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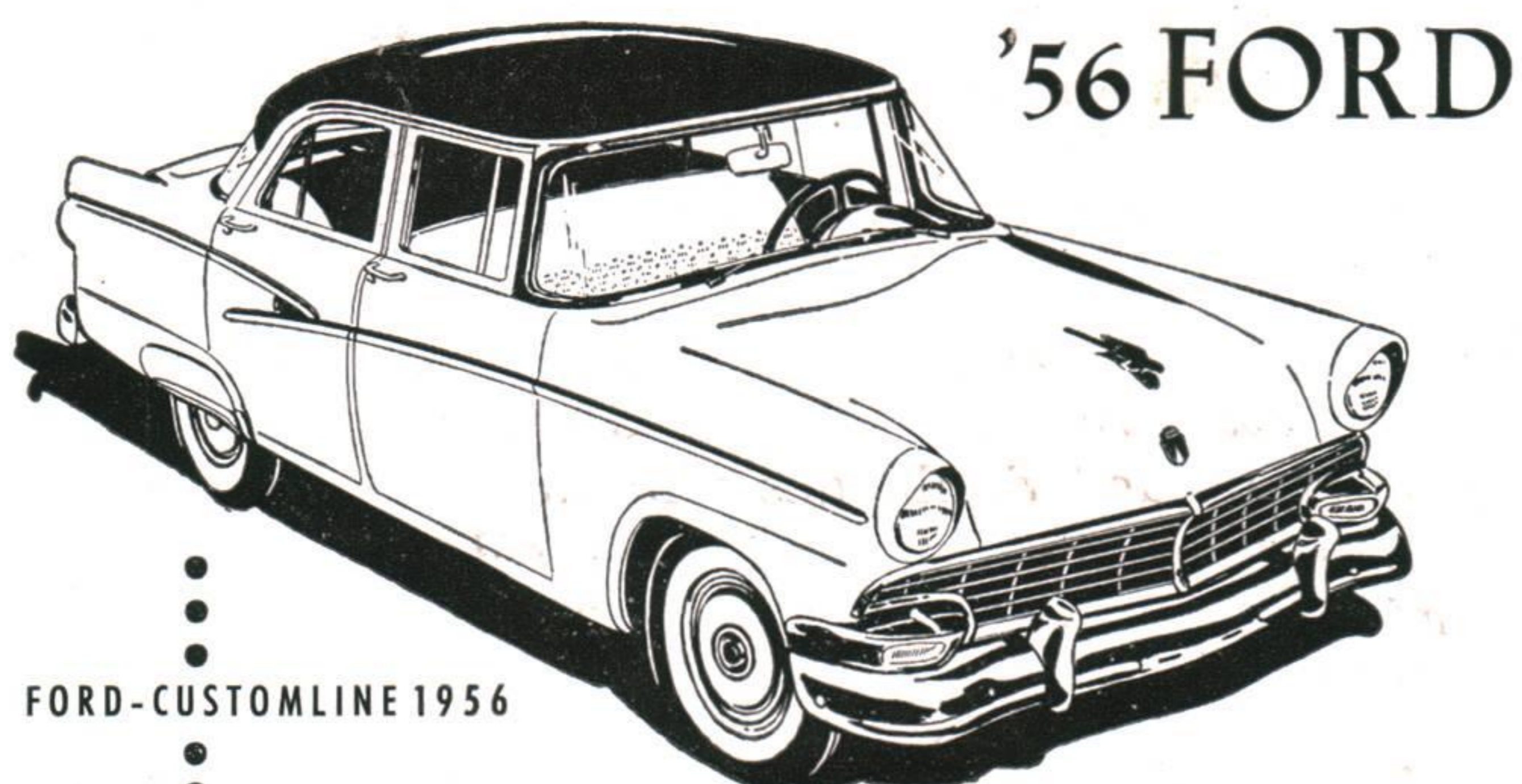
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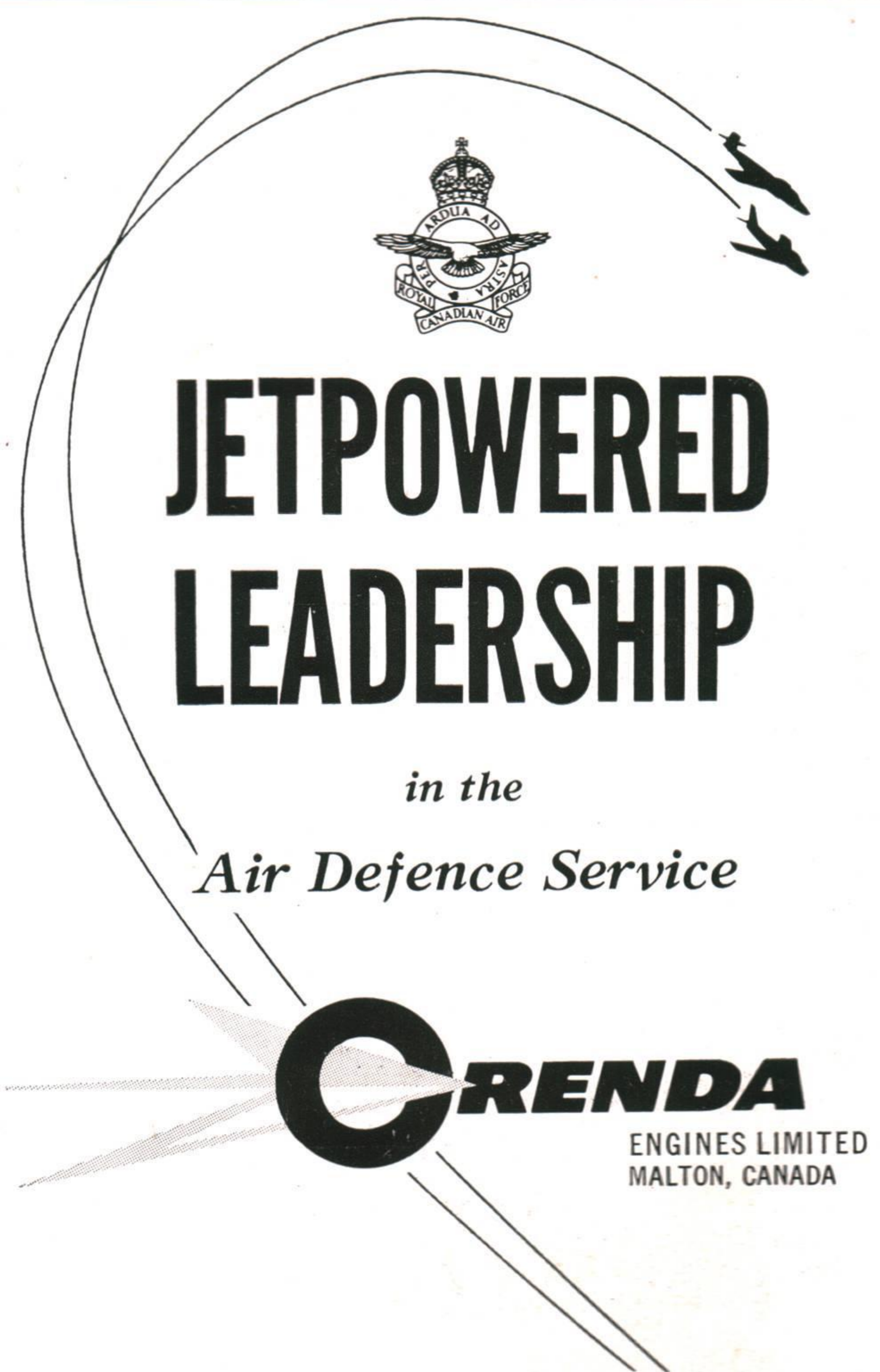
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A Word from the Commanding Officer

By this time everyone is aware of the announcement made by the Air Officer Commanding on June 1st awarding the Air Division Efficiency Trophy to 4 Wing for the period ending April 30th.

When the trophy went to 3 Wing at the end of last year I asked each of you to put forth that extra effort to ensure that it would come back to us. Now your efforts have been rewarded and I want to congratulate and thank each one of you for your contributions to 4 Wing's record.

We must try now to keep the trophy here; realizing that the competition from the other wings will be stronger than ever, I urge you to contrive to raise our standards even further to ensure that 4 Wing stays on top.

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EDITORIAL

This summer sees the departure of most of the original married members of the Wing at the end of their three year tour. Among those setting out on the homeward trek in the next few weeks are two members of the "Flieger" staff — F/L Harry Vinish and FS Roger Ellery. They are accompanied by many other old stagers, who are now ticking off the days to embarkation date, and making mental preparations for their readjustment to Canadian life again.

Perhaps when these repatriates step ashore on the other side, it will take a few days to throw off the last dust of Germany from their shoes, remove any lingering traces of honey wagon odours from their lungs with a few hearty chestfuls of clean, fresh, bracing Canadian air, and forget all about oxcarts, bicycles, cobbled streets, visas and car-

nets, Deutschmarks, Guilders, francs and pounds, language problems, water purification, and home-sickness.

Yes — it will be good to get back home again — even if it does mean no more weekends in Switzerland or Holland, no more 16 cent gasoline, German beer, duty-free cigarettes, Scotch and automobiles, export price cameras, Oktoberfests and Faschings, overseas allowances, Gasthaus parties, Continental tours and all the other hardships of life in Number 1 Air Division.

Anyway they can leave Germany secure in the knowledge that those who are left behind will hold on grimly, facing all trials and challenges without complaint, maintaining a firm Canadian foothold on this distant outpost of the Dominion until those departing comrades have time to get back here for a second tour. T.D.N.



MISS GERMANY 1955

This Month's Cover Story

(Picture by Photo Kühn)

"MISS GERMANY" CONTEST

In our selection of Cover Picture this month we have strayed a little from our usual conservative series of local scenes. Instead of oxcarts, railway locomotives, landscapes and castles we have chosen scenery of a different type, albeit just as pleasing to the eye.

The biggest attraction on the local calendar for this month is the "Miss Germany" competition, which as usual will be held in the Kurhaus, Baden-Baden.

Our picture shows the 1955 winner, Fräulein Margit Nünke, who will be present again on the 23rd to hand over her crown to her successor, in case you'd like to take a closer look.

Tickets for this popular event are always sold out well in advance, so if you don't already have yours, you'll have to move quickly to obtain one at this late date.

NEWS BREVITIES

The Wing Efficiency Trophy has come home again to Baden-Soellingen after a short spell in the care of Number 3 Fighter Wing. The award is for the period ending April 30th.

A large number of guests from the surrounding district attended the annual Air Force Day cocktail party, which was held in the Officers' Mess on Saturday, June 9th.

414 Squadron returned to base from Rabat on June 6th after setting a new all-time high scoring record of 37.36 % on the Trophy Shoot. If 422 Squadron manages to keep up the high averages set by 414 and 444, indications are that the Air Firing Trophy will be heading back to 4 Wing around the end of the year.

Wing Commander J. F. Allan, our COpsO, is leaving in the general direction of Chatham on July 10th, to take over as Officer Commanding the OTU at that station.

416 Squadron from Number 2 Wing is expected down to stay here for a short time around the end of this month. Official purpose of the visit is not disclosed, although it is a well known fact that tickets for the Miss Germany contest are hard to get up at Gros Tenquin.

The only new construction project on the immediate horizon is the building of ground handling equipment shelters on each of the squadron dispersals. The shelters will measure roughly thirty-five by sixty feet.

F/L Zwicker took over the reins of the Station Automobile Club at the end of last month from F/L Vinish.

Warrant Officer and Mrs Barney Phelps announced the engagement of their daughter, Beatrice Doreen, to Corporal William Franklin Snider of Number 3 Fighter Wing. The wedding will take place in the Protestant Chapel at Baden-Soellingen on June 16th, 1956.

VISITORS' CORNER



Boys and girls of the Rhine Valley Park School had an unusual caller last month in the shape of this whirly-bird, which was down for a brief visit to Soellingen from the US Army in Karlsruhe.

Piloted by 1st Lieutenant Warren R Ross, the helicopter came over to take a closer look at the school, and give the youngsters a chance to try out Dad's camera. The downdraft from the rotating blades caused a minor sandstorm in the school yard, but the hardy members pressed

forward with their box cameras and gave the pilot a few anxious moments when they approached the craft a little too closely for his peace of mind.

He retired to the other side of the fence, closely pursued by some of the younger and more athletic members of the student body, and after posing for another minute or two retired thankfully to Karlsruhe mopping his brow and cursing RCAF Public Relations Officers.



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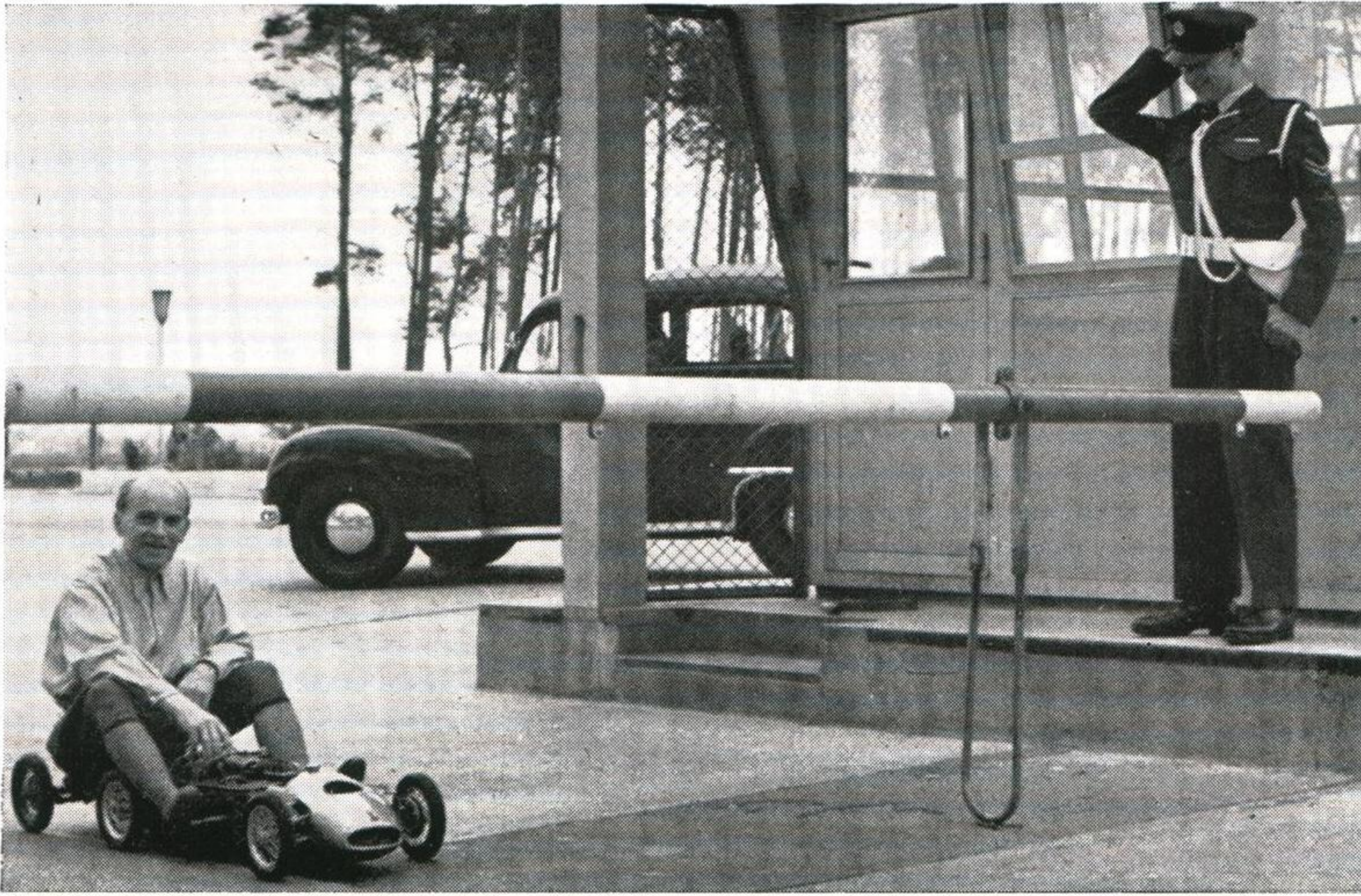
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WAS IST DAS?



Cpl Clarke of the Air Force Police has seen quite a few strange vehicles pass through the barrier during his time at 4 Wing, but he had to scratch his head when this mechanical curiosity arrived at the Main Gate one evening last month.

A unique visitor to the station last month was this tiny automobile, made and driven by its owner, Herr Janschütz of Baden-Baden.

