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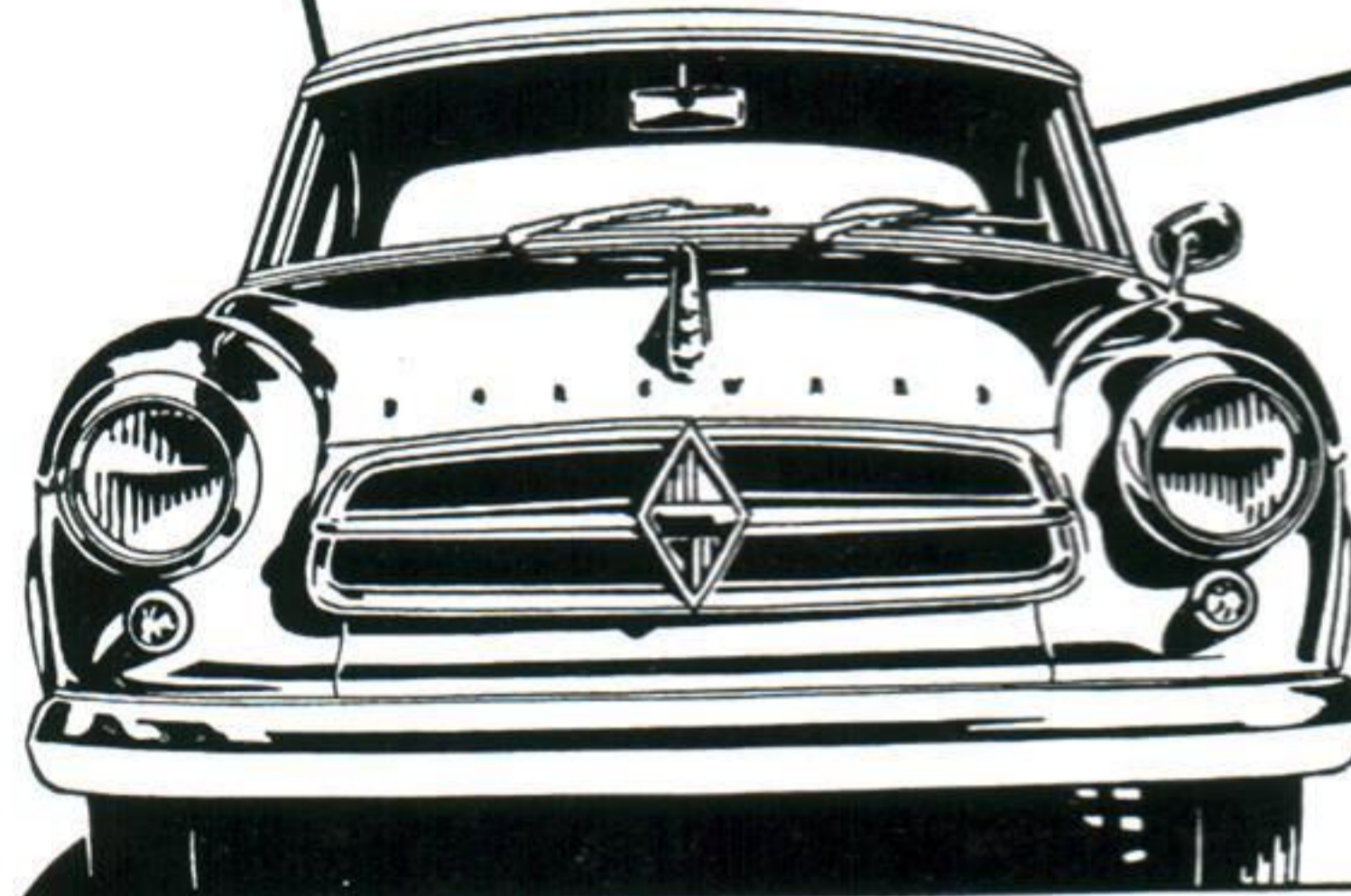
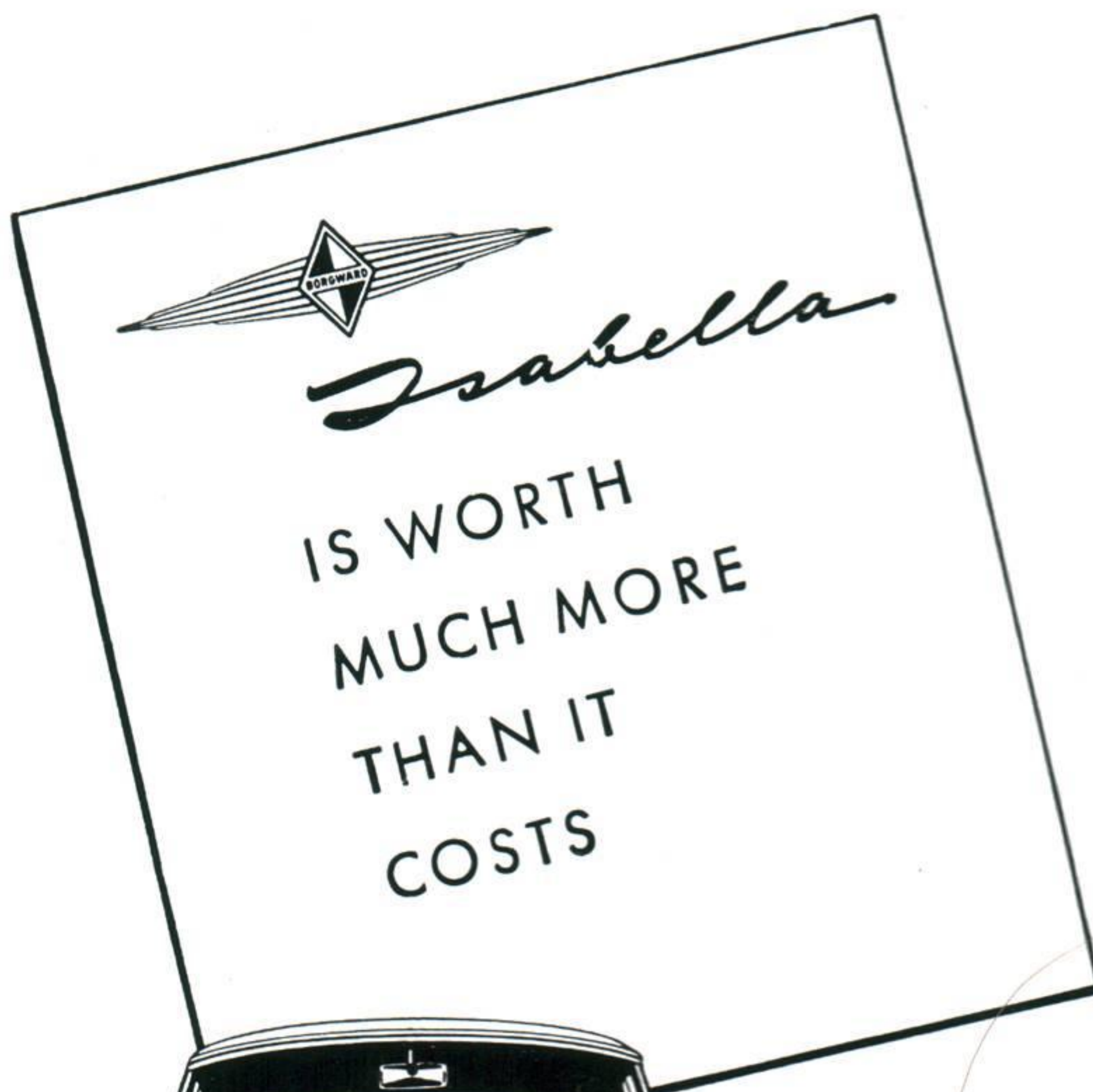


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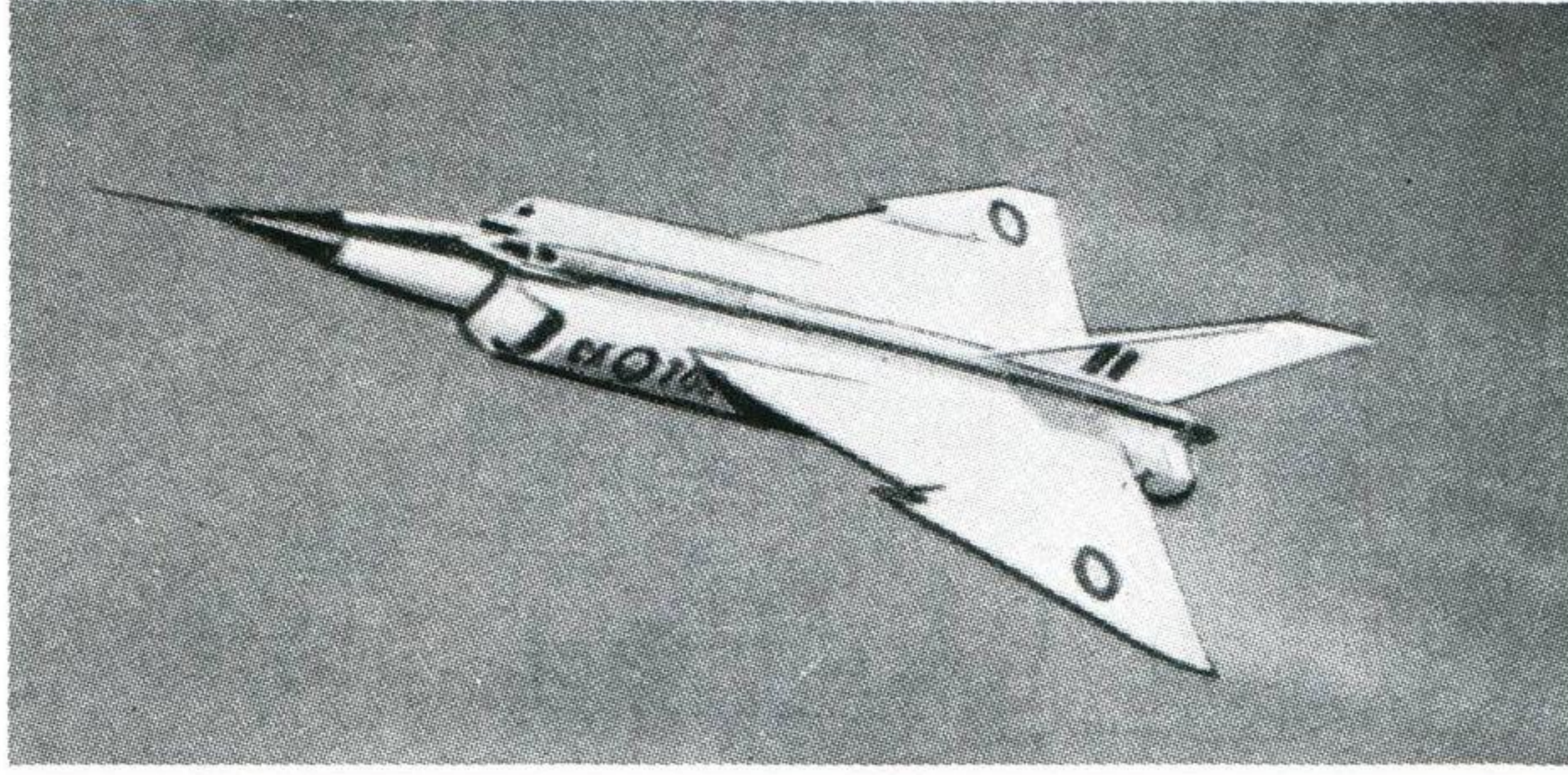
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## CF 105 Abandoned



### Prime Minister's Statement

Prime Minister Diefenbaker stated in the House of Commons 20 Feb 59 that work on the CF105 is to be terminated. Mr. Diefenbaker stated that the program had always been a tentative one and that the original plan called for the aircraft to be operational much earlier than would now be the case. The CF105 would not now be operational in any quantity until after 1962 when the main threat would be from missiles and not from the manned bombers which the CF105 was designed to seek out and destroy. In the circumstances the government, mindful of its obligation to make the most effective use of the sums of money appropriated for defence had decided that work on the CF105 should be discontinued. The Minister of National Defence and the Chiefs of Staff were now engaged on studies of the various alternatives for the improvement of our defence.

Negotiations were in progress with the United States government on the common problem of defence against attack from the air, and it had been decided that the missile program should be financed in the following proportions —  $\frac{2}{3}$  by the US and  $\frac{1}{3}$  by Canada. The equipment required would be produced in Canada as well as in the US, and the bases would also be built by Canadian labour. Additional Early Warning Stations would also be constructed. The bases would be manned by Canadian military personnel.

Mr. Diefenbaker stated that negotiations were in progress with the U.S. government on the acquisition of nuclear warheads for the Bomarc and other defensive weapons. It was the government's intention to provide the Canadian forces with modern and efficient weapons to enable them to fulfil their respective roles.

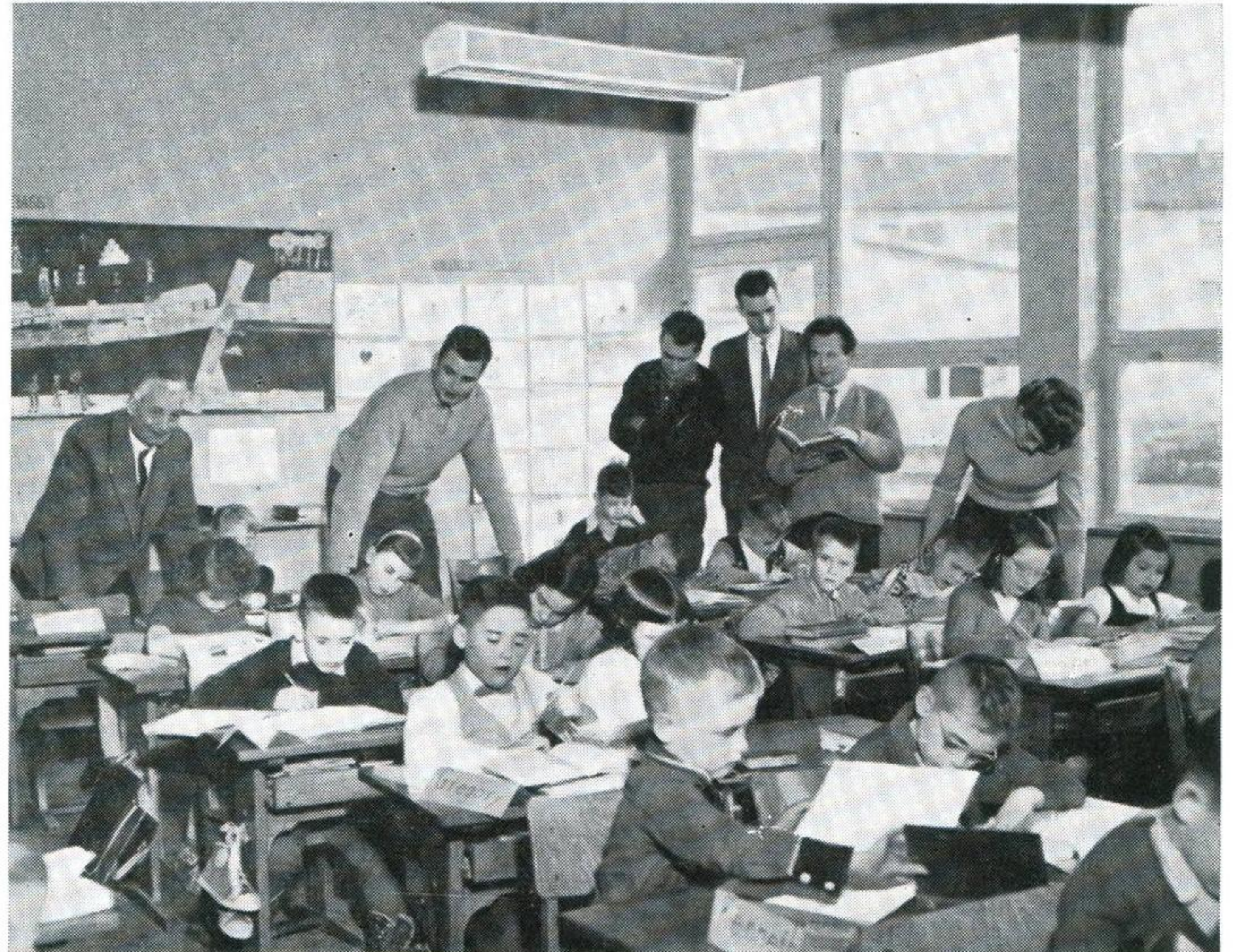
### Canadian Reaction

First to feel the effect of the Prime Minister's statement were fourteen thousand employees at the AVRO plant in Toronto. They were promptly released by the company. Prime Minister Frost of Ontario expressed great concern for the workers who had lost their jobs and called for a substitute program that would get them back to work. Ontario Liberal leader, Mr. Wintermayer, proposed a committee to investigate what he called the emergency in Ontario's aircraft industry, while Mr. Pearson, Opposition Leader in the federal House of Commons said that the government's decision pointed up the need for an inquiry into the whole question of Canada's defence policy.

## Rastatt Teachers Visit Rhine Valley School

"How do Canadian elementary schools compare with the Deutsch variety?" Some partial answers to that question and many more of similar nature were proposed at a meeting between sixty-six Rastatt and District elementary school teachers and their Canadian counterparts in Rhine Valley Park School during a meeting following visits to class-rooms by the German teachers on Wednesday, February 18th.

Earlier that afternoon, these teachers had observed classes in operation, examined books and other instructional materials used in the 4 Wing School, and discussed teaching methods with individual Canadian teachers.



*Rastatt teachers watch a lesson*

Parents of children attending this school will be pleased to learn that the German visitors considered the Canadian children exhibited marked superiority in general behaviour and attentiveness in class. They also commented favourably on the teaching methods observed.

During the general discussion period, senior girls of the school served coffee and lunch provided by the Home and School Association.

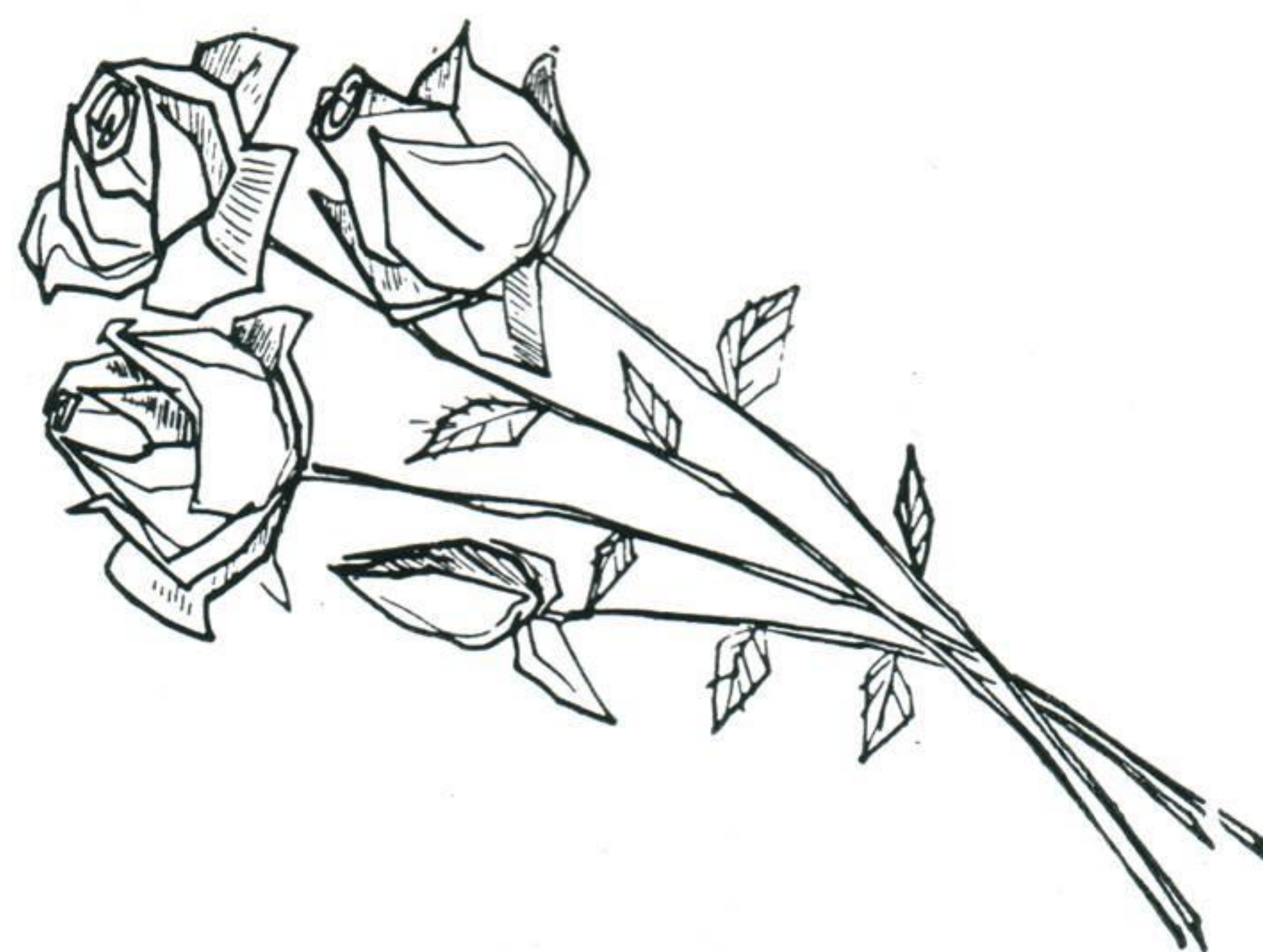
Miss Elfriede Radetzki, station translator, and Miss Rosel Kara, school secretary, acted as interpreters.

