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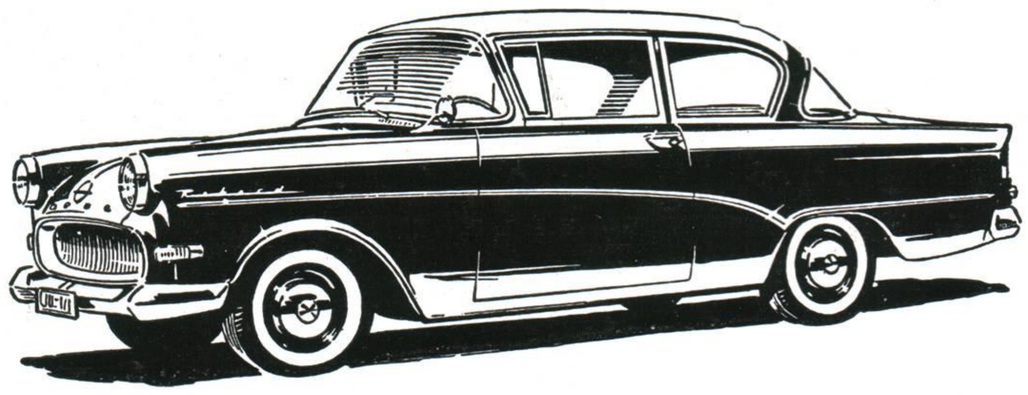

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This Month's COVER STORY

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Fasching: Cologne's Elferrat visits Baden-Baden

by F/L C.G. Burt and Mrs. M. Bauert

Fasching, Germany's wild, pre-lenten festival is in full swing. Bigger and better than the Mardi Gras, it lasts a whopping three months. Opened quietly on the 11th November by the Elferrat (see our Nov 57 issue) its pace gets hotter and hotter. At this late stage with Lent in the offing it reaches its wildest form when anything can happen. This is the time no-one goes home with the same girl he started out with (especially if the girl is his wife), it is the period when Rhinelanders are said to hock their beds because this provides more money for merry-making and they won't be needing the beds for a while anyway, and when it is not unusual for people to disappear without warning, and re-appear a few days later with nothing worse than a king-sized hangover — the trade-mark of Fasching.

Fasching is an ancient German festival — it dates back to the Middle Ages — and is riddled with superstitions. On Shrove Tuesday, for example, when the evening prayer bell chimes, farmers creep to their orchards and bind the trees with straw to ensure a good crop. The last three days are particularly "dangerous". Anyone foolish enough to do some sewing, mending, or knitting instead of joining in the fun will get lice, and if a farmer takes his cows out of the stable at this time, he will get milk from them — but it'll be black!

The last week is particularly hectic. On "Dirty Thursday" (Schmutziger Donnerstag) every Gasthaus holds its own masquerade and the young and the not-so-young dress up as old hags and embarrass their friends by discussing the latest scandal about them. The last Monday is "Rose Monday" when extravagant street parades are customary and everyone turns out to watch and get in the act. They dance, kiss anyone they fancy, and have a roaring good time. In Cologne over a million people turn out to watch and make the Munich Oktoberfest seem like a Sunday school party.

Cologne could be called the capital of Fasching. The festivities there are on a bigger scale than anywhere else. They get up so much momentum that when they put the brakes on come Ash Wednesday things don't grind to a halt until three days of Lent have passed. Their Fasching council or Elferrat is composed of some of the zaniest and wittiest people in existence. Naturally they are sought after by other towns and Baden-Badenites were thrilled when the Cologne Elferrat agreed to stage a session in the Kurhaus.

Amidst thousands of cheering on-lookers they arrived in Baden-Baden on Sat 18th Jan. Here a terrific welcome was given them, aided by the sounds of the Rastatt Trumpet Band and the Baden-Lichtental Band. Thus they paraded to the Kurhaus, accompanied by the Cologne Guard of Honour, and surrounded by amused crowds. Upon their arrival at the "Leopolds Platz" which was jammed by enthusiasts, the Cologne Band played a dance which was performed by the Guard of Honour.

In the evening the Kurhaus was filled to the last seat, since amongst other attractions the Prince and Princess Karneval of Baden-Baden were to be elected. Guests of honour were Baden-Baden's Lord Mayor, and Baden-Oos and Baden-Lichtental's Karneval representatives. To everyone's delight the Cologne Elferrat made their appearance in a hugh bath-tub, out of which they had to climb by means of a ladder. Dr. Joachim Reschke stood at the topmost rung of the ladder to listen to the Premiere of his two newly composed karneval tunes, which were quite a hit. Next on the agenda were the crazy young "Herzynia" singers, also called the "Baden-Baden" Bus singers, followed by the "Donald Trio", who performed a parody on King Saud and were immensely applauded. The most exciting part of the evening proved to be the election of Prince and Princess Karneval. The charming couple, Prince Joachim I. (actor Joachim Brennecke) and Princess Hilde I. (Miss Hildegard Falk) paraded through the cheering audience to the stage, accompanied by the Cologne Guard of Honour, and their pages. Their crazy announcements were much applauded.

Our cover picture shows the Cologne Elferrat (in background) with Baden-Baden's newly elected Prince and Princess of Karneval 1958.

Some of the Fasching parties are formal but most are fancy dress affairs. Go dressed up as you please (but remember that national or local costume is not fancy dress). Your costume can be elaborate or simple: at an artists' ball in Munich one couple went as Adam and Eve. The only limits are your pocket-book, imagination, — and how warm you like to be.

Cologne Elferrat's Guard of Honour at the Leopoldsplatz, on their way from the station to the Kurhaus.

Local events to come are:

Saturday, 15th Feb 58

2100 hrs Colourful Roulette

Grand Masked Ball (Fancy dress costume must be worn)

Prizes will be given for the most original costume. Entrance of the Elferrat (Council of Eleven) with Prince and Princess Carnival, and many surprises.

7 orchestras, amongst others the Werner von Overheid Orchestra, the Baden-Baden Carnival Guild's House Orchestra, Lichtental's Music Corporation, and the Rastatt Trumpet Band.

Entrance Fees:
10,— DM including table reservation
8,— DM

Young people between the ages 18—24 at a reduced price (at the special evening cash desk), showing their identity card 5,— DM.

Sunday, 16th Feb 58

1600 hrs Karneval Tea Dance

Werner von Overheid's Orchestra, Chamber Singer Hey, Gretel Schmideck from the Saarbrücken Theatre.

Entrance Fees: 2,— DM

2000 hrs Parade and Guest Session

Fools of the "Baden-Badener Narrenzunft" (Fools Guild) with Baden-Baden Karneval Guild's House Orchestra, Lichtental's Music Corporation, Dancing School Petershen-Graf, Gretel Schmideck and Chamber Singer Hey from the Saarbrücken Theatre, Albert Egger from the Freiburg Karneval Guild, Rastatt's Trumpet Band and further surprises. For dancing during the interval and after the session: Werner von Overheid's Orchestra.

Entrance Fees:
7,— DM Loges
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3,— DM Gallery

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Monday, 17th Feb 58

1600 hrs Children's Fancy Dress Ball

Elferrat (Council of Eleven) The Children's Prince and Princess Karneval 1958, Ballet Dancing School Ursula Baumheier, various surprises.

Entrance Fee: 2,— DM

Monday, 17 Feb 58

2100 hrs Rosenmontagsball (Rose Monday Ball) Fancy Dress Costume must be worn.

Elferrat of the "Baden-Baden Carnival Guild" with Prince and Princess Carnival, further surprises.

Several Bands, amongst others Werner von Overheid.

Entrance Fees:

5,— DM

Tuesday, 18 Feb 58

2100 hrs Fastnachtsheraus (Carnival Turnout)

Elferrat (Council of Eleven) of the "Baden-Baden Carnival Guild" with Prince and Princess Carnival, Burning of Carnival 1958, with fireworks and many surprises.

Several bands, amongst others Werner von Overheid.

Entrance Fees:

3,— DM

(The Company takes part in the Parade of the "Oos Carnival Guild" in Baden-Baden-Oos on Tuesday afternoon).

Wednesday, 19 Feb 58

2000 hrs Fishdinner

For the members of our Company with their relatives and invited guests.

UP TO DATE WITH TELECOM

by F/L AC Copley

During the war years we became used to the standard term Radar. Since this period television and microwave have been added to our vocabulary. These are just two new electronic devices, which have been added for convenience and modern ways of life.

From radar and television, the authorities developed a silent policeman to watch and control our driving habits. These have been successfully employed in the USA and Canada.

Now with the use of microwave channels, a new system of traffic light control has been adopted.

The first use of the microwave band for radio control of traffic lights will be made by Wayne County, Mich., USA. This chain will control eight intersections along the county road system in the Detroit suburban area. Included in the chain are a master traffic control transmitter unit and responsive control receiver equipment at the intersections, about eight miles away. By the use of radio waves, it has been possible to centralize control and eliminate the maze of wires that would be necessary to control the chain of lights thus lowering the upkeep costs to the state, county or province.

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THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT

By Cubmaster Al Baker

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden — Powell, more affectionately known to the boy scout movement as "BP" was born on 22 Feb 1857 in London, England. He was the son of the Rev. H. G. Baden — Powell and Mrs. Powell. His father, an ordained clergyman, was a noted scientist and professor of geometry at Oxford University.

When "BP" was only three his father died, his mother was left with seven children all under the age of fourteen years. A a boy "BP" loved the great out - of - doors and with his four brothers did lots of camping, hiking and boating. He attended Charterhouse School one of England's famous old schools. He was not a brilliant student but was good at sports, acting, music and sketching. When he grew up he chose a military career and was commissioned in the 13th Hussars where he served for 21 years rising ultimately to become its Colonel in Chief. "BP" served in campaigns in India, Afghanistan, and South Africa and as a spy in several parts of the world. His greatest fame came during the Boer War as a result of his leadership in the Battle of Mafeking where he and 800 of his troops were trapped for seven months. During this period "BP" organized Boy Cadet Corps and used them to carry messages as First Aid attendants and other duties.

It was from this experience he got his ideas for scouting. "BP" wrote several books such as "Aids To Scouting" which he used to train soldiers. He developed a programme of activities which he called "Scouting For Boys" and "The Adventures Of A Spy".

To test out his programme of "Scouting For Boys" "BP" took 20 boys and three assistants to Brownsea Island off the English coast for a two week camp from 25 July to 8 Aug 1907. This is now recognized as being the first Boy Scout Camp in history.

In 1909 King Edward VII was very interested in boys work and made the founder a Knight and asked "BP" to retire and devote all his time to this very important service. It was from the International Centre, Gilwell Park that Lord Baden — Powell of Gilwell chose his place name. "BP" promoted the scout movement for many years. He also started Girl Guides, Cubs, Brownies and Rovers.

In failing health, "BP" took up residence in Kenya, Africa in 1937 where he took an active interest in the movement and frequently wrote articles for scouting magazines.

Lord Baden — Powell died on Jan 8, 1941 in his 84th year and was buried beside Mount Kenya in Africa. His birthday we call "BP" Day which is 22 Feb.

For several Sundays lately you will have noted Cubs, Brownies, Guides and Scouts attending church services in uniform. This is in rememberence of "BP" and they are also fulfilling part of their promise to do their duty to God.

The scout group spent three interesting days of their Xmas holiday camping with German Scouts from Gage-

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neau at Camp Froilsheim. Six boys recently invested were George Playfair, Jimmy Lange, Michael Gibson, Terry Card, Glenn Williams and Doug Cowan.

A six week First Aid Course is in progress under the leadership of Cpl Davis.

We wish to thank the following members of the Group Committee for their work in the past. F/L Davies (Chairman), F/L White, F/H Grant, FS Fortune, FS Fairburn, FS Kennedy, Sgt Leader, Cpl Brown, Sgt Glover and Sgt Ruggles.

As a result of a recent election the 1958—9 Group Committee will consist of:

F/L Massier	Chairman
F/O Patterson	Vice Chairman
Cpl Mader	Secretary
LAC King	Treasurer
Cpl Alp	Committee Member
F/L Frith	" "
LAC Young	" "
Cpl Greentree	" "
Mrs EA Alp	" "
Mrs EI Young	" "
Mrs WD Mader	" "
F/L White	
F/L Grant	

To be added to this group will be three or four volunteers who we hope will come forth from the multitude that stayed away from the election meeting on 27 Jan. Please call on F/L Massier at PMQ 26/3.