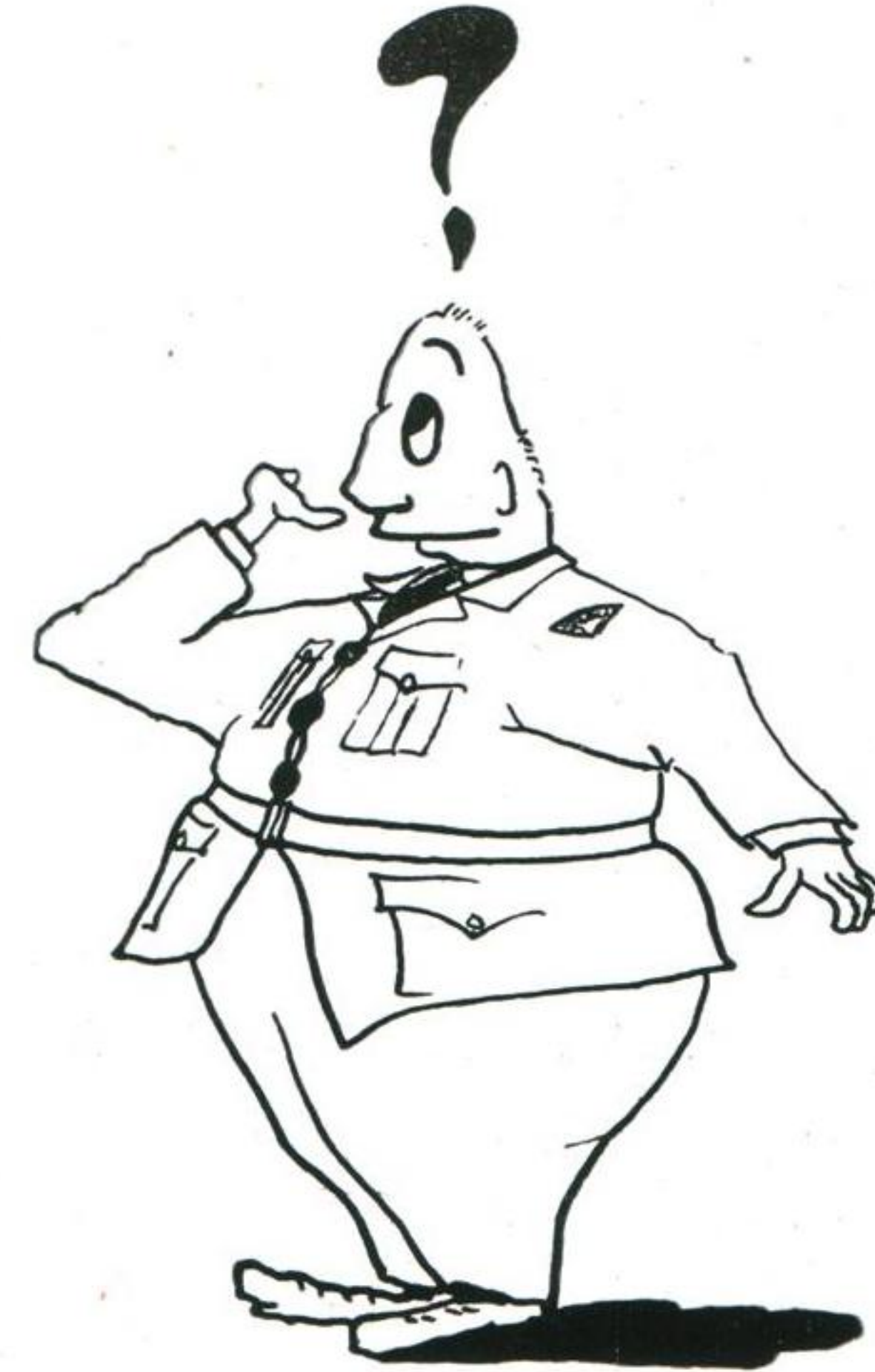
The mini-car and its owner were "discovered" by Corporal Ron Campbell of the GCA section some time ago when he was living in Baden-Baden. A keen photo enthusiast, Ron was intrigued by the model racing car owned by his landlord, and not only secured some excellent pictures of it, but also obtained the story behind the little hot rod.

The car's origin dates back as far as 1909 when Herr Janschütz was an apprentice mechanic, and he started work on a tiny engine of his own design. After several years of development and improvement, plus a break of several years during the First World War, the model finally emerged from his workshop in 1923. In 1926 it had its first public showing in Baden-Baden. It was exhibited at the Berlin Auto Show in 1936 and last year made a further appearance at the Automobile Exhibition in Frankfurt.

In 1955 the model was given a face-lift prior to its showing at Frankfurt, however the engine remained unchanged. Every single part of the car, with the exception of the magneto and spark plugs, was designed and hand-made by Herr Janschütz, and as some of the people on camp who have seen it will confirm, "it's quite the thing."

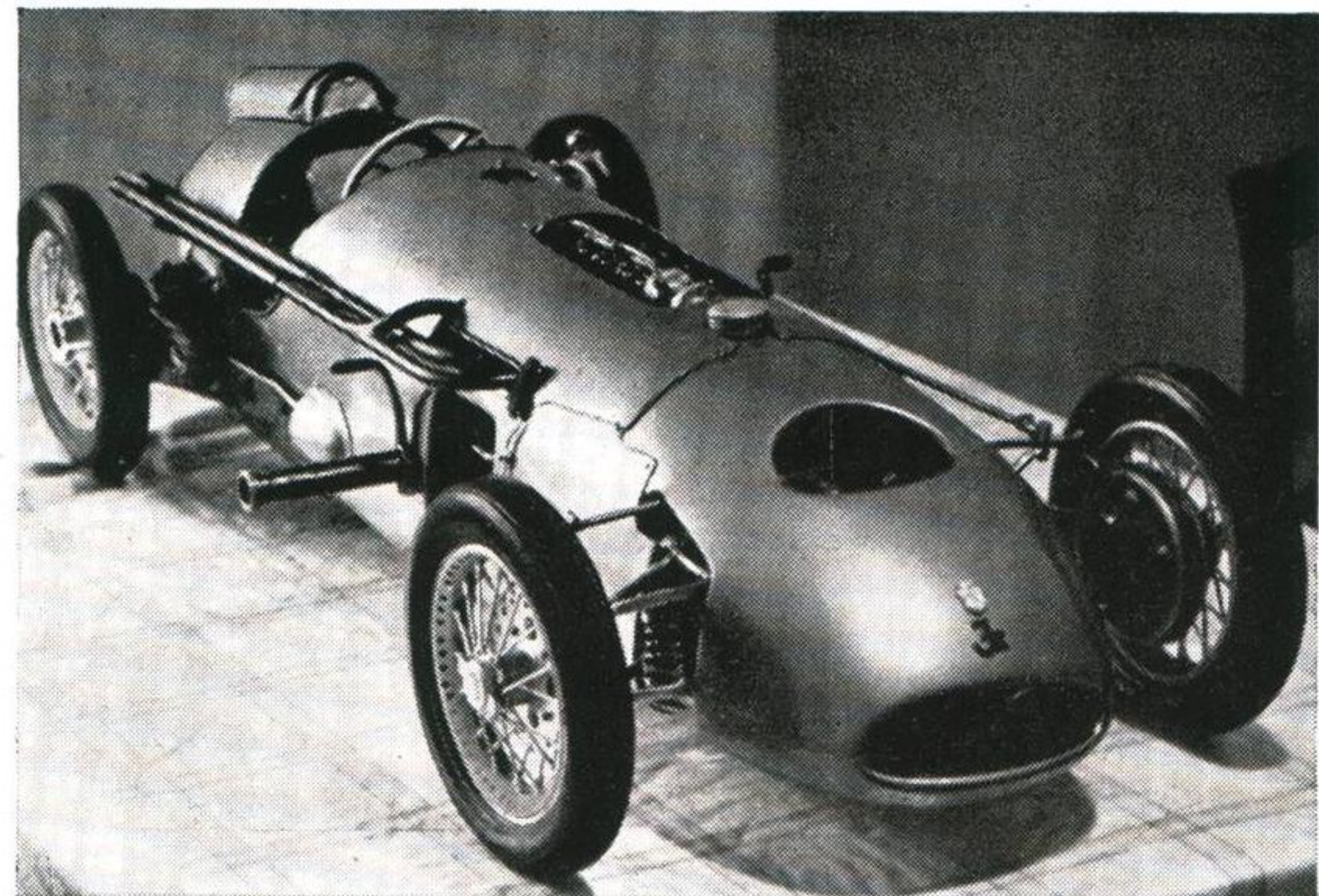
Cpl Campbell invited Herr Janschütz out to the airfield one evening last month, and quite a number had a chance to see it in action on the road in front of the Model Club's building. It has a reputed top speed of 35 kilometres per hour, with four forward gears, dual carburation and many other intricate mechanical features.

Engine: Four cylinders, water-cooled, capacity 38 c. c., compression ration 6:1, 3 oil pumps, overhead valves, 1 horsepower. Bore 20 mm, stroke 30 mm.



Even the wheels and tires were made by Herr Janschütz, who drives the car perched on a small seat which clamps on the rear.

Until his retirement last year Herr Janschütz was a teacher of Automotive mechanics in Baden-Baden. We are



Close-up of the miniature racing car.

indebted to him for permission to publish this write-up, and to Corporal Ron Campbell for the photographs and information.

(Have **you** encountered anything of interest to the "Flieger" lately? Keep your camera handy, and an eye open for the unusual. We can use your pictures and articles. How about something for next issue?)

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Canadian Current Affairs



Population — Bureau of Statistics in Ottawa says Canada's population at the start of the year was 15 million 818 thousand. In the last six months of 1955 the population rose by 181 thousand.

Mining — This year, for the first time in Ontario, more money will be made from mining than from farming.

Aerial Tramway — The longest Aerial Tramway in North America is to be built up the side of Dog Mountain, 95 miles East of Vancouver at a cost of 15 thousand dollars. It will climb 44 hundred feet and the tramway will be used to build and maintain a microwave tower in the Trans Canada microwave system.

Reactor — The president of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited stated that the scientists at Chalk River are considering design studies for a small reactor which would supply power and space heating in remote areas of Northern Canada where the cost of conventional thermo fuels is excessive.

With adequate heating supplies vegetables now imported at a great expense could be grown in glass houses far within the arctic circle.

Envoys — Canada's Ambassador to the Soviet Union John Watkins, will return to Ottawa in June to become assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. His place at the embassy in Moscow will be taken by David Johnson, at present serving as Canadian Commissioner of the Armistice supervision group in Vietnam. Indo-China.

The department of external affairs has also announced that Kenneth Kirkwood, Ambassador to Egypt and Minister to Lebanon will exchange posts with E. H. Norman, High Commissioner to New Zealand. The exchange will take place around mid-summer.

Seed — The Soviet government is providing Canada with the seeds of several kinds of Siberian trees for experimental purposes. The seeds were delivered by the Soviet scientific research institute in Moscow to the forestry branch of the Northern Affairs department in Ottawa. R. G. Robertson Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs, said that his department had requested the seed through the Canadian Embassy in Moscow. The Siberian trees will be grown to determine whether they will be useful for Canadian development in the north. Canada has also agreed to send seeds of various kinds of Canadian trees to the Soviet Union.

Heroes — Canadians have been urged to start paying more attention to their own heroes. Conservative leader George Drew made the suggestion in the House of Commons when he referred to an ad published in an American magazine. The ad described the American air hero Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, as the ace of aces. Mr. Drew said Captain Rickenbacker deserved full credit for his exploits during the first world war. He had shot 21 German planes. Mr. Drew said, however, that it wasn't inappropriate for Canadians to remember that there were at least 15 of their own pilots who had shot down more German aircraft in the first world war than Captain Rickenbacker. Chief among these was Billy Bishop, who had shot down 72 planes. Such things, the Conservative leader said, should be kept alive. Canadians shouldn't forget what their own people had done.

Voting — Thousands of servicemen in Nova Scotia will now be allowed to vote in provincial elections. At its

clothing session, the Nova Scotia House passed a bill granting the privilege to permanent force servicemen who live outside Army, Navy and Air Force bases and have been in the province more than 12 months. Previously the wives of such servicemen could vote in provincial elections but they couldn't. The Provincial Treasurer, R. Fielding described the legislation as the first of its kind in Canada. The prorogation of the Nova Scotia legislature ended an eight-week session which was one of the longest in provincial history. During the session, the house approved a budget calling for record expenditures of over 54-million dollars. The budget provides higher expenditures for education, health, public welfare and highway construction.

Visit — A group of five Russian women have accepted an invitation to visit Canada. The Soviet News Bulletin, published by the Russian Embassy in Ottawa, says they will make the visit in the middle of May. The invitation was issued by the Canadian Congress of Women. It is understood that the department of external affairs still has to issue visas for the visit.

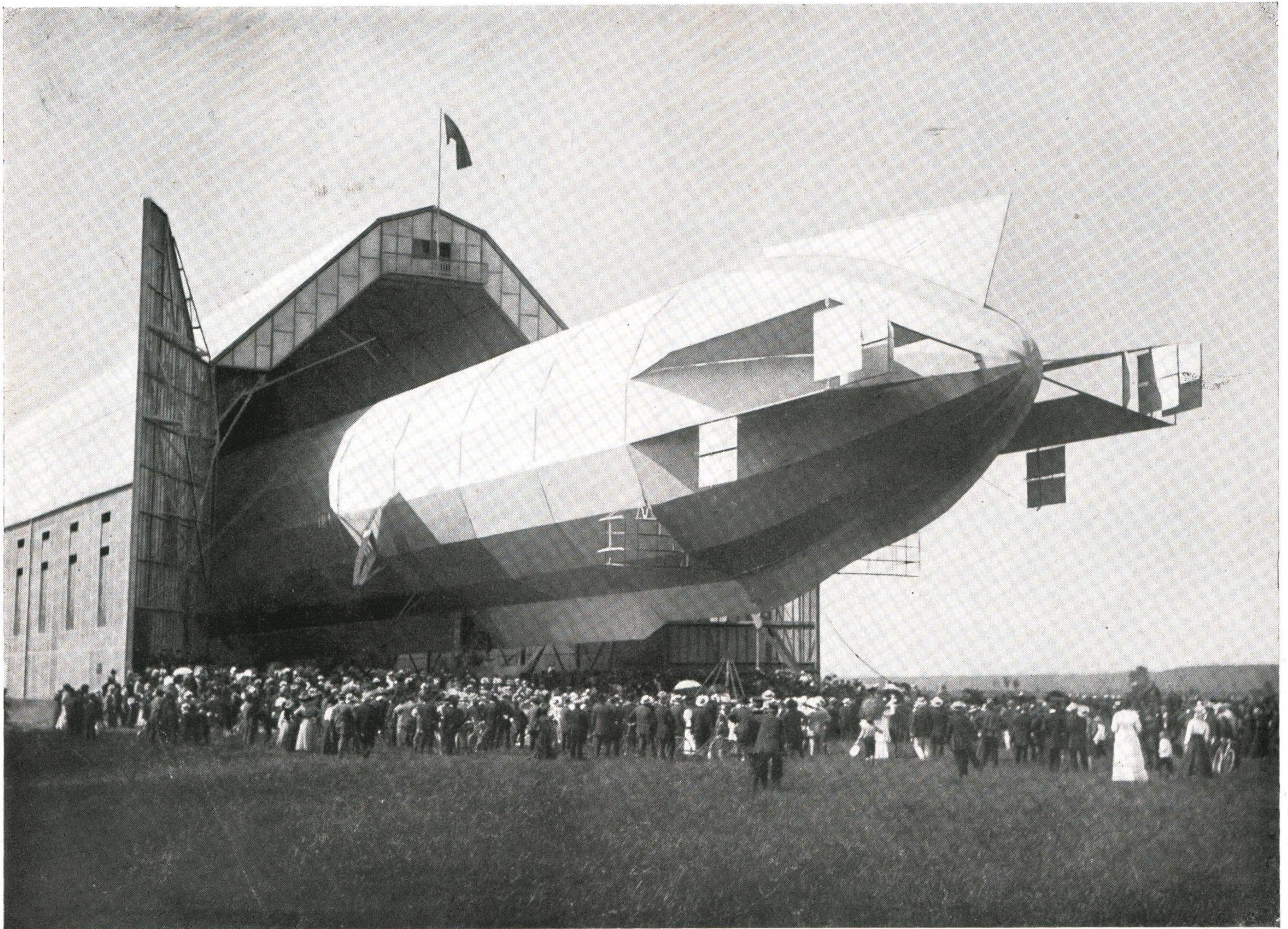
Fisheries — The Russian Minister of Fisheries, Alexander Ishokov, will be in Canada this summer on a visit. He has been invited by the Canadian Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Sinclair. Mr. Sinclair extended the invitation when he was in the Soviet Union last year. Recently, he announced it had been accepted. Mr. Sinclair was speaking to the Fisheries Council at a meeting in Ottawa. He said he wanted the Russians to see for themselves just how well Canada's fishermen lived in a democratic country. He felt it would be an eye-opener to them. He was particularly anxious to have them see British Columbia's fishing industry. He thought B. C.'s salmon fishermen were pretty well off compared with those in Russia.

Bureau — The license for operation of a marriage bureau has been granted by Vancouver's city council. Jean Haddon a graduate of Oxford University and the wife of an economics professor, will operate the bureau. In granting the license, it was pointed out that the council wasn't setting a precedent. Alderman Anna Sprott said the high standard offered by Mrs. Haddon would make it possible to reject less qualified persons introduced by the bureau.

Embassy — The West German government is planning to build an embassy building in Ottawa at a cost of 400 thousand dollars. It will be located on the capital's scenic driveway, and work is expected to start this year. West Germany will be the third country to erect a building specially designed as an embassy. The United States has one on Wellington street opposite the parliament buildings and France has one on Sussex street, next to the Official residence of the Prime Minister.

Highway — Opposition members in the House of Commons have criticized the federal government for not pushing the Trans-Canada highway through fast enough. All three Opposition parties joined in urging the government to carry a bigger share of the construction costs. Works minister Robert Winters proposed a somewhat higher contribution by the government for work done by the provinces on the road. At present the provinces and the federal administration share the cost on a 50-50 basis. The opposition said the government's increased share was not enough, and a number of members suggested that it should bear up to 90 percent of the total cost. The Trans-Canada highway has been under construction for many

Local Flash-back



From the photo archives of the Kurdirektion comes this historic picture of the old Airship Hangar at the Baden-Oos airfield.

Around the year 1910 the appearance of the zeppelin inspired the local authorities to support a plan put forward to build a civil air terminal of world-wide importance beside the Baden-Oos railway station. Originators of the idea were Graf Zeppelin himself, designer of the famous lighter-than-air craft, and Hermann Sielcken (the "Coffee King"), a wealthy resident and benefactor of Baden-Baden.

These ambitious plans for an international airport came to an end with the start of World War I. At the end of the

war the zeppelin hangar was dismantled in accordance with the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, and it was 1924 before the property could again be made available for use as a landing field.

In 1945 the airfield was taken over by the French Occupation Forces, and it is now used as an EFTS for a NATO light aircraft school. The first civil light aircraft have again started to appear on the landing strip in recent months, and Baden-Baden hopes that the rebirth of the Deutsche Lufthansa will at last lead to its eventual inclusion in the air traffic maps of the world.

years. It is to stretch from coast to coast. The entire route will cover a distance of 45-hundred miles, with the most difficult sections passing north of the Great Lakes and across the Rockies. Each province is responsible for the section within its territory. The government admitted that progress to date had been slow. The parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Works, Maurice Bourget, said there were still 185 miles with no road at all and 15-hundred miles still unpaved.

Rabbits — The New Brunswick fish and game protective association has protested the shipping of live rabbits to the U.S.A. by the carload.

The association contends that the removal of the rabbits robs wild animals of winter food, forcing them to attack deer and other game.

Drivers — Getting a driving permit in Ontario is no easy matter these days. Fully one-third of the applicants for licenses in Toronto failed to pass their driving tests. And the department intends to get tougher still with the driving tests, making it necessary for every applicant to pass a written test as well as a practical test.

Cars — 1956 may be the year in which Canada's automobile industry will produce more than half-a-million vehicles in a single year. Last year, total production was at an all time peak with 454 thousand cars produced. There is every indication of a continued high production, to possibly 500 thousand new cars and vehicles.