Rhine Valley Park Teachers returned the visit to Rastatt schools on Saturday, March 7th. D. W. S.

**Silver Dart Anniversary** — 22 Feb, Canada observed a half-a-century of powered flight. The occasion was marked at Baddeck, a small community on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. It was there that the first flight was made fifty years ago. The plane was the Silver Dart. A new Silver Dart was built, an exact copy to the last detail, and it repeated the performance of the first Silver Dart on that February day in 1909. To watch it was the Canadian who piloted the original plane — — — J. A. D. McCurdy, one of Canada's pioneer aviators.

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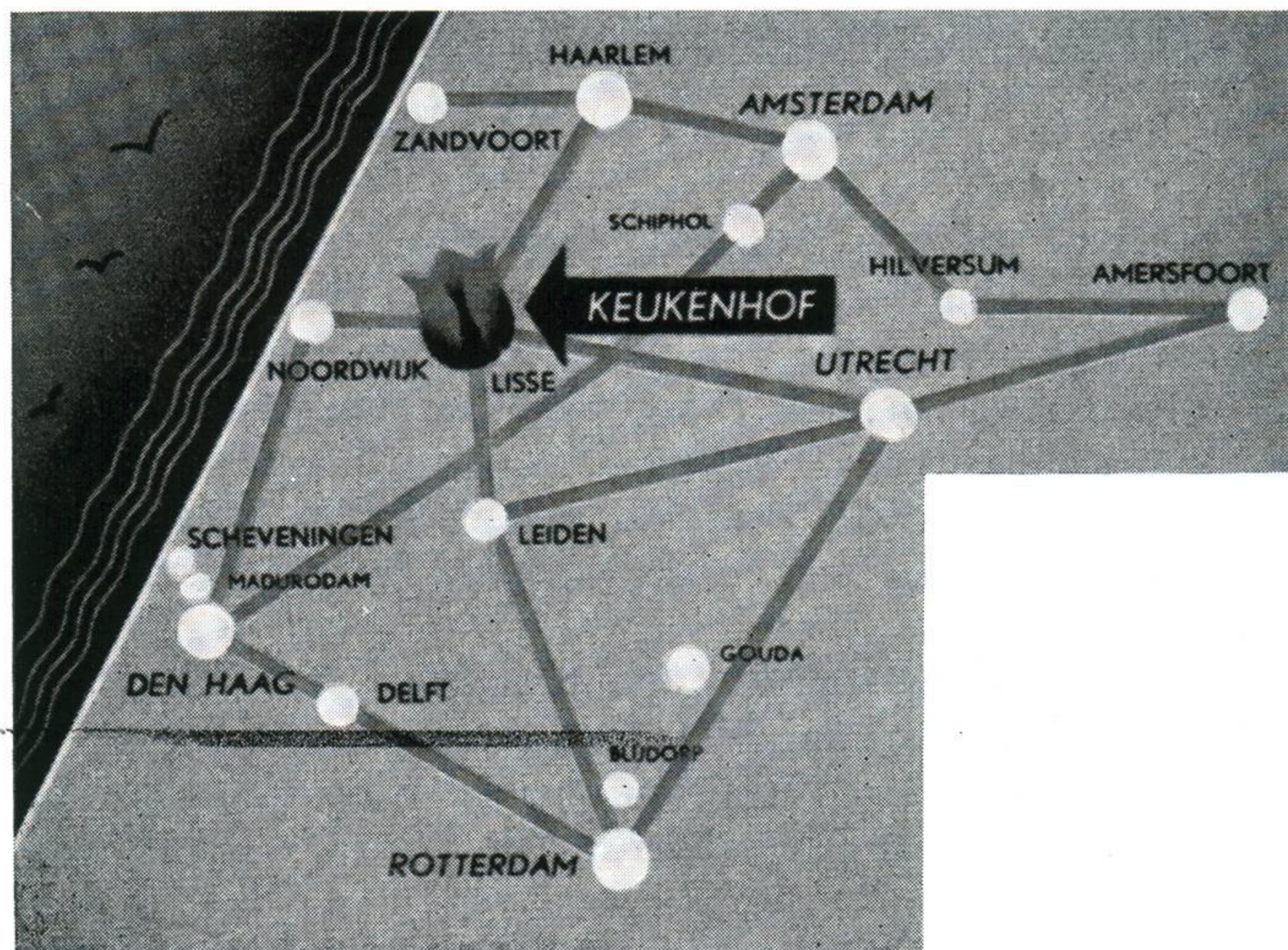
# The Flowers of HOLLAND



The snow, slush and fog of winter are almost gone and 4 (F) Wing personnel will soon be consulting maps and tourist guides and planning their spring and summer trips. One of the most interesting and delightful trips is a visit to Holland in April when the fields are one colourful mass of flowers in bloom.

At the beginning of spring, an entire region of Holland, lying behind the protecting dunes of the North Sea coast, dons a garment of sparkling flowers. From Leyden to Haarlem, the traditional flower fields stretch like an uninterrupted carpet. The blooming of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths is a magnificent sight, attracting each year millions of enthusiastic tourists.

Throughout the bulb season, the whole of the bulb-growing region is "en fête"; the streets and houses are decorated with spring flowers and flags, and along the roadside garlands of tulips and daffodils can be bought. A great flower procession is held and this year is expected to take place on Saturday, April 25. It will consist of about 40 fantastically decorated floats; starting 11.0 a.m. it will



follow the route Sassenheim — Lisse — Hillegom and back. All over the bulb area in the last week of April flower mosaics are to be seen, although the actual date is dependent on the time of flowering. Children's Processions take place at Hillegom, Lisse and Sassenheim in the first week of May and there is the Warmond procession on the Queen's Birthday (April 30).

Oddly enough, the tulip, which has become the emblem of this country of windmills, originates from quite another part of the world. More than a thousand years ago the crusaders, on their way to the Holy Land over the military roads of Asia Minor, were actually the first Europeans to see tulips. The delicate beauty of this flower touched these men from the North. They took some plants with them as a gift to monasteries founded in Asia Minor, where the monks tended them with the utmost care. The Turks, after becoming masters of the land, continued this cultivation, and at the court of the Sultans, a tulip feast became one of the annual events.

Gradually the tulip spread to the North. It reached the Low Countries by way of the Balkans and Germany. For exactly how many centuries the Dutch have devoted themselves to the cultivation of bulb-flowers is not known, but it is certain that the tulip trade flourished in this country at least three hundred years ago. In the seventeenth century, during the Golden Age, Dutch merchants were given to speculation. Tulips became a popular object, and in the period of what was so rightly called "wind trade", strange things happened. Flower bulbs were worth their weight in gold. One single bulb of the famous Semper Augustus was sold for 4600 guilders and a new carriage with two dapple grey horses. Offers of 10,000 guilders for a single bulb were not uncommon. Fortunes were made and lost in one day. Priests thundered against this trade from the pulpit. At last, in 1637, the States of Holland (Parliament) intervened and managed to stop this undesirable gambling. The tulip trade was founded on a sounder basis and, following a normal course, developed on an enormous scale.

Then modern science came to render invaluable services to flower cultivation, with which the Dutch had already had centuries of experience. More and more experiments were made, creating unexpected possibilities. Diseases which formerly diminished the quality of bulbs, even menacing their existence, were tackled more and more effectively, while at the same time, methods of crossing were continually perfected. Thus the present tulip hardly resembles its ancestor of five hundred years ago. Moreover, periods of blooming had to be adjusted to the special requirements of export to distant countries.

In the heart of the flower country, near the village of Lisse, an estate of historic beauty called the "Keukenhof" has become the show window of Dutch flower culture. Each year, bulb flowers planted in the open air are exhibited.

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There are also botanic tulips or tulipas, the "Kaufmanniana", "Fotteriana" and some others with scientific names. They belong to a wild variety and came from the plains of Afghanistan and the slopes of Kurdistan and Persia at the end of the last century. The bulbs of these tulips have a jacket of fur, a thick hairy skin which enables them to resist the cold weather much better than other exotic flowers. Dutch growers have succeeded in acclimatising and refining them. In the vast hothouse of the Keukenhof, 35,000 tulips in eight hundred rare and valuable varieties bloom several weeks before the spring season. Here, nature is anticipated.

Daffodils are flowers which like to grow by the water-side or under trees, where they look better and more natural than when disciplined in the flower beds of a garden. The "classic" specimen is the Trumpet daffodil, of which the gracious Poeticus is one of the many varieties, a golden crown surrounded by white petals. Daffodils and narcissi are remarkable for their diversity of colour: pure white and butter yellow, delicate pink and brilliant red, orange and purple, and so on. The Trumpet daffodil has been an un-

contested sovereign for a long time. To-day there are rivals — grape narcissi, with three flowers on a stem, the tiny "Triandrus" which looks like a snowdrop, the fragrant jonquil and the similibyclamen.

Unlike the frivolous daffodil, the hyacinth occupies a place well apart in the world of flowers. Great capital investments are needed for its cultivation, for it takes three years before a hyacinth bulb becomes marketable. Moreover, there are hyacinths which are forced to bloom by the use of heating tubes in the soil. These are the so-called Herald hyacinths. Finally, the treatment of hyacinth bulbs in the sheds has to be done with infinite care and precaution. Do not imagine that these sheds are simple wooden shacks. Each has long since become a building much like a factory, where temperature, humidity and ventilation are regulated with ingenious apparatus according to rigorous scientific prescriptions. At first, hyacinths were only obtainable in the national colours of Holland — red, white and blue — but by cross-breeding, the inventive growers were able to create the entire range of pastel colours which are now seen in the kaleidoscopic squares of hyacinths. These flowers are more tempting by their heady perfume than by their appearance. Their scent pervades the whole countryside, heralding the arrival of spring. But however beautiful the flower fields are, however greatly in demand the cut flowers (tulips, daffodils and hyacinths), to Holland the selling of her bulbs is of first importance. This can be judged by the export figures, in the bulb trade: 143 million guilders in 1953 (1 guilder = 26 cents). Mass production started around 1900,

after it had been discovered that sandy soil was particularly suited to bulb cultivation. And when canals had been dug to maintain the water at a constant level and hedges had been planted to prevent soil erosion, it seemed that there were no limits to this production. The problem was to find a market. In the beginning, simple but effective trading methods were followed: the Dutch merchants were the pilgrims for their own cause. They travelled through Europe and also visited countries overseas. Pale with tiredness, they could be seen landing in New York after a long voyage in their sailing ships. They frequented the streets of London, discovered the Balkans, and ventured into the heart of Russia. Nothing discouraged them. If they suffered reverses, they finally had the satisfaction of seeing the world becoming gradually interested in their flowers, and wanting them more and more. Britain was for long the greatest buyer, but since she was forced to limit her foreign imports, the United States has taken first place. Sweden is the greatest lover of Dutch flowers, taking into account its small population. Italy, with a yearly import totalling three million guilders, comes after France and Canada. Dutch flower bulbs also go to South Africa, the Argentine, Ceylon and Turkey. They bloom in Malmö as in San Francisco, in Vienna as in Sidney.

At Aalsmeer (near Amsterdam) flower auctions are held every day except Sundays. The auctions begin at 8 o'clock, tourists being admitted gratis and guided for a small fee. As flower "lots" are removed immediately after sale the halls become gradually emptier, so it is advisable to go and see them as early in the morning as possible.

Besides being by far the most important flower center of Holland, nay, of all the world, Aalsmeer is an unsurpassed example of what can be achieved by cooperation. Many years ago the hundreds of flower growers realized that their industry, which is a luxury industry, is very sensitive to the trade cycle, and that the best safeguard against the setbacks to which the business is subject, is cooperation. Consequently they joined hands and set to work to establish the world's greatest flower auction-market. This flower auction-market has a covered-in area, of 5 acres, comprising modern exhibition and sales halls. The cost of these buildings, opened in 1937, amounted to no less than three and a half million guilders.

In this remarkable "exchange", the most spectacular and certainly the sweetest smelling in the world, the flowers and flowering potted plants are sold, as it were, from an endless belt. The flowers are picked in the fields and hothouses in the evening for sale next day. They are brought up to the auction buildings during the night and placed for exhibition on special show tables. The system of auctioning is so fascinating that visitors — and despite the pressure of business that auction sales of such magnitude bring, visitors are always welcome in the auction halls — are captivated and loath to tear themselves away.

There are two large auction halls where 1280 wholesale dealers have their seats. Each seat is let for 600—2500 guilders a year, payable in advance, and they are always sold out as at a theatre showing a successful production. In front of each seat is an electric push-button, and what the visitor

first notices is that all buyers and prospective buyers place their thumbs on the buttons as soon as the auctioning of a "lot" or flowers is about to begin. Before the auctioning of a "lot", the flowers or flowering plants that it comprises are brought into the hall on a flat truck and the number of the "lot" and the conditions of sale announced. The sales of dearer flowers, such as orchids, is per blossom and of the cheaper sorts, per bunch of ten or per truck. All this takes place more quickly than the telling. The sale itself takes place "electrically". This is a patented system favoured at all auctions, including those of green-vegetables, in Holland. On the wall, opposite the seats, and where the screen would be in a cinema, are an enormous dial and a clock hand. Where the minute signs would appear on an ordinary clock dial, the figures 1 to 100 appear on this dial, and within the circle the figures 1 to 160, corresponding to the seat numbers of the bidders. As soon as the sale begins, the large hand starts to move backwards from 100 (or from a lower figure if the "lot" is introduced at a lower price) until it is stopped by pressure on one of the 160 buttons somewhere on its course to the 0. It is technically impossible for two bidders to press their buttons simultaneously. Under this system it is always one bidder only who can ensure for himself the allocation of the "lot" at the price he is prepared to pay for it. Naturally, as at any auction anywhere, each strives to keep his bid as low as possible but a trifle above those of his competitors. This is the cause of the excitement among the bidders who, thumbs on buttons, wait with anticipation for the moment when each may be able to make the "lot" his. When a button is pressed and the clock hand stops, a light showing the number of the purchaser appears in the circle. Immediately after this the "lot" is taken out of the hall and the next truckload is brought in for auctioning. The process is continuous from 8 in the morning until the last "lot" has been auctioned, which may not be until 8 in the evening on busy days.

The auction building is then empty, because immediately after a "lot" has been auctioned it is loaded on a truck and delivered at the address of the purchaser. After being cleaned, the auction halls are made ready during the evening for the next day's business, the first loads for which arrive very early. The flowers and plants that arrived during the night and were auctioned in the morning, are for sale the same day in shops everywhere in Holland, in some places by lunch time. By evening they are decorating the tables of hotels and restaurants in some of the chief cities of Europe, as well as Scandinavia, England and even North Africa. This is made possible by the proximity of Aalsmeer to Amsterdam airport, with its excellent services.

If you intend to visit Holland at this time, reserve your accommodation early because rooms are at a premium. You can choose your time from the beginning of April to the middle of May. Early in April (depending on the weather) the crocuses are in flower, followed quickly by daffodils, narcissi and tulipas (small early tulips). The hyacinths start to show their colours, then come the tulips. From the end of April to the middle of May the long-stemmed tulips, including the well-known Darwins, are at their best.

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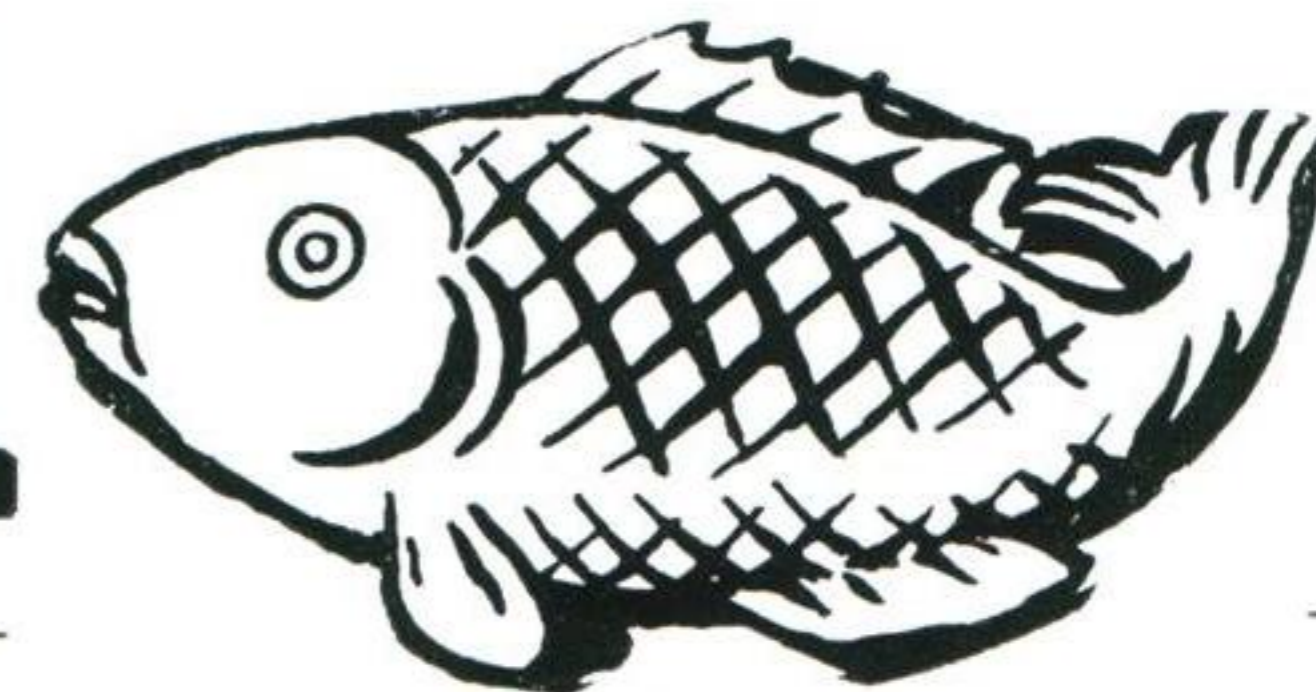
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SARDINIA lies about one hundred and twenty five miles west of the Italian mainland and is a land of orange and olive groves, donkey carts and gypsy bands.

It is an Italian possession and is closely linked to Italy by its customs, language and economic ties although its people firmly insist that they are Sardinians and not Italians. The island with an area of nine thousand three hundred



*Sardinian shepherd boy*



*Typical Sardinian vegetation*

square miles has a population of just over one million. The main industries are agricultural; citrus fruits are a mainstay, olive growing and grain farming are found in the central plain.

Sheep raising is found everywhere on the plains and in the hilly and mountainous areas vast groves of cork and oak trees are found. A few mineral deposits are concentrated in the Iglesias, Carbonia and Sarrabus districts.

SARDINIA has a long history. The central plain of the island was one of the main sources of food for the Roman Empire. However it produces now less fruit, olives and grain than it did in the time of Julius Caesar — — due largely to the fact that there is now less irrigation than there was in those earlier days.

