A married man with two children, discharged after two years' service, wants to take a trade course lasting two months. What living allowance is he entitled to? Is it \$45 a month, \$85 a month, \$105 a month, \$125 a month?
7. An airman, married with one child, is discharged as totally disabled due to wounds received in action. What pension will he and his family get each month? Is it \$75, \$85, \$115, \$150?
8. You are a Flying Officer (R.C.A.F.) under the same circumstances. What pension will you get?
9. You were brought up on a farm and after discharge see a chance to get a good farm property for \$4,800. You figure it will take another \$1,200 to equip and stock it properly. How much cash must you have before the government will help you swing the deal? None at all, \$480, \$600, \$1,000?
10. What percentage of the total cost will you have to pay off?

(See answers on page 5)

## Benevolent Fund Available To R.A.F.

Various cases have arisen which make it apparent that many R.A.F. personnel in Canada are not aware of the facilities that are available for their assistance from the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund (Canada) whilst they are in the Dominion. The purpose of the fund is to relieve financial distress and thereby aid, assist or promote the well being of members or ex-members of the Royal Air Force or their dependents who are in need of assistance. All personnel interested in further details are asked to call at the Accounts Section, Administration Building.

### TO ANY SERVICE MAN

How long since you wrote to mother?  
For you the hours may fly,  
But those hours are years to your mother  
When the mailman passes her by.  
How long since you wrote to mother?  
And told her "you miss her so"?  
Four little words so simple . . .  
Yet they'll set her heart aglow!  
Even if nothing is happening,  
A mother's heart always pines,  
And though you may write of trivial things  
She'll read lots between the lines.  
How long since you wrote to mother  
And told her cheerful white lies  
To be read to her friends and neighbors  
With pride in her grand old eyes?  
How long since you wrote to mother?  
Better get that letter done,  
For mothers fade like flowers  
When they miss their wandering son.  
—W.K.

## Chaplain's Message

By F/L. ROSS K. CAMERON, Station Chaplain (P)

### "OUR STRUGGLE AND OUR PURPOSE"

There are two aspects to this war. We struggle to defeat the tyranny of the totalitarian states, Germany and Japan, and to defeat just as decisively the tyrannous elements in our own society. Both of these groups of evils are enemies of human freedom.

Freedom is the spiritual child of Christian Faith. Before the coming of Jesus, human life was held very cheaply. It was never recognized as of infinite value until that faith became an actual power in men's lives. The values of life which we recognize as essential not only to decency but to the enlarging and enriching of Freedom are Christian values.

During man's history low and debasing views of life's meaning and use and purpose have been set forth and followed. They have always resulted in human suffering. They have failed to recognize that personality is the final and only real value upon which a noble structure can be reared. Money, trade and commerce, "natural resources" have no meaning and no value apart from the persons who use them. They are institutions developed by men to enrich life in all its powers and faculties and to enable man to master the physical environment in which he must live. They must be made available to all men who can use them. Every institution and every physical law is for the service of men. When we assume that these institutions are ends in themselves, such as the making of money for instance, the institutions become our masters and not our servants. Man has been put into this world to know as much as he can, to do as much as he can and to be as good as he can. The accomplishment of these purposes can only be achieved by the full development of all elements of man's nature — spiritual, intellectual and physical.

Our social environment should conform to these needs. It should minister to them and at the same time be one form of their expression. This Utopia will not be realized without hard, intelligent, patient work. It will not be realized without the practice of Christian Faith. That Faith is especially designed to create and to promote harmony in human relationships. Where in all the history of man has the Golden Rule been sincerely and honestly tried and failed? One reason for our suffering and turmoil is that men blindly and stupidly have refused to use the forces at their command to produce happiness and order. No 'new world' will come by the waving of a magic wand when the war is ended. It will come only as a result of hard application to the study of the needs of men and a firm determination and conviction that life can be better and that freedom can be a reality for the earth's millions. This conviction cannot be engendered nor maintained without a dynamic. The greatest dynamic to energize an individual and society is a firm faith in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ.

These are the great principles in which he believed. He lived for them, He taught them by word and deed, and He died for their preservation:

1. The fact of human freedom involving the worth of the human person.
2. The fact of human brotherhood.
3. The existence of a moral structure in the universe to which men must conform or suffer.
4. The redemption of individuals and society. There is always the possibility of change and progressive development.

We can build life upon these foundations. The only security is by this method. And we possess in Christian Faith the power available to make these purposes real.



Q.—Is a W.O.2 entitled to be called "sir"?

A.—K.R. (Air), para. 332 (2), states that an airman below the rank of warrant officer shall address a warrant officer in the same manner as he does an officer but shall not salute him.

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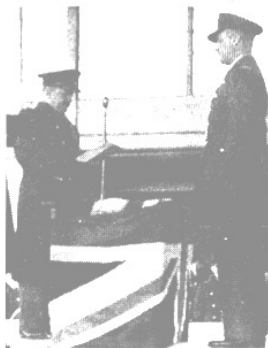
Q.—A month or two ago, I sat for a re-examination of my trade to get a grouping. I was informed that if I passed, my name would appear in D.R.O.'s. I looked very intensively for a month or more after my exam but have not seen my name appear and I presume that I must have failed. Is there a place where I could find out the exact results of the examination, or do I still have to hope for the best?

A.—Headquarters' Orderly Room could give information as to failures and passes on trade test examinations.

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Q.—A number of months ago, there appeared a notice in D.R.O.'s concerning myself. I meant to copy it off for future reference but I did not do so. As the days passed, the D.R.O.'s were torn from the file and I did not get my information. Can an airman be permitted to see old D.R.O.'s? If so, could we know the place and times?

A.—Back copies of D.R.O.'s may be seen in unit orderly rooms. Personnel are entitled to see them at their disposal as long as they first obtain permission to leave their work.



Air Vice Marshall A. T. N. Cowley addresses large parade before presenting Wing Commander J. G. Twist, O.C. of F.I.S. with the Air Force Cross.

### A.O.C. Presents Eight Awards At Impressive Ceremony

Before an impressive parade of hundreds of airmen and airwomen in the sports hangar on Thursday, Feb. 10, Air Vice Marshall A. T. N. Cowley, Air Officer Commanding No. 1 Training Command officially presented eight awards to personnel of the station honored by His Majesty for outstanding service and devotion to duty. The awards included two Air Force Crosses, a British Empire Medal, the Royal Red Cross, Commendation Certificates and two of the new Operational Wings presented to aircrew with 30 or more operations in the air against the enemy.

Flying Officer J. D. Dickson, D.F.C., D.F.M., of F.I.S., and Flying Officer D. S. Smart, D.F.C., of the Admin. Course, K.T.S., were the two officers who not only received Operational Wings but were also presented with the additional Bar, denoting the completion of 60 or more operations against the enemy.

Wing Commander J. G. Twist of F.I.S. and Squadron Leader V. M. Terry of C.F.S. were the recipients of Air Force Crosses and Flight Sergeant H. R. Chipperfield, an armament instructor, received the British Empire Medal.

Named an Associate of the Royal Red Cross in the King's New Year's Honor List, Nursing Sister M. T. Montgomery of the Station Hospital received her award from the Air Vice Marshall and Squadron Leader D. J. Brooker of C.F.S. and Flight Lieutenant W. C. Charde of F.I.S. were awarded Commendation Certificates.

In making the presentations, Air Vice Marshall A. T. N. Cowley explained that despite attempts of personnel to minimize their importance because of their isolated positions from the actual battle front, the training program is vitally essential and expressed his pleasure that such efforts made in Canada had been suitably recognized.

## MENTIONED IN STATION DESPATCHES

*The undernoted personnel have been brought to the attention of the Commanding Officer by the head of the Unit concerned, for especially commendable and meritorious conduct in the terms of the citation.*

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### Corporal Davey, F. C.

Whilst acting as crewman on one of Central Flying School's Lockheed aircraft enroute to Gimli, Manitoba, it was discovered that the starboard undercarriage could not be lowered, although all emergency measures were attempted. The captain of the aircraft, therefore, decided to return to Winnipeg where the aircraft could be landed close to a Repair Depot. Just before reaching Winnipeg, however, Cpl. Davey succeeded in locating the trouble which necessitated removing the floor boards of the aircraft and working under very difficult conditions. A check of the universal joint, which actuates the undercarriage retracting gear, showed that the pin had sheared and the joint seized. Cpl. Davey succeeded in driving out the pin and inserting a punch in the holes and lowering the undercarriage successfully by hand.

Through his ingenuity and prompt action very serious damage to the undercarriage, propellers and engines was avoided, and a valuable aircraft which is most difficult to repair was saved, not to mention the possible hazard to the occupants of the aircraft in carrying out a belly-landing.

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### W.O.2 Statia, P. C.

This Warrant Officer has been pharmacist and senior N.C.O. in charge of the Station Hospital for more than the past three years. Besides being most efficient in his own trade, he is a very conscientious worker and has devoted a great deal of his own time to assisting in other phases of hospital work. His services have been invaluable also to the investigations of the Medical Dental Research Unit.

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### Flying Officer F. C. Griblin

This officer, who commenced instructional duties on November 30, 1940, spent the first one and a half years at Elementary instructing. During that period, he was engaged as staff instructor, Flight Commander and Chief Flying Instructor, the latter for eight months. Since November, 1942, F/O. Griblin, an A2 instructor qualified on all types, has been employed at F.I.S. as staff instructor during which time he has shown great keenness for his work and has contributed to the efficiency of this school in an outstanding manner.

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### Sergeant Thomas, G. E.

This sergeant has shown exceptional ability in designing armament training instruments and machines calculated to provide students with the maximum amount of instruction on the ground before actual firing practice in the air. He has developed a gunnery trainer based on the Link trainer principle that gives students an opportunity to fire at moving targets under the same conditions that would exist while flying an aircraft. His development of a cockpit trainer, range estimator, deflection trainer and other instruments have added much to the value of synthetic armament training and he is deserving of high commendation.

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### Flight Sergeant Laycock, L. V.

Flight Sergeant Laycock was instructing on the first course of the Flying Control School approximately nineteen months ago and has since contributed with keen efficiency to the maintenance of a high standard of training of this Unit. No job has been too large or too small for him to carry out and extra work after hours has been handled cheerfully and efficiently. He is an example of the highest type of N.C.O. and is a credit to the Service.



Flying Officer J. D. Dickson, D.F.C., D.F.M., is shown being congratulated by the A.O.C. on his award of the Operational Wings and Bar, denoting 60 or more operations against the enemy.

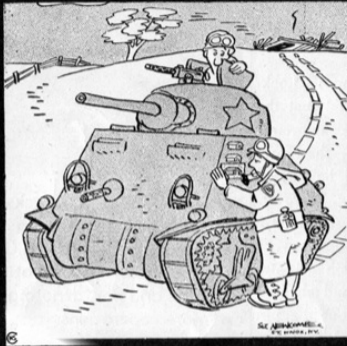
## Yacht Club To Meet On Thurs. Mar. 2

### All Are Welcome

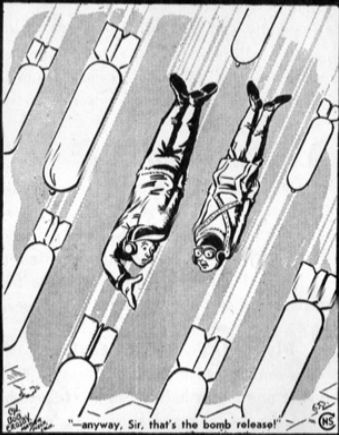
Those airmen and airwomen who last year had such a good time sailing and boating on the Bay of Quinte and all others interested in those two sports will welcome the news that the Airaquatic Club, the Station's yachting organization, is ready to get things off to an early start this year. A meeting of those interested in the airmen's and airwomen's yacht club will be held at 1830 hours, Thursday, March 2nd, in Room 231 of the Administration Building. All boating and sailing enthusiasts are asked to attend. The Airaquatic Club which got along well last year with a limited number of boats should have a most successful season this year as four sleek new Comet class sailboats have been built during the winter and will be ready to take the water as soon as the Bay is clear of ice. The additional boats should make it possible to hold many thrilling races this year and the canoes and rowboats, all for hire at a very small fee should make the season a satisfactory one for all. Don't forget to attend the meeting, Thursday, March 2.

### ANSWERS TO THE REHABILITATION QUIZ

1, 30 days' pay; 2, full rate; 3, nil; 4, \$45 a month is closest, actual figure being \$44.20; 5, a year at most—proportionately less if your period of service was shorter; 6, \$85 a month is closest, actual figure being \$86.40; 7, \$115.00; 8, the same; 9, 10 per cent of value of land, \$480; 10, two-thirds of land only, or \$3200—in 25 years.