We welcome the new members and hope we will spend some enjoyable times together.

Girl Guides

The origin and development of the Guide Movement in Canada

In 1909 a group of Scouts gathered for the first Scout Rally at the Crystal Palace in London. To the disgust of the boys and, at first, of their Chief, a handful of girls in a costume vaguely like that of the Scouts appeared at the rally and announced that they were "Girl Scouts". In spite of efforts made to discourage them, the girls insisted on a share in the fun. But what could they be called? They must have a name of their own. So the Chief called them after one of the most famous regiments in the Indian Army, the Corps of Guides, distinguished for their courage and hardiness, for their resourcefulness in difficulties and for their ability to turn their hands to anything.

Very seriously indeed did the Guides take themselves, and they proved the pioneers of a movement which quickly spread across the world. But then complications arose. The under-elevens wanted to join too. Having rejected the horrid suggestion from some misguided grownups that they might be called "Rosebuds" they went to the Chief and asked him to find a name for them. They were delighted with his idea that they be called "Brownies" after the friendly elves of the home.

Now the Founder gave a sigh of relief. The girls were settled — no more names would be needed. But for once he was wrong. The first Guides were growing out of their companies, although certainly not out of the Movement, and there were older girls who had never been Guides and who wanted to join. The name "Senior Guides" was not popular, nor were such suggestions as Torchbearers, Eagerhearts or Pioneers. Again the Chief was asked to help and his solution was to call the older Guides "Rangers".

Where did he get the name? First from the traditional forest ranger, keeper of the King's forests and lands, guardian of trees and wild life. Then from the coast ranger of Queen Elizabeth's day who, like Drake and Raleigh, sailed the high seas, guarded his country's shores and watched for enemy ships which might threaten her safety. Lastly from the Texas ranger, the horseman of the West, riding the great broad plains and, at night, singing around the camp-fire. When the Chief Guide announced the new name in the "Girl Guides" Gazette for June 1920, she told the Rangers to look up its meaning in the dictionary and to apply it to their new activities.

Guide News

by Judy Huget and Mary-Anne Yemchuk

On the 17th of December the Girl Guides held a Christmas party in the school Gym, the regular meeting place. We played all sorts of games followed by a play of the Christmas Story put on by the Rose Patrol. We had a Christmas Carol sing-song and then an exchange of gifts which were given out by Santa Claus. This party was a great success.

One day during the Christmas Holidays the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts visited the French Guides and Scouts in Rastatt; the German Scouts attended this get-together also. We sang songs and everyone acted out a skit. This was a very enjoyable time.

Anyone who is interested may at any time visit with us, at our Guide Meeting. These are held every Tuesday night, in the school gym, from 1830 hours to 2030 hours.

Well, that's all for this time, see you later.

Dear Folks

Well, here it is another month, and time to write you a letter again. I am sorry to have to wait so long, but line-ups are so long in the post office, I hate to go near it. If you are wondering why I have 2½ two cent stamps on my letters, they give you most of your change in two cent stamps. I guess they have to buy them from the Canadian post offices though, so they probably need the money.

I'm getting into the swing of things over here now, folks, and when I come home, I'm sure going to know a lot of German. Already, I can say "veegates" and "mox nix". That means 'how are you' and 'it don't matter'. You always hear that around camp and in the gast houses. Don't get that last couple of words wrong either. A Gast House is where all the German people go to drink on Sundays and everything. They never seem to be closed down and you can have more than one beer on the table at a time, too. I'm sure going to hate to leave here.

The guys took me up to that Rootchie place I mentioned last time, and boy did we have a ball. We nearly got picked up by the Yankee MPs, and we couldn't find the railroad station to get back home, or nothing. We were nearly late for work last Monday morning only we met another guy from the wing who has a car, and he was leaving his girl friend's place and picked us up on the road.

We came home on the Autobahn from there, and boy I'm telling you if Ted ever got over here with one of his hotrods could he ever go to town. These German autobahns are really something to drive on. First of all they have four lanes like the 'Queen Liz', and there is no speed limit. I wouldn't believe the guys when they told me, but I never saw one posted all the way back to camp. Oh, by the way, the real name of that place they took me to was Karlsruhe. I'd like to tell you about some of the places we were in up there dad, but mom will probably read this letter too, and she wouldn't like it.

I ate in one of them Gast Houses near here the other day, and I found out something that nearly flipped my upper plate. Weener shnitzel isn't weeners and sourkraut like you used to cook it mom, it is some kind of veal chops all cooked in breadcrumbs, and they give it to you with fried spuds. I think they call them burnt kartoffels or something like that. You can get pom fritters with it too, but they are just French Fries. Most of the Germans just eat big chunks of brown bread with it though. I wish I could read the menus but it is hard enough to even ask for one here, without trying to read it when you do get it.

Right now, they are having what they call Fashing Season. That is really a sort of a sport with all the married people around here. They go out to parties alone, with masks on, and they aren't supposed to let the other one find out where they were, or who they were with all night. I guess they have a lot of fun at it, but I know a couple of guys in the section whose wives won't let them out alone even to go for a beer. One guy's wife asked the sergeant to put her husband on nights till it was all over with. I think it lasts until Lent, and then they all go to Church and repent. We single guys are kinda scared to get in too deep with the women around here during this season, because you never can tell whose wife it might be. They won't tell you if they are married.

I heard some of the guys talking about the Curehouse the other day, and I thought it was just another name for a hospital, so I didn't listen too well. I hear now, that it is a gambling joint, so I think I'll go sometime after payday, because you could probably win a bit of loot there.

They sure have a good canteen on the station here. They call it the PX, and if you are over here long enough, and order it right away, they can get almost anything for you. They sell everything from shoe polish and liquor, to sewing machines and great big radios that would take up half the room. I don't know how some people take them home with them, because they only allow so much weight on the boat. I guess they can bring a big radio instead of a Volkswagen.

The Padre phoned me the other day, and he said he would like to see me at church on Sundays. Honest mom, I didn't know where it was until I was on an inoculation parade last week, and there it was right across from the hospital. We got shots for the Asiatic flu now that the epidemic is all over, and I'm also going to be protected against polio if they get the third dose in on time.

Well, I guess I'll have to say so long for now. Is that cedar hedge we planted a few years ago big enough to trim yet? Your son and heir.

Elmer

RCAF NEWS

RCAF in the Middle East — Four RCAF C119s and 150 personnel operating with the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East are returning to Canada this month. Meanwhile 115 Comm Flight, based at El Arish in Gaza is being redesignated as an Air Transport Unit and will be provided with one additional Dakota.

Conversion — The RCAF is said to be planning to convert its two auxiliary light bomber squadrons into transport groups. In a report from Ottawa, the Canadian Press news agency said the squadrons would be equipped with twin-engine Expeditor and single engine Otter aircraft. The new role of the squadrons — the fourth and fifth in the Air Force to change over to transport work — will involve emergency and rescue duties in connection with civil defense. Last month, the Minister of Defence announced that all eleven auxiliary squadrons of the RCAF would be eventually converted to transport service.

Missiles — Preliminary tooling-up for production of an air-to-air defence missile in Canada for the RCAF has finally begun. Officials in Ottawa said that a license has been obtained to manufacture the Sparrow, a missile developed in the United States. It's expected that it will be three to four years before the missile, with a range of about five miles, is in operational use with the Air Force.

RCAF — Stn Summerside — Three new hangars are to be built at RCAF Station Summerside, Prince Edward Island, for use by Argus aircraft submarine-detection planes. The Minister of Defense, G.R. Pearkes, said that three different structures would be built, a cantilever hangar, a readiness hangar and an anticorrosion hangar. A readiness hangar is used to enable immediate take-off of aircraft. The anti-corrosion hangar would be used for maintenance work on the Argus aircraft after flights over the Atlantic. Mr Pearkes, in announcing the project, did not disclose its cost.

Skiing at Freiburg

The Freiburg area is an excellent place for skiing and is only a few hours' drive from 4 (F) Wing. There is usually lots of good snow and the surrounding slopes have well organized facilities to ensure you enjoy your skiing.

Our first picture shows some of the good conditions available to the skier while the bottom picture gives an idea of the area surrounding Freiburg.

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Chaplain's Column

by F/L C. H. White, Chaplain (P)

Suggestions For Keeping Lent 1958

1. Resolve to attend the chapel services each Sunday.
2. If you are a communicant member of a church, plan to come to the 9 a.m. service as often as possible.
3. Read a chapter of the Bible every day. If you have not one, ask the chaplain for a copy.
4. Pray daily for the work of Christ and His Church.
5. Take a Lent Box from the chapel for daily self-denial. This money is for the work of Christian Missions.
6. If you like to sing, come along to a choir practice on Thursday night.
7. Want to do some serious reading? The Chaplain has some books and Bible Commentaries that you may borrow.
8. If you are not baptised and have been "putting it off", have a chat with the padre.
9. Perhaps there are questions about the Bible, about the Christian faith and morals, that you would like to discuss. Call in at the office sometime. Others do, and we enjoy the discussions.
10. If you are in the habit of being at church each Sunday, try to bring somebody who has not been coming. The mission field begins right at the chapel door.

Schedule of Chapel Services each Sunday.

9 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion (Anglican Rite)

9.45 a.m. Sunday School for children 9 year and older

11 a.m. Divine Worship and Sermon

11 a.m. Sunday School for children 8 years and under.

Nursery for Infants available for parents attending chapel.

Chaplain's Office Hours: 8:30 — noon. Other times by appointment. Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered to infants on the second Sunday of the month. Adult baptisms arranged privately.

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CANADIAN CURRENT AFFAIRS

General Election — Prime Minister John Diefenbaker has dissolved the seven month old Canadian Parliament and a general election will be held 31 March. Nobel Peace Prize winner Lester B. Pearson will lead the opposition Liberal Party in a bid to unseat the Conservatives. Present standing of the parties is: P. C. — 113; Lib. — 106; CCF — 25; Soc. Cr. — 19; Chief issues in the campaign are expected to be unemployment and trade difficulties.

Ship — The recently founded Hamburg-Atlantic line has purchased the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Scotland. This was announced today by a spokesman for the Hamburg economic department. Officials said the ship was bought from the CPS for about one million pounds, to be paid in sterling. The Empress of Scotland was built in 1930 for the Liverpool, Quebec, Montreal run and was used as a troop transport during the war.

Tax Agreements — The federal government will provide an additional 87 million dollars to the province under the federal provincial tax sharing agreements. This will be carried out in the fiscal year starting on April the 1st. Prime Minister Diefenbaker informed all the provincial premiers of the new financial assistance in telegrams. He said it was to help them in drawing up their 1958—59 budgets and to help in providing employment. Of the 87 million dollars, 62 million will go to all the provinces. In addition, the four Atlantic provinces will receive 100 million dollars during the next four fiscal years in the form of special assistance grants. The two parts measure is to be submitted to the House of Commons for approval. The one affecting all the provinces would be an interim move until the calling of another federal-provincial fiscal conference to arrive at final agreement on taxation sharing.

John Williamson — John Thorburn Williamson, known as Canada's diamond king, died recently at his mine at Mwadui, Tanganyika. The son of a Quebec lumberjack, Mr. Williamson was a graduate in geology at McGill University and had a brilliant academic career. Going to Africa, he worked for mining corporations in South Africa and Rhodesia, and then for several years prospected in Tanganyika. In 1940 he discovered one of the world's largest diamond deposits and developed a mine which produced more than three million dollars' worth of jems a year. Last November he presented Princess Margaret with a 42 thousand dollar diamond from his mine. His wedding present to Queen Elizabeth ten years ago was a gem known as the Princess Pink.

Raise — Civil servants have informed their employers, the federal government, that they'll shortly be asking for an increase in wages. The 80 thousand government employees concerned believe they're entitled to one because wages paid by private industry for the work they do are again higher than those paid to the civil service. Through their association, the Civil Service Federation, they've pointed out to the government that last year private industry attracted 14 thousand away from the civil service with offers of better paid jobs. The last salary increases given the civil servants was last spring when members of Canada's armed forces were also given a raise in pay.

The „ASTRA“ Cinema presents:

"ONE MAN MUTINY"

One of the most sensational military trials in history has been condensed into screen form for the new Gary Cooper picture, "One Man Mutiny", a United States Pictures production for Warner Bros., which opens at the Astra cinema on 26, 27 Feb.

