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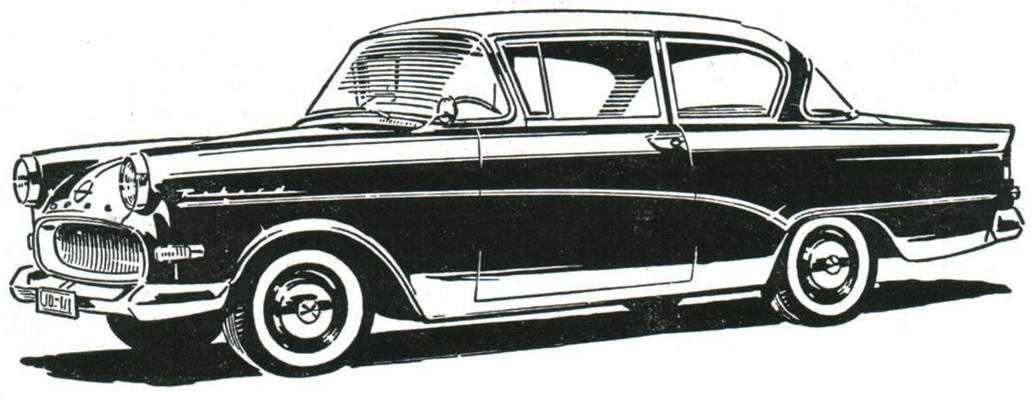

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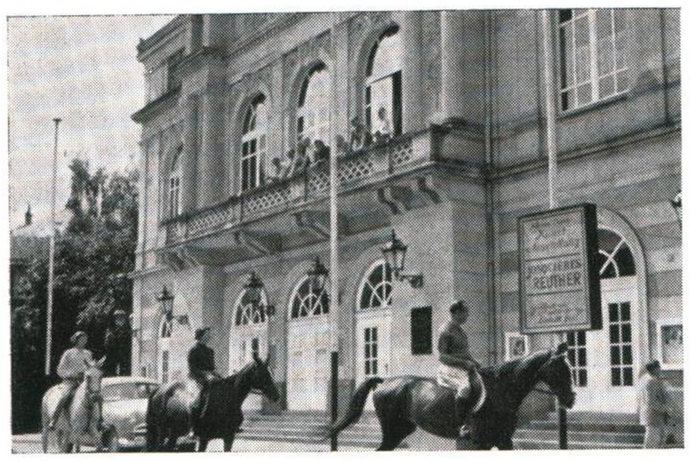

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"KLEINES THEATER" BADEN-BADEN

(Baden-Baden's "Little Theatre")

by Heidi Bauert

The construction of the "Kleines Theater" began in 1860, under Edouard Benazet's supervision. Edouard Benazet was the great Maecenas of Baden-Baden during the middle of the 19th century. Besides the theatre, he is also responsible for the building of the Kurhaus, Casino and Trinkhalle buildings, as well as the race course track and the grand-stands at Iffezheim and the embellishment of the Lichtentaler Allee (see our Jan 58 issue).

He engaged two famous French architects, Derchy and Couteau. The exterior of the "Kleines Theater" was designed by Derchy who produced a classical and sober facade, whereas Couteau gave the interior a tendency

A "box" showing
the magnificent
decoration of the interior

towards the baroque style. A wide, sweeping staircase leads up to the building, in front of which is a beautiful lawn, decorated with flowers.

The grand opening of the "Kleines Theater" took place in August 1862, and composer Hector Berlioz wrote the opera "Beatrice and Benedict" especially for this occasion. No less than twenty-five French journalists were present for the great premiere. Some declared it was equal to a premiere of the Grand Opera in Paris. The main parts were sung by soloists of the Theatre Italien, the Opera Comique and the Theatre Lyrique. It was an overwhelming success.

When in 1865 Moliere's "Tartuffe" and de Musset's "Il faut qu'une porte soit ouverte ou ferme" were supposed to be performed, there occurred the following hitch: all the costumes for the plays were held up at the Customs Control in Kehl. What was to be done? They decided promptly to play "Tartuffe" in evening dress, and this was a great success with the audience. Six decades later Shakespeare's "Hamlet" was produced in "tails" too.

After the Franco-Prussian War of 1870—71 the Kleines Theater reached the height of its success. Actors from Karlsruhe appeared often for guest performances and many other famous actors showed their skill. This golden period lasted until 1918.

Before World War I the Theater was used for concerts, operas and straight plays but when the Kurhaus was renovated from 1912—1917, a large and a small concert-hall with stage were added to the Kurhaus.

Since then it has become the practice to use the concert-halls for operas, operettas and concerts and the "Kleines Theater" for straight plays.

Interior of the Theatre

Producer Hannes Tannert

In 1918 Baden-Baden organized its own company of actors. The actors dedicate their art to the stage, which means the world to them.

Today Baden-Baden's theatre is fortunate in having the well-known producer Hannes Tannert, who has the courage to put on modern plays. In this age of radio, television and cinemas, all theatres must fight for their existence. But as long as there are poets and playwrights, there will always be theatres.

The "Kleines Theater" is recognized as one of the most beautiful theatres in Europe.

Next to the main-entrance of the theatre is a remembrance plaque in black marble, with the inscription:

> The opening of this theatre took place in 1862. Composer Hector Berlioz personally conducted his opera "Beatrice and Benedict", which he wrote especially for this occasion, commissioned by E. Benazet.

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The Black Forest Clock Industry

The Black Forest is one of Germany's most interesting areas. It is the home of quaint customs, picturesque villages, attractive costumes and varied industries. Its most extensive and well-known industry is the manufacture of clocks.

Clock manufacturing in the Black Forest began about two hundred years ago when clocks were fashioned by hand in the farmhouses which are scattered throughout the "Schwarzwald". In the beginning the clocks had a wooden carved movement with three wheels only, one hand, (the hour hand), and a "Waag", an absolete form of time regulator. Smooth stones from the Black Forest served as weights. The pendulum and dial were adorned with beautiful hand-painted designs.

These masterpieces of Black Forest handicraft were carried by the clockmakers on their backs into distant countries like France, Hungary, Turkey, Denmark and Russia. The itinerant clockmakers absorbed the ideas of their buyers and developed little masterpieces like the madonna clocks and the crowing cockerel clocks. The cuckoo clock, now for many decades the typical Black Forest clock is said to have been developed about the year 1730 at Schönwald near Triberg.

To-day we still find weight driven clocks, especially cuckoo clocks, but most clocks are now spring driven, and the original 12 hour movement has been developed to a running time of from 24 hours to over 3 years. The first 400 day clock was made in 1881 by August Schatz at the suggestion of a Mr. Harder from Rensen near Steinau. Mr. Schatz was very interested and started immediately to develop a saleable article out of the crude model.

Alarm clocks have been made in the Black Forest for many years. In the early days models with little glass bells instead of metal bells were made, as in those times glass blowing was also a thriving industry in the Black Forest.

A few words on Chimes. The Westminster chimes were first known as the Cambridge chimes and later were fitted in the clock above the Houses of Parliament at Westminster in London. The title "Westminster Chimes" then became popular.

The Whittington is the chime of 8 bells, probably deriving its name from the similarity in sound to the Bow Church bells in London which are reported to have called young Dick Whittington to fame and fortune.

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The St. Michael chimes are said to have originated from the church at St. Michael's Mount off the coast of Brittany near St. Malo, France.

The capital of the Black Forest clock industry is Triberg which is just south of Hausach. It is situated in a picturesque area and is surrounded by beautiful forests, and many thousands of tourists visit its waterfalls (Germany's largest) which once supplied power for clock-making machines.

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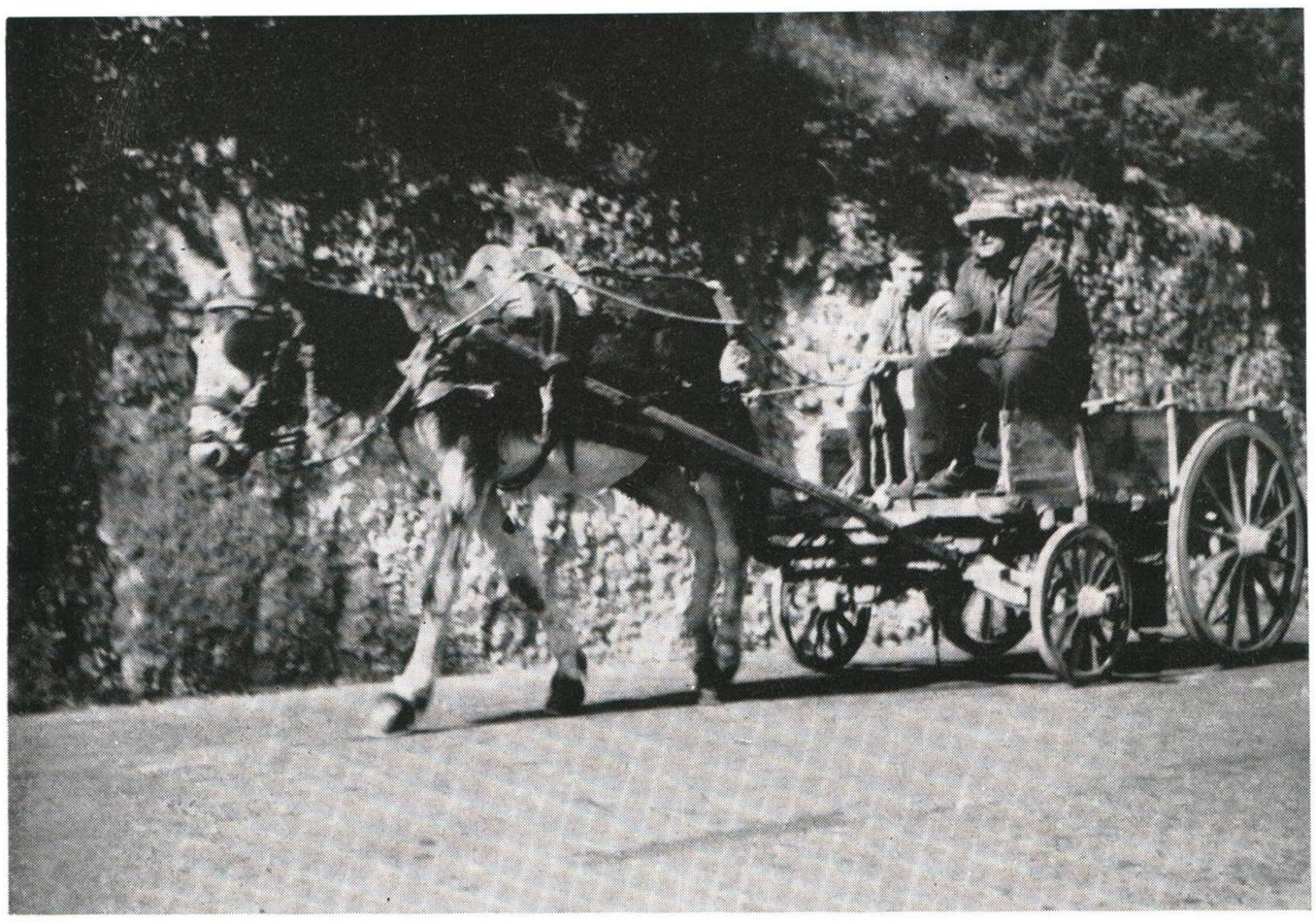

Donkey Travel in Italy

Touring Italy

by Cpl Bill Heslop

One of the many wonderful facets of our tour in Germany is our proximity to such interesting countries as Holland, Switzerland and Italy. They are so close, in fact, that it would be a shame to spend several years here without having visited them.

There are many routes to these countries, and certainly just as many interesting things to do and see once their borders have been crossed. The following trip, to Italy which has been taken by many travellers from this Wing, might well be used to guide anyone who is contemplating such a journey.

With the accent on scenery, a good way to start out is via Munich and Garmish, which is cradled in the shadows of the beautiful Wetterstein mountain range. Travelling on from here, cross into the beautifully landscaped frontier of Austria through the resort city of Innsbruck and southward to the Brenner Pass, known as the 'Gateway to Italy'. The Brenner is one of the few passes in the mighty Alps which is open for traffic the year round. Its two-mile length handles nearly 15,000 cars in a single day.

An excellent camping spot is available at Trento. As a rule the camping sites are well advertised throughout the country. Continuing south, you arrive at the city of Verona, where there is an American PX and snack bar. It is possible to obtain gas coupons here as well. Head eastward now, and you will enter the 'Autostrada', which takes you directly to Venice. This Autostrada, for which there is a small nominal fee, is the Italian version of the Autobahn. Just off the Autostrada, the 'Turismo' Camping grounds offer the tourist every convenience at a very reasonable price.