# Cartoon



# Capers

**Male Call** by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

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**AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT**

**ORDERLY RETREAT**

**FIVE and TENNER**—It takes five minutes to get acquainted—and ten years to get rid of her... FLANK IT, YANK!

**HOSPITAL HAP'NINGS**

By L.A.W. PROCTOR, K. E.  
 Things were popping for Ferras this month. Two hooks and a new son made their appearance together with a box of cigars. Betcha we know which made Ferras happier. Some of the rugged males on staff are still gasping from the unaccustomed pleasure of a cigar.

The Jean-Pete combination of wolverines has been lying low in barracks lately. Their howls will echo again soon, though, for Jeannie's cracked up knee is nearly normal.

Tea bags are soon to appear in the W. D. Canteen, for the little cup of tea the English in our midst enjoy so much. Isn't that cozy, Morris?

N/S Cogan is fighting the battle of Trenton on a new front now. KTS is the newest scene of conflict, and apparently they really appreciate that seductive saunter. Maybe station hospital will seem like home sweet home when she returns from that wild and woolly rookie roost.

Some more streamlined Florence Nightingales have joined us, and from our vantage point they make a very good showing.

ACI Hagemeier has left us for Mont Jolie's stimulating station. Hope it stimulates him awake occasionally—we couldn't.

Our new strawberry blonde M. O. has H. A.'s and N. S.'s hearts aflutter. This will never do, children, remember that girl back home. They all have 'em.

We consider Sergeant Baker, our basement Beau Brummel, quite a trick and judging from the number of femmes in for treatments, we are not alone. The rest of you men had better count your chicks, they may be wandering. Ah personality, it's wonderful!!!

Wee Willie Flavell has no troubles that way though. He's keeping eleven females under control, and doing a veddy smooth job it in the clerical section.

The new medical clerk, blonde and bashful Wyllie has made quite a hit we hear. New faces are appreciated, and especially such nice ones.

Another new face—we have lots of 'em—belongs to L.A.W. Blake, late of Sea Island. You must meet her, the Xray branch is richer now by a priceless sense of humor.

Our Ruby made her first appearance in this wicked world on Valentine's Day not so many years ago. It's a perfect reason for a celebration at Firhurst Manor, and the party will probably be oddles of fun for the lucky ones invited.

Second floor is a brighter place now that Smith M. E. has left her retreat in O. R. and started back at her old job of cheering the ailing. Markham is missed, but seems happy in her job as Smith's replacement.

Rumour has it, in a very hush hush sort of way that the new white uniforms will be lauded by the government in the near future. Hope it's the real thing.

Business is really booming around here. Dean smashed her wrist up and is now a patient, but

**Women's Auxiliary Accomplishes Great Deal For Airmen, Airwomen**

There is an auxiliary branch of Trenton Air Station functioning smoothly, doing much and saying little, that despite its substantial period of existence is comparatively unknown to the majority of R. C. A. F. personnel here.

The branch in question is the R. C. A. F. Women's Auxiliary, a group formed in May 1940 by Padre and Mrs. Province under the sponsorship of Air Vice Marshal (then Wing Commander) Sully to fulfil the need for closer cooperation of the wives and mothers of Air Force personnel living in Trenton, to assist in social activities and to aid the Station Hospital in the manufacture of minor hospital supplies. Of the original members, Mrs. Province, Mrs. Stavely, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Hewson are still actively associated with the Auxiliary.

The Station Hospital has been especially benefited by the work of the many ladies in this organization who have given freely of their time in mending linens etc., a chore that has been done exclusively by them since the formation of the Auxiliary.

Miles of bandages have been rolled, curtains and chesterfield covers have been made to brighten the nurses quarters and many airmen and airwomen who were confined to the hospital during the Christmas holidays will remember the cheery decorations and the timely gifts so generously provided. Weekly visits to the hospital by members brighten many a dark afternoon for patients and in addition to a library they have donated, the ladies of the Auxiliary distribute many magazines.

Until recently, the fortnightly dances held at the Station Sports Hangar were sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary, which not only provided and served refreshments, but arranged for and chaperoned the lovely dancing partners.

The boys overseas and in enemy prison camps are being taken care of by regular shipments of cigarettes, candy and comforts and donations of money are sent regularly to the Red Cross. Few airmen too, are aware that the Auxiliary assisted in the Christmas Mess Festivities on this Station.

Besides the sewing work mentioned being done for the Hospital, the Red Cross group meets twice each week to make clothes and knitted goods for overseas relief as well as provide a mending service for airmen. Money for these various activities of the Auxiliary is raised by holding teas and rummage and home-cooking sales. Plans have been made to include in the future, sales of layettes and childrens clothing.

The Women's Auxiliary meets every Monday afternoon at its rooms at 48 King Street in Trenton and extends a hearty welcome to all who are not members to attend. Other meetings are held on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings for the Red Cross group.

The rooms where the meetings are held are being remodelled and in the very near future will be available to W. D. personnel on Saturdays and will provide a service centre where facilities for mending and pressing will be available. Parcels may be checked there and arrangements will be made to provide light refreshments.

Officers for the present year are as follows:  
 Honorary president, Mrs. Bell-Irving; president, Mrs. Red Weese; first vice-president, Mrs. MacKell; second vice-president, Mrs. Wilcocks; secretary, Mrs. Holden (phone 419); treasurer, Mrs. McDonald.

Heading the various committees are Mrs. Stavely (Ways and Means), Mrs. Bartlett (Red Cross), Mrs. Lowenstein (Social), Mrs. Pafford (Rooms), Mrs. Hinton (Welfare), Mrs. Garka (Memorabilia), Mrs. Mills (Hospital Visits), Mrs. Sholey (Magazines), Mrs. MacDonald (Mending), Mrs. Province (W. D. Rooms).

**Sprinklings From the Fire Department**

On Feb. 5th, Cpl. Draper (The Silent One), became the proud father of an 8 lb. 12 oz. daughter. We expect noises from all angles now! Mother and baby are in the pink of condition. The father? . . . recovering slowly.

★ ★ ★  
 "Moose", we don't mind seeing you walk around with your suspenders down in The Fire Hall, but we think that you should have a little more decorum when going for breakfast. One time we didn't check up on you and a W.D. had to tell you about them, just as you were entering the Mess Hall. It was a mess walking into a Mess.

★ ★ ★  
 The Parade of the 3 C's before bedtime: Click, Clack and Cluck! L.A.C. Matthews leading the parade with his pills for a quick take-off . . . L.A.C. Miller with glass in one hand and a box of Baking Soda in the other . . . And Blimp The Horizontal Jeffrey bringing up the rear with a dose of Enos Fruit Salts. Time staggers on!

Sankey, why don't you turn in that comb to stores. You know as well as I do that you can't make use of it.

★ ★ ★  
 Homer, I thought that you didn't give a Hoot for women drivers. Now there's no sweeter sound than that of the smoke period whistle of the M. T. School. You sure give a Toot now, brother.

★ ★ ★  
 Red, seeing that you are the only man who can get 5 gears out of a 3 gear shift, the boys want to pool together and buy you a little something. What will it be? A Fire truck or a Panel Job?

★ ★ ★  
 Stiles, control yourself! We know you sorta like to be in the gutter but we never thought that you would go so far as to take a power dive in the Fire Hall sewer. You seemed to like it since you refused our aid to help you out.

★ ★ ★  
 Pappy went to town for a pair of glasses but those he tried out were not the reading kind. True or false, chum?

★ ★ ★  
 See you again next month. Till then, don't forget to remember to keep the fire burning till we get there . . . as if we ever did.

**IT HAPPENED HERE**

A W. D. was giving her laundry to one of the Chinese laundrymen who visit the Stations around this district. "Have you got your name on the package?" said the Chinaman. "Why, no," said the W. D. As she was scribbling that information on the package, the laundryman said, "You'd better put down your address too." Whereupon the young lady turned around to a Flight Sergeant standing behind her and asked, "Say, what's the name of this Station anyway?"

Sergeant: "Where've you been?"  
 AC2: "In a phone booth talking to my girl, but someone wanted to use the phone, so we had to move out."

**... AND HOW TRUE, TOO**

**Kenora Acey-Duecy Wants Fast Promotion**

There are plenty of people whose names since joining the R. C. A. F. have caused them plenty of trouble and embarrassment. We happen to be one these unfortunates.

We can remember answering the phone quite a while ago with a pleasant, "Corporal Sargent speaking, Sir" only to have a voice roar back at us, "Make up your mind, What the ?!&!!? are you, a corporal or a sergeant." That why we sympathize with a young R. C. A. F. trainee from Kenora who seems to be having

more than his share of trouble since joining the Service.

Here is an example of what went on when he was questioned by the paymaster at a manning depot out west:

"Your rank?" asked the paymaster.

"AC2," the young man replied.

"Your name?"

"A.C. Tew."

"I asked, what's your name," the paymaster said firmly.

"A.C. Tew," came the reply again.

"Come on, quit your kidding and give me your rank AND your name and initials."

AC3 A. C. Tew, whose initials stand for Arnold Cecil, hopes they'll made him a squadron leader or something like that soon.

we're also catering to gals and guys whose home units cover Canada. Work calls, but we'll see you next month with the gossip from the guys and gals in white.

# TARMAC TOPICS

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## 'A' Line Wolves Sent To Other Flights

After the way we have been pushed and shoved around here you would hardly recognize this as 'A' Flight. The two main wolves of our line, L.A.C.'s Harway and Bannon, have been sent to Arent Flight and 'E' Flight respectively. How is 'Pop' Falls treating you, Bazz? Your probably read in this column last month that we had painted our smoke-room and made it very homelike. Well, with a few "ouse" words, we reluctantly evacuated the place to the Parachute section and are now holding forth in that drafty hole formerly occupied by the "Pop and Charley Cut-Rate Laundry". Just as we were beginning to get acquainted with Sgt. Hart, he was transferred to Maintenance and we have it from a confidential course that he was seen wearing overalls. Maybe Sergeants do have to work after all. Our new N. C. O. in charge is Sgt. Dawson, fresh from 'H' Line. Our sincere regards and best wishes are extended to our former Flight Commander, F/S Lyne who was recently posted to Dunneville.

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## 'Yossem' Good For Rise In 'B' Line Cash

Recent changes in personnel have caused us to lose four men and gain three new ones — L.A.C. Swant to Armament, L.A.C. MacKean to "D" Line, A.C.1 Breckin to "E" Line and A.C.1 Ford to Maintenance. Welcome to L.A.C. McLean, L.A.C. McFarlane and A.C.1 Dix who have joined us in the shuffle. L.A.C. Turcotte, back from annual leave, claims to have lost weight and we must admit he does look a little washed out. Who wouldn't after fourteen days in Montreal? . . . We suggest that L.A.C. Marshall change his tune. We are getting a little tired after weeks of "I'll See You Again". L.A.C. Yossem of the retail clothing business (suits \$14.95 and up) is our new canteen man. Watch the profits rise! . . . Our beloved Cpl. Nicholas after an enforced stay of one month on the station due to young Nick's having scarlet fever is spending his nights at home again. . . . Sincere sympathy is extended to our timekeeper, A.W.1 Maduik on her recent bereavement, the loss of her brother.

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## 'C' Flight's Proud Pappy Doing Well

The old line has undergone a great change in personnel this last month. Our flight commander, F/L. Estes, has gone to instructional flight to take a course to further his abilities as an instructor. F/L. Waring has taken over command in his absence. F/O. Hopkins has joined visiting flight and is on his way to the east coast. For replacement, we have W.O.1 McIntyre from Armprior and F/O. Brown. Sorry to report that F/O. Kavener has a badly wrenched knee making it necessary

## The Wolf

by Sansone



## Maintenance Meanderings

Maintenance Wing Repair Squadron held a very enjoyable dance in the Masonic Temple on Jan. 20 and another equally successful affair on February 24. While on the subject of dances, we must offer our congratulations to our station paper on their "CONTACT" Valentine Dance, maintenance wing being well-represented at the dance by Anne Morrison, Joan McClasky, Rose Marie Kristoff, Joyce Duval, Barbara Dyar, Irene Van Raalte, Bruce Henderson, Walt Hill, Sandford "Wolf" Tabot, Gord Davy, Jack Sage, Walt Stenerson, Cecil Muncaster, Sgt. Brignell, Neil McCallum, Murray Sather, Cpl. White, Cpl. Reynolds, Robbie Edmondson, Art Russell, Jimmy Lobban, F/S. and Mrs. Klingspoon, Stearns and White, the Canteen Kids and Hi-Ho as "Junior." We all enjoyed it very much and say

to take a spell of sick leave. In the ground crew, we lost A.C.1 Smith who went to No. 8 Hangar. We sure will miss his Southwold Station news. A.C.1 Mercier went to "G" Line. L.A.C. Miller went to No. 8 Hangar. In their place we have L.A.C.'s Rose, Cayer and Brunner, and A.C.1 Andriovich. Congrats to L.A.C. Raymond on becoming the proud father of a bouncing baby boy. The father is doing well! L.A.C.'s LeLece and Quinnell are pleased to get their two weeks' leave they lost in 1942. A.W.1 Fraser was called home suddenly owing to the illness of her father. Hope she has had more encouraging news since. The painting of the rooms is getting along pretty well. They look very nice in the new "two-tone" green.

more of the same kind, same place.

