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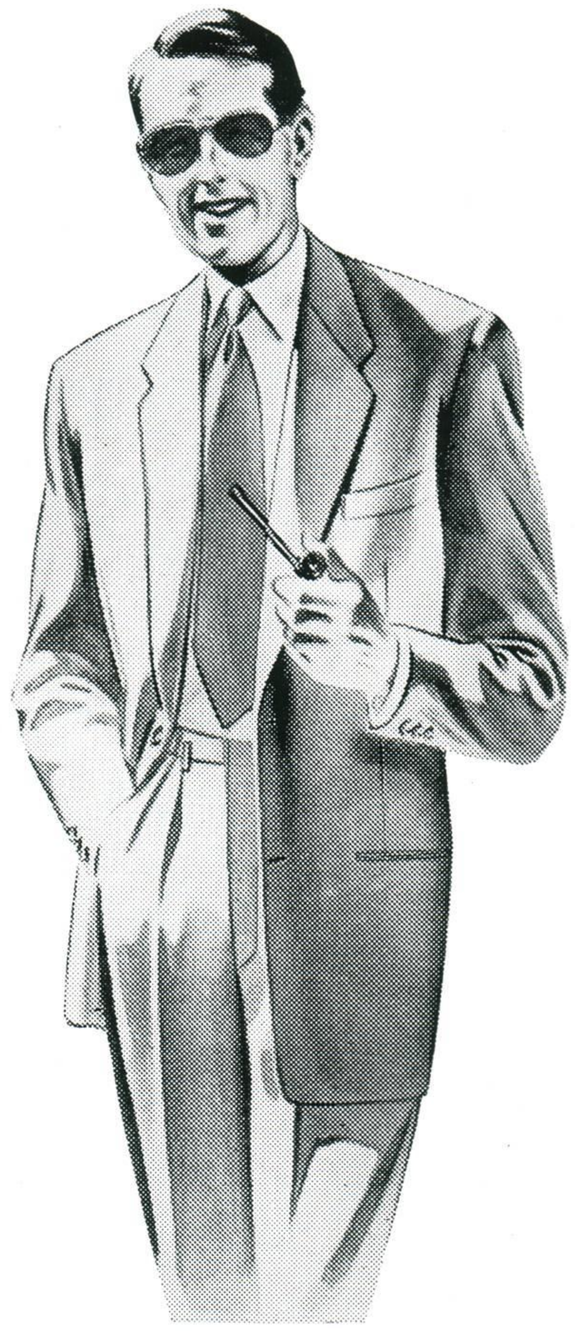

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from the Commanding Officer

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that I review the events of the past twelve months.

As Canadians we have every reason to be proud of the tremendously gratifying respect that No. 1 Air Division has generated and enhanced throughout the multi National Def=ence team that is NATO. THE WING has indeed con=tinued to uphold its pre=eminent position within the Division. Needless to say, such an outstanding achievement is the sum total of the combined and joint efforts of every "Four Winger" — civilian as well as military. I wish to express my deep appreciation and to say "thank you", for this proud record.

We have, unfortunately, suffered the loss and injury of comrades and dependents through misfortune in the air and on the ground. Let each of us make a solemn, self=imposed and executed, declaration to do all in our power — both at work and play — to completely eliminate these most un=pleasant happenings from the as yet unsullied New Year.

The widespread generosity of funds, material, and person=al effort devoted to the many and varied "causes" throughout the area speaks volumes for the Christian spirit and compassion of THE WING — if only a fraction of this concern for our fellow men could be instilled in our less tractable neighbours to the East, there would be little need for our presence in Europe.

May I wish each and every one — service, civilian, and dependents — a very Merry Christmas and much success and happiness in 1959.

Your Wing Magazine

With this issue your Wing magazine is self=supporting i. e. revenue from advertisements pays for printing, paper costs etc, which amount to approx 500 dollars per issue. This is the first time in its four year history that the magazine will be in the "black" and money for its support will not have to come from your Station Fund. In the past the gap between revenue from advertisements and costs has been between 150 dollars and 200 dollars. This gap has been closed through a determined effort by the magazine staff, and has been accomplished through finding a printer who will print the magazine for a lower price without sacrificing size or quality, and by making even greater efforts to obtain additional re=venue from advertising.

Whether the revenue from advertising will continue to pay for the magazine costs depends directly on 4 (F) Wing per=sonnel. If you patronize the advertisers on page 7, at least before you try other stores, you will show that it pays to advertise in your Wing magazine.

A VISIT TO Oberammergau

by Cpl A. A. Bakaluk

We were on our way home to Soellingen after a tour through Germany, Switzerland, the Austria, Tyrol and Bavaria (S. Germany), when my mother said, "We're not too far from Oberammergau and I'd really like to see yet another place I've read so much about and never believed I could see". So we made a short detour from the main Garmisch to Munchen route, and there we saw nestling at the foot of the Alps the picturesque village of Oberammergau.

Here, as in many Austrian and Bavarian villages, the houses are artistically decorated with stories from the Bible and fairy tales such as Hansel and Gretel.

What makes Oberammergau unique, however, is that every ten years it is, for a short time, internationally famous. Tourists from all over the world flock there to see the villa=gers re=enact the Passion of Christ.

In the seventeenth century Europe was struck with the Bu=bonic Plague. The death toll rose in the thousands. The villag=ers prayed to the Blessed Virgin Mary that if their village were spared, they would forever re=enact the Passion of Christ every year. This promise was fulfilled until the beginning of this century when it was decided to act the Passion only every ten years, the preparations taking many years to complete. Each part is greatly coveted by the villagers.

Another remarkable feature is Oberammergau's church with its entire ceiling beautifully painted with religious scenes and its interior filled with gilded statues. The villagers' artistry is not confined to painting alone, however, for there are to be seen also the most perfect wood carvings of the Last Sup=per, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles and many other religious figures.

This seems indeed a holy village for it is a well=known fact that it was spared the horrors of the plague, although completely surrounded by it.

For readers' interest, the next Passion to be acted is in 1960.

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Christmas Customs and their Origins

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by Ron Coulson

Why do we celebrate Christmas Day on December 25, when no actual account of the date of Christ's birth has ever been recorded?

The date itself, although mentioned in literature around 350 A. D., was not recognized as a public holiday until nearly two centuries later. The biblical accounts of the birth hint freely that it wasn't wintertime, because they state '. . . and there were shepherds in the same country keeping watch over their sheep in the fields'. According to words of the Talmud, winter in Israel began in November, and during this season sheep were not tended in the fields.

The "Star of the East" which guided the Three Wise Men to the scene of the Nativity has been proven through the efforts of Modern Astronomy and Ancient Astrological notes, to have been a merging of two planets in the constellation of Pisces. The planets Jupiter and Saturn appeared in the sky as one bright star on December 4th. On this day the Three Kings reached the town of Bethlehem and presented gifts to the "Young Child", (Matthew 2; 11), who must have been six or eight weeks old at the time.

In view of these clear facts, why does the church fix the date of the Saviour's Birth on December 25?

The most likely reason for the acceptance of this date stems from the persecutions suffered by the early Christians at the hands of worshippers of a number of pagan gods. While the populace at that time had many great feasts in honour of their deities, the greatest and most popular of these was that of the rebirth of the mighty sun after the days of least light (Dec 21—22).

Since December 25 was the last day of the revelry and rejoicing, it was the day on which Christians gathered in prayer for the courage to withstand the renewed persecutions. The feast of the re=birth of the sun was not confined to Romans, however. Throughout northern Europe the Yule log was burned in every fireplace on this day as a symbol of the light of the sun. Mistletoe came into being simultaneously as a symbol of the shelter provided by the tree spirits. It was strung about the household in order that it might gain some of the light and warmth of the Yule log and ensure good crops during the coming year in return. A pagan custom, indeed, but inseparable from the feast of December 25.

Early Christian Missionaries found this feast one of the most difficult factors to overcome when converting the infidels, since they persisted in recognizing the date with gatherings of their families and much song and good cheer.

Since the date was already a most popular one, it was decided that it could be used as the anniversary of the Nativity. Hence, December 25 is the day on which we celebrate the Birth of the Light of the World.

The Christmas tree got its beginnings from a legend which was woven about the life of Saint Boniface, the Patron Saint of Germany. Some believe that he and a missionary named Winfred were one and the same person, but the story is told of both men. While preaching the doctrines of Christ in Germany, they came upon a crowd of infidels about to sacrifice the life of young prince Asulf to the "Tree of Blood" — a shrine to the God, Thor. The missionary set about dispersing the pagan worshippers, and cut down their tree of worship.

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In its place there immediately sprung up a young fir tree. The pagans were quite alarmed about this miracle, and the miss=ionary explained it as a symbol of the life of Christ, triumph=ant over evil. This young tree quickly became the sign of the Saviour and is still decorated by all of us as an integral part of the festive season.

As for Santa Claus, that jolly old fellow who makes his way down our chimneys loaded with gifts for all, began as a kindly old bishop who spent most of his life doing good for the poor. One of the most famous legends about the old fellow is that he once stole around to the door of a poor noble=man's house and left three bags of gold to be used as dowries for his three daughters about to be sold into slavery. This legend was the foundation for the nocturnal calls on Christmas Eve. The feast of his death is celebrated in Europe on December 6, when each child receives a small gift from him. The name Santa Claus has several different origins depending upon which country you happen to be in, but the fabulous toyland and the reindeer kept at the north pole have been credited to the imaginations of the early American immig=rants. It is in his spirit that we celebrate the feast of Christ's birth by bestowing gifts upon our family and friends.

These are but a few of the many, many customs celebrated in all parts of the world we live in, but they are the ones which most affect our lives and around which the holiday season is built in our society.

In Italy, more recognition is given to the reproductions of the manger in which the Christ=child was born, than to the superficial preparations we know, and whether this is a more fitting way to celebrate the greatest of modern feasts or not, is a matter of individual choice. The main purpose of the feast is to celebrate Christ's birth.

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The Christmas Spirit

One of the least publicized activities of Squadrons and Sections of 4 (F) Wing is the sponsoring of orphanages in the surrounding areas. Without the efforts of members of the Wing local orphans or abandoned children would spend a dreary Christmas, for the funds available to the hard=working staff who operate the orphanages are hardly sufficient for basic needs and cannot be made to stretch to unnecessary extras. Because of the "good=will to all men" shown by 4 (F) Wing personnel, Christmas for the local parentless children is as exciting as any spent by children living at home. Poss=ibly the gaiety of the orphans is greater for this is the **only** time of the year they receive gifts and sit down to a full=course meal complete with extra treats.

The following is a list of the sections and groups who sponsor orphanages, and the institutions and number of children affected.

419 Sqn	— takes care of Orphanage in Lahr=Ding=lingen (approx. 75 kids)
422 Sqn	— Orphanage of Oberkirch (approx. 74 children)
444 Sqn	— gives a Xmas Party for about 50 under=privileged children in Rastatt
Wing Maintenance	— looks after the Orphanage in Sinz=heim (approx. 74 children)
ME Section	— looks after the Orphanage Stulz=Schriever in Baden=Baden (approx. 85 children)
Airwomen	— sponsor "Mayer Margarete" Orphan=age in Rastatt (approx. 40 Cildren)
RC Guild	— sponsors Orphanage in Schwarzach
Protestant Chapel	— provides canned food and money for Salvation Army in Konstanz who re=distribute it to their needy people
Central Committee	— provides clothing vouchers for the inmates of the Rastatt Refugee Camp (1700 persons), provides Xmas dinner for 250 inmates of the Refugee Trans=ient Camp at Malschbach near Baden=Baden

To all those who help in this work either by active part=icipation or through the donation of money or goods the Wing Says "thank you for your efforts" which are in the true spirit of Christmas.

C. G. B.

Fun for the kids at a party for under-privileged children

Dear Folks

Well, I guess this will be sort of an anniversary letter, folks. I've been writing from this place for a year now. The time sure flies doesn't it? I hope all the snow you have been having won't get you down, I don't miss it at all. We don't get much here.

I bought myself a little Opel from a guy who lost his license for a parking ticket last month, and I've sure been getting a taste of German driving. I can't figure out how come the population of this country isn't getting any less, with the number of people who are riding bikes and scooters. You have no idea how treacherous it is trying to avoid an accident while driving. It is nothing to see a whole family on one little motor=bike weaving down the road with the lights blinking on and off like morse code lamps. You are going along fairly fast, and then all of a sudden a thing you thought was a roadpost makes a left turn in front of you and a guy jumps off to answer the call of nature. I'm telling you, if this guy Merkel who collects old AF cars around here, went into the wrecked nerve and bicycle business instead, he could retire next year. Something I can't figure out, is how come sane Canadians are joining these road=hogging rain=soaked dare= devils with motorbikes? It must be a firm desire to get a little closer to nature.