As will be found all over the continent, major cities are divided into the old and the new, and Venice is no exception. Old Venice is reached by crossing a long bridge, beginning at the Venice Mestre. Once across this span, cars have to be left in a huge parking lot provided for the purpose, and the rest of the way made on foot. After some time strolling over the many bridges which connect the more than one hundred islands upon which old Venice is built, you will come across the famous St Mark's Square, and the basilica built in the year 832. Pigeons by the hundreds are in evidence here, and they are by no means shy of human beings. While in the square, you will undoubtably be approached by various persons wanting you to visit a glass factory nearby. The ambitious guides will assure you that the tour is free, and if you should take it, you will be amazed at the artistic skill of these glassblowers as they manufacture tiny figurines from pieces of glass. On the way out of the factory, their handiwork is on display, and you are more or less obligated to purchase a sample as a token of appreciation for the tour, but these same items may be obtained elsewhere in Venice at a much lower price.

No trip to Venice is complete without a ride in a Gondola. The Gondoliers will attempt to charge up to 5000 Lire ($8.50) for a tour, but a little talk will get you one from the same man for 2000 Lire or less. These Gondoliers can speak English, and are anxious to point out to tourists such famous sights as the Bridge of Sighs, the Rialto and Marco Polo's homestead. A camera is a "must" while on this tour, for nowhere else in the world are there sights as picturesque as the canals. Try to have your guide pass by the famous traffic light of Venice while on the water. It, too, is a sight worth seeing!

Leaving Venice, follow the route along the Adriatic coast, abundant with splendid internationally famous tourist resorts, to Rimini, and from here, along the winding route down to the tiny Republic of San Marino. This is quite an interesting place to include on your itinerary, although many tend to pass it by because of its size.

Along the road from San Marino you will see a cemetery devoted to the Tenth Division, Gurka Regiment of India, containing the bodies soldiers who fell during World War II. Heading across country, you will see an excellent cross-section of Italian peasant life, which will be long remembered. Women will be seen along the roads, balancing huge baskets of laundry on their heads. Their wash-troughs are located along the roadside, and in lieu of clotheslines their washing is heaped over fences and low-hanging branches of the trees. In the fields, the hay is piled in such a fashion as to suggest African villages of thatched huts. Donkey-drawn carts become the main traffic you have to contend with, on the roads which wind about through the increasingly abundant vineyards. Graves in the village cemeteries are on steep hills, allowing the emplacement of one grave almost on top of another.

As you approach the larger cities, the scenery is obscured by multitudes of advertising billboards along both sides of the highways. These are quite monotonous, with

as many as four huge walls in a row repeating the same words or messages.

When entering Rome, it is well to remember the old adage "When in Rome, do as the Romans do", and drive accordingly for your own sake. If possible, it is wise to avoid stopping along the streets to ask directions of anyone other than a policeman. Street beggars emerge from nowhere and descend upon the unwary visitor trying to sell the cheapest of articles for the most atrocious prices imaginable.

The only way to see the sights in Rome is to find your way to the Piazza della Republica (opposite the huge railroad station), and take advantage of the various tours offered by the C. I. T. office there. While at this spot, if you care for Italian Spaghetti, try the restaurant in the Railroad terminal, where a heaping plate can be obtained for about eighty cents.

One of these tours will take you outside the walls of Rome to St. Paul's Basilica, known as the most elegant church in Rome. It is said that it was constructed on the very spot where this saint was buried. Also to be visited is the Quirinal Palace, begun by Pope Gregory XII in 1574, and for a long period the summer residence of the Popes. This is now the residence of the President of Italy. The next places to be seen are the temples of Vesta and Fortuna Viriles, still in near perfect condition in spite of the fact that they were constructed 18 years before the birth of Christ. The Colosseum, scene of many contests among Gladiators, and the purges of the early Christians, is also included in the tour. The Colosseum, dating back to the Palestine War of 80 AD, was completed after eight years of labour by over forty thousand Jewish prisoners. This tour is completed with a visit to the church of St. Peter In Chains, where the chains of his martyrdom are still on display, as well as a life-like statue of Moses sculptured by the famous Michaelangelo.

On other tours offered by the C. I. T. office, the English speaking guides will include visits to the fabulous Borghese Gallery containing aesthetic examples of one of the most liberal and enlightened phases of Italian culture; the Pantheon, one of the most perfect monuments of Roman antiquity, commonly known as the burial place

The Fountain of Trevi

of the kings of Italy; St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican, which is certainly a 'must' for anyone visiting Rome. If you saw the film 'Three Coins In The Fountain', then you will certainly not want to miss the Fountain of Trevi around which the movie was made. In the Catacombs, also included in the tours, the guide will take you fifty feet below the streets in order that you may witness the rows upon rows of bodies stacked into the walls like shoe boxes in a shoe store.

The guides provided by the C. I. T. speak good English, and are so enthralled in their work that their lectures hold the visitor spellbound. You can be sure that on one of their tours, nothing will be missed which is of any importance. In Rome, the City of Seven Hills, there are such a number of marvellous things to see that no person should leave Europe without having spent at least a couple of days viewing them.

Leaving Rome, and driving southward, you will find the roads much improved and the climate becoming more tropical with each mile. Palm trees dot the roadside, amid clusters of large cactus plants, as Naples is approached. You will find this city one of much apparent poverty in contrast to its modern buildings and its scenic harbour. Further south lies the city of Sorrento where you get a truly magnificent view as you look back to the lights of the city of Naples glistening on the shore of the Golfo di Napoli like a jewelled necklace. Also at this point Mount Vesuvius looms awesomely on the horizon, above the lights of Pompeii. A ferry from Sorrento will take you to the Isle of Capri where you will marvel at the beauty of the famous Blue Grotto, as well as get a look at the dwellings of such people as Gracie Fields and Picasso.

Driving back around the bay again, you will come to the city of Pompeii, which is almost completely excavated and a picture of perfect preservation. In the year 79 AD, Mt. Vesuvius angrily erupted swallowing the entire city and its occupants in a sea of molten lava. Today, plastic casts have been made of the tortured bodies as they were dug out, and you will see these along with the surroundings that were theirs before disaster struck. In the summer dining room of one excavated restaurant were words to this effect;

1 Wash your feet and the servant will dry them
2 Have you brought your napkin?
3 Spread it out at your place and save our linen.

While visiting Pompeii, a worthwhile visit will be suggested to you by guides as soon as you park your vehicle. They will take you to a Cameo factory where you will be able to watch skilled craftsmen turning out their world famous pendants.

Northward again, the route taken will bring you past Rome to Pisa and its famous Leaning Tower. This tower, begun in 1174, was originally intended to be much higher than it is now, but the south ground began to yield so construction was halted at the third gallery for about one century. The final touches were added to the structure in 1300. The 294 steps to the top are a dizzying project to attempt. Also at Pisa is a cemetery which is reputed to be the world's most beautiful.

Your route homeward after Pisa is largely a matter of personal choice, with many, many variations through either Switzerland or France, but after a visit to Italy few places will be found so intriguing.

A few tips to remember on your trip to Italy:

a) Quartermaster Gasoline as well as fresh milk and other groceries may be obtained at either of the two big American Post Exchanges located at Verona and about five miles south of Pisa.

b) Beware of strangers who will approach you on the streets offering services such as hotels and eating places. Public notices are posted all over Italy warning tourists of them, and their services have proven to be of the poorest quality.

c) Souvenirs may be purchased at reasonable prices from ordinary shops on the main streets of the towns. Double prices are paid for these items when they are purchased at landmarks such as the Coliseum or Pisa.

d) For best satisfaction, tours should be arranged through the offices of the C.I.T. which are well advertised.

Temperature

by F/L Missio

One of the most noticed elements of the weather is the temperature. In most cases the air is described as too cold, cold, nippy, chilly, cool, warm, hot, or too hot. However, occasionally, some person may say the temperature is just right. (Just right for what I don't know, but he's happy.) Everyone knows what temperature means, but try to define it. One suggested definition is: temperature is the characteristic of a body which determines the direction of heat flow by conduction, which is the molecular transfer of kinetic energy. Another definition which may be understood in this atomic age is the one suggested by the molecular theory of matter: temperature is a measure of the **average** kinetic energy of the molecules in a body. But then we all know what temperature is, so let us get on with the different scales used for measuring it.

We can see at a glance that the scale previously described, ranging from too cold to too hot, allows too much to personal preferences and is not very useful for mathematical formulas that scientists have painstakingly produced in their work with temperatures. The most commonly used temperatures in the English speaking countries is the Fahrenheit scale which was first proposed by Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit in 1724. He proposed that the zero point in his scale be the temperature of a freezing mixture of salt and ice and that the temperature of the human body be 12 degrees. Later the scale was expanded to make the body temperature 96^0. In this new scale the temperature of melting ice was found to be 32 degrees and the temperature of boiling water 212 degrees. Later it was found that the original standards were not acceptable, and that the melting point of ice and the boiling point of water were better check points under easily controlled conditions.

. . . allows too much . . .

Incidentally Fahrenheit must have measured his body temperature on someone with cold feet because later the temperature of the human body was found to be more like 98.4^0 F.

In 1742 Andres Celsius proposed a scale on which the temperature of an ice-water mixture is zero and of boiling water 100. This 100-part, and therefore the name Centigrade, scale became popular and is still used throughout the world.

A short note on converting from one to the other is in order here. To convert a temperature reading in degrees Fahrenheit to degrees Centigrade (Celsius), substract 32

. . . to personal preferences.

from the reading then multiply by five ninths. To convert a temperature reading in degrees Centigrade (Celsius) to degrees Fahrenheit, multiply the reading by nine fifths and then add 32. (HINT: Don't bother converting all those oven temperatures just now. I'll do it for you at the end of this article.)

A third scale which is of particular interest to scientists, but an interesting one to all, is the scale proposed by the English physicist William Thompson (Lord Kelvin) which is called the Kelvin or Absolute Centigrade scale. On this scale the zero point is the lowest possible temperature attainable in any way. Using our second definition of temperature, we find that zero on this scale is the temperature at which molecular activity ceases. By theoretical means absolute zero has been calculated to be at —273.18 degrees Centigrade or —459.72 degrees Fahrenheit. (The minus sign in front of the figure indicates that the temperatures are below zero.)

Scientists have produced temperatures within a fraction of a degree of absolute zero. On the other hand they have produced temperatures on earth of more than 1,000,000 degrees Kelvin — in the exploding atomic bomb. Our sun has a surface temperature of about 6,000 degrees Kelvin and its center about 20,000,000 degrees Kelvin. Compared to these figures the temperature range of our environment on Earth, from about —90 degrees Fahrenheit (205 degrees Kelvin) to 135 degrees Fahrenteit (330 degrees Kelvin), seems insignificant, but man finds them considerable.

To measure these temperatures, man has invented several types of thermometers using the following physical effects:

1) The expansive effect of heat. This principle is used in the ordinary mercury or alcohol thermometers and the dial thermometers which employ a bimetalic strip.

2) Change in volume or pressure of a gas produced by a change in temperature. Galileo (of telescope and Leaning Tower of Pisa fame) used this principle in his first thermometer in 1593.

3) Electric thermometers of the variable resistance or thermojunction type.

4) Optical pyrometers which measure wave lengths of intense radiation emitted by very hot bodies. It is by this method that metallurgists measure the temperature of molten metals.

In meteorology the air temperature at the surface and aloft is of great interest for forcecasting. Many types of thermometers are used in meteorology. The most common and straightforward type is the mercury-in-glass type with the scale etched on the glass. This type of thermometer is fairly accurate and easily read. For temperatures below about —40 degrees Fahrenheit however these thermometers cannot be used, since mercury freezes at that point. For lower temperatures thermometers of the same construction are used, but organic compounds such as ethyl alcohol are substituted for mercury and are known as "spirit" thermometers.

For measuring minimum temperatures, a spirit thermometer which contains a special small dumb-bell shaped index is used. The index is forced down by the surface tension at the top of the liquid column as the temperature lowers, but remains steady as the temperature rises. Since the liquid flows freely around the dumb-bell on the way up the scale, the top of the column shows the temperature at the time of the reading and the top of the index the minimum temperature since the thermometer was last reset. The thermometer is normally mounted almost horizontal and is reset by inverting the thermometer until the index slides to meet the top surface on the liquid.

Ordinary maximum temperature thermometers are a mercury-in-glass type with a small construction built into the stem near the bulb. This constriction allows the mercury to pass freely from the bulb into the stem as the temperature rises, but will not allow the mercury to re-enter the bulb as the temperature drops. This is the same principle used in medical thermometers and in both cases the thermometer is reset by shaking the excess mercury in the column into the bulb.

A common type of thermometer used in upper atmospheric soundings is the thermistor type. The principle here is simply that the electrical resistance in a metal varies with its temperature. This type of thermometer has given us a good picture of the temperature distribution to great heights.

As a final look at temperatures let us examine the temperature pattern in our atmosphere. (After all you want to be prepared for your journey to outer space!) For this purpose, meteorologists find it convenient to think of the atmosphere as consisting of several layers. The lowest layer is called the troposphere and extends from the surface of the earth to about 60,000 feet over the equator and about 20,000 feet over the poles. In this layer the temperature decreases with height to the top of the troposphere. It is interesting to note that the coldest temperatures in the entire troposphere are found above the Equator. There temperatures of —85 degrees Centigrade (—121 degrees Fahrenheit) are not uncommon at 17 to 20 kilometers above the surface. By contrast the lowest temperatures over the poles are usually not below —60 degrees Centigrade (—76 degrees Fahrenheit) at 7 to 10 kilometers.