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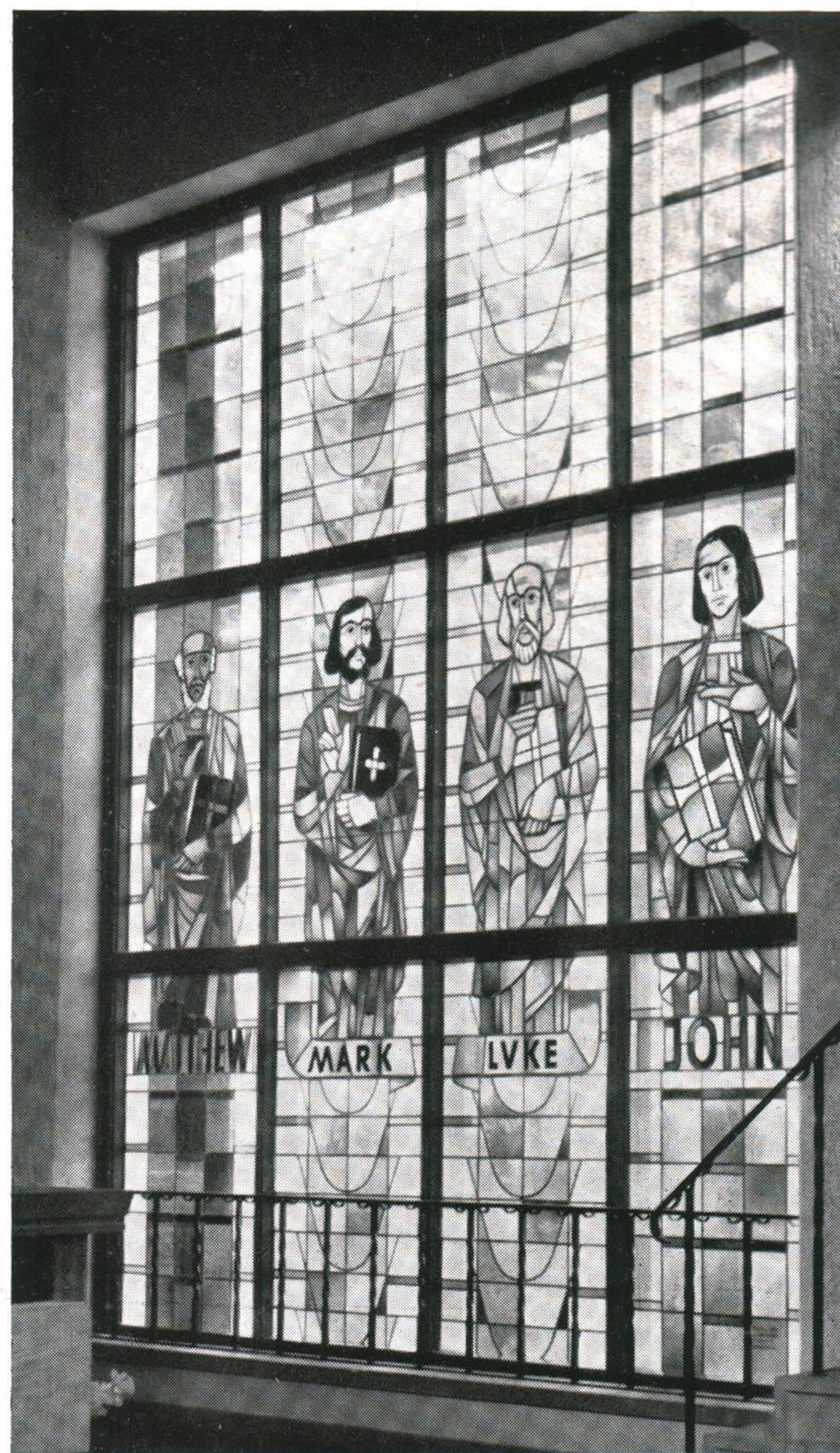
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Protestant Chapel's recent addition

Even ancient crafts can be brought into line with trends of modern art and architecture without losing their beauty or appeal. This is demonstrated by the stained glass windows installed in the station Protestant Chapel two months ago, illustrated in the accompanying photograph.

Measuring twelve feet wide and fifteen feet high, the new window was designed and constructed in the Heidelberg shop of Peter Meysen, a glass craftsman. The figures of the four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are traditional, however the artistry is modern and the simple sweeping leaded lines and larger pieces of glass replace the more conventional type of stained glass window with its intricate composition of many small glass panes and much heavier lead work.

The windows were purchased from subscriptions from protestant personnel and their families, and further new designs are now being prepared in Heidelberg for additional windows to be installed above the Chancel and in some of the East wall window openings.

The former windows have been carefully packed and crated, and are being stored in readiness for the day when the RCAF leaves Soellingen. The stained glass windows will be taken back to Canada for installation in an RCAF church, where they will always remain as a symbol and reminder of the many who once worshipped at this station.

The windows were formally unveiled and dedicated at a service held April 22, in the presence of the Protestant Director of Religious Administration, Group Captain F. W. MacLean.



Stamp Club News

by Cpl Walter Fryatt
and Cpl Ollie Ebeltoft

A few of our club members were up at Karlsruhe to the Stamp Exhibition at the end of April. From all reports everyone had a most enjoyable time.

The exhibition comprised mainly German and Austrian stamps, both early and recent issues being displayed. There were also some very interesting collections on ships and flowers, all of which were neatly set out.

Across from the exhibit hall was a small post office where you could get post cards and envelopes stamped with a special cancellation mark, which may appeal to those who collect covers. We're not sure, but we believe a different cancellation mark was used on each day of the exhibition.

There were about a dozen dealers present, who had enough stamps on hand to please any collector. One of the new sets being offered was the commemoration issue of the wedding of Prince Rainier to Grace Kelly on April 19th. This is a set of eight stamps, printed on medium paper, perforated 14 and unwatermarked. Their denominations are 1, 2, 3, 5, 15, 100, 200, and 500 Francs. The last three stamps are for airmail use.

Next month we will give you a report on the stamp market in Paris, as seen by one of our club members.

Our club is still looking for new blood — why not come along to one of our meetings? They are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 1930 hrs in the Administration Building.

Who knows? — you too may be a PHILATELIST.

Scouts and Cubs

by FS D Robinson

Now that summer is just around the corner, our troops and packs are planning arrangements for hiking, camping, and a "Cubboree".

Last year the Cubboree was held at 3 Wing, but this year 4 Wing will be hosts. Planned for July 7, the event will see cubs arriving from all the Wings and from Air Division to compete in the various tournaments and games. Cpls Lauzon, Cox and Stuart, and F/L Kennedy are busy planning for the Cubboree and promise that it will be an event worth seeing.

At the last Committee meeting the purchase of two trek carts for the Scouts was approved. Perhaps you have already seen them in use — well loaded down. Cpl Scarlett plans to put lots of mileage on them this summer and expects that they will have to be retreaded in the fall. It looks like a lot of walking for the Scouts.

Last month saw two of our scouters leaving the wing — Cpl Ben Pessah, Assistant Scoutmaster is returning to Canada on course, and Cpl Lionel Pyatt is leaving us for work at Air Div. Thanks go to both for a good job well done. At the same time we would like to welcome Cpl G. Dubrule as Assistant Cubmaster of No. 2 Pack.

Like all other organizations in the RCAF, Scouting has its problems caused by the transfer of leaders. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to invite personnel interested in Scouting and willing to act as assistants, to submit their names to S/L Magee, phone 120, or FS Robinson, phone 117.



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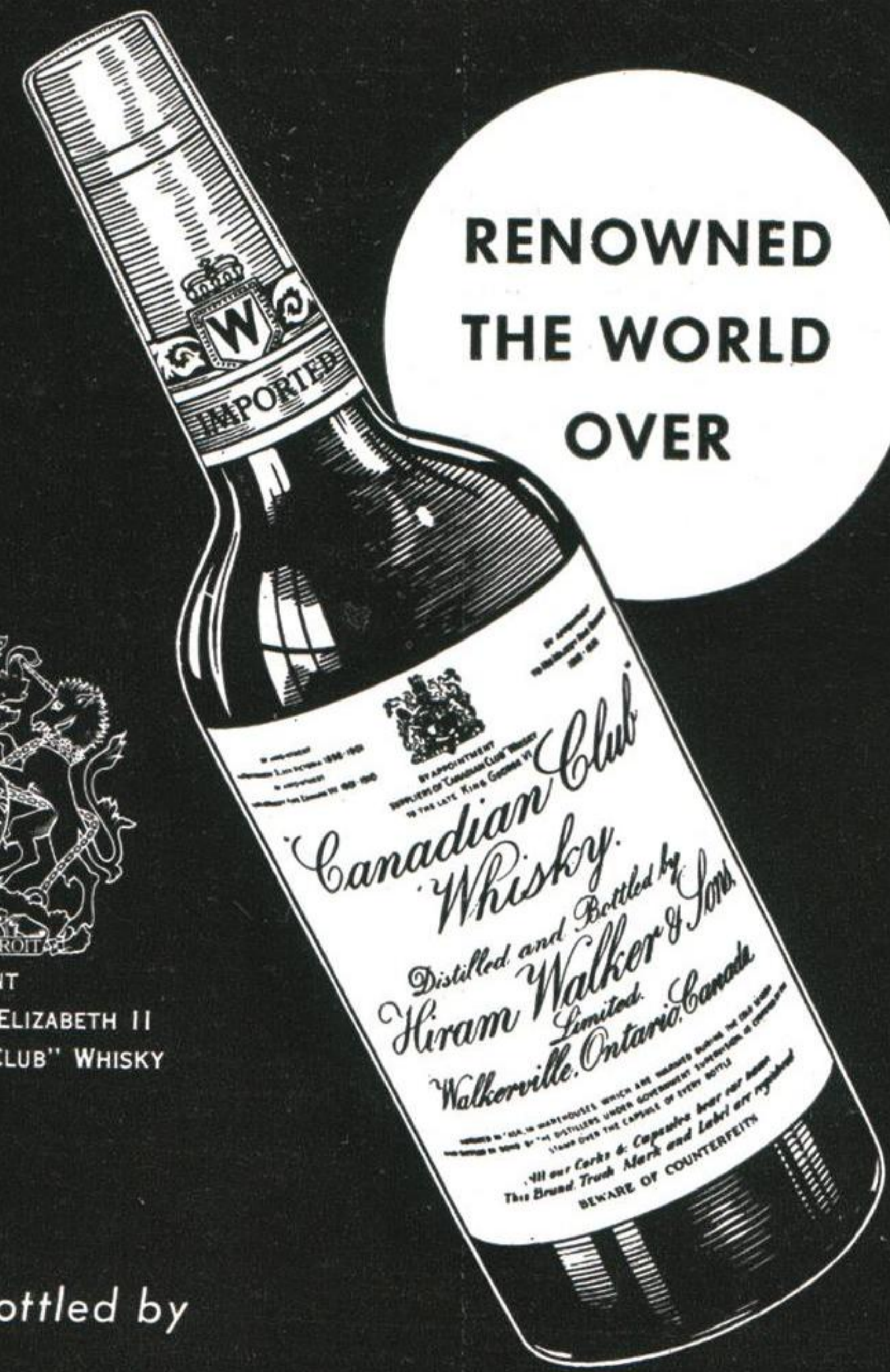
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Station Rifle Team Retain Trophy

Eight 4 Wing Marksmen off to U. K.
for Bisley Shoot

The US Army Ranges at Ettlingen were again the scene of the Air Division's Annual Rifle Competition when sixty-five marksmen from all RCAF units in Europe met on April 26th to decide the ownership of the Small Arms Trophy for the next twelve months.

Won last year by number 4 Wing, indications were that certain other units were planning a determined bid for the shield, and during the shooting on the practice day, some very high scores were noted.

The 4 Wing "A" team had changed very little from last year, with Sgt Minault as captain, and Sgt Fraser, Cpl Goddard, Cpl Wrightson and LAC Snelgrove in the 1956 line-up.

The "B" team also included some keen marksmen in the persons of Cpl Hurt, Cpl Girrard, LAC Brandon, LAC Lynch and LAC Craig.

With the competition arrangements in the hands of the Ground Defence Staff, and our gastronomical needs taken care of by the 4 Wing Field Kitchen, the shoot got under way beneath sunny skies and only a mild breeze to stir the flag on the butts.

By four o'clock in the afternoon the results were all tabulated on the scoreboard, and no doubt remained that the 4 Wing "A" team had done it again. A clear 44 points ahead of their nearest challengers, 3 Wing, the Soellingen team racked up consistently high scores throughout the day.

Even so, the highest individual score on the range during the first day was recorded by a member of the 4 Wing "B" team — LAC Lynch of 414 Squadron — who obtained a total aggregate of 241 points out of a maximum possible 267.



The winning 4 Wing team make a temporary engraving on the shield for the benefit of the photographer.
(Left to right) Cpl. Wrightson, Sgt Fraser, Sgt Minault (Captain), LAC Snelgrove and Cpl Goddard.

Thirty-six of the top scorers on Thursday fired off again the following day, this time using 303 rifles instead of the American M 1, to gain places on the team which will represent the Air Division in various competitions in the United Kingdom and Canada throughout the summer.

Top man for the second day's shoot was Cpl Goddard, from Wing Armament, with an aggregate of 173 out of a possible 200 points.

Eight 4 Wing marksmen qualified for the Air Division Rifle Team. They are now en route to Bisley, England, where they will take part in the Royal Air Force Championship. Accompanied by their coach, Sgt Hargreaves, the Soellingen contingent comprised Sgt Minault, Sgt Fraser, Cpl Goddard, Cpl Wrightson, Cpl Girrard, LAC Snelgrove, LAC Brandon, and LAC Lynch.

Later events on the Competition calendar this season are the NRA Contest at Bisley in July, the Queen's Medal Shoot in Ottawa during August, and the Britannia Shield Competition at Bisley in October.

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Model Aircraft Club News

by Corporal Alan Browne

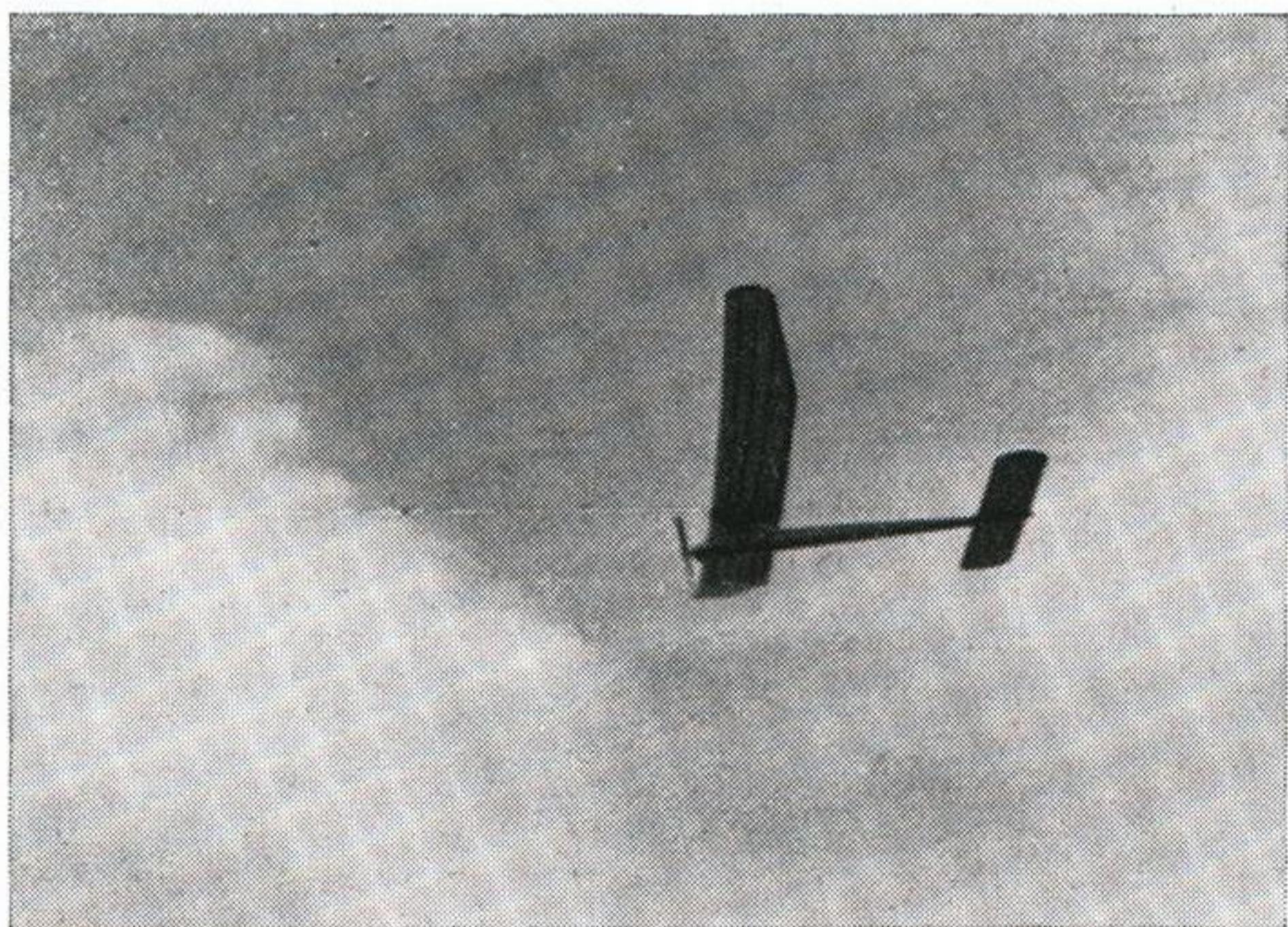
No doubt some of our readers have had their early evening siestas rudely interrupted by a peculiar high-pitched drone emanating from the region of the sports grounds, and have promptly emigrated to the wets in search of peace and tranquility.

Others more robust (or less thirsty) have proceeded to the soccer pitch or ball diamond to investigate the source of this annoyance. Upon nearing the field our friends have perceived an object speeding about a wide circle and performing weird aerial gymnastics. Closer inspection reveals that this noisy apparition is in fact a miniature aircraft apparently guided by a nonchalant figure in the centre of the circle. On one side of the field our visitor will discover a bevy of models (aircraft!) generally similar to the one cavorting about in the air and surrounding these models will be seen a group of avid fans. These latter gentlemen are the members of the station Model Aircraft Club, "The Fliegermeisters".