You know, there must be a special place in hell for those couldn't=care=less parents who let their little off=springs run rampant in our station snack bar. It appears that at the height of the busy period every day in there, a certain number of parents let junior roam at will knocking over anything in his path and causing more disturbance than a basket of white mice at a tea party. It sure isn't the most efficient, ultra= modern eating place in Europe, but I'm sure it could be improv- ed upon a little if these parents could learn to look after their kids while they are day=dreaming over a cup of luke= warm coffee. I often wonder, if they don't want to be bothered with the kids, why don't they leave them home with a neighbour.

I wish I knew what kind of grease they use in that little effort of an Auto club they run on this station. If I knew, then I'd have some sort of an idea what to use to remove it from my hood, doors and upholstery. I can't see how such a small staff of mechanics can leave so many sets of handprints on one little Opel. It was only in there a couple of hours, but after I get this new paint job I need now, from paint which came off with the grease, I'll sure not go near the place again.

The Camera Club had its Open House a couple of weeks ago, and it was quite a good little affair. There were a lot of good pictures entered in the show, and they even had a big vat of free coffee, which we had to take back to the mess hall full again. I don't think anyone knew it came from there but they sure didn't want to drink it at all. I was going to put some work into the show, but I couldn't get to Stuttgart to buy paper and chemicals, and they sure as the heck don't have anything like that in the PX here. They have the biggest selection of cameras in Air Division, but nothing to use with them. I wish they would at least install a film dispenser in the lobby. At least you would be able to get that on stock= taking weeks. I guess they deserve a vote of credit after all, though, because I hear that they gave a little bit of help to the President and Secretary of the Camera Club when they needed a couple of items. They had to pledge half their lives away to get them, but at least they did.

You will have to excuse the way I folded your birthday card up to get it in the envelope with this letter. I tried to get one with an envelope, but that is nearly impossible unless you are my darling son, or my sweetest lover. Well, have a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. If the Fasching doesn't get me, I'll see you in Fifty=nine.

Your son and heir.

Elmer

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CANADIAN NEWS

Railways — In Montreal, the railway unions and the two railway companies signed a new contract, removing once and for all any possibility of a railway strike across Canada. The chances of a strike taking place had become remote earlier when the cabinet in Ottawa announced that it would allow a 17 percent increase in freight rates granted to the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways — — — a factor of considerable importance in deciding the attitude of the 15 railway unions.

New Bridge: A new suspension bridge was officially opened 1 Dec on the site of the international section of the St. Law=rence Seaway. The 7 million dollar span crosses the new deep water seaway channel and connects Cornwall Island with the United States, creating still another link between Canada and the United States across the international border.

Doukhobors — Twenty=four hundred members of the Douk=hobor sect, the Sons of Freedom, are prepared to leave Canada to make a new home in the Soviet Union. That many of the Freedomites in British Columbia have filled in applications with the department of citizenship and immigration in Ottawa. Four hundred others have yet to fill theirs. These are not cert=ain whether they want to stay or to go to Russia under present conditions. The conditions are that all Freedomites who wish to migrate from B. C. must be willing to forego their Canadian citizenship in return for the assistance the federal government and the government of British Columbia have promised to get them to Russia. The applications were turned in at Vancouver to Dr. W. G. Black, who is the citiz=enship and immigration department officer there. Dr. Black asked a delegation of Freedomites whether they'd heard from Moscow that the Soviet Union was willing to accept the Freedom=ites. The reply was that Moscow had given them full assur=ance from the beginning that they'd be welcome in the Soviet Union. The Freedomites who leave British Columbia plan to settle on farms in Siberia. The location was chosen by a deleg=ation which went there to look around a year ago.

Suggestions from "Santa"

Christmas is just ten days away and families will soon be decorating their homes for the festive Season. It is important to remember that while decorations add a gay spirit to a home they can be dangerous and result in a sorrowful Christmas unless a few easy and sensible precautions are taken.

Your Fire Chief has passed along the following suggestions which you should observe carefully:

1 Set up your Christmas tree in a secure place, and pre=ferably in a pail of wet sand. This will make your tree less inflammable, make it last longer and cause it to retain its fresh appearance for a greater period of time.
2 Keep flames away from the tree. This means avoid using real candles, and using lighted matches near the tree.
3 Have the tree lights on only when someone is at home. When you are out, the lights should be off.
4 Always ensure that a responsible person is at home when children are about; — avoid leaving children alone at home even for a short period. Children are fascin=ated by Christmas decorations, they love to touch them and play with them. They can injure and seriously burn themselves in a very short time.
5 Be sure that all exits to your home or any place you visit are kept clear. Doors should not be locked where people are gathered together.
6 Before buying toys check that they are safe. This applies particularly to electrical toys.

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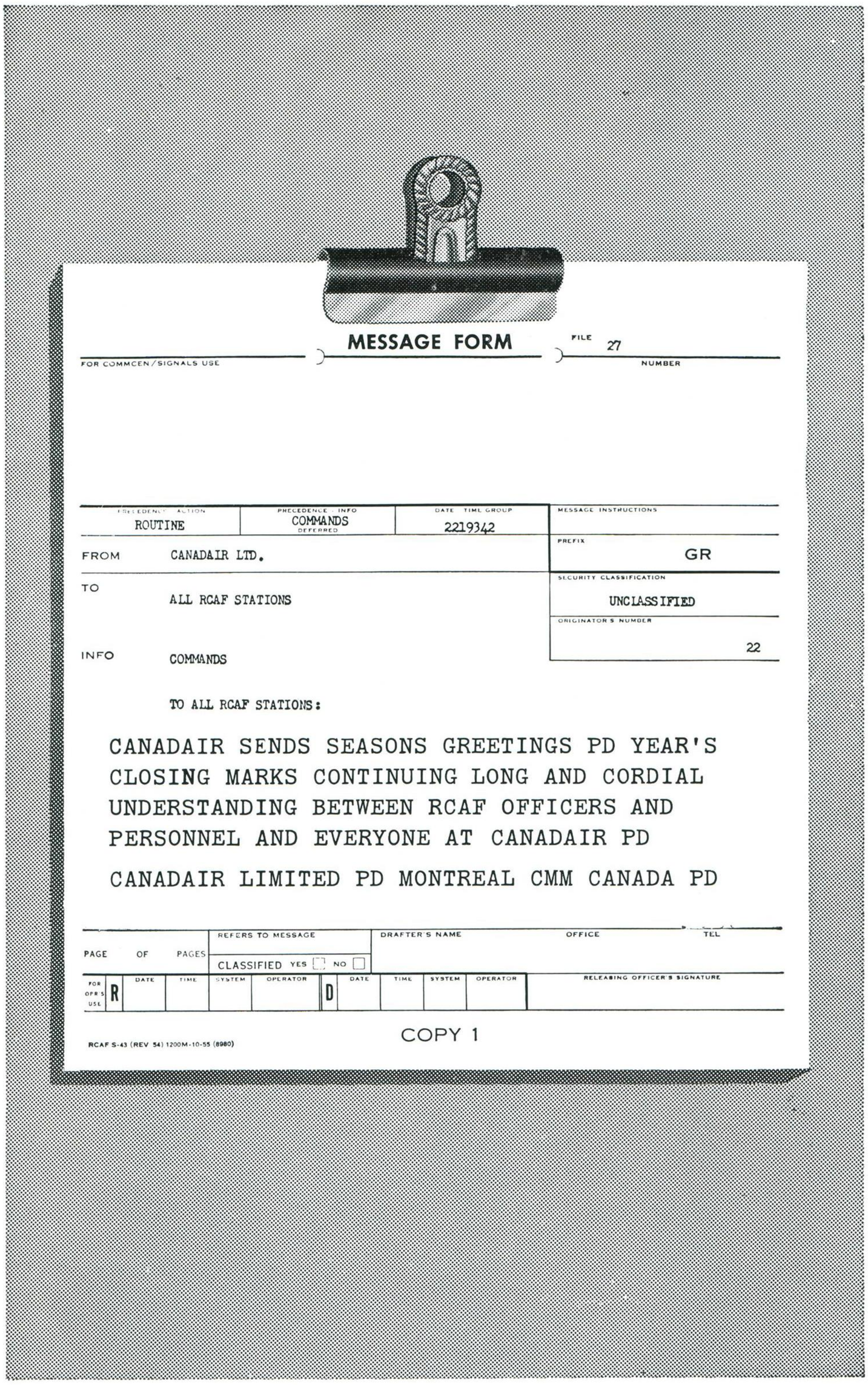

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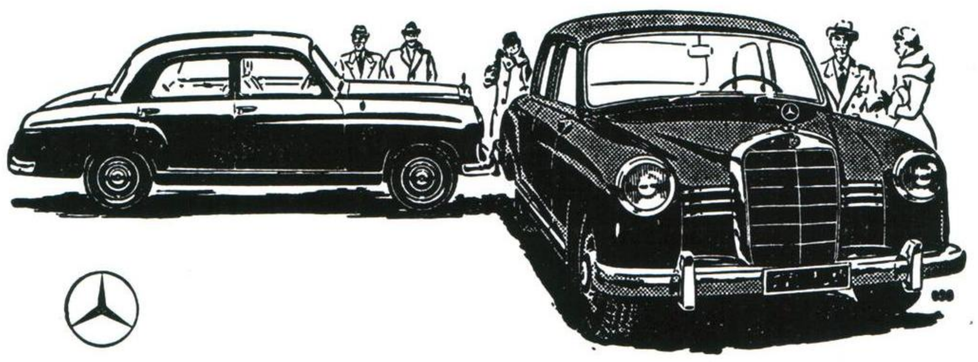

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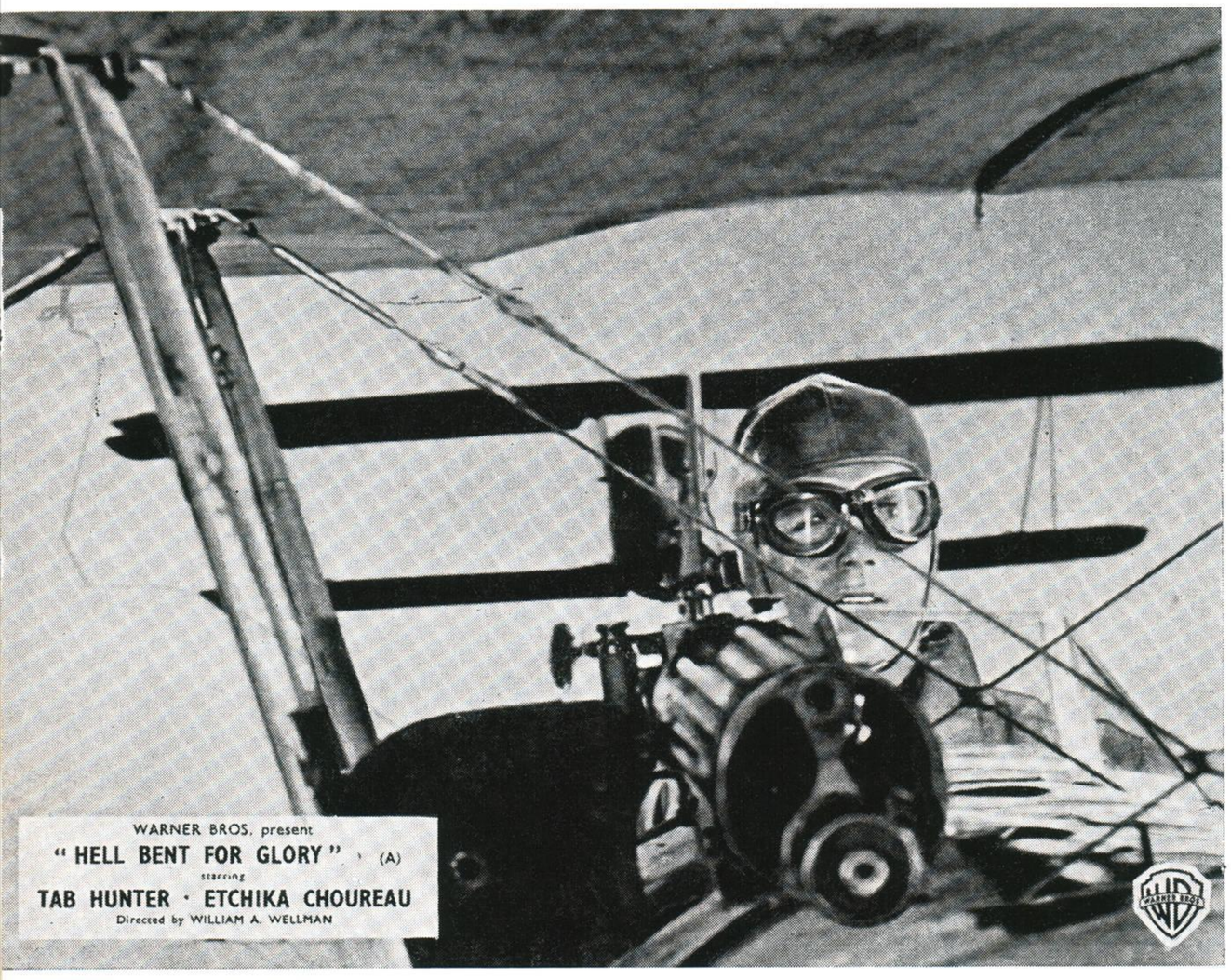

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The leading roles are played by Tab Hunter and Etchika Choureau.