Congrats are also in order for some recent promotions. F/S Hemphill is now a W.O.2, Sgt's. Pete Mikkelson and Tommy Chaloner are both F/S's, and Al Milligan, Doc Kennedy and Danny Crosswaite are sporting a third. Sparty Robinson, Lucky Leeder, Roy Webb and Norm Panke have stepped up to the rank of corporal. Good going, lads.

A letter received from our former "news chaser", Al Gould, reported that all is well with him in England. He arrived there on January 6 and with him are such old timers as Ham Denyes, Dave Thomas, Doc Symington, Don Toms, Chuck Woods, Jack Segal, Cpl. Jim Webber, Ken Wheeler and Nobby Scarborough.

Maintenance "A" Hockey team under the leadership of WO2 Don Burdick are again showing their ability at puck chasing. In the line-up are such well-known players as Bob Blong, Jim Wall, Mike Callaghan, Hank Beecham, Jim Frigone, Paul Raymond, Snowden White, Ralph Blackwell, Art Dunbar, and Sgt. George Learmonth.

We're sorry to see F/S's Jack Allen and LaPelley leaving for Vancouver and Mountain View, respectively. Best wishes, Flights. A welcome hand is also extended to Sgt. Harry Hart, now with No. 6 Hangar's Test Line.

With the new issue Ribbon now on display, we know of one fellow who is going to have trouble finding room for it. What say, Tom Gillies?

## 'E' Line Timekeeper Scorns Handsome LAC.

Our timekeeper, LAW Grumet, left us and is now proving a capable assistant of F/S Chaloner, in the discip office. AW1 Blattler took over the timekeeping and is doing quite well. Quite a few of our line have left us. "Red" McFarlane, Cpl. Curry and LAC Van Nest. Our new additions include LAC Bannon, AC1 Christie and Cpl. Byron. In the instructing personnel, we lost F/L Searle, our O/C, and in his place have gained F/L Doherty, our new O/C. We said goodbye to our Harvards and Cornells recently, and in their place, are receiving Cessnas. It just won't be the same for awhile. LAC Radford was very happy a while back when he attained the highest score of his bowling career, 350. Instructional flight still can't believe it! We hear that LAC Baskin wanted to "call-off" at the big Valentine dance that was held on February 14. Did you think you were back home, Mack? LAC "Chips" Robson is slowly catching on to our way of playing "500", much to the relief of LAC's Radford and Lucy. Not many of our lads are outdoor men. If they were, there wouldn't be so much moaning about this grand wintry weather. Our sympathy is extended to LAC Griffith who had quite a nasty looking eye recently. Couldn't you have thought up a more likely excuse, Griff? As a parting thought, we'd like to know why our new timekeeper refused to dance with one of our "handsome" LAC's.

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## 'G' Line Change Over Cancels All 'Flips'

Once more the moaning has begun—"No flips" for the boys of 'H' Flight because of the change-over to all Cornells. We have acquired a new staff of instructors with F/L McLaughlin as our O. C. . . . Our timekeeper, AW2 Brummett has been living a gay life in Toronto on her forty-eights, but will soon have to settle down as she leaves us for her course. She still manages to keep the Flight boys well entertained around the time desk. . . . We are sorry to have Sgt. Dawson leave us, but wish him luck in his new hangar. -Cpl's Inoson and Baker are still going around in circles, but the boys are still having a good time arguing about every little thing. FLASH!!! We are now 'G' Flight for better or for worse. . . . We wonder why AC1 Rome has been looking so tired and is losing weight since the last month . . . ???

A.C.1: "Could you marry a girl with a picture face?"

A.C.2: "Sure, if she had a good frame to go with it."

Horse sense is that sense which keeps a horse from betting on the human race. — American Legion Monthly.

## Armament Flight Lad Not 'Hep' On Ribbons

Things have really been hopping around here lately now that we have taken over the whole hangar. We have been running around bumping into each other for days, moving the canteen, plotting office and such, but nevertheless it hasn't held up the Armament schedule in the least.

We are all very proud of our Sgt. Girling, having been mentioned in station dispatches for putting out the fire in the starboard wing of a Crane a few weeks back, but a few of the boys around the flight still think that a little of the credit should go to the boys who got out there just as fast with the fire extinguisher, how about it George... don't you think so...?? The other day, standing in the canteen drinking a coke, (at smoke period, of course), there was a certain LAC who came up to F/Sgt. Chipperfield and mentioned his being in the service over eighteen months, and this is the story that ensued:

L.A.C.: "Say, those ribbons look pretty nice, especially with the Maple Leaf on them. I've been in for over eighteen months. I guess I should have my ribbons up, shouldn't I? Who do I go and see about them?"

F/Sgt. Chipperfield: "Well, I don't really know who you would see about it, but I imagine if you went down to stores they could fix you up alright." (Little did the L.A.C. know that it was the B.E.M. he was speaking of).

There is rumor going around that L.A.C. Moffat took his fiancé out west with him on furlough, and there is still a greater rumor around that they took the last step while out there on the prairies, how about it, Jim, is all this true? If it is the best of luck to you both from all the flight.

Well that seems to be the most and the besta from this Flight, everyone is recuperating after the Yuletide season, and are keeping on the straight and narrow for awhile, but they'll break down.

## 'H' Flight 'Time Gal' Cuts Mean Figure

Well, here we are a little worse for wear after house-cleaning, stepping in cans of paint and cleaning paint off the instructors coats, and does L.A.C. Edwards ever know about that! You should have seen him scooping paint up with his hands. We are sorry to say goodbye to our Flight Commander, F/S Doherty and our instructors, and in turn, welcome our new Flight Commander, F/L Fraser and our new instructors. Glad to see F/O Wells up and around again and hope to have him back on the bowling team soon. Our new timekeeper isn't "A" group on adding figures, but she sure cuts a mean one! We also hope Mr. Smith gets up enough nerve to wear his fur jacket but hope the smell of moth hells won't nauseate him and the instructors on his new flight. We also lost an old standby, Cpl. Dunlop and hope he'll be happy in maintenance once again.



**QUITE A SHOW** — The Commanding Officer is shown addressing the huge crowd at the Rotary Club Bingo. In the background is one of the Give-a-Lift Huts donated for our use.

## Trenton Rotarians Stage Monster Successful Bingo

### 'Give a Lift' Stations Presented For Use By Airmen, Airwomen

Visualize a half dozen airmen and airwomen shouting "BINGO" simultaneously, another thousand or more cheering good naturedly, then add the thunderous music of bag-pipes and drums and you have a slight idea of the noise and activity that went on at the Trenton Community Bingo Night sponsored by the Trenton Rotarians at the Sports Hangar on Wednesday, January 26.

Well advertised and carrying a favourable reputation garnered at the big Christmas Bingo Night, the show drew hundreds of airmen and airwomen early to the hangar in order not to miss anything and most tables were full long before the commencement of the games at 1943 hours.

Prior to the arrival of the Rotarians, the Station Band, under Warrant Officer Hancock, provided peppy music for community singing that put the audience in a jovial mood.

The officials of the evening arrived right on time and in response to shouting of "Let's get on with the games", soon had things rolling right along.

At frequent intervals one or more lucky persons would yell "BINGO" and the silence of the bingo game in progress, broken only by the voice of Bingo Barker Banfield, would be completely shattered as friends of the lucky winners roared their approval while hundreds of others not so fortunate groaned in despair. Two hundred and fifty dollars had been collected by the Rotarians as prizes and games were kept going along briskly to make sure that everybody had plenty of chances to win.

At the halfway mark, the big hangar doors were rolled open and a mixed Pipe Band from Belleville under Pipe Major Jimmy Clarke, entered. Playing stirring Scottish music that brought the huge crowd to its feet, the band made two

complete marches around the inside of the hangar before coming to a halt before Group Captain A. D. Bell-Irving, M. C., our Commanding Officer, Mr. George Cobley, president of the Trenton Rotary Club and other visiting dignitaries.

Then followed one of the high-lights of the evening, the presentation by Mr. Tom McNeil on behalf of the Crosse and Blackwell Company of two "Give a Lift" Stations. These huts, equipped with large signs requesting motorists to stop and give us folks a lift have since been placed at each end of the town of Trenton. The Commanding Officer accepted the gift on behalf of Trenton's personnel and led by him, the great crowd roared its appreciation.

Free cigarettes were then passed around and while this was going on, AW2 "Pat" Collins, petite W.D. gymnast, put on an acrobatic display.

The Station Band led the crowd in more community singing in which many tried to do the impossible by rendering a sweet chorus of "Down By The Old Mill Stream" while at the same time trying to get their molars around some of the FREE apples that were handed out.

The Bingo games were resumed after most of the players had sung themselves out and from then on until 2300 hours it was the same old story of "Under the 'B' — 15", followed by a bedlam of "Bingos" in tones ranging from deep bass to high sopranos.

Every airman and airwoman came away from the show singing the praises of the Rotarians and to Mr. George Cobley, Mr. Herb Smith, head of the War Services Committee, the twenty Rotarians who were on hand to look after things and all others who contributed so generously to the evening's entertainment go the thanks of the entire personnel of R.C.A.F. Station, Trenton.

## Motor Transport Mumblings

Another month has rolled past bringing us one step nearer to that much looked for Spring. It's a good thing because people are wondering what those creatures looking like penquins are. They're merely W. D. drivers in long pants with glamour boots completing the gruesome picture.

By the way the new twosome from this section make quite a charming picture "Loveliights and Freckles." We don't mention the M. T. and S. P. who are seen so much together, oh yes, Blondie, how is that Southern honey drooling accent of yours coming—catching any new wolves? When Mitch aims at the black ball and loses the white, it is a sight to behold, those puffed up cheeks leave an impression never to be forgotten.

One of our future N. C. O.'s has been seen delving into the pages of C. A. P. 90. If you don't know anything about drill by now Del, well we shall see.

Could that furrow on Hub Smiths chin be from too much cue on the green table? How the Major can still keep his weight is a miracle—between running from the office phone to the despatch office should do a little for his figure without his other interests?

We couldn't let this column go by without mentioning our star bowler, Franky Hockings. He rolled a mean 386 one league night, not bad eh?

Well, Peggy, how is the boy across the swamp doing—my, such a lot of happy faces, even Kay. Seems there's no fights lately.

It is said that Steve can take Mitch for a dollar any day, is that so Mitch? Don't know why we should say anything about Mitch in this column now that he belongs to dirty old No. 11 A. R. D.

Think we should thank our triple M. T. boys for keeping our briggs rolling these days. Until we meet again—in Contact.

## ROME WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY

Father—"I don't like to see that airman kissing you like that."  
Daughter—"Give him a chance, father. He's just a beginner."

# News and Views on Station Entertainment



**THEY'RE TOPS!** Two artists of the Eaton Masquers, recent visitors at Trenton are shown here. On the right in Irene Moore, comic singer while above, we have Flo Jenkins, versatile popular vocalist and pianist. Both performers captured the hearts of the large crowd.

## Eaton Masquers Score Big Hit With Shows At Astra

Officers, airmen and airwomen who crowded the Astra Theatre on Sunday, February 6, for two performances of the Eaton Masquers Variety Show had a hard time trying to decide which of the many outstanding acts they liked best. After watching with obvious enthusiasm every one of the numerous presentations they walked away at the conclusion of the concert all of the same opinion, that the Masquers are one of the best troupes to have visited this Station.

So many were the highlights of the show that it seems unfair to pick out any one star, but judging by the applause, it appeared that the comic antics of Irene Moore and the popular piano playing and singing of pretty Flo Jenkins were considered tops. Miss Moore's clever rendition of the songs made famous by Gracie Fields had the audience in stitches while Miss Jenkins captured the hearts of all with her pleasing style as she sang a number of today's top hit tunes.

Popular skit of the show seemed to be the "Awkward Squad" which provided most of the old familiar army gags as six privates proceeded to drill in a most disorderly manner, much to the disgust of the ever-present sergeant major.

Another humorous act was that supplied by Fred and Skippy, a ventriloquist and a dummy that boasted the same admiration for the fair sex as the famed Charlie McCarthy.

Although the comedy drew plenty of applause, no less appreciated were the fine efforts of several singers who entertained. The rich contralto voice of lovely Lorna McFarlane thrilled the large audience and devotees of the "blues" were equally enthusiastic over the pleasant style of Olive O'Neill.

Master of Ceremonies J. J. Russell showed his versatility when he sang several well-received numbers accompanied by a capable sextette of beautiful girls.