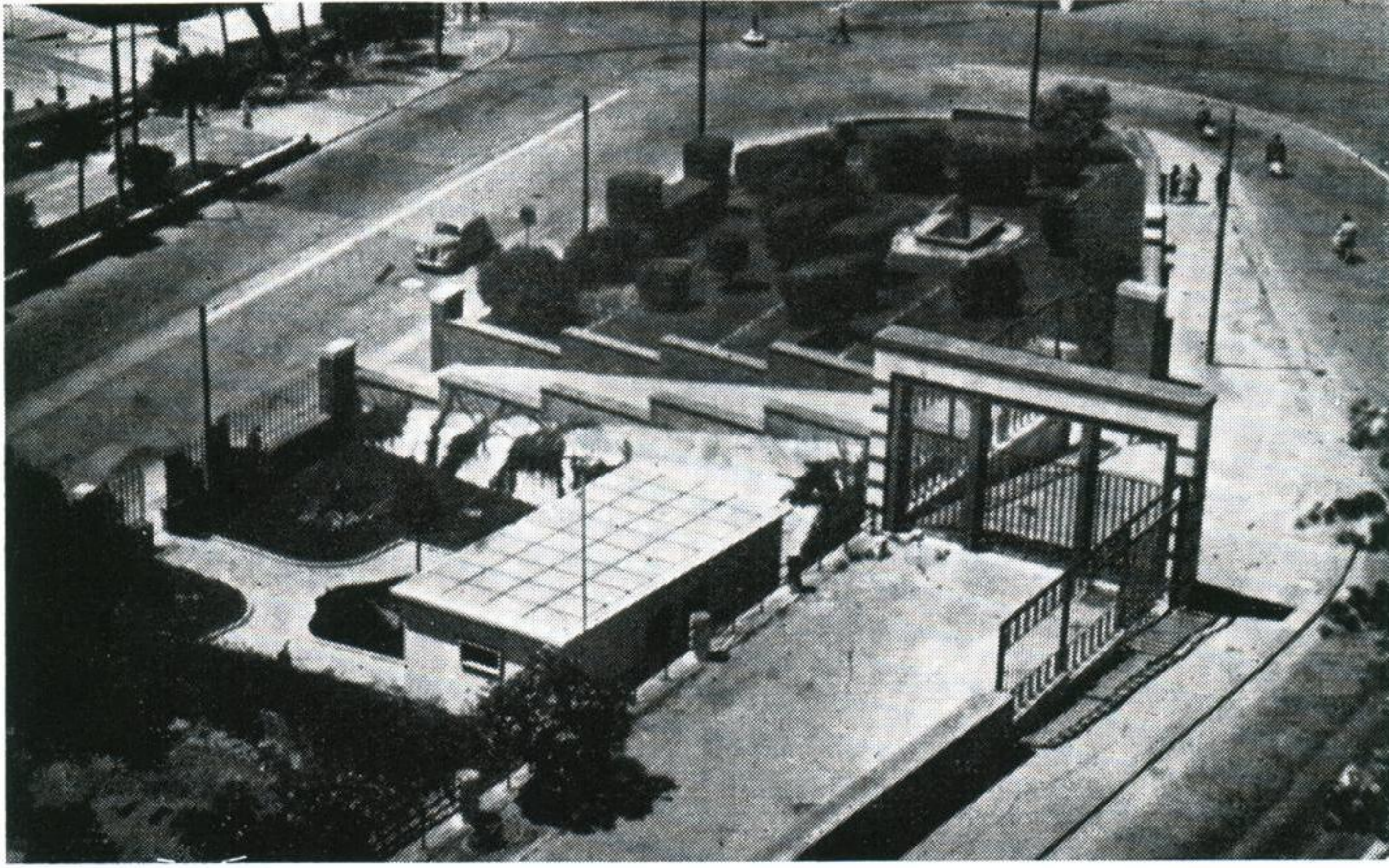
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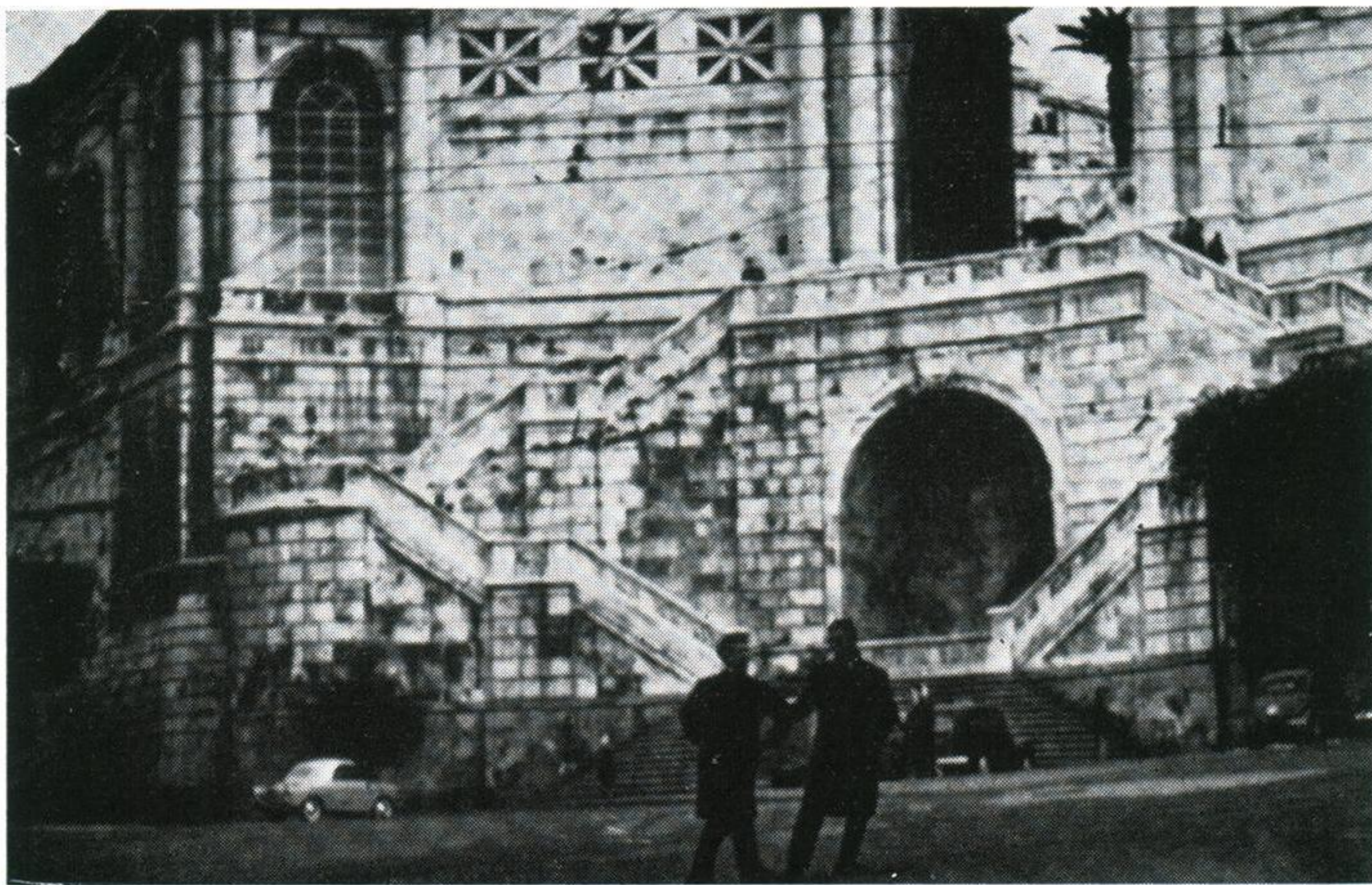


*Modern Cagliari*

The people who inhabit this island are poor and fun loving. Their life is organized around a daily siesta. Each day when the sun and temperature are at their highest, the people leave their fields or shops and return home for three or four hours. Then, at approximately half past three or four o'clock everyone returns to his job. The shops stay open until seven thirty or eight, when people go home to their evening meal.

The largest city on the island, Cagliari, is on the south coast. It is the main port and has an excellent harbour. During the war the city, especially the harbour installations sustained a great deal of bomb damage and as a result many people took to living in the caves in the hills on the outskirts of the city. Most of the people have since been rehabilitated but a certain element of the population continues to live in the caves. Some parts of the city have been rebuilt with fine modern architecture and wide streets.

The old part of the city is built on a hill and much of it still stands with its walls, narrow streets, entrance gates and fine examples of Moorish architecture.

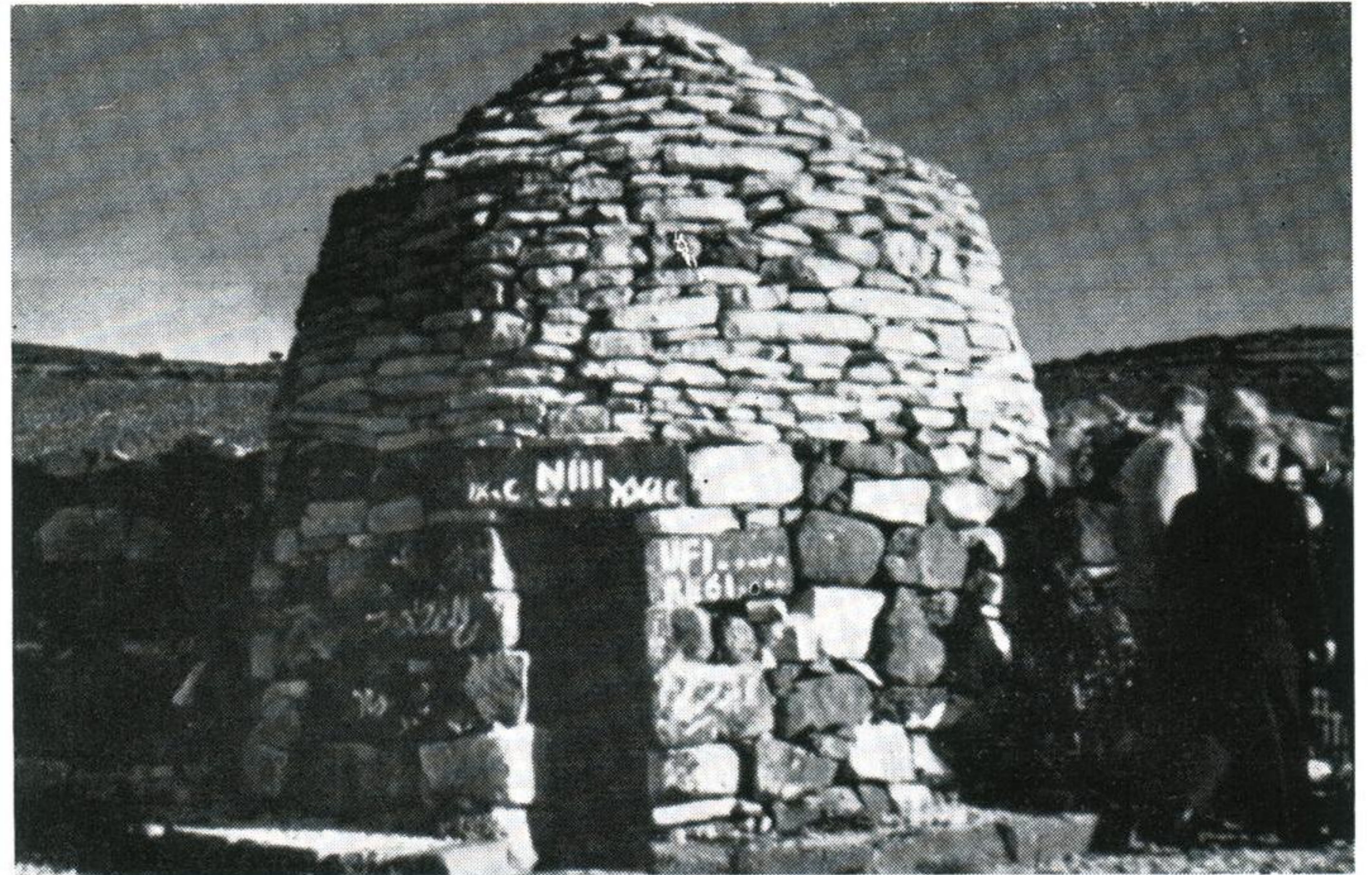


*The Moorish Gate, Cagliari*

About half an hour's drive north of Cagliari is Decimomannu, a small Sardinian town. Nearby is the Italian air base. It is here that the RCAF has its Air Weapons unit. The various air division squadrons in turn, go down to Deci, as it's known, to do their live air firing practice on the range located just off the west coast of the island. Sabre and CF-100 squadrons go twice a year to Deci and are as nearly as possible self supporting. There is, of course, a permanent

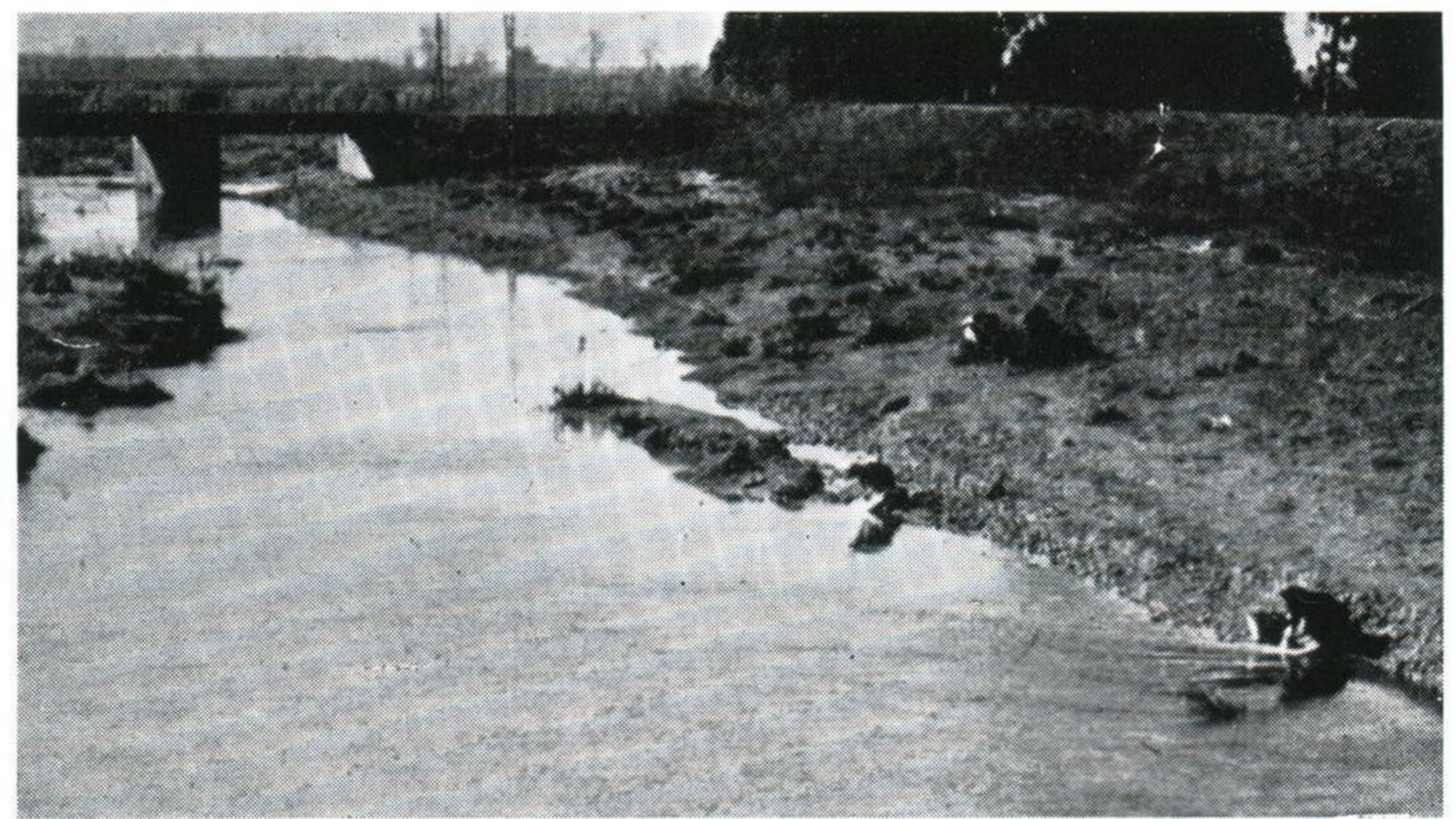
staff at Deci. The Commanding Officer is W/C Lee. The station provides messes, cantæens, quarters, buses etc. to make the squadrons' operations possible.

Entertainment for the off duty airman is a problem. There are movies on the base and of course Italian movies in Cagliari, but night life is practically non-existent since when the working day is over and the Sardinians have had their evening meal it's time to go to bed. The beach in Cagliari is extremely pleasant and in summer is a popular place to seek relief from the 120 degrees in the shade temperatures. Sunday tours are sometimes laid on to take interested airmen to visit some of the island's points of interest. One of the more famous is Barumini Naragus village or as it is sometimes, called, the Stone Age Village. A Narragus is a stone tower built by the prehistoric Sardinians as early as the 18th to the 14th century B. C.

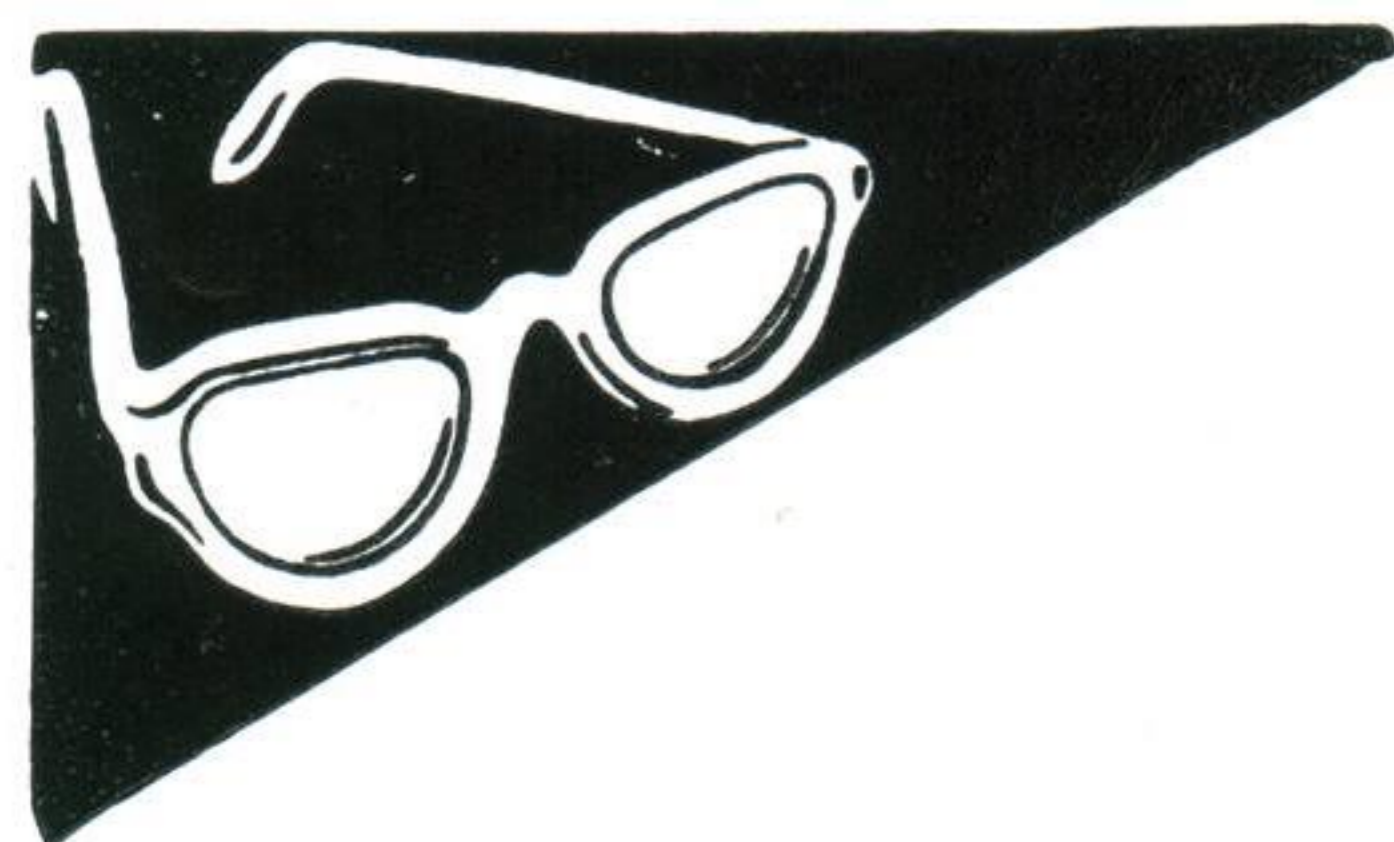


*A stone tower in Barumini village*

These towers were built by placing large stones one on top of the other using no lime or cement. These towers were built as fortifications in war and used in peace time as religious centres or storage for food. Keeping in mind that at this time the wheel had not been introduced to the Western world these structures are surprising indeed. It has been estimated that each tower took about one generation to construct. There are nearly six hundred of them in Sardinia. Barumini village is made up of five towers connected by a wall. The central one is by far the largest and oldest and near each is the smaller construction used as accommodation.



*Many old methods of doing work still prevail.  
Note the women washing clothes*



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I think that I'm finally going to have the Charles Atlas physique I've always dreamed of having. The air force has started all the people with guilty consciences on a body building plan that is destined to make us over into a body of fighting fit men. All it is is a set of charts with simple stretches and bends that loosens up all the muscles we don't use during our normal day at work. The recreation officer laughed at me when I applied for the course and said that I needed some muscle to develop before I tried to develop any. I have been putting on a lot of weight, you know. Anyway, I have been at it for several weeks and already I can tie my shoe laces without sitting down. I'm almost ready to advance to the second row of the first chart, so I guess I'm going to make out alright.

Boy did I ever get a fright last week when I was called into the Ground Defence Center. I was told to report there right away, and nearly broke my neck doing it. It was break period when I got there, and I had to wait almost half an hour before they hauled me into the office. There was a sergeant sitting behind a desk, and he frightened the daylight out of me. He had a string of battle ribbons on his tunic that would put Steve Canyon to shame, and he was glaring at me like I was a commie or something. Finally he asked me my name and when I told him he stabbed a big hairy finger into my face and asked me what I did with the rifle sling. You should have seen the look on his face when I asked him what sling he was talking about. He slammed his chair back and came around the desk at me. I couldn't move, I was so scared. After the blood ran back down from his shiny head, he explained that I had signed a loan card for a rifle sling over a year ago when we had a little war game on the station. Apparently it was never signed off the card. I was scared to argue with him, so I said real nice that I would sign a form to pay for it if he wanted me to. I was thinking the whole time about this room they have on the station where they test gas masks, and I could picture myself doing a week in there or something. Well, when I said I'd pay for it, all the blood rushed to his head again and he started yelling at me that if this was the army I wouldn't get away with just paying for it. I didn't want to ask him if the army would have waited all that time to ask me for it, so I just signed the form, and got out there as fast as I knew how. I'm living in fear of my life now, because I know that guy will wangle me onto a Ground Defence course just to get even with me.