DECEMBER ATTRACTIONS

Sun, 14th. & Mon, 15th. "THE GUN RUNNERS", starring Audie Murphy, Patricia Owens & Eddie Albert is a mod=ern swashbuckling melodrama, based on Ernest Heming=way's short story, describing a young boat owner's battle against Cuban gun runners. (A)

Tue, 16th. "THE MAN IN THE SKY" with Jack Hawkins, Elizabeth Sellars and Walter Fitzgerald is a down — to — earth aerial melodrama, describing a test pilot's occup=ational hazards. A realistic film with most authentic details. (U)

Wed, 17th. "THE FIEND WHO WALKED WEST" is a Cine=maScope outdoor melodrama vividly illustrating a patho=logical killer's rampage. Robert Evans, repulsive yet fascinating in the lead is supported by Hugh O'Brien and Dolores Michaels in this film for adults only. (x)

Thu, 18th. and Fri, 19th. "HELL BENT FOR GLORY", starr=ing Tab Hunter, Etchika Choureau and Marcel Dalio, is a World War I melodrama, illustrating exploits of Ameri-cans attached to the French Air Force. Illustrated above, it is a film that should not be missed. (A)

Sun, 21st. "SEA FURY", starring Stanley Baker, Victor Mc=Laglen and Luciana Paluzzi, is a seafaring melodrama centering on professional rivalry among tugboat skippers in Spanish waters. A rugged story with a terrific climax. (A)

Mon, 22nd. "THEIR SECRET AFFAIR" starring Susan Hay=ward, Kirk Douglas & Paul Stewart is a satirical comedy centring on an attractive, though hard hitting, news mag=azine owner who turns her big guns on a tough general, but ends up in a different note. (U)

Tue, 23rd. "THE DEFIANT ONES" with Tony Curtis, Sidney Poitier and Cara Williams starring, is a powerful racial melodrama, concerning a white and a Negro convict, who escape from prison chained together and while "free", learn to appreciate each other's problems. (A)

Wed, 24th. and Thu, 25th. THEATRE CLOSED!

Fri, 26th. and Sat, 27th. "THE HUNTERS", starring Robert Mitchum, May Britt and Robert Wagner, in CinemaScope and Eastman color, is a Korean air war melodrama, concerning an ace flyer's love for a lovely, though neglected, wife of a member of his squadron. Breath=taking aerobatics and authentic battle scenes also play a large part in this spectacular production. (A)
Note, that the performance times on Saturday are at 1400 and 1900 hrs.

Sun, 28th. "FURTHER UP THE CREEK" with David Tom=linson, Frankie Howard & Shirley Eaton as the stars, is a riotous service comedy and worthy sequel to "Up the Creek". The story of hectic goings on in a Royal Naval frigate and its racket promoting crew. (U)

Mon, 29th. "THE MOONRAKER" starring George Baker, Sylvia Syms & Peter Arne is a Technicolor costume piece describing dark and daring deeds during stern conflict between Charles II's Cavaliers and Cromwell's Round=heads. (U)

Tue, 30th. "ROCKETS GALORE" is an Eastman Color comedy starring Jeannie Carson, Donald Sinden & Roland Culver. Adapted from Compton Mackenzie's story of remote Scottish islanders' stubborn resistance to the government's attempt to build a rocket base on their land, it's one long laugh. (U)

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419 SQN

by F/O Bill Graham

And another month has passed. Thank the Lord. Parties, parties and more parties. The pinnacle was reached on the 14th, at the farewell "do" for the departing OC W/C MacBride and his wife held in the "Löwen" in Rastatt. During the course of the evening a presentation was made to them, on behalf of the squadron by S/L Marsh, our new Head Moose. The gift consisted of a tea table and tray set emblazened with the official "Moose" crest, all done in in=laid wood. A good time was had by all — all that is except F/O Jim Dale for whom the evening's cost became rather exorbitant.

Other parties of note — "A" Flight's get=together at F/L Sid Quickfall's PMQ — Mug presentations on the 21st to W/C MacBride, F/L Wuorinen, F/O Froom and F/O Thomas — and finally, the 419 officers provided free beer for the Officers' Mess on the 28th of Nov.

Newcomers this month were F/O Norm Henning and his navigator F/O Del Kellsey, both single.

Now to sports and hockey. With our star forward Gordie Protz leading the way, the "Moosemen" have gained 1st place and it will be hard to budge them. Being in the habit of putting my foot on the proverbial banana peel, I forecast these end=year standings.

1st 419 Moose Men (natch)
2nd Head=quart=ers
3rd Wing Maintenance
4th 4—2—2
5th Combines
6th Triple Four

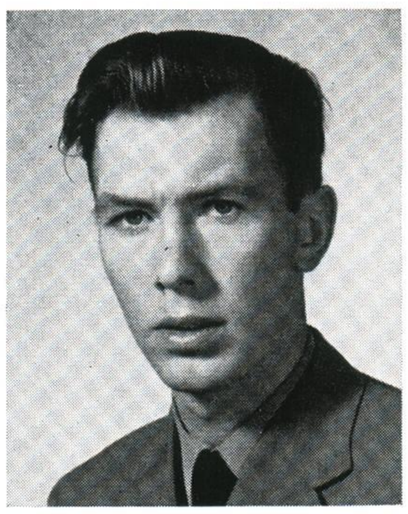
I've done it and I'm glad. Now to basketball and further commendation. Once again our "Moosites" are leading the way but 422 Sqn is right on our heels. The teams have played only one game against each other to date and it was a close 32—28 victory for us, but I have no qualms in predicting another championship. So be it.

The future presents a rosy picture with our yearly orphans' Christmas party coming up along with the normal yule shin=digs. One must have a hardy constitution.

In ending I'd like to extend to all (sabres included) on behalf of all "Moosemen" our thanks for the past happy year and best wishes for the happiest Christmas and gayest New Year ever.

Chopstick 20

F/O Jack Parkinson was born in England at Bradford in Yorkshire where he obtained his early schooling. In 1952 he came to Canada where, in '55, he graduated from the Sud=bury Mining and Technical School. He then joined the ROTP as a member of the University of Toronto Squadron. Being inclined to girls more than books resulted in his failing in his second year and joining the regular force. He had the normal grind in Claresholm, Gimli and Cold Lake before joining us this September. He also was married just before coming over, on Aug 15 in Upbridge Ont. to Elizabeth Duncan and lives in Baden.



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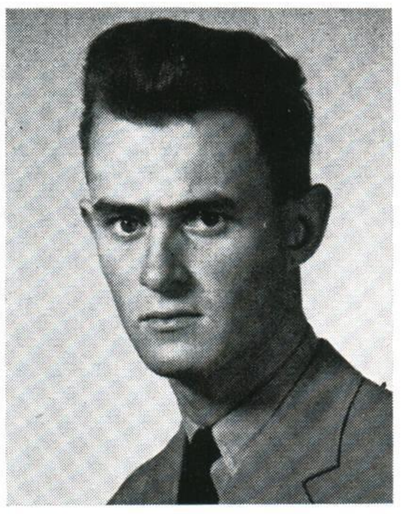

F/O Mepham

Chopstick 20½

F/O D. W. Mepham was born in 1937, in Penticton B. C., the heart of the best country in Canada.

He spent his school days in the sunny Okanagan, and atten=ded school in Kelowna, Oliver and Osayoos, which is his hometown.

After graduation from high school, in 1956, he joined the Air Force in Jan of 57 after the hunting season in BC was over.

He went to London, was selected as an Observer and then followed the usual pipeline to Winnipeg after Centralia. He took a small Arctic Survival course at Cambridge Bay, then went to Cold Lake. He was married in Winnipeg to Miss Jeanne Fuge before proceeding overseas to 4 (F) Wing and 419.

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Dispersal Digest

by Cpl. Jim Mcgovern

So the Grey Cup has gone West and unfortunately a lot of Nason's money went with it, and he on his way back to McAdam Junction at the end of the month! How is this pro=duct of the New Brunswick underworld going to face the old gang around the cracker barrel after a trick like that?

We did a small write=up on a certain Cpl Rondeau in the last issue with regards to his tool crib antics. Well, listen brethren, that's nothin to the guy who's in there with him. This character, Cpl Gillin by name, sits there all day long with a pile of E26's, a pen, and a whip and chews up little LAC's just for kicks. Cheez what a grouch! He's also a part time goal judge, part time mayor (in exile) of St. John N. B., and also claims to have been the first to have paddled a dory through the Reversing Falls.

Maurice "The Rocket" Richard has just scored his six hund-redth goal, and Maurice "The Sprocket" Ringuette has just made his six hundredth trip to Rootchie. Watch the low flyin' Sarge!

Since our last issue we have had two parties. First one was a farewell "Do" for our departing OC which was very prima, and more recent was one of the same nature for F/L Kennedy, only this one was stag. — — Grrrr! Took a long time for some of us to recover from that one!

If you'd like to get rid of your wife for a while, bring her down here and we'll hangar her and supply an armed guard.

One of the luckier types on Grey Cup day was Cpl "Black Jack" Gardner who did some nice cleaning up at ten to one odds. There had to be something to cheer him up sooner or later as his position behind the L14 desk is causing him to crack. Been talking to himself a lot lately, something about wanting to see an Ace in the hole. Maybe the added cash will eliminate the tension.

At time of writing, our hockey team is "way up thar" in the lead position in the intersection league. We wish them luck and may they hold onto their lofty perch for the remain=der of the season. There's still many a chuckle when people recall our sensational goalkeeper's antics in one of our team's better rallies for stardom.

We would like to welcome our new Armament Officer F/L Talbot who is replacing F/L Kennedy and also Sgt. "Stormy" Gale who recently took over from F/Sgt. Yemchuck behind the discip desk.

We're told a good place to listen to football games is on the steps of the supply section.

Sgt. Jim Wrean should have a good supply of Christmas liquor on hand this year as he was sixty bucks over at a stock check at the Auto Club. Some people have all the luck!

Our latest member of the "Boy meets Girl" club is our own Orville Millar. These little guys really have it when it comes to "Cherchez La Femme" Just watch this boy operate! The arena is a good place to catch his act.

With the coming of the holiday season and all its festivities, let us remember that the automobile is a very dangerous machine. Make it a point to be around in 1959!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Bruce.

419 Maintenance

by Cpl R. Peever

It is getting to that time of the year when Christmas parties and Fasching will be taking up most of our spare hours. More of that later. Meanwhile over to the congratulation depart=ment. Mrs. Lepage presented her husband with a baby girl and Cpl Moston and Sgt Walton have new additions to their family with both being baby girls.

LAC Olney has left us and gone to Wing Maintenance and Sam Small has gone to Servicing for a spell. If you want to find out how happy he is about this just ask him, but stand clear as you do so. Sgt Ringuette has now gone to Servicing which makes it rough for news. The "Flieger" from the Hangar end may have to fold up. LAC Demers has changed plac=es for a spell with LAC Hagen in the Safety Equipment section. LAC DeMarco has gone to Servicing and has been replaced by LAC Depatie.

Our bowling team is holding their own very well (at least on the nights I don't play). Don't forget to come out and cheer your hockey team on to victory.

Things are progressing very well with the squadron orph=anage. I would like to thank everyone on the station who have helped out by buying tickets on our turkey draw. This money is all for a good cause which is to help pay for the orphan's dinner party on Christmas day. I would like to add that the electrical section did a 100% job on selling tickets with all airmen there taking part and that LAC's Patterson and Lambert sold some 410 tickets between them.

If anything strange was noted lately around the section there probably was a reason. It seems that Cpl's Fisher and Calderone had a difference of opinion. They have since smoked the peace pipe. If you want to have a Charles Atlas body to match your face just check with LAC's Patterson and Smith. The Hoola Hoop started in the U. S. A., spread to Europe and is beginning to catch on here. For further inform=ation on this see Sgt Mucklestone as he has taken up this form of art for a pastime (and body builder) .

We all wish we could get into the same line of work as Cpl Andrews. It seems that he is on a floating type of job now between Servicing and the barracks with most of the job con-sisting of floating. It seems that everyone is staying clear of Ron Coulson's right arm these days. Recently he got sort of rough and tore the gear shift out of his car. Since Rotchford bought his new car he expects the rest of the section to buy the coffee for him, as expenses have climbed. Sgt Marshall is hoping to spend a leave very shortly in Switzerland. Will the person who removed the tool crib door please return it to LAC Burbridge? We now have our parking lot equipped with new parking signs. We have hopes that the members of 444 & 422 squadrons will take note of this. Cpl Rogers has been in contact with the Vernons Pools representative from Eng=land. He received a phone call to meet him at the main gate but there must have been a small mistake somewhere als nobody was there when he arrived. LAC May has scored a winning draw on the football pool and is now waiting to hear how much he won. Naturally he will be buying the coffee for the boys now.