Our visitor will find himself warmly greeted with cries of "Watch the ruddy lines, stoopid!" and feeling himself flattered by such a reception will no doubt stay to watch the flying display and examine the models — models considerably advanced over the flimsy, wood and paper, rubber-band-powered craft most of us experimented with as kids.

Intrigued by these speedy models and their tiny, high revving engines, as well as the skill required to build and fly them, the casual spectator may suddenly find himself eager to participate in this hobby.

Naturally the beginner at any hobby is faced with many problems. However, problems here with aeromodeling are very few. Whether the prospective modeller chooses planes, boats or cars, excellent kits are available at low cost from our own PX or from hobby shops in Karlsruhe. Engines to power the planes are available in



Europe at prices less than half of those prevailing in Canada, as are other modelling accessories. Furthermore, our Hobby Shop (located next to the Post Office) has recently been renovated and now offers excellent facilities for model building, with workbenches, electrical outlets and locker space to mention a few and, as our club expands, further equipment will be obtainable. Experienced Club members are eager to offer whatever assistance may be required.



Pictures of Club activities this month feature Claude Gray's B-26 Invader (a prizewinner at every contest) with Claude starting the engines and LACs Salter and Donis holding the model, while LAC MacPherson looks on. That other model, seen in a graceful glide, is a typical contest "free-flight" design, and this particular model, built by Bryant Jones of AV Roe (Canada), is co-holder of the FAI World Championship which it won, along with models from England and Argentina, at the Model Air Olympics held in Germany last year.

Contest time is here again, so all well-established modellers don't forget the annual Offenburg Flugmeisterschaft to be held in Offenburg (straight south on No. 3 highway) over the week-end of July 7 & 8. "Control-Line" is scheduled for Saturday and "Free-Flight" for Sunday. FAI rules will apply. Let's have a good turnout and don't forget — spectators are very welcome. Watch this column for further contest news.

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On July 15th our Station Band will compete in the 1956 Air Division Band Competition at Zweibruecken, where it will match its talents for the second time against musicians from the other Air Division units. This article will bring newcomers to the Wing up-to-date with the background and activities of the band up to the present.

MUSIC HATH CHARMS

by Sgt Guy Fortier

The first Air Force volunteer band was the Trenton Brass and Reed Band, which was formed shortly before World War II. Its music became well known throughout Central Canada, and it played for many historic events, including serving as the official RCAF band during the visit of the late King George VI.

After the war, the service went all-out for volunteer bands, and purchased new types of instruments. Qualified bandmasters were sent to most of the larger stations to organise and develop volunteer piston bugle bands, and



Sgt Guy Fortier (Bandmaster) receiving the Air Division Band Trophy from W/C Allan last September.

these did a fine job for the service by participating in unit parades and other station activities. They also contributed a great deal towards good public relations by taking part in many ceremonies held in local communities.

The 4 Wing band was first organised in 1954 by Flight Lieutenant Bob Hughes, and numbered twenty-two members. To F/L Hughes goes much of the credit for the



The Station Band take a closer look at the German-built version of the Sabre 6, which accompanied them in the Baden-Oos Fasching Parade this year.

organisation and efficiency of the band in its early days. In January of this year Flying Officer Bruce Hogg was appointed Band Officer. He has had wide experience in this field, and played Bell Lyre in the Trenton band during his airman service.

The writer served as a trumpet player with the RCAF Central Band from 1946 to 1952, and after two years as bandmaster at Sea Island came to Number 4 Wing in December 1954. He has since been able to devote his full time to instructing members of the band.

With the advent of regular daily practice periods and diligent application of the volunteer musicians, the band progressed rapidly and was soon moulded into an efficient musical organisation. The proof of this can be found in the results of the 1955 Air Division Band Contest, which was won by the 4 Wing band against close competition from the other Wings and 30 AMB.

The band has been in great demand in the local area and has played at many events in nearby German communities. It took part in the German-American friendship week at Bühl, gave a concert and led a parade of thirty-six bands during the famous Oberachern music festival, played to a crowd of 35,000 at Douzy airfield in France during an international air show, paraded in the Baden-Oos Fasching Parade and participated in other activities.

While the organisation is primarily that of a military band, its versatility is demonstrated by the fact that many selections of popular music are included in its repertoire.

Other bands taking part in the forthcoming 1956 Band Competition may take note that we intend to retain for another year the trophy won here last September. The band is practising hard and is all set to put on a fine showing on July 15th.



The 4 Wing Volunteer Band playing the piece of its own selection during the 1955 Competition.

Change of Management

*Farewell to
F/L Harry Vinish*



Amongst those poised for take-off on the repat bandwagon is F/L Harry Vinish, Wing Education Officer and general handyman of Number 4 Fighter Wing. Included in his various accomplishments during the last three years are the original founding of the "Flieger"; being Mayor of the first PMQ Town Council; the establishment of the first temporary school for dependent children; setting up the Station Automobile Club and a number of other honorary titles and sidelines.

Harry's tour at Number 4 Wing afforded him an opportunity to visit Germany for the second time — his first arrival being on the end of a parachute in August 1944, when he was the navigator of a Lancaster shot down during a night raid on Frankfurt. He was the guest of the Third Reich for the remainder of the war, and his travel opportunities during those nine months were more limited than they have been during the past three years.

Many a good lunch-time appetite in the officers' mess has been spoiled by his recollections of how he had a badly infected tooth pulled out during his time in the POW camp by a New Zealand Army dentist, who had qualified for the job because he was the only person who possessed a pair of car pliers.

Originally from Fish Creek, Sask. (which almost appears on the map near Wakaw, Sask), F/L Vinish started his air force career in 1939, and has arrived in the Education Branch via a roundabout tour of the RCAF which includes time as a storekeeper, clerk education, aircrew trainee, navigator with 115 Squadron, R.A.F., P.O.W., R-Day reversion to Flight Sergeant Clerk Admin, and finally regaining his commission in the Education Branch on January 1st, 1951.

Among his outstanding recollections, he lists the view of the Invasion Armada from his Lancaster on the morning of D-Day — June 6th 1944. Returning from a softening-up attack on German coastal defences, he flew over the vast fleet ("never saw so many ships in my life") which was headed in the grey light of dawn for the Normandy coastline. In the first line of minesweepers was one of Harry's brothers.

F/L Vinish is now heading for Trenton, with wife Marg and a collection of European souvenirs. The only thing he was unable to accomplish during his tour over here was a return visit to his old P.O.W. stamping grounds at Meiningen, which he found is now a few miles on the wrong side of the Iron Curtain in East Germany.

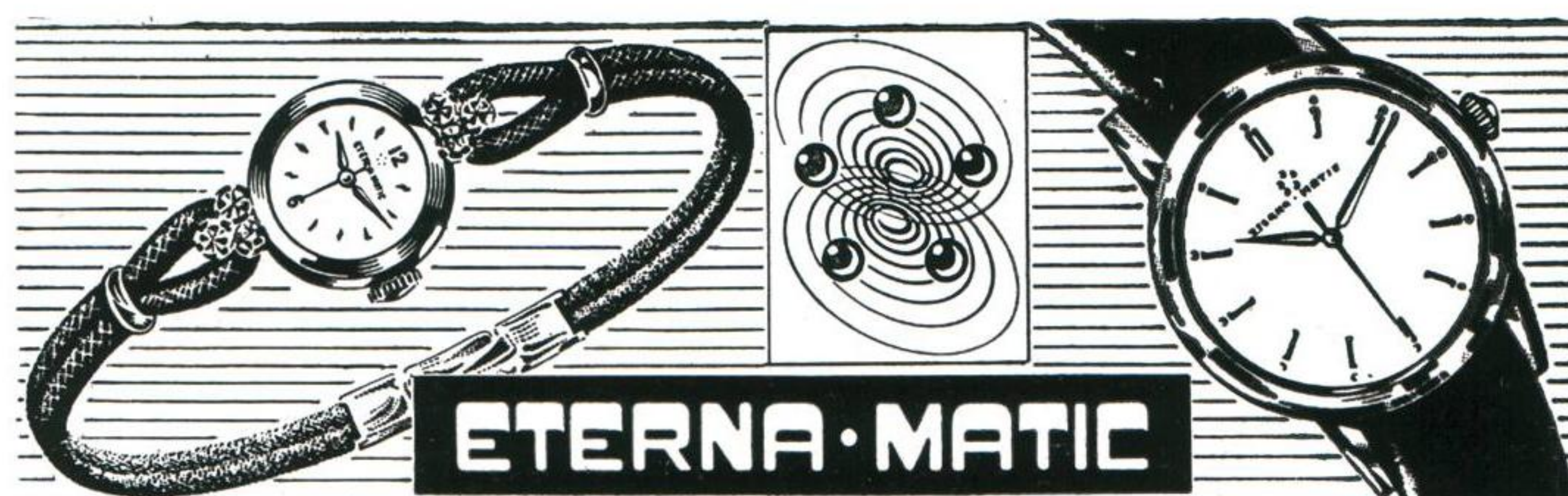
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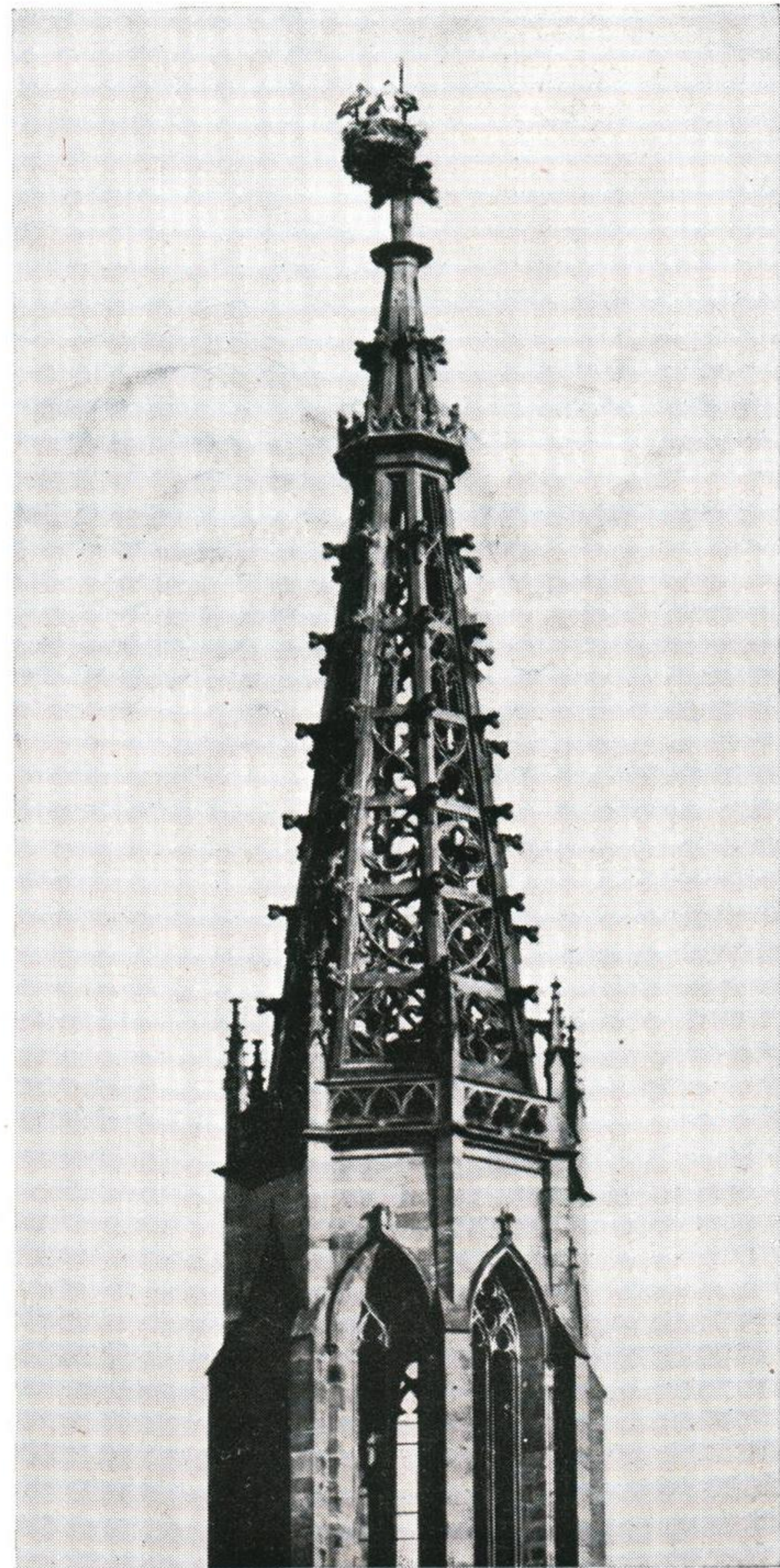
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THE STORKS OF BÜHL

by Mrs M. T. Bauert



The familiar Gothic church spire of Bühl,
topped by the storks' nest, with the stork
family in residence.

A well-known local family of aeronauts returned to this part of the world recently after their winter vacation down in Africa. Advance party for the family was old father stork, who arrived back at his old nest on top of Bühl's prominent Gothic Church steeple on March 6, at 6 PM, this year, and was cordially welcomed by the entire population. The stork is actually Bühl's harbinger of spring. The mother stork makes her appearance exactly 10 days later and is received in the nest with great flapping of wings, (as usual, the women are always late, not very prompt to keep an appointment). The stork couple now busily begins repairing the damage done by winter. From their nest on top of the 186 foot Church steeple they get an extremely picturesque view over the district. The inhabitants of Bühl regard it as a good luck omen when the stork's nest is reoccupied each spring.

In the year 1900 the storks built their nest on the gable of the Beckmann-Store in Schwanenstrasse. Five years later they moved two doors down to settle on the chimney of a bakery, where, after seven years, the baker had to remove the nest, as it was blocking the draught in his chimney. From then on they favoured the Church Steeple, called the cross-rose, as it is in the shape of a cross. Short-

READERS' PHOTOS — 18

by AC1 "Bud" Ziegler

Verona — A city of 200,000 is perhaps second only to Venice for its classic buildings and Medieval Monuments. With time unlimited you could spend three or four days visiting such places as the Basilica of St. Zeno, Tombs of the Scaligeri, and above all the Roman Amphitheater, one of the largest and best preserved Roman structures known. According to records its construction dates back to the first century B. C. Time and weather have marred its surface and thieves and earthquakes have robbed it of its crowning beauty but the fact remains that it was frequented years ago by the Romans and was the gathering place for the town's people in the days when prisoners were condemned to fight the hungry lions in the pit.

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ly before World War II the huge nest had to be taken down, and required three trucks to haul it away. The nest was made of wood, straw and numerous other building materials, which the stork had collected. Amongst this material was found the key for the main entrance to the Church, which had been lost for years. Also included were linen sheets, torn into many strips, but still recognized as those belonging to a railway clerk at the level-crossing at Buhl-Oberweier, whose wife had put the sheets in the meadow for bleaching. Perhaps the stork intended making babies' diapers of them.

Some years there are real fights between storks from the surrounding towns of Strasbourg, Schwarzach, Rastatt, Hildmannfeld and others, on who will occupy the huge nest in Buhl, and whoever wins, is the lucky owner.

During the non-breeding season they are often seen in flocks and at times soar majestically high in the air. Their voices are little more than grunts or peeps, but storks commonly make a rattling noise by snapping their great beaks together. While stately, or impressively graceful in everyday activity, at mating time storks perform grotesque dances, hopping about with spread wings and clattering mandibles. The eggs are white and unmarked, and three to five are generally hatched. The young are down-covered and are cared for in the nest by the parents.

The white stork, *Ciconia-ciconia*, of Europe is one of the best known birds. It stands more than three feet high and is white with black wings.

The storks teach their young to fly, at first only by hovering above the nest and then gradually around it, which is a great spectacle and watched every year by the inhabitants of the town. The only complaint the storks ever get is from the male inhabitants of Buhl. As the nest is located exactly above their special entrance into the Church, occasionally a direct hit is made on their hats, when attending Church on Sunday. This also is considered a token of Good-Luck. Once in a while a baby stork lands in a nearby garden, and if touched by a human being, the old storks kill it.

The story goes that the children put lumps of sugar on the window sills, and that the stork takes the sugar and in return brings a little brother or sister.

In autumn you can count over a hundred of our feathered friends, gathering from all directions on a field in the vicinity for a practice flight, before their seasonal return to Africa. Buhl boasts of having the highest stork's nest in this area of Germany, and always puts a special notice in the daily newspaper, bidding their storks a "Happy Welcome" in the spring and a "Bon Voyage" in the autumn at which time all storks leave to winter in Africa.