Art Davidson, hard-working young violinist who with Miss Flo Jenkins provided the accompaniment to most of the acts presented two beautiful solos and received a great hand when the audience was informed that he had participated in every show staged by the Masquers since it started entertaining troops in September 1940.

The dance numbers were particularly well-executed by the Masquerettes and the entire cast of the Eaton Masquers deserve a great deal of praise for its presentation of the fine evening of entertainment.

### FORMED SEPTEMBER, 1940

The story behind the Eaton Masquers goes back to September 1940. Formed by the T. Eaton Company of Montreal for the purpose of entertaining men and women in uniform, the Masquers have since given over 200 performances before more than 300,000 troops.

The show is a completely self-contained unit, whose members conceive, produce and direct all numbers. The entire personnel of the troupe are members of the T. Eaton Company who work at their jobs in the daytime and do entertaining in their spare time as a hobby and as their contribution to the country's war effort.

## CURTAIN CLUB PLANS ROAD SHOWS AND RADIO DIVISION

The production of plays, to be staged on this station for the entertainment of personnel here at Trenton, and which will later be taken "on the road" to other R. C. A. F. Stations in the region, and the formation of a radio division which will present dramatics over the airwaves, are some of the activities of the R. C. A. F. Curtain Club of Trenton. With rehearsals well underway, it is expected that the first evening of dramatics will be staged during March.

Now headed by a capable executive committee, composed of officers, airmen and airwomen, the club has become an established activity on the station and interest towards it is definitely on the increase. However the membership can yet be doubled or tripled before it can be said that there are enough men and women belonging to it.

In addition to the production of plays, plans are being considered to form a radio division of the club, and young actors and actresses will be given an opportunity to familiarize themselves with broadcasting. Variety shows and other features of theatrical and radio entertainment also fall in with the many activities of this successfully functioning organization.

The Executive Committee which heads the Curtain Club includes Corporal Tony Jackson, W. D., as President; W.O.1 Bill Kellick, Vice-President; AC2 Hugh Taschereau, Secretary; Flight Officer Meredith, Treasurer; Don Kirkland, Publicity; Flight Lieutenant

### FOR YOUR . . . ENTERTAINMENT

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#### Airmen's Recreation Centre

The airmen's Recreation Centre, conveniently located in the basement of Barrack Block 4, provides a setting where airmen of this station can find relaxing moments in which to lay aside all woes and cares for a few hours. The lounge is attractively designed and the subdued indirect lighting creates a peaceful home-like atmosphere. A large variety of popular publications are always on hand and games of every description may be procured with the presentation of Identification Cards. Four ante-rooms which run off the corners of the central room make up a fine writing room, an expansive ping-pong room and the two rooms at the north and south-west ends provide six excellent billiard tables. The lounge is open each day from 1200 hours to 2300 hours and is at the airmen's disposal with no charge placed on any of the commodities other than a small fee for the use of the billiard tables. This charge, operated on a time basis only, is very reasonable.

(Padre) J. Bigger, Honorary Chairman of the Programme Committee and Flight Officer Sharpe, Social Convener. The Commanding Officer of the Station, Group Captain A. D. Bell-Irving was unanimously appointed the club's Honorary President.

## 2 Musicales For Astra In March

Two sparkling musical reviews have been booked by the Y. M. C. A. to appear at Trenton during the month of March. Both shows have been arranged through the Toronto Citizens' Committee for Troops in Training, and promise to be tops in station entertainment.

On Sunday, March 12, the "Red, White and Blue Review," a comparatively new production, will make its first appearance at Trenton, and promises to provide an evening full of fast-moving fun and music.

On March 26, the "Merry-Go-Round Review," an all-girl show, will play a return engagement for personnel. This show was enthusiastically received only a few months ago and the colourful costumes and professional talent put the audience in such gay spirits that they all expressed their hopes that the show would return again. Those hopes will soon become a reality.

On March 9 and 23, the regular Station Dances sponsored by the Station Entertainment Committee, will be held in the Sports Hangar. These dances are open to all airmen and W. D.'s up to and including the rank of corporal. Admission is 25 cents for airmen and free to airwomen and civilian guests.

## Mixed Choir Features Rhythmacades Revue

Variety troop revues, abundant with attractive damsels, music and laughter, never fail to score a hit with the service personnel on this station. Breaking away from the usual routine followed by this style of entertainment, the Rhythmacades Revue of Toronto presented a show at the Astra Theatre on Sunday evening, February 13th., that is unique amongst troop revues, before a capacity house of officers, airmen and airwomen. The main feature of the revue was the mixed choir which took up a good half of the two-hour performance with renditions in semi-classical and popular "jive" style. Several other attractions, including lithe of foot Doug Beattie, young master of the taps, a group of four tap mistresses and an accordionist, assisted in adding variety to the revue.

# hollywood *in Trenton*

## Variety Is Keynote of March Movies Slated For Astra, Ensign

### "Thousands Cheer" Returns By Request

If the fine variety of movies appearing at Trenton's Astra and Ensign theatres continues, there will be little room left for criticism of the types of pictures appearing on the station. A glance at the movie schedule shows a fine variety of first-rate releases that would be the envy of any big Theatre in Canada.

"A Guy Named Joe", starring Spencer Tracy and Irene Dunne, is an unusual blend of comedy, fantasy and sentiment,—a drama of the times in which we live without being in any way, another war story. The film uses the legend that fliers having conquered the air, never really die.

Tracy, who makes his last flight into the deck of an enemy aircraft carrier, reports to a cloudy headquarters where he gets his orders to watch over the crop of new pilots coming up. He is seen only by the audience and communicates with his "students" by mental telepathy. The picture is different and packs a lot of punch.

"The Lodger", starring Laird Cregar, Merle Oberon and Sir Cedric Hardwicke is a thriller compounded of murky London streets, shrill screams at night and a maniacal murderer and should strike frequent terror into the hearts of horror fans. Laird Cregar plays "Jack the Ripper" who roams London's Whitechapel district at night, slashing the throats of women and eluding the cordon of police.

"Thousands Cheer" which appeared here just a short while ago and was the talk of the station for days, has been booked again by popular request and will be shown at the Astra theatre on March 17 and 18. The picture is crammed with music, both classical and

### Latest News Photos Are On Display Here

A large array of the latest news 'shots' of current interest are now on display in the station library on the second floor of No. 2 Mess all. A plan has been devised by No. 1 Training Command whereby a new set of photographs is distributed each week and placed in various circuits throughout Canada.

Many of them have not as yet appeared in the daily newspapers, thus personnel may obtain first-hand pictorial reports on what is occurring around the globe.

All pictures on display are placed at the disposal of the R. C. A. F. through Associated Press, United Press and other News Agencies.

popular and should please everyone, regardless of their personal tastes.

In "Song of Russia", slated to appear at the Astra on March 22 and 23, Robert Taylor is a famed American symphony conductor who tours Russia. Susan Peters, as Nadya, comes to Moscow and begs him to play at the music festival in her little village, Tschalkowskye. With romantic gaiety, the simple Russian girl and famed American see Moscow together. Love blossoms and Taylor follows Nadya to her village, meets her family and marries her. She makes her debut as his piano soloist the day the Nazis strike. From this point, the story swings into a sensational dramatic climax that is truly heart-rending.

"Rationing", a black market comedy, will delight Wallace Berry fans when Berry makes an appearance as a ration-whipped storekeeper. He is supported by Marjorie Main who plays the part of his "ex" sweetheart.

## For Summer Afternoons



IDA LUPINO — currently starring in "In Our Time" coming this month to the Ensign shows off some of the fancy duds she plans to wear this summer. Always a favourite with Trenton movie-goers, Miss Lupino shares the lead in this latest picture with Paul Henreid.

Coming Attractions at the . . .

### ENSIGN THEATRE

Mar. 2-3, "Woman of the Town"	Albert Dekker, Claire Trevor
Mar. 6-7, "Happy Land"	Don Ameche, Frances Dee
Mar. 9-10, "Squadron Leader X"	Eric Portman, Ann Dvorak
Mar. 13-14, "The Mad Ghoul"	Evelyn Ankers, David Bruce
"Holmes and the Spider Woman"	Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce
Mar. 16-17, "In Old Oklahoma"	John Wayne, Martha Scott
Mar. 20-21, "The Uninvited"	Ray Milland, Ruth Hussey
Mar. 23-24, "In Our Time"	Paul Henreid, Ida Lupino
Mar. 27-28, "Phantom Lady"	Franchot Tont, Ella Raines
Mar. 30-31, "Standing Room Only"	Paulette Goddard, Fred MacMurray

Coming Attractions at the . . .

### ASTRA THEATRE

Mar. 1-2, "Tarzan's Desert Mystery"	Johnnie Weismuller, Nancy Kelly
Mar. 3-4, "Gung Ho"	Randolph Scott, Noah Beery
Mar. 5-7, "Bride of San Luis Rey"	Lynn Bari, Francis Lederer
Mar. 8-9, "Three Russian Girls"	Anna Sten, Kent Smith
Mar. 10-11, "The Lodger"	Merle Oberon, Laird Cregar
Mar. 12-14, "Knickerbocker Holiday"	Nelson Eddy, Charles Coburn
Mar. 15-16, "Lifeboat"	Tallulah Bankhead, Wm. Bendix
Mar. 17-18, "Thousands Cheer"	Kathryn Grayson, Gene Kelly
Mar. 19-21, "Crime School"	Humphrey Bogart, Dead End Kids
Mar. 22-23, "Song of Russia"	Robert Taylor, Susan Peters
Mar. 24-25, "Action in Arabia"	George Sanders, Virginia Bruce
Mar. 26-28, "They Got Me Covered"	Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour
Mar. 29-30, "Rationing"	Wallace Beery, Marjorie Main
Mar. 31-Apr. 1, "A Guy Named Joe"	Spencer Tracey, Irene Dunne

# What's Down!



NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE W.D.'S

By LORRAINE MCGAVIN

Hello again. . . Whoops, doesn't the time scurry around from one month to another! You know, few of us ever stop to think about how valuable all the time that passes us by really is. How many people we could be meeting and making friends with — talk to — and all the new things we could be learning by meeting these new people. Let us move for a while into the Trainees' Barracks. No, the Headquarters Barracks are all so filled now that they are just bulging with new recruits so the Trainees Barracks must be well occupied too. So naturally, there isn't any room for us to move over so don't get excited — just relax, and I'll give you a bird's eye view of Trenton Station as a Trainee. You have all more than likely noticed the influx of absolutely glamorous girls marching around donned in slacks and greatcoats, etc. Well, trounce up to any of these girls and quite probably they'll glare at you and you'll say to yourself, "Hmn, another muscle mechanic". As a matter of fact, right under your very eyes are a few very astounding gals. A.W. Collins, the tight rope artist, who has been performing as an acrobat ever since she was very young, not that she's such a gay old blade now, but her act is certainly sump'n. Nix, kids, don't get excited when you see her but poke your head in during a basketball scrimmage some day and perceive the basketball fendness of the course. Do you wake up in the morning feeling the sudden urge to play basketball? . . . well, that's Cpl. Currie. You'll gasp when you see her, boys.

Way down in the Kentucky hills, there's a legend about a gal, name of Sadie Hawkins. It seems like as if this gal's pappy gave her one day every year to go a-wolfin'. Well, comes the war! To Trenton

Station comes the W.D.'s. Comes Sadie Hawkins' Day and guess what else? Yep, it's Leap Year, too. Now just what is going to happen to Sgt. Purse when "Sadie" Stinson gets a-go-in? Trying to find entries in this Sadie Hawkins' Race wasn't really so difficult either. Sgt. Little blushed prettily, turned down his toes and wrung his hands together bashfully when we warned him about "Sadie" Corbett. Look out Robbie . . . you'd better begin practicing your track work, yourself. All we can say is, may the best man win, or . . . shall we say, May the best gal win. Would someone please slip over to the Trainees Barracks and ask the "ex" Corporal Hart what made her two hooks shrink and change their shape to a propeller. Who was she trying to kid, anyhow?

I was reading an article in a magazine about the future unfemininity of the girls after this war is over. So many people who have absolutely no reason to make such suggestions seem to be under the impression that because of our uniformity of dress, we will find it awkward to wear frilly little dresses again and that in many cases, we will lose certain feminine appeals. Actually we should nab all these so-called

authorities and take them on a tour of the W.D. Barrack Blocks and quite probably, they would be amazed to see how very feminine the girls in the service really are. How they seem to prefer flowery, bright, smartly-styled housecoats, smoothly, well-tailored sports clothes. It seems that people haven't yet realized that in a great many ways, we have graduated from silly frilly little feminine beings to understanding people who can think for themselves and discuss more fluently, subjects about which, before, they were never concerned.