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422 Sqn

by F/O McArthur

Twenty=three disgusted pilots sat and glowered at one another, their aircraft and most of all the weather. This was the scene at 3 Fighter Wing on the afternoon of November 19th when 422 diverted to avoid the Rhine Valley fog and smoke which lay heavily over "home plate". However, at about 1530 hours when all hope of returning home that afternoon had been given up, word got through that the weather was lifting a little. With a glint in their eyes, 23 pilots leapt to their aircraft and blasted off on the quick trip to Soellingen and home. Two days and several bottles of Vernaccio later a North Star with a couple of Daks in trail arrived carrying the remaining pilots and our hard=working ground crew all under the fatherly eye of F/L "Dad" Morris.

In this way the warriors returned to Germany. After two weeks of rest and quiet the tigers from 444 would be turning to their six o'clock for a view of the old Tomahawk, while the boys at 2 Wing sullenly contemplated suicide rather than face Zulu and the Tomahawk again.

The results of our trip to Sardinia are old news by now but nevertheless a sincere "Thank you for the job well done" is due to the groundcrew who worked so hard to achieve the ultimate result.

The squadron extends a sincere welcome to our newest pilot, F/O Ken Pardy who arrived while we were away in Decci. May your stay be long and happy.

During the last few weeks 4 (F) Wing played host to many visitors. Among them were two whose shady characters precluded their being classified as dignitaries, but were of sufficient interest to warrant a release from "Line" magazine — which we print below.

"Line", 1 Dec 58: Professional playboy and international socialite Potbelly Rubinosa accompanied by his so=called "tra=velling companion" — onetime pro boxer, now body guard and erstwhile private eye "Punchy" Pete Splade (Record: 14 fights — 14 losses), — stopped off during his whirlwind (80 days) round the world tour, to visit the boys of the Canadian Fourth Fighter Wing in Germany.

When questioned on his financial status by "Line" corres=pondent Ron Russell during a party hosted by the 422nd Fighter Squadron (see photo), Potbelly said, "I have now found a method of life which enables me to save 98% of my income."

"Punchy" (right) is seen wearing a ceremonial hat present=ed to him by a grateful Ali Stick Abdul (Line Nov 58) for some undercover work believed connected with 400 quarts of oil.

Playboy Potbelly and Punchy Pete

F/L D. McKinley

Two thousand jet hours — a mark attained by few in the R.C.A.F. This is the record that Flight Lieutenant Don McKinley has set since rejoining the service in 1951.

F/L Don McKinley discussing tactics

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by Al Wilson

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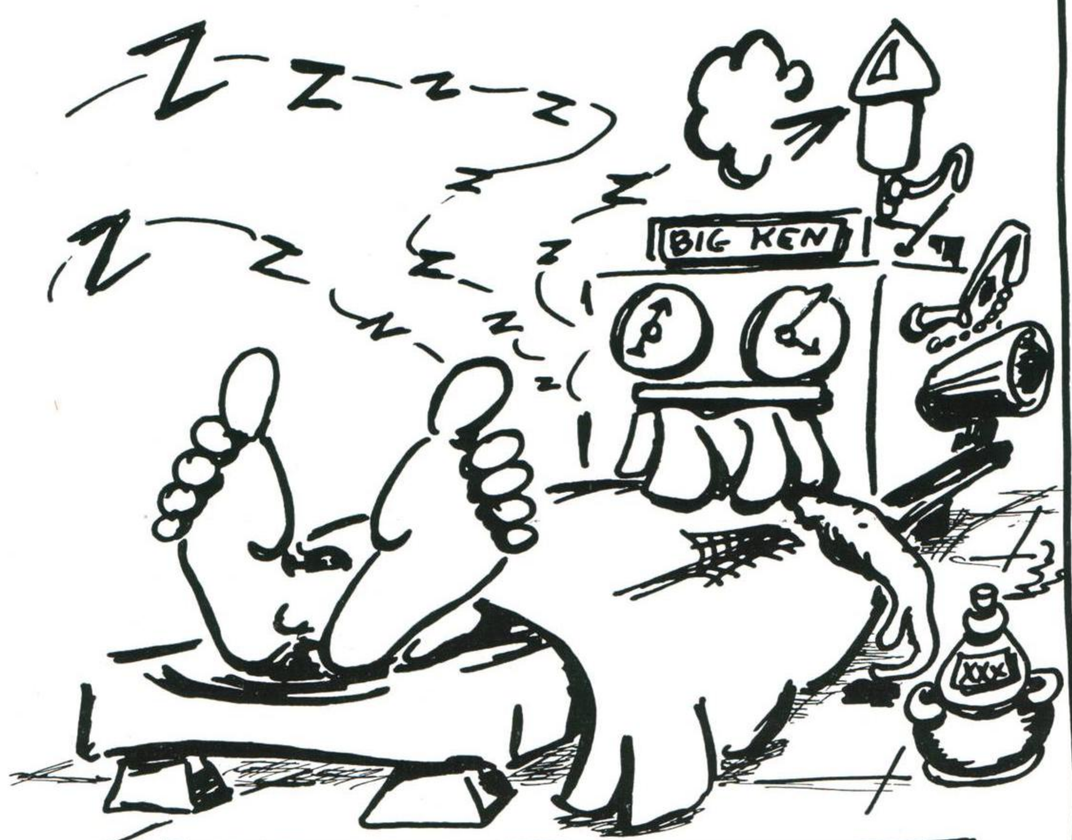

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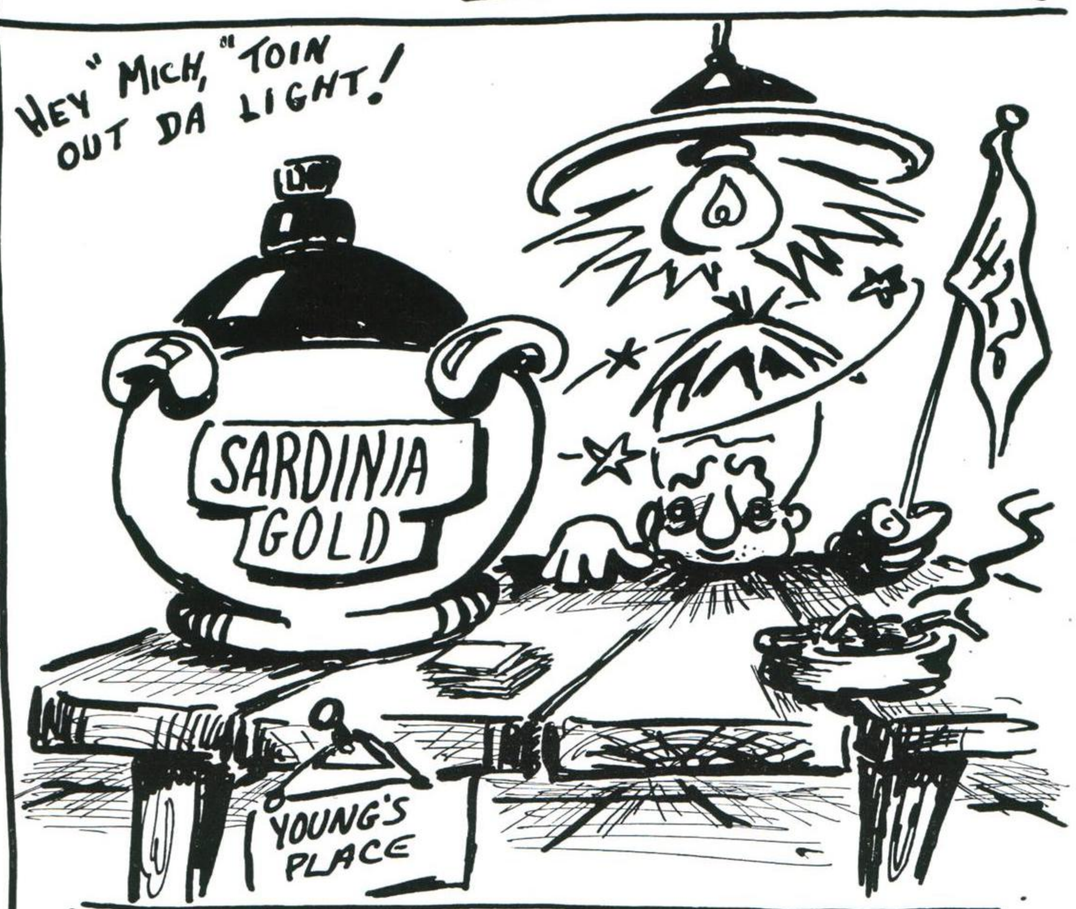

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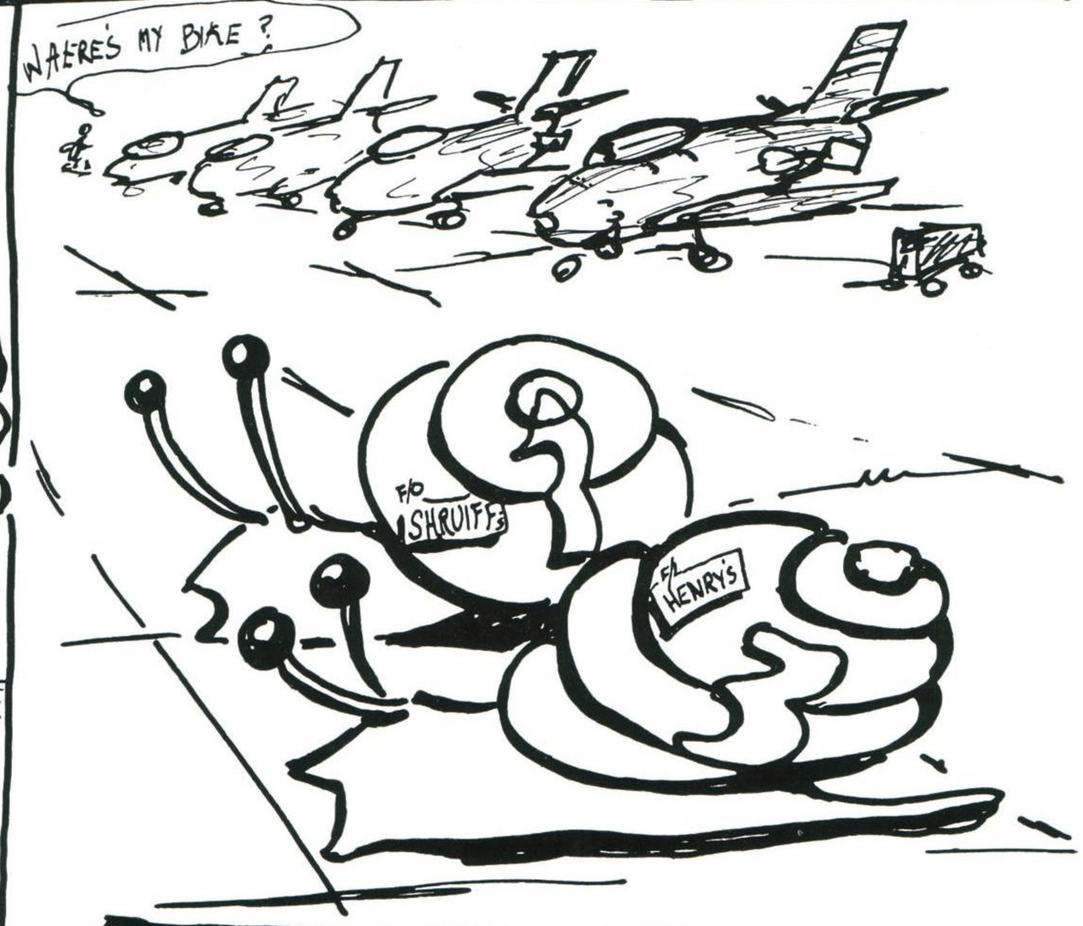

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During the war years F/L McKinley flew Spitfires and Hurr=icanes with numbers 222, 118 and 232 R. A. F. Squadrons. Shortly after V=day he was demobilized and remained a civil=ian until 1951 when he returned to become a P. A. I. at Station Trenton. Since that time F/L McKinley has flown with the U. S. A. F. at Nellis where he instructed many of the pilots who flew the F 86 in Korea. Upon the return from Nellis he instructed for three years at Station McDonald prior to coming to Air Division and 422 Squadron in early 1957.

Both 419 and 422 Squadrons have reaped the benefit of the knowledge of a pilot who throughout his flying career has been strictly a fighter boy. On this his 2000th jet hour, the members of 422 Squadron offer their heartiest congratul=ations.

F/O L. Lonsberry

F/O Lyall Lonsberry came to us from 2 Wing where he was commissioned in 1957. Now the time to set sail for Canada has come and Lyall is headed for Moose Jaw with its Harv=ard trainers and crisp prairie weather — I say again — crisp prairie weather.

