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