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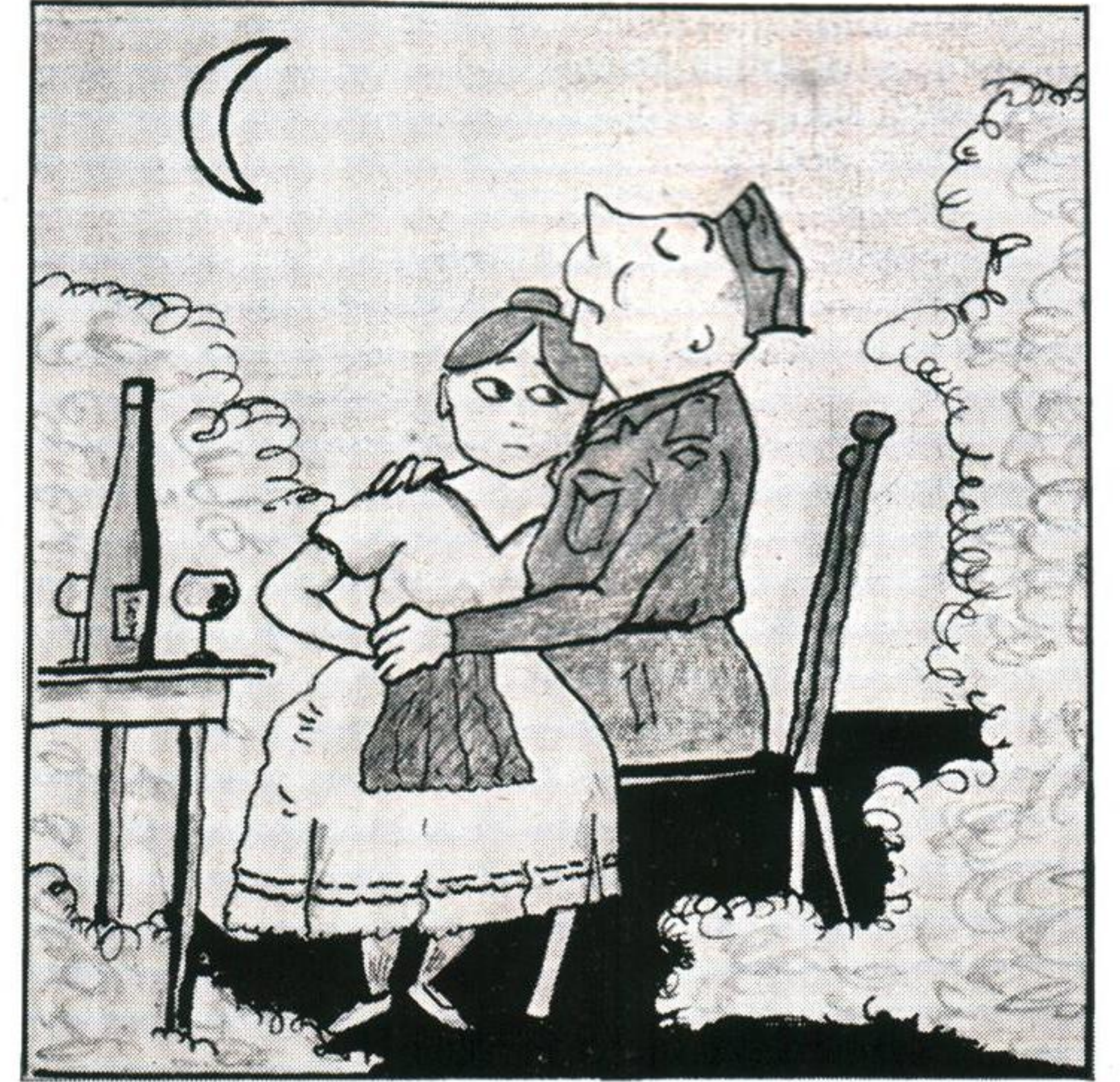
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Helpful Hints for DRINKING Wine in Germany



One of the worst crimes in the wine connoisseur's book is to drink wine as if it were water. The very thought of this type of wine gulping will make any winegrower's hair stand on end. Wine should not be drunk, but sipped, wetting the entire tongue and letting the wine run slowly down the throat. Wine is not drunk primarily to quench thirst. On the contrary, wine should be drunk after the thirst is quenched. Wine is so constituted that the first sip arouses a demand for the second and so on. While the wine lover himself should decide when to stop drinking, he should continue to drink only so long as he is capable of enjoying the special qualities of the wine. According to the old saying, wine is an enemy of understanding, and for that very reason should be handled with understanding.

It is not necessary to know everything about wine; it is only necessary to love it. Love fosters the best and the soundest relationship between man and wine. Moreover it is impossible for anyone to gather a knowledge of wine from books. Such a knowledge is obtainable only from the wine glass.

The old Romans, a cultured and civilized people, developed a formula for sampling wine which is still valid today and will be forever. This formula is abbreviated as COS, the initial letters for the Latin words, "colore", "odore", and "sapore". In other words, wine is sampled for its color and clarity, its aroma, and its taste. Eye, nose and palate want to participate equally in the enjoyment of wine.

For the enjoyment of wine to be complete, many details should be observed. Wine is a living entity; it lives in the bottle and can either continue to mature in it, or, when the hour has struck, can die. It must therefore be carefully tended. Both heat and cold are injurious to wine. It loves the cool cellar and hates the refrigerator. Bottles of wine should be stored in a horizontal position, so that the cork is kept damp and remains airtight. If possible, wine should be stored in some separate place. Strong-smelling objects should be kept from its vicinity.

Every wine has its own drinking temperature, at which the full taste and aroma of the wine is brought out. There is no standard temperature at which this occurs; the ideal temperature is best learned by experience. In general, however, German white wines taste best at a temperature between 50° and 54° Fahrenheit. Red wine, on the other hand, must be drunk at room temperature, but should not be artificially warmed. Wine warms best by contact with the surrounding air.

The glass in which wine is drunk should suit the wine, which means that it should have a shape that appeals to the eye, the nose and the tongue. A favorite is the apple-shaped glass which bulges at the centre and narrows towards the top. In this type of glass the aromatic elements are best released and are brought in a concentrated form

to the nose. As the old Romans used this type of glass, it is frequently called the "Roman goblet".

The wine glass should be colourless. Only the wine should impart colour to the glass; only in a colourless glass can the clarity of the wine be properly observed. Fine wine should be served in a valuable cut glass, for a beautiful glass enhances the aesthetic quality of the enjoyment of wine. A precious stone after all is mounted only in the finest setting. Red wine should be served in a more open, tulip-shaped glass.

The wine connoisseur distinguishes two major types of wine: those with masculine and those with feminine qualities. If the wine is of the feminine type it is pleasing mellow, mild, delicate, light, refined, elegant and aristocratic. The masculine wines on the other hand, are pithy, vigorous, robust, fiery, powerful, full and weighty. The choice of a feminine or masculine type of wine should be determined by the occasion and the mood.

When buying wine you should have confidence in your wine dealer. To enable you to have such confidence, Germany has a strictly enforced wine law. Government control agencies see to it that every detail of this law is observed. The label on the wine bottle is the birth certificate of the wine so to speak, and at the same time the customer's guarantee. It bears all the information of interest to the wine lover: wine cultivation area, year produced, place of origin, location and type of grape used. The varying climates in the different German wine-producing areas compel the wine grower to plant the type of grape most suited to the climate and soil of his particular area. The two most important varieties of grapes are the "Riesling" and "Sylvan" grapes. In addition to the type of grape, the bottle label often gives further information regarding the contents of the bottle. The label may bear one of the following designations: "Spätlese", "Auslese", "Beerenauslese" or "Troddenbeerenauslese". These terms indicate a progressive improvement in the quality of the wine, brought about both by natural forces and by the experience and ability of the winegrower. Just reading the words on the wine label is enough to make a true connoisseur's mouth water.

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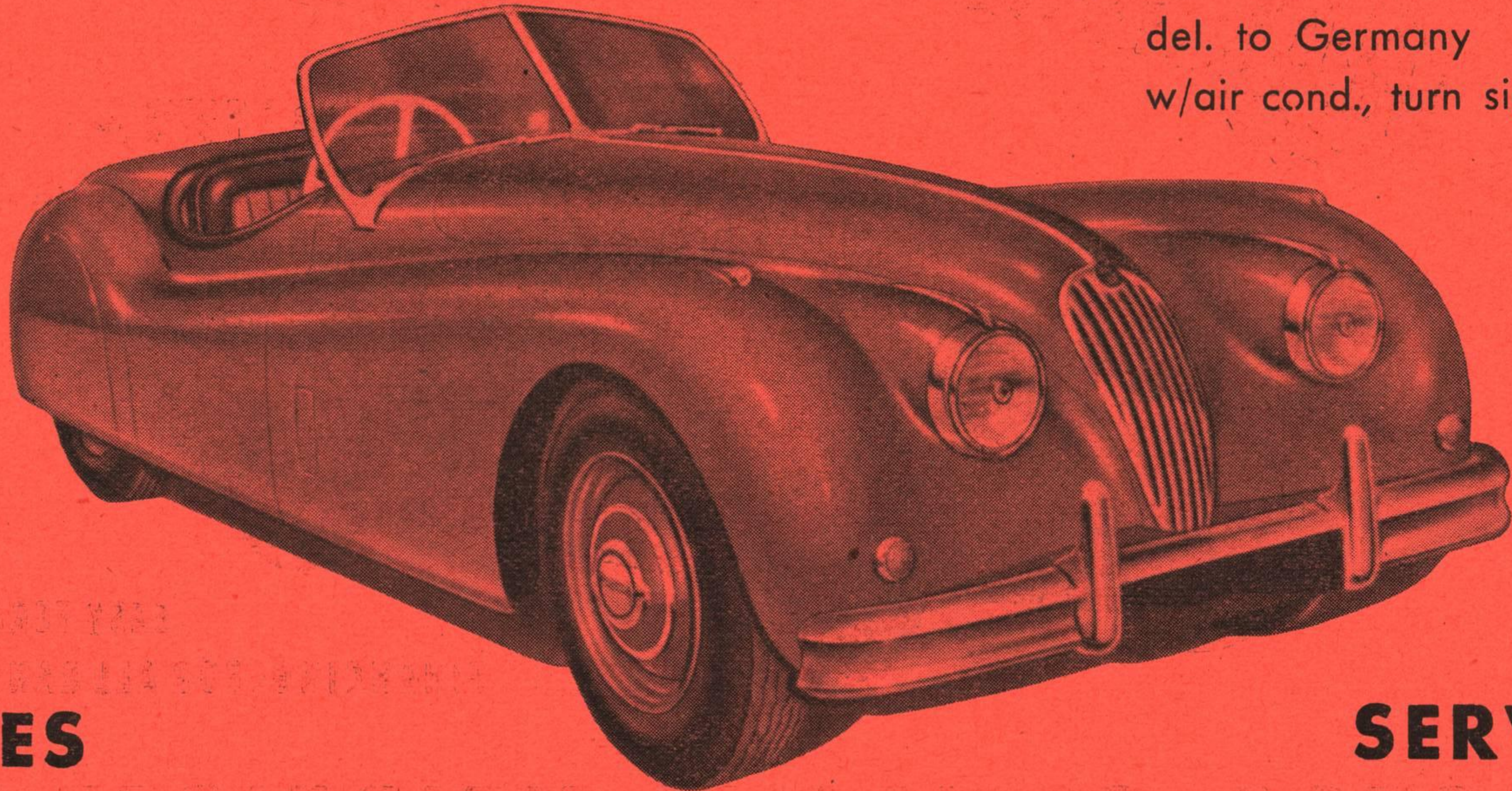
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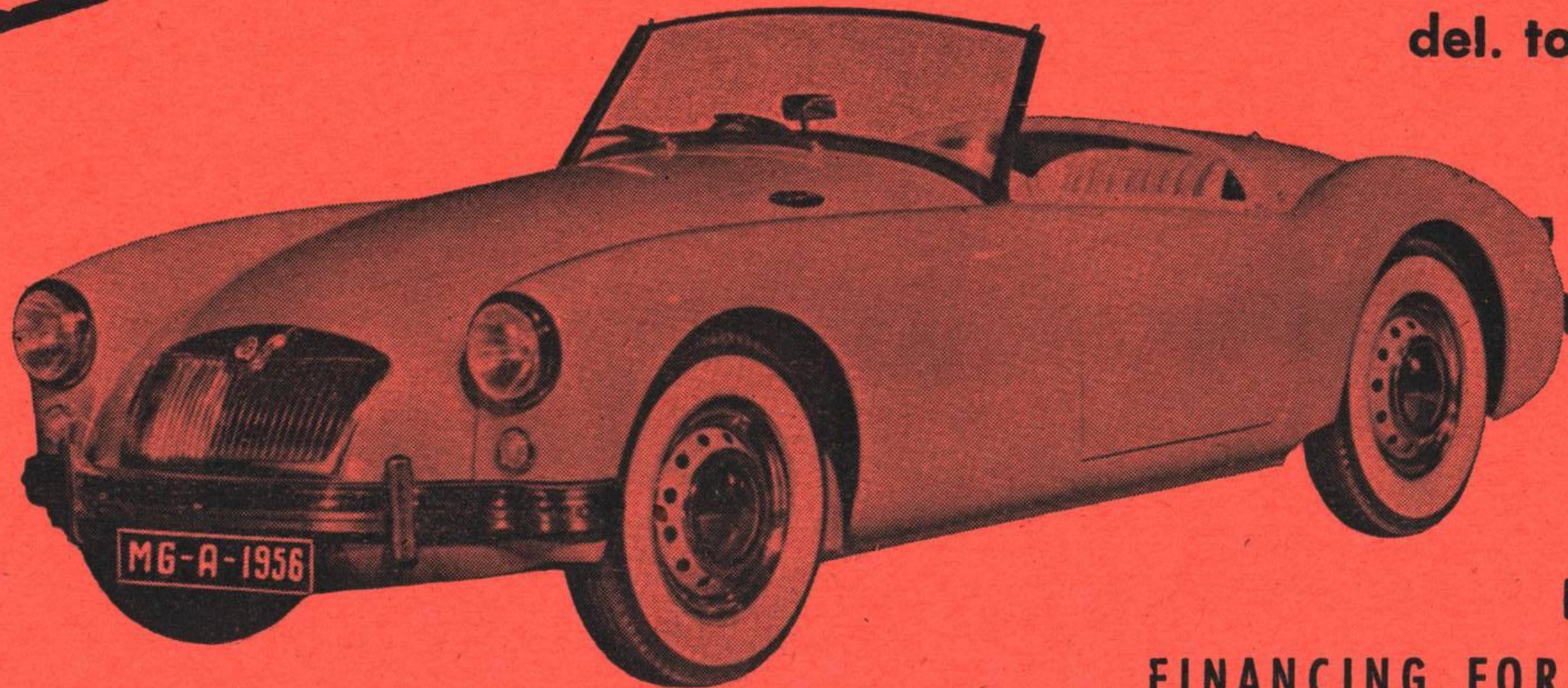


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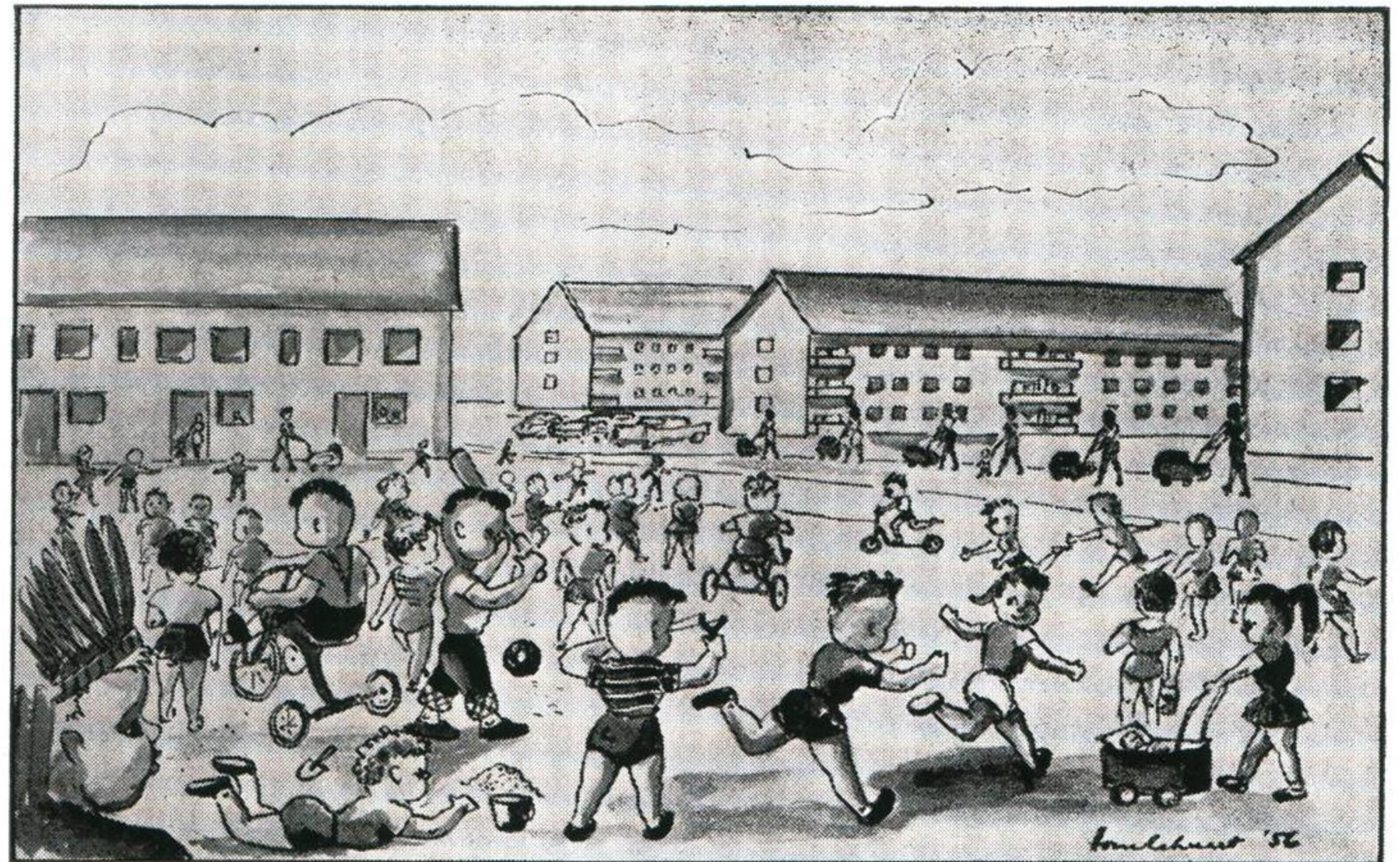
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Drawing by Karl Hornlehnert (CE Section Draughtsman), using artistic license and imagination set at infinity.

finished. This definition fails, however, to convey the picture in its entirety. In the individual winegrowing communities in Germany, the first day on which the grapes may be gathered is set by law. Before this date no winegrower may gather his grapes. However, no date is set for the final harvesting of the vineyards. In good years, with much sun, some winegrowers are willing to gamble. They let some of their grapes hang in the sun, even after they are already fully ripened.

"Beerenauslese" is pure, natural wine from selected overripe berries from the very best location in the vineyard. In most cases the grapes have been attacked by a special fungus which dissolves the protective wax layer of the grapes, enabling the sun to dry up the water content of the berries, while at the same time rendering the meat fuller and sweeter.

"Troockenbeerenauslese" is wine found only on the top-most rung of the ladder of wine quality. When the fungus-improved grapes have shrivelled away to raisins on the vine, they are picked individually and pressed separately, resulting in a wine which is superlative and indescribable by mere words. This type of wine, of course, is produced only in very small quantities. As many as eighty to one hundred pickers work for about two weeks on about eight acres of vineyard to gather enough grapes for only three or four hundred bottles of such luxury wine.

In the old Eberbach Monastery in the Rhinegau, where the famous "Steinberg" wine is grown, the monks once carved into a winepress this old but eternally true quotation from the Bible:

"Wine gladdens the heart of man!"