## Saturday Night Dances At Belleville 'Y' Draw Crowds

The popularity of the Saturday evening dances, given by the girls of the Red Triangle Hostess Club of the Belleville Y.M.C.A., has, in the past few months, augmented surprisingly and every "bath-nite," lads and lassies from Trenton and from the other R.C.A.F. Stations in the district, as well as from the other services, head for Belleville and the "Y" Dance.

Up until just recently, the Hostess Club held the weekly event in the Y.M.C.A. Gymnasium, but with the steady increase in attendance of late, the gym has proven too cramped to accommodate the seven hundred or more lads and lassies.

Consequently, the club decided to discontinue holding the dances at the Y.M.C.A. itself and instead, use the immense floor of the Belleville Armouries on Bridge St. Already, several Saturday night affairs have been held in the new location, and have proven outstanding successes. Music is supplied by the juke-box, all the latest tunes played by hit bands. Special attractions such as Paul-Jones, congas, tags, etc., are run off while programmes are kept by the girls and the one with the most names on the programme at the end of the evening is awarded a special prize.

Boys, don't worry about a lack of hostesses. There are enough girls for everyone, and W.D.'s, you are

welcome to these events. The insignificant sum of a dime is charged to the boys while girls in uniform are admitted without charge. Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle Club Supervisor, Ron Hupfield, in an interview with Contact before his departure from Belleville, was enthusiastic in his praise of the behaviour on the part of the men and women in blue at the various events. However, he mentioned that a little trouble has been caused by airmen under the influence of liquor. "We kindly ask these chaps, and the girls too, not to come to our dances and various other events in this condition. It makes it unpleasant for all concerned, we don't favour it and our girls don't like it," he declared.

Also aiding the Belleville girls in making the dances such outstanding successes are the women of the Canadian Women's Service Force, who operate the canteen and members of the Air Cadets who look after the check rooms. To all those concerned with the organization of the dances goes the gratitude of the airmen and airwomen of Trenton. Always eager for a good time, they never fail to have one at the Hostess Club's weekly ball.

### OLD STUFF

An article on Office Efficiency claims that it was a Kansas real-estate agent who first used the loose-leaf system. Another theory is that it was Eve.

## Hungry Airman Amazes Pals With Feats of Eating

In the midst of No. 8 Hangar's bustle is an insignificant young lad who, in spite of his small stature, can best be described as a very remarkable fellow. It is this lad who has thrown the "monkey-wrench" into the so-called legitimate beefs about the food in No. 1 Mess.

In the past couple of months, he has attracted so many by his super-human accomplishment that he is now a well-known personality. It has been no uncommon sight to see him stroll nonchalantly into the Mess Hall, pick up a full course dinner, hustle to a table and gobble it down in three minutes flat and then declare, "That was pretty good—I think I'll have some for dinner!"

When he finds his plate pleasing to the palate, he generally recruits four or five other lads to go around again and bring back additional meals.

The amazing part of the situation is, that in spite of the large amount of food he consumes each day, he finds himself still craving ravenously for more to eat.

One day, a chum of his suggested that he might be suffering from a "tape-worm". He was horrified at the thought of such a thing and immediately made a bee-line for the Station Hospital. Upon



Air Base, La Junta, Col.—  
**A WAC private answered all the questions in a USO quiz contest here but she was stumped by the prize. It was a fancy shaving kit.**

### COUNTER ATTACK

They speak of violence on the fighting field,  
How men would rather die than yield;

But the fiercest and bloodiest counter attack  
Will be when stores get Nylons back.

(Judge)

Bern, Switzerland (CNS) — One Berlin paper recently printed an article on "How to Make a Will."

being examined, however, he was greatly relieved to learn that he was undergoing "a growing boy's phase", as the M. O. put it, and advised to eat all he could till his hunger was appeased.

He has been doing just that! As yet, he has not surpassed his record consumption of TEN meals at one sitting, which he established while stationed at St. Thomas. If there's anything in the saying that an army marches on its stomach, here's one lad whose spirit will never be broken by long route marches.

## 'Contact's' Gay Valentine Party Goes Over Big With Personnel

"A great show, we should have one every Saturday night," shouted a lad at Contact's recent Valentine Party, a statement echoed by everybody present and one that aptly describes the success of a real gala evening.

The west end of No. 2 Mess was attractively decorated for the occasion with plenty of red and white streamers and here and there along the walls air force "wolves" in the centre of large hearts (of all things), cast hungry glances up at pretty W.D.'s, also centred in large red hearts.

The Party itself, got under way a little before 9:30 p. m. with the arrival of a good number of airmen and airwomen in colorful costumes, and the swiny music of Stevie's Band soon had the crowd in a jovial mood. As the couples took to the floor, it was easy to see that the W.D.'s had lost none of the knack of fashioning pretty clothes and that very few missed the opportunity to get into costumes of some kind.

Of course not all of them were pretty affairs, as many girls had captured the spirit of the Sadie Hawkins tag attached to the name of the party, and came dressed as characters from the 'Lil Abner comic strip.

Two of these, LAW's Lorraine Davenport and Marjorie Forbes, entered the Grand March of Costumes as a couple representing Mammy and Pappy Yokum and walked off with first prize. One of the judges of costumes was F/L Findlay, who cut quite a mean figure in his red woollies.

## 'Winco' Waltzes Way To Win At Corporals' Valentine Party

While some say that S/L MacKinnon and Assistant Section Officer MacKenzie were doing a little apple-polishing while acting as dance judges at a recent Corporal's Mess Valentine Party, others (probably doing a little polishing of their own) sprang to their defense with the assertion that they wouldn't stoop to such a low practice and that anyway, they are just natural born judges of good dancing.

The fact remains however, that at this particular party these two judges saw fit to award Wing Commander MacKeen, Station Administrative Officer and Corporal Conrad, his fair W. D. partner, first prize in the Supper Waltz Dance, a fact which not only amazed the Winco, but embarrassed him no end (he said).

According to Cpl. Conrad, who was also a very amazed young person, Wing Commander MacKeen saw her sitting the dance out and offered his services as escort.

As the couples glided gracefully across the floor, the judges, by a process of elimination, gradually

whittled them down until when the band ceased playing, only three were left.

After much whispered discussion, it was decided that the band should play one more waltz in order to pick out the winner.

At this stage, temperament, always present in really great artists got the upper hand of Wing Commander MacKeen and his partner and it was only with much difficulty that they were coaxed into continuing the dance. That much accomplished, the band played one more waltz, at the conclusion of which, the judges decided unanimously that the Station Administrative Officer and Cpl. Conrad had copped the prize.

Despite the slurs cast in the general direction of the judges, it was generally agreed that they had made a sound decision and that the winning couple had earned the prize. That much we learned from Cpl. Conrad who, as she limped from the CONTACT Office remarked, "And don't blame W/C MacKeen for the way I'm walking, I had this sore foot before the dance."

A highlight of the dance program was a new feature here, a Motion Dance. In this dance, the orchestra made several deliberate stoppages during the playing of numbers and when this occurred, couples were to remain absolutely stationary.

Spotters were stationed around the floor to eliminate any from the dance who moved after the music had stopped and this process of elimination gradually whittled the contestants down until only one couple was left. They were LAW Kay Fulton and Sgt. Conway and were declared the winners.

Around ten-thirty, Group Captain Bell-Irving dropped in on the party and wished everybody a good time. During the dancing LAW Dorothy Kinton sang several popular songs and many airmen and airwomen declared that they had never heard this popular vocalist in better voice.

At midnight, dancing was interrupted while everybody partook of a buffet luncheon, during which food and coffee disappeared with a speed that left those serving it amazed.

Afterwards, dancing was resumed and continued until 1 a.m., when happy and weary airmen and airwomen decided to call it a day and wend their way back to barracks.

**W.D.'s WORKED HARD**  
Although CONTACT sponsored this gay party, much of its success was due to the organization and hard work done by LAW Anne Morrison and her willing band of friends and the Station Paper takes this opportunity of thanking them and all others who helped so generously to make the affair one of the outstanding ever held at Trenton.



**THE WINNAHS**—Mammy and Pappy Yokum, or as you probably know them, L.A.W.'s Lorraine Davenport and Mary Forbes, winners of the Grand Costume March at CONTACT'S recent Valentine party.

## Armament Flight

(Continued from page 1)

students to aim ahead of their target according to speeds and angles off from a stationary position before going on to the more advanced moving Gunnery Trainer.

Another ingenious machine the sergeant has designed, is a range estimator. This trainer consists of a long table with a large upright opal screen at one end of it. Mounted on a track on the table is a machine that projects an image of an aircraft on the screen and as it is moved back and forth on the track the image gets larger and smaller. A fixed circle similar to the ring of a gun sight is on the screen and the student's job is to judge range by the size of the image within the circle.

This estimator serves a very useful purpose not only as instruction in range estimation, but for practice in aircraft recognition.

Speed, as well as accuracy in training is essential during wartime and one other instrument used in the Armament Section was built with this in mind. It's called a Harvard Cockpit Trainer and was modelled from one made by F/Sgt. Chipperfield, recent B.E.M. winner, while he was stationed at Dunneville.

It actually is a reproduction of the instrument panel of a Harvard Trainer. Used to familiarize students with the layout of a cockpit as far as armament layout is concerned, its importance lies in the fact that instead of having to take students into a cockpit one by one,

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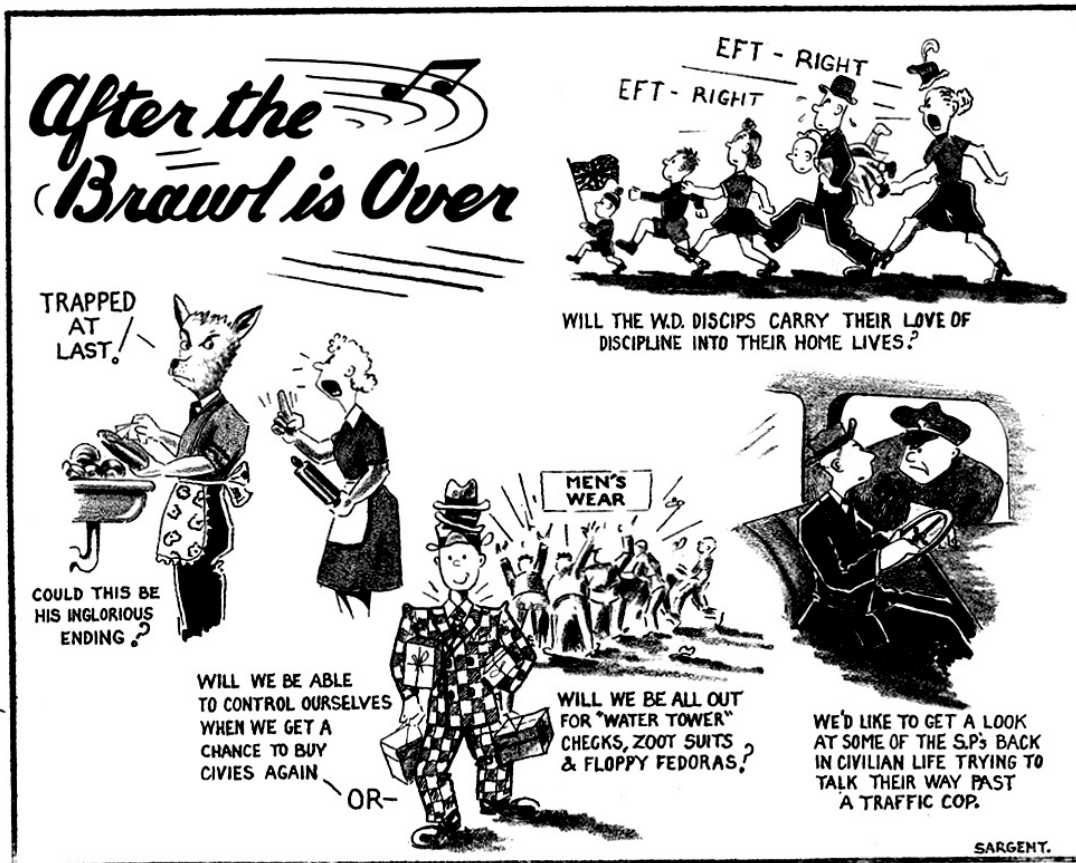
Airmen and airwomen who have previously been mailing copies of CONTACT to friends are informed that for fifty cents, they may now take out a six-month subscription for the Station paper to be sent anywhere in Canada. Personnel wishing to take advantage of this service can do so by sending or bringing their remittance to the CONTACT Office, Room 126, Admin. Bldg.

a whole class can gather around and be given instruction in a much shorter time.

Sgt. Thomas, who has been in the R.C.A.F. since August 8, 1941, is very keen on his work and is proud that these instruments have been of such practical importance to the training of bombing and gunnery, but points out emphatically that some of the credit for their success should go to Corporal Van Horne, who did all the electrical work on the machines.