F/O Lonsberry

During his stay at 4 Wing Flying Officer Lonsberry excelled in the position of Squadron Engineering Officer and came to be known by his fellow officers and airmen alike as a man who got the job done. The crowning glory of his reign came the day after he relinquished his post when 422 Squadron shot their unprecedented score at "Decci". A great portion of the credit for this outstanding achievement must go to F/O Lonsberry and those who worked under him. So to Lyall "Auf Wiedersehn" and the best of luck at Moose Jaw.

Tech Type Times of 422

by Cpl Mitchell

As reported in the previous issue of Der Flieger, 422 was sent to Sardinia to ensure that the gunnery trophy remained at 4 Wing. Well, we're back now and the station is in good capable hands once again and naturally so is the trophy. 422 sqdn ended up with a whopping big 25.55 % due to the wonderful co=operation and unceasing efforts of all squadron personnel, yes Claude, you and your camera are included too.

Actually this month there isn't too much news since the biggest portion of our time was spent in Sardinia and, as most people know, there's not much doing down there at this time of year, unless you like eating hamburg, — it seems they have an unending supply of it down there. Although at least one person that I know of managed to get in the water for a brief swim and that person is "yours truly". Lac Gray Young turned chicken and wouldn't come in with me. I won=der why????

By the way, those binoculars that were presented to W/C Wright last month at our sqdn party did not come into use since the Radar Renegades did a supreme job of keeping their equipment in top shape. I believe the radar serviceability was over the 80 % mark, is that right? Congratulations lads, that's something to brag about. I've heard it said that our AST men are going to hang out their shingle and give free lessons to triple four. Mighty thoughtful of you fellows, I must say.

Postings and transfers this time are nil, either on the red or the black side of the ledger, since last month's issue took care of them all.

As for leave, we are going to be a wee bit short=handed for a while since quite a few of the lads are taking some of their leave now so as to be sure to get it rather than lose out on it in the annual end=of=March shuffle. So possibly next issue there may be some interesting anecdotes regarding their various activities while on leave.

The hockey season at this time of writing is rather in its infancy insofar as 422 is concerned but I'll predict that 422 certainly won't give any points away without a real good tassle. Good luck team.

Well, it's less then two weeks till Santa Claus gets his nice red coat all dirty from sliding down the chimneys so it would seem appropriate at this time to wish you one and all, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and take it easy, we don't **all** want to have to walk to work do we?

Auf Wiedersehen Ken

Sgt. Ken MacDonnel whose picture adorns this page of DER FLIEGER joined the RCAF on the 27th of May 1949 as an aero engine mechanic after having served in the wartime R. A. F. as a commissioned wireless air gunner and winning the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Ken took his initial RCAF training at 2 Manning Depot, Station Aylmer and then proceeded to Stn. Trenton where he was undoubtedly an asset from 1949 to 1954. He arrived at

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Sgt Ken MacDonnel

4 (F) Wing on 5th Nov. 54 and has been a 422 sqdn stalwart since that time. His organizing ability will be sorely missed by the squadron, and AMCHQ are fortunate indeed in gain=ing his services.

Ken was married early in 1945 to the former Beatrice Eliza=beth Greenham of London, England and they were blessed with twin boys in November of that year.

4 Wing Scout and Cub master movements will certainly miss his unceasing help and guidance in their various activi=ties as he was an ardent worker where they were concerned.

And so it is with plenty of good wishes for your future at AMCHQ that we say to you, Ken MacDonnel, "Auf Wieder=sehen".

Tomahawk Wives' Talk

by Pamela McArthur

In spite of, or probably because of, the absence of our better halves who took the fickle sun with them to Sardinia, the round of activities this month has turned us all into social butterflies. We have been really living it up, which situation looks as though it will continue until 1959.

Following the bitter loss of said husbands, fathers and Defenders of the Free World for two weeks, another farewell was said to Mrs. Helen Lonsberry, Canada=bound, and Mrs. Mary Ellis, destined to spend a year at Metz. The occ=asion was a party held on Thursday evening, Nov 6th. in the Ladies' Lounge of the Officers' Mess. In addition to the usual goodies and a punch which did, an unexpected bonus in the way of several pairs of costume earrings was presented to the winning charades team. All=in=all a prima party. Fare=well gifts for the guests of honour were personalized dish=warmers which we hope will also preserve warm memories of 422 wives and 4 Wing.

This month was the occasion of two coffee parties instead of the usual one. Anticipating a hectic December, the last morning gathering was moved up to the 27th of November, hostessed by Mrs. May Stelter. The regular November event was held on the morning of the 12th at the home of Mrs. Bev Lough. Both dates saw the introduction of a "Newie" to the group. Mrs. Mary Pardy, mother of two=year=old Debbie, greeted us at Bev's, and Mrs. Mary Batcock of Toronto, new mother of tiny Jeffery, met the gang at May's. We welcome you both and hope your tour will be as merry as your names (begging pardon for the corny pun!).

Another very enjoyable social evening which took place during our Sardinia=separation, was a scrumptious buffet supper given by Mrs. Helen Murray on Saturday evening, No=vember 15th. The food was fabulous, the punch a colourful concoction, and the whole affair a great succes. Each guest was required to arrive in a hat of her own creation and some of the headgear were both lofty and lavish. Prizewinners were, first: Mrs. Helen Lonsberry whose laundry=inspired effort had all chuckling as they read the guarantees on the labels; and second: Mrs. Bev Lough who wore a floor mop so beauti=fully arranged that even Mr. John might take it seriously. Another piece of millinery that narrowly missed recognition was that of Mrs. Doris Tuele whose very original "Medicine Hat" intrigued us. Entertainment featured charades, "Categ=ory" and a sing=song.

Friday night, November 14th, saw us all gobbling chili at the home of Mrs. Edith McKinley. Each guest contributed a portion of the fare and their generosity was very much in evidence the next morning when we found the chili almost undiminished and several dozen rolls rolling around the kitchen. Incidently that chili was anything but, — a very hot stuff! Charades again were popular and the party lasted well into the wee hours.

Still no royal flushes (Oops! Wrong game!) — grand slams were bid and made during the twice=monthly bridge but the cards are still being dealt with regularity. Three tables each mustered on the 11th at the home of Mrs. Mary Jupp, and the 25th at the home of Mrs. Edith McKinley. December may see temporary suspension of this activity till 1959 though there is talk of a Christmas party with or without cards.

Happy to have her husband back is Mrs. Jean Herbin who has suffered through a couple of month's grass widowhood while Charlie was on TD in Canada.

Congratulations are due Uta and Gerry Dusseault on the birth of daughter, Diana. She was six pounds, fourteen ounces and arrived Saturday the 22nd, a sister for Michel. Little Diana is the last of the 1958 Babies for 422 Officers' wives, but we expect great things in the new year!

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by F/O Jerry Chalmers

The end of November leaves many different people with many different feelings, but I, being a Winnipegger, find myself very much at peace with almost all the world, the exception being the person that tells me the Blue Bombers were lucky.

After saying last month that F/L Bill Tibbitt was leaving us, we found him kicking around long enough to get exactly 1000 hours in the Sabre. This trip also brought 444's total Sword flying to 40,000 hours, so Willy took all honours this month. W/C Hale, the acting CO, the Station band and the squadron welcomed him as he stepped from the aircraft and paraded him through PMQ's much to the joy of a few thou= sand kids and to the consternation of the school staff.

And while we're talking about flying time, our "A" Flight Commander F/L Bob Massier became a member of the 5,000 hour club last month. Bob started his flying career in Au= gust 1942 on Tiger Moths at RCAF Station Windsor Mills, Quebec. He received his Wings on Ansons at Centralia, and then went into the instructing game. He flew Cessna Cranes till the end of the war and then went out to do a bit of bush flying in Northern Ontario. In 1948 he put his name on the dotted line once more and he became an instructor once more. Bob finally ended up at CFS for a year, FIS for two more, then into TCHQ in Postings and Careers. When he finished his tour at that institution, he found himself going through the mill and on to 444 in May of 1956.

In 1957 Bob went to the UK on the Day Fighter Leaders Course and was checked out in the Hunter 4 and 6 to bring his total number of aircraft flown to 20 different types.

Bob got his 1000 hrs jet at about the same time as the big 5 rolled around, too. Congratulations, Bob, and many more happy landings.

Enough about the oldies, and on to the newies. There are two of them in this month. The first, F/O "Punch" Payne, started his military career with the PPCLI in Korea, received his Lieutenancy with the Black Watch in Canada, and then transferred to the RCAF. He's a single man and he came to 444 via the pipeline.

The Acting CO, W/C P. M. HALE, AFC, CD, congratulates F/L Bill Tibbitt on his 1000 hours Sabre time. Bill flew Triple Four's 40,000th hour on the same trip.

Towards the end of the month F/O Garry Downes drifted in but, for a change, this newie is married — the first in a year. Garry is also a pipeline type and he's expecting his wife and two kiddies to arrive in February.

Well, it looks like Old Father Time is pushing on into yet another year for the Snakes and I guess we haven't got much to complain about.

We would like to give a much deserved and much belated thanks to all the people that made it a successful '58 for us and especially to our groundcrew. And to all of you at 4 (F) Wing; to you and yours, Triple Four wishes a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 1959.

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Wing Maintenance

We mentioned last month that we would have a few words to report on our party, and here they are. Very little has been heard by yours truly so I gather that it must have suited nearly everyone. Some small criticisms have crept up here and there, namely Sam's Basso Profundo doing battle with the PA and the hall acoustics. On the whole, I think that al= most everyone was able to get the meat out of what he was saying. Apparently there were not enough steaks to go around to all who wanted them, however a practised eye was quick to note that several people were able to get their fair share of Schnitzel. Well maybe they only had two. We certainly want to be careful where we cast our aspersions or whatever you call them. It was noted the higher priced help did themselves proud in the prizes=received department, which seems to prove out the old saying, "Them as has, always gits". The liquid refreshment seemed to be adequate enough to keep everyone hopping to the fiddler's call. By and large, the party was a huge success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. I think we owe a vote of thanks to all those who contributed to its suc= ces. One noteworthy point is that everyone had a merry time, but to our knowledge there where no accidents arising as a result. This is a good show people, we certainly hope you can keep the good work up, especially now that the festive season is on us.

If anyone needs a grease gun filled in the future, just bring it around to Peeble's Pump Shop, better known as the Tool Crib. John, with the able assistance of 'Fibber' McGee and his trusty cohort Jim McGloin, of Canada Goose fame, have the problems all solved now. Mind you, they needed a push in the right direction, but now that the grease has been wiped off everything and the smoke has settled down, they have their infernal machine working. 'Fibber' still says, quote: "The flaming thing is working in spite of the repairs, not because of them".

It is nice to see that Jack Hector is now supporting Herr Kitchener as entertainment member for the Corporals' Club. We are not sure whether people are happy about it because they think the boys will be good for the club or that it lets the rest of us off the hook for a little longer. Good luck boys, we are with you all the way.

In our laugh of the month department, it has been reported that someone saw Jack Lowdon on skates at the ice arena the other day. When the subject was interviewed his comment was, and once again I quote: "I think that too many years have flown under the bridge since the water last froze under my feet". I find myself believing him. It is also noteworthy to report that, that old timer of Ice and Gymnastic shows, 'By' Tucker was also seen giving a demonstration of skill and wizardry on the blades in the same Ice Palace. That is what this world needs, some more of that old fashioned comedy. Why don't the rest of you chaps come out and give us a hand, or at least drop in and take in the show sometime?

There were a lot of people complaining about the station store again but it is not really as bad it seems. Sure, we know that they were out of toilet tissue for over a week last month, but they had a large supply of cheese. So what's the bind?

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Some of you older lads should take the new arrivals aside and point out some of the common pitfalls that are apt to beset a young lad over in this part of the world. Of course you'll be saying to yourselves, "What's so new in being taken, when you are sligthtly under the influence? If there are any doubters among you, ask Bernie Short what became of his wallet and watch, etc., very recently in one of the local Metropolises!

Congratulations go out to LAC and Mrs. Witty on the birth of their daughter. One of each now, if memory serves me. Another nice souvenir of Germany to take home with you. I think this one is apt to grow on them.

There is a lot to be said for the various Squadrons, but, with no slurs intended, I'll take Wing Maint any time. In the summertime I used to envy the boys on the dispersals, running around stripped to the waist in the sun. But now that the days are getting shorter and colder, the hangar looks good to me. Maybe it is old age creeping on, but I'll take a heated hangar rather than a parka anytime. And as for Zulu, well Zulu pronounced backward is "YOU LOSE".

We are sorry to have to skip the I & E Section this time, but perhaps we will get twice as much news from them in the next issue. So on to the Safety Equipment news.