"One Man Mutiny" is based on the court-martial of Colonel Billy Mitchell, which took place in Washington in 1925. An aggressive Crusader for the Air Force, then the unimportant and disregarded baby brother of the other two services, Mitchell was charged with bringing discredit on the military services after stating to reporters that the War and Navy Departments were guilty of incompetence and criminal negligence. During the court-martial, Mitchell made some astounding prophesies about the future of air power which were laughed out of court — but prophesies which have since proved to be true.

FEBRUARY ATTRACTIONS

Sun. 16th & Mon. 17th. "Hell Drivers" starring Stanley Baker, Herbert Lom and Peggy Cummins in a picture that gives an unvarnished account of life among non-union truck drivers.

Tues 18th. "The Mountain" starring Spencer Tracy, Robert Wagner and Claire Trevor. A powerful and unusual story set in the Alps with tremendous mountain thrills included.

Wed 19th & Thurs. 20th. "The Story of Esther Costello" with Joan Crawford, Rossano Brazzi, and Heather Sears as "Esther". It is the poignant tale of a wealthy woman's devotion to a deaf-blind Irish Waif and the calamitous events growing out of the greed and twisted passion of two men who exploit the child and her benefactor.

Fri. 21st "These Dangerous Years" stars Frankie Vaughan, George Baker, and Carole Lesley, in an appealing & humorous story with some first rate singing by F. Vaughan.

Sat 22nd. Children's Matinee with the East Side Kids in "Clancy Street Boys", and Charlie Chase in "Mr Bride". An afternoon of comedy at 15 cent for all.

Sun. 23rd & Mon 24th "Night Passage" starring James Stewart, Audie Murphy and Dianne Foster, in an outstanding western that has a fine human and dramatic story that builds up to a thrilling and tremendous climax. A "must" for Western fans.

Tues. 25th "The Scamp" with Richard Attenborough, Dorothy Alison and Colin Petersen (the 8 yr old who made his name in "Smiley"). This is a strong human drama about a motherless waif who is allowed to run wild by a scallywag of a father and in the process has himself a fine time. An enjoyable story.

Wed. 26th & Thurs 27th "One Man Mutiny" perhaps better known as "The Court-Martial of Billy Mitchell" has a star-packed cast with Gary Cooper, Charles Bickford, Ralph Bellamy and Rod Steiger. A film you just can't afford to miss.

Frid. 28th. "Man in the Shadow" starring Zachery Scott & Faith Domergue in a crime melodrama with plenty of action throughout to hold you in suspense.

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Vienna-born Julia Arnall, 24-year-old actress, who recently signed a long term contract with the J. Arthur Rank Organisation, began her theatrical career in 1949 at the Theatre School in Vienna. She came to London in 1950 and, because her strong accent made stage work difficult, trained as a model. Within 12 months she was modelling for the Top Ten.

Her English improved and she appeared in several advertising films. This led to a small part in the film "Knights Of The Round Table". She was seen by a producer who offered her a contract.

Julia's films for the Rank Organisation are "Value For Money", "Man OF The Moment" and "Simon and Laura".

STADTMITTE

The Stadtmitte is no longer being published as an individual paper; we have now joined forces with the "Flieger".

The election of a mayor and 9 councillors will take place on 20 February.

Voting will be from 1200-1900 hrs. in the lobby of the gym.

Ward 1—Bldgs. 1 - 2 - 46 - 48
Ward 2—Bldgs. 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7
Ward 3—Bldgs. 9 - 10 - 11 - 12 - 13
Ward 4—Bldgs. 14 - 15 - 16 - 17 - 18
Ward 5—Bldgs. 19 - 20 - 21 - 22 - 23 - 24 - 26 - 28 - 33
Ward 6—Bldgs. 25 - 31 - 32
Ward 7—Bldgs. 8 - 30 - 34 - 35 - 41 - 42
Ward 8—Bldgs. 36 - 37 - 38 - 39
Ward 9—Bldgs. 40 - 43 - 44 - 45

The following are not eligible for nomination: —
Commanding Officer
C Ops O
C Ad O
C Tech O
The present mayor and councillors for 1957/58

A letter of instructions will be distributed to PMQ's

TELEPHONES-PMQ's

At the last C O's section head conference the above subject was brought up. After considerable discussion with the German Telephone Co., it was learned that due to many technical matters it is impossible to install telephone booths in the PMQ area.

CURLING

The ladies' Curling Club is having a very successful season. This has been possible because of the keen interest of the curlers and partcularly because of the wonderful co-operation of Sgt. Browning, president of the Men's Curling Club.

A bonspiel was held on the 15th January, half way through the season. First prize was won by Verna Wregget's rink. Other prize winning rinks were Maisie Cox second, and Hazel Currie, third. The Wregget rink was also awarded a prize for having won the most games in regular play.

New rinks have been drawn for the remainder of the season. Everyone is looking foward to another bonspiel and day of fun followed by a curling banquet at the end of March.

Left to right; Jane White, Hazel Currie, Elsie Williams & Ann Miller.

Begg vs Thompson
Standing (left to right): Joy Begg, Marg Massier, Vi Patrick, Jean Herbin, Betty Thompson.
Kneeling: Helen Curtis, Hazel Davies, Ruth Chapman.

Miller vs Williams
Standing: Ann Miller, Anna Hayes, Elsee Williams, Babs Fallis, Edna White. Kneeling: Beulah Tulloch, Hazie Currie, Jane White.

PEE WEE HOCKEY

The first half of the Pee Wee Schedule was completed on 21 December, with a short play-off for Xmas honors. The Canadiens, coached by S/L Gagnon and F/O Fischer won the National League championship. The Western League was taken by the Bombers, coached by Sgt Bennett and LAC Powell. The members of the winning teams were given free theatre passes, compliments of Mr Ernie Burnside, local theatre manager.

The second half of the schedule commenced on 11 January, and to date 4 games have been played. Listed below are the standings:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TEAM	COACHES	W	L	T	P
Canadiens	S/L Gagnon—F/O Fischer	3	0	1	7
Maple Leafs	F/S Daoust—F/S Dickman	3	1	0	6
Rangers	F/L Smith—F/L Gordon	1	2	1	3
Red Wings	LAC Sandiland—LAC Valliant	0	3	1	1

WESTERN LEAGUE

TEAM	COACHES	W	L	T	P
Bombers	Sgt Bennett—LAC Powell	3	1	0	6
Eskimoes	LAC Dinney	2	1	1	5
Stampeders	Cpl Banfield—LAC Holland	1	1	2	4
Riders	Sgt Killens—F/S Fink	0	3	1	1

The regular schedule will be completed on the 15 Feb, with the play-offs slated for the 22 Feb. It is also hoped to have games with similar teams from the other Wings.

3 WING vs 4 WING — 1 Feb 57

9 and Under-

3 Wing—3
4 Wing—1

The tiny ones gave a good account of themselves, and after the first period jitters, settled down and played some good hockey. However, 3 Wing had already scored their 3 goals, and the advantage was just too much for our All-Stars. Murray Stratton scored the lone goal, while Freddy Currie played a steady game in the nets.

12 and Under-

4 Wing—6
3 Wing—1

The locals really out-classed 3 Wing in the second game of the afternoon, and at no time were the visitors even in the game. Goals were scored by Gibson, Bennett, Fortune, Boucher and two by Doug Cowan. The net minders, Blaine and Fairbairn were on their toes, whenever 3 Wing invaded our end of the ice.

Hi School

4 Wing—4
3 Wing—2

Led by Bumphry with 3 goals, the local High School team edged the 3 Wingers by a 4—2 score. The game was fast, and exceptionally well played. Hughes scored the other goal for the locals.

All in all, the afternoon was a success. After the last game, the players were entertained in the mixed lounge, and topped off the afternoon with hot dogs and coke. A return engagement is tentatively scheduled at 3 Wing on 22 February. In closing, a vote of thanks to LAC Sandiland, who was the referee, to Sgt Hughes of the Mess Hall, who prepared the hot dogs, and to the coaches and players who helped make the afternoon such a success.

ACCIDENT HAZARD — PMQ BUS RUN

A very serious accident hazard exists in the PMQ area, concerning the operation of the PMQ Bus.

The bus driver is experiencing great difficulty in making stops at the designated places due to small children, on seeing the bus coming, rushing onto the road. This necessitates the bus driver bringing the bus to a halt before the bus stop. Apart from the inconvenience caused this also constitutes a hazard for private automobiles behind the bus when their drivers do not anticipate the unscheduled stop.

At bus stops children push on on the side of the bus and as the driver cannot see any children by the rear wheels, injuries may be caused when the bus starts. It is strongly requested that parents in PMQ's take steps to prevent their children indulging in this dangerous habit.

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Sports and RECREATION

SWIMMING

Some news regarding the Station Pool . . . The new plastic boards have arrived at last after many months of waiting and are installed and ready for use. Why not drop in and try them out someday? The pool is open daily Mon to Fri from 1600 to 2000 hrs and from 1100 to 1900 hours on Sat, Sun and holidays.

JUDO CLUB

This month brings good news to all club members as Mr George Chew (3rd DAN) will be paying us a return visit in order to conduct a special four day course of instruction. This course will commence on 22 Feb 58 and terminate with a grading examination on 24 Feb 58. As a result practice sessions have been stepped up to three per week i. e. Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1830 hrs, Bingo nights excepted.

BASKETBALL

The Raiders have completed their schedule in the U. S. Army League in Karlsruhe and finished a strong 3rd in a 12 team league winning 9 games and losing only 2 against the American teams. In the Air Division League the team is finding the sledding a bit tougher but a win against 3 Wing by 1 point on the 2nd of February helped their fight for a playoff spot. The team is coached this season by W/C McLeod with Gord McLeod, Bill Nielsen, Bob Marcher, John Taylor, Paul Schwan, Ian Mc Hardy, Bruce Lonsbury, Mac McGuiness, and Pat MacNamara making up the team. Two crucial games will be played here on Saturday and Sunday the 15th and 16th of February against 1 Wing with both games starting at 2:30.

Unfortunately there are no Raiderettes this season as all the gals are too busy with other things.

Skiing - the healthful sport

SUMMER CAMPS

The Belgian YMCA invites Canadian children to attend their YMCA camps this summer. This will give our children an opportunity to live with European boys and girls and take part in their programs. Although these camps may be somewhat different from camps that our children have attended at home, the program sounds very similar. Outdoor sports, hiking, swimming, and the evening campfire programs should add up to a very enjoyable and profitable experience.

Prospective campers have the choice of 4 camps this summer. Two of the camps offer facilities for both boys and girls 8 to 16 years, housed in separate camps. One camp is for boys only and the fourth camp is for girls only. Two camps are located on the seacoast near Ostend, one camp in the city of Antwerp and the fourth in the famous Ardennes forest. All camps feature boat trips and short bus trips to neighborhood points of interest.

It is necessary to apply in advance for these camps. A $2.00 registration fee must be sent in advance and this fee will later be credited against the total fee. Rates for the camps are $2.50 per day and this includes meals and accommodation plus boat and bus trips. Three full meals per day are served plus an afternoon snack and all camps have the American type breakfast. Snack bars are also available at certain hours. Housing is normally in heavy duty US Army tents with electricity in all tents. Sanitary facilities and an infirmary are also provided at all camps.

Leadership is supplied by people carefully selected for language, cultural and international background and also experience in summer camping. A counsellor is assigned to each 10 boys, ensuring personal attention. American and Canadian YMCA Secretaries are camp technical advisors.

In the past few years Canadians have had trouble locating suitable summer camps. These Belgian camps may solve this problem for our people. As the committment for these camps is limited in respect to national groups it is strongly recommended that anyone considering sending their children to these camps apply as soon as possible. Further information can be obtained from the Recreation Center located in the Sports Palace.

BADMINTON CLUB NEWS

A successful Round Robin was held on 22nd Jan with W/C Cowan taking the honours in the male department and Betty Huget upholding the fairer sex. The coffee and sandwiches were thoroughly enjoyed at the end of the evening.

The Air Div Tournament will be held at 3 (F) Wing this year over the first week-end in March. Practice sessions are now in progress for this tournament; many more players are needed to strengthen our team, Bruce can play very good hockey . . . but what about badminton? Come on out fellows any Monday or Wednesday . . . and don't forget the wife!