No matter to whom goes the credit, the fact remains that this Station is leading as it should in the advancement of training schemes calculated to result in the destruction of our enemy in the shortest possible time.

England (ONS) Nearing their target in Berlin, crewmen aboard a Halifax bomber, found a rat scurrying around the floor of the plate. They dropped on the German capital.



## R.C.A.F. Lads In Africa Find Cairo And Alexandria Ideal For Leaves

"You can tell the fellows from me," said Wing Commander E. H. Knight of the Senior Equipment Officers Course, "that any who find themselves posted to Africa should make a beeline soon after their arrival to Canada House in either Cairo or Alexandria."

The Wing Commander, who has just returned from the Mediterranean area, was relating some of his experiences while serving as a member of the R. C. A. F. Accounting Division in that theatre of war and constantly during his conversation, referred to the grand times that can be had at Canada House.

"The Cairo establishment," he explained, "is managed by the wife of a Canadian lad who was killed in action over the desert. The excellent meals served, which include chicken and turkey dally and a variety of fruits is enough to satisfy even the most fastidious of eaters and these together with the beautiful tropical flowers make these places veritable Gardens of Eden."

Most R. C. A. F. lads who get a

furlough while serving in the Mediterranean lose no time in heading for Cairo, which seems to be THE place to go for a good time. Besides Canada House, they are able to wander through the second largest Arab bazaar in the world, where with trading going on in about fourteen different currencies, money becomes one of their most difficult problems.

"It is quite usual," said the Wing Commander, "for lads to come away from there with a pocketful of money that would include an assortment made up of pounds, dollars, francs and lire."

Canadians have always been ones to improvise when necessity arose and typical of this was an amusing incident described by Wing Commander Knight, who first explained that there are no W. D.'s in the R. C. A. F. District Headquarters in Tunis. At a movie show one evening there was shown on the screen one of those community singing films in which the men sing a verse and then are supposed to give the women a turn.

"Of course there were no girls present, so when their turn came to sing," laughed the officer, "a chorus of male voices endeavouring to sing in falsetto hit the air."

One of Wing Commander Knight's first visits after he had flown from England to Morocco in November 1943, took him to Tunis, where the R. C. A. F. had set themselves up in offices in a house requisitioned from Nazi sympathizers.

"Pictures of Hitler and his gestapo chief, Himmler were still in the house," explained the Wing Commander, "but the R. C. A. F. lads had hung them upside down and labelled them with quite uncomplimentary names." He went on to explain that the staff there had Italian prisoners of war as chore boys and consequently were well fed, as two of them turned out to have been excellent civilian cooks.

One of the things that impressed Wing Commander Knight in his travels, was the spirit and pride in their service of the R. C. A. F. lads serving in the Mediterranean. "I have flown in planes," he said, "that carried a mixed crew of four different air forces, each depending on the other and each having loads of confidence in the other. In these cases, I have invariably found a Canadian working his

head off trying to uphold the splendid reputation that the R. C. A. F. has acquired where-ever it is operating."

While these lads are devoted to their job of defeating the enemy, they still are definitely interested in what is going on back home and are especially keen for knowledge of Canada's post-war plans. Many of the are of the opinion that the R. C. A. F. Training Schools in Canada that have taught them to become first-rate pilots can and should be converted into schools of business to provide the with the same opportunity when they are ready to return to their place in the civilian world.

Wing Commander Knight explained that very little news of Canada's rehabilitation plans have reached the lads and believes that the government should endeavour to have all such plans broadcasted to them.

"This applies also," he went on, "to the hundreds of our lads now serving with the R. A. F. all over the world."

"Yes," the Wing Commander concluded, "the term 'The sun never sets on the British Empire,' is one that can be used equally as well to describe the Royal Canadian Air Force, for wherever I have travelled I have found the lads in blue doing their bit."

SARGENT.

# Cherniavsky Brothers Provide An Outstanding Musical Recital

## The Classics Thrill Capacity Audience At Astra Theatre

The prevailing influence of modern swing or so-termed "jazz" on the young men and women of today, especially those in the armed services, has not, at least to a noticeable degree, interfered with or affected their appreciation for classical music. Verification of this was the outstanding recital of Jan Cherniavsky, internationally famed concert pianist, and his equally famed brother, Mischel Cherniavsky, cellist, presented before a capacity audience on the evening of Tuesday, February 1st, at the Station's Astra Theatre.

The Cherniavskys who, with a third brother Leo, have played before audiences ranging from Kings to lepers in almost every country of the world during the past forty years, presented a concert on the station at the special invitation of the Commanding Officer, Group Captain D. A. Bell-Irving, an old acquaintance of theirs.

"This evening, we have had the opportunity to hear the greatest music ever played within the walls of the Astra Theatre," the Commanding Officer declared in a brief address at the conclusion of the concert, a statement wholeheartedly agreed upon by the many officers, airmen, airwomen and civilian guests that filled the theatre's every seat.

Natives of Russia, the brothers gave their first recital in Odessa in 1901, and have since travelled through every country the world over. They now reside in Vancouver, all three having married Vancouver girls.

Brahms, Bach, Chopin and the works of many other great composers were featured during the evening. Premiere exponents of the piano and cello, Jan and Mischel Cherniavsky, respectfully, literally captured their listeners, placing them in a spell which, at the conclusion of each musical rendition, broke into thunderous and resounding applause.

It is difficult to comment on the musical abilities of the two brothers. Critics throughout the world have praised them to the highest degree and Kings have bestowed honors upon them. Then, too, comparisons between the brothers cannot be made. In the pianistic field, Jan Cherniavsky is a world acclaimed artist, while Mischel Cherniavsky is considered one of the greatest of all cellists.

Their programme comprised entirely the works of the great classical composers and it is well known that all-out appreciation for this style of music is possessed by a limited number of intellectuals. However, many lovers of good music, eager to increase their knowledge of musical culture, attended the event and were, like the remainder, completely enchanted by



JAN CHERNIAVSKY

the playing of the two famous artists.

In addition to the Cherniavsky brothers, the station band under the direction of WO2 Ed Hancock, was in attendance. During the course of the evening, the band rendered selections from Oscar Strauss' Chocolate Soldier and several works by one of Russia's greatest composers, Peter Tchaikowsky.

Since this memorable event, the wish that additional such recitals, by well known instrumental or vocal concert artists be presented on the station, has been widely and fervently expressed. Opportunity to hear classical music is afforded the personnel through recordings in the Airmen's Lounge on Thursday evenings, but more personal appearances of artists in the field of classical music would undoubtedly be a greater boost in maintaining an interest and appreciation in music amongst the men and women of Trenton R.C.A.F. Station.

### GROUNDING

I'll get no wings or fancy things,  
To decorate my tunic,  
And it could be, I'll never see  
Cologne, Berlin or Munich.

I'll never know from here below  
The Japs' and Jerries' panic,  
For it's my fate to work and wait,  
A lowly kitchen mechanic.

While others fly around the sky  
And wheel in battle royal,  
Down here I stand with pan in hand  
All smeared with bacon oil.

They shoot their guns and bomb the  
Huns  
With shrewdest calculations,  
I like a nut, stuck in this rut amid  
My dark frustrations.

But if up there, high in the air,  
Their stomachs e'er should balk,  
We'll do our best, in east or west  
Of the food they just can't squawk.  
So, don't forget, for victory yet  
We all are firmly trying,  
And that it's true, they need us too,  
To keep the bacon frying.  
—Cpl. George Greenspan.

## THE PAY OFF

(News From The Accounts)

Here we are again. We've finally anaged to crawl out from the jumble of A28s, E26s, and L. P. O.s to give you a little news of the Pen Athletes from Accounts.

Has Burton gone off the deep end? Is it because of the beer ration? Or is it because his wife is here now? What say, Wally?

New name for the I. O. O. F. Saturday night dances should be cutting up with the accounts. From all accounts (isn't that awful) it's monopolized by the Pay Parade personnel. Some of our boys may be "off the beam" in their idea of how to 'Square Dance' but they sure have a lot of fun.

Does Loreen Daly like Cobourg, or does she just like the trip there and back? It's a long way home, Loreen.

What is that loud sigh Oh, it's just Helen Slison gazing at the R. A. F. and Peggy Webster dreaming about the Aussies.

How long can it last? McDon-ald is still on the wagon, and we're still marking off the days on the calendar.

Congratulations to Sgt. Child and Sgt. Brown on their recent promotions.

Apparently Peterborough has really got something. A wonderful place to spend a 48, so say "Mert" Vallance, Al Cass and Don Darling. We can still hear the howling, Hmmm!

Welcome to two new members of the Account Section, Pilot Officer Tancock who is replacing Flying Officer Ronson recently posted overseas, and Ruth Heppelston, our newlywed from Paulson.

We hear a certain couple prefer sitting in a car, rather than staying indoors with the rest of the party. Oh, Cookie!

## BAND MONOPOLIZES FREE BINGO GAMES

CONTACT wishes to make it known publicly, that despite all vicious rumours to the contrary, Warrant Officer "Ed" Hancock does not make the Tuesday Night Rotary Club Bingos held in Trenton a compulsory parade for his bandsmen.

We make this statement in defense, not of WO2 Hancock, but of the R. C. A. F., whose reputation we feel, suffered a beating at a recent Bingo when airmen and airwomen in attendance made several disparaging remarks over the fact that every member of the Station Band there with the exception of one, walked off with a prize. "It's a fine thing," complained one leading aircraftsman, when the Air Force pays its bandsmen so little that they have to come to these affairs to bolster their drooping financial statuses.

"I don't mind them winning," said another, "but the fact that they get together and boo loudly whenever a member of their group fails to win a prize gets my goat."

Other airmen and airwomen present thought that the Band attended the Bingos en masse not just to win prizes, but to pitch into the free pies etc. that are handed out so generously and thus they

## MUSICAL MUSINGS

By CPL. BILL HUME

We're going to hang out the wash on the "Dutchburn" Line. Have you any dirty washing, "Dutchy" boy? If any of you boys happen to be passing by, you can kill two birds with one stone. . . . Dutch is going to be doing a lot of "three-cornered" laundering because of his newly-acquired daughter. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. We know she'll be pretty as a picture.

Laziness can be expected once in a while, but when Curow talks Jimmy Keelor into shaving him while he's asleep . . . brother . . . THAT'S THE PAYOFF!

The lads in the brass band were greatly relieved to learn that Paul Barber didn't acquire his two bucks in a den of iniquity. Why didn't you say you were playing BINGO, Paul? Barrowman came out on top, too. We presume that you're buyin', Jack.

L.A.C. Clifford has been the topic of conversation for the past month or so. His room mates were wondering where he spent all his time until they learned of a "sartin sweet someone" who was proving very distracting as far as "Cliff" is concerned. Is he serious, Marg?

That well-known adage "The old gray mare ain't what she used to be" certainly doesn't apply to "Dad" Garland. What's the attraction down in Belleville, "Dad" . . . "STRINGS"?

We've come across lads who are up on their "Jive" and we've come across lads who are up on their "Classics", as a matter of fact, we've come across lads who are up on both "Classics" and "Jive", but the trumpet band can boast one exception to the rule, and we do mean exception. "Yippee" Gene Autrey Wagner is one guy who thinks that Tchaikowsky is a brand of washing machines, but when it comes to "Home on the Range" and others like it, "Don's" no "Ickey"!

The Brass Band now has a new saying that is destined to become as well known as "JUST READ IT, MEN". When you hear someone hollering at the top of his voice, "WHEN I WAS DOWN IN NEWPIE . . ." don't look around, IT'S STURGESS. We're beginning to think you miss the place, Russ.

L.A.W. French, newest protegee and bass drummer of the Trumpet Band, is proving to be quite a fanatic. She had her fortune told the other day, and her future apparently holds some grim, deep, dark secrets. Cut the long face, kid, and let us in on the dirt.

felt certainly reflected on the messing facilities of this Station.

Whereas most of them agreed that members of the Band had every right to attend the bingos if they wished, they were unanimous in their opinion that if they intend to invade the affairs in such large numbers, Sergeant Major Hancock should line them up in column of route and marched them into the building in an orderly manner.

# Trenton Sporting News

R.C.A.F. STATION, MARCH, 1944

## Flyers Set Pace In Service Hockey League

### Undefeated In Games To Date

Trenton teams continue to steal the hockey limelight, when they came up with four well-earned wins during this month. Playing one of the fastest games seen in the Hume Arena in years, Coach Padre Maika's "Flyers" came from behind with a third period rally in one game to defeat Coach Cain's Mountain View team by 6-4. The score stood 3-2 for Trenton at the end of the first 20 minutes, while the Bombers evened matters up in the middle session that ended with both teams tied at 4-all.