Ah me! Just a few more days left 'til Christmas. With the extra days scrounged along with Christmas leave, we will be able to make it home this year. From all accounts it should be a good one — almost thirteen inches of snow have fallen at home, with nearly eighteen up on the ski hills. The young=uns have talked Grandpa into making a rink for them in the back yard. Now, if the weather stays around this present fifteen degrees, we should get in a few games with them. It will be nice to go into the bush with the kids for a tree — — oops! — The phone just rang, bringing me back to reality — — and it was such a pleasant day dream. Meanwhile — — back at the Flugplatz. Joe Hagen has hung up the gloves before rightly getting started. Comment being that if he is going to be sprawled out, nose in the dirt, there are more pleasant ways of achieving this end.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our readers a full and pleasant holiday season — — and remember — — Christmas is for the children — — don't lose sight of this in the bottom of a bottle.

Now over to the sports department and come in John!

Hi, here it is a month after the last edition, a fact which always seems to hold true.

We believe that we, as onlookers to the station sports, can truly say that this station turns out some very enjoyable after=noon and evening entertainment, which to our view is very good for an organization of this kind. Hockey is at the top of everyone's mind these days so we must write about hockey. This season got under way with a great start for HQ and 419 and only time will tell the story there. Triple Four we are very sorry to see, seem to be having a little trouble. We have been asked, told, and even begged to pay back a few of the slams which were made at the end of the 57/58 season but we in this Platz do not believe in calling any team down when they are already down. We only hope that they can yet come up with an organized team and finish off the year by giving a a good account of themselves. The season is still young yet. I noticed the other night that the fans stayed away in droves from the game. This does not help any team, it only hinders them.

The other night, everybody was blaming those two little men who wear an individual color of their very own, but in the eyes of most, are wearing the color of the other team. The shouting was at its peak when we overheard a little girl say to her mother, "Are they the same men as in that song?"

"What song?"

"You know, the one about the One Eyed Purple Eaters!!!"

I did venture in the last edition that I might hazard a year ending prediction. How can I? At the time of writing, 422 have only played a couple of games. So you must wait until Xmas before I stick my neck out, because someone might get the wrong impression and work at it with a hatchet.

This year, Wing Maint have a lot of added color with the green and white sweaters. There are a lot of the old faces out there, but we have had to take note of the new ones tearing around the ice, and if they slow down in time for the next edition, we shall try to get the team's names and numbers for you.

An important question has been brought to our attention. It has been noticed that three crests for the 57/58 season are floating around the station. We know that 444 won one and that Wing Maint won the other but the question is where did the third one come from? We believe an explanation is due!!!

A month ago, basketball was being talked about all over the hangar. The league started, — and silence reigns supreme! We wonder if maybe Wing Maint are losing?

Curling is one game we cannot seem to understand. We believe though that there is a rink in the hangar that has not been beaten. In the next edition we shall endeavour to have one of our ardent curling exponents give us a rundown on the game, the standing, and the names of the team members from the hangar.

So, that being a very good start, we had better pack it in for this month's edition while it is still good. Oh! by the way, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours.

The following message is brought to you by S/L M. D. Wal=ker, OC, Wing Maint:

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Camera Club News

by Sgt. Tom Owen

The big news for this, our initial column, is the Photo show and open house held in the club building on Nov 29. A great deal of effort went into this show and although everyone could not win prizes, all who participated gained much in experience. We feel, I think, justifiably proud of our show but are looking forward to an even better display in May.

The show opened at 10AM with forty competition entries in black and white category as well as many guest entries from professional photographers in the area. Our own Photo Section displayed some very impressive guest entries. The demonstration boards for each of three film sizes attracted favourable comments from many visitors. These film sizes were 120,35MM and 16MM. The 120 Display showed various sizes of pictures ranging from Contact print and had the final product tinted.

The 35MM entry showed what could be done with a slide. A negative was made using the enlarger and then, by cropp=ing and dodging a beautiful picture was produced in black & white.

The 16MM board was also very interesting to all. It show=ed a display of copying starting with a negative 10 Milli=meters square and ended with an easily readable copy about four by five inches — 196 times the size of the original! If a negative from a 120 camera was blown up this much it would produce a picture three feet square. The display board also showed various shots taken around the area and ranged in subject matter from close=up to sports shots and flying aircraft.

In the colored slide category were about thirty=five pictures most of which were 35MM. These were very effectively shown by the use of an automatic projector loaned by Photo=Kino Schwemmer in Rastatt. Although not entered in comp=etition, there was a demonstration of 16MM slides which also proved quite interesting.

Visitors were shown through the dark room and given a demonstration of how enlargement is produced. This proved to be the highlight of the day and the comment most often repeated was "I didn't know it was so simple". They were also very impressed with the amount of equipment available for use by club members.

The competitions were judged by Sgt John Piton and Cpl Bill Field of the Wing Photo Section while the black and white entries were judged by popular ballot. Prizes for color were an Ikophot light meter donated by Photo Franz in Kehl, first prize, and three photo albums given by Photo Kino Schwemmer, as second prize Photo=Kino Siedlecki donated credit certificates of 100 marks and 50 marks to be awarded as first and second prizes for black and white. We would like to express thanks to our judges and to firms who contributed prizes. They certainly helped to make our show a success.

Winners of these prizes are to be congratulated for their work and workmanship. F/O "Gill" Sicard and Cpl Ron Coulson took first and second prizes for color while popular ballots awarded black and white category to LAC "Snuffy" Smith for his night snow scene and to LAC Gill Thagard for his child portrait.

Thanks are in order to all those who participated in this show and to the people who worked so hard to make the day a successful one.

Also newsworthy during the past month was the election of new officers. Elected were Cpl Ron Coulson as president, Sgt Tom Owen — Vice=President and LAC Doug (Snuffy) Smith as Secretary=Treasurer Continuing to act as Honorary President is S/L Marsh. It is interesting to note that all of these people are from 419 Sqn. Since most of our members are also 419 per=sonnel, though, the representation is quite fair. We would like to extend a sincere invitation to all wing personnel to come and participate in this most interesting hobby.

That's about all for this month but on behalf of our Club we wish to all a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness & Peace.

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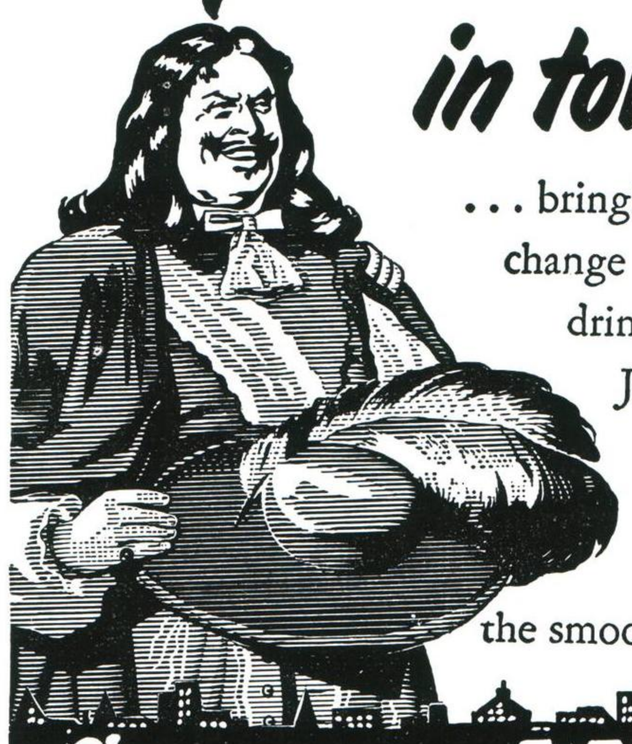

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4 (F) Wing Rifle Association

by Cpl Jim Hatton

Yes, there is such an organization on this unit and furthermore could become one of the major activities on the station.

How many of you "Flieger Readers" know there is an excellent indoor range under the seats of the "Ice Palace"? It is 25 yards long and has ample room to accommodate four shooters at a time. There are good rifles, scopes, ammunition and everything necessary for good shooting.

Now, some of you will say "So What!". Well, from 1953 to 1958, 4 (F) Wing put up the best part of the Air Division Rifle Team which went to Bisley, England and DCRA Canada bringing back numerous honours. Most of these people have gone back to Canada leaving only a couple to hold up the reputation 4 (F) Wing marksmen have had for so long. Now here is your "So What?" Your Rifle Association needs interested people who, if at present are not expert marksmen, could be with practice, good equipment and expert coaching.

Your rifle association offers both small and full bore shooting. That is, shooting indoors using, 22 rifles and outdoors. in fine weather using, 303, 177, Bren and Sten. Next spring the FN may be added to this line as all NATO troops are being issued the new weapon.

Indoor small bore shooting is what we are interested in this time of year and offers plenty of competition. You can shoot for the attractive DCRA badges and golden bullet which your club now has, while practising for team matches with the other Wings. Not everyone can be a distinguished marksman right away so all members are classified and compete against marksmen of their own class.

There is a lot of satisfaction in seeing in black and white how close you get to perfection. Some people say shooting is a sport for old men who can't play hockey or baseball, but I would like to see some of our athletic types hitting a 15" bulls eye in a 600 yard run down. Most of them can't hit a 6' by 4' goal after only skating the length of the ice.

In short, shooting is a sport most people can participate in and we have everything at our disposal. Opening of the range, meetings and coming events will be published from now on.

THE SGTS ARE CRYING TO DAY

It seems that the Sgts are crying today
Though the wherefores and whys seem obscure
For the thing that they are crying so loudly about
Is nothing the next game can't cure.

For it seems that by luck and by dubious means
The Cpls' team flunked an upset
With a few foreign players so nimble and fleet
Past our boys took the puck to the net.

But be wary you Cpls for during the year
Only three times can you pack your group
Then watch Ben, Peter and Lee our big three
Throw the Cpls again for a loop.

So we'll borrow a phrase from the Deutschers our friends
Since the Cpls still seem to be laggin'
And we ask you „Warum müssen Sie so viel sprechen
Wenn Sie haben so wenig zu sagen? . . ."

Supply Section

Hail, fellow Romans! Here we are again, only this time in a little better shape than last time around. Speaking of around, I wish this room would stop spinning. Some kind soul stopped my body spinning, but neglected the head. That's what comes of trying to polka to a Deutsch band. I'm lucky though that my stomach didn't turn athletic on me like pal Mullen. That particular party member didn't lack assistance though. He had a man for each elbow and between the three performed the nicest minuet seen in many a decade. It's too bad they weren't still wearing their beer-suds wig. A fine topping to a fine act! Then there were those who knew their limit. Those noteworthy characters were to be found clustered in profusion about the bar. Either it was too far to the tables or they were afraid the bar would take off, loaded with all that high octane. Old Ali the rug seller sure set the pace for the band. A cursory glance at the band would reveal nothing unusual. Upon closer examination you would find that what you thought was a puddle was really Al trying to float his guitar. Then there were those who finally found out the reason for those big white numbers in the front of their PMQ's. Imagine, some people think they're for parking! Who wants to join me in thanking the Entertainment Committee for the best party in two years? Perhaps this will help remind you of the Christmas party. Plan ahead, if you haven't got one already. The rabid rabble-rousers were quite busy when there was a challenge Broom Ball match played at the Ice Arena between Telecom and Supply on the 20th. Through some strange twist of fate Telecom emerged victorious. Our boys, unwilling to face the humiliation, were gratified when they heard a return match was to be played on the 27th. It is enough to say that we got whitewashed. Our goalies were so busy that we had to change three men about during the onslaught. Even by turning the net backwards we couldn't win. There'll be another time, Telecom, we don't take defeat so lightly.

The evening of November 19th saw three angry and two mad men take the Sooners for all three games. Perhaps the money bowlers from A. M. U. had something to do with it. I guess the lure of Bingo was too much for those who started out playing for our team this year. They'd look rather foolish if we ended up in first position, wouldn't they? That contest ended finally at a little past the enchanted hour of midnight. Well worthwhile though, to the winners.

So George got engaged! That's nice, but if you'll look back through your old editions of this mag, you'll find it was predicted. Who says the pen isn't mightier than the sword? Let's hope you enjoy married life as much as you think you will.

During the month of January we have Cpl "Pete" Peters departing via the Comet on the 15th, and another member of the Club, Cpl Jim Henshaw along with his family boarding the Saxonia on the 17th. Have a good trip and enjoy your first Canadian beer.

That just about covers it for this month with the exception of "Merry Christmas", and the best New Year's ever. If you live within staggering distance of anywhere, don't forget if you had a load as heavy, you'd appreciate someone handing you a little cheer to get you over the rough spots. Goodbye then until next year, have a good time and live a long and fruitful life.