CURLING

January saw the 4 Wing ice invaded by visiting curlers two week-ends in a row. The week-end of 18—19 Jan saw five rinks from 1 Wing, at 0800 on Saturday, begin competition with the local addicts. When a cease-fire was called on Sunday at 1500 hrs, the visitors had managed to take the odd game by fine curling on their part and the courtesy of our local talent.

A vote of thanks is passed to those of 4 Wing who sacrificed their normal week-end morning in bed to provide the visitors good competition on the rather early morning games.

Saturday 25 January, 4 Wing curlers played host to seven senior NCO's from Trier. Assisted by FS Fortune and some rather inconsistent curling by our president and assistants the visitors managed a 50-50 split on Saturday night and Sunday morning games.

If the invaders can curl in this manner their first time out this season it will require the best from our local curlers to retain the Air Division Trophy when the Air Division Bonspiel comes up and the top curlers from all wings descend upon us.

SGT'S MESS HOCKEY TEAM

Pictured above are: Front Row left to right — Sgt Brisebois — Manager, Sgt Pete DeVerteuil — Right Wing, Sgt Ernie Lee — Left Wing, Sgt Gus Seguin — Goalie, Sgt Bennet — Right Wing (Assistant captain), Sgt Bast — Defence, Sgt Vanier — Center.
Standing Back Row — WO2 Al Huget — Coach, Sgt Bruce Killins — Defence, Sgt Ron Hewitt — Defence (Assistant Captain), Sgt Freddie Townsend — Right Wing, FS Harry Glover — Defence, Sgt Shack Shackleton — Center, Sgt Benny Benesko — Left Wing (Captain), FS Murray Reid — Defence, Ernie Burnside — Equipment Manager, WO2 Gordie Baker — Goal Judge.

As this goes to press the "Zombies" have never been defeated, having won every Inter-Mess game and also the exhibition game at 2 (F) Wing on Saturday 1st Feb, (Score 8—2). The team has been further strengthened by the addition of Sgt "Freddie" Townsend and Sgt James.

There remains only one more game for the boys to win — VS. Airmen — before entering the finals.

Our Manager — Sgt "Breezy" Brisebois — who organized "The Zombies" in April 1957 deserves a great deal of credit for his untiring efforts and though we could use more support from fans we would like to take this opportunity to thank those fans who have been so faithful throughout the season and also all other personnel who have given assistance in any way.

Individual Scoring

	Goals	Assists	Points
Benesko	27	15	42
Vanier	12	17	29
DeVerteuil	9	14	23
Bennett	7	1	8
Hewitt	6	2	8
Lee	2	3	5
Fink	0	5	5
Shackleton	1	2	3
Reid	0	1	1
Bast	0	1	1
Killins	0	1	1

League Standings

	Wins	Losses	Ties	Points
Sgt's	9	0	0	18
School	5	4	0	10
Cpl's	4	5	0	8
Airmen "A"	4	5	0	8
Officers	3	6	0	6
Airmen "B"	2	7	0	4

Touring our Flugplatz

419 SQN

by F/O Graham

While the saying goes that every Spring a young man's fancy turns to love, one of our very eligible bachelors Eichel, has gone and got himself engaged, this month. The girl in question is Eleanor Thompson one of our pretty nurses from the hospital. How lucky can you get, Ike. Best of luck kids.

Hell "Herbie" finally arrived. He weighed in at 6 lb 10 oz on January 18th. Congratulations go to Nancy and Barry Armstrong.

Our hockey status and pride were restored with a feather in our hockey team's cap by defeating our ardent rivals (422), 5—1, in one of the best games of the season. This leaves us to date, still in first place in the league and we have no plans for leaving. Nice going boys.

A warm welcome is extended to Flight Lieutenant Val Wuorinen and his wife who have just joined the squadron.

We must, I'm afraid, concede defeat to the point of "teers", to 444 on their operation at our flight rooms last week, however, when we return from Sardinia Beware THE MOOSE.

This month we leave for the sunny shores of Sardinia for a short tour and upon our return we hope to prove our hockey team's worthiness in the playoffs. We have it on good advice that Sid says the boys shall rise at 6:00 and do a run around the field twice before breakfast. The latter information is for those who believe we may not stay in shape while away.

The moose men in the lime light this month are chops' 9 and 10 along with a memorandum that we think makes good reading. 36—01—21

MEMORANDUM

SSO 20 Jan 58

F/L Davies — Stock Control

Mice-Extermination of

216 384 F/O G. L. D. Protz

1 Through long and intensive study it has been determined that west of the Iron Curtain there are 247642 mice, of which there are 246220 in the officers' side of the Standby Alert Hangar (419).

2 Effective 3 Dec 57 the a/m officer became sole holder of Inventory 119 and is slowly becoming depleted (slow but surely) by being attacked by very hungry and undernourished mice.

3 It is also logistically proven that they (the mice) prefer the blue covered mattresses in lieu of the gray, owing to the very tasty blue dye used by the manufacturer. The stuffing which makes ideal building material seems to be very soft, comfy and durable.

4 The officers and airmen of 419 have taken it upon themselves to alleviate this situation by using improvised weapons, oranges (sunkist) two broken darts, one Deutch broom (very old) and three forks (kitchen for the use of).

5 It will be noticed that the a/m officer is typing this memo with his left hand, for he has a bad habit of sleeping with his right hand dangling out of bed.

6 It was concluded from a mass meeting of the members of 419 Sqn (AW) that there could be three solutions to this problem.

(a) Procure LPO, one very starved Black Cat, and or:
(b) Hire one Pied Piper and have all the mice drown in the Rhine, or:
(c) By conversion voucher (E52) convert the mice to lice and send them to Krushchev.

7 May proper action be taken by your section.

(G. Protz) F/O
Loc 233

PS Do not use this phone number for the cord has been chewed through.

CHOPSTICK 9

F/O Harry Smith was born, bred, and buttered in Toronto and rounded out his education at Toronto normal school. The following 3 years were spent teaching public school near Toronto. While explaining the advantages of the services to a former student, F/O Smith became convinced himself, gave up teaching, and joined in Oct 55.

The training mill, and 3 OTU Cold Lake, brought F/O Smith to 419 Sqn in June 56 and he has been a faithful moose member ever since.

F/O Smith

F/O Farmer

CHOPSTICK 9½

F/O George Farmer was born in Ottawa on the 7 Feb, 1935, but grew up and went to school in Belleville. After graduating from High School there he went to Toronto where he worked for two years selling women's shoes. In 1954 to get away from so many women he joined the Air Force. This happened to be at the same time as his pilot. George went through Centralia, London, Winnipeg and Cold Lake where he met up with his pilot again and was finally posted to North Bay where he joined the "Moose Squadron". He is married to a former Manitoba girl and has one son, George Jr.

CHOPSTICK 10

F/O J. R. (Jack) Knight was born in Sudbury, Ontario. However he claims Hamilton his Home Town, having attended Delta Collegiate there. After leaving school, he worked for the International Harvester Company, but found office work rather dull. After an extended holiday in the States he returned to Hamilton and began to learn the insurance business with Massey &

SERVICING WITH 419

BY MORT

1. KEEN

2. NOT SO KEEN

3. A FEW CLUES!

4. COFFEE BREAK

5. 1ST ACTION (AN NCO AROUND SOMEWHERE)

6. LUNCH

7. ....OOOPS!

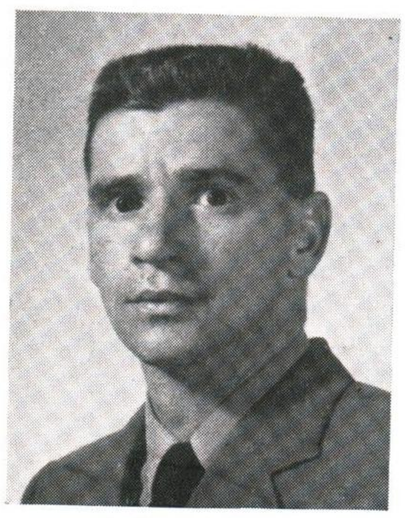
8. SUCCESS

Renwich Ltd. He was given the title "fire insurance inspector" and was required to set the rates for fire, burglary and liability insurance, plus recommendations. However in January 1951 the Air Force again appealed to him, and he was accepted as a Flight Cadet. Upon completion of training he was transferred to C&R Flight at Trenton. However FIS called him after a year and he was sent out to No 4 FTS Penhold, Alta. After completing a two year tour there he was sent through the pipeline and arrived at 419 AW (F) Sqn in February 1956.

CHOPSTICK 10½

F/O "Red" Manley was born in Ottawa in 1934. He entered the RCAF in the Fall of 1952, and graduated from No 1 Air Radio Officers School in July of 1953. After completion of this course at Clinton Ont, he completed the transport OTU course and served 1½ yrs with 426 (T) Sqn. From Montreal he journeyed west going through the AI navigator chain at Winnipeg and finally graduated from Cold Lake No 4 (AW) OTU in February 1956.

After 1½ years in North Bay the joyous news of a transfer to 4 Wing came. He arrived in August with his wife and son and what he hopes is his embryo daughter.



F/O Knight

F/O Manley

419 Maintenance

by Cpl Peever

In the last couple of Fliegers it was probably noticed that very little was mentioned of Maintenance members.

This is probably due to the fact that we have been too busy to take time to get our names in the news.

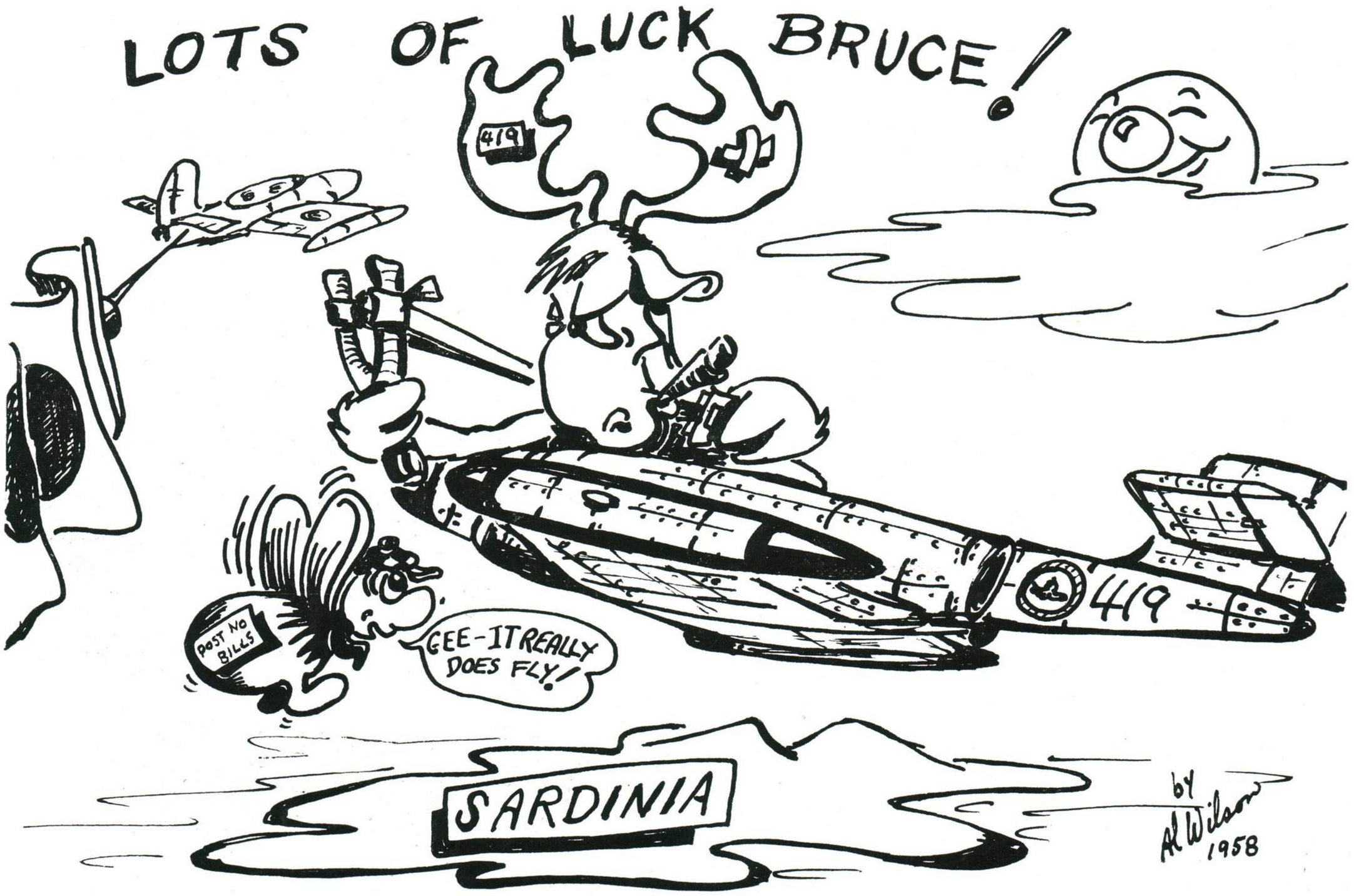
The recent snow and ice has brought a few car incidents. Cpl Rogers had a small accident from skidding, but we are glad to report that it was not too serious. LAC Murphy had one of the best. When he tried to open the car door one morning the handle came off, and when he resorted to the other door, the same thing happened, resulting in a long hike to work. Sgt Mucklestone, being a careful type (new) driver, didn't take his out at all during the stormy weather. From what I hear, a certain Porsche car has been driven very carefully these days, and is even travelling the right way on one way streets.