More Canadian Sabres for Overseas

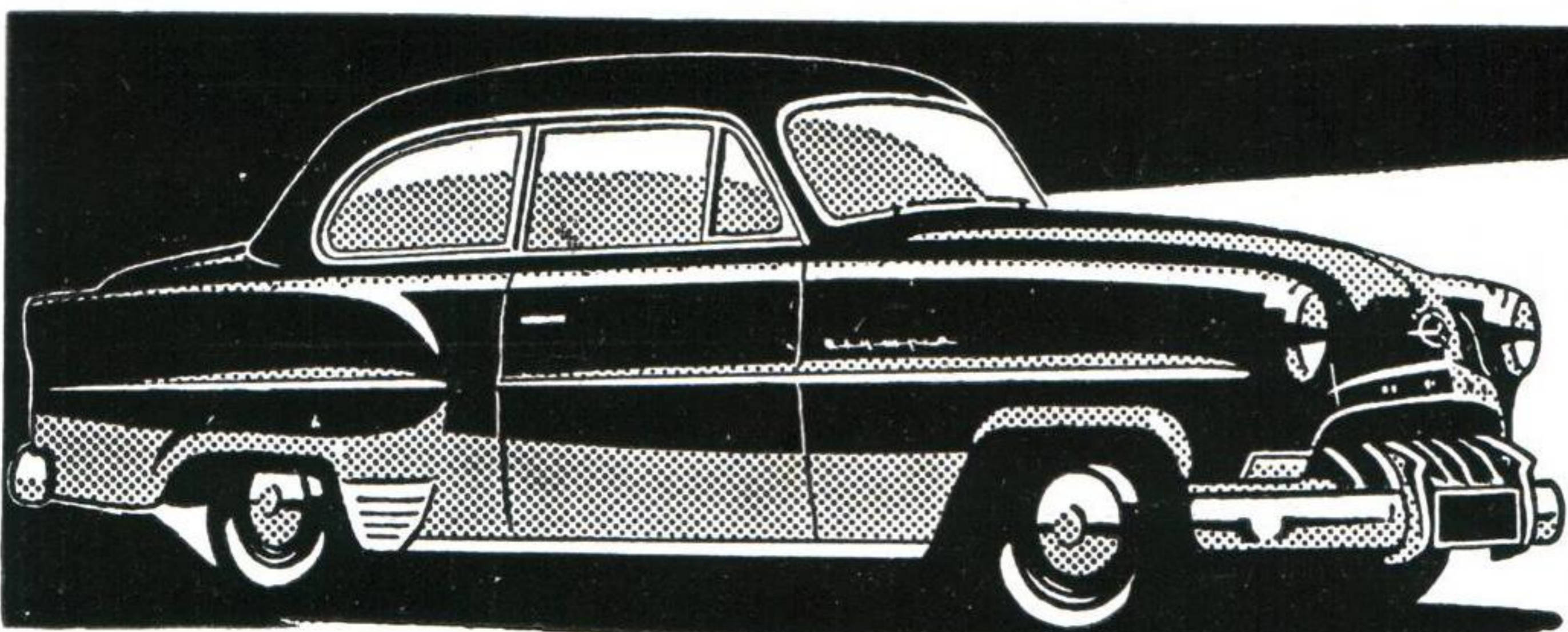
Canadair last month reported the sale of six Sabre 6 jet fighters to Colombia. This is the second contract received from a non-NATO country, an order having already been received for two squadrons of Sabres for the South African Air Force.

The Colombian Air Force has sent seven pilots to Montreal for training plus ground crew personnel. Six of the pilots will fly the aircraft the 3,000 miles from Montreal to the Colombian Air Force base at Palanquero, near Bogota, with the remainder accompanying them aboard a CAF transport plane.

Canadair has also been doing repair work for Colombia recently. Two C 54 aircraft received extensive overhauls at the Montreal Plant, and a Canadian mobile repair team returned home a few weeks ago after several weeks of work on a T-33 trainer at Palanquero.

VISCOUNTS

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Watch Your Smoke

by Sgt Stan Steppings

Many fires are caused by people who handle cigarettes and matches carelessly. It is not while they are being handled that they are dangerous; it is what happens to them afterwards that usually causes all the trouble.

Many people don't realize that cigarettes and matches are the largest causes of accidental fires. Since the majority of people are smokers, the problem is tremendous one.

Although it is often difficult to determine whether a fire has been started by a match or a cigarette end, matches are usually the main offenders. Some of the figures for RCAF fire losses for a twelve-month period are quite staggering;

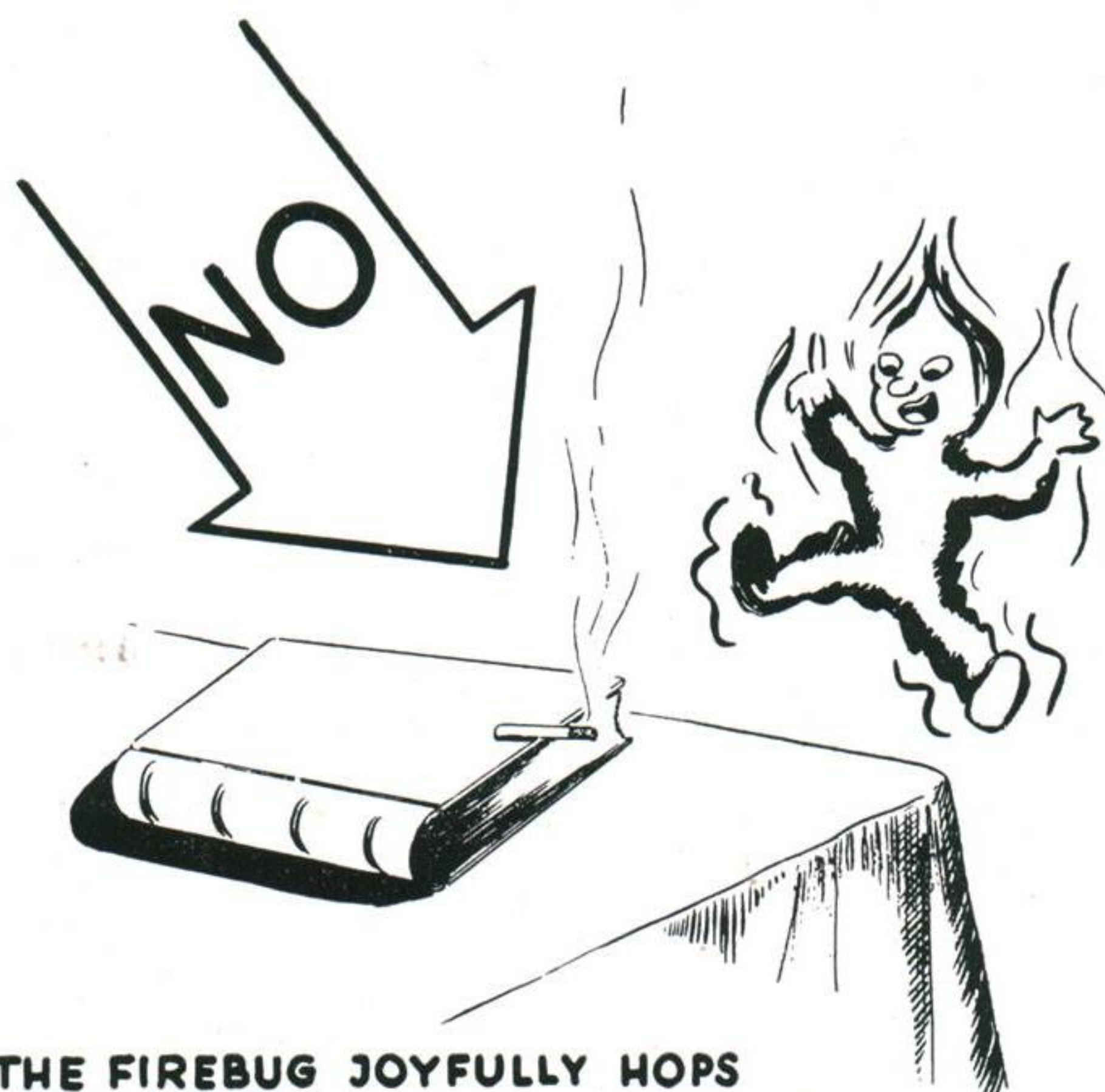
Out of 498 fires during 1954, 201 were traced to cigarettes or matches; Of these, careless smokers accounted for 176, with the others being tracked down to matches. During 1955 half the fires reported at Air Division Units were due to these causes.

As the warm weather rolls around again fire hazards increase. Being located on the edge of the woods, the roads and sidewalks on the base are lined with trees and bushes. One careless smoker is enough to start a raging inferno.

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SEE PARIS AND SAVE

A visit to Paris has to many of us become synonymous with hairy driving conditions, language problems, long searches for hotel rooms, French breakfasts and above all, a noticeable void in the pocket book afterwards.

Paris, however, remains a "must" for everyone during their stay in Europe, and it does not necessarily mean you must spend a fortune if you go about it the right way.

Here is a guide to some average prices which will help you in establishing your Paris budget;

HOTELS

Single room without bath	\$3.00
Double room without bath	\$4.50
Double room with bath	\$6.00

FOOD AND DRINKS (per person)

Breakfast (Continental)	.75
Breakfast (American style)	\$1.25
Lunch	\$1.25
Average dinner	\$2.50
De luxe dinner	\$4.00
Cup of coffee	.25

ENTERTAINMENT

Folies Bergères	\$2.80 to \$ 4.50
Casino de Paris	\$2.80 to \$ 4.50
Opera	\$4.00 to \$ 7.00
Evening in a night club	\$8.00 to \$14.00
Night club tour	\$10.00 to \$15.00
City tours	\$1.50

TRANSPORTATION

Subway (the "Metro" or subway system is very good and easy to learn);	
1 trip	.08 cents
1 Carnet (20 trips)	.60 cents

Bus

1 Carnet	.60 cents
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Taxi cabs

Taxis are reasonable in Paris. An average ride will cost around 90 cents. There is an extra charge after 11 p. m.

SOUVENIRS

Perfumes	from \$ 5.00 up
Silk Scarves	\$10.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Ladies' Hairdo	\$3.00 to \$5.00
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Poets' Corner

One for the Road

A bunch of guys were knocking them back
in Ye Olde Gasthaus Schwan —
Just drinking to each, the old and the new
and even to some who had gone.

Then up spoke a drip
who was quick with the lip,
(and a little unsteady as well);
"Let's drink to the lad whose driving was bad,
but who drove when drunker'n-ell.
His driving — now worse — was even a curse
to others who were driving quite well.
He swerved and he curved,
and got what he deserved
when he plastered himself to a tree."
But — one for the road —
I'll pick up a load,
Who'll go to Karlsruhe with me?



Point the Other Way, Please

The roar of the jet is a wonderful sound,
Providing it's not being run on the ground.
Though ear plugs help — they are not the cure —
Just ask Wing Armament what they endure.

Ear defenders against Orendas,
Who will the winner be?
Will the deafened boys put up with the noise,
Or will they riot with firm intent
To run down the engine to zero percent?

Munitions and Weapons and Systems unite!
Should we drink on the job or wait till tonight?

Sports and RECREATION

BOXING — Another first for 4 (F) Wing and the Air Division was chalked up last month by Cpl Keating of the Telecom section. Keating walked off with the Allied Air Forces Central Europe boxing championship trophy for his weight against competitors from the air forces of the U.S.A., France, Belgium, Holland, and the RAF in Europe. This is the first time that an RCAF boxer has won a title in this tough competition and was the result of several months of hard work by Keating under the eagle eye of trainer Ed Haddad.

As a result of this win Keating was selected as a member of the AAFCE team to compete against the RAF team. He lost this bout on a disputed decision in the finals, so all in all he put up a terrific show and proved to be a credit both to our station and to the Air Force.

WEIGHTLIFTING — Another individual who will have represented the unit in international competition by the time this issue is out is LAC Keevil Daly of 414 Squadron. Keev has been invited to compete in a big International Weightlifting meet in London, England on the 9th of June. Daly hopes to establish a new British Empire record for the middle-heavyweight class at this meet.

ARCHERY — Now is the time for all good archers to come to the aid of the Archery Club, as the weather is now ripe for shooting apples. We hope to get some of last year's enthusiasts out again plus all newcomers who are interested. Call the Sports Palace (76) for further information.

TENNIS — This year's supply of tennis rackets has been in constant demand from the first sunny day this season. We can only hope that all this enthusiasm will lead to the formation of a good tennis club. There are six courts on the station; two beside the swimming pool and four by the Control Tower. So if we have any "Panchos" out, let's get organized for the summer.

INTERSECTION FASTBALL — At last most of the discussions were ended and the Station Intersection Leagues got underway on the 22 May with ME meeting Wing Maint and Tech Services playing 444. W/Maint proved too strong for the Fenderbashers to the tune of 16—9, while in the "B" League game the Cobras of 444 outclassed Tech Services 29—4. This year there are two leagues being operated, an "A" class and a "B" class, and the competition and rivalry existing should make it a good season.

STATION SOFTBALL — The 4 Wing Raiders officially opened their season this year in Karlsruhe against the US Army Engineers and beat them 13—2. This game also saw the new uniforms used for the first time and they stood up well, only six pairs of the pants ripped and left some fairly embarrassed ballplayers standing around wondering where the draught was coming from. A return game was played here and again our team won 9—6.

The opening of the Air Division League saw the Raiders hosting the 3 Wing nine, and the Raiders won close 9—8 on the strength of catcher Ron Walker's home run in the first extra inning. Matt Styba and Mac MacCormick shared the mound duties and were given some real defensive help from Padre Charbonneau and Twitter LeBlanc.

The Raiderettes were also all ready to start on Sunday, but just about game time they found out that 3 Wing had no girls team this year. Holdovers from last year include Jean Mac Cormick, Marg Short, Jenny Chorzempa, Orme

General, Pat Mousseau, Hazel Pouliot plus a crop of newcomers should give them a pretty fair team with which to defend their championship from last year.

BASEBALL — The Raiders hardballers didn't fare quite as well as the mushballers, as they lost their opener to 3 Wing 6—4 at 3 Wing. The team did, however, show that they won't be any pushovers by the time the season ends. The team is just getting organized with few holdovers from last year. Ron Renaud pitched a good game in the opener but a lapse of control plus a little shaky defensive support at times cost the game. With the return from Rabat of some of the players and more practice the Raiders will be right in there by the end of the year. At least the fellows are getting used to their training jaunts around the little Red Shack.

SOCCER — Well, we mentioned last month that the team was still in the running for the Air Div title. They really put out all season but as of the 26 of May they were eliminated by a tie with 1 Wing. They had to win this one to get in the playoffs, and the tie beat them out. The team is still playing local German teams on the weekends and at the many fests held in the neighborhood.

One of the stalwarts of 4 Wing soccer, LAC Reg England, has been very active this season officiating in the German leagues. Recently he attended a German clinic for 1st and



LAC England pictured after completing a very rugged clinic for soccer officials recently.

2nd class officials and did himself proud. Part of the clinic consisted of running events of distances up to a mile, in which all the officials had to take part and Reg showed them he could keep up with any of them in this respect. He is now qualified to referee any soccer game in Germany right up to the top class.

TRACK AND FIELD — The Station Track Meet is scheduled for June 20 and the Air Div meet here on 11 July. So far there hasn't been much interest shown, but let's hope it picks up soon. The Station meet will consist of the normal events; the 100, 220, 440, 880, mile, broad jump, high jump, discus, shot put, javelin, and relays. For the fairer sex there will be an 80 yard dash, high jump, broad jump, and softball throw. Medals will be awarded the first three finishers and the winning team will get a team trophy to hold for the year. From the way it looks now it will be mainly a matter of which section gets the best organized.

SWIMMING — May 23 saw the opening of the renovated Schwimmbad and another top notch facility is added to the list of recreational facilities. The pool operation is

as automatic as you can get. The water temperature, chlorination, filtration, and cleaning is all handled automatically, which insures you water ideal for swimming all year round.

A Red Cross swimming instruction program is scheduled for this summer and it is hoped to give lessons in four classes; Beginners, Juniors, Intermediate, and Senior Swimmers. The first class will start on the 3rd of July and the second class the 6th of August. Each class will run one month and will windup with tests and awards of Red Cross crests and diplomas. A registration fee of \$1.00 will be charged to each entrant for the one month class.

The hours of operation for the summer are now set and are:

Mondays through Fridays

1130 to 1300 Station Personnel only
 1300 to 1630 General Swimming
 1630 to 2100 Adults Only

Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays

1030 to 1830 General Swimming
 1830 to 2100 Adults Only

There will be an Air Div swimming meet at 2 Wing in August so anyone with competitive leanings, experienced or not, can start churning the water in earnest for the big meet. Two months should give us time to get a fair team together for this event.



The 1955 Air Division Swimming team putting in some practice in readiness for entering the Britannia Shield Competition. Second from the right is Sgt Ed Waldron of No 4 Wing (returned to Canada last summer)

Badminton News

On April 6th and 7th, the 4 Wing Badminton Club held its Intra-Wing Tournament. A lot of good hard-fought games were played, and we all agreed that the tournament was fun and good experience.

The following were the winners: in the men's singles, Roy McFarlane; ladies' singles, Grace Reid; ladies' doubles by default, Cec Klinowski and Grace Reid; mixed doubles, Cec Klinowski and Roy McFarlane; Men's doubles, Moe Julien and Roy McFarlane. Congratulations to the winners and to the losers, may we say "More power to you the next time."

Our social conveners again deserve an orchid for a terrific spread displayed in the Mixed Lounge on the Saturday night.

On the 14th and 15th of April, 4 Wing was at the Air Division tournament held at 3 Wing. We came back with two coups to our credit — ladies' doubles won by Cec Klinowski and Grace Reid, and the men's doubles (which was really an upset) won by Frank McIsaac and Scottie Smith. Our men really put on a terrific display. Roy McFarlane lost out in the men's singles after a very close match with the topnotch single player in the league, Dr. Young from 3 Wing. A Noble Try Boy. Incidentally, good luck in your new posting in Canada, and keep up your badminton.

The point race in the tournament was led by 1 Wing with 4 Wing only four points behind. Better luck next year.

Many thanks go to 3 Wing for their kind hospitality. May we add that the tournament was very well organized — 3 Wing personnel deserve a lot of credit.

CHESS CLUB

The 4 (F) Wing, Chess Club extends an invitation to all Chess Players and those who would like to learn. Plans are being made to have tournaments with local German Clubs in the near future. For further information concerning the club contact any of the following:

Cpl Pearson	414 Sqn	Loc 117
LAC MacFarlane	422 Sqn	" 123
LAC Elcome	444 Sqn	" 136
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Personality of the Month



Corporal Bill Froelich

As this month's personality we bring you Corporal Bill Froelich, an Aero Technician in Wing Maintenance.