You should see some of the things the guys are collecting in their rooms. The whole barrack block is full of junk someone is keeping for souvenirs. The guy in the next room to me is collecting ash trays from all the gast houses he goes into, but I'm sure he is going to get caught getting them one of these days, because he always goes to the same gast house in Hügelsheim. Another guy down the hall has a collection of "Umleitung" signs. That means detour over here, and they

are posted on all the roads around Germany whenever you want to go somewhere. I don't know what he is going to do with them when he goes back home, but he claims they are pretty handy when you want a country lane to yourself, or want a section of the Rhine for a private party. I often wonder when I see a detour sign around this district if it is for real or one of his. I met another fellow who saves all his two-mark pieces. He says he wants them for his going away party when he leaves. He has had more going away parties than any guy I ever met, and he hasn't hardly been off camp. I was thinking of collecting beer glasses, but I can't seem to get them out of the places without getting caught or dropping them.

Well, I guess I'll start on my exercises now, or I'll be up pretty late. The book says it only takes eleven minutes to do them, but I'm sure they must have made a mistake. It takes my nearly that long to get up off the floor after the push-ups. Love to all, from your son and heir.

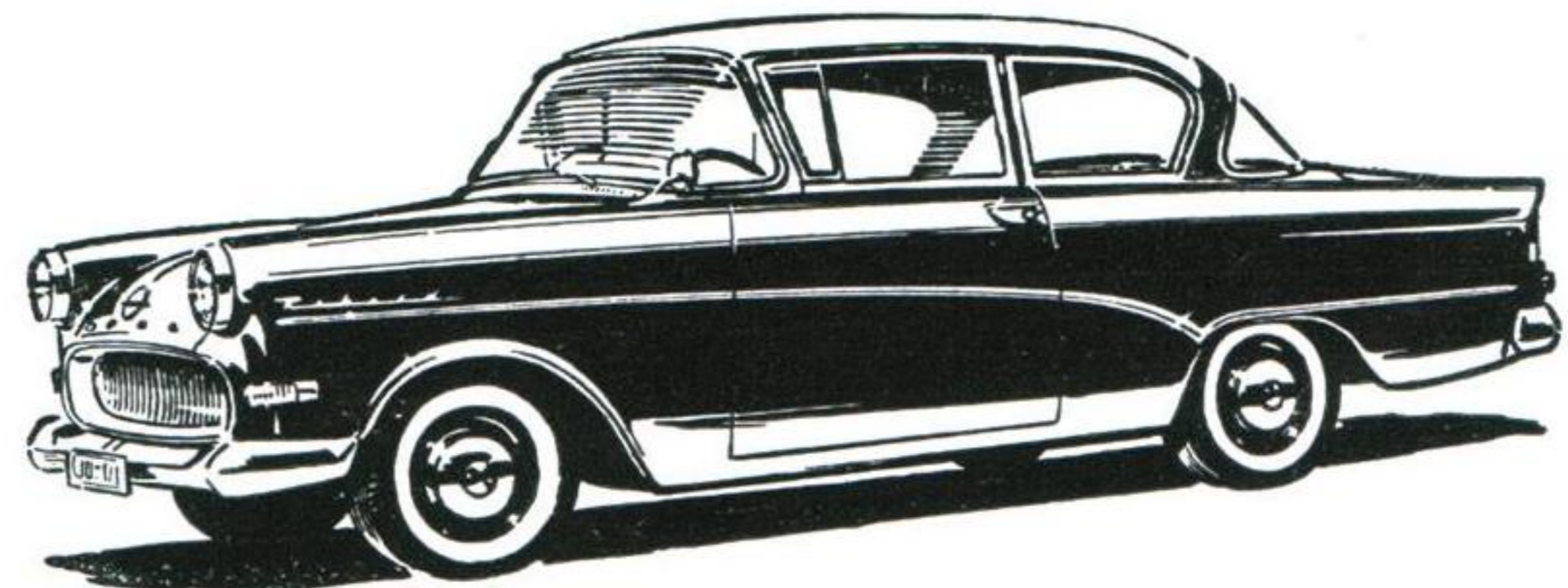
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# Keeping Our Weather Eyes Open

The local Weather Section, located in the Operations Building, is a small but active section, which is open twenty-four hours each day of the week. Although the primary function of the Weather Section is to provide service for our various flying commitments, additional services are available, including the public weather information which is displayed on the blackboard at the Hugelshiem gate. Aircrew have been benefitting from the service provided by means of a Dimafon unit installed in the Weather Section. On this unit the hourly weather reports from our four Wings are recorded, and then become available over the telephone system. If you haven't called local 2000 recently, you are missing out on a ready aid. (Don't all rush at once — remember the poor Switchboard operator).



LAW Kingston is seen recording the latest hourly weather reports on the Dimafon. LAC Dawson takes a barometer reading.

A continuous record of the various elements of the weather is maintained by means of hourly and half-hourly weather reports. In addition intermediate reports are made as necessitated by the moods of Mother Nature. These reports are made available to the other Wings and to NATO and other users by means of the teletype system. Speedy transmission methods allow even distantly located users to learn of local weather conditions within a very short time of filing time.



LAW Kingston punches up a tape of the latest weather report while Sgt McLeod watches incoming traffic. He is recording the latest weather reports from selected stations and will then pass the collected information to the Tower

A weather report is composed of a large number of elements. The temperature and moisture content of the air, the direction and speed of the surface wind, the height of the cloud base, the amount and type of clouds in the sky, the type of precipitation and the visibility in precipitation or fog or haze — all these provide a composite picture of the local weather picture which is then coded for teletype transmission, as well as for local use.



LAW Gow is recording temperature readings while Cpl Vannduyvoenvoorde is ready to release a balloon for measuring the height of the cloud base. The ruler in his hand is used for measuring depth of snowfall (Last January — you unbelievers).

While our weather observer is noting the local weather conditions in detail, a similar job is being performed at many other locations. Reports from these other locations arrive here by means of teletype. Not only reports of surface weather conditions but reports of weather balloon soundings concerning the speed and direction of winds aloft, and the temperature and pressure patterns at various levels above the surface are available over the teletype circuit. The incoming weather intelligence is plotted on weather charts.



LAW Patterson plots high level winds while LAC Hessian plots surface weather data on a chart which stretches from Newfoundland to Czechoslovakia and from Greenland to Africa.



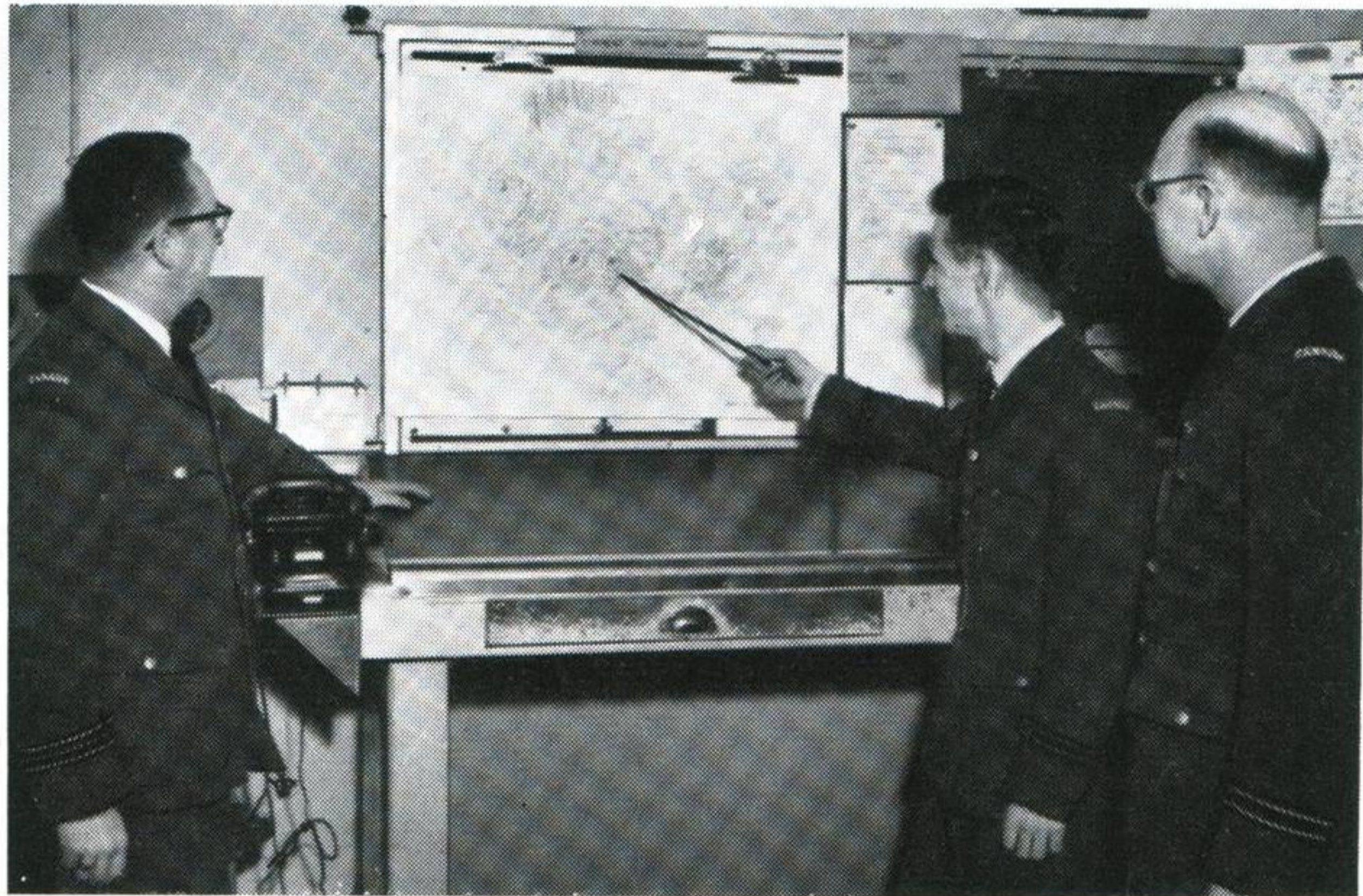
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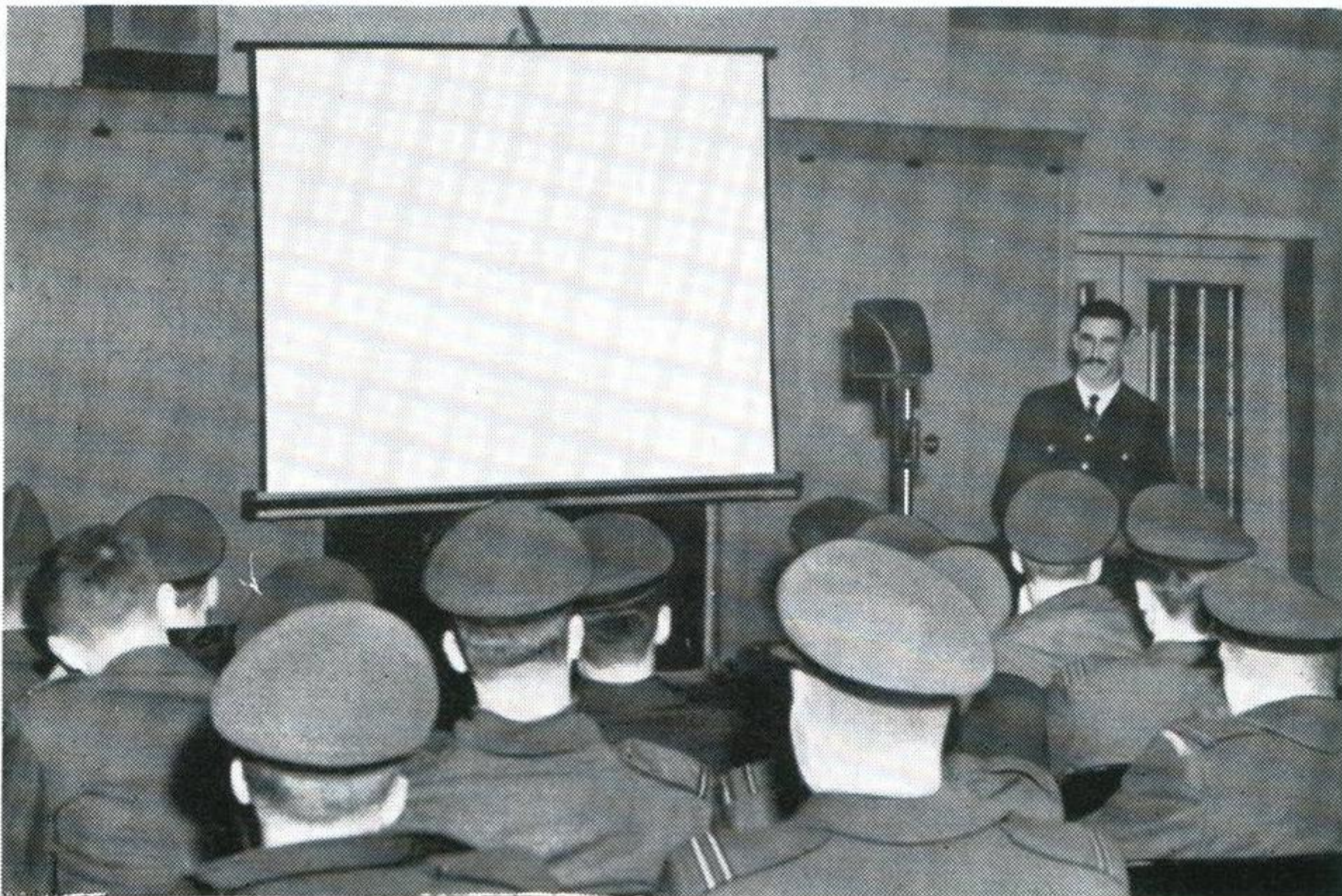
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When a large collection of weather reports taken simultaneously over a large area is plotted on a weather chart the result is a picture or horizontal cross-section of the ever-changing and ever-developing weather systems. To aid in understanding these changes and developments the Weather Officer draws lines of equal pressure, which identify the areas of High and Low pressure, and then lines which show where cold and warm air masses meet. In some areas the changes are slow, and in others very rapid. Each chart is but a momentary glimpse at the history of these changes, and successive three- or six-hourly charts combine to provide the detailed history required by the Weather Officer in his preparation for a look into the future. His forecast is based on the trend indicated by these charts, as well as the information concerning winds and cloud potential and temperature at various levels aloft.



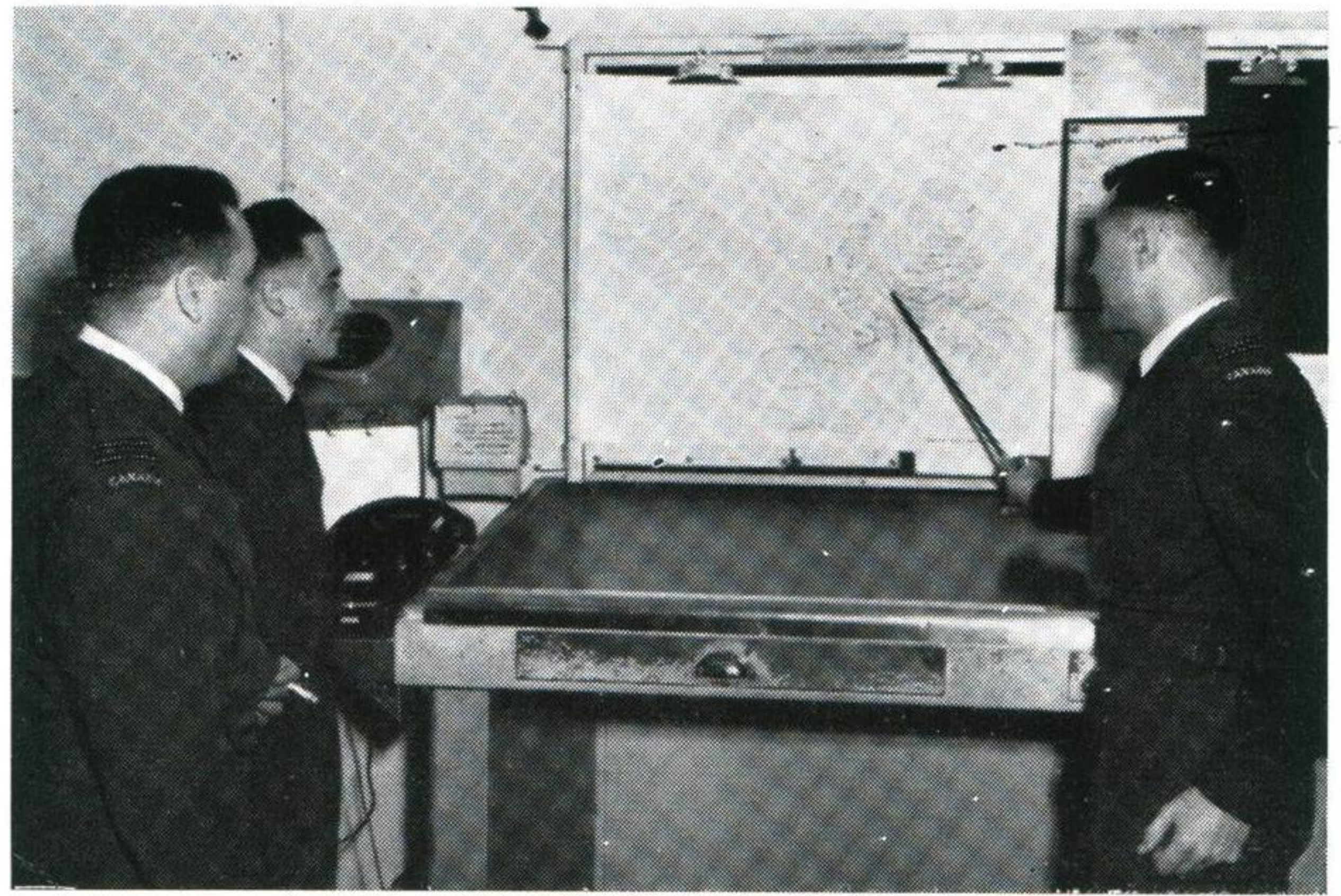
*F/L Bishop uses a weather map to brief F/L Cork who is taking over the forecast shift, as S/L Moakler (WMetO) listens in.*

Flying personnel are dependent upon weather conditions in planning their activities for the day, and a daily weather briefing is held at 0830.



*An aircrew group listens to a weather briefing by F/L Bishop. (The brightness of the flash used for the photo has eliminated the Vu-graph image of the weather map from the screen)*

In addition to group weather briefings, there are individual weather briefings for individual crews or for personnel of support services.



*F/L Missio briefs S/L Boucher and F/L Massart of Operations.*

In recent years developments in communications have introduced refinements to weather office procedures, and among them is the speedy transmission by landline or radio of weather charts. Some of these charts may contain only plotted intelligence, and the receiving office then analyses the chart, others arrive already analysed, while still others represent a forecast of chart conditions. Such charts received via a facsimile system allow a receiving office to provide services well in excess of those produced by the unaided efforts of local personnel.