We wish a hearty welcome to all new members, namely three electricians — LAC's Zinck from 444, Lepage from 422 and Webber from Wing Maintenance. The new riggers are Cpl Travis and LAC's Wanveg, Mercer, Olney and Hughes. We are glad to see that these men were smart enough to chose a good squadron. From what we hear from these people, they are very glad to be working on the "Heavies".

Some members from the electrical section on leave recently were Sgt Mucklestone, Cpl Calderone, LAC's Lebrun and Murphy. We were glad to see Lebrun back as he has been buying most of our coffee at break periods.

Cpl Lacroix has ordered a Volkswagen. He has (or will have) three kids and will welcome any chance of buying a trailer attachment to accommodate them and luggage.

We may have to shut down the hangar pretty soon as



Sgt Ringuette is going on leave. We have had things tough enough with FS Bailey on leave.

It seems that a certain Instrument Cpl has bought himself a brand new car. I think I should tell him that the road in front of the Post Office is a one way street. He only goes one way, but it happens to be the wrong one.

We wish to offer congratulations to those who made the last trade board, and condolences to those who didn't We might add, too, that we had 100% passes in our electrical section.

Cpl Lambert had a skiing accident recently in Switzerland, and is hospitalized with a broken leg. LAC Snall is also in the hospital with troubles from an auto accident. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

LAC MacDonald has purchased a new car, and from late reports it is a lemon.

We would like to say "thanks" to the boys in workshops who have been giving us a lot of assistance lately. They have been doing a fine job. I've heard that when they are finished we will have to give the CF a new name.

Cpl Young worked on Saturday before going on leave. They say he just couldn't leave Sgt Ringuette.

We've just received a late flash. Could LAC Patterson tell us who won the drag race at the dispersal, New Year's Eve?

Is it true that one Airman has asked to go on course during Fasching Season rather than at a later date?

The M & W section welcomes a new member. He is LAC Adams who came here from Bagotville.

One certain airman would give anything to find out the name of the little blonde in Log Control.

Overheard in the Instrument Section. "The good Lord is waiting for the Ace to get there so he can take a holiday and leave heaven in good hands."

Dispersal Digest

by Cpl. Jim McGovern

The time has come! February at last and sunny southern Sardinia awaits the call of the moose. The blue Mediterranean beckons and the gaiety and glamour of colourful Cagliare shall be ours. Each day the tension and anxiety mounts higher and higher while poor Sergeant MacLellan gallantly fingers through the dash 4's and CAP's so we shall be equipped to the hilt with everything from Orenda's to crush washers. "Man" what perseverance!

As of late we've acquired multi new members to our little ranch among the pines. Bruce welcomes you all chaps! May your tour with 419 be a pleasant one.

Cpl's Bill Betts and Don Adams returned from a jaunt over Blighty way towards the end of January. The prearranged flight plan for one day in London was slightly altered and the boys were grounded just off Picadilly for the better part of a week. Must be something in that town besides fog.

FS Yemchuk's army of gun plumbers has been plagued recently by a nasty situation. Seems someone declared open season on canopy links.

Cpl Les Hunter and LAC Murray Ratchford are no Auto Pilot experts after attending four days on contact training in the aft section of a very cold CF100. Both have goose pimples for a diploma.

The coming of winter whiteness presented towing problems around the dispersal until Sgt Buz Sawyers made the startling discovery that three Unimogs and a strong determination would haul a CF100 on ice. Looked like a wagon train heading for the old west.

LAC's Bob Sleigh and Bob Dale should both pass cigars very shortly.

Adios' til after Sardinia.

422 Sqn

by F/O H Jacobs

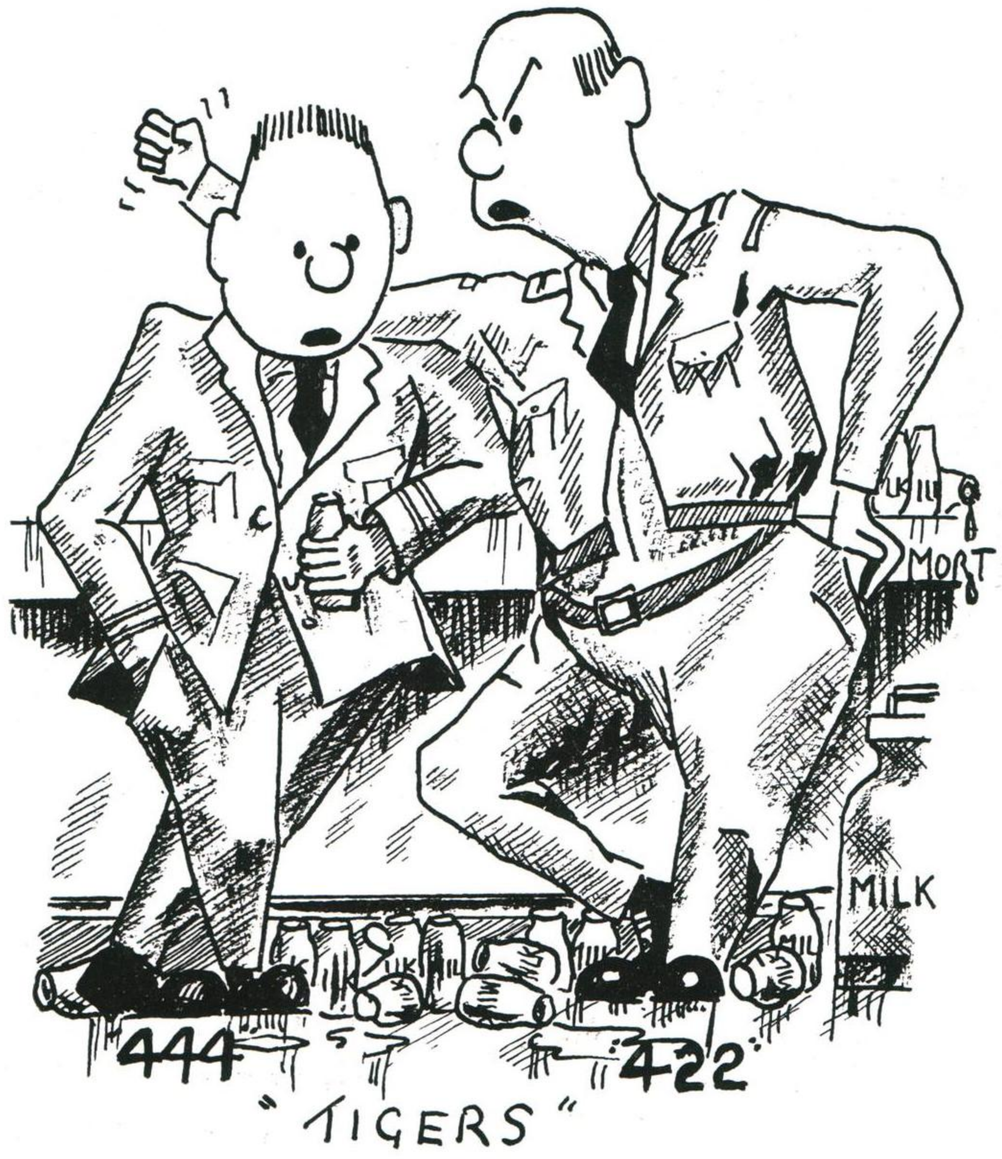
An abundance of fog has seemingly highlighted the 1958 activities thus far; but promotions, PC's, extensions and highly spirited hockey games have also played a part.

Congratulations are due W/C Wright on his recent promotion and S/L Gagnon on his ascent into the upper echelon. F/O Shirl Peck received his PC and F/O's Con Platz and Bill Clare their extensions. (Wait till the next list to see what really happens).

In sports circles hockey has retained the top spot with a somewhat fierce battle going on for the playoff berths. 419 Sqn is on top at the time of this article's editing with 422, and Wing Maintenance pretty close behind.

The Wing Flight Safety Officer has given this writer some severe reprimands for having missed a birth announcement in the last article, so to F/L and Mrs Paul Apperley we say congratulations on the birth of their son Stephen Charles, and hope that we are forgiven for such on oversight. F/L and Mrs John Thomas have had the most recent family addition and to the proud Mom and Dad we say "well done" for having helped increase the rapidly diminishing fairer sex. It's also a pretty safe bet that in next month's Flieger similar greetings will be due F/O and Mrs Pete Wittich.

The all too recent promotion exams seem to have accounted for numerous long faces around the squadron but to those worried entrants who feel that all might not be too rosy when the results appear we say "Don't be too worried — even Danny got them all last time."



444 SQN

by F/O G. McLeod

As usual the month of January was a quiet month Air Force wise. The fighting "triple 4" were no exception to the rule.

Unfortunately the New Year has started on a rather unhappy note for three of our squadron members. Sincere sympathy to F/O Len Harrison on the death of his father. Condolences to F/L Bob Frith and Kelly James (6 months daughter of F/O Barry James) who joined the 444 broken leg club.

It is sincerely hoped that brighter days are ahead for 444.

This month we welcome to the fold a new squadron pilot in the person of F/O Jerry Chalmers — a worthy addition to the squadron as well as to the Wing bachelor club. We are sure that Jerry will ably fill the vacancy in the bachelor club made by F/O Sam Allingham who is marrying Verlie Franck, one of our very attractive school teachers, on 29 March. Congrats you two!!

Returned to the flight are F/O's Reg Heard and Ralph Gallanger who have recovered from disablements of the last year. Welcome back fellows!

Off to Canada is F/O Jack Aiken for the J. O. A. C. course — happy book pounding old boy!!!

We have a very happy turn of events hockey wise. Since the beginning of the new year 444 has won 4, lost 3 and tied 1. A considerable improvement over the old year. Ah! Sweet is the smell of Victory.

Question of the month — has "Bruce" recovered from the "smelly" attack waged on his stamping ground by person or persons unknown?

To whom it May concern
or
"Much Ado About Nothing"

Number 4 Fighter Wing was a joy to behold
Peopled by pilots courageous and bold
All flying an A/C with silhouette fair
The beautiful Sabre — the queen of the air

And then in August of 57
Arrived at 4 Wing — our small piece of heaven
A creature both large and ugly to see
A blot on the sky of old Germanee.