Originally from Steinback, Manitoba, Bill worked as a garage mechanic before he answered the call and joined the RCAF at Regina in 1940.

After completing his training at Technical Training School, Trenton, and short spells at Moncton, N. B. and Number 6 Repair Depot, Bill received an eagerly awaited overseas posting in January 1942. He was posted to Number 415 Squadron at Thorney Island, England, where he worked on such aircraft as Beauforts, Hampdens and Wellingtons.

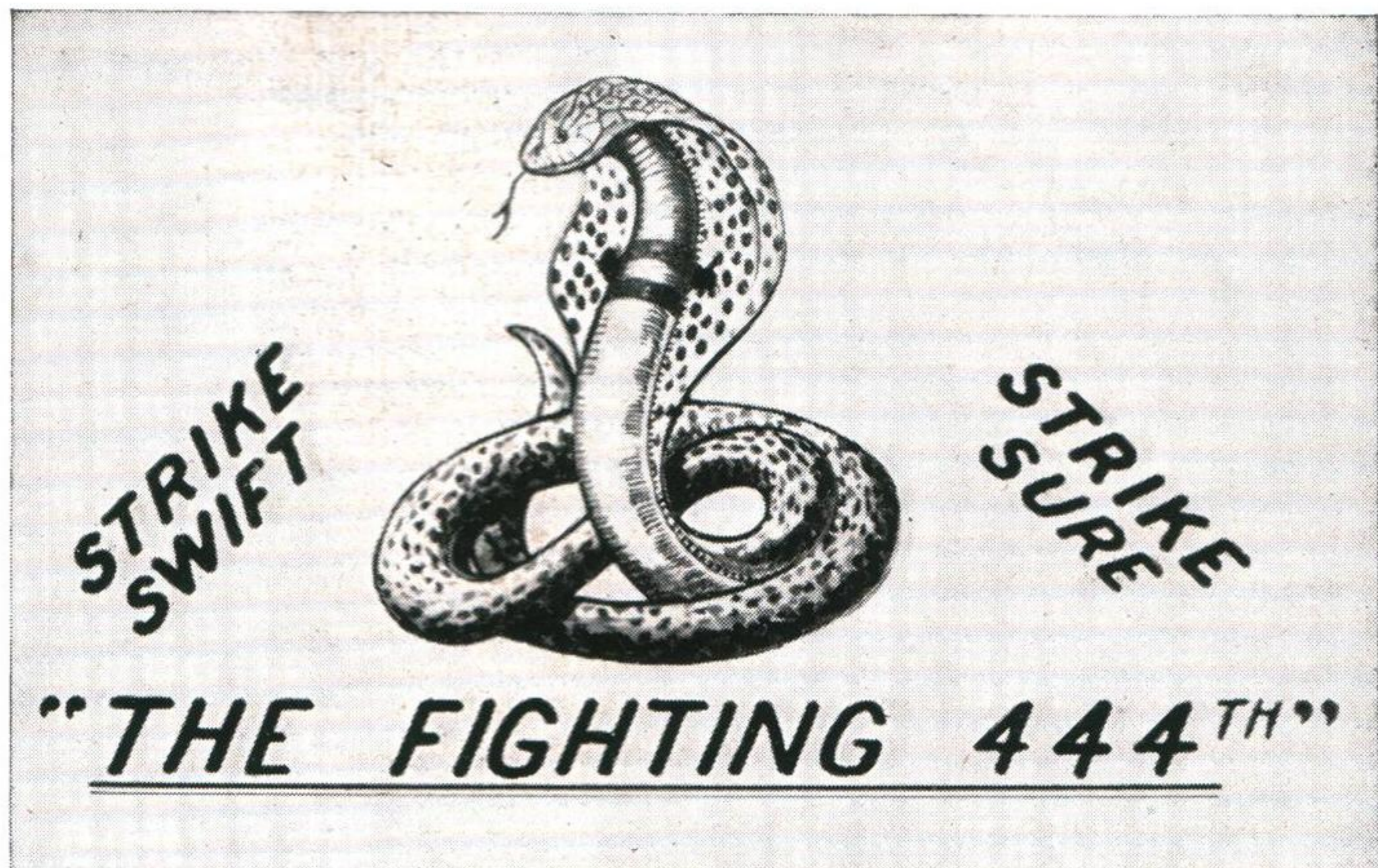
He spent a short time at St. Eval, where he gained his corporal's hooks, and returned to 415 Squadron. Soon afterwards he was moved to the Operational Training Unit at Topcliffe, where he stayed until his return to Canada in June 1945. A period of preparation for a move to the Pacific theatre followed, but this was halted when the Japanese war finished in September 1945.

By November he was a civilian again, and he took a DVA welders course at Fort William, Ontario. At the end of this course however the car bug seized him again and he returned to his former trade of auto mechanic. In 1949 he met a Fort Francis girl, whom he married and then settled down to domestic life for the next two years.

Like many other people he then started to have second thoughts about the air force, and May 1951 found him back in uniform at Station McDonald. Via gradual stages, which included a year at Portage, he arrived at the paradise of the RCAF here at Soellingen in August 1954.

You may have seen Bill blinking the light at hockey games last season, and he takes a keen interest in other sporting activities. Gardening also features in his list of off-duty activities, however his main hobby remains automobiles.

Bill, his wife Jennifer and son William are now residents of Rhine Valley Park. They have taken in Austria and Switzerland since coming to Germany, and plan to include Holland and Spain in further trips before going home next year.



by F/O B C Bell

The Fighting 444th returned from Rabat the third week in May completing another successful tour of Air Firing. Led by the big three — F/O's Jack Breffitt, Les Price and Mel Henderson, the squadron set new highs in both the overall and competitive averages breaking our old marks set in Oct. 55. The camera fans and souvenir hunters were in their glory taking full advantage of our last trip to Morocco. Another popular pastime was the beach run and everyone ended up with terrific tans. The Arab population was celebrating their coming independence with various parades and demonstrations and the squadron was occasionally confined to camp. However F/O Al Brown attended the 3700 franc a plate "Feast of the Ramadan" on an invitation of an over enthusiastic taxi driver. On his escape we were informed by Al that he was the only Canadian present and he didn't want to get the reputation of a "gate crasher".

Things we won't miss about Rabat dept., — petite taxis — F/O's Don Elliot and Ev Gill's midnight balancing acts on the supply section's drunken bicycle — ME pickup vehicles with with broken rear windows — AFN Marrakech (Arab Forces Network) — F/O's Al Brown and Bob Porter, heavily armed with a can of lighter fluid, hunting ferocious giant ants behind the barracks — F/O Dusty Miller's pipe — early morning soccer practice in the halls with 12 dozen beer cans — F/O Buck (Poonah) Arnold's boomerang — 414's arrival which crowded the quarters.

422 was honestly pleased to see us return, and we were greeted with loud huzzahs on entering the mess on the 16th. While their "Hello (deleted by the Legion of Decency)" was resounding through the hall, we returned one F/O K. McCrimmon, who had taken his phase one with the operational squadron. Their unbelieving eyes focussed on this new personality with that devil-may-care gleam in his formerly vacant stare and the Hopalong Cassidy badge displayed proudly on his suit. We can understand how he hated to leave us, but that's life. So long Ken, we'll take good care of your dog, and we know 422 can use a well trained pilot.

New faces greeted us here at 4 Wing. Triple Four welcomes F/L's Bob Massier, John Ursulak and F/O Bob (Scotty) Wrather who hail from Personnel Branch Trenton, Gunnery Flt at Chatham and the Chatham OTU respectively. F/L Massier was accompanied by his wife and three children while F/O Wrather's wife will join him in July. F/L Ursulak, girls, becomes a member in good standing of the most eligible bachelors club in Air Div — 444 (F) squadron. Also greetings to F/L A J Bauer who returned from course in Canada on the 28th May.

This influx of course has its balancing factor, so we regretfully say goodbye to F/L Bruce Sheasby on his return to CEPE, Rockcliffe and Canadair. Our traditional "bon voyage" party was weathered admirably by the honoured guest, but what happened to the rest of those present? Early in June, the 2nd to be exact, we lost one of our most staunch supporters of the live-alone-and-like-it society. F/O Pete Russell and Cpl Julie Chechotko were married in the station Catholic chapel. (What a sneaky way to move into a higher income bracket) Seriously though Peter, we all wish both of you every success and happiness for the future. Less permanent departures in May were F/O Mel Henderson, who is off to Sardinia to investigate the local situation, and myself bound for Trenton and Chatham on the Weapons Course. (TDY at last!)

Finally this month is the sport's scene, dominated by softball. The teams had two games in Rabat but dropped close decisions to well equipped 17th Air Force teams. However the "B" team took their first league game of the season by whomping last year's champs, Tech Services.

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Latest Gen From The Telecom Section

By LAC Chris Black

Beginning an article is always a headache, and I'm sure that other amateurs like myself, who write for their particular sections, will agree whole heartedly. Our primary concern is the section, of course. Secondly, the readers of this issue would like to see you come out with new ideas in expressing yourself. So you're faced with the task of combining both. Let's look in on a typical Schwarzwald Flieger writing day in the life of an amateur.

The clock has rung itself out some time ago. You lie there in a semi coma, and suddenly the shrill laughter of some character who was broke the night before and managed to get eight hours sleep snaps you out of it. Your mouth is dry and you peer at the mirror which reveals your bloodshot eyes. A glance at the clock tells you you've missed breakfast and had better get a move on. You wash and shave at a speed that would amaze the boys at Soest, and knock it all off by arranging the top blanket so you can fool the WWO.

Following a short bus hop, you arrive at work none the better. You exchange "Gooten Morgens" with the staff and find that Sgt Asher, your senior NCO, is away on four weeks TD. You sign the log book, and the phone rings. It's Cpl Brucker — she reminds you not to forget the article (... arrhgggh!...). Now she tells me — with only one day left to deadline.

You tell Cpl Hammell the score and begin gathering some gen. The radio ops have nothing to report, and the switchboard girls have, but would sooner keep it to themselves, although they tell you that Cpl Helen Quiring and LAW Billy Alexander are both on release.

It's a start. You call Sgt Twit Leblanc — he tells you LAC Hillier is now with them, and that he and LAC Mike McDade had a successful camping outing over the weekend. Another call to transmitters — FS Watkins answers the phone. He tells you he has just returned from a 1,500 mile tour of Southern Germany and met one of his navy friends he hadn't seen in 15 years ... quite a coincidence and should make for good reading.

Other news? Yes, LAC Willy Keating won out in the boxing championships of the Allied Air Forces in Central Europe. This is the sort of stuff I need. Anything else? Nope, all is quiet at this end. Fine — so you hang up.

A trip to the Teletype room and Cpl Jones tells you his twin brother, who is also in the Air Force and stationed at Langar, will be down for a couple of weeks. How about you, LAW Marie Vergouwen? She quickly changes the subject and tells you she's accumulating quite a tan — one glimpse convinces you.

Now for a trip to F/L Scott's office and this should clinch it. He mentions yours truly has been on a couple of weeks TD at 2 Wing. Oh well, if we run short of material we'll throw it in. He reminds you of LAC Keating ... you nod, you have it. Oh yes, Air Commodore Bennett and Group Captain Schroeder visited one of our microwave installations; a couple of transfers, and the completes it.

Now all you have to do is to compile all this in one article, that will make interesting reading. Any ideas? I can't think of any — see you all next month.

Fire Hall News

by LAC K. M. McCarthy

The Fire Hall is getting back up to strength again with three new men in from Canada. We're glad to see Cpl Miller from Seniterre, LAC Penny from Winnipeg and LAC Stratton from Moose Jaw, and hope they'll like it around here.

We're doing pretty well in Bingo games recently, with three winners last time. Yours truly spent a few days at Geneva, Switzerland — a very nice spot, where the sun is always high in the sky (like the prices there). All in all though it was a very good trip.

Some of the boys are going in for fishing in a big way these days. They have made several trips but so far report no luck. I think the big fish are on the wrong end of the line. Keep trying fellows anyway.

From the Ground Defence Section . . .

As the "Flieger" goes to press the Ground Defence Section is regrouping after an occupation by Wing Headquarters administration staff of some six weeks duration.

This will be the last issue that FS Doherty and Sgt Schell will read on this side of the Atlantic, as they are on their way to St Hubert and Uplands respectively in the next few days. Two of the first Ground Defence members to arrive at this station, they did much of the early ground work in setting up the section and getting things moving.

To fill the gaps, Sgt Keith Acton arrived from Ottawa ten days ago, while FS Fortune and Sgt McDonald are due in from St Hubert and Torbay.

At the beginning of the month we gained another strong man in the person of F/C Poultney ("very nice even if he is a Conservative"), still warm from the University of Toronto.

Sgt Hargreaves is off to England with the rifle team for two weeks, to coach them in the R.A.F. Competition at Bisley; we hope they'll be back in time to meet a US Army team from Karlsruhe on the ranges later this month.

Trade advancement has begun in the section for the first time, as a Group 3 examination looms up for October.

Our philatelist Cpl Walter Fryatt has recruited another member for his club in Cpl Al O'Brien, who is now busily assembling an impressive collection, too. A vote of thanks incidentally to the Fryatt family for a very successful party in their home last Saturday.

Earlier this month we were able to visit Karlsruhe to view an exhibition of the US Army's NIKE guided missile, which gave us food for some thought ... maybe the writing on the wall ...

Accounts News

by Jill Fortier

Once again the financial department has so much news, your reporter is lost as to how to begin. The strong chain has been slightly weakened by the departure of our very popular SAO. S/L Stevens has returned to the Homeland and, we hope, is happy at his new post in Lincoln Park, Alta. The farewell party was (as with all accounts parties) a great success ... remember Noel?

The acting SAO at present is our buoyant NPFAO, F/O Oliver, who is beaver-busy these days (ask the staff). Congratulations sir, for such stupendous work.

In answer to all your questions, girls, Mr Olver's assistant for the summer months is Flight Cadet (five foot nine, twenty-one years young, unmarried) Ross Fleming from the University of Toronto.

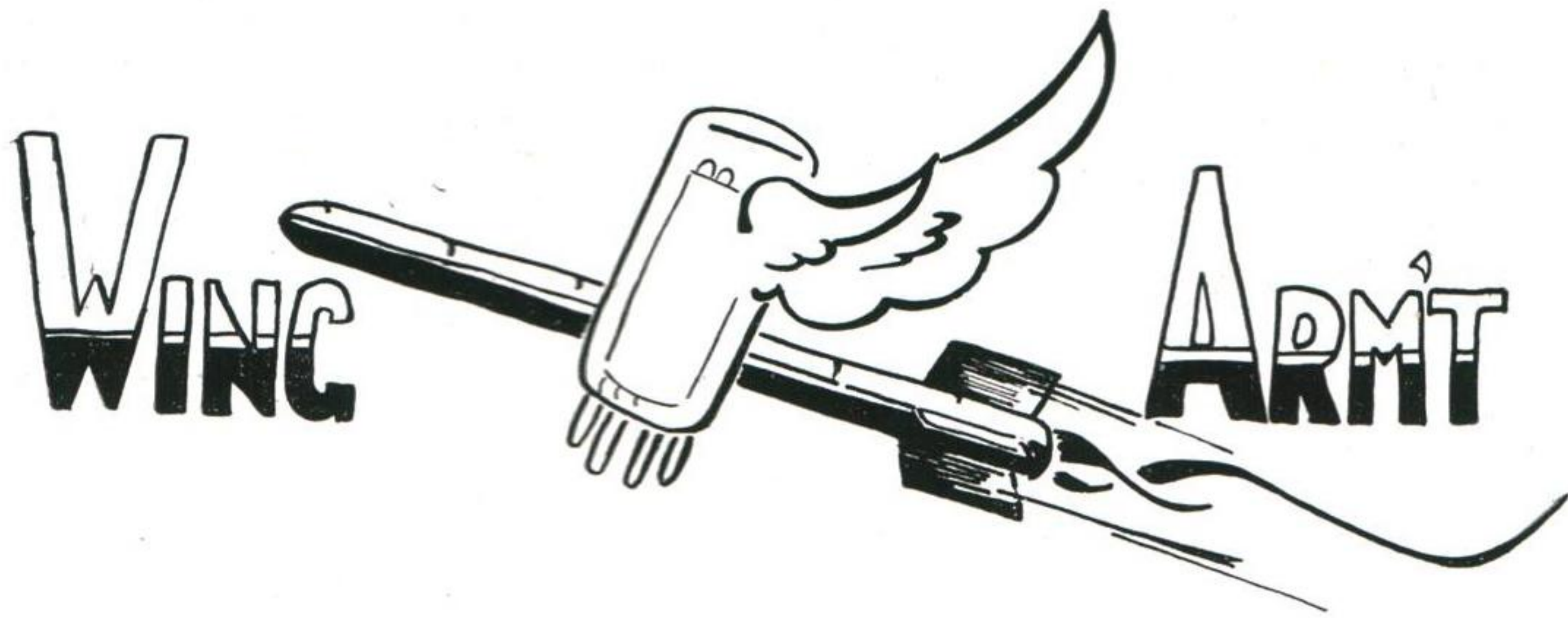
The PAO is quite an epicure ... I hear that he and Frau are touring the various "Gasthaus-de-Choix" these days tasting their glorious morsels. Be careful sir, let the word remain "gourmet" and not "gourmand". Just a few calories have lost many a ball game.

Felicitations to a "good" member of the staff. We rejoice with WO2 Len Good on his last promotion.

Before we go any further, let's say a few hello's to new members of the staff. LAC Karl Smith — our handsome and robust Jamaican from Penhold, Alta, is an NPF member, while the other new faces around the monetary area are Mrs Stewart (clothing credit), Mrs Stone and Mrs Dobson (NPF Accounts) and Miss Ilsa Huck (Supply Accounts). Welcome everyone — it's a pleasure to have you with us.

Cpl Tiny Titmarsh (née Kientz) and LAW Flo Gagnon (formerly Williams) are to be congratulated on their new status. Wedding bells were heard recently when both pledged their marriage vows in the R. C. Chapel. May all your troubles be little ones. Accounts staff all join in wishing you both every happiness.

Our Departee List at this time reads; Mrs Wright, Mrs Knox, Mrs Slaght and Mrs McConnell. We've enjoyed having you with us, girls, and wish you all the best.