The region above the troposphere is called the stratosphere. In the lower levels of the stratosphere, from the top of the troposphere to about 30 to 50 kilometers, the temperature is almost constant or rises very little with height. Then above this level the temperature rises sharply to lie between 63 degrees Fahrenheit and 171 degrees Fahrenheit at around 50 to 60 kilometers, the top of the stratosphere.

The next layer is called the Ionosphere where the temperature falls again to a minimum of 18 degrees Fahrenheit to 38 degrees Fahrenheit at around 70 to 80 kilometers. Then above this height the temperature again rises sharply to the outer edge of the atmosphere. The temperature at the outer edge of the atmosphere is usually assumed to be around 10,000 degrees Kelvin. I leave this in Kelvin degrees because this value is based on the theoretical motion of the few molecules in this thin part of the atmosphere and does not have the same significance as temperature in its normal sense.

Housewife's Helper

A conversion table for common oven temperatures from degrees Fahrenheit to degrees Centigrade:

Fahrenheit	Centigrade	Fahrenheit	Centigrade
200	93	375	191
225	107	400	204
250	121	425	218
275	135	450	232
300	149	475	246
325	163	500	260
350	177	525	274

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Printed circuits

Some of us may not have heard of "printed circuits" though many of the old timers in electronics can, and will, if drawn out, give you stories of "breadboard layouts". The "printed circuit" is a similar layout, though it receives its name from the similarity to a schematic diagram.

During the war years, with the expansion of electronics and the numerous uses made of it, it became necessary not only to compress the size of equipment but to speed up its interchangeability of components. To simplify this the printed circuit was developed, whereby a complete circuitry, less the amplifying tube, was produced on card assemblies by etching in the components and applying the necessary metallic materials for its internal components.

In a further search to limit size requirements the scientist and engineers have come up with a new tube known as the transistor. Little radios utilizing the transistor can be observed in the PX's across Europe.

A new "printed circuit" method of making transistors has been developed by US Army research scientists. The Army said the new method makes it possible for transistors to be made an integral part of the printed circuit in electronic equipment. Although it will be a while before the public benefits, we should all be able to see the trend towards a watch pocket radio as shown in "Dick Tracy", our favorite comic.

The new transistor method starts with a tiny wafer of the metal germanium. Photo-sensitive film provides precise positioning masts on a ceramic plate for the electrodes of the transistor. The electrodes are formed by vapour deposits. The size of the new transistor is about $^1/_{20} \times {}^1/_{100}$ of an inch.

Padres' Page

LENT

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

The date of publication of this issue of the Flieger is half-way in the season of the Church Year called Lent. For many of our personnel there has been no break in their sports or social activities, nor any increase in their spiritual exercises, to observe this period of the year. To some it is a beloved tradition of our fathers, a reminder of the days when life was more leisurely, and when time could be given to study, self-examination, and retreat from the world. To others it is a reminder of the miniscule rules of religion, something that seems hardly relevant to the great moral problems of today.

Lent is a tradition because it has a tradition. Even the most cursory glance at history shows how it goes back into even the pre-Christian past. Traditionally, Lent involved some kind of fasting or abstaining from food. Primitive men found very often that fasting was a necessity, and feasting was a rare miracle. So they began to consider one the law of God and the other as His gift. Thus fasting and feasting became almost acts of worship. The herdsmen of the Near East, langorous all year with semi-starvation, had a great spring feast, when they killed the new lambs and tasted meat. Here in Northern Europe the people rejoiced when they could turn from a meat to vegetable diet, when the days began to lengthen and the sun came back. The Palestinian Spring feast became the Passover, and our name for the fasting season is Lent. The word Lent is not a Biblical term. It is an English word indicating "spring" and probably comes from the root meaning "to lengthen".

The prophets of Israel thundered often against feasts and fasts which had become mere traditions without meaning. Amos the Prophet has God saying to the Jews that he hates and despises their feasts and wants justice instead. The last chapter of Isaiah says that the fast God wants is equity and charity. This kind of analysis and self-criticism brought the Jewish practice of fasting to a high level. Thus it was natural for our Lord to fast at the beginning of His ministry, and for St Paul to go into solitude before embarking upon his ministry.

The Christians of the early centuries carried on this tradition. People fasted before baptism, before confirmation, and in preparation for Easter, which was the usual time of baptism in the Mediterranean region. There was much discussion about how long one should fast, and there were always divergences of custom. At one time in the East it was an absolute fast of forty hours, symbolic of the forty hours Christ was in the Tomb. By the ninth century in some parts of the West it was a partial fast of nine weeks. In days of persecution special disciplines were enjoined on those who had fallen through fear; they literally wore sackcloth and ashes. After peace came to the church, these disciplines were transferred to those who had been excommunicated for their sins. Finally, in Western Europe, Lent was fixed at forty days, beginning on Ash Wednesday, and not counting Sundays.

The great spiritual keynote of Lent for us today is self-denial. "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Spiritual discipline begins with penitence and self-denial. The call is on a universal basis, for all men stand equal before God. The Master said, "If ANY man . . .". The New Testament speaks of the "fellowship of His sufferings". As we approach Good Friday and Easter, it is fitting that we endeavour to enter into spiritual fellowship with Christ, whereby we may share something of his sufferings and his triumph. Prayer and penitence open the door.

While it is true that we should worship God every day of the year, yet it is also clear that there are rhythms in human nature. There is value in observing a recurring season of more than ordinary devotion. We are not thinking primarily of any formal rules or regulations, but of a fact of Christian experience. We all need special times for meditation and reflection, in the spirit of humility and prayer. One of the most fitting periods lies in the weeks just before Easter. Here is supremely a season for the review of one's life, with frank searching of heart, candid examination, and honest and sincere confession. God is at hand offering spiritual resources and forgiveness, ready to be tapped through our personal devotions. "Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand repent ye and believe the Gospel." St Mark 1 : 14.15.

A PARABLE

by F/L Grant, Chaplain (RC)

A short story, or parable, often brings home a point with greater force and more clarity than columns from a literary genius. Consider the following, and take your own inventory.

Once upon a time (and most parables begin that way) there was a very wealthy Chinese gentleman. However, all of his money had holes in it. But only since that is the way money was made in China. There came a day when our very wealthy Chinese gentleman decided to go shopping. He took seven of the coins with holes in them, and put them on a string, and then tied the string around his neck.

On his way to the market place, with his coins rattling merrily around his neck, he met a beggar; a whining, pleading, groveling sort of fellow. The wealthy man stopped and considered that perhaps he could satisfy his own needs with only one of the coins, so he gave six of them to the beggar. He replaced the string about his neck and proceeded on his way.

The beggar looked at the six coins he now had in his hand, and, being a greedy fellow, besides a whining, pleading and groveling one, he decided that he wanted that seventh coin too. He crept after the rich man, and stole the seventh coin.

Now, some passers-by saw the theft, and captured the beggar. They hauled him before a judge.

Suppose you were the judge in such a case. What would you do with this whining, pleading, groveling beggar, who lacked appreciation of the gift of six coins so little that the stole the seventh? Be careful now! You may be judging yourself.

In the beginning, God made seven days. Six of them He gave to man, but the seventh He kept for Himself. Were you at church on Sunday?

DEAR FOLKS

Well, here I am again. I have been going out a bit more this last month or so, and that is why I didn't write until now. I didn't get any money in the last letter you sent, so I figured you must have been sort of put off with me. Anyway, here I am at last.

That Fasching deal I told you about the last time, is all all over now, and I went to a show the other night. The theatre here is not too bad at all. There are two different types of seats in it, soft ones near the back, and harder ones up at the front half. When there is a movie, you can sit in the back ones, but when we have a big lecture or anything where it isn't too interesting, they make everybody go up to the front half where you can't go to sleep. It is a pretty clever idea, I guess, and one that the Air Force was sure not to miss. I noticed on their billboards outside, they often have shows here that were on TV before I joined up. It will be another chance for me to see them and make up for all the times I was out at night when you saw them. Who is this Mary Pickford dame that was on here last week? I think I have heard the name somewhere, but I missed the movie she was in, and can't really place her. I think there must be a lot of new actors and actresses coming out now, like this Clara Bow or something coming next week. I'll have to see her.

That big PX we have sure amazes me more every time I go in there. (We get a good chance about one week out of every month when they aren't stock-taking.) The last time I was in there, I saw what I thought were some sort of fancy TV stools, but I know we haven't got TV around here, so I had a closer look, and do you know what? They were Camel Saddles! Now I don't know what on earth they would need things like that for, unless some people mount them on their Volkswagens, because I haven't seen a camel since I came over here. I haven't been in the Officer's Mess yet though. Oh well, I imagine they had some sort of a reason for buying them. I imagine it was probably some Arabian salesman that kept pestering the Services Officer or the Manager until they said "yes", and they didn't understand a word of what he was saying. A lot of that happens to people over here.

Right across the hall from the PX I had noticed this place with dozens of kids running around yelling, and knocking furniture around, and I always thought it was a day nursery until the guys I went to the show with took me there, and it is a snack bar. The coffee in there isn't too bad, and they have the trickiest tables you have ever seen. All you have to do to stir your coffee is move around and the tables tilt and rock until all the sugar is dissolved. The only trouble is if it spills on your strides it takes a couple of weeks to have them cleaned on the station. Old 'Moxynixy', one of the guys I was with, got a hamburger and it must have been soaked in water to soften up the bun, because it was real soggy. Either that, or they dropped it into the sink which is underneath the pass-through into the kitchen. He says they did that to a Western he ordered one time, but they got him another one. He was just going to put some ketchup on the hamburger, but didn't get a chance, because one of the girls that works in there scooped all that stuff like salt and pepper and sugar into a big tray. It was an hour before closing time, and they tell me they always do that. The only thing they didn't touch was the big noisy juke box that the kids had blaring out. There is a control knob near the till, but I guess it must be on the blink. Either that or it is just for from "loud" to "too darned loud.". I guess it is pretty good otherwise though, and the pie is just like the pie you used to bake all the time, mom.

I bought a nice radio last week. I figured I'd better do something with the bit of dough I had saved up, before I used it all up on Fasching. The radio I got is a Grundig Multisonic with three speakers and a whole pile of tone buttons on it. It is pretty good for music and stuff, but I want to get a tape recorder too. I found out that there are some programs in English on the American Forces Network, but they are about as old as some of the movies. I heard one show of the sixty-four dollar question, and I knew all the people who were going to win, because it has been in the newspapers, and we saw that on TV too. One good thing about the radio programs, is that there are no soap advertisements, but they give you a complete course on American history instead. They are always telling you about all the presidents, and their amendments to the constitution, and all that. They have some other deal they are always talking about between the programs, and that is a schooling deal they call "You Saffee". Somebody told me they get that name from the old Sioux language that Tonto uses on the Lone Ranger programs, and come to think of it I've heard him say it myself. You know, "Ugh, me savee!".

I hope you will excuse the writing, because I loaned my sargeant the pen you gave me last Christmas, and he is gone to Sardinia with it. I am using a refill I had for it, all wrapped up with scotch tape and toilet paper. I guess I'll say bye-bye for now, so until the next time, I'm still your son and heir. Elmer.

The following new books have been added to the Wing library.

TITLE	AUTHOR
Light from One Star	Netta Muskett
The Town	William Faulkner
Man of the West	Philip Yordan
The One That Got Away	Kendal Burt and James Leasor
The Proving Flight	David Beaty
Affable Savages	Francis Huxley

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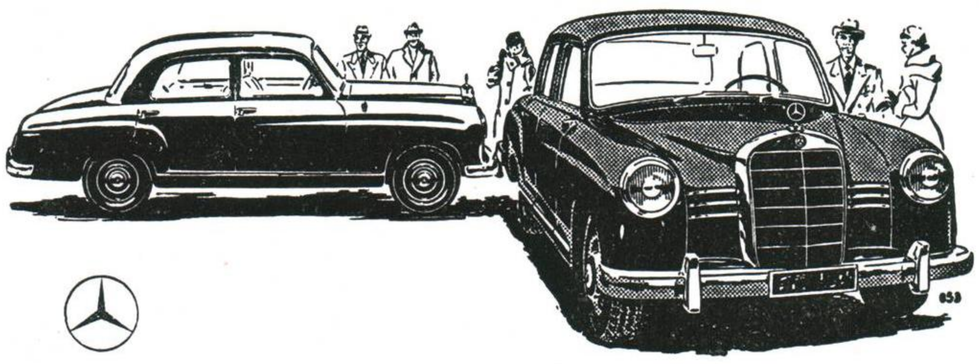

MERCEDES-BENZ

4 (F) WING PRIZE WINNERS AT THE KURHAUS KARNEVAL FANCY DRESS BALL

Above: The Happy Hobo (S/L Archer)

Right: The Cockatoo Bird (Mrs Dusseault)

The "ASTRA" Cinema presents:

"THE LAST HUNT"

This is a virile outdoor melodrama and will be shown 26 & 27 Mar. It hinges on the uneasy partnership of two rugged characters during the late eighties, when the buffalo was almost wiped out by white hunters, and culminates on a stern ironic note. There are lusty fights and a slight romantic interest, but most of its time is occupied in making the bison bite the dust. Women may find the raw meat a little tough, but superb backgrounds help to marinade the hard tack. Very good star western.