This creature by name — "The CF Clunk"
Is in reality an old weather "Junk"
Whose design and lines as dictated by SASO
Look more like a dream of Senor Picasso

After this description you have read
Of the large machine — "The Gross head Sled"
Take heart my lads — Don't grieve or sorrow
It's to be replaced by the CF Arrow

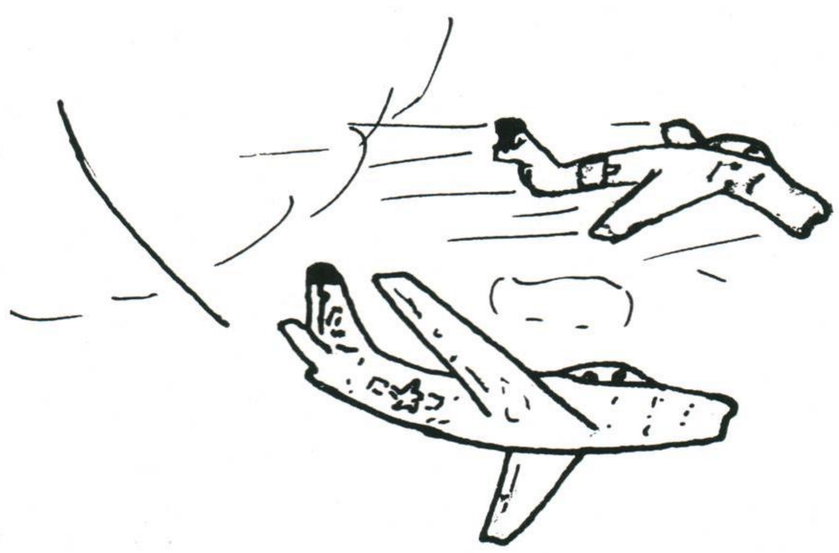
Meanwhile the Sabre — with lines so fair
Continues as always to rule the air
Proud and haughty as well she should be
The last of her line from the land of the free.

Groundcrew News

by Cpl "Bill" Heslop

Now that the big annual famine is over and the shelves at home are once again overflowing with great abundance, let's get down to the news at hand.

Transfers popped their ugly little heads into our outfit which resulted in the loss of four recent "newcomers", namely LAC's Moores, Hughes, Kromery and Young and also LAC Zinck to 419 Sqn. The hangar "detachment" is getting smaller and smaller but the melody lingers on. Cpl Doug (I hate sidewalk superintendents) Heath is the "floor sup" in Corbett's Corral who is constantly being reminded of the airworthiness of the old "Silver Dart" in comparison with our beloved Sabre. Yup! You guessed it, it was an armament type who was selling tickets on an aircraft the other day. The fellows here in the hangar are busy boning up on the new BFI programme which will soon come into effect so let's hop on the Unimog and go to the dispersal and see what's new.



"Man, what kind of a/c is that?"
"That's 444's, the "G" Sqn. The only Sqn that can use a "G" meter as an 8 day clock."

Overhead in the hallway on the way in — "Hi Bob! How's it going? Any phone calls?" The following articles have been submitted by a great multitude of generous anonymous cub reporters so any similarity to persons living or dead is purely coincidental.

"A" Flight — Hey "Slippery Lou", how's tricks? Records have been made and broken but McNamara takes the cake. He's on the wagon and the "streak" has extended into its third day. **REQUEST:** One pair of boxing gloves for McNeil instead of skates.

"B" Flight — Sgt Hewitt apparently is still shuffling around mumbling incoherently about the Hockey Team and its progress. When is LAC Harper getting that missing tooth replaced? Cpl Addis and LAC Bell have disposed of their "Cookie dusters". Bouquets to LAC O'Toole for his timely cartoon.

Sqn Nerve Center (Control) — FS Breathet is the new "Safety officer" of the Sqn. How's it going Fender Bender? FS Harper's hairline is rapidly receding. Better go on some leave chiefie.

Sqn Orderly Room — Sgt Brownell is the latest addition to our orderly room. LAC Bill Kisch is "Smokey's" Number 1 morale builder from what I hear.

The Sqn's contribution to Log Control has sure got it made. Since leaving the airframe world his manicured maulers would put a baby's rump to shame. During one of your **slack** (Ha) moments Ed, c'mon over and I'll toss you for coffee. Congratulations to the following Sgts who were successful in the recent group four examinations Caldwell and Myshrall. Nuff said? To all the fellas who got their group three on the last board, nice going gang.

LATE FLASH — Cpl Bill Betts is also on his way to 419 Sqn.

Wing Training Flight

Air Crew by F/O G. Dusseault

To start this month's article off, we would like to welcome F/O Ron Clarkson to our small but efficient and effective? section. Ron was quite happy to see his flying time climb quite high for the month of January, despite the bad weather we've been having. There was even a day when the all "whether" squadron was not flying, (the weather being too bad) and yet the trusty T-birds were beating their wings in the air. S/L Moakler was seen studying the weather map with a magnifying glass trying to find a suitable alternate, and F/L Missio was using binoculars to find the 1/4 mile visibility marker.

Also joining WTF for a short tour is F/O "Specs" Allingham. Sam is a very temporary member of the Single Men's Union.

F/O Bob Porter is still not too flyable, not that he has lost his wings or has broken them, but his undercarriage is slightly u/s. Refereeing the Pee-Wees is not as safe as one may think, eh Bob?

Our waiting to go to Oldenburg' UICP F/O Bob Flynn. and wife have just returned from two weeks of skiing in the Austrian Alps. Pinky states that skiing is just about as dangerous as playing hockey for Headquarters.

To finish this article off, the author will write down some remarks about hockey as Confucius would see it.

> Confucius says: Moose good hockey players, have four knees, (eight times better than two elbows.)
> He say also: If 422 continue to use hockey stick like tomahawk, will get more snake bites. Tomahawks not always sharp enough to cut down snakes.

News item: Officers' mess team to challenge Pee-Wee team.

Ground Crew by Cpl Kreutz

The month of January has seen a few more changes in T-Bird Flight with Cpl Turner and LAC Freisen going to Wing Maintenance and LAC Schwan & LAC Whiteway coming to Training Flight. We hope that they will enjoy their change and I know that Al & Ed will not be forgotten. Don't forget boys we won't be too far away for a game of horseshoes, that is if you can play a better game! Haney seems to be getting a lot of mail since he came back from leave, it looks like (to some of us), he may be taking the final step in the near future. Our one and only, Foss, who has been our canteen man, has been replaced by LAC Weatherbie. Foss seems to be carrying around a sad face these days, must be the change he made. Never mind, Foss we all have our days. Our (gout) Cpl McKinnon is sporting a 1958 Volks, we have seen him drive it, but it still doesn't seem possible that he can get behind the wheel, unless he keeps holding his breath; they always claimed, Mac, that the inside of a Volks was bigger than it appeared, (if our gout can drive one I am willing to believe it.) Never mind Mac, not everyone can afford to have one car for work and one for pleasure. While we are on the subject of cars I see Cpl Playfair has his car back and he is quoted as saying "Runs like new". LAC McKinney's bomb as everyone in the section knows doesn't seem to be purring as good as usual, he must be having troubles with it. Don't you think Mac you should get a compression check, I would take odds that it wouldn't even register on a guage. Never mind MacKinney, Ethier will always be around with a substitute for fuel.

Congratulations go out to LAC Vicklund on the arrival of a daughter on Jan 18th, Understood he lost a bet?

On more month gone by and some of the boys have their calendars out counting the months they have left before returning to the land of the round door knobs, others have so much time left they don't even bother counting. Bye for now.

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by LAW Laurie Morris

"Fasching"! what a wonderful, magic word, which brings back memories of gaiety and pleasure. This festival is celebrated by all, and the airwomen of this Wing are no exception. New arrivals at the station may receive all the gen by contacting old timers of Gasthaus 17 A&B. Once they have received the required information they are invited to follow us, and make their way to the nearest Gasthaus where "Fasching" is held. We promise all, an evening of fun, — and girls, there are plenty of men to go around!

A General Meeting was held in the Lounge Fri 31 Jan, and a new committee was elected as follows;

PMC — LAW Ecklin (Marlene)
VICE PMC — LAW Petrie (Pete)
SECRETARY — LAW Provencal (Gil)
HOUSING — LAW Kingston (Helen)
BAR OFFICER — AW1 Johnson (Johnnie — Diana)
ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE — LAW Morris (Laurie)
LAW Harfitt (Genie)
LAW Scott (Scotty)
LAW Mullins
(Audrey)

All members of the committee have agreed to the best of their ability to try to please each and everyone (if possible) if they have the co-operation they need. So girls when asked for help, please give your time and lend a hand; I assure you that by acting together our Lounge will be more of a success.

Reproduced below is a confidential letter, which will prove of interest to you. Names & places have been omitted until persons concerned have been notified by the department of the addressee.

CONFIDENTIAL
00—00—01 (WD)
Baden-Soellingen, Germany, 13 Feb 58.

Mr Cupid,
Department of Love,
Room 14, Valentine,
European Love Affair.

Dear Mr. Cupid;

We, the airwomen of 4 Fighter Wing, have heard so much about your success in the past, that we wish to invest in 46 arrows — no. 14 — Valentine, to be distributed on 14 Feb 58 to the persons noted below.

With this, we hope to have your immediate service, and hoping that this will prove successful.

Anxiously awaiting results!
Yours truly;
Single — Eligible — Airwomen,
of 4 (F) Wing, RCAF, CAPO 5056.

News of the month

When a dog bites a man that is not news, but when a man bites a dog that is news (John. B. Bogart).

Monk & Joan, two eligible Cpls were quite shook up one night, when the car they were driving in turned over a few times. Though they were not hurt a young (bachelor) Cpl from this station was badly injured, and we wish him speedy recovery. "Are the stars out tonight?" is one question demanded with extreme curiosity, and the reply though never the same is somewhat in this sequence "If you've been good, and done your best, the star will shine the colour of your report". We have amongst our flock (not of sheep) but of airwomen an expert on rum and especially brandy. "Oh yes" she replies to the question "Will apricot brandy, last you for months?" Well we must admit that the bottle in question has remained with us for exactly a week, and now the empty bottle is a reminder of faulty calculation, eh Monk!! A tipsy Corporal (as usual it's a Cpl and not an LAW) took a short cut through dispersal, on her way back to barracks — I believe that she thought she was in a jet, for she was flying at a devilish speed. Johnnie has found a new baby; though not young she finds him very cute. She met him while "Fasching" in Baden. Remember, he is 27, German, good looking, but I'm sorry to remind you he is engaged, (too bad). Congratulations to Pete for winning a deep fryer at a Bingo session; the night that she won she promised us doughnuts, fried chicken etc. Don if you wait as long as we do for this food I'm afraid you're

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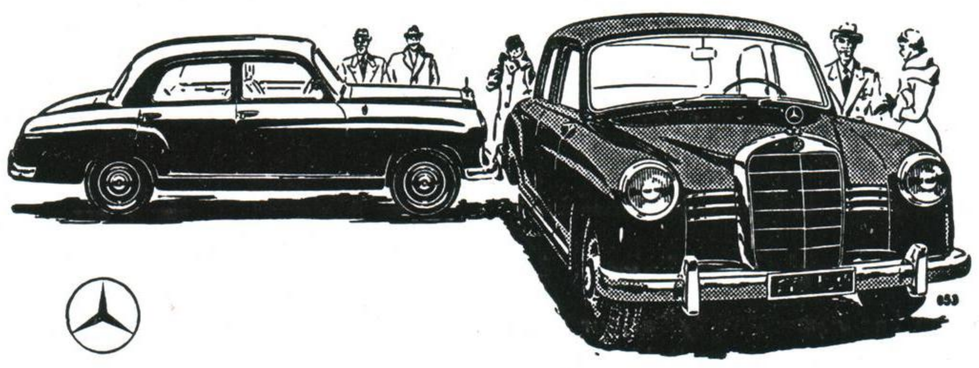
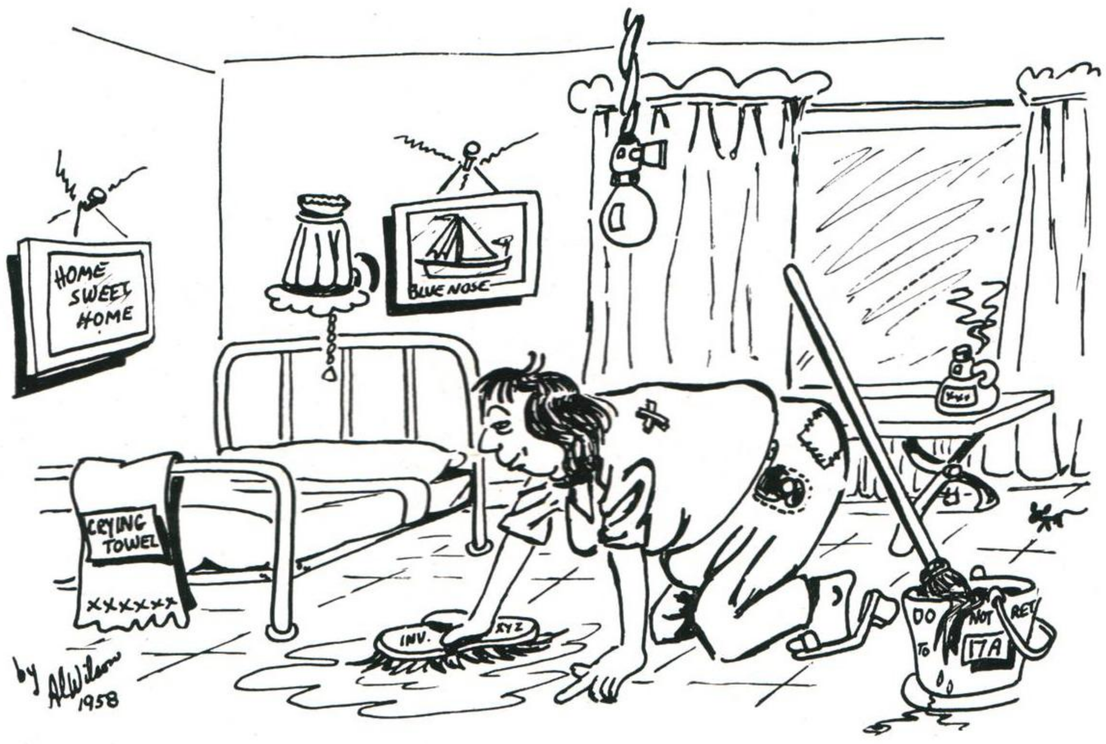


MERCEDES-BENZ

going to be on a strict diet. I heard about dogs, being watch dog, but this is the first time a bird has become a watch bird! What do you feed that budgie, Shirley?