*Sgt McLeod is seen tuning in a radio facsimile broadcast, while LAW Gow clears a facsimile chart from the recorder.*

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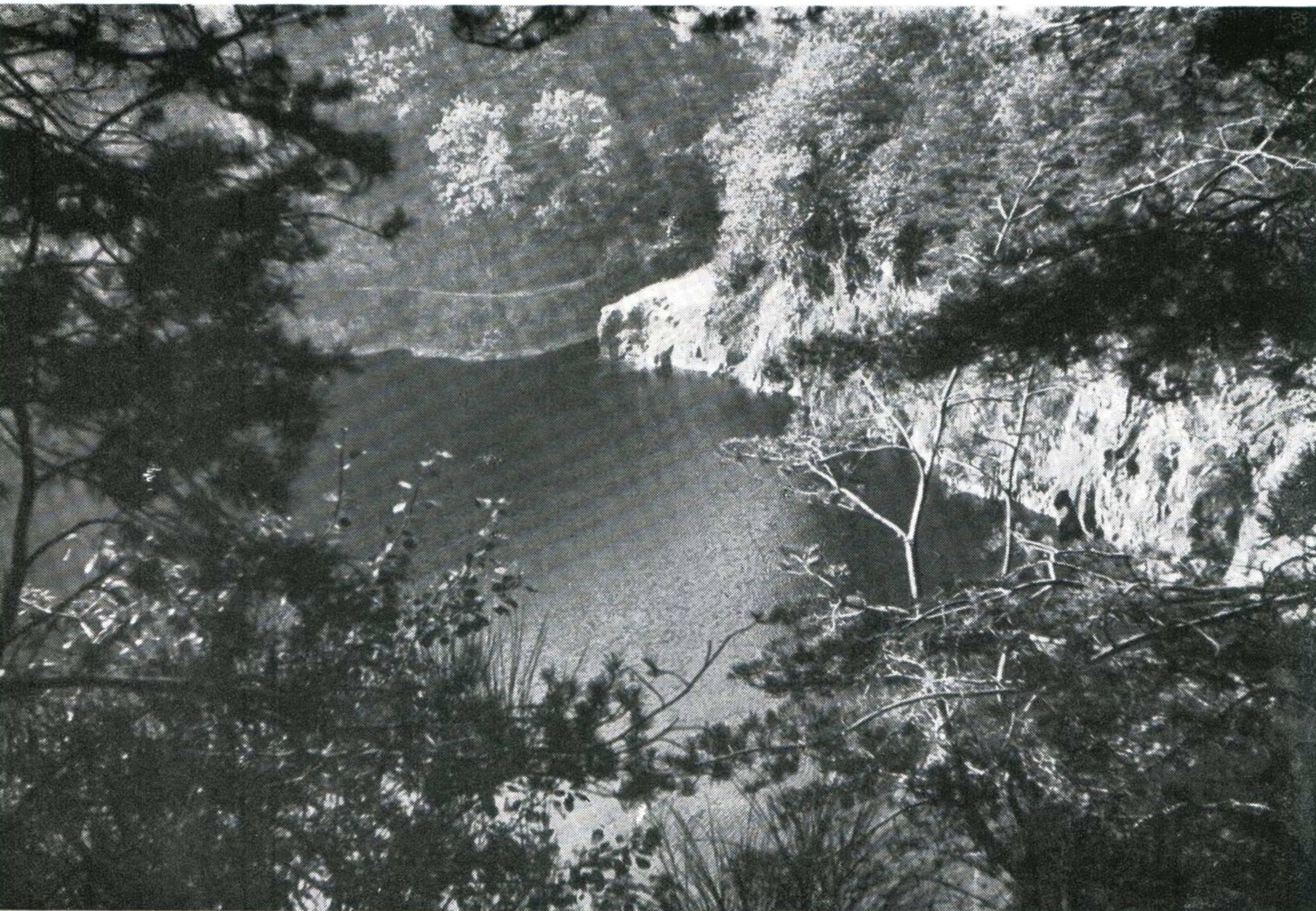
A pleasant pastime in early spring is to take a drive away from the towns and villages and, leaving the car, wander off the beaten track. The weather is right for a brisk walk and what could be better if the walk through the countryside includes a stop at a picturesque expanse of water? There are many such walks near Baden-Baden and we present here some pictures of the lakes you can visit.



The Wildsee. To reach the Wildsee drive along the Schwarzwald Hochstrasse towards Freudenstadt via Sand-Hundseck-Unterstmatt and Kaltenbronn. Here you leave your car and walk right behind the Kaltenbronn Hotel, along a forest path and you reach the Wildsee Lake in 35 min.

Hohlohsee Lake is situated 1000 meters high. To get there you drive from Gernsbach to Kaltenbronn. You will see a signpost just before Kaltenbronn, where you have to leave your car and walk for 35 minutes. You reach the Hohloh Tower first, from where you get a beautiful view; continue another 10 minutes and you arrive at the lake.





The Vormberg is situated at the foot of the Fremersberg mountain. The coloured sandstone rocks which surround it give it a rusty hue, and the cliffs which wall it in are so steep that it is almost inaccessible.



The largest lake in the vicinity of the Schwarzwald Hochstrasse is the Stausee (Reservoir Lake) of the Schwarzenbach-Talsperre (Schwarzenbach-Dam) near Herrenwies. This is one of the most popular excursion trips for visitors to Baden-Baden. At the southern end of the lake the lake floor slopes gently making it a safe swimming area. However the water is not too warm as it is fed by mountain streams whose water is cold even in summer. During the warm months the lake is a popular spot for swimming and sailing boat enthusiasts.

# The Game and Your Part

The sports program, on any unit is supposed to be designed to meet the needs of the people who make up the unit. In most cases unit sports programs usually meet this requirement to a large degree. As a matter of fact it is virtually impossible, under our most democratic system for organizing sports to impose an activity which is unwanted. Have you ever tried to **force volunteers** to do something they didn't want to do?

The needs of each unit vary somewhat but in general terms all are looking for these benefits:

- (a) **Enjoyment** — Most people are taking part in sports for the fun they get out of them.
- (b) **Activity** — Never let it be said that our sports program can take the place of a physical fitness program but many who are playing are doing so because they find that activity really adds zest to life.
- (c) **Companionship** — Despite all the opportunities in other spheres for people to get together many find that the social atmosphere among people with a common interest in sport is the most rewarding.
- (d) **Leadership** — In a world such as ours the expression of leadership qualities is often channelled in one direction and to many this is too confusing. The opportunity to offer leadership in sports activity is to many an opportunity to broaden their participation in the life of the community and at the same time fulfils a latent desire for creative activity.
- (e) **Recognition** — Many, buried in the humdrum of routine activities for which little recognition is given find in sports participation the opportunity to lift themselves from the faceless multitudes and be recognized as individuals with thoughts, skills, abilities and other qualities which go to make each person a little different from everyone else.

In fulfilling these needs and many others, for the individual, participation in a sports program imposes a few obligations. In illustrating these obligations the purpose is not to deter participation but to make each individual aware of his responsibilities and once aware of them accept them; for in fulfilling these responsibilities the benefits named above increase many fold.

When an individual goes to the swimming pool, alone, just for a swim, the only responsibility accepted is abidance of the rules for entry, safety and cleanliness. If an individual is going for a swim with another person, minor but nevertheless important responsibilities have been accepted. The

place and time of meeting, transportation arrangements, duration of stay are all added to the list.

When an individual agrees to turn out for a swimming team even more responsibilities are assumed — — speaking his piece in formulating team policy, accepting and carrying out that policy regarding costs, practices, schedules and competitions. Where the team enters a league or competition each member is then responsible for helping the team as a whole to fulfil its obligations to the league or competition committæe so that the burdens occasioned by this additional responsibility are shared by all members and not just carried by one or two.

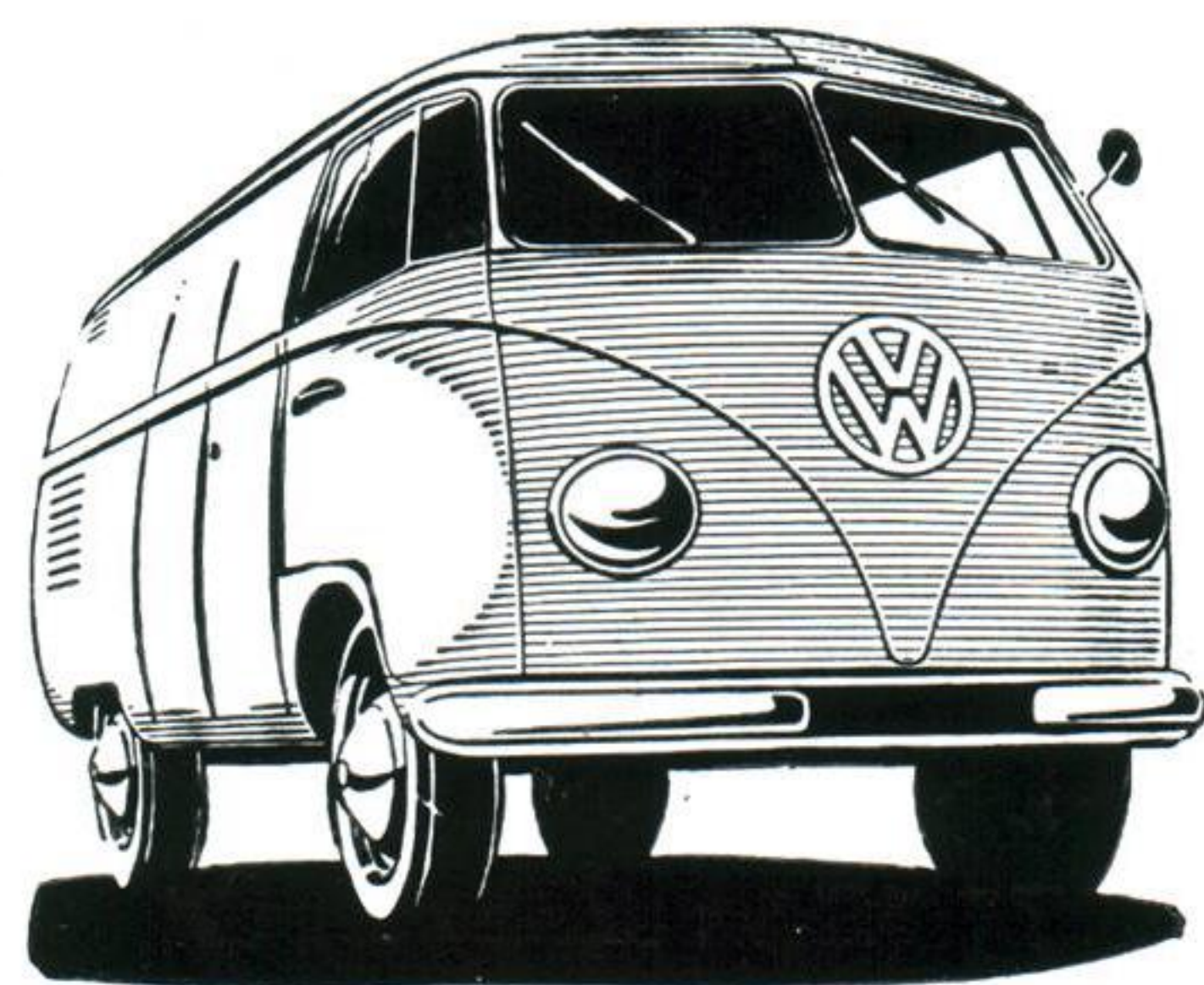
Each person falling into the category of joining a team which is entered in a league or other type of higher organization should recognize these responsibilities and be prepared to do a fair share. In accepting equal portions of the whole each individual will find that the added burden is very light and that the rewards in terms of enjoyment, activity, companionship, leadership and recognition far exceed the work involved.

Each community accepts certain responsibilities as a matter of course — — education, utilities, transportation means and the like. This department has accepted the responsibility for fostering the Recreational program of which sports or physical recreation is a very large part. In keeping with the expressed desires of the other units involved in Air Division, commitments have been accepted for many sports pograms and many schedules and tournaments. Each one of you is now asked to bear a share of this burden in whatever area you can in what ever way you can. In doing this all will find real rewards in taking part, in seeing smooth running organisations, in better coached teams, in better individual and team skills.

4 (F) Wing is the best wing in Air Division. There are those who would dispute this statement. There is no doubt at all that if 4 (F) Wing is represented in every way by the best that is available in the unit, those who dispute the claim to supremacy would soon become silent for fear of being laughed at.

There can be no valid excuse for 4 (F) Wing being represented by anything less than the best and when the Wing is represented by less than our best the whole unit suffers in our own eyes as well as in the eyes of others.

To each of you the challenge is clear — — are you accepting your share of responsibilities in our community? Are you hiding away some skill, some talent, some ability which will help the wing do better? By not participating are you creating a drag on the station effort? What is your part in the game?  
Hal Wilson.

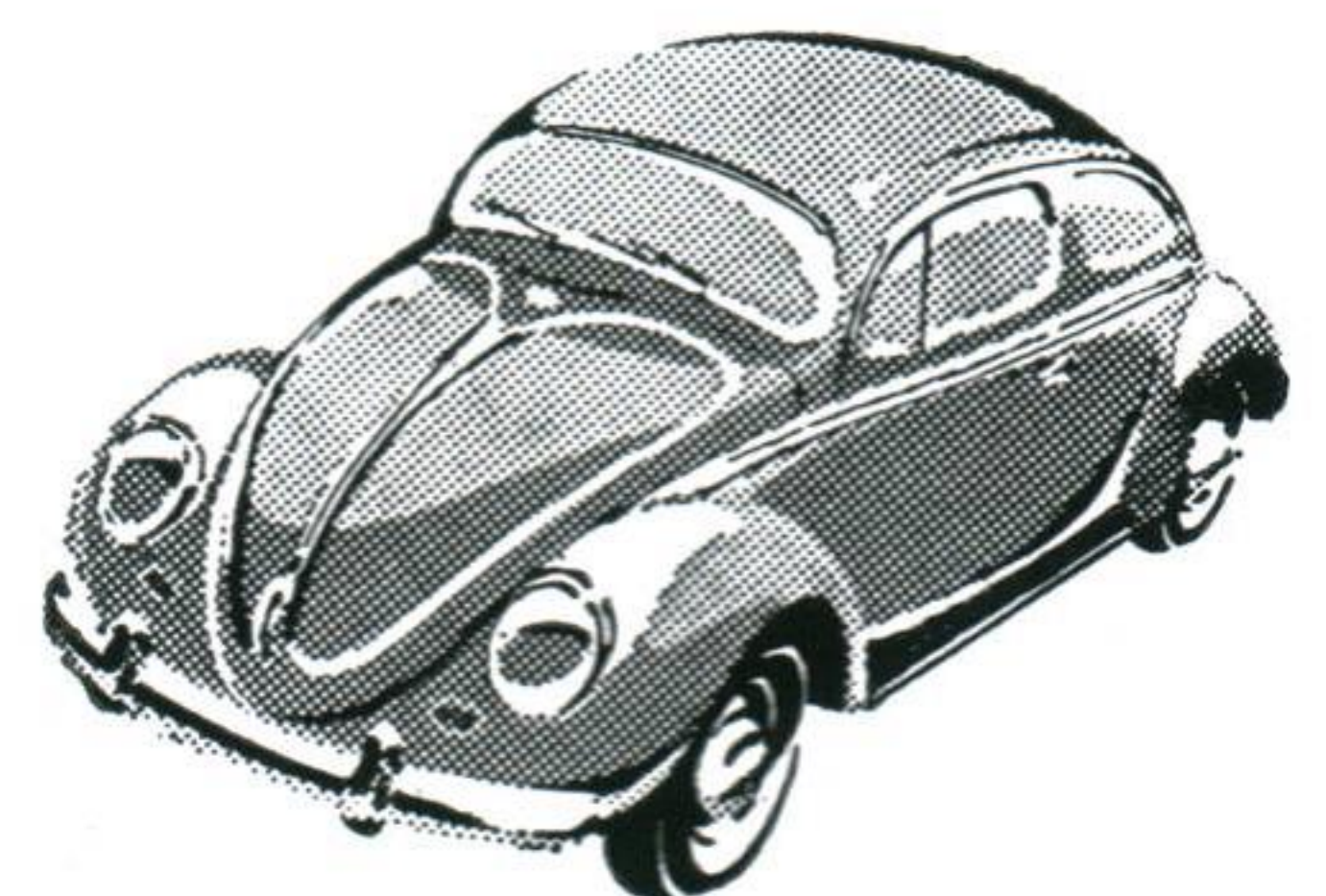


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# TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

The Town Council has once again met to discuss the multitude of problems that arise in a community such as ours; and in a fair and impartial manner, all matters were dealt with.

Gathered together were the old and new councils, with F/O Baker chairing the first part of the meeting, during which time the new council was introduced to the many facets of operation of a council such as ours, through reviewing and questioning the past committees. The past year's business dispensed with, the old mayor and council retired, but not before S/L Mayo, our new mayor, had taken the chair and appropriately thanked the old mayor and council for their past contributions. The first business carried out was the election of officers for the various duties within the structure of the council, with the following results:

- Vice Mayor . . . . . F/L Talbot
- Secretary/Treasurer . . . Sgt Brasnett
- Bingo Committee . . . . FS Bannerman
- Cpl McLeod
- Cpl Matheson
- Cpl Wregget
- Lac Young
- Sports Committee . . . . Cpl McFarlane
- Cpl Baxter
- Garden Committee . . . . Sgt Brasnett
- Playground Committee . FS Fortin

Within itself these committees are termed organizing bodies, who attempt to solidify the many small details required to complete their requested tasks but they alone cannot carry the full burden, therefore each member of the council must assist and if required, ask for participation from all residents of our constituencies. In the past year a great many parents have assisted, particularly sports wise, to see that our children were given the opportunity to enter into organized sports such as hockey and baseball and be shown the true meaning of sportsmanship. To all these people who have given of their time and knowledge we extend our heartfelt gratitude. This year we would once again appreciate your co-operation and the co-operation of others to carry out this essential work, the only reward to be gathered from it being, the appreciation of the young people you train and guide, the gratitude of your council and the knowledge that you have assisted many young people to become better citizens.

Through the efforts of your council, the baseball field used by the Little Leaguers will be completely repaired and the sports section assures us that they will care for it as they do the large field. Money has been voted in to assure a good equipment store and your sports committee will see to it that this equipment is kept in the best of condition. In May we hope to have the season for the wee'uns under way but this is only possible with your co-operation. We will require a great deal of people to coach and manage. If you are interested please contact our Sports Committee; we need you.

In closing may we remind you that your mayor and councillors are available as an arbitration board, use us, that we may fully justify your faith in us, as your representatives.

# GOING TO GARMISCH?

by Cpl "Bill" Heslop

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, nestled in the Werdenfeller Valley amid the picturesque Bavarian Alps is a must during your tour of duty in Germany. Historic places, Fairytale castles, old world charm or folk customs, they're yours for the asking. Tours of these fascinating places may be arranged through the U.S. Armed Forces Billeting Office located in downtown Garmisch, or if you have your own automobile, private tours will prove more fun and less expensive. It should be pointed out that regardless of what you hear, Canadian personnel are not allowed overnight accommodation in the American hotels yet are free to use all of their other facilities.

The Gasthaus "Alpenblick" located two and a half miles from the centre of this famous sports town is an ideal spot to reside during your stay. The proprietors cater almost exclusively to Canadians and their hospitality speaks for itself. Frau and Herr Stedry speak very good English and really make you feel at home. Each of their rooms offers you steam heat as well as hot and cold running water. Baby sitting service is also available. The prices are as follows: For one night - 9 DM.

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Herr Stedry will prove a very amiable host in his endeavor to tell you of all the wonderful things there are to see in his beloved Bavaria. Many personnel from this wing have already patronized this establishment and have come away with nothing but praise for the services rendered. For Easter, Garmisch is usually sold out. A timely reservation will make the long holiday weekend more enjoyable and also prevents unnecessary disappointment. For your information here is the address.

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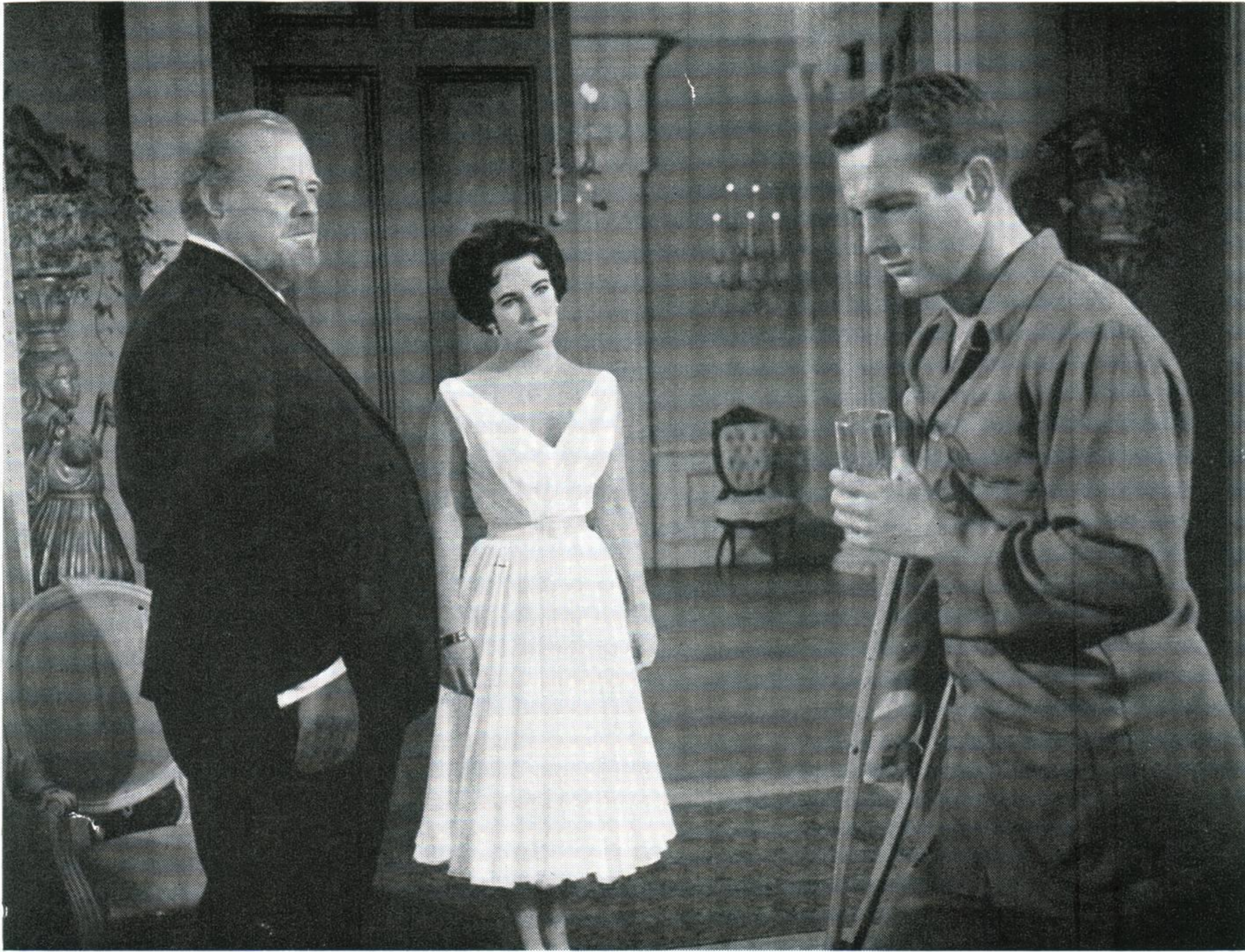
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## MARCH ATTRACTIONS

Sun, 15th. & Mon, 16th. "THE RELUCTANT DEBUTANTE" starring Rex Harrison, Kay Kendall and John Saxon is a CinemaScope and Metrocolor romantic comedy, based on William Douglas Home's West End stage success about the launching of a debutante. (U)

Tue, 17th. "BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI", last year's Academy Award winner, is a CinemaScope Technicolor war drama concerning a cranky English officer who builds a bridge for the Japs and then sees it destroyed by the British and an American. First class acting by Alec Guinness, William Holden and Jack Hawkins put this film among the greatest. (U)

Wed, 18th. "CALL GIRLS", Danish melodrama with French dialogue and English sub-titles is about a working girl's thorny path to happiness via a life of easy virtue. A lurid and touching story that is strictly ADULT ONLY fare. (X)

Thu, 19th. & Fri, 20th. To be announced.