MARCH ATTRACTIONS

Fri 14th. "Dry Rot" starring Ronald Shiner, Peggy Mount and Brian Rix, in a side-splitting comedy which deals with the life of a race course bookie.

Sun 16th & Mon 17th. "A King in New York" featuring Charlie Chaplin & Dawn Adams in a funny and satirical comedy of a dethroned King seeking sanctuary in New York, but is subsequently accused of being a Red.

Tue 18th. "Lucky Jim" starring Ian Carmichael, Terry Thomas and Sharon Acker in a picture that makes fun of University life. What-ever Jim does goes wrong! Another night for laughs.

Wed 19th & Thurs 20th. "The Sad Sack" with Jerry Lewis & David Wayne in a film based on the popular strip. It follows the dizzy adventures of two wily US infantrymen who act as nurses to a goofy G. I. (Jerry Lewis). If you want a laugh this is a must.

Fri 21st. "The Vicious Circle" starring John Mills and Derek Farr in a story of a Harley Street specialist who becomes bait for a desperate gang of international crooks. The film is packed with suspense and excitement.

Sat 22nd. Children's Matinee — "Bar 20" starring William Boyd with thrills galore on the trail of the bad men.

Sun 23rd & Mon 24th. "Jet Pilot" starring John Wayne and Janet Leigh in a story featuring espionage, comedy and melodrama. It concerns a dashing American flying officer and a beautiful Soviet Jet Pilot. High jinks on both sides of the Iron Curtain!

Tue 25th. "Moby Dick" starring Gregory Peck, Richard Basehart and Leo Glenn in a sensational sea saga! The story is about Ahab's (Gregory Peck) obsession that he must seek out and destroy a white whale. It is packed with thrills, suspense and adventure.

Wed 26th & Thurs 27th. "The Last Hunt" starring Robert Taylor and Stewart Granger. This film is described in the write-up and picture above.

Fri 27th. "The Amazing Colossal Man" with Glenn Langdon and Cathy Downs in a science fiction thriller concerning an Army officer, caught in a plutonium explosion, who goes beserk. This is a gripping story.

Sun 30th & Mon 31st. "Slaughter on 10th Avenue" starring Richard Egan & Dan Duryea. It deals with New York's corrupt Union bosses and no punches are pulled in a real down to earth drama.

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JILL IRELAND

Agent Bill Watts wasn't thinking of business when he popped into a barber's shop in London's Charing Cross road. He sat down to read the morning paper and wait his turn.

Only when the barber said, "Next, please," did he notice that the blonde boy sitting beside him in black slacks and sweater wasn't a boy at all. For from it. It was Jill.

The alert Mr. Watts talked to her afterwards. He discovered that she had formed an acrobatic dancing act when she was 15, that she had been a chorus girl in provincial variety and at the Palladium, that she had danced in two London musical shows and with the Monte Carlo Ballet.

Next day — it was Christmas Eve, too! — he signed her. Since then Jill has had a solo dancing spot in the musical film, "Oh, Rosalinda!", and a small part in Pinewood's spectacular fairground picture, "The Woman For Joe".

A screen test followed. And now the film contract puts her on the way to fame. All because of a hair-cut . . .

Canadian Current Affairs

The Election

Progressive Conservatives — Prime Minister Diefenbaker will make a national development program for Canada one of the major issues in his campaign in the coming general election. In his first big speech in Winnipeg, Mr. Diefenbaker outlined the main points of his program which a Conservative government would put into effect to provide for the future of Canada and to relieve unemployment. The works program proposed would cost more than a billion dollars, of which 270 million would be spent in the first three months of this year. Money would be spent on a vast new highways development, notably in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, where lack of transportation other than by air and water is hindering exploitation of natural resources. The development would tie in with Arctic and northern research, with railway lines and other projects. Mr. Diefenbaker also spoke of expanding power production, of improving social welfare schemes and reducing taxes. He said his government inherited from the Liberal administration a record trade deficit, the highest interest rates in a generation, the heaviest tax burden in history, and a continuing increase in unemployment. Mr. Diefenbaker referred to his former minority government and asked that it be given a new and stronger mandate. In the last parliament, the Conservatives held 113 seats against 152 for the combined Opposition.

Liberals — The Liberal party leader, Lester Pearson, has announced his party's platform in the campaign for the general election on March the 31st. At a news conference in Ottawa, Mr. Pearson pledged his party, if elected, to reduce taxes by 400 million dollars a year. He said that income tax would be cut by 25 percent for the majority of taxpayers. Basic exemption, amounting to 2 thousand dollars, would be doubled for newly-weds in the first three years of marriage. The excise tax on automobiles, amounting to seven and a half percent, would be removed. And income tax for small businesses would be cut in half. Mr. Pearson remarked that these and other concessions would produce a budget deficit of about 400 million dollars a year, but he noted that the Liberals, while in office up to last year, had reduced the national debt by two and a half billion dollars since the war. He felt that a part of this saving should now be put to use to overcome what he considered a serious economic situation in Canada. Mr. Pearson also promised special aid for farmers, for labor, for the youth of Canada and old age pensioners, and for municipalities and industry. He spoke of the national works program which Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced last week. Mr. Pearson thought such a program worthwhile but believed that his own would be far more useful to relieve unemployment. He said it was directed at meeting current economic conditions and if they became worse, the tax reductions promised, and other incentives, would be widened.

CCF — The CCF election platform emphasizes the help the CCF is ready to give the Canadian farmer if it is elected. Speaking in Rosetown-Biggar, Saskatchewan, the riding he has represented in Parliament for over 20 years, Mr. Coldwell called for parity prices for agriculture, for national marketing boards, and a comprehensive crop insurance plan. Mr. Coldwell said the CCF believed that Canada's farmers should be guaranteed a fair return for their product just as the railways were protected by freight rates and big industries by tariffs. He felt that what was done to help business should also be done to help the farmer. The CCF was also ready to put in a vast program of home and school building across the country — one with an objective of 200thousand homes a year, and not urban but rural homes. The CCF is behind such a program, Mr. Coldwell said, as a means of relieving unemployment. He said threre was no excuse for people to be out of work when there was so much work to be done.

Mr St. Laurent — Mr. Lt. Laurent has announced that he will not stand for re-election to Parliament in his riding of Quebec East. He said the state of his health prevented him from running as a candidate in the forthcoming election, however, he might be able, later, on, to take an active part in the Liberal campaign in Quebec, his native province. Mr. St. Laurent is 76 years old.

Other News

Ski Champion — The young ski-ing star from St. Jovite, Quebec, Lucille Wheeler has added to her laurels in the world ski championships at Bad Gastein in Austria. Miss Wheeler won the down-hill event to give Canada its first Alpine championship. Later she flashed through the 52 gates of the giant slalom course to win this event too, for her second world title.

New Lt. Governors — The new Lieutenant Governor, Onesime Gagnon, will take over in Quebec on February the 14th, succeeding Gaspard Fauteux, who has held the post since 1950. Prime Minister Diefenbaker, who announced his appointment also announced the selection of two other new Lieutenant Governors, one for Saskatchewan and the other for Prince Edward Island. The three new Lieutenant Governors are all Progressive Conservatives who in each case replace Liberals.

Gold Rush — The Quebec government has taken steps to stop an old-fashioned gold rush in Beauce County. The threatened gold-rush developed with the discovery of a placer gold find along the banks of the Chaudiere river and some of its tributaries. As a result, the government has placed a ban on indiscriminate staking of the area. Those interested in trying their luck, however, will be allowed to obtain permits if they can satisfy the government that they can meet the conditions set up for exploitation. Some experts have classified the placer gold find as possibly the most important yet discovered. The government, too, has admitted that there certainly is gold in the district.

STADTMITTE

The nominations for Mayor and Councillors of Rhine Valley Park were held on the 13th and 14th February. The following were nominated: —

MAYOR: S/L JG Begg — S/L DF Archer — F/O FH Baker

COUNCILLORS

WARD NO.	Name	Building Numbers
1	FS NG Yemchuk Sgt DE Murray FS WD Williams	1, 2, 46, 48
2	Sgt PG Landry FS LE Fink Sgt RA McKay	3, 4, 5, 6, 7
3	Sgt JG Vanier FS LF Ingram FS HHP Bailey	9, 10, 11, 12, 13
4	F/L PJ Thomas F/L AL Quickfall F/L JA Tulloch	14, 15, 16, 17, 18
5	F/O GFM Lough F/L EM Walker S/L DJ Gagnon	19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 33
6	Cpl FJ Hughes Cpl RJ Young Cpl KH McFarlane	25, 31, 32
7	Cpl TL Cassidy Cpl RH Watkins Cpl GA Boyd	8, 30, 34, 35, 41, 42
8	LAC RT Histed Cpl AK Skarbo LAC EA Slaght	36, 37, 38, 39
9	LAC DM MacKay Cpl RA Wilson Cpl DG Calderone	40, 43, 44, 45

The elections were held on 20 Feb 1958 at the DND School Auditorium, and the following were elected to Town Council: —

MAYOR: F/O F. H. Baker

Ward No.		Ward No.	
1	F/S N. G. Yemchuck	6	Cpl. R. J. Young
2	Sgt. P. G. Landry	7	Cpl. T. L. Cassidy
3	F/S H. H. P. Bailey	8	Cpl. A. K. Skarbo
4	F/L P. J. Thomas	9	Cpl. R. A. Wilson
5	F/O GFM Lough		

Campaign Headquarters for F/O Baker were in the office of the O. C., 444 Squadron and the Driving Testing Room of the M. E. Section.

Campaign Headquarters for S/L Archer were the Driving Testing Room of the M. E. Section.

Campaign Headquarters for S/L Begg were kept a deep dark secret, and as yet the secret has not been divulged. Perhaps S/L Begg believes "SILENCE IS GOLDEN".

F/O Baker instigated the campaign for S/L Archer as he felt that S/L Archer was better qualified to assume the office of the Mayor of Rhine Valley Park. To further this campaign he encouraged members of the M. E. Section to advertise S/L Archer's abilities and campaign promises. However, in this same Section there were 3 Corporals who dared to disagree with their boss' campaign schedule for S/L Archer. These 3 Corporals, having worked in close proximity to F/O Baker, felt that he was the man for MAYOR, and started a secret campaign for him.

The campaign was short but effective, and some of the campaign promises were interesting but are not to be taken too seriously. There will be many electors disappointed that S/L Archer did not achieve this office and will not be in a position to fulfil the following campaign promises: —

Cheaper rent, with more heat to the top apartments.

Better weather conditions

To abolish all flying by 444 Sqdn in the early morning hours.

Baby bonus to be paid in Germany

Stocktaking at the PX to be done at night.

More clothes lines

TV for each apartment with an English speaking tube

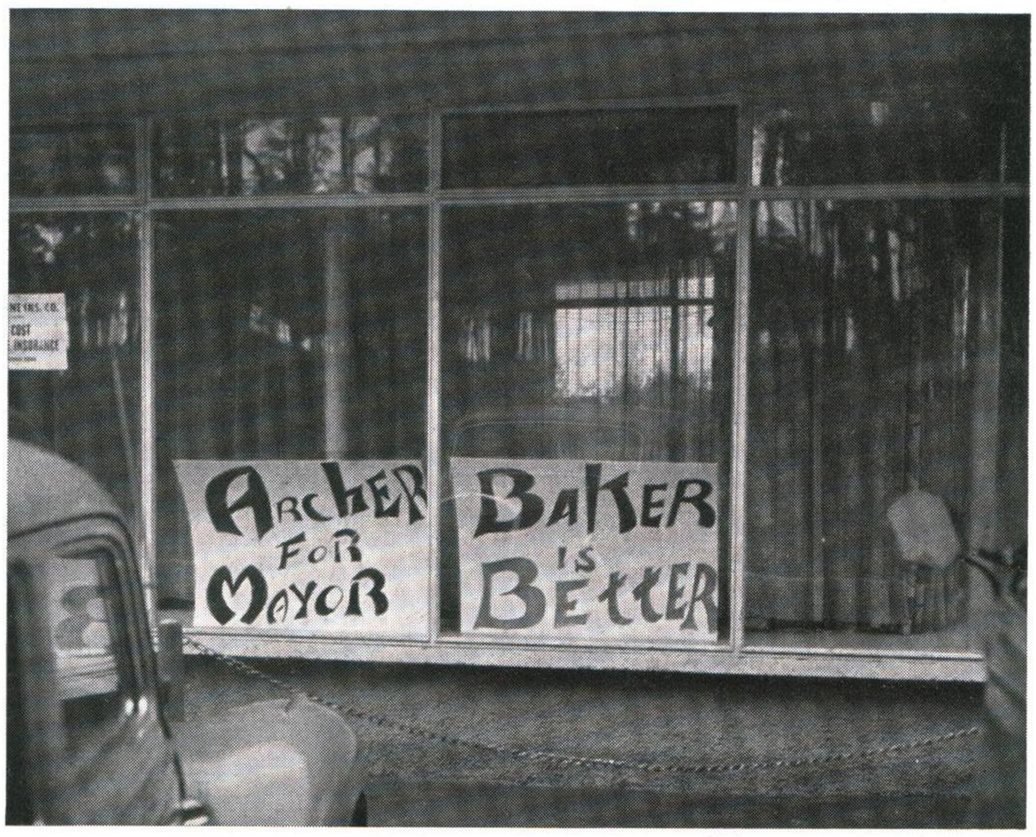
Round door knobs for that touch of home.