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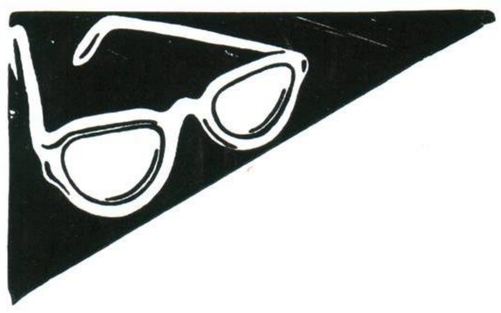

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He didn't know that "Bottle Bob"
Was leader of the other mob.
A sawed=off broom was all he had
This quick and rather clever lad,
The ice with bodies did he strew
His battle cry was wicked too.
The brooms flew fast, and hard and high,
A wayward elbow found my eye,
I found a broom between my feet,
The referee went " tweet, tweet, tweet".
The face=off then was in our end,
Our goalie who was once my friend
Dazzled all within a mile,
With the brilliance of his Colgate smile.
"Don't block my view", he up and sneered,
But when the smoke of battle cleared
There was Ken upon his back,
The victim of a foul attack.
We called time out to drag him off,
And give us smokers time to cough.
The substitute we woke from slumber,
None other than young Dave Macumber.
The game is past, we did our best,
We'd better not continue lest
We get together once again
And separate the boys from men.

Wing Armament

First we say "hello" to the new arrivals to the section; LAC's Lunn, McWhirter, Rose and Wentzel. I guess it will be a warm winter for these fellows as they have their families with them. We hope they all enjoy their stay at 4 (F) Wing.

Then of course there are the new arrivals to this cruel old world. Stan and Lois McCormack have another baby boy and his name is Gregory, — I thought Kenny wanted a sister for Christmas! Ron and Shirley Tanner have another girl and Judy is her name. It's about time you changed patterns Ron.

At this time we would like to say "So long" to LAC's Lane and Ram who have left us to join the Flying School of 444 Sqn.

We of Wing Armament are back from Sardinia as you know and are very happy at getting such a high score as we could not have done it without 422 pilots and aircraft.

With hockey in full swing the Combines are putting on a good show as usual and even though they are not at the top, watch out for the good old Black and Gold as they are out to get the cup. Speaking of Black and Gold, meaning the Ti=Cats this time, there are a few long faces, — but don't cry Doug, money isn't everything.

The Moose is invading us again as F/L Kennedy, 419 Arm O, is replacing F/L Talbot our Wing Maint O. I. R.

by Cpl Fred Hughes

Hello folks, I guess it is once again time for our monthly get=together via the "Flieger".

First we would like to say welcome back to our boss F/O Fred Baker, that must have been an ideal course or was it just the good Canadian atmosphere? At any rate F/O Baker sure looks fit as a fiddle, 164 lbs? It now seems he is fighting the battle of the bulge. Our second boss, WO 1 Don Ing now says he can take that three weeks leave he has been saving, and after taking over here in the absence of F/O Baker I am sure he deserves a rest away from the section. The rumor is that he is heading for sunny Italy.

Speaking of friends back home, the VME section has received a letter from one of its former members who is now stationed in Canada. He wrote of an instance that happened to him when he was on his way to his new unit and we thought it so good that we are taking this opportunity to share it with our readers. It seems that as he was going into the USA, at one of the border crossing points he was stopped by the Canadian Customs Officer and this is what followed:

He says: I drove up and the customs officer asked me for my registration. Question: "Where did the car come from?" Answer: "Germany". Question: "Where is it licensed?" Answer: "France". He looks the car over and says: "But it's a Canadian car?" Answer: "No American". Question: "Who did you buy it from?" Answer: "A Canadian". Question: "Where?" Answer: "In Switzerland". By this time he is really rattled so he makes out a customs' card anyway and when he came to the tires he said "Well, at least you have got American tires on it". Answer: "No Luxembourg tires", with that he shoved the card at me and said: "For . . . . . sake get the hell out of here and cross at another border point on your return to Canada".

You can readily see from the above that our friend had quite a time at the border, but I daresay it was not as con=fusing to him as it was to the poor bewildered customs officer.

That seems to be all for this time, so before we close this session, we would like to say on behalf of F/O Baker, the VMEO, and all the members of the VME section from all of us to all of you

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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by Laurie Morris

With winter settling itself on 4 (F) Wing, we are reminded of the many days that our date book will be filled with dates for the hockey games, and most of all section parties for the Christmas holidays. Even now at the end of November most of the airwomen are glancing at their wardrobe and working out whether their pays to come will buy a cocktail dress, etc. These days we are all wishing that the government would raise our pay, especially during these tedious months of trying to keep within our budget. But no matter how penny pinching the airwomen are these days, they are still smiling and saying, "So what if I have to wear a potato sack for a dress instead of these modern sack dresses?" Oh, the life of an airwoman!

It seems lately that we are always welcoming some new personnel to this fold. We have two new recruits, eager to learn the German way of drinking beer, and anxiously waiting for Fasching to come. So with open arms we say "hello" to LAW Marchand (Terry), clktyp, working (supposedly) at Supply Section and LAC MacDonald (Jackie) trying to read and type the doctor's prescription. On their first week=end here, like true adventurers they proceeded to explore the town of Rastatt and to have a quick view of German civilization. After a few hours of window shopping they decided that they were hungry, so they went to a Cafe House. About 4 pm in the afternoon they decided to order (in English) "Ham and Eggs". What they received — a couple of blank faces is not hard to figure, and later on they were still hungry, because the only thing they could order which could be understood by the Germans was coffee. So instead of solid food they had liquids. So, they returned to the base tired and hungry after having spent a trying ordeal. Anyway girls, you tried, it's more than we can say for others.

I see, Terry, you are taking German — I wonder why!!

Our little Lucie who makes headlines quite often and who is our personality of the month, was not content with just being the personality but wanted to be amongst the list of the ones who are going through the Traffic Board. She met up with a wall while driving through France on her way to 2 Wing. At the scene of the accident, she was asked by the MP's how long she had been driving and was she an experienced driver? So Lucie, with a French accent, said proudly — but timidly — "two days". Don't worry, Lucie, even the best drivers have accidents that are often hard to explain, like hitting the side of a bridge etc. Well, we hope that they find you "not guilty", and that the car will soon be in running condition. See you soon in your red Opel Kapitan.

The last Friday of the month of Nov we held our monthly lounge meeting. In attendance at our Lounge was a certain Cpl, and I know that she received many inquisitive glances, for we were under the impression, and had often been told by female Cpls, that they were only honorary members. But we found out different at this meeting, as we were told that all female Cpls would henceforth attend our meetings, as they are now members. Now that they are attending we will be able to discuss our different points of view on the subject of the Lounge, and come to an agreement by voting. It seems a shame that the airwomen are greater in number than the Cpls — but that is the way the old ball bounces.

Happy Belated Birthday, Inkey, I heard you were quite sur=prised by the party they gave you, but not half as surprised as when you saw a certain airwoman sleeping under the table. I think, Inkey, and you may agree with me, that the party began much earlier than midnight — the time you returned from night shift at the Hospital.

Angel, who has spent many weeks in the hospital is back with us, and we expect to see more activities around here now that she has come to stay. "Glad to see you back, Angel."

If you have insomnia and also you can't sleep, visit the hospital or else (this last one is the best solution) join in the Christmas festivities.

Personality of the Month

LAW Trudelle

It was the year 1934, Christmas Day, when a certain family in Quebec City rejoiced at the arrival of their charming little girl, who was later named Lucie. Lucie Trudelle remained true to her birth date, by being a jolly, happy and goodhearted Fraulein. She attended school in Quebec City from 1944 to 1953 at the Convent Mallet and then in 1953 was transferred to the Convent St Jean Baptiste. The reason for this transfer is not known, but knowing Lucie perhaps it was because she spent too much time in the sacristy looking over the ferment=ation of the Mass Wine. During school years Lucie became a member of the RCAF Reserve for three continuous years, as a ClkTyp, and spent her summer training at Mont Apica. She describes these training months as "What a ball". At RU Quebec on the 26 Aug 55 Lucie began her Regular Service with us. She was on contact training in Centralia from Oct 55 till Dec 55. After her course in Aylmer she was transferred to St Hubert, there she remained until her transfer overseas. Lucie is now working at Secret CR, and when she is on leave or sick, the section seems to lack the atmosphere of cheerful=ness. Even when she comes in the morning after an evening of parties, and with a large hangover, she is as sharp as a whistle with her quick answer and smiling face. She plays an important part in most of the Wing's sports, including soft=ball, volleyball, bowling and basketball. She is usually the life of the party, and she is well known for telling jokes, and describing actions and personnel at their fullest and funniest.

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LAW Trudelle

She is in partnership with another airwoman of this station in a 56 Opel Kapitan. After purchasing the car she took driv=ing lessons, finally got her license, and two days after she proceeded to drive to 2 Wing. On the way there she hit a wall that suddenly obscured her path. But even after such an accid=ent that would have shattered anyone's nerves, Lucie return=ed to the base with a smiling face even though she had a large lump in her throat, and stabbing pain in her heart.

Lucie is on our Lounge committee, and is in charge of the bar. Since she has taken office, things have been going pretty smoothly behind the bar. We have more stock and for one thing are sure never to run out of glasses.

Whether Lucie is playing basketball, working at CR or drink=ing beer at the Grunenbaum, she does things well. She has a friendly personality, and from one glance at her, you know that she enjoys life.

To you Lucie on your birthday, we wish you many more happy years, and a Merry Christmas and a Happy Birthday from all the airwomen of 4 (F) Wing.

Ground Observer Corps — The Royal Canadian Air Force has stated that in spite of the American decision to disband its Ground Observer Corps, the R.C.A.F. will maintain its 54 thousand volunteer organization. The Canadian group ranges from Eskimos and trappers in the far north to persons of every occupation in the south.

Smoke House News

by Cpl WC Stratton

Judging from the topic of conversation and features of a few of the stalwarts in the section, the Xmas party held at Sandweier on Saturday the 13th December was no doubt a great success. Dave Penny and Yours Truly seemed a little more enthusiastic as a celebration was in order for the recently published sailing dates.

In the near future we will have two proud owners of new vehicles. First, Sgt MR Drabik with a lovely V W=Micro Bus and Stan Litowski second with a new Volkswagen export car. Both these vehicles will be 59 models!

In the curling this fall it became apparent that our Sgt Harvey "Skip" Miller couldn't get a section rink together so he joined forces with an ME Rink. From all reports this rink is faring well.

On the hockey scene with our representatives in the per=sons of Stan Litowski, Fred Hiebert, and Ron Carmichael, we are hoping to see the HQ team display the hockey and fine sportsmanship that we've seen the past. I know myself many a fan gets a real thrill out of being able to see our boys participate in Canada's National Sport, while at 4 Fighter Wing.

In the next week we will have upon us a time of good cheer and hearty fellowship. As the Christmas and New Year periods entail partying and times of celebration, we'll no doubt forget in many cases the disasters that have occurred within the home and places of employment. With a little forethought these catastrophes could be eliminated.

Let us have a happy and carefree holiday season by practis=ing good Fire Prevention.

Your Fire Section extend to you all, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CLIMATOLOGICAL SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1958

TEMPERATURES	1958	1957
MEAN MAX	44.0	47.0
MEAN MIN	38.0	36.0
MONTHLY MEAN	41.0	41.0
HIGHEST	57.0	63.0
LOWEST	25.0	23.0
PRECIPITATION		
RAINFALL	1.56	1.06
SNOWFALL	TRACE	TRACE
NO OF DAYS WITH MEASURABLE PRECIPITATION	8	9
GREATEST AMOUNT OF RAIN FOR ONE DAY	.56 (2 Nov 58)	.38 (7 Nov 57)

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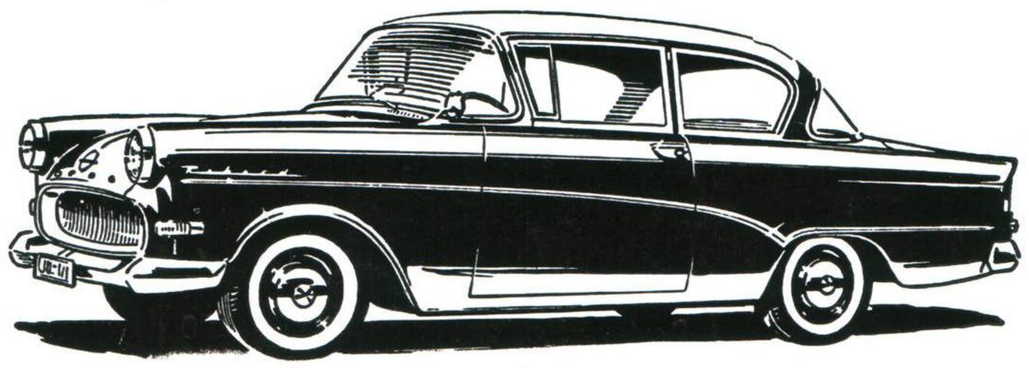