Sat, 21st. Children's Matinee. "KELLY THE SECOND" starring Patsy Kelly, and "SERVICE AT SEA". A 1½ hour programme of comedy and interest.

Sun, 22nd. "HOW TO ROB A BANK" is a CinemaScope attraction starring Tom Ewell, Mickey Rooney and Dina Merrill. A "crime does not pay" melodrama with a horse-racing fringe. One that the whole family will enjoy. (U)

Mon, 23rd. & Tue, 24th. "CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF" is the best film of the month and is deccribed above. Adults only. (X)

Wed, 25th. & Thu, 26th. "HAPPY ROAD" with Gene Kelly, Barbara Lange and Michael Redgrave is a Metroscope romantic comedy set in France and tells of the adventures of two young fugitives from a Swiss school. A bright and witty story that shuld please most people. (U)

Fri, 27th. "ON THE THRESHOLD OF SPACE" starring Guy Madison, Virginia Leith and John Hodiak is a sizzling CinemaScope and Eastman Color aerial melodrama dealing with a US Air Force doctor's safety tests. Filled with tremendously thrilling flying sequences it is an action packed story.

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**Dew Line** — RCAF officers now control operations of the DEW Radar Line in the Arctic. Eight RCAF Officers have taken over control posts at the four main DEW line stations. Fewer than 20 United States Air Force officers remain on the line and they are being replaced as more RCAF personnel are trained. A number of civilians — — — most of them Canadians — are also employed on the line.

**NATO Stamp** — Canada is going to print a new stamp to commemorate the 10th. anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's foundation. The new stamp — — which will cost five cents — — depicts a globe of the world with NATO member countries highlighted. It will be white and blue — — the colors of the Organization. The words NATO and "tenth anniversary" will appear on it in both French and English. Issue date has been set for two days before the opening of a conference of NATO ministers in Washington.

**The St. Lawrence Seaway** — Work on the St. Lawrence Seaway has progressed so well that all channels, locks and ancillary structures will be available to shipping at the opening of navigation this spring. There will be a temporary restriction in part, to a depth of twenty-four and one-half feet until June 1, when the specified minimum depth of twenty-seven feet will be available throughout.

**George Medal Awards** — Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to approve the George Medal to three members of the RCAF, and the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct to four others. To be awarded the George Medal are: Flight Lieutenant William J. Marsh, 30, of Toronto for the part he played in rescuing the pilot of an F-86 Sabre jet which crashed and burned at RCAF Station Chatham, N. B., on August 6, 1957; Flight Lieutenant Robert E. Sabourin, 37, of Vancouver, for successfully landing his crippled T-33 jet trainer which had been severely damaged when one of the wing rockets exploded during an air-to-ground rocket exercise near Rivers Man., on January 9, 1957; and Sergeant Douglas E. Stevenson, 30, of Montreal, for twice entering a dangerous aviation fuel fire at Montmedy, France, on July 10, 1956, and bringing it under complete control. Corporal Theodor G. Onarheim, 27, of Kenora, Ont., together with Leading Aircraftman John J. Commer, 23, of Springfield, N. S., Robert W. Henderson, 25, of Charlottetown P. E. I., and David C. Meier, 20, of Edmonton, will receive the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct for their prompt actions in helping F/L Marsh rescue the pilot of the F-86 Sabre which crashed and burned at Chatham, N. B. on August 6, 1957.



If you have been a recent visitor in our Station Hospital you will be familiar with the Hobby Cart sponsored by the Ladies of the Protestant Chapel. This project was started on February 4th and is on a trial basis, so any suggestions you may have will be very welcome. At present we have a small selection of paint-by-number series, moccasin kits, wood marquetry kits, announcement cards, playing cards, knitting accessories and many other items. The cart tours the wards on Monday and Thursday afternoon of each week accompanied by a member of the Guild and a friend. If you would care to assist with this work kindly contact Padre White or any member of the Guild.



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# Sports and RECREATION

As another season draws to a close, we begin to take stock of what went on and what is coming up. As usual the winter season activities were many and varied, some more successful than others, but all providing an opportunity for participation.

Bowling takes the spotlight for participation, as we see the season closing on 68 teams who have bowled for 22 weeks, and are planning a bang-up closing affair for early in April, to which some 600 bowlers are expected to turn out. Hockey has provided the greatest sports entertainment with our 10 inter-section teams playing 25 games each, and only one team definitely out of the play-offs at this time. The Station team, Air Division Inter-Wing Hockey Champions, have provided some thrilling hockey as they have played such teams as Mannheim, Bad-Toeltz, Vingt Deux and the Canadian Guards and are due, at time of writing, to meet the Air Division Flyers.

The Wing Basketball team played a very creditable season in the Air Division League with 7 wins in 14 starts. They bowed out of the play-offs when the star centre cracked a knee cap near the end of the season.

At the moment, the Wing Ladies Basketball team have eliminated 1 (F) Wing in the Semi-Finals and will meet 3 (F) Wing in the Finals. The Gals have worked long and hard to reach the top, and here is hoping that they go all the way.

Badminton has experienced one of the most successful years here at 4 (F) Wing, with nearly 40 active members turning out each week. The team selected to represent 4 (F) Wing in the Air Division Tournament did surprisingly well in placing second to 2 (F) Wing. A couple of injuries, and one or two bad breaks was all that kept us from taking it all.

Mrs Steene brought home the Ladies' Single Championship for the second year, and Mrs Steene and Miss Kinsella teamed up to win the Ladies' Doubles for 4 (F) Wing for the first time in two years. It is interesting to note that 4 (F) Wing had the largest team entry of any unit this year.

Curling, as ever, is enjoying a full season, with over 120 members, and the rinks are in use every available hour. The Bonspiels have been particularly successful, due to some very excellent planning on the part of the Committee. 4 (F) Wing will play host to the Air Division Bonspiel on the week-end of April 18 again this year.

The Rifle Club has at last managed to have the indoor range made serviceable, and now have an active winter program. The Turkey shoot at Xmas was a great success, and many articles written about the activity by club members have brought needed new blood into the activity.

The Stage Production Group have come a long way in their planning for the Four Wing Follies of 59 and hope to have a near professional production ready for the middle of May.

Intersection Basketball did not fare well, because of a late start, and the absence of one squadron for the middle of the season. Plans for next year should improve this situation quite a bit.

Intersection Volleyball is enjoying the best season ever, with 8 teams playing ever improving ball, and the enthusiasm reaching new heights, as the games get more skilled. The Airwomen are entered in the League to gain experience for the Air Division Tournament, and with their handicap, have taken a few games from unwary opponents.

Boxing returned to 4 (F) Wing after several years of absence, with some of our fighters taking part in a card at 1 (F) Wing and the club sponsoring a well received card on the Wing in February.

The best Judo organization in the Air Division has increased its membership, and maintained a year round activity schedule three days a week. Plans for a competition in London, England in March, have been dropped, but local competition is continuing.

The least successful activity this winter has been the Ladies' Broomball League. Many of the games have been defaulted without ever notifying the opponents. Poor team organization seems to be the problem, as team Captains had no idea of whom they could count on to turn out at game time. Too many conflicting activities were also a contributing factor. We hope that from this experience, better planning and more turnouts will result in the future.

Looking forward to the coming months, we are planning a season of varied activity much like that of the winter.

Fastball plans call for an "A" and "B" League of 6 teams each, and another 6 team league, of Slow Pitch Softball. If this becomes a reality, it will be unique in the RCAF, and a step towards getting more people into the fastball program. The game is designed to help the beginner acquire the fundamental skills of fastball, but without the heavy pressure of the regular game. Very popular in the US now, the game has progressed to a National Championship annually, and may turn out to be even more popular than Fastball itself. Of course we plan to have our Wing teams, Ladies' and Men's, playing in both the Air Division and Karlsruhe leagues again this coming season.

Golf is expected to take an upswing with the creation of a driving range, complete with equipment and instruction as well as weekly club tournaments, monthly tournaments (invitational), and 4 (F) Wing is hoping to sponsor the Air Division tournament this coming season.

Spring Volleyball on a mixed basis, is planned to span the indoor-outdoor period, and may also be something new to sports programs in the RCAF. An outdoor summer session of intersection Volleyball is expected in July as well.

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by F/O Jerry Fink

Recently a few things have occurred which people with just a slightly warped sense of humour, will think add to the funny side of life. For instance, F/L Sid Quickfall spent 20 minutes on the highway changing a tire one day, got into his car, merrily drove off and found that he had changed the wrong tire. He is now giving hints on how to detect a flat tire positively. Hal Cockerill was surprised to find that the barrier does work, when he nonchalantly drove a CF 100 into it. Bill Graham will be pleased to tell you how delightful it is to get up at 3 a. m. and search for a temporarily lost car for 2 or 3 hours. He and a happy friend of his did so, and finally found it in a rather odd position and place. Ed Francis woke up one morning and quite merrily accepted the news that his Buick, too, had been driven into a few things which left it in dubious driving condition. These jovial little things are happening all the time. Right now, 14,600 Canadians in and around Toronto are having a skit. No explanations needed here.

Now that the fog has lifted (for good we hope), we of the jet attack, bomber squadron have been getting some flying time in, and just in time. Only a month and a half left in which to get a necessary but sometimes difficult 25 hours. Also, we have only a few weeks left in which to brush up for Sardinia, in order to, amongst other things, keep up 419's reputation and achieve the highest gunnery percentage.

Let us not forget while being thus occupied, that on April 1st we will be celebrating the 35 years of the RCAF. Further, on the 3rd of April, 419 Squadron will celebrate its 5th anniversary since being reformed, with one of those "things" at the Gasthaus Löwen in Kuppenheim. This one shows promise of being something (the best?), with F/O McKean and Cpl McGovern recruiting the talent.

Word has spread that four people from B flight (they have the spare people) went to Munich one week-end to check on the Hofbräuhaus, and, instead of checking on it, they checked in it! The only proof we have is that they returned looking pleasantly horrible and went straight to bed.

In February, the squadron said "farewell" to F/O Barry Armstrong who proceeded to No. 2 AOS Winnipeg.

Congratulations to the boys of 419 Hockey Team who have for the second year in a row, won top place in the league. The men in the blue and white have really put up a good show. The boys are all smiles, and rightly so, for the team has worked for its VICTORY. The competition has been good throughout the season (with one exception) and this has provided a lot of excellent hockey both from player and fan point of view. By the time this article is out we will all know who won the play-offs — the Moosemen of course!

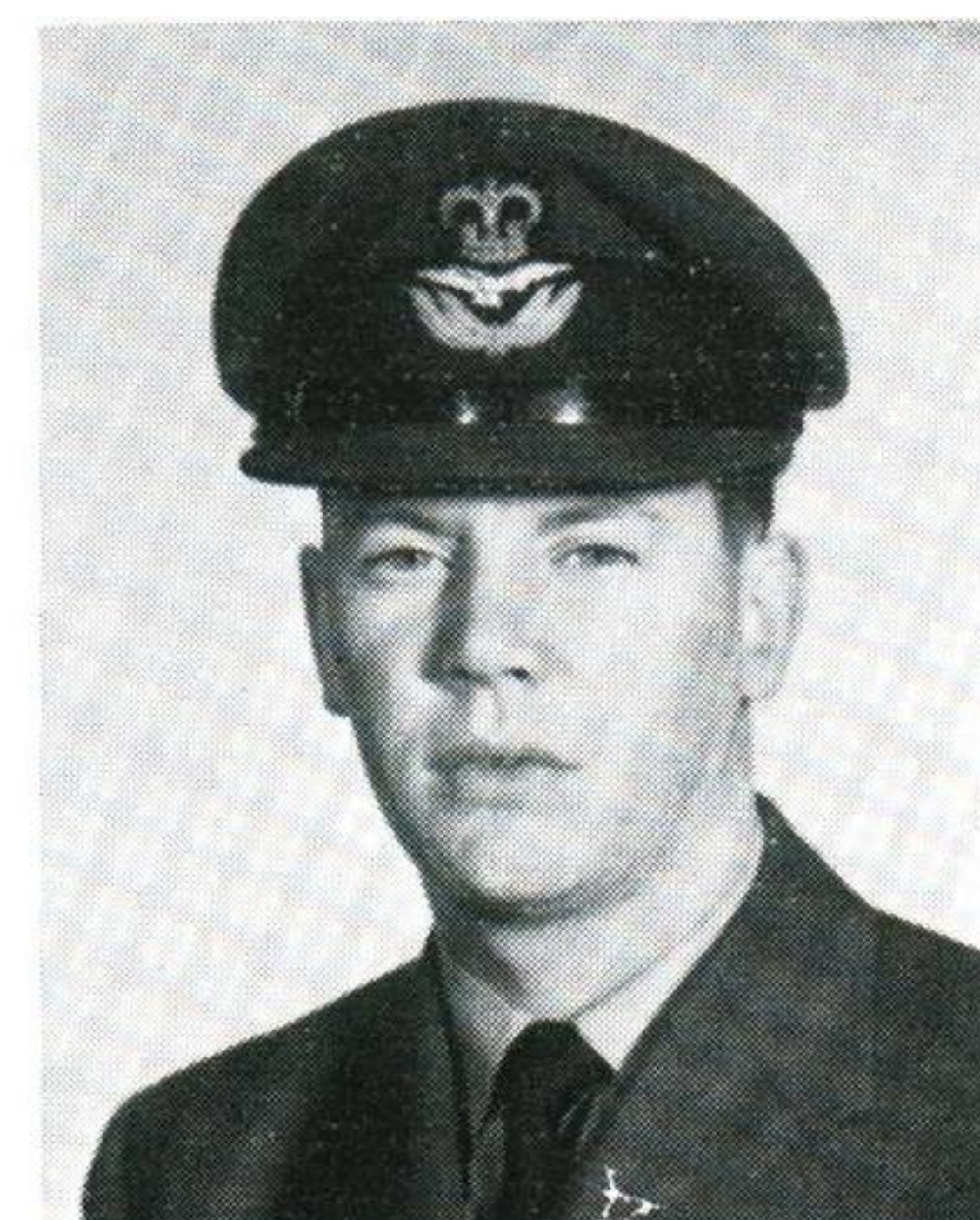
### Chop 111

F/O John Hundt hails originally from Markdale Ont. While still at a tender age, he took up roots and headed for Walkerton Ont. with his family.

There he received all his education and schooling. After leaving school and searching about for satisfactory work for a while, John heard a jet fly over one day and was sold on flying. Thus we have with us the youngest pilot on 419, John Hundt, who received his training at Penhold, Portage la Prairie and Cold Lake.



F/O Hundt



F/O Hogan

### Chop 111½

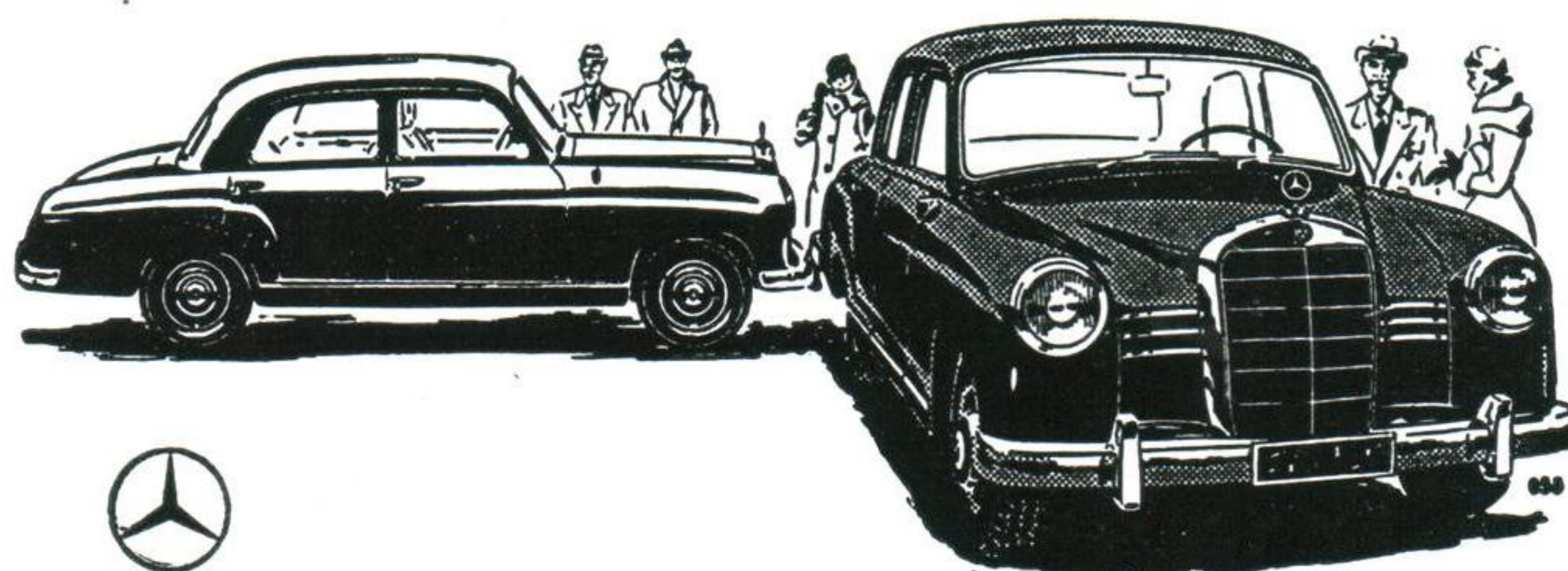
F/O John Hogan was born in the foothills city, Calgary, Alta., and received his education there. On completion of senior matriculation at Western Canada High School in 1955,

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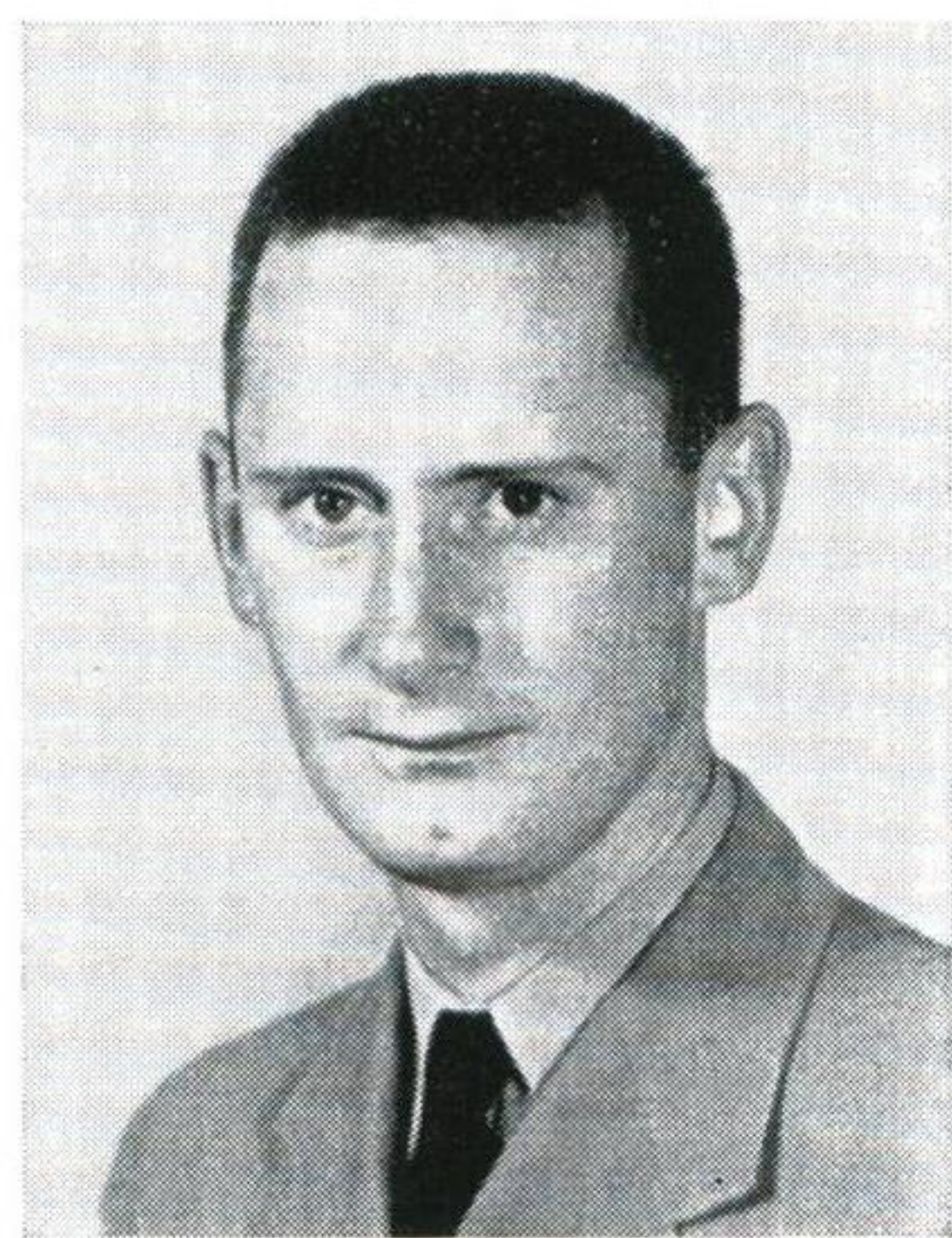
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John worked with a local advertising firm. After two years of selling outdoor advertising, he, quote, "chucked it all for a life of travel & adventure in the RCAF". John received his wings at 2 AOS on 6 Jun 58, then on to OTU at Cold Lake, and from there to 4 (F) Wing. Not doing bad for travel and adventure so far!