F/O Baker's campaigners advised that we would have an "Honest Administration" and it is felt that there is no need to publish any of his promises. Congratulations, Honest Fred!

We wish to extend our thanks to S/L Thomas and Sgt. Tex Hart for acting as Returning Officer and Clerk.

Honest Fred wishes to take this opportunity to thank "The Newf" and the two Corporals in Driver Testing for their "Off-Duty" efforts.

The Campaign was short . . .



. . . . but effective

RETIRING MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The end of February sees also the end of the Community Council fiscal year. The newly-elected council takes over as of March. In handing over the "chain" of office to Flying Officer Fred Baker and his councillors, we have the satisfaction of knowing that its responsibilities will be capably shouldered.

In looking back over the year, we cannot claim any startling achievements, but the combined efforts of all the councillors have kept the wheels rolling smoothly through the many small and large projects and routine assignments that fall the lot of your town council. A year ago this time, our fledgling council took over from S/L George Reid and his fine group with few preconceived objectives. There were however two things that we set out to do and in which we have had some success — to put the council on a sound financial basis and to provide playground facilities in the central area of PMQs.

Previous to last year, the councils had relied upon the varying proceeds of the bi-weekly bingo games for their income. It was our contention that the PMQ Community Council should be considered as a Station Institute with respect to access to Station Fund monies. This seemed reasonable in the light of the sizable amounts contributed to the Station Fund by PMQ residents through the PX and Grocery Store. The Commanding Officer approved the recommendation that at the beginning of each council fiscal year, an amount of $2000. be set aside by the Station Fund to finance Council projects during the year. Any unexpectedly large commitment would be referred separately to the Station Fund Committee.

Our activities during the year have reflected the foregoing policy. In July, playground equipment amounting to $1800 was purchased and installed in the area prepared for that purpose in the centre of PMQs, and a baseball field was constructed adjacent to the garden plots. Another $1200 was advanced to finance the children's Christmas party. In addition to these major items were many smaller contributions for purposes such as assistance to the Scouts and Guides organizations, the preparation of the garden plots and the purchase of equipment for the children's baseball and hockey teams.

The Community Council Bingo Games have been continued during the year with the exception of July and August. Although considerable profit is still made from this activity, it is carried on by the council as a service to the community and no longer primarily as a money raising scheme.

In closing this review of our activities, the council would like to record a belated vote of thanks to those who helped with the children's Christmas party: to Sergeant W. K. McDonald for his fine performance as Santa Claus; to the airwomen for their help in passing out the presents; and to Mr. Burnside for his efforts in obtaining and running the cartoon feature in the theatre.

Considerable discussion has taken place during the year regarding the desirability of having the Community Council act as the coordinating agency for all community organizations. The result of these deliberations has been a change in the constitution which increases the size of the council by the addition of the Wing Housing Officer, the Wing Recreation Officer and one representative each from the Home and School Association executive and the Scouts and Guides Group Committees. It is believed that these changes will make the work of the council more effective and more beneficial to the community organizations.

To the new Council, we offer our best wishes for a successful year in office — over to you Fred.

(CW Blain) Ex-Mayor

S/L Blain (right) handing over the chain of office to F/O Baker

MAYOR'S INAUGURATION SPEECH

My Friends . . . On this my inauguration day, I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that have voted for me. May it never be said that I, in anyway betrayed the trust and responsibility which you have invested in me.

The platform on which I campaigned contained many promises, some of which for your own good are not to be taken seriously. One promise however I will attempt to carry out (with my wife's permission) and that is to kiss all the ladies in P. M. Q.s that have voted for me.

At the start of the election, I myself figured S/L Archer as the best man for the job. I instructed my campaign headquarters to take the appropriate action to have this man elected. All went well on Tuesday and Wednesday as "Archer for Mayor" signs and announcements were distributed on the Station and P. M. Q. area.

During the noon hour on Thursday I despatched my campaign team to the P. M. Q. area to make a last campaign for ARCHER. Due to what I like to call a misunderstanding and not a DOUBLECROSS they campaigned for BAKER instead. (Orderly corporals will be supplied by the ME Section for the next year.)

Now that I have been elected to the office of Mayor, I will with untiring effort endeavor to uphold the trust and confidence you have placed in me. I, together with the newly elected councillors will try to make Rhine Valley Park a better place to live. We shall try to have entertainment for young and old, and especially for the kiddies, we will attempt to improve the playground facilities.

In closing let me once again thank you for your vote and I hope that you may never be sorry you marked "X" for BAKER . . . . .

(F.H. Baker) Mayor

The women in PMQ's are now in the machine age.

FATHER & SON BANQUET

A Father & Son Banquet was held on 14 Feb and attended by nearly 200 cubs, Scouts & Fathers. Group Committee chairman, F/L Massier presided and introduced W/C Pincock our District Commissioner who was the guest speaker. Following the banquet the District Commissioner presented the "Best Patrol Award" to Patrol Leader Brian Begg who accepted on behalf of the Owl Patrol who won the award on a point basis over the past several months. Scoutmaster McDonell then took over as emcee and announced skits which were put on by each cub pack and the scout troop and enjoyed by all.

We tried singing a fe wsongs but perhaps we ate too much, — or need a lot more practice because we didn't do the tunes justice. Perhaps after a few camp fires this summer we will do better.

Several scouters and the chairman of the Group Committee went to a Scout conference at Metz, 1 March to discuss scouting problems with the District Commissioner and scouters from other Wings.

One of the main topics was Summer camping, Sorry the details are not available for this issue.

As we all know camps cost money and plenty of it. Boys, now is a very good time to get "thrifty" and lay away a dollar on one of those wealthy days.

Recent Scouts invested were; Douglas Archer, Timmy Steene, Bob Field, David McLean, Lenard Hughes, Jimmy Massier, Rene Rochon, Gerry Faulkerson, Michael Hacking, Ken McKenzie, Douglas James, Frank Dusablon, Lenard Sherwood. Good luck up the scouting trail, boys.

Cub Master Andy Wilson is enjoying (we hope) a tour to the sunny Mediterranean.

We wish to say "So Long" to Scouter Ray Clapham who is returning to his native land. All the best in Scouting at Comox, Ray.

Scout and Cub leaders are needed, experience is an asset but not a necessity, a willing helper is always welcome. Cub Pack meet is at 1800, Mon, Wed, Thurs,. The Scout troop, Wed 1930.

OUR BOY SCOUT FAMILY

By CM AL Baker

In this issue we will cover the theme which "BP" used for cubbing. This theme is taken from "The Jungle Books" by Kipling. We will give explanatory details and terms used in cubbing and leave the story of Mowgli for another issue. A Wolf Cub Pack usually consists of 24 Wolf Cubs led by a cubmaster and two or more assistants. The Cubmaster is known as Akela, and the assistants as Baloo, Bogheera, Kaa, Shere Khan, Tabaqui — names from the Jungle Books. As a common term, the leaders are known as old Wolves. The Cub way is the play way, therefore a lot of games are used and instruction as well as fun results. A Pack meeting opens and closes with a Grand Howl, a sort of Pack yell.

Cub meeting formations are circles around a Council Rock. The Rock circle is a small close circle. The parade circle, most used, is a large circle, formed by the cubs joining then dropping hands. The leaders cry of "Pack, Pack, Pack" is the call which brings the cubs running in to form the Parade Circle.

The Cub salute is given with two fingers of the right hand separated as in a V. The rest of the fingers are closed.

The meeting place of Cub Pack is the make believe Jungle.

The cubs are divided into, and known as a "six". Each six has a corner, known as a Lair. Two of the most advanced and older cubs in each six act as older brothers, one is known as the "Sixer" with two yellow arm bands on the left arm above the elbow, and the other his second, or "Seconder" with one armlet.

As the cubs progress through their studies or "Star work" they are presented one or two stars which are worn on their caps. We refer to them as eyes. Until a cub has learned the way of the jungle he cannot see.

The stages of cub progress are; Tenderpack, First Star Cub, Second Star Cub.

When a two star cub, usually eleven to eleven and one half years old, "goes up" to the Boy Scout Troup directly from Pack he receives and wears on his Scout uniform a Leaping Wolf Badge.

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419 SQN

Air Crew by F/O Bill Graham

Congratulations to the boys on our hockey team who brought home the bacon, ending up on top of the league with a total of 35 points. It was a job well done and that final win of 5—2 over the the boys in red and white was the icing on the cake. After our return from our sun bathed tour in Sardinia we hope to prove our worth again in the playoffs.

We were very pleased to note that four of our outstanding players were selected for the all star team. Congrats to Bernie Manley, Bob Sleigh, Jerry Lapierre, and Willie Holland.

It was unfortunate that, due to that heavy snow we were not able to have our Squadron party on the 14th, but hope to bring it off on our return.

While the "Hatchet" flyers managed to sever the head of our snow "Bruce" it did no vital harm to the mighty moose and he intends to bury that hatchet when he gets back.

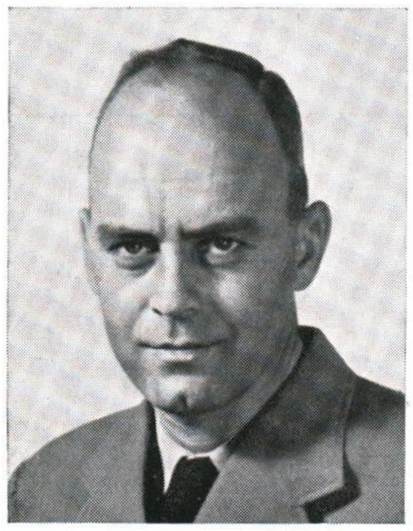
We have now had our first season of "Fasching", and we must admit full advantage was taken of it, especially by our single men. One of the most impressive parties was the Gros Ball at the Kurhaus where 4 Wing did itself proud by winning three costume prizes. That hobo's get-up of S/L Archer's was tops and Bill Neilson's costume I must say, fit his personality to a Tee. However, it's all over now until next November so everyone can return to a healthy state.

Of this month's personalities, three contributed to our hockey victory, F/O Protz, the league's top goal tender, F/O Froom the bench manager, and F/O Howard our stalwart defence man.

That's it, so with dreams of cactus, sandy beaches and the blue Med, we bid you "adieu" until next month.

Chopstick 11

F/O A. D. (Jack) MacKenzie was born in Edinburgh Scotland, in 1923, and just over 18 years later in November of 1941, he joined the RAF as a U/T Pilot. In common with many thousands of other Britons, Jack was sent to Canada to train under the Commonwealth Air Training Plan, E. F. T. S. at Neepawa, and S. F. T. S. at Medicine Hat, obtaining his wings in April of 42. Back in Britain he became a member of No 75 (N. Z.) Squadron where he flew Stirlings and then Lancasters. His tour expired in August of 44, and after numerous desk type jobs, obtained his release in September of 46, the proud owner of a D. F. C.. A two year jaunt at Edinburgh University, followed, and then the prospects of a career as a surveyor lured him back to Canada. From his home in Winnipeg, Jack joined the R. C. A. F. in November of 51, and spent the next three years in Training Command at Trenton, Gimli, and Moose Jaw flying the yellow terror. And then, thank the Lord, a posting to A. D. C.. First came the CF O. T. U. in September 54, and thence to 419 Squadron and of course, to 4 (F) Wing. Jack is slim (?), balding, married to a beautiful gal, by name Addie, and has two sons, Kenny, and Ross.



F/O MacKenzie

F/O Protz

Chopstick 11½

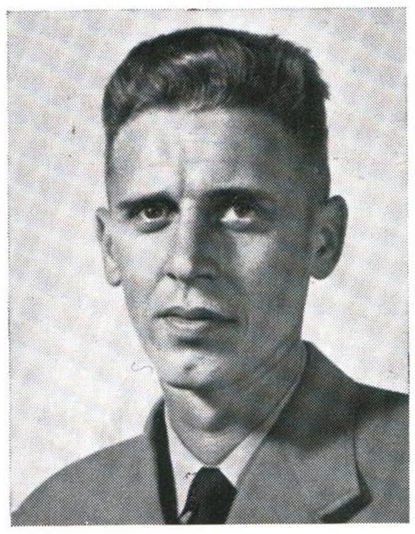
F/O "Gordie" Protz, our stalwart goalie was born on June 3rd, 1932, in Saskatchewan during the depression, and schooled there at Yorkton and Battleford. After two years at the University of Saskatchewan, he surveyed, both for the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Association and the Saskatchewan Power Corporation. In June of 53, he rolled his father's car and immediately after, joined the Air Force. From PSU he went to Nav school at Winnipeg, summer survival at Edmonton, A. I. training at Winnipeg, winter and arctic survival at Edmonton, and finally was side tracked to North Bay where he went through the O. T. U. and joined the Squadron. He is married, his wife's name is Helen, they have one small child called Cleo, and he resides on the outskirts of Buhl.