The fast skating Flyers took an early lead with Ellis scoring on a clever three-way combination play, assisted by Bagnell and Voss. Not two minutes had elapsed before the Flyers plucked the twine again to make the score read Flyers 2, Mountain View 0. However, Mountain View came back strongly to even matters at the 13:41 mark on smart goals by Dan Cowley, clever defence-man, and Figte assisted by Gene Bauer and Pat McCreavy, former Boston Bruin ace. At 18:19 Raymond, former Canadian professional star made sure of Voss' pass to put Flyers 3-2 up, to end the first period.

The second period was not too far gone when Cowley got his second goal for the Bombers and moved them into another tie. Aube rifled a fast shot behind Benson, leaving the Flyers wondering just what was going on as the Bombers took over the lead 4-3. With Savard in the penalty box, the Flyers put on a five man splurge and were rewarded with a goal by Ellis to even matters at 4-4 ending the second.

It was late in the third period when Raymond came out of a corner with Dziura's pass to hit the upper left hand corner of the net on a beautiful shot that had goal labelled all the way. Dziura put an end to the evening's scoring, whipping home a tricky pass from the stick of Bert Voss.

#### FLYERS SWAMP MOHAWKS.

Padre Maika's Flyers tacked a 15-4 shellacking to the Deseronto "Mohawks" in a scheduled service league game.

Mohawk held the fast skating Trenton team to a 3-1 count in the first period, but Flyers came along very strong in the second and third stanzas making the score 9-4 at the end of the second and added another six goals in the final frame.

Dziura, Bagnell, Kelly and Ellis were the top marksmen for the Flyers. Trenton showed too much class and speed for the game Mohawk boys. Boyd playing left wing for Mohawks scored two of the losers' four goals.

#### FLYERS EKE OUT 2-1 WIN.

Trenton Flyers made their possession of first place safer when they



**PLENTY HOT**—Trenton's Flyerette hoop squad who, to date, remain undefeated in their latest inter-station basketball series. Pictured left to right are (standing) Cpl. Zeaton (coach), A.W.2 McIntosh, A.W.2 Smith, F/O. C. V. Box (P.T. and D. officer), Cpl. Kennedy, Sgt. Skelcher, Cpl. May (coach). (Sitting) L.A.W. Ford, L.A.W. Hebert, L.A.W. MacGavin, L.A.W. Kinton and S/O. M. Looker.

edged out a 2-1 victory over the Deseronto "Mohawks".

Keen goal-tending featured the game with Prudhomme turning in a stellar game for Trenton and Garipey starring for the losing Mohawks.

A clever three-way combination play opened the scoring with Paul Raymond flashing the red light with Ellis and Voss assisting. This ended all the scoring in the initial period.

In the second period, Flookes sailed up the right boards and after splitting the Flyers' defence, hit the twine for the equalizer. With Flookes serving a penalty, Padre Maika placed five forwards on the ice and was rewarded with a goal coming from a blue line shot off the stick of Kelly. Garipey did not look too good on the shot. Mohawks led a wild assault and bombarded the Flyers' net from all angles in the last few minutes, but the clever goal-tending of Rog. Prudhomme kept them off the score sheet. Final score, Trenton 2, Deseronto "Mohawks" 1.

#### Mountain View Beaten In Fast Rugged Game

Trenton's Flyers continued to roll along at a merry old clip when they outskated Mountain View Bombers in a fast game on Monday, Feb. 21 to hang up a 11-6 victory. Trenton took an early lead in the first period on goals by Ilson (2) and McAtee. This 3-0 score was whittled down in the second period when

## Trenton Leads Way With Physical Fitness Program

By CPL. JOHN PIANOSI

Using as its watchword the slogan "It is your duty to keep fit," Trenton R.C.A.F. Main Station is putting over one of the largest Intramural Sports programs ever sponsored by an R.C.A.F. Station.

Differing from the ordinary Intramural program in that every team plays every game, the Trenton drive places emphasis on every man on the station playing on at least one team, and that team engaging in a whole round of sports activities.

Each night at the Sports Hang-

ar, teams representing different units on the station go into action against other units. Each team will have its turn playing at least three or four types of games during the evening and each man has the opportunity of engaging in organized sport not only in one game, but several.

This mass revival of sports interest on the Trenton Station is a far cry from the days not so long ago when the P. T. periods consisted of a few reluctant airmen, clad in full blues, jogging wearily around the sports hangar. Also on the way out is the old-type calisthenics and in their place is being introduced obstacle courses and new exercises designed to develop airmen and to "keep them fit."

During the winter months when icy weather forbids large-scale outdoor sports, airmen are kept in condition on an indoor assault course, a well planned running schedule, and games suitable for a gymnasium. Trenton now boasts a total of 120 teams engaging regularly in Intramural sports.

According to Flight Lieutenant F. E. Horton, former Trenton Station Sports Officer, the main objective of the Intramural Program is to get each man actively interested.

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# Trenton Sporting News

R.C.A.F. STATION, MARCH, 1944



**F/SGT. 'HUB' SMITH OF KINGSTON.**  
FORMER PRO. 'HUB', UNDEFEATED IN 30 FIGHTS AT R.C.A.F. STATION, TRENTON, IS TRAINING HARD FOR HIS COMING BATTLE WITH 'WALLY' HICKS, KINGSTON ARMY CHAMP.



**'SMITTY', A TEARING-IN TYPE OF FIGHTER FOUGHT HIS WAY TO THE FINALS OF CANADA'S 1936 OLYMPIC TRIALS**



SERGEANT No.

## Station Sport Slants

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By CPL. JOHN. PIANOSI



Congratulations are in order to F/L. F. E. Horton, Chief Sports Officer of Trenton Station for the past two years, who has been promoted to head the physical program of No. 2 Training Command of the R.C.A.F., with headquarters at Winnipeg. F/L. Horton will long be remembered by many of the officers, airmen and airwomen that have passed through Trenton during his reign as sports officer, for his fine organization work, sporting shows and fine all around sportsmanship. To you F/L. Horton we say — good luck and safe landings.

sional, Norm McAtt, ex-Oshawa junior star and Wally Wilson, former senior puck star are to turn out with the Flyers shortly.

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It looks as though Jack Frost has finally come out of hiding long enough, we hope, for the inter-unit hockey league to finish off the scheduled games. With twenty teams functioning, Eddy Knorr, Y.M.C.A. representative, Cpl. Gerald and Cpl. Marchment are to be congratulated on the efficient manner the league has been operating this season.

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Welcomed to the P.T. and D. staff at Trenton, replacing F/L. Horton as chief sports officer, is none other than F/O. Charlie Box, ex-Eastern Canadian football lacrosse star. F/O. Box, a graduate of Western University and former Malvern Collegiate professor, has had a wealth of experience both as player and coach. Trenton is pulling for you F/O. Box and although we know that your job is an arduous one, we feel that you are out to keep that banner flying high for Trenton as the No. 1 Training Command's leading sports station.

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Montreal sport writers are still singing the praises of Cpl. Walter Zeaton after his 18 point scoring splurge recently against an all-star team picked from the Montreal senior basketball league. Zeaton really lived up to all advance publicity given him as being one of the best basketeers in the Dominion. Special mention also to Cpl. Howie May who checked Joey Richman of Canada's top notch hoopers to a standstill and to Cpl. Benny Gharner who got a total of 16 points. Final score, Trenton R.C.A.F. 47, Montreal All Stars 29.

### Trenton Leads Way

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ested in sports and to develop in the men a spirit of team-play so necessary in flying personnel. The sports officer pointed out that "the days when the crowd stood by and watched the champions practice has gone," and now the crowd gets in there and does some pitching on its own account.

The 120 teams in Trenton's Intramural Program are made of Service Police, Hospital Assistants, Airframe Control, Equipment Assistants, Physical Training Instructors, Disciplinarians, Administration Officers, Senior N.C.O.'s, Airwomen, Clerk Accountants, Flying Instructor School staff and trainees and Manning Depot lads.

One of the important items of the Intramural program is the swimming in Trenton's magnificent pool. Every evening there are mixed swimming "splash parties" which any airman or airwoman may attend. During the daytime, regularly scheduled swimming periods are conducted and non-swimmers are given expert instruction. Particular attention is paid to Aircrew trainees in this respect and the motto is, "A short swim—a long life."

Rapidly becoming one of the most popular items on the Intramural sheet is the boxing shows presented on the Station every Tuesday evening. Most of the exhibitions are novice bouts and spectators have enjoyed these demonstrations tremendously. In addition to the lusty efforts of the newcom-

ers to ring science, such artists as Sgt. Jerry Blanchard, Dominion Bantamweight Champ, and Flight Sgt. "Hub" Smith, undefeated in three years at Trenton, have occasionally put on the gloves to give the Station a demonstration of what good boxing is really like.

Still another activity, a twenty-team Inter-Unit Hockey League operated right on the Station, is drawing a lot of attention.

Behind this tremendous effort built up by F/L. Horton, now head P.T. and D. Officer of No. 2 Training Command, is F/O. Box, P. T. and Drill Officer of the Station, and his staff of Physical Training Instructors. They operate the large sports hangar, keep in circulation and in working order a great amount of all types of sports equipment, do their own maintenance, grind their own skates, re-string their own racquets. They supervise endless processions of games and instruct countless P. T. classes. They operate from early in the morning until far into the night. They work tirelessly on as tough a schedule as could be drawn up.

And Trenton's mighty sports effort has shown fruits. The Station at present holds Championships in boxing, baseball, swimming (W.D.'s), borderball, tennis and basketball. As No. 1 Training Command's leading sports Station, Trenton has demonstrated to her rivals the extent to which Station participation can boost enthusiasm and produce a better brand of competitive sports than would otherwise have been possible.

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Coach Padre Maika is all smiles these days at his team's grand showing to date. That exhibition game played at Stirling on Wednesday, Feb. 9, with Trenton Flyers and Navy H.M.C.S. York Juniors producing fireworks, proved without doubt that the Flyers are ready for an exhibition battle with any top notch senior service team. Final score, Trenton 10, Navy 4. With three wins and one tie, Trenton is topping the league in the Air Force League, made up of teams from Trenton, Mountain View, No. 6 Repair Depot and Mohawk.

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The Flyers' sextette boasts a formidable collection of ice stars, Raymond and Dzura, ex-professionals, George Ellis from Waterloo, Voss formerly with the Montreal Royals, and Kelly, a strong defence puck carrier from Western Ontario. Rumors have it that Low Labovitch, former New Haven Eagle Profes-

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Noticed working out daily in the ring at the sports hangar are Sgt. Jerry Blanchard, L.A.C. Jerry McPeak and F/Sgt. "Hub" Smith. All three are getting in fighting trim for the next service boxing show. Smith really turned in an impressive victory at the Army vs. Air Force boxing show on Feb. 2 and according to "Hub" nothing would thrill him more than a go with Pte. Wally Hicks, 1943 Golden Gloves champion. We are sure "Hub", that a five rounder in this class would pack the sports hangar to the rafters. Keep up those daily workouts and in another six weeks we can visualize that peppy voice of S.W.O. Silver announcing, in the red corner, Pte. Wally Hicks and in the blue, F/Sgt. "Hub" Smith. It's a natural, fans, and a bout of this sort would top any big time boxing show.

Sergeant—"Am I the first man you ever loved?"  
Sweetheart — "Yes, dear. The others were all 4F's."

## FLYERETTES ARE STRONG CONTENDERS FOR TITLE

With the addition of Corporal Kay Kennedy to the squad, Trenton Flyerettes have developed plenty of scoring punch around the hoop. In an Intra Station game between Mountain View and the Flyerettes, Kay came through with 19 points which is really swishing them through. The final score was 35-12 for Trenton and although our team was slow to get going, they

really turned it on in the second half. AW Jean Smith turned in a powerful defensive game and held her tall opponent scoreless.

Section Officer Looker who is becoming a real basketball star turned in a sterling effort.

With the Command Championship in the near future, the Flyerettes should be a powerful contender.



## Paper Problem Acute

### Job of Personnel Is Careful Use Of Supply and Salvaging of Waste

You may have noticed news items recently, where the amount of newsprint made available for civilian use has been cut again. You may, like a few other individuals have shrugged indifferently and muttered, "So What?"

A "So what" attitude never won wars so if you're interested in winning this one, you'd better sit up and take notice of the important part paper is playing in this war and just how you can help it play the part.

Paper has become an article of great demand, not only because there is a shortage of it, but because it is being put to so many different and new uses in the manufacturing of war supplies. This definitely means that we must continually keep in mind the careful use of paper and the saving of waste paper of all kinds.

Waste paper today is being used for shell containers, but insulations, sun helmets, maps, paper parachutes for dropping food and many other items.

One of the latest uses found, is the manufacturing of paper water pipes which are now being used in military establishments in the Italian campaign.

The increasing need for these items is emphasized when we consider the recent announcement by the United States government that 54 percent of the fighting weapons used were lost in the battle of Sicily. From that we can get some idea of the constant supply that must be kept going forward and the importance of paper conservation.