Your Flieger Crossword

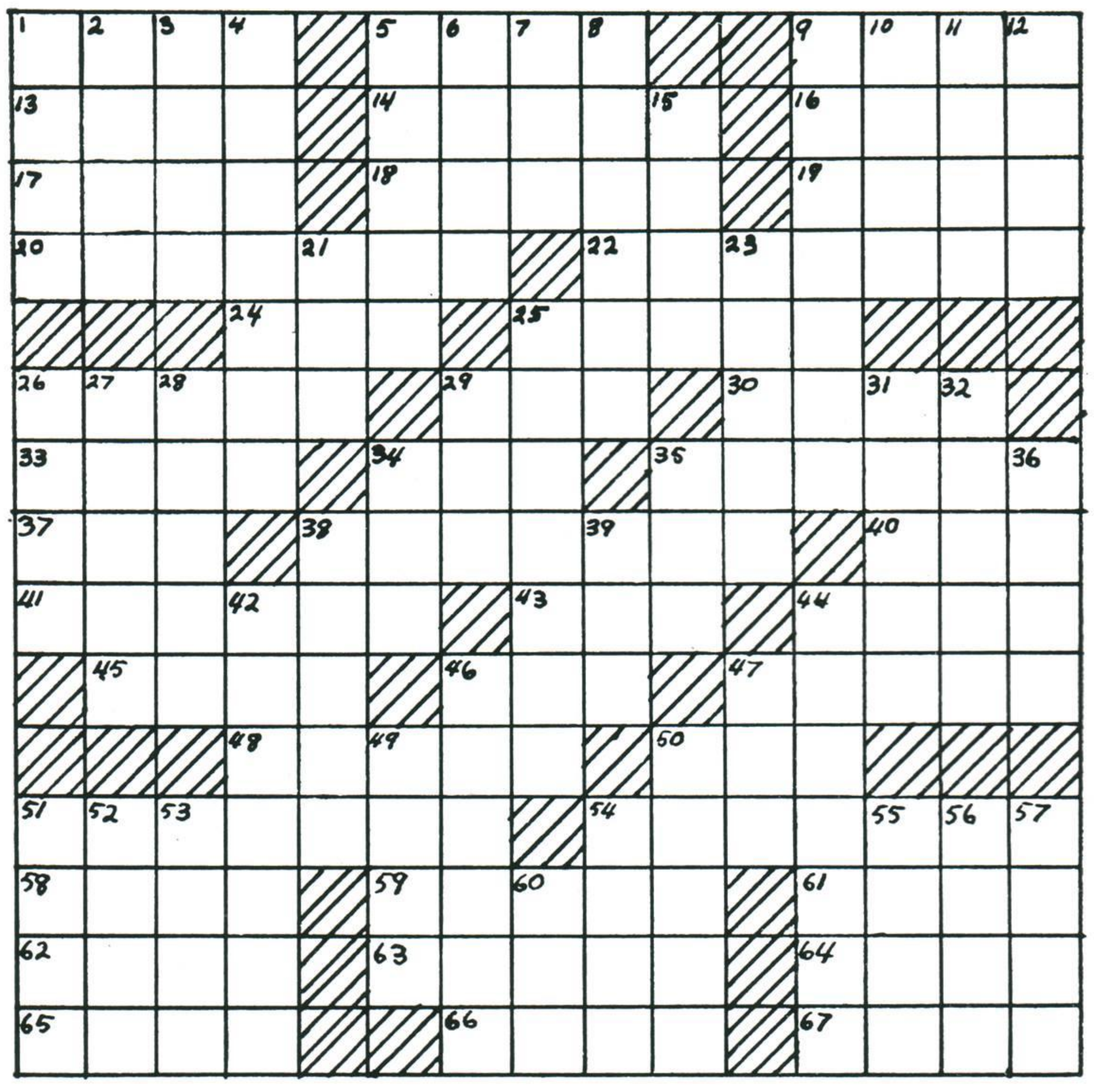
by Ron Coulson

ACROSS

1 Food fish
5 Insect's crop
9 Rail bird
13 Dueling weapon
14 Nod again
16 Sudden shift
17 Four=winged insects
18 To provide with
19 Melee
20 Like a cow
22 Countries
24 Spread hay
25 Extemporize
26 Collection of charts
29 French article (plural)
30 Kind of stew
33 Performs
34 Changing weight
35 Encomfort
37 Greek letter
38 Circle of flowers
40 Coal scuttle
41 Relative
43 God of earth
44 Mouthpiece
45 Greek portico
46 Abraham's Nephew
47 Trunk
48 At sea
50 Genus of cabbage
51 Violent stream
54 Black cat
58 Acted
59 A furry mammal
61 Ready
62 To appraise
63 Solitary
64 Eye colouring
65 Snow vehicle
66 Ceases
67 Recompense

DOWN

1 Phillipine Island
2 Mimicked
4 Spanish coins
5 Doctrine
6 Tear apart
7 Conjunction
8 Hurts
9 Writers
10 Mississippi tributary
11 Ancient Irish dialect
12 Dwellings (abbrev)
15 Mete
21 Lawsuit subject
23 Asian country
25 Collodial suspension
26 Arabian Gulf
27 Bears
28 Jumped
29 Celtic sea god
31 Clear sky
32 Fields of ice
34 Disemminate
35 Point
36 Taro root
38 Desist
39 Seine
42 Stored
44 A platform
46 Trivial
47 Unit of weight
49 Wild ox
50 Inclinations
51 Sailors (colloq)
52 Translucent silica
53 Nerve network
54 Await decision
55 Gather bees
56 Long sword
57 To foretell
60 Metric weight



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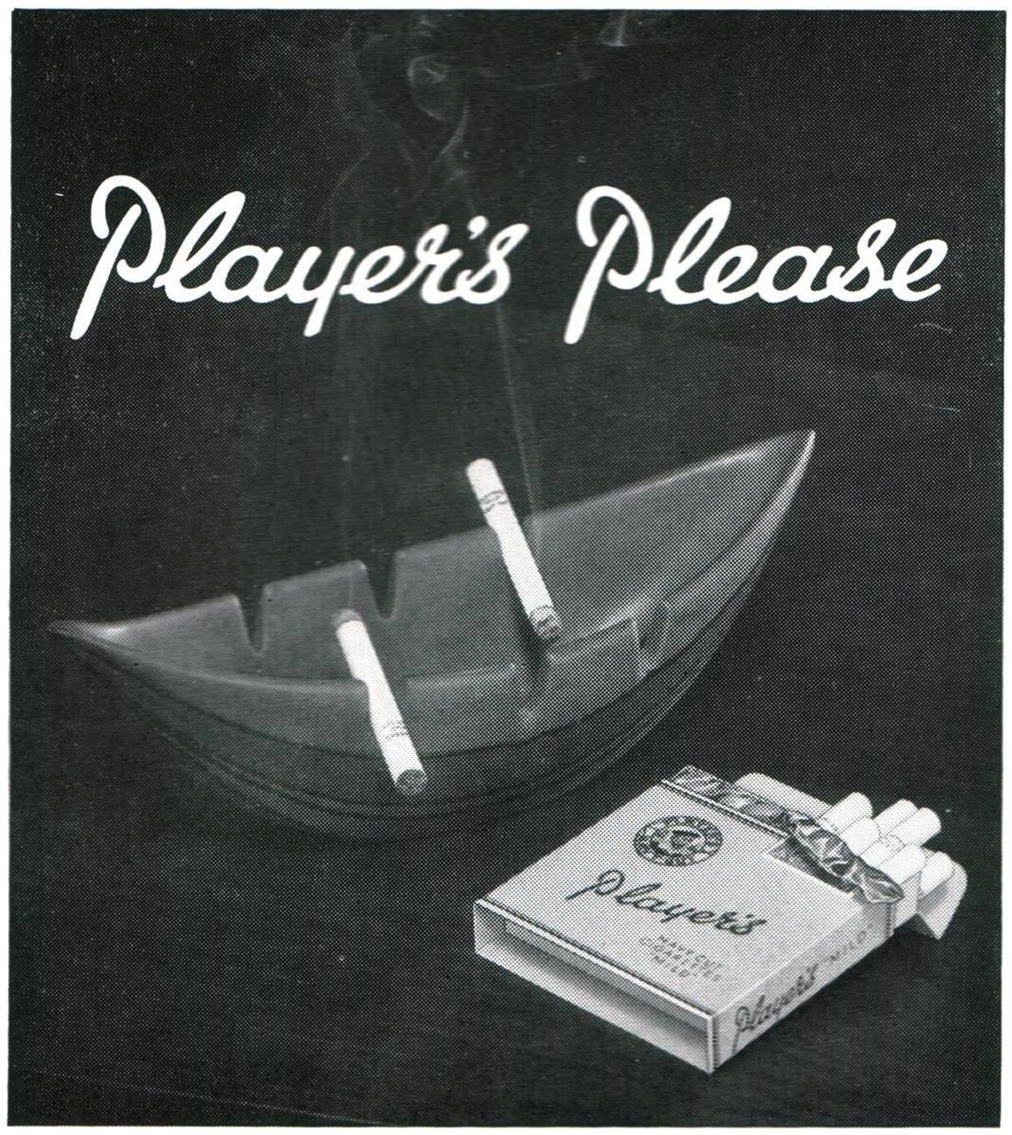

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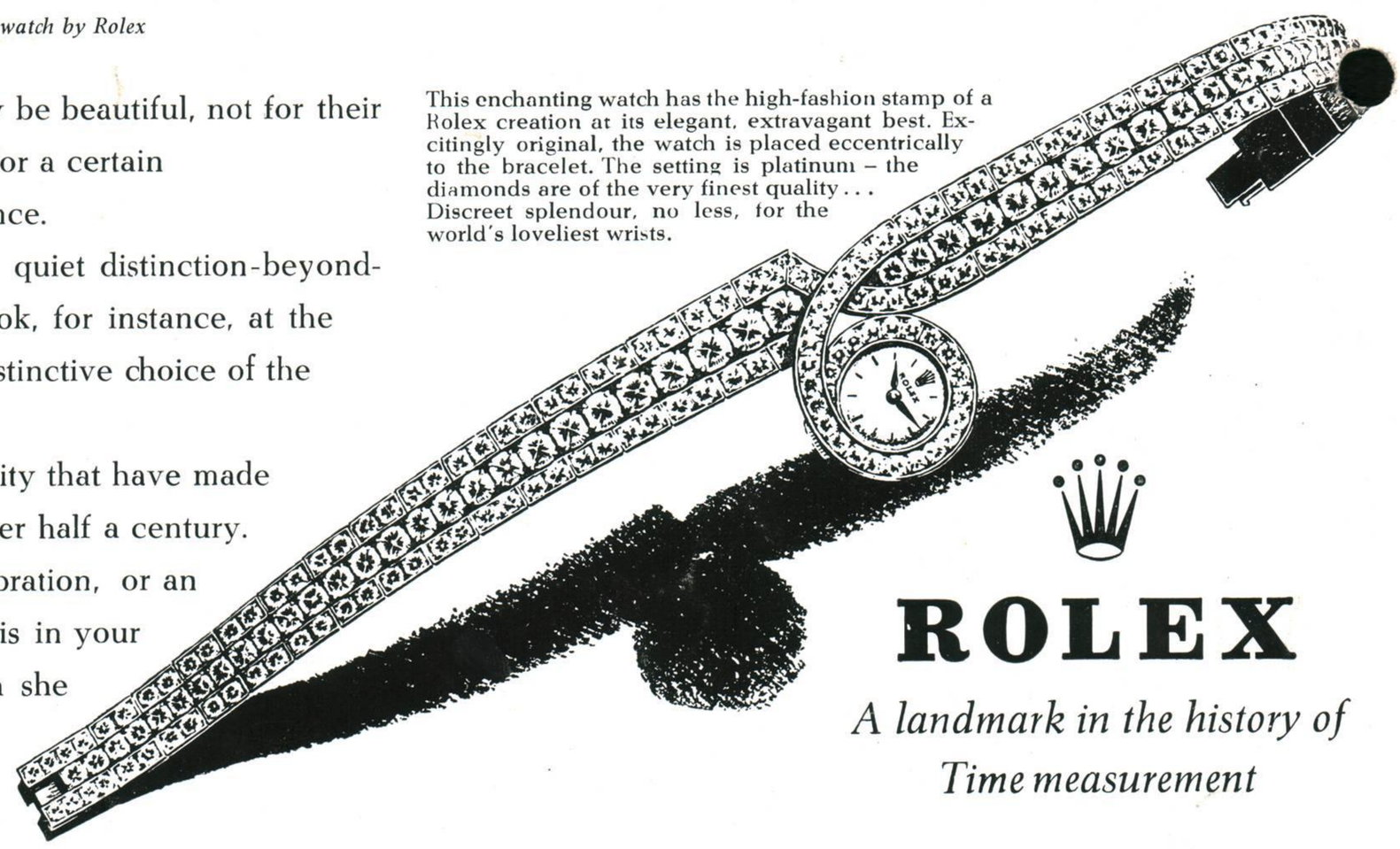

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