Chopstick 12

F/O "Gary" Froom, T. A. F. P. (Trans Atlantic Fighter Pilot) was born and educated in balmy southern Manitoba at a place called Dominion City. At the age of seventeen he decided that the Air Force was the cats meow and thus became an airman, his trade being that of Ftr Cop. After 2 ½ years of this, he decided he belonged in the air and so took a jab at aircrew and much to his surprise, made it. On completion of the normal pilots' pipeline and OTU at Cold Lake he arrived at 419 (AW) F Sqn in the "Bay" on the 1st September 55 with a subsequent transfer over here. He and his wife Doreen have a two year old girl named Lonnie Jane (Skinny-Minnie) and make their home in Baden-Oos.

Chopstick 12 ½

F/O Jim "Sam" Howard was born August 26, 1934 in the small community of Kapuskasing, Ont. He obtained his education (?) there and, after high school, worked as a payroll clerk for a paper mill. Believing that life held more excitement and adventure he enlisted in the R. C. A. F. at North Bay in 1954. After completion of P. S. U. at London, he proceeded west to Winnipeg for navigation training. On the 13 May 55, he and twelve others received their Observer (AI) Wings. He then went to the No 3



F/O Froom

F/O Howard

O. T. U., Cold Lake where he crewed up and graduated in August 55. He joined the "Moose" Squadron that September at North Bay and became a Trans Atlantic navigator last August. He is single, lives in barracks and hopes to remain here for a good many years.

419 Maintenance

by Cpl R. Peever

February was a short month, but a least it brought the paydays a little closer together. As we write this column, our thoughts are with those of the squadron who are away now, and we hope they are setting some records which will be a credit to Bruce. For those who are left behind from Servicing, we extend a welcome to the working end of the squadron, the hangar, that is . . .

Fasching has come and gone again for another year. Some of the stories being told around here would curl the pages of this magazine, but it sounds like a lot of fun. I myself couldn't get in on any of the festivities because of commitments at home (my wife). If you want to hear about the real spirit of Fasching ask Cpl Lacroix, LAC Lepage, Murphy's wife or Thagard's wife. And while you are at it find out from Lebrun what he was trying to do with a Dummy.

If you don't think you can get lost between the station and Baden-Baden, ask Sgt Mucklestone, and he'll tell you how.

Two of our electricians have taken the fatal plunge. Bob Laird has married a local Fraulein and they are making their home in Hugelsheim, while Gerry Turmaine met his fiance at LeHavre after her trip over from Canada. Congratulations on both accounts, and we hope Mrs Turmaine will enjoy her stay in Germany.

We note that Cpl Young has been elected PMQ Councillor and is now putting into effect his campaign promises of better pay, shorter hours, better clothes lines and less rent. If he hadn't been elected he would have made a good Black Forest dog catcher, according to MacKay.

The boys left behind were fortunate to have had a tour to the Mercedes factory, in Stuttgart. The trip was brought about due mainly to the efforts of Cpl. Rogers, for which we offer our vote of thanks. Perhaps the rest will get a chance to see this later, for the good job dong in Sardinia.

Now that our hockey team has been away for a while, the 444 boys will have a chance to rest up, and recuperate from their losses.

Certain "Wheels" in our midst would do well to remember that "People who go around in a stew, usually end up in a pot!"

Many people have asked for more news, but remember guys, I have to hear about it before I can write it. A few more wise words are these. "A man seldom loses his shirt if his sleeves are rolled up" and "Don't run down your church, because it many have changed since you were there last."

422 Sqn

by F/O H. Jacobs

With Fasching and the regular 1958 hockey season having drawn to a close, all eyes are now preparing for the forthcoming "round robin" and subsequent playoffs. We congratulate Moose for having put up such a fine show in his initial year in 4 Wing's inter-section hockey, and our sincere hope is that your playoff record isn't as impressive.

422 Hockey Team

Though we had kindled no hope for 419's chances at "Dutchy" we have found it necessary to alter our opinions somewhat, as F/L Don McKinley, one of the Wing's swept-back drivers, has taken them in hand and accompanied them to Sardinia. It's nice to see so many fighter type aircraft around nowadays.

Congratulations are due F/O and Mrs Merv Esch on the birth of their kinder during the month. Merv even gave out prima cigars — why not — not everybody can turn 10 marks into a thousand within an hour. (Not even in Baden-Baden). Still in the finance department; duplication of a trip to the Riviera about a year ago occurred during the past month. This time the scene moved however to Austria — but it was the same old story that arrived by telegram bright and early one February morning — "SOS — I'M BROKE, SEND ME SOME DOUGH" — Dan. Too bad Nick lost the return address eh?

Prize Comment for the month goes to 444 Sqn. Overheard from a certain section enroute to Scotland;

(RED 2) "Three, would you check my tail?"

(Elsewhere) "Roger, it's still there."

For a small fee the author will tell who answered the above transmission, but BK might be angry.

We'll see you same place next month.

444 SQN

"News from the Snakepit"

The month of February will undoubtedly be remembered around 444 as the month of the big snow. It seems that a goodly number of Chiefs and considerably more Indians were very actively engaged battling Mother Nature's primeval force with an instrument of torture called the shovel. From various unquotable comments I gather that 57 able bodied Canadian men lost the battle "hands down". At least it could be said for a time that we were the only operational Squadron in Europe.

What started as a quiet mid-week farewell party for F/L Barry Smith, F/O's Brian Bell, Bob Longhouse and Egan "Bullmoose" Agar turned out to be one of the most enjoyable Squadron parties for a long time. Spiked "Cobra Cream" plus liberal quantities of other alcoholic beverages undoubtedly contributed in no little way to its enjoyment. Who knows maybe next time Brian will succeed in getting the chesterfield into the ladies' room.

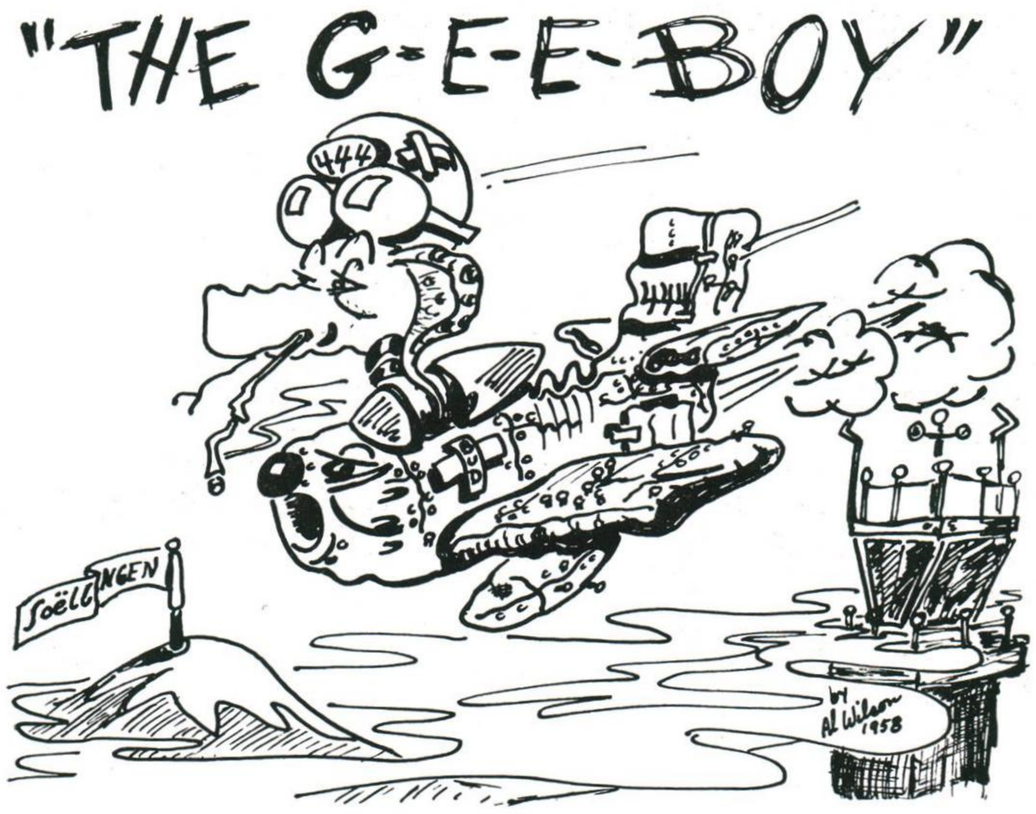
Congratulations are in order for Marg Massier, Marg and Bill Tibbitt and S/L & Mrs Archer on winning best costume prizes at the Kurhaus ball. Out of a possible 12 prizes, 6 were won by Canadians — 5 of which went to 444.

Have you heard?

Germany (AP) Feb 11. Gerald Heard, 7 pounds 11 ounces joined the Fighting 444. Both father and son doing well. All kidding aside tho' — Congratulations Les & Reg!

Hurrah we are in the finals!!! After a winning streak of 7 games straight our hockey warriors made the grade. Watch the Cobra sting in the playoffs, W/M, 422 and Bruce. A hearty "well done" to F/O Bob Longhouse for tying for 1st place in the scoring race.

Our sincere sympathy to F/L Jack Regan on the death of his mother; also to F/O Al Brown on the illness of his father.



"THE CRIPPLED FOUR"
Victims of the winter hockey wars, reading left to right:
F/O Dusty Miller, F/L Bob Frith, F/O Bob Porter
and F/O Ralph Gallinger

444 Groundcrew News

by Cpl "Bill" Heslop

To start off our monthly tour of 444 we enter the confines of the squadron maintenance personnel.

Since Cpl "Guy" Menard's recent visit to Soest, he seems to be walking on clouds. I guess he will be taking the big plunge before the year is out. New cars will soon be in evidence around here. LAC Beswick (Slob) will be sporting a new two-tone Vedette (French Ford) as well.

Thank heavens, LAC Levesque sold his Plymouth, eh fellas! LAC's Mitchell and Burrows are back amongst the fold once again after completing two weeks in 3 (F) Wing on course. As LAC Stutt in the tool crib is having difficulty outfitting "Moose" with a pair of coveralls, I hear the matter is now in the hands of "Omar the Tent Maker".

Cpl Westfall (that dangerous armourer) and LAC Zielke are still carrying on that verbal battle commonly known as the "Battle of the Borgwards". When it comes to smooth efficient engine changes, Cpl Vincent and crew are your boys.

Overheard in the Electrical section.

Sgt Seguin — Hey, Muck, who's that curled up on the Ceiling?

Muck — Oh! that's LAC Renaud, he's a bit wingy, he thinks he's a light bulb.

Sgt Seguin — Well, why don't you get him down from there?

Muck — What? And work in the dark?

In the Instrument section Cpl Lawson was trying his darndest to convince Sgt Wallace that the "Boer War" was only a pig fight.

LAC Speedie is still doing a swell job in the Canteen.

"A" Flight — LAC's Barton, Polley and Lamontagne have just recently had additions to their families. Congratulations! Sgt Patrick and Sgt Vikse have gone rank happy by sewing their stripes on their raincoats (hasn't everyone?). LAC Pugh's presence in the tent on several occasions has been well appreciated by all his fellow workers. LAC Pihl is headed for the cream of French Canadian society namely Bagotville.

Who's the smallest Cpl in Air Div that has been seen driving the big black Unimog with a tow hook on the front??

"B" Flight — Snapped up Charley (Harper) and "Nozo" Naso are on leave in Oslo. Cpl Addis has become engaged via C. A. P. O.. Tremblay drives again! It's rumoured that Tony is to get a new engine for his Lemon (green). Don't forget to dunk your respirator canister in the water, Tremblay and Orr.

Control — "Schnell" is still the most popular Deutsch being spieled in the "nerve centre".

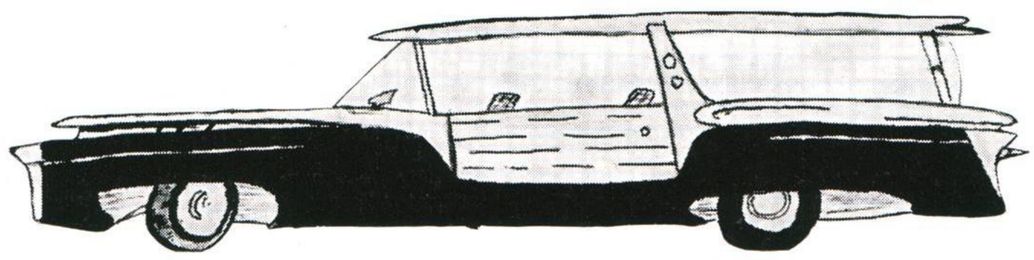
Orderly Room — LAC Kisch is still the best dressed airman on camp thanks to the 444 Hockey Team.