Depleted manpower in the forest has curtailed Canada's output of pulpwood, yet she is still expected to supply great quantities to her allies. Great Britain alone, who previously relied on the Scandinavian countries for pulp, has asked for 20,000 tons of paper this year.

Hence, lack of manpower and increased demands all along the line makes conservation imperative.

#### WHAT TRENTON IS DOING.

Unknown to many, this Station is already making a sizable contribution each month towards the salvaging of waste paper. Each week several thousand pounds of waste paper and cardboard are collected and taken to the Glen Miller paper mills, where it is used in the manufacture of new paper and cardboard essential to the production of vital war materials.

Here at Trenton during 1943, 54,800 pounds of corrugated cardboard and 115,244 pounds of mixed paper was salvaged and sent to the mills. There it quickly becomes a pulp solution and finally emerges from a huge machine in what seems like endless rolls of useful white paper.

"Sometime," explained Mr. Miller, proprietor of the mills at Glen Miller, "the demand for paper is so great that a truckload of waste from R. C. A. F. Station, Trenton arrives in the morning and before noon the next day has been converted into usable paper and is on its way to an ammunition plant."

That gives you some idea of the urgency with which paper is needed.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO.

You say, "if the Station is collecting up the scrap paper around here, what more can I do?"

Scrap paper sent to the mills often loses as much as 75 percent of its content during the process of going through the various washing and drying machines.

The thing to do then is to see that the most possible use is made of paper before throwing it away as scrap. Don't use good stationery to scribble on or throw away paper of any kind that can still be used for a purpose.

If you're writing home do as the "X" advises and use both sides of a sheet. Take a tip too, from Air Force Headquarters and wherever possible, use envelopes over and over again by pasting on new address labels. These things don't sound important but carried out all across Canada they really add up.

When newspapers or any other kind of paper is no longer any use to you, don't throw them on the ground. By doing that, you not only destroy paper that can be salvaged for some useful purpose, you'll probably catch h—1 if you're caught for cluttering up the Station.

The proper place for waste paper is in the receptacles provided at the entrance to each Barrack Block.

Waste paper must be salvaged. As individuals we may not need it. As a nation, we need it so desperately that our destiny may hang on the speed with which it is obtained.

It's an easy way for you and I to do a little extra, so let's get going fellows.

## Keeping Up with . . . K.T.S.

Another month has passed with K.T.S. still plunging ahead in the academic field. We've produced our usual quota of ground crew personnel and our staff has reason to be proud.

#### INTRODUCING.

We've had some changes in staff. To those of you who don't "get around", by way of introduction, we present F/S. Bean, now i/c of Records; Cpl. Broadley of E. and A.T.S. staff; L.A.C. Teuma Costelletti and L.A.C. McGraw of the Driver Transport School; Sgt. Eyres, P.T. and D. Instructor; F/Sgt. Cole and F/Sgt. Sturgeon, S.P. Instructors, Sgt. Foster, K.T.S. Orderly Room.

#### HOSPITALIZED.

Unfortunately, we still find S/L. Sherwood on the sick list, and at press time, Service Police Instructor, Cpl. Hay, is in hospital. Hey! you guys, better hurry up and get well.

#### PROMOTED.

In case you missed D.R.O.'s, it's now F/Sgt. Blake, the Deseronto Kid; Sgt. Wright of E. and A.T.S.; Sgt. Etienne, also of E. and A.T.S.; and Cpl. Newcomb of the Women's Division.

#### PLEASANT SURPRISE.

Bumped into our friend F/Sgt. "Curly" Clifford (formerly of the Driver Transport School staff) on the Windsor-bound train early this month. "Curly" is a pilot-in-training at Windsor E.F.T.S. and is getting along fine. He topped his course at I.T.S. and should gain greater laurels as he gets along. Sends his best to all of his old K.T.S. friends.

#### REGRETS.

Losing Sgt. "Trainer" Johnson on his posting was felt with regret. "Johnny" was well-known in the school, having been attached for almost three years. He certainly was most helpful towards everyone and good for a bit of fun any time.

#### BRIDGE FANS.

Noon time and at other times, you'll find a representation from the school in the Sergeants' Mess playing their favorite game. Those addicted—F/Sgts. Brown and Stillman, Sgts. Snowden and Andrew, and W.O. Anderson.

#### MARKSMEN.

The rifle range is proving quite attractive to a number of the boys. From the Flying Control Course you'll find F/L. Wilcocks, Sgt. Nacht, F/Sgt. Laycock and others taking their places before those targets.

#### HOBBYISTS.

F/Sgt. Phillips and Sgts. Cumming and Stannard, frequent the craft shop these cold winter evenings. A practical crew — these K.T.S. instructors.

#### WEDDING BELLS.

We're getting the edge on Winchell by announcing the marriage of that Flying Control Instructor, Sgt. Nacht and his Vancouver bride-to-be. Wedding to take place in early April on the west coast.

#### BRIGHTON NEWS.

W.O. Anderson, whose home is in nearby Brighton, says he has a most

intelligent kitten. Stories of its cunningness will be told by him any time if you drop into Room 116. He'll probably tell you some other stories too. Nice place this town of Brighton.

## CLIPS from EQUIPS

By LOIS RATHWELL

At last it can be told (I hope) how the original Teddy Bear of Stores and a certain little sergeant spent a very enjoyable week-end in New Haven, some time ago. For further information, inquire at "A" group; but here's a tip, don't miss any happenings next August.

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Well, Rene, maybe it is Leap Year but you must have spent a lot of time on one knee to injure it like that.

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We always did say that there is nothing like a Valentine to express a man's true sentiments. Does anyone disagree, girls?

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No one could have missed Mammy Yokum—well, anyway, her feet—at CONTACT'S Valentine Party. Lorraine, we always were doubtful about your home town; but not any longer. The truth will out, you know.

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Who is the W.D. in Equipment who, upon returning from each "48" in Toronto, assures us that she had a marvellous time, but never says where or why. Any one possessing such information is assured of an interested audience. If we can believe all we hear, it seems that Mr. Gallagher . . . judging from the collection of empty bottles he had . . . uses a lot of ink. Wonder where they come from?

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Here's a stranger one still. Maybe Miss Fraser is fond of reading but who would expect to find her room full of out-dated publications. Miss Fraser certainly didn't anyway.

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We were all glad to welcome Sgt. Clarke and L.A.C. Beaulieu back to our midst, even though they come with mixed feelings of happiness and regret. Cheer up Gil, spring is just around the corner.

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Greetings and the hand of welcome to A/S/O MacKenzie, and to Evelyn Barr, who by now are far from strangers around here.

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Isn't it nice to know that Marg. Doherty is feeling much better these days, in fact a marked change was noted the day she was seen wandering way off the road, attention glued to a newly received letter. I wonder . . . ?

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We think there are those who will agree when we say that there is no one like the Irish when it comes to writing poetry; is there "Tex"?

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Our loss is Moncton's gain, in as much as F/L. Gallagher is posted there. What a break for Moncton! The best of luck, sir — we're sorry to see you leave.

# JUST PLANE NONSENSE

A Frenchman, struggling with the English language, turned to a Canadian friend for counsel:  
 "What," he asked, "is a polar bear?"  
 "Polar bear? Why he lives way up north."  
 "But what does he do?"  
 "Oh, he sits on a cake of ice and eats fish."  
 "Zat settle! I will not accept!"  
 "What in the world do you mean, you won't accept?"  
 "Ah," explained the other, "I was invite to be a polar bear at a funeral, and I will not accept."

Sergeant—"I have been stationed in this town for three years. By actual count there are fifty-five tap rooms and saloons in the town, and I am proud to say I have never been in one of them."  
 Newly Arrived Airman—"Which one is that?"

We read in an American Camp Newspaper that even dogs in the Armed Services had been polled on rehabilitation plans and that the crafty canines were unanimous in their opinion that the POST-WAR world should have more POSTS and less war.

'Pat', Air Force caretaker, had worked faithfully at his job for several years, when he surprised the Commanding Officer by asking for a furlough.  
 "We can't get along very well without you," said the C.O. "You don't need a furlough. You'll just blow in your money and come back broke."

"I'd still like to have a furlough," persisted 'Pat', "I'm getting married and I'd kinda like to be there."

Sillium—The sergeant sleeps in a bed. Beds contain flowers. Flours are made in mills. Mills are run by rivers. Rivers are damned! So the hell with the sergeant!

Orderly Officer—"I don't know why the men grumble. This soup is excellent."  
 "They wouldn't grumble, sir, if the cook would admit it was soup, but he insists it's coffee."

## LIFE SAVERS



BEFORE CROSSING wire entanglements examine them as closely as possible for anti-personnel mines which would warn the enemy of your approach.



WHEN CRAWLING close to the enemy at night move carefully and cautiously. Feel the ground ahead of you before each movement to be certain you will not hit anything which will reveal your presence.

Wife—"It tells here about a man giving his wife a \$500 fur coat. Nothing like that ever happens to me."  
 Her Airman Husband—"No, and I was just reading where a man gave his extravagant wife a black eye. Nothing like that ever happens to you, either."

During their rest period, two airmen were having a chat.  
 "You look very chirpy this morning," said the first. "Had a stroke of luck lately?"  
 "You bet!" was the smiling reply. "I got a fine parrot for the missus this morning."  
 "Give me the address," exclaimed the first. "I wouldn't mind making a change like that myself."

Mother—"Helen, I want to know what you and that airman were doing on the sofa until three o'clock this morning?"  
 Daughter—"Oh, mamma, didn't your mother ever tell you?"

Three Flight Sergeants slightly punchy from a blitz were riding toward London in a noisy automobile. Approaching the city, one asked: "Is this Wembley?"  
 "Nope," said the second. "That's day."  
 "So am I," said the third, "let's stop and have one."  
 —The Aafstorian.

Somebody told us about the girl, who when asked her war ambition, said, "I want to be an air raid siren."

The chaplain was attending a banquet marking the end of basic training. A clumsy airman dropped a plate of hot soup in his lap. Glancing around he said with restraint written all over his face: "Will some layman say something appropriate?"  
 —The Range Finder.

"What brought me here?" asked rosebud.  
 "The stalk," answered the rose.



They're calling one of the airmen residing in Barrack Block 2 "Girdle" because he's around the women so much.

Airman—"Say, whatever happened to those old fashioned girls who fainted when a boy kissed them?"  
 W.D.—"Whatever became of the old fashioned boys who made them faint?"

The old sarge was bawling out one of the airmen for using so many flashlight batteries.  
 "What do you use them for, anyhow," demanded the sarge. "It can't be in the line of duty."  
 "No, it ain't," answered the airman. "To tell the truth I take my flashlight with me when I go courting, just in case of a blackout."  
 "Well, I'll be . . .," exploded the sergeant, "you young guys are dumb. Why, when I went courting, I lived on a farm and I never even carried a lantern."  
 "Yeh, sarge," replied the airman, "and look what you got."

## LIFE SAVERS



TAKE GOOD CARE of the tools and equipment issued to you. An entrenching tool can save your life as well as a rifle.



SPOT YOUR TARGET before you squeeze the trigger. Indiscriminate shooting can result in drawing enemy fire causing casualties and loss of position.

# Contact

THEY CALL HER "CHIN UP" GIRL—SHE'S STILL A SWELL "PIN-UP"



**GINGER ROGERS**—"Chin Up" Girl in her newest RKO Radio Picture, "Tender Comrade," soon to be seen at the Station Theatres, the story of a white collar girl who dons blue denim when her husband goes overseas. This is NOT the outfit she wears in a munitions plant but we thought you wolves wouldn't mind!

## LIFE SAVERS



**LEARN TO IDENTIFY** and locate the direction of common noises made by troops in the field. The information a scout acquires and his security while on patrol often depends on his ability to interpret sounds.



**"OWL EYES"** WILL help increase the effectiveness of your night vision when scouting. Cupping your hands around your eyes enables you to focus better in the area you are observing.

## What Do You Do With Your Spare Time?

This question is in no way connected with the above illustration, but nevertheless should command your attention.

There are 150 people on this station who are using some of their spare time each week to prepare for their return to civilian life. They are taking advantage of the free correspondence courses offered by the Canadian Legion and several Canadian Universities to service personnel. Subjects range from elementary mathematics to poultry raising. Several are working on university subjects, such as economics and the calculus.

What do you do with your spare time? Some of it should be used to improve your education.

Courses are available in matriculation, commercial, technical and agricultural topics.

These studies put you in a better position to take advantage of the educational opportunities available to veterans of World War II.

Why not drop around to Room 210, Administration Building, and talk it over with your Education Office? Let him give you the "gen" on the educational opportunities available.

## LIFE SAVERS



**BEFORE STARTING ON** a night mission study the details of the area to be covered, in the daylight if possible, and from photographs and maps.



**ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT** when scouting close to the enemy at night your best protection from observation is silent movement.