F/O Francis

### Achieves 1000 hrs in CF 100's

Above is F/O Ed. Francis who in February 1959 achieved the 1000 hour mark on the CF 100 twin engine jet interceptor. Ed's flying hours have added up with a tour of instructing with the All Weather Crew operational training unit in Cold Lake, plus his flying with 419 in North Bay & at 4 (F) Wing.

## Dispersal Digest

According to the latest turn of events back on the home front, Bruce's chances of getting the CF 105 into service before next year's OCTOBER FEST, are just about nil. The original plan was to fly three Arrows in close formation over the Hofbrauhaus, but that's the way things go. All was not in vain, however, as we have learned from reliable sources that all the MK 1's have been purchased by the Toronto Transportation Commission for service on the new Bloor St. Subway, and the more powerful version with the souped up engine will be used to transport live lobsters at high speed across the Canso Causeway.

Many of our squadron ventured South to Basel to see the game between Canada and Switzerland. Some of the boys say they couldn't see the ice. Don't know why! The bartenders down there put enough in the glass to suit us.

Sam Renaud will be the first airman to do a five year hitch with an Attend C all the way.

Jack Gardner did a small stint in the Hospital back in the latter part of February, but recovered completely in time for leave. Very cagey!

Bob Marcher is still limping, but recovering also.

Congratulations and a tip of the hat to Bob Sleigh and Ken Banfield, top scorers in the Intersection League. Well done, gentlemen! And three cheers from us all.

Our squadron has become quite fortunate in recent months, in that we have with us a first class smoke room orator, answering to the name of Val Lepage. Any problems bothering you? — Sports? Automobiles? Politics? Sex? Navigation? Mathematics? Aeronautical Engineering? Cotton Pickin'? Rum Runnin'? Mountain Climbing? — See Val!

Somebody left a tire in the 419 barrack hallway. Must be for one of the wheels who frequently prowl around in there.

Another few days and we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. No sweat here! Lots of green around all the time — mostly in the vicinity of the gills.

Ron Coulson leaves us for Air Div. and a new job, that of a P. R. Spec. Lots of luck!

Systems people inform us that they will install radar sets on the rear of their vehicles to facilitate backing out of congested areas. A little trouble along those lines lately.

Beware of the fog!

## Moose Maint

by Cpl Ken Dyer

In the past month our elections have come and gone and we think our candidate fought a hard battle — — — for S/L Mayo. We hear that Mrs Semeniuk has found a new type of sausage for Mike's lunch.

We would like to welcome two new members to the Moose Family from Wing Maintenance. They are AC1 Sutherland and AC1 Smith. We are glad to see these fellows get a break. Our new members from servicing are Sgt "Buzz" Sawers, Cpl Ken Dyer, and LAC "Scotty" Scott.

Personnel should contact LAC Edwards to learn how to start Canuck aircraft without the use of energizers. The Instrument section inventory should be getting pretty good these days, as LAC Ken Beseau is trying to return empty part cans to stores.

The 419 Maintenance smoke room was small before, but there was a closet in the other end of the hangar that was smaller, so that is where our smoke room is now.

Our bowling team has quite a dilemma. Seems they have an easy time with the top teams, it is the bottom of the leaguers that are giving them the trouble.

Sgt "Buzz" Sawers must really think his new job in maintenance is tops. He spent half his leave wandering around the hangar to see how things were going.

We hear there is an order in for a new crying towel for this year. The one we had from the last promotion (?) is all worn out.

Mrs Peace presented Bill with a new baby boy last month. When first approached about a name he just muttered "Horatio Mortimer". Mrs Gaussiran also presented Guss with their second daughter. Guss is also at a loss for a name.

We extend a vote of thanks to Cpl Peever for his work on the previous Flieger articles.

See you all next month.



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by F/O Wm J. McArthur

March is a month of some consequence in literary circles, or so we are told. It certainly must be admitted that Shakespeare's reference to the "Ides of March", Carroll's "March Hare", and that delightful poem which tells of a "Dirty British coaster, butting up the channel in the mad March days", all point to the truth of the statement. Possibly the greatest significance of March is that it brings the Spring Equinox and thereby heralds the coming of fine sunny weather. This surely pleases the aviators of Baden-Soellingen for January and February, 1959 were indeed foggy, miserable days.

February bright spots included two dinners, first an S.M.U. dinner for Flying Officer Zimolozynski, and then a few days later, the Squadron dining-in night held to farewell Flying Officers Dusseault and Zimolozynski, both of whom returned to Canada recently. The honoured guests were presented with the usual framed Squadron crests.

New faces at the table were those of Flying Officers Gordon Helm and Serge Morin, our two newest pilots. Welcome aboard, chaps! Another face which, although familiar, was seen at the squadron dining table for the first time, was that of Lieutenant Dick Agantino of Karlsruhe our newest honorary member. The Lieutenant has been a familiar figure at many squadron sporting events, and in mid-February he hosted a number of our S.M.U. to the Karlsruhe performance of Louis Armstrong.

Final news of the month comes from Flight Lieutenant John Thomas, who is reportedly offering a substantial reward for the person, (dead or alive) who removed the glass from the door of his P.M.Q. block. Our condolences to you, John.

## "Tech Type Times of 422"

It seems this 5 BX Plan is taking its toll on overzealous participants. To wit: FS Herb. White and Sgt Don Groves. They found the going too rough and had to rest up from their recent exertions. They picked a good time to go on leave too, as all the hangar types are moaning about all the

overtime they've had to put in. It seems they worked a couple of hours one night a wee while back. How rough can it get???

At the same time that I was in the hangar gossip-gathering for this column, I asked Cpl Roy Scherling what was going on in the Armament Section. I must have caught him off-guard, 'cause the honest reply came out quite readily: 'Nothin', Absolutely nothin', and that was in front of three witnesses too, so if anyone hears the gun-plumbers nattering about how hard-done-by they are, just quote the above statement.

Still digging for hangar news for Der Flieger, I was informed that some fellow by the name of "Benny" got to work in time for Roll Call TWICE last month and that THAT WAS NEWS!!

A hearty welcome is extended to a new Rigger in the person of LAC Ottenbrite from 6RD who is now gainfully employed in the 422 Repair Depot.

Speaking of repairs, the boys in the squadron are thinking seriously of hanging out a shingle reading: "U BEND 'EM, WE MEND 'EM", in aid of our over-G Men. (And we have them too!).

Congratulations are extended to LAC and Mrs. Leo Wisted on the arrival of a baby girl on 23rd Feb. They now have the beginnings of a mixed ball team.

Best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery are sent out to the wives of Cpl Jack Linklater and LAC MacDonald who are in hospitals at 3 and 4 Wings respectively.

LAC Gerry Cullen is back at Landstuhl for further beauty treatment. Best wishes Gerry.

It seems that Sgt Steve Popowich must have crashed the bank at our local gambling Casino, at any rate he's sporting an automobile these days. Or is it a Zodiac, Steve? He sure keeps it in top shape too, judging by the amount of time he spends at the auto club lately.

The big smile Cpl MacDonald is now constantly wearing is the direct result of his new transfer. They say he was delighted upon hearing it was Gimli. Good going Mac, nice to see the boys happy!

At this time of writing we have a few of our fellows away at 3 Wing garnering Sabre gen. Soon to return all clued-up are Cpl Slauenwhite, and LACs Milner, Monro and Hawes. Good luck fellows.

Mitch

## Tomahawk Wives Talk

by Pamela McArthur

A new note in the feminine farewells was introduced this month by Mrs. Edith McKinley who engaged a room at the Hirsch Gasthaus in Hügelsheim on Friday, the 20th, for a bon voyage dinner in honour of Mrs. Uta Dusseault. Uta, a



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beautiful blonde German girl who was married here at Four Wing, will find many new friends in Canada, and with her far-flung knowledge of Europe and the Near East (she lived for a time in Jerusalem and has an Arabic brother-in-law), should have no difficulty in adjusting to yet another home in an unfamiliar country. As guest of honour, she was presented with an engraved silent butler.

January's coffee party was held in fact the 3rd February at the home of Mrs. Cindy Russell.

This event had the distinction of being the first morning gathering in 1959 and so conversation was animated as the girls discussed winter trips and bent or broken resolutions. It was nice to see all the group together again after the gap caused by preoccupation with the holiday season.

February's session over the cups (not to be confused with those of our honoured husbands' Friday nights) took place at the home of Mrs. Doris Tuele on Wednesday, the 25th. An unfortunate topic of conversation was the prevalence of 'flu among many families, and we wish all those so afflicted speedy recoveries. The promise of better weather should revive everyone's spirits considerably.

Bridge sessions are back to Tuesday again with the first series of games held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Thomas on February 10th., and the second at the home of Mrs. Bev Lough on February 24th. These evenings, as usual, proved very enjoyable with fine food, popular prizes and high-scoring, horrible or hilarious hands depending upon the viewpoint of the holder. And the nights get later and later because we're such sociable souls.

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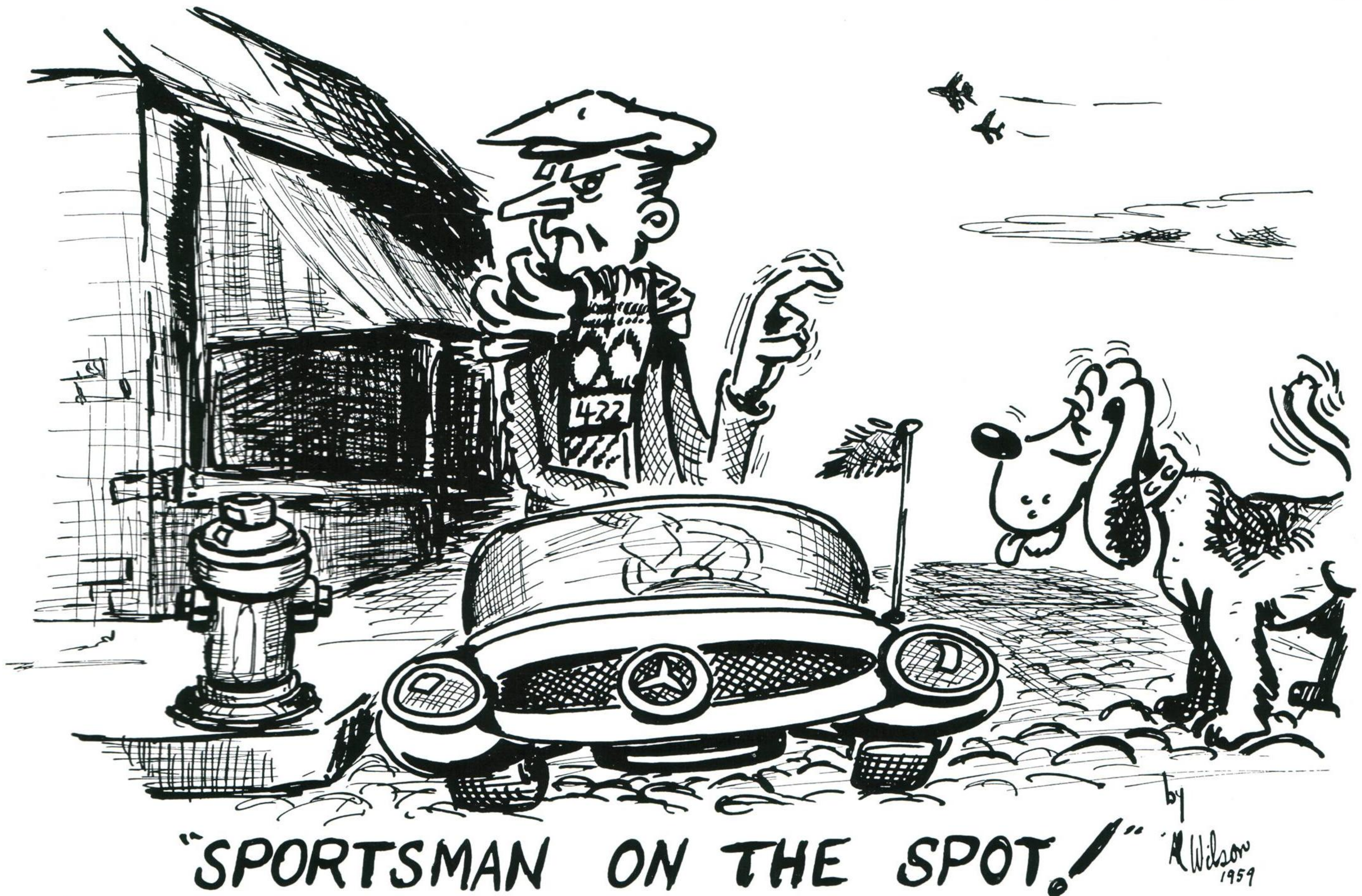
by F/O Randall

After returning from sunny Sardinia we all settled down to two weeks holidays and watched the fog. During this period those who were not on leave or away on short courses, managed to occupy themselves with the dart board and the skeet range.

The only social activities this month were the final farewell parties for S/L & Mrs. Archer held on the 12th and 13th. of the month. After this the squadron settled down for the lenten season.

We gained another newie this month, F/O Tom McIntyre. Welcome to the squadron, Tom. If the bad weather remains and we keep getting movies, we will have to form an unphase-trained club to go along with our new "Be Coth" programme.

Casualties of the month were F/O "Torch" Hindle mysteriously burning his fingers and F/O Reg Heard injuring



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his wrist during a hockey game. Triple Four has had its PMC accidents recently too, with three of our keen young officers joining "drivers anonymous" this month.

Here's hoping the 5 BX plan makes the cobra boys muscle bound. Our sports could use it. Our goal tender probably has nightmares after each game from turning away shots. Unfortunately our bowling team dropped seven points on its appearance this month. The Volley ball team is winning though.

Above is a picture of Warrant Officer Fraser receiving the Canadian Forces Medal from S/L Garry. Warrant Officer Fraser has also received the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal for 18 years service with good conduct. Having come to Four Wing in July 1957 on his first overseas tour, Warrant Officer Fraser is now in charge of maintenance for 444 down at the hangar. Born in Scotland and growing up near Westminster after coming to Canada, Warrant Officer Fraser is now an old hand at the business having been in the service since September 1928. F/L Kasper and Cpl Porter also received the Canadian Forces Decoration.

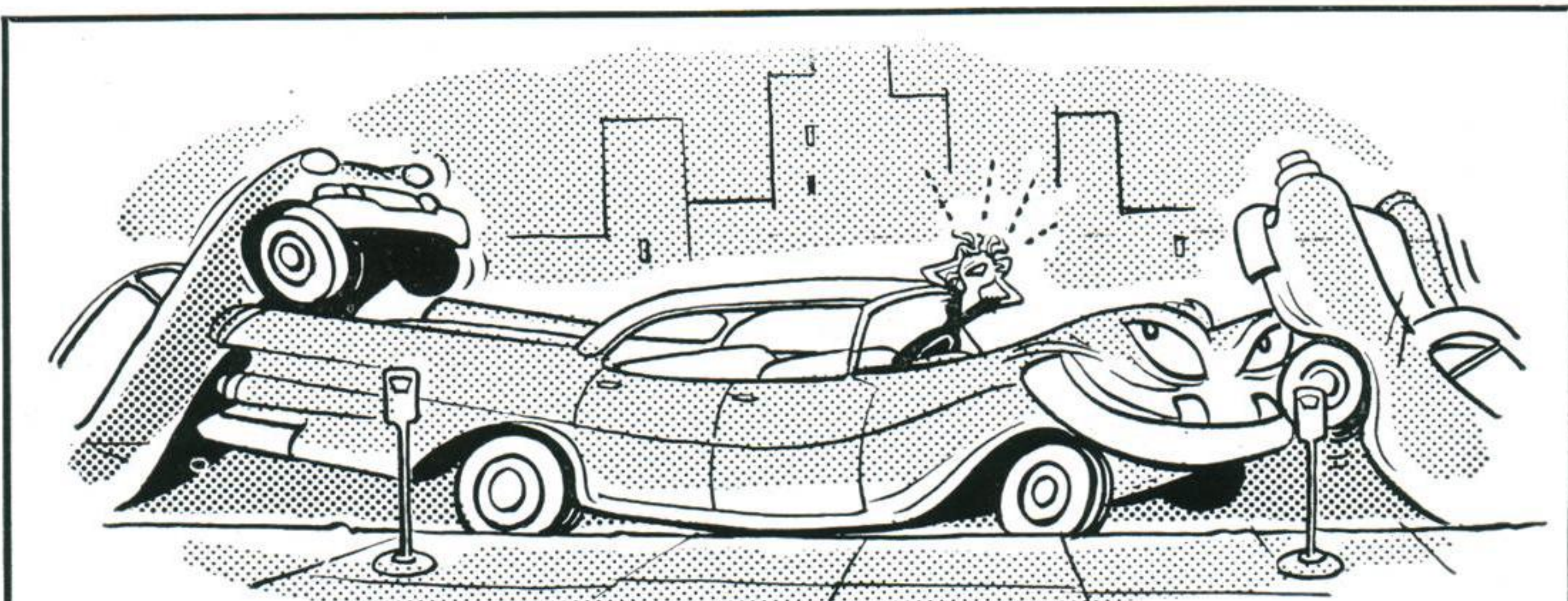


by Laurie Morris

I'm somewhat fearful that with Easter coming in March, Peter Rabbit will not be aware of the date and we will not receive our Easter eggs. But remembering the popularity and great distribution of our Wing magazine, I have no more fear. So to everyone a Happy Easter wherever you may be.

**Believe it or Not:** — Airwomen and airmen often do unusual things, but this takes all prizes. On the last week of Feb two airwomen and airmen decided to go for coffee in Paris, and left with 50 francs in their possession. On the way to Paris they could afford to buy five bananas only by chance they had candies with them. Starved, they arrived in Paris where they went to a Bank and exchanged Ami money for francs. But driving all that way they did not even have a coffee! Oh well, such is life.