The Hockey Team is going at a nice clip and now with 419 back from Sardinia, the playoffs should be very interesting. LAC McNamara, our capable team manger has left for his new posting at Dartmouth N. S. The going away party he threw at the "Gruner Baum" kept the guys reeling for days.

I'll close leaving you with this thought.

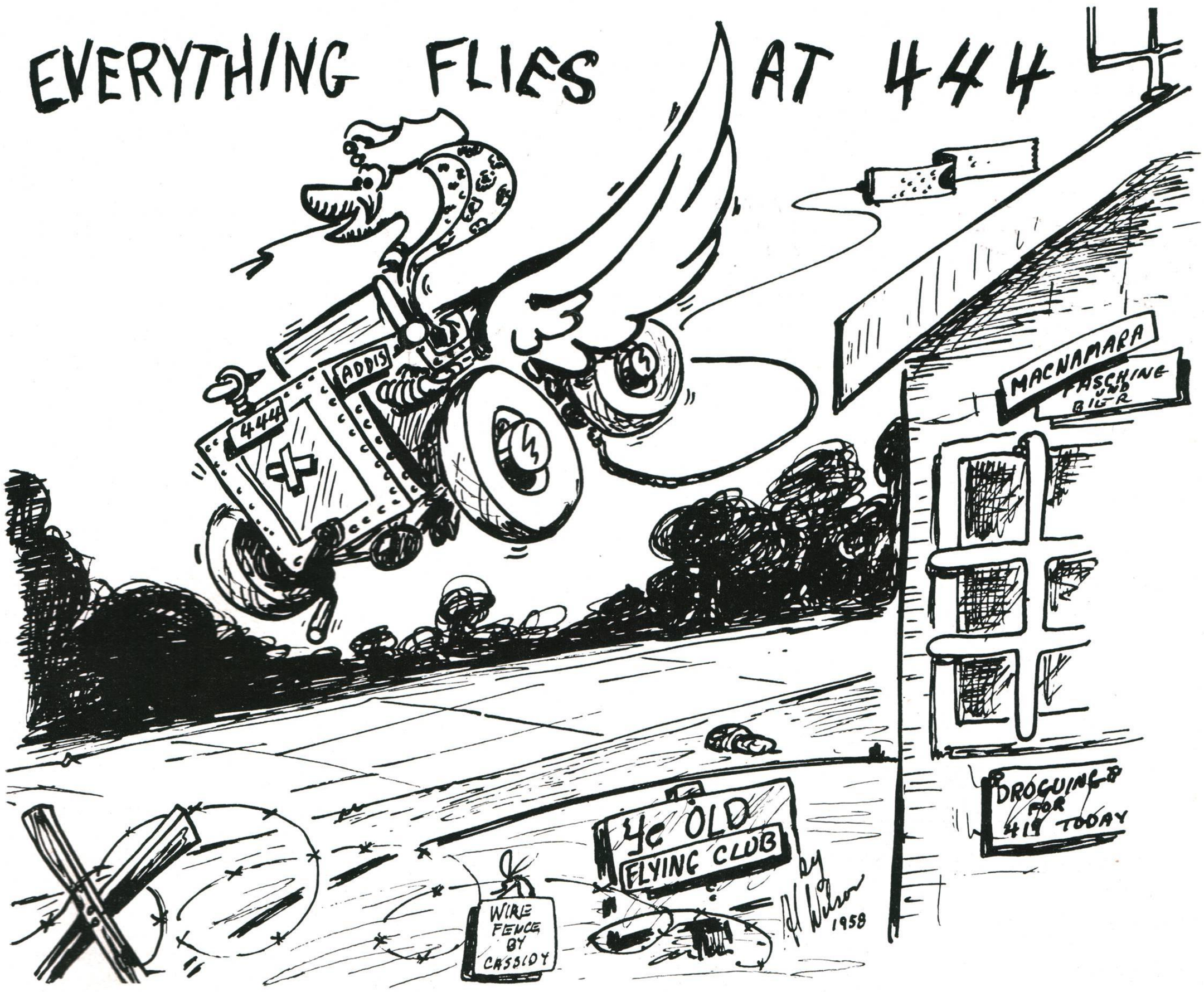
"When we were kids, 10 cents was big money. How dimes have changed!"

444 Car of the Month



Switches A, B, C, D and E are wired in series with car ignition system. Switches A and B are so wired that if either hand is removed from the steering wheel, the motor immediately quits and a large stick pops up from the horn and raps you across the knuckles.

Switch C is seated on the front grille so in case of a head-on collision this powers your defrosters so they operate in reverse — thus sucking all alcohol fumes from the interior.



Switch D is situated in the rear spring so that when more than 40 people enter the car, pressure is applied to the switch which immediately ejects the car's roof, then the circuit is completed by switch E which ejects 38 passengers, leaving a driver and a back seat driver.

Switch F is placed near switches A and B on the steering wheel, so that when the driver falls asleep against the steering wheel a hand comes out and slaps him thrice across the face awakening the driver to the sweet strains of "Wake up little Suzie", played by the automatic radio record player.

ACCESSORIES: This car is not equipped with seat belts because it is designed for driving in the PMQ area and is governed at 5 MPH

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Cpl's Club Hockey Team 1957-58
Semi-finalists

Although the Cpl's Hockey team did not get into the finals this year it must be said that they did make a very good showing in that they did at least make the semi-finals. Much credit can be given to the players for their fine effort on behalf of the Club.

During the regular season the main stumbling block to the Cpl's team seemed to be the Sgt's team which was very strong this season. When the regular season ended the Sgt's had taken unopposed first place and the Cpl's third place, this meant that they would once again meet in the semi-finals.

In the first game of the semi finals the Cpl's played good hockey but were unable to penetrate the goals of the Sgt's and so were defeated 8 to 0, however on 24 Feb 58 these two teams met again for the second game and it was a different story. It was a hard fought game with the Cpl's determination giving them the best of the play during the whole game. At the end of regulation time the score was tied 3 to 3 and this forced a ten minute over-time period. It was during the overtime that the Sgt's once more were able to score and this dashed the hopes of the hard fighting Cpl's. So ended the season for the Cpl's, but it must once more be said that they certainly have nothing to be ashamed of as they fought hard and were beaten fair and square.

Individual points for the Cpl's for the season were as follows:

Cpl Hughes	12 points.	Penalties	
Cpl Pirie	8 "	Cpl Roberge	9
Cpl Roberge	7 "	Cpl McKinnon	6
Cpl Hansen	6 "	Cpl Hayduck	2
Cpl Hodges	5 "	Cpl Prince	4
Cpl Bourboin	3 "	Cpl Hansen	4
Cpl Prince	3 "	Cpl Bourboin	2
Cpl Hayduck	2 "	Cpl Churchill	2
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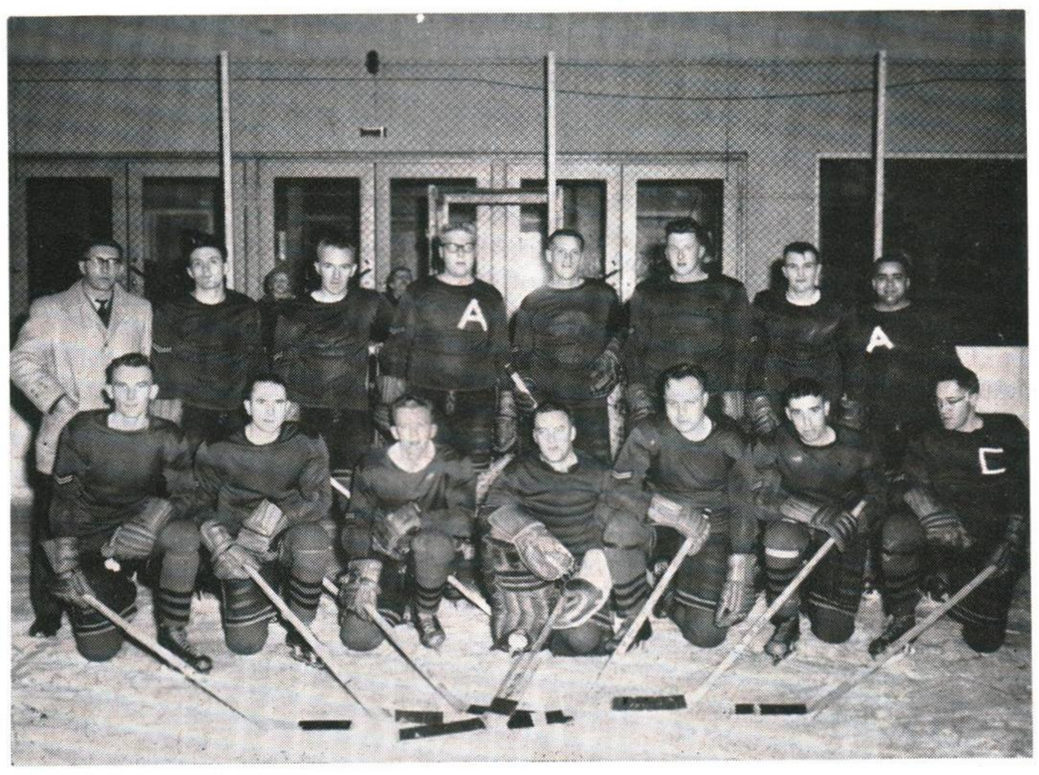
Cpl McKinnon	2 "		
Cpl Alp	5 "		
Cpl Cooper	1 "		
Cpl Daubert	1 "		



Back: Cpl Lucas, Cpl Roberge, Cpl Prince, Cpl Hanson, Cpl Daubert, Cpl Hayduck, Cpl Pirie, Cpl Bourboin.
Front: Cpl Hodges, Cpl Cox, Cpl Churchill, Cpl Chandler, Cpl Alp, Cpl Cooper, Cpl Hughes.
Absent: Manager Cpl Ennis, Trainer Cpl Stevenson.

Notes from Wing Maint

by LAC J. P. Peebles

Well gracious, the telephone just rang and everyone is in a big hurry, get your article in by the 21st of the month as we are going on leave.

"Stop the press". W/M took second place in hockey with a record of 14 wins, 9 losses and 2 ties for 30 points. We have five (5) of our players picked for the All Star team. They are John Weedon No. 1 goalie, defence: Ron Lenson and Al Shand, forwards Ray LaLonde and Gary Swinamer. One more and we could have had one whole line out there. We also have one of the high scorers in the league in the form of Gary Swinamer with 29 goals, 21 Assists for 50 points. So our congratulations go out to all the players on the team, to the Coach Sgt Bennett and manager F/L Dusty Duston. To all those who gave their time to help we give our hearty "Thanks". Now we are going to thank Phil Morash for standing by all season as second goalie. Alas! We should never forget the poor little stick and water boy, — me.

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W/Maint Hockey Team. Back row standing F/L Duston, Cpl Baxter, LAC Lalonde, Cpl Shand, LAC Lenson, Sgt Bennett, LAC Ritchie, Cpl Swinamer, Cpl Greer, LAC Peebles. Kneeling, LAC Chaluck, LAC Racicote, LAC Weedon, Cpl Bouron, LAC Anderson, LAC Richard.

We in W/M wish to welcome to the fold LAC DT Newman from Greenwood.

We shall take this opportunity to say "Goodbye" to three of the old stalwart's of W/M. The first to leave us has been LAC Tom Nieland who went to Station Uplands, "good luck", Tom. The next one to go will be LAC Ron Lenson who hails from Ontario. He has been transferred to Station Downsview. We hope you enjoy yourself as much there as you did at 4 (F) Wing. Good luck Ron. We will also be losing LAC Ray LaLonde and family. Ray has been transferred to Stn Bagotville and leaves with a good record in hockey this year, again being in the Top Ten high scoring with 22 goals, 24 assists for 46 points. Good Luck to you and your Frau.

More should be mentioned of our top goal getters, they being: —

Gordy Greer	13 Goals	18 Assts	31 Points
Guy Bourdon	15 Goals	15 Assts	30 Points
Pete Chaluck	12 Goals	17 Assts	29 Points
Larry Baxter	11 Goals	18 Assts	23 Points
Al Shand	8 Goals	9 Assts	17 Points
Ron Lenson	6 Goals	10 Assts	16 Points

F/O Brotherton and wife Helgard are to be congratulated on the birth of a girl, Christine, born on the 13 Feb 57. Get well wishes are extended to Sgt Al Baker of W/Workshops and also to LAC Fred Wells. We hope you both will feel well in a very short time.

I have been asked to mention that Cpl Nytray, our able M & W Tech who has been working hand in hand with everyone else's tool box, is leaving us for Stn North Bay, "Our gain is their loss".

LAC Fish who joined us after a stint in 3 (F) Wing is leaving for Canada with his Frau and family, we extend good wishes, especially to his wife, who is leaving her native homeland.