M & W Section

Did you hear about the girl who went to a party wearing nothing but a few clusters of strawberries? She got herself into an awful jam.

Cpl Goddard arrived back from Zweibrücken on completion of a two week SIT course. Stan has been doing a bit of cussing the last week. It seems the daily paper had someone else listed as having won the aggregate title in the Air Div Shoot. Stan goes to England 13 June to take part in the R.A.F. Shoot.

LACs Allen, Anderson, Ashford and Lavoie returned from Rabat sporting nice sun tans, while LAC John Diver arrived back from the land of the Colleens after a month's visit.

There was a firework display headed by Sgt. Thompson on the 24 of May. Judging from all reports it was a great success.

LACs Bishop, Diver, Lavoie and Timmermans are at present cleaning and repainting all the station's anti aircraft mounts. The boys should be a few months at the job. They figure to have the best sun tans on the station by the time they are through.

FS Galley is happy now that he has moved from town into PMQs.

News Jolts from the Systems Section

Everything has been pretty quiet lately as far as interesting happenings are concerned but we've had our share of laughs.

There is one very happy airman around who believes that smiling is something everyone should do. How are the new chompers, Mel?

One of the luckiest persons in the section is a certain Flight Sergeant; whenever he goes to take pictures, who has the support of a whole television camera crew and even all of their equipment.

Cpl Donovan spent a few weeks in Zweibrücken on an S.I.T. Course recently; A less enjoyable experience is awaiting LAC Thompson, who expects to go and lose part of himself under the knife. Best of luck Tommy, we all hope you don't miss your tonsils too much.

A few of the boys travelled to Switzerland on the long weekend to enjoy the exhilarating Mountain air and the wonderful scenery. A word of advice: never leave any equipment behind while on a tour, as it is very embarrassing to have to stop the bus. Isn't that right Mel?

Two of the fellows are down at Rabat, one with 414 Sqn and the other on detachment. Cpl Zadow is helping to keep 414's scores up as Tommy did for 444, while Sgt White is to keep the Systems Section in Rabat in good shape. We hope you and your wife had a good trip down, Bob.

The world's gold supply will be gradually diminishing if Sgt Whipple doesn't stop trying to have a "Fort Knox" in his mouth (Smile, please).

Operation "Ball-Bearing"



When the time came for the staff of the Station Headquarters to vacate their temporary home in the Ground Defence Building at the beginning of this month some of them had to be carried out bodily. The last man to leave was the CAdO, W/C Ball. "It was so nice and quiet here the last day with the phone disconnected" he said sadly, "Too bad I have to go."

GOING HOME?

As a result of many enquiries, arrangements have now been made for the sale of subscriptions to the "Flieger" to people returning to Canada, so that those wishing to do so may keep in touch with happenings in and around Soellingen after their departure.

The staff of the Recreation Centre will take care of the administrative details, and will offer the choice of a six month subscription for \$2.00 or twelve months for \$4.00.

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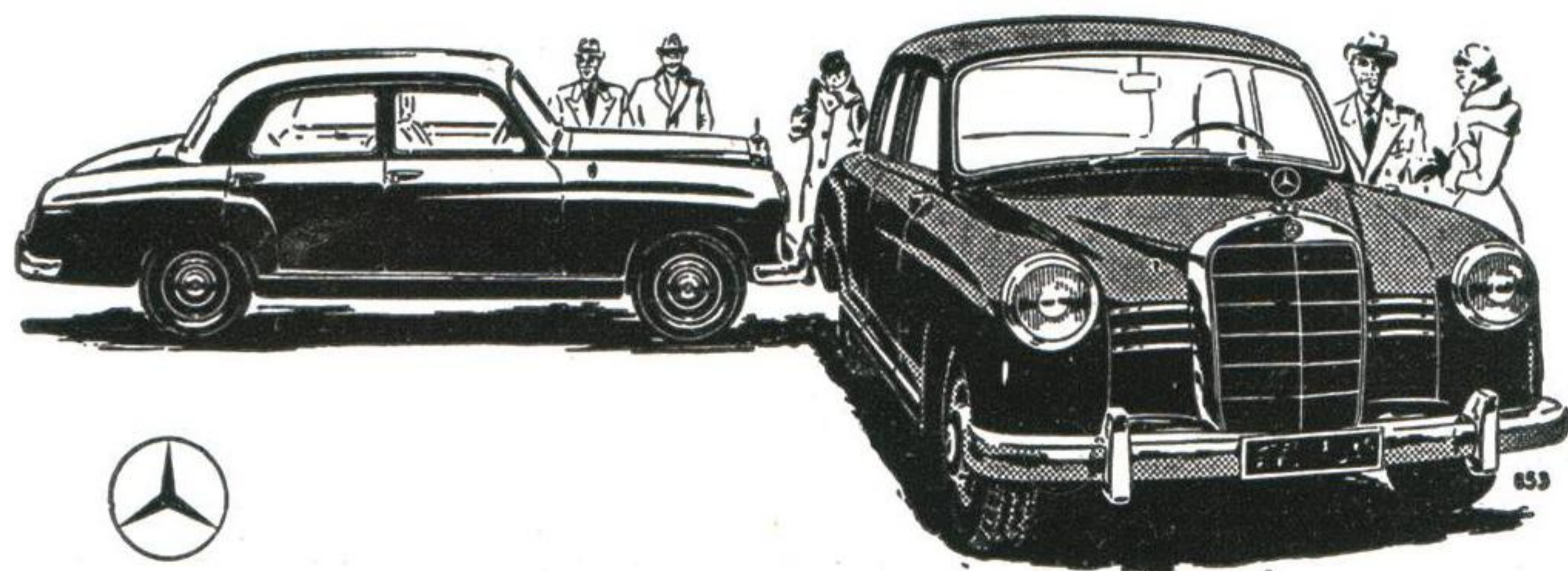
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Bet you haven't heard this one... Supply Section staff look a little sceptical about the story, but the coffee's good.

Supply News

This past month has seen two additions to this section. By this we mean two new offices — the first office is now occupied by the pretty girls from the LPO section and the second is our very popular Coffee Room where all the decisions are made. Great roars of laughter are usually heard coming from the coffee room and if one were to look in, he'd more than likely see FS Joe Brown at the head of the table relating one of his many humorous stories or choice bits of experience to a very appreciative audience.

Cpl Bert Pyatt was the next on the list for a transfer to the Marble Palace in Metz and will be missed by one and all. Our very sedate clerk typist, LAW Lattie Latimore, has also left for the wonders of CR. However her replacement, LAC Ray Cossete from RCAF Stn St Johns, was thoroughly instructed in supply techniques as Lattie spent hours writing pages of "do's and don'ts".

Welcome also to LAC Flanagan who is hiding out in R&I. Speaking of welcoming, another one goes out to F/O Jim Third who managed to get back safely (?) from his outdoor exercise at 1 Wing, but strangely went on a week's leave immediately on returning. Guess those sores haven't healed yet.

Plans are being made for a party to be held in Kuppenheim on June 15th. By all indications this should prove to be one of the best and we hope that all supply staff will turn out and really have a good time.

Maintenance Memorandum

by Cpl DS Chisholm

With a resigned shrug of the shoulder and a hearty ho-hum, a wing maintenance rigger begins another day at the salt mines. ACI Wrenchbender's initial hour is spent warding off the early morning backslappers while precariously perched on one leg attempting to pull on his working garb, which has pockets conspicuous by their absence, and holes in the most embarrassing places. After completing the major operation of donning his coveralls, his immediate thought is to find a spot to put the lower rear portion of said coveralls to good use. The butt drum is usually quite handy, and snatching last week's propaganda sheet from a snoring buddy he parks himself.

Enter the villain. With blood in his eyes, a multi-tip hammer in his hand, and two tapes on his arm he charges into the locker room, bellowing foul oaths: "Get out on the floor and try to look intelligent, you idiot, I'll be right out as soon as I finish this comic book". And so our brow beaten id... rigger wanders out and climbs up on the wing of the sabre in his bay, where he proceeds to imitate a mechanic. He has found that while standing on a wingmat with both hands through an inspection hole he can make all but the closest of observers think he is keen.

But, alas, comic book tucked safely into his one remaining hip pocket, the cruel Cpl Legree looms into sight. Panic strikes the heart of our hero, his clever deception doesn't fool his lord and master (Cpl Legree pulled the same trick last year while he was a working man).

Sweat pours from the rigger's forehead, the beast is bearing down on him. Suddenly an ear shattering shriek pierces the air, at least 1,000 decibels... Smoke break... Cpl Legree swerves

instantly 90 degrees and hurtles toward the canteen to finish his comic book, drink two cokes und smoke three cigarettes. Saved by the whistle.

At 1015 hrs two things happen simultaneously to our rigger; he reaches the front of the coke line and the air whistle shatters the silence again. But our hero is undaunted, he grasps his coke in one hand, his hot-dog in the other and heads out the back door in the direction of the canopy room. With the door locked securely from the inside, our rigger enjoys his well earned goodies... (To be continued).

The customary box of cigars was passed around again last month, this time it was LAC Harry Rice who was on the expensive side of the box. He and his wife are proud to announce the arrival of a new son, Andrew, born at the local pill house on May 18th.

Cpl and Mrs. Norm Stouffer also were blessed with a son. Congratulations folks, now you have an excuse to buy comic books and electric trains in the future.

Cpl W. Dawson leaves many friends (of both sexes) and goes home to Canada this month; best of luck on your new unit, Wally.

Our news this time concludes on a sad note with the death of LAC Proctor last month in an unfortunate car accident.

Instrument and Electrical Flashes

by LAC Ron Binns

There's a famous ball diamond in 4 Wing
That's noted for fresh air and fun,
And the Electric and Instrument Sections
Went there to battle neath t'sun.

Eeh, a fine lot of lads were them fellas,
All dressed up, quite the swell,
With a stick with a baseball bat 'andle,
The finest the Sports Palace could sell.

Well, they didn't think much to the orders,
And regulations meant nothing at all;
As Al Browne said to all of the fellas,
"Mox nix, go out and hit t'ball."

Now there were one great big pitcher named Gieser,
Whose throws were much faster than sound,
And each time he started his wind up
He bored a great hole in the ground.

Well, George Forgues had heard about softball,
How it were ferocious and wild,
And seeing Nick Hall stand so peaceful,
Well, it didn't seem right to the child.

So straightway the brave little fella
(It were typical of the young scamp),
Took his stick with the baseball bat 'andle
And hit the ball right out of camp.

Beug Horn, who had seen the occurence
And didn't know what to do next,
Said, "Mitchell, yon ball's in Soellingen",
And Mitchell said; "Well, I am vexed!"

The umpire had to be sent for,
And got out of his broken-down car.
So Kent said, "yon batter's hit t'softball
And broke windows in t'Canada Bar!"

Well, the umpire just looked proper flumoxed
And said, "Looks like we don't play anymore."
So they broke t'stick with the baseball bat 'andle,
And nobody yet knows the score.

(With apologies to Stanley Holloway).

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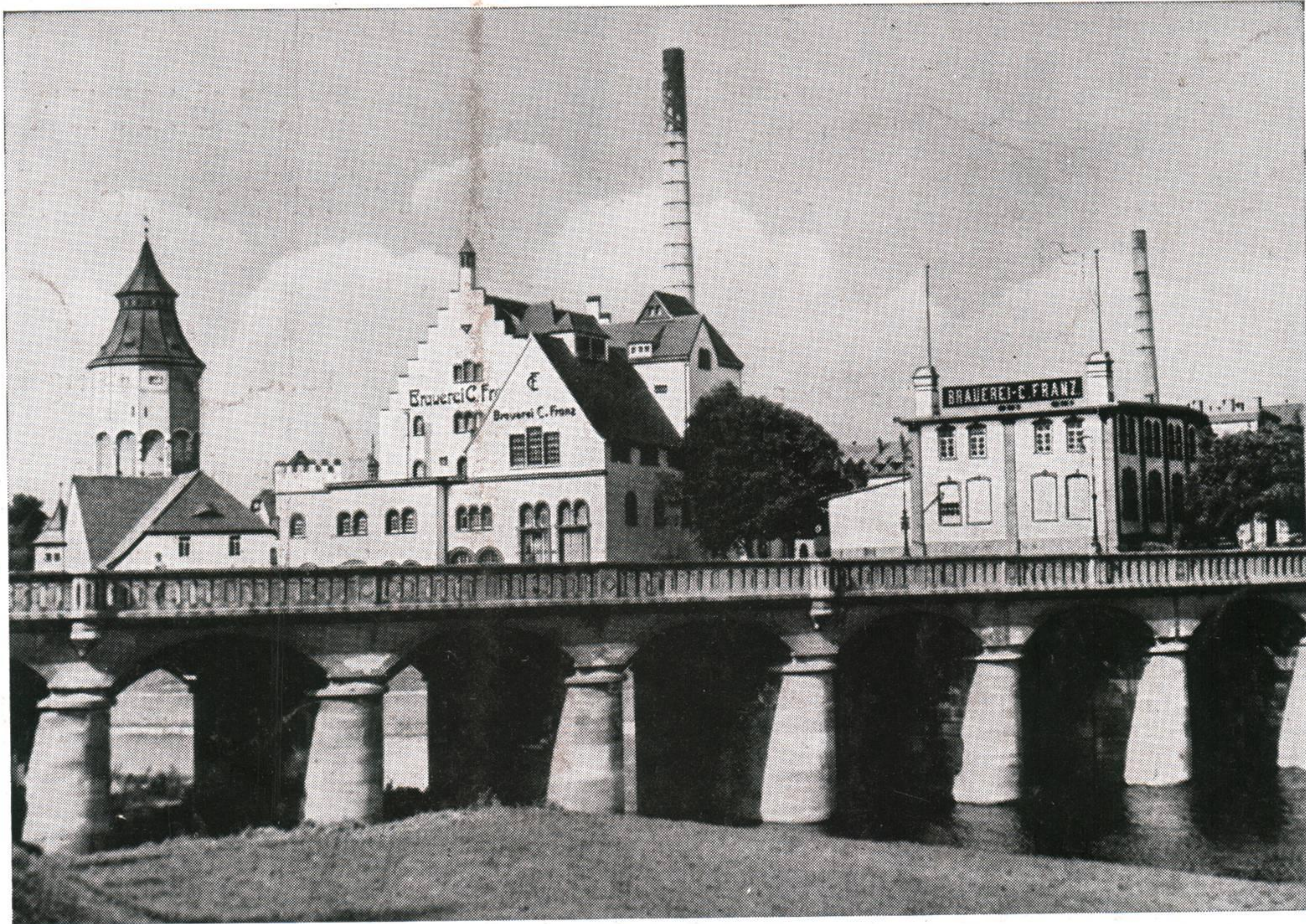


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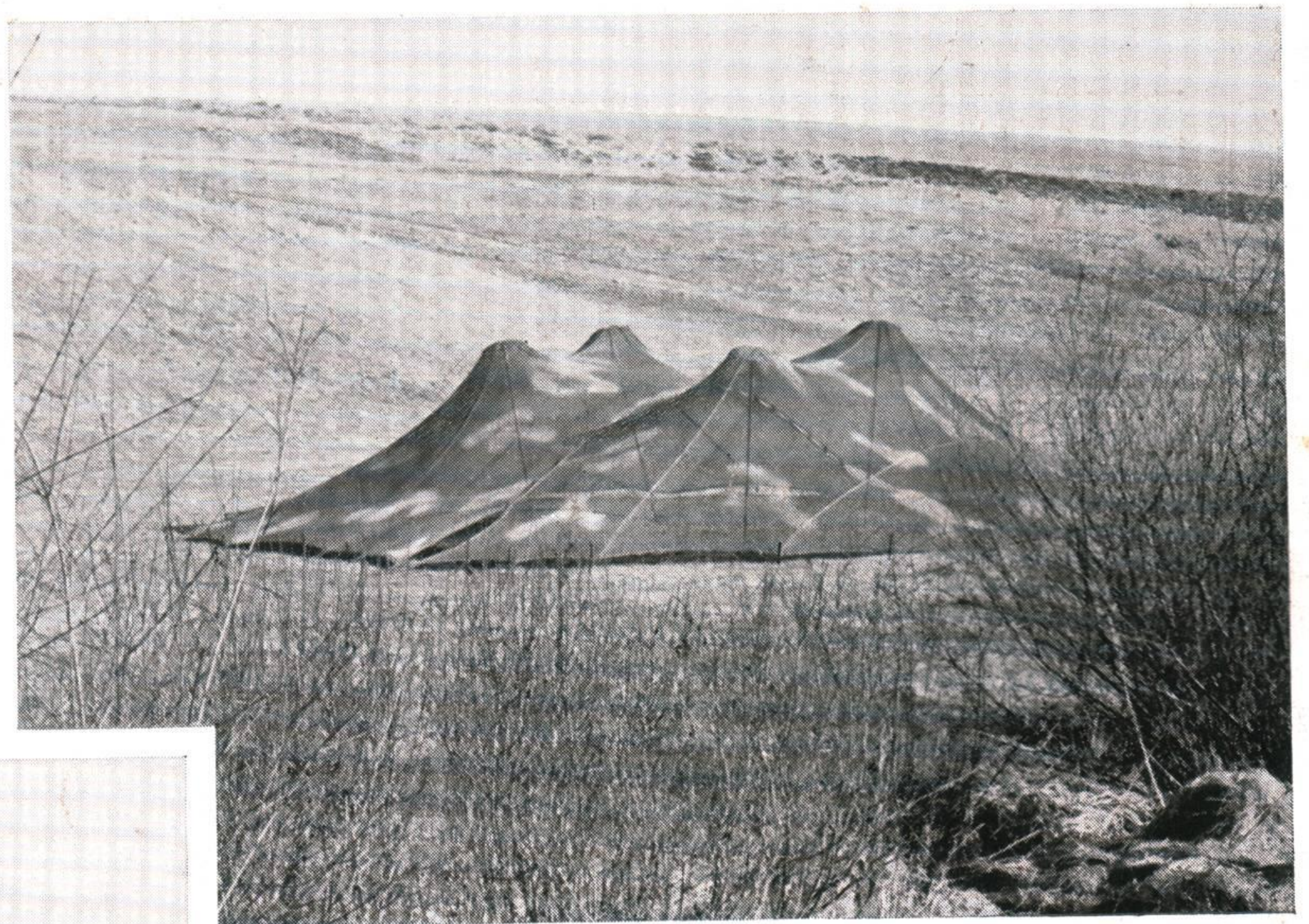


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