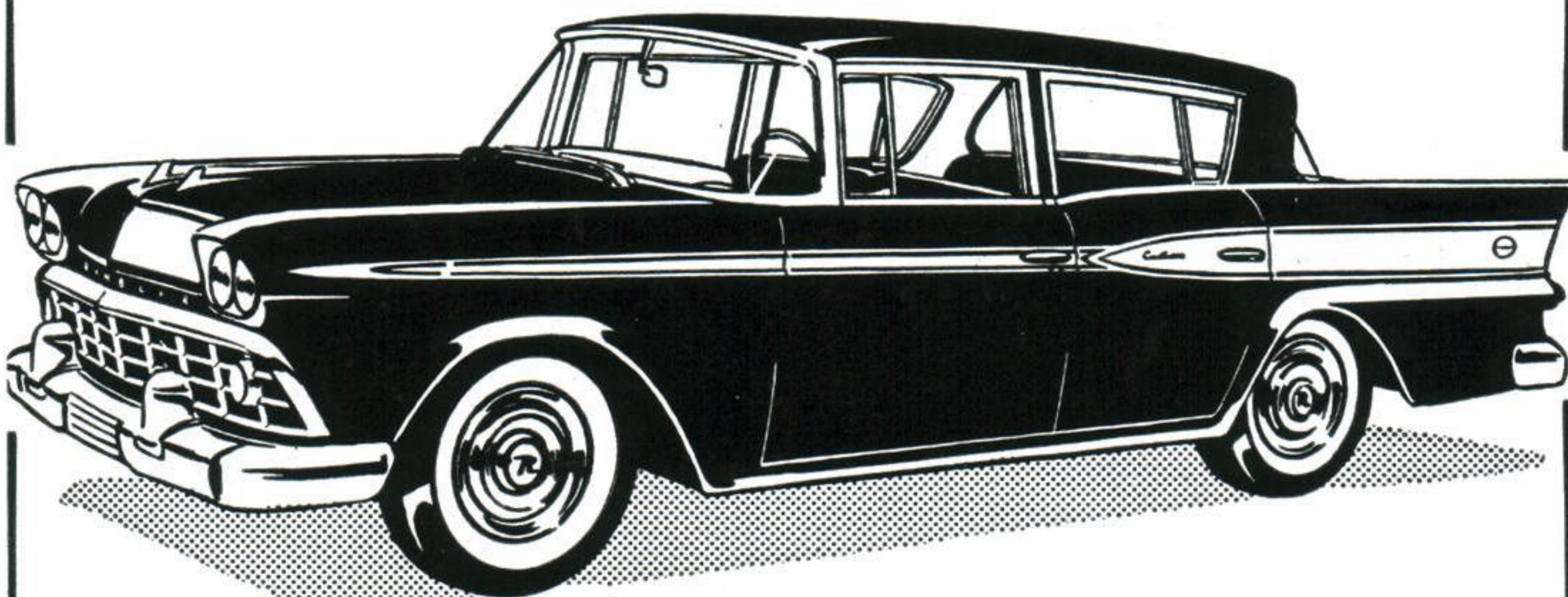
The arms of 4 (F) Wing are extended to welcome new arrivals to the show place of the Air Force in Europe and to the fold of the airwomen's pack. To the staff of the hospital comes AWI Keenan from Stn Cold Lake, LAW Potvin to the Accounts Section (she's from good old Lachine) and last but



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not least AWI Tang who adds to the line of switchboard operators. We hope you will enjoy your stay here as much as we all do.

In June, F/O Anderson will be leaving and we will be very sorry to see her go. We appreciate very much everything she has done for us. It's too early to say "Au Revoir", but meanwhile we hope she receives the posting of her choice.

Last Saturday morning we found it very hard to wake up one of the airwomen. After going to her room about three times we lost patience, so we pulled the blankets off, pulled her out of bed, sat her on a chair and then decided to walk her to the washroom where we stood guard until we were sure that she was well awake. The reason for this heavy sleep is not because she was out late that night but that the airforce mattresses are so comfortable . . . Most of us want to buy a car to take home — perhaps a Volks or a Borgward, but Inkey has big dreams and wants a big Mercedes. I wish I knew how she can manage that on our pay, because all I can afford is a Volks and then I think I will have to omit the tires for a while until I get more money. But I imagine that Inkey has vision of the Canadian Government handing us a wonderfully large raise (and we need it). If that's the case the perhaps I can order the Volks with tires. Genie, Cy and Laurie (Harden) went on holiday, I'm not sure where, but I believe it was Garmisch. They seem to have had a good time, and what a tan they have! When I first saw them I thought we had three new airwomen (on TD) from Jamaica or Africa! The Fasching party in our lounge was quite a success — seems like a very nice profit was made on the sale of cognac — let's hope that the help did not drink all

the profits. By the way Blackie, our new Entertainment "große chef" is a wizard at advertising. "May", please make sure that in the future you know the difference between the air-raid siren and the fire alarm. We hate to be awakened every-time the fire alarm rings — especially if you make us dress schnell, and tell us that we must go to the shelters.

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#### Climatological Summary for the Month of February 1959

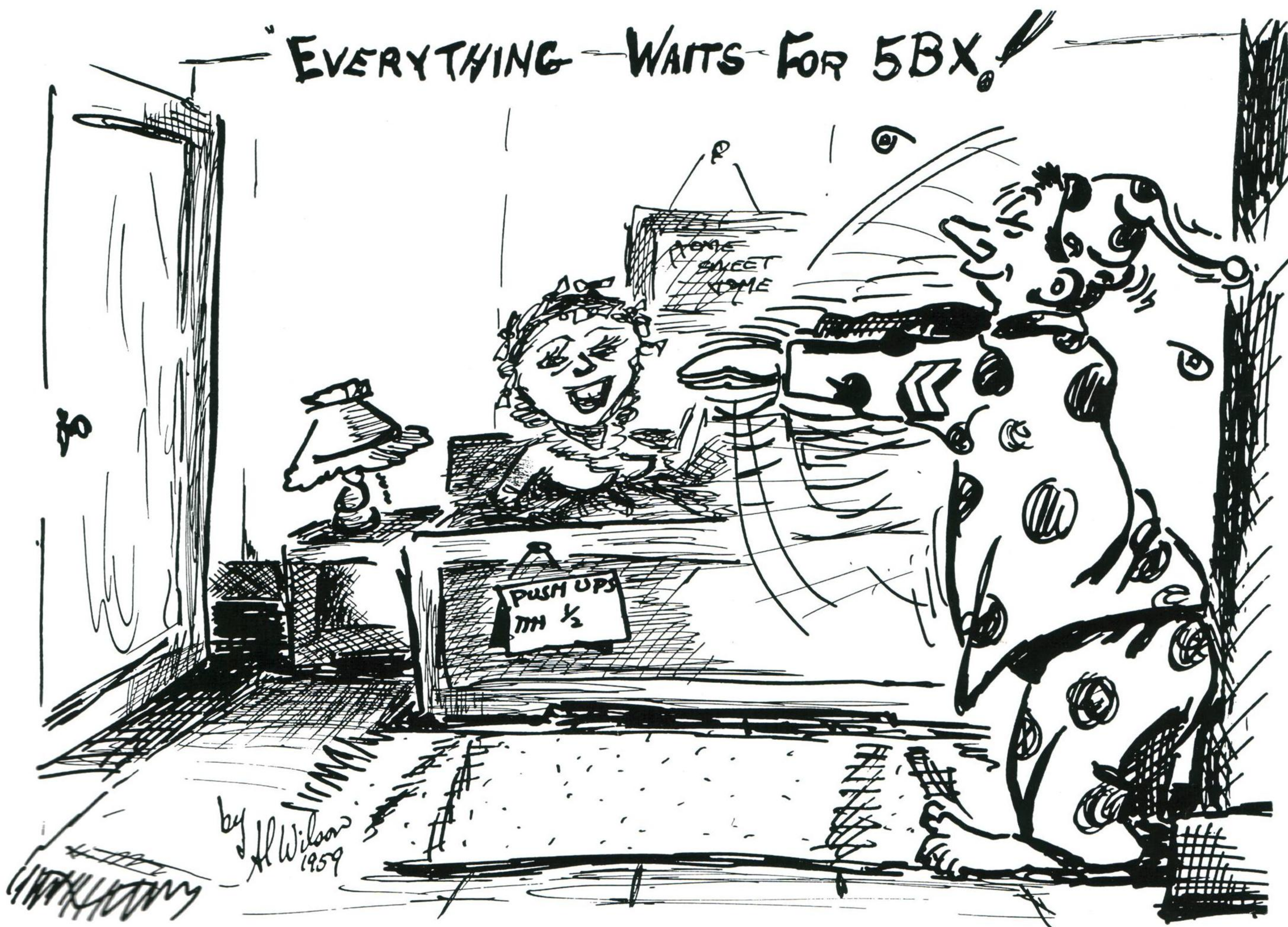
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| MONTHLY MEAN | 33.0 | 41.0 |
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#### PRECIPITATION

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Only 2 days of measurable precipitation in February with 0.5 inches each day. This is the smallest amount of precipitation any one month since opening of Wing.

February 1959 was also the foggiest month, with visibilities below 5/8 of a mile for 21 days.



# SUPPLY

First off welcome to Cpl Darr who, rumour has it, is Stan Ponsfords' replacement in Barrack Stores. The 5 Basic Exercise Plan has resulted in at least three walking and one climbing mountains. Yes, young Jeannie is at the ten thousand foot level gathering a nice herd of cattle in her attempts to yodel. It's a wonder that Swiss cheese is so good when it's curdled right inside the cow. Cliff is at present on holiday in England where rumour has it that he's trying to nail down the girl who sent him such an unusual Valentine. Pretty soon there'll be quite a few hockey fans heading for Basel and their cold outdoor arena. Also mobile again is George MacDonald who after spending four weeks on his back has been using nothing but short pencil stubs to avoid further disc displacement.

I guess since Karlsruhe's Papa Club burned, at least a couple of our boys will be setting up their cognac a little closer to home. The one half of the Bob and Bob combination arrived back on Friday the 20th. from his Canadian holiday. As a side note I wonder how he did on his POL Course. The other half of this combo was busy meanwhile robbing the one armed bandits in the local Gaststätte and while he didn't make a million I'm going to see if I can purchase his system for a modest sum. "Wee Willie Weekes" the present proprietor of the Tech Stores Canteen has been doing his best to promote ulcers with his now famous greasy hot dogs. Morris G is keeping close track of his remaining Monday mornings among us and the German contractor has finally decided to do a little more work on our once existent parking lot behind Tech Stores. It sure makes it rough on rainy days.

The remaining part of the column I would like to dedicate to the game of Euchre and its Tech Stores characters who are involved . . .

## *Mourning in the Afternoon*

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This mornings' loss we shall avenge:  
A loner now to start out right,  
Smitty, keep both hands in sight.

All right partner, pick it up,  
Whose old butt is in my cup?  
Now what was trump? Who took that trick?  
You clowns in here all make me sick.

I took all five? Then chalk up four,  
Let's concentrate on getting more,  
It's not my deal? Don't try to cheat,  
You guys just don't know when you're beat.

So it is your deal, then deal right,  
Smitty keep those hands in sight!  
You turned it down? It's up to me,  
I'll pass, but I don't bush sit see!

What's that Smitty? Spades are good?  
You called the suit. I knew you would.  
We'll take two more to build our score,  
I've the top three trumps, need I say more?

Well it's six to nothing, not too bad,  
Buck up Ken don't look so sad.  
When How and I decide to play  
There's nothing you can do or say.

It's not my deck so don't get mad,  
This makes two big fours I've had,  
A lay down hand which gives us ten  
And leaves you skunked, tough luck men!

J. H. C.

# ACCOUNTS

by LAC V. C. Brenton

Wednesday, 25 Feb 59 — "Fog" . . . that's the weather forecast and by the looks of the people around me they seem to be in a fog of their own. Seems as if we had a small "after 5" party a few hours ago for Ollie Blundell, who is returning to Canada and also for Segrid Bannwarth who is leaving us very shortly for wedded bliss.

(For months now all she could hum was "Sam's Song".) It was a good affair and both girls were sent merrily on their ways.

To our staff this month we welcome LAW Denise Potvin from Beaverbank, we hope your stay with us will be a pleasant one, and with Jake to show you the way around, how can you miss? Everybody's rushing around like mad to get their leaves ended these days — — with Belle and Ada looking towards England, Paul and Yours Truly with fond memories of a week in St. Moritz, Peter spent a week at home and of course Ed's days of freedom are numbered with his "better half" due any day from Canada. We will see to it, Ed, that you get paroled to the boys for one night a month at least just to keep you in practice. Paul took an unexpected vacation at the hospital in 3 Wing, — — we hope he is feeling much better by the time this article is printed, — — and Gary Hanson took off for a 2 month course in Canada.

Days are dragging by, like I said they would this year, but March brings about that fateful day of promotions; so, Rocket, I guess we'd better lay in an extra supply of towels — — last year's are still soggy . . . .

I can see Laurie hanging over the counter wanting these few words of wisdom so will run along.. but . . . before going I will leave you with one thought, if you want to know why Gentlemen Prefer Blondes- ask Knobber.



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# Film-Quiz



- 1 Name 5 films that Alan Ladd has starred in.
- 2 The stars on the left won an Academy Award for their acting in a film on the right. Pair each star with the film in which she played:  
Audrey Hepburn  
Shirley Booth  
Vivien Leigh  
  
Come Back Little Sheba  
Roman Holiday  
A Streetcar Named Desire
- 3 The following three films were shown at the Astra during 1958. Name one actor and actress from each.  
  - (a) No Time To Die
  - (b) Boy on a Dolphin
  - (c) Raw Wind in Eden
- 4 A while back Bing Crosby and Bob Hope made a series of "Road" films together. Name 4 of them.
- 5 Name the film in which the following songs appeared:  
  - (a) Surrey with the fringe on top
  - (b) Treat me nice
  - (c) Moonglow
- 6 The following three film companies open their films with a distinctive trade mark. Describe this trade mark for:  
  - (a) J. Arthur Rank
  - (b) 20th Century Fox
  - (c) M. G. M.
- 7 "Guys and Dolls" is a well known movie and stage presentation. Name 2 songs from it.
- 8 Name 3 pairs of comedians who have appeared in films within the past 5 years.

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## Elections Over

The election, sure it's over  
And all the banners furled  
The rumors of electors  
Went almost 'round the world.

The campaign fierce and bitter  
Although no blows were hurled  
But one could hear the whispered things  
Of revelry and girls.

One nominee cried "Vote for me"  
"No fuss, no muss, vote Gus"  
His banners up all over camp  
Yes, even on the bus.

Now, Talbot ran his own campaign  
And if a vote's in doubt  
"Rum, rye, whisky, or Champagne  
For everyone" he'd shout.

Now another doubtful nominee  
Said "folks, if you'll vote for me,  
I'll pray each night next year you'll get  
The use out of your bassinette."

The campaign reached a tempo  
Such things you never saw  
Some gave out gum and candy  
Or poured the liquor raw.

Now Johnny did his very best  
He coaxed, coerced, and wheedled  
Kissed all the babies (?) in his ward  
And all his opponents needed.

He even went around at night  
His banners they did soar  
"Get out and vote — Exercise your right"  
To everyone he'd roar.

And when he'd meet a stranger  
He'd hold his banner high  
But what is this "Vote Mayo mayor"  
"YOU can't go wrong" he'd cry.

The final count is over  
Of the results there is no doubt  
The ones that campaigned the hardest  
Are the ones that got thrown out.

By a former campaigner 1958

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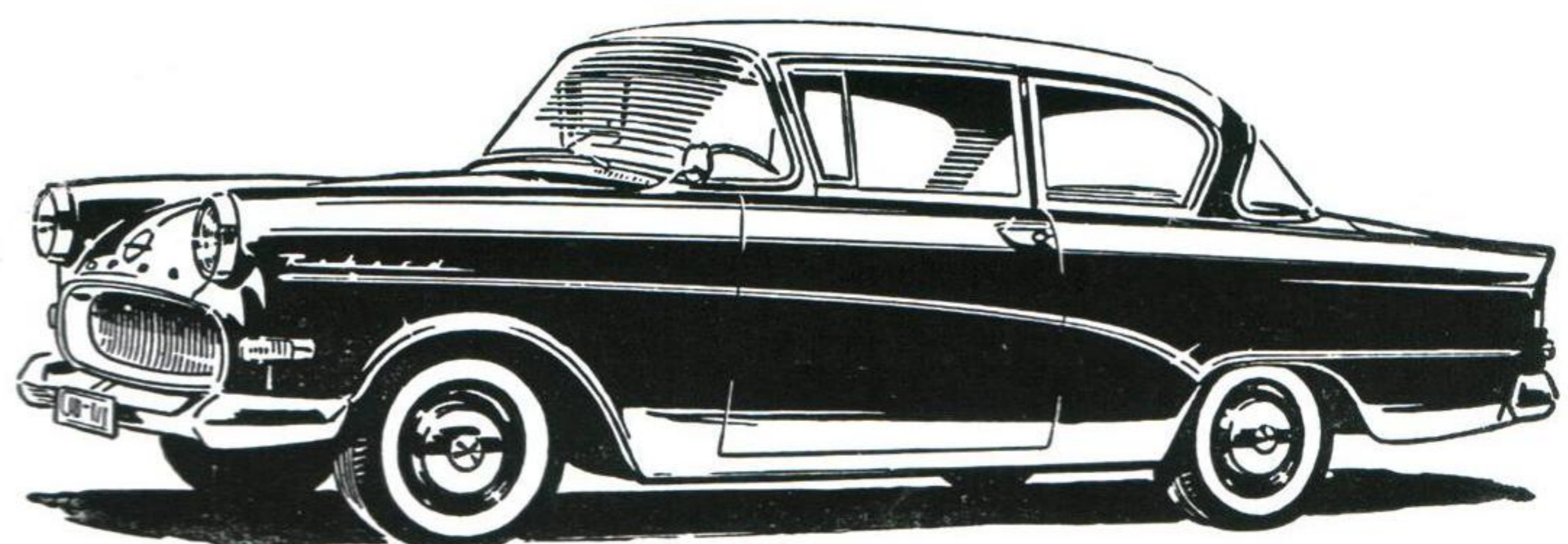
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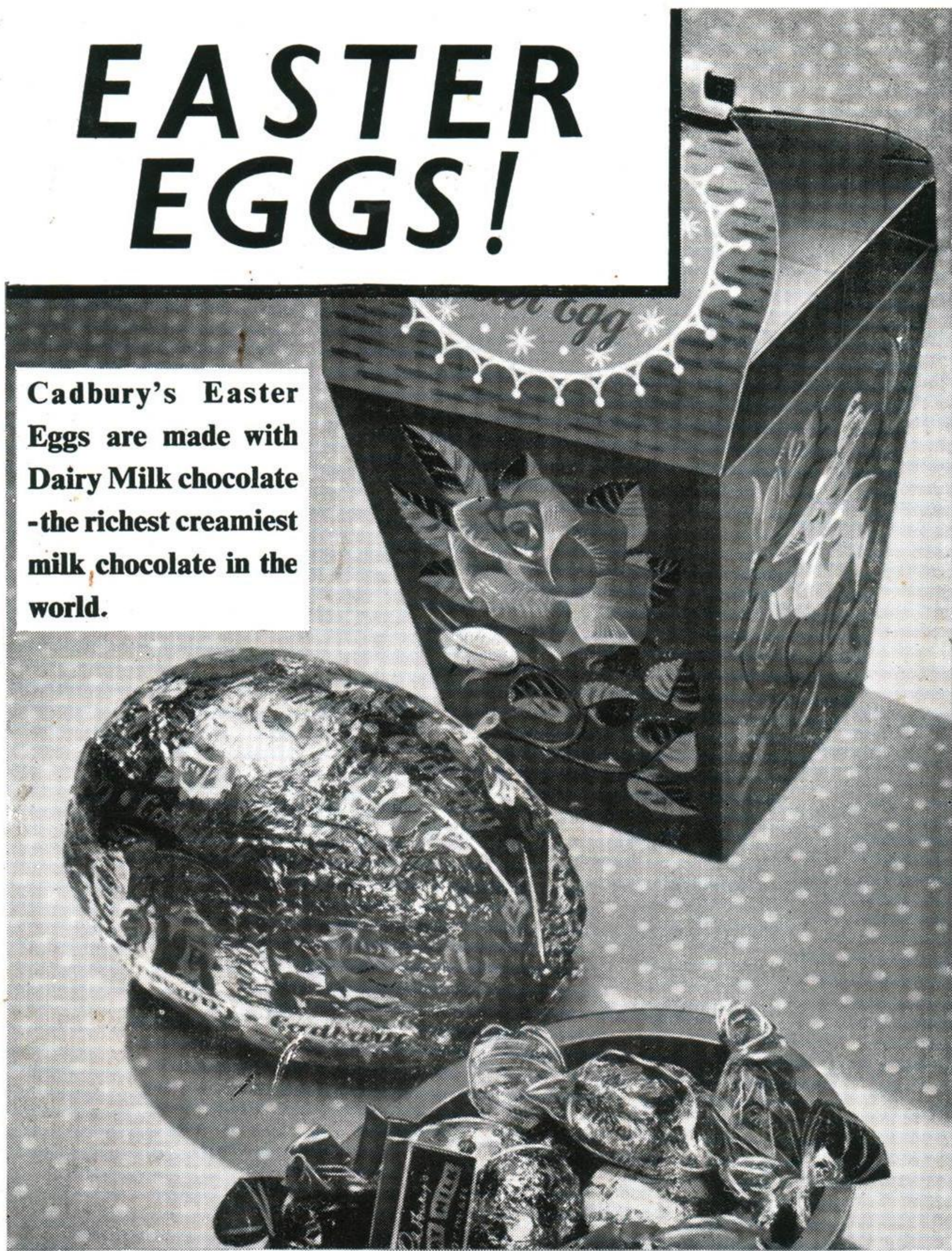
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