Well, Fasching is over for another year with yours truly staying at home and sober. Next year I think we should start on the tenth day of the tenth month at the tenth hour and get a month of practice in before everyone else does.

Curling in the Wing is just about over with all the teams looking ahead at the big Bonspeils that highlight the end of the curling season. "Good Luck" to all of the curlers in and around the hangar.

Here is the end of another trip down the page; people are starting to come forward with info, let's have a little more. I can be contacted at local 148 at any time. If I'm not there, leave a message.

Armament News

by Allus Sundry

Fasching has at long last died a natural death, and with its demise our armament people are gradually settling down, however stories are many and varied and will always remain as memories of a very fascinating aspect of life in Germany.

On leave resting up from the above activities we have Cpl Wilson, WO2 Hoad, LAC's MacDougall, MacHale and Martin.

LAC Carey has ceased his house-keeping duties with the return of his wife from her stay in the hospital in Heidelberg.

LAC Andy Martin is attached to Wing Armament until he is given a full bill of health, after having been in hospital several months mending from an unfortunate accident. Speedy recovery, Andy.

Our "Al" Wilson has purchased a Volkswagen which has been christened "Bruce" in honour of Al's many cartoon contributions to the "Flieger".

THE RAW STEAK TO BLACK EYE CLUB welcomes to its ranks another member, who with tongue in cheek states that a floor hit him. It doesn't make a convincing story, Duke!

Our hockey team, the Combines, although well managed, failed to make the grade in competition due to many unfortunate incidents, however as in all sports it is competitive effort that makes a sport worth-while, and all members of our team enjoyed this competitive feeling and hope that the ensuing year may produce a stronger club to enter in the league.

To the land of sand dunes and caves goes Keith Sanford to lend his much needed assistance to 419 Sqn during their stay in Sardinia.

LAC Weston has gone to 444 Sqn and LAC Pugh to Wing Maint.

WO2 Hoad has moved finally to permament lodgings having stayed for several weeks in the Gasthaus Hirsch. Gasthaus Zum Hoad is now located in Baden-Baden.

This will wind up our news for this issue. Be with you again next month.

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Telecom Gen

by Cpl E. Sherwood

Well, I was going to tell my Reader about our dependency Wolfsberg, but due to factors beyond my control it has been suggested that this article make but brief reference to this telecom outpost.

Wolfsberg is in Europe. Sgt Mo Warner, Cpl's Bill Fosty and Al Remphrey and their slaves inhabit this den of iniquity living on a starvation diet and accumulating vast quantities of wealth and ulcers. It glories under the official title of 601 R. R. Squadron (Rarely Ready) and is convenient for absorbing Com ground excesses. Wolfsberg's Service purpose is rather obscure, but its minions proclaim it to be a D E W line conditioning site (that right, Al?) only enhanced by Chef Wawryk's delectable dishes.

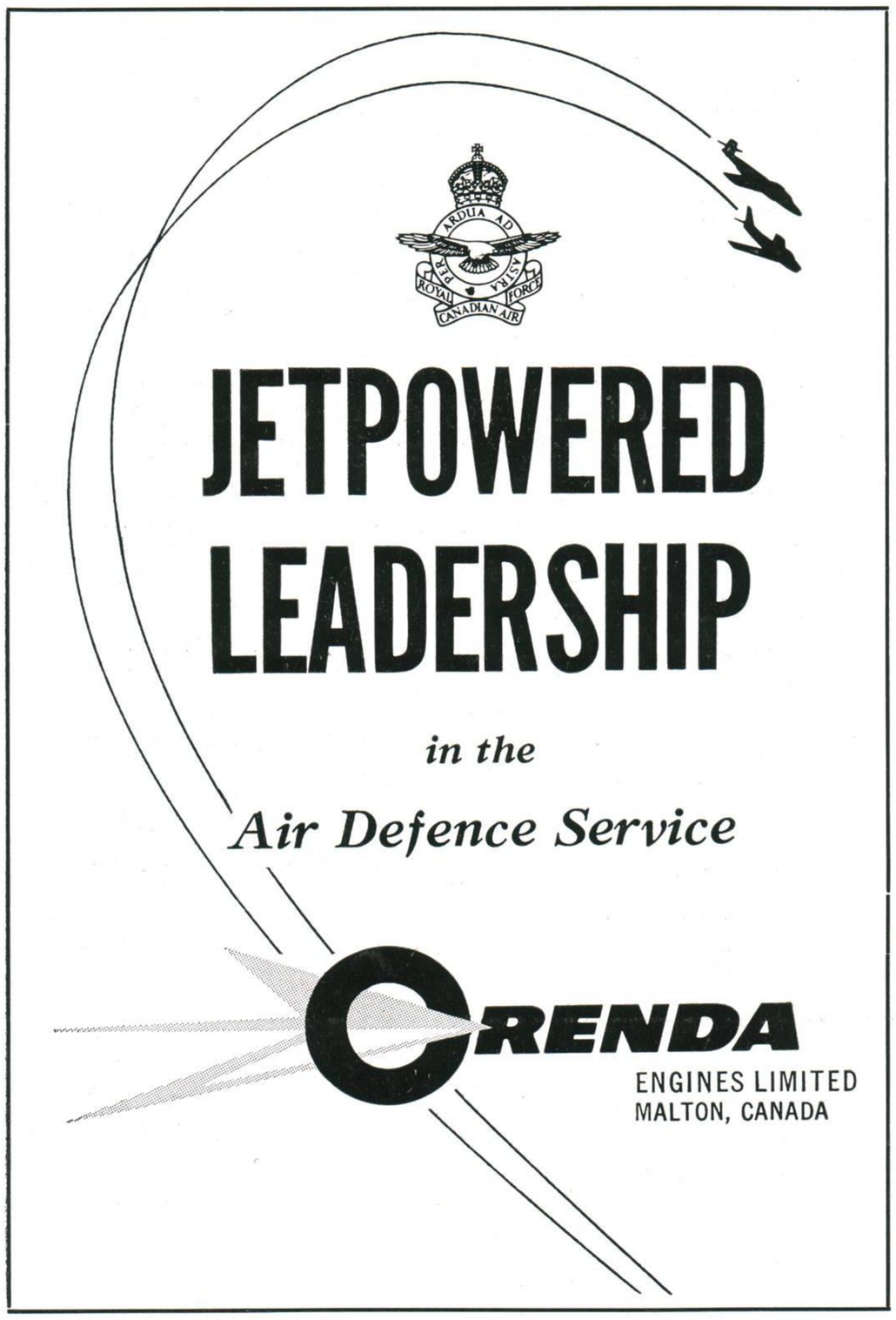
The staff is constantly rotated to 4 Wing transmitter site to make up the Bridge school and, at least in the old days, swell the ranks at section parties (hint to Telecom Entertainment Committee, — how about that?)

Wolfsberg is now on the Flieger Map.

Telecom has been somewhat short of bods recently. What with the mad scramble for leave at the fiscal year end, Cleverly to Sardinia for sun-ray treatment (he hopes), Morneau sabotaging 3 Wing's GCA, Flight Newman swinging the old lead in hospital, Donahue with the 601 money spinners, — and everyone else (except myself of course) suffering from the lethargic aftermath of Fasching, — it's no wonder we dropped two straight volleyball games to 422 (even though my son Len was in there slipping all over the court along with the other five).

See young Stew Bourget walking again (for sale one Opel Kapitan practically unused by present owner); congrats to Stew and Lynne on the arrival of number two, a boy this time. Jerry Loehr should be happily wed by now, may you both have a long and lucky married life.

I saw the section Bowling Team in action the other night and was highly impressed by the consistency with which Gosselin ran his ball down that groove at the side, — must have been having lessons from Nick Masyk and Bob Gingras. Must admit though, — they get more direct hits than our Hockey Team. Roll on Softball, — if there's still a diamond 'neath that snow.



Your Camera Club

If you have noticed a great deal of activity in the building between the Post Office and the Airwomen's Lounge, it is because the Camera Club is in full swing once more.

The plumbing has been completed, and the model aircraft club has vacated the premises leaving much-needed space for meetings. In addition to this, a great deal of new equipment has been ordered to increase the facilities available to members. Everyone on the station who is interested in any phase of photography is invited to attend meetings and become a member. You do not have to be the owner of an expensive camera in order to join, because the aim of the club is to create an active interest in a most intriguing and satisfying hobby, as well as to help you to get the most out of whatever equipment you now own.

Meetings are held every second week on the Wednesdays between the Bingo Wednesdays, in the Camera Club building. More effort will be put into the advertising of these meetings in the future, in order that more people will be able to attend them.

At present the meetings consist of the business meeting, a half-hour lecture on some phase of photography, given by one of the more experienced members, and a period of general discussion which is intended to answer any problems about any phase of the hobby. So far it has been noted that very, very few questions have gone without an answer by someone who has solved the problem at one time or another for himself. Every problem is welcomed at the meetings, so if you have purchased a new camera with settings that have you confused, or if you have been taking pictures or slides which aren't what you'd like them to be, or even if you are just interested in seeing a dark room, come on out.

After a few more lectures have been given on the basics of photography, a number of projects have been planned for the enjoyment of every shutterbug on the station. Field trips, photo displays and contests, as well as slide shows are in the offing, so get out and enjoy your hobby to the limit. Join the Camera Club, at the next meeting.

R.J.C.

Soellingen Sally Reports

Most of the barrack-block rooms were dark and quiet; the only sounds to be heard were the footsteps of mice and the wind blowing strongly against the silent barrack. The reason for the conversion from a booming loud barrack to a creepy haunted look, was that ten of the airwomen from this Wing had taken leave and departed for Garmish, there they had a whole floor to themselves, which made the Hotel in Garmish the barrack block. On Sun 23rd, the living (not quiet) atmosphere was back, for they had returned! No longer will we, the ones left behind sleep in, for silence is no more a part of the future. From what I heard they had quite a time, they spent many hours skiing down "the beginners slope", a few were experts at the sport, like Julie from Quebec city, where this is done so many times during the winter months. It was quite a sight to see the airwomen enter the dining room; like an army they came in carrying under their arms a book of crossword puzzles and a dictionary, and they worked at the puzzles during the meals to the amazement of the other tourists. So you can see that the airwomen of this Wing are intellectual! Phil (the Padre's secretary) has a technique which brings positive results; she gracefully (well, you may call it that) took a plunge down a slope (a beginner's slope) and found herself amidst the snow with a sprained ankle. To her rescue came two of the ski patrol who took great care of her, even until her departure. The good part about this was that the Knight in Skiing armour took her out to supper that night; so girls let's take this for an example how to get our man! Monk was the model at skiing. Her technique which was copied by all, which was to sit down to stop, though this position is reserved for avoiding falls. Her idea of speeding down a hill to get to a small "quick one", is somewhat reckless. Unfortunately she missed the fellow that was standing in her way by only a few inches, but did go over his skis, — to his amazement.

Audrey reminds us every Tuesday night that she has only so many clean-up nights before going back to Canada. Her numbers have decreased to five but her talking about it is still going strong. I've heard about mistaking things which seem similar from afar, but never in my whole life have I heard a person see a pork chop and think it was a "Jelly Roll". Pat, I'm afraid you need glasses.

In brief and in grief we bring you the latest news on the hot rod owned by our capable, rich (did I say rich? Sorry!) airwomen of this Wing. Pete's car had an operation last week, they took its inside out, and all that is left now is a body. After a few months of research they might find the right motor to put in, and perhaps then it will work. If you intend visiting the car (well, that is what she calls it) turn right at the Iffezheim road. The visiting hours are from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM — do not bring flowers. My car had three flats in two weeks, what do you say now, Father Grant! Barney only has minor trouble, but has to invest in a new tire, as she blew the spare one while on a visit to 1 Wing. By the way, she drove all the way back without a spare. "Do we take up a collection?" Cpl Harden's car is sitting quietly in the back resting from many tiring trips through dispersal. The "car of the month" belongs to Rose. It is perfect in shape and the engine hums quietly, I think, or is the cause the quietness of the motor caused by the saving of gas. The "most dreaded car on the road" is awarded to Phil — the reason for this will not be told, but a clue given. What happened to the trees near the chapel?

Once again we bade fond farewell to some of our comrades, this time a few more are leaving, but their memories will live with us (that is if they send us postcards to keep reminding us about them). "Bon voyage" to our prima Cpl Demytryshyn, we are going to miss you; secondly to "Squirrel" who is leaving us and the Air force for Civvy street, — good luck and don't forget to keep up the spirit of the airwomen. Thirdly, but not last, Audrey. When she leaves no longer will there be any more singing during clean-up night, no more french bed; we will miss you Audrey, but we know how anxious you are to get home. How many more clean up nights before you leave?

I will try to bring you more news next month; I was unable to give you more than this because nothing happened during the departure of the other airwomen to Garmish. So you can see who the terrors of the station are, and now that they have returned our gossip column will be big.

One more month before trade board, also Easter, so for the ones who are writing, take your books out and study, and for the lucky ones who are finished then I advise you to get busy on a new outfit for the "Easter Parade".

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