Marg Griffith & Dale Miller tied the knot last month. The wedding took place in the RC Chapel; I was told they were both willing, so no sign of a shot gun at this ceremony. They honeymooned in Gay Paree and are now residing in the lovely original little town of Rastatt. Good luck, to the Millers!



Clean-up night

Welcome to the land of Paradise (well something like that or the opposite) to three new (well not so new) young ladies. First to Helen Kingston, who is a terrific cook, and was elected Housing Officer. She loves baking, and you should taste her chocolate cakes, boy are they some good. Secondly to Pat Hardwood-Lynn an ex comarade from Trenton; her hobbies are movies and her ambition is to own a theater. She likes cats but finds that she is allergic to them; as we found out, when she screamed blue murder one night when one of those species minding its own business was walking by the window. Perhaps it was a dirty trick on the part of Barney to scare you! Thirdly welcome to Rose Lee, who came by air and not by riding a bike as some may wonder. She is a fast learner and already she is an expert in German; well almost — she knows the essential "Ein beer bitter"!

Only nine more weeks before Trade Board, so bury your nose in your books; soon the time will come (and not judgment day either). Farewell until next month.

THE WHO CAN AND WHO CAN'T CURL

Once again the ME personnel are spending their spare time competing against one another in sports. This time the art of curling was taken up. Eight teams were chosen and Sunday 2 Feb 58 was the fateful day for some but not all.

A series of eliminations were run off with Skips Price, Jory, Wright, and Perie, winning the morning games. In the afternoon Skip Perie took Skip Wright and his squad on while Skip Jory went against Skip Price and his team. Price came out on top though. Then came the real test, Price fighting it out with Perie and his DIE HARDS but Price and his faithful followers came out on top. Each team was taking point for point until on the final end with the score 6 to 5 Skip Price under the capable hands of his two sweeps Pete and Sandiland cleaned the house and left his men with one in the house and making the final score 7 to 5. Well done boys.

It should be noted here that out of the 32 curlers only 8 are qualified in the art of curling. The eight Pros. as they call themselves were appointed Skips and they had a very tough job keeping the other men on their squads from curling the rocks through the end of the arena, but they handled the job quite well and no serious accidents occurred.

A large number of the wives turned out to see their men through victory or defeat and with their boos and hurrays things were quite noisy.

A question was asked yours truly that can only be answered by Skip Wright "what happened?". I think they are referring to that 11 to 1 defeat that you suffered Skip.

All in all things were a big success and a lot of fun and let's hope we keep having these little duels in sports.

Once again we would like to congratulate Skip Price and his squad Doug Mader, Harry Pete, and Sandiland on the win.

BABIES REGISTERED IN JANUARY 58

Birthday	Name	Father		Mother
29. 12. 57	SALVERDA, Diana, Elizabeth	210789	Cpl Salverda, T.	Antje
7. 1. 58	GILROY, Lance, Frederick	15096	Cpl Gilroy, W.H.	Phyllis, Wilna, Irene
29. 12. 57	NANTEL, Marie, Isabell, Suzanne	42765	Sgt Nantel, J.R.M.	Isabelle
9. 1. 58	BESEAU, Katrina, Marie	230060	LAC Beseau, J.K.	Alois, Marilyn
3. 12. 57	McCORMACK, Kenneth, Stanley	231960	LAC McCormack, S.R.	
7. 12. 57	RUSHMER, Karen, Leslie	140219	LAC Rushmer, N.F.	
13. 1. 58	GRAHAM, John, Everett	18662	Cpl Graham, E.R.	Neva, Anne
14. 1. 58	STEWART, Robert, Paul	26138	F/O Stewart, R.H.	Shirley, Patricia
18. 1. 58	ARMSTRONG, Conrad, Phillip	224943	F/O Armstrong, Barry	Nancy, Louise
14. 1. 58	HONEY, Ronald, Cary	225970	LAC Honey, R.C.	Yvonne
18. 1. 58	VIKLUND, Cynthia, Lynne	37295	LAC Viklund, M.D.	Evelyn, Josephine
17. 1. 58	THOMAS, Lisa, Marie, June	17922	F/L Thomas, P.J.	Ruth, Leah
25. 1. 58	KNIGHT, Denise, Dale	48468	Cpl Knight, R.A.	Victoria, Milta
24. 1. 58	LAMONTAGNE, Curtis, Arthur	226008	LAC Lamontagne, A.L.	Marlene, Velma
27. 1. 58	BARTON, Richard, William	237008	LAC Barton, G.W.	Daphne, Gertrude
28. 1. 58	TOWNSEND, Terry, Ann	244053	LAC Townsend, L.W.	Myrna, Louise

Notes from Aircraft/Maint

by LAC Peebles

Well here it is, "Flieger" time again, not one person came forward again with any information to be written into this article.

So here we go for a ride down the page with very little to say.

The best thing to say and I known for sure I can say it for everyone who went on the tour of the Mercedes Benz Plants at Stuttgart is a big hearty thanks to all those who organized it; to the ME drivers, a hearty thanks fellows. We are sure that everyone who went had a great time and enjoyed a darn good meal mit wine and cigars.

There is only one complaint I have on the trip "Too bad it was not the Borgward-Plant" but alas we have to settle for what is close at hand.

The first impression that was heard as we walked in the Die Shop "Goodness they must be all Airforce personnel". Let's give ourselves credit — surely we are not that slow.

The first bunch had a fairly good time, with a little stop over on the way home. We hear some went skating others skiing, a few of the more hearty types went to the nearest pub (10 miles) for a little game of Skittles. Jolly Good Time was had by all.

I hear that Borgwards will not stay on icy roads. We wonder is it the car or . . .?

Well we still have old & new faces coming and going, some went en masse, in fact seven went "that away" in the direction of 419 Sqn. We all hope they have a very pleasant stay.

We in W/M wish to welcome to the fold all the new arrivals and their families who are listed below:

With the Admiral organizing the Workers Union as in 409 Sqn a few years back conditions should improve quite a bit in 419 Sqn. Good luck fellows, have a very good time.

Someone just came in and asked me to put a little something in. It appears that a little airman who plays hockey should stick to playing hockey instead of putting cowlings on the expeditor engines; so okay, where else would you put cowlings?

Your hockey team is rolling along in grand style at the time of writing, 3rd spot with 11 wins 7 losses 1 tie for 23 points. By the time you read this though there will be quite a change as you get this on the 14th. The regular season ends on the 19th with your team playing 25 complete games. There will still be the semi-finals and the finals, with this year for the first time the Air Div Playoffs between the Wings; 1 v/s 2 wing, 3 v/s 4 wing with the winners of the two going in to the finals. It will make for a grand wind up for the hockey session.

LAC McLean has been transferred to 1 Air Div. His new trade will be Fighter Control. We all hope that you have very good success in your new trade; we understand that you can get commissions for your troubles. Gracious, what a fate!

Now is the time for all you campers to check your equipment and to buy anything new that is needed. For all those just thinking about it you should contact a few who have had a year or two of experience and find out what it is all about.

We have been asked to mention the fact that Parking between the hangars or on the tarmac is forbidden. There will be signs put up to this effect.

Sgt Landry is your Traffic Control Board representative from this hangar so if you have any problems regarding driving or parking on or off the station do not hesitate to contact Sgt Landry, he is always willing, and at your service, just bring him a cigar for his troubles.

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Cpl	Jack Lowdon	Sea Island	Baden-Oos	i/c of Stores
Cpl	Jack Hector	Camp Borden	Canada	i/c Insp Bay
LAC	Ted Betts	Greenwood	Gaggenau	No 3 Bay
LAC	Claude Racicot	Summerside	Canada	No 4 Bay
LAC	WA Ritchie	Uplands	Canada	No 4 Bay
LAC	ET Umpherville	422 Sqn	Rastatt	i/c Canopy Bay
LAC	Jack Stuckless	Greenwood	Canada	No 2 Bay
LAC	Tom O'Brian	Greenwood	Rastatt	Tire Bay
Cpl	RW McNutt	Greenwood	Weitenung	Floor Eng
LAC	JJ McGloin	Gimli	Iffezheim	Tool Crib
LAC	FG Peterson	Tech Stores	Hügelsheim	Stores Sub
Cpl	BW Conn	Bagotville	Baden-Baden	Elect
LAC	ED Friesen	Training Flight	PMQ	Inst
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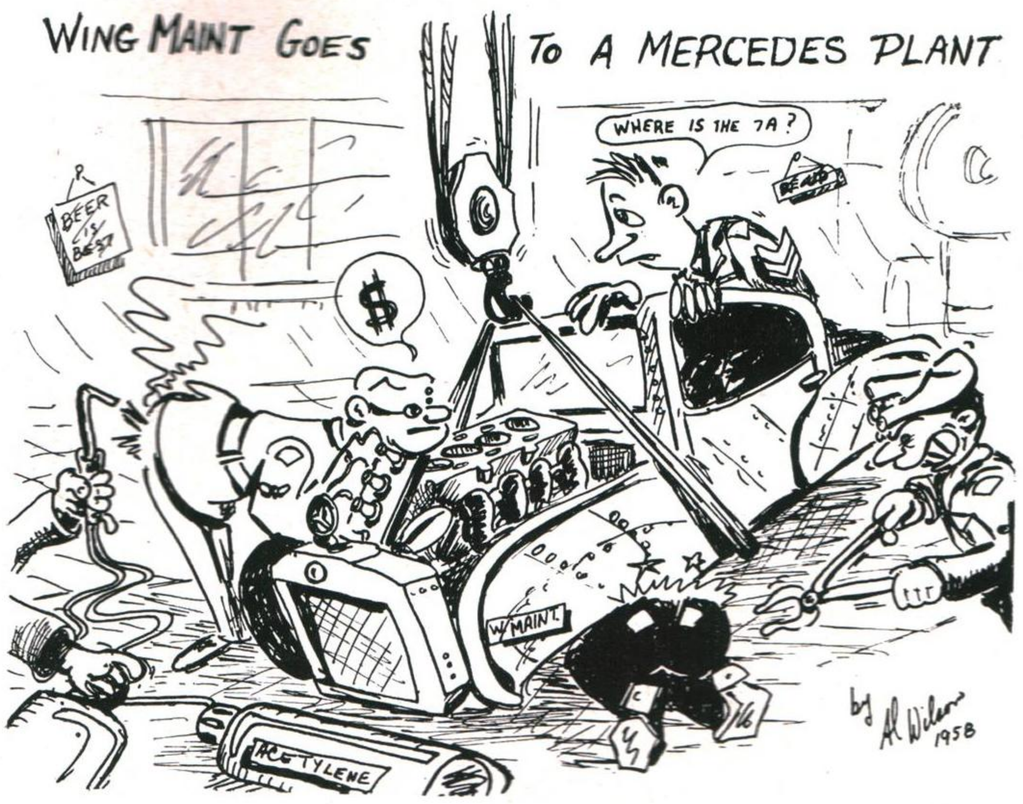

Telecom Gen

by Cpl E. Sherwood

News continues to pour in . . .

The firm of COPLEY-STEWART (and Son) announce with relief the completion of one more Labour of Hercules, — the dreaded Qualifying Exams. We hope they were successful and are now au fait with Air Power and the intricate complexities of GSK. To sooth your shattered nerves, Telecom has heard your Cry in the Night and your new Coffee urn dream is now a reality.

To the Stewart and Kinzel atoms have been added one orbital electron each. These appear to be a rare species of positive electrons of normal mass, complete with outside plumbing ("What d'ye mean, rare" says Ernie) — Congratulations.

Since Bud Murray and the Air Section crew did a couple of tours around the Mercedes plant they have been doing some odd mods on our kites, — guess we can now expect diesel dynamotors or NFB with fuel injection. GCA and 601 are now graced with Murray and Sartorius replacements in the forms of Sgt James and Sgt Warner, — welcome. Harry Ennis and Bill Fosty have evacuated the Wheel Chairs with sighs of envy, and are once again relegated to the ranks of neo-obscurity, — like the rest of us. More welcomes are in order for LAW P. Harwood-Lynn to Teletype and LAC D Finley to radio room, — how do you like that new console in the Radio Room? Isn't that something? — Brian Priestley loves it, — he always volunteers for work in Bldg 9, — says he can work in peace there with no Wheels to say, "no no, do it this way". He says that working down there gives him the splits, — I think that's what he said.

What's with Shirley Perritt these days? — She wears a smile reminiscent of Ed Newman's the day he took off for Canada, — nice to have you back Flight.

I suppose we can look for upsets in our pay ledgers since we beat the pants off Accounts at Volley Ball; Smitty already had me for Income Tax. — Macht Nichts, we can always get a sub from Hillier, the bloated Plutocrat. And I think that's all this month, — Should have a report on that remote corner of our far-flung empire, — Wolfsberg, next edition.

Smoke House News

by Cpl. W. Stratton

The last issue of the "Flieger" did not include the "Smoke House News" as during the closing period of last month my "commitments" were very heavy or I should say my "head". However the few lines that are included will tend to bring our readers abreast of the goings on throughout the section.

Just previous to Xmas we had the pleasure of welcoming, from Station Rockcliffe, LAC "Eli" Gionet. Following, in the span of a few days were LAC and Mrs. "Len" Clarke from Station Bagotville. Eli at long last found an apartment so we'll be looking forward to meeting the Mrs. shortly. We're hoping that both families, once settled, will have the opportunity of taking in the many scenic holiday resorts while in Germany.

In our sports column we say a word in praise for the hockey players in the section. Keep digging fellows even though the odds at times are not too favourable, as many a fan gets a real thrill out of being able to see our boys playing "Canada's" sport while at 4 (F) Wing. Prior to the festive season the Station Curling Club held its mid-season spiel and participating from the Fire Hall were Sgt. H.O. (skip) Miller, LAC Willie Hayes, LAC Cliff (SPIKE) Jones and yours truly. Credit where it is due; these fellows came out with a trophy by climbing to the runner-up position in the first event. "No Sweat" eh skip?

At present everyone is trying to squeeze in remaining annual leave. Haven't heard any beefs as yet so there is still hope things will work out for would-be "squeezers". Our Chief, FS and Mr. Fulkerson will be departing in a few days for a holiday well deserved. Seems it has appeared in D.R.O.'s Mrs. Fulkerson, that your good man has been granted an extension of his tour in Germany. Have a good holiday folks and the fellows I'm sure are hoping the extra year will be one to look back on.

Before I say Auf Wiedersehen here is a thought, "CLEANLINESS IN A WAY WILL HELP TO KEEP FIREMEN AWAY".

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Accounts Section

by LAC V.C. Brenton

Greetings to the Account Sections of 1,2, 3 Wing, Air Div, SOAF and Langar. We, of 4 Wing, are hoping you enjoy your weekend of sports topped by a banquet and Fasching, and that you will go home with the feeling that you can't wait till next year and our next get-together. It has been our pleasure to have each and every one here at "THE WING — 4 WING."

Overheard in our coffee room on many different occasions were bits and pieces of conversation which I have pieced together and for the life of me some just don't make sense, such as — "Walker is trying to claim Risk Allce but he hasn't got his wings up for jumping" — "Sgt Lee on leave? Could've sworn I saw him here a minute ago" — "Boy, have you seen Elsa and Segrid and the slacks with no slack?" — "What's Jake's marmalade? Good for toast?" — "Tell us Flight where did you get the tailored clown suit for Fasching?" — "Why can't I play volleyball, all the boys in Pay get an hour off?" — or "Brenton you aren't going to Garmisch in Payne's car?" — "Bob how was Canada? — No steaks and beer but lots of round doorknobs." — "Fred, leave the ink alone, it's for writing only." — this goes on twice a day and "it's a puzzlement . . ."

In January we said "farewell" to Cpl Jerry Lord who is heading for Bagotville and also to Mrs Betty Messenger who is assuming again the role of a housewife. Best of luck to both.

In the future we look for big things from our volleyball team — with S/L Steene cracking the whip, waistlines are sure to come down and the points go up. And finally, keep your eyes on the Kask Sacks, we may have ideas about that bowling league.

Armament News

by Allus Sundry

We start this issue off by welcoming back to the Wing three of our stalwarts who left us to finish off their leave; LAW Berube spent her time skiing at Garmish, LAC's Lane and Ram spent theirs on old England's fair soil. Lane making his headquarters in London, Ram dividing his time between Scotland and Ireland.

Hot News for all scoring aspirants; our "Rocket" Tanner out of the hockey run with a fractured kneecap! This really puts the Combines at a disadvantage. Doctors have ordered a 30 day 10-B.

LAC MacDougall is now tearing up his share of the Autobahn behind the wheel of his 220 Mercedes. Gute Reise Mac.

On the subject of autos, our Fred MacLean is recovering from the shock of having the rear fender of his Volksbox damaged.

Break period conversation in Wing/Arm has turned almost exclusively to camera talk and the results of all these conversations are taking fruit with WO Hoad's purchase of a 8 mm Movie Camera and our Steve still trying to decide between the Prominent and the Contaflex.

By the time this article reaches the press our Cpl Nyitray will be on leave prior to taking off for Canada. All in Wing Arm will be sorry to see Steve leave, but wish him every success in ADC.

On leave from Systems we have LAC's Watson, Weston and Cpl Sanford.

Last minute note is that F/L "Smilin Bob" Talbot has just arrived from Canada and is going thru the usual harassed tearing around getting his family settled in.

CPL'S CLUB

by Cpl Bob Atkins

With the Festive season now over, things have been played "pretty cool" due to the finances of most of the Members — with the exception of course, of the "single stalwarts" from 33B who had enough saved to keep the 1700 to 2300 cocktail "hour" in vogue.

The New Year's Dance turned out to be a gala affair and we were honoured with the presence of G/C and Mrs. McNair, W/C and Mrs. Hale, F/L and Mrs. Seaman and WO1 Yates.

Cpl Al Stuart handled the M.C. chores in his usual versatile style. Cpl Johnny Ferris went around snapping pictures but due to poor visibility and a few Creme de Menthes, nothing appeared on the film. Cpl John LaPlante had better luck. He snapped his from 1,000 on top. Cpl Al Boyd and Cpl Sam Stevenson made New Year's resolutions to give up smoking or was it just to change brands? Anyway, close observance shows Sam has switched from Player's to White Owl's and Al's still puffing away.

The latest episode on Cpl Harry "Al" Ennis while he was navigating Cpl Sam Stevenson around Europe during the holidays was the following incident:

Harry: "Where are we now, Daddy-O?"

Sam: "At the Luxembourg border."

Harry: "Coming or going?"

Our Hockey Team defeated the Airmen's "A" Team by a score of 6—1. Cpl Jimmy Cox said he couldn't find the opposition's net because a new Controller was being checked out on GCA and he was receiving "steers" towards his own net. Hence, our last two defeats. No scores mentioned.

Cpl Al "The Sultan" Wilson will tell you that all the world loves a lover. This is true since the installation of Local 88 in 33B.

Congratulations to Cpl George McCreary for passing his group 2. With all that back pay he will be able to eat those three cans of beans that he was saving for a rainy day.

Overheard from Cpl MacNamara: "Marriage is the answer. The guy next door snores so one of these Saturday nights I'm going to announce my engagement."

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By Cpl FJ Hughes

One of the most important functioning parts of the RCAF in this day and age is the VME Section. Little or no thought is given to cost when you pick up the phone and ask for a vehicle. Did you ever ask yourself, is this run really necessary? Every run taken by the VME or User Sections increases the chance of an accident just that much more.

It may seem fantastic and unbelievable to you, but most VME Sections drive over a million miles annually, from this you can readily see the chances there are for accidents, especially in a foreign country where driving conditions, rules and regulations are so completely different from those at home.

In the year 1957 your VME Section at 4 (F) Wing has operated vehicles in, Germany, France, Holland, England, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Luxembourg, and Belgium for a total of 1,022,330 miles. With all these miles driven by 4 (F) Wing vehicles there has only been 11 accidents, 4 by VME itself and 7 by User Sections. When all things are considered, such as driving conditions, types of vehicles etc. there is little doubt that 4 (F) Wing does lead the way in so far as a low accident rate is concerned. The following figures will give you an idea of the number of road miles and accidents that were recorded by No. 1 Air Division in 1957:

RCAF Support Unit Metz France

MILES DRIVEN — 898,223 ACCIDENTS — 15

ACCIDENT RATE FOR 1957 —1.7

COST OF ACCIDENTS — $2,956.00
AVERAGE COST PER ACCIDENT — $197.00

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MILES DRIVEN — 126,372 ACCIDENTS — 5

ACCIDENT RATE FOR 1957 —3.9

COST OF ACCIDENTS — $665.00
AVERAGE COST PER ACCIDENT — $133.00

RCAF Station Langar England

MILES DRIVEN — 660,273 ACCIDENTS — 1

ACCIDENT RATE FOR 1957 —0.15

COST OF ACCIDENTS — Nil

1 (F) Wing RCAF Station Marville France

MILES DRIVEN — 1,513,229 ACCIDENTS — 45

ACCIDENT RATE FOR 1957 —3.0

COST OF ACCIDENTS — $3,344.00
COST PER ACCIDENT — $74.31

2 (F) Wing RCAF Station Gros-Tenquin France

MILES DRIVEN — 1,247,370 ACCIDENTS — 33

ACCIDENT RATE FOR 1957 —2.6

COST OF ACCIDENTS — $3,882.00
COST PER ACCIDENT — $117.64

3 (F) Wing RCAF Station Zweibrucken Germany

MILES DRIVEN — 927,404 ACCIDENTS — 24

ACCIDENT RATE FOR 1957 —2.6

COST OF ACCIDENTS — $3,824,00
COST PER ACCIDENT — $159.33

4 (F) Wing RCAF Station Baden-Soellingen Germany

MILES DRIVEN — 1,022,330 ACCIDENTS — 11

ACCIDENT RATE FOR 1957 —1.07

COST OF ACCIDENTS — $1,424.00
COST PER ACCIDENT — $129.45

Differences 1956 & 1957 For No. 1 Air Division

MILES DRIVEN	1956	6,395,201
	1957	6,846,625
ACCIDENTS	1956	134
	1957	142
ACCIDENT RATE	1956	2.1
	1957	2.0
COST OF ACCIDENTS	1956	$16,095.00
	1957	$24,902.00
AVERAGE COST PER ACCIDENT	1956	$120.00
	1957	$175.37

It can readily be seen that 4 (F) Wing has done better than held its own, but even so, our main aim is to reduce accidents even further in 1958. Remember, you too can help, just think twice when you lift that phone, do you really require that VME run? As a special note to all personnel who operate a VME vehicle or a privately owned car it is good to remember that alcohol and driving **DO NOT MIX. IF YOU DRINK DON'T DRIVE! IF YOU DRIVE DON'T DRINK! Remember the life you save may be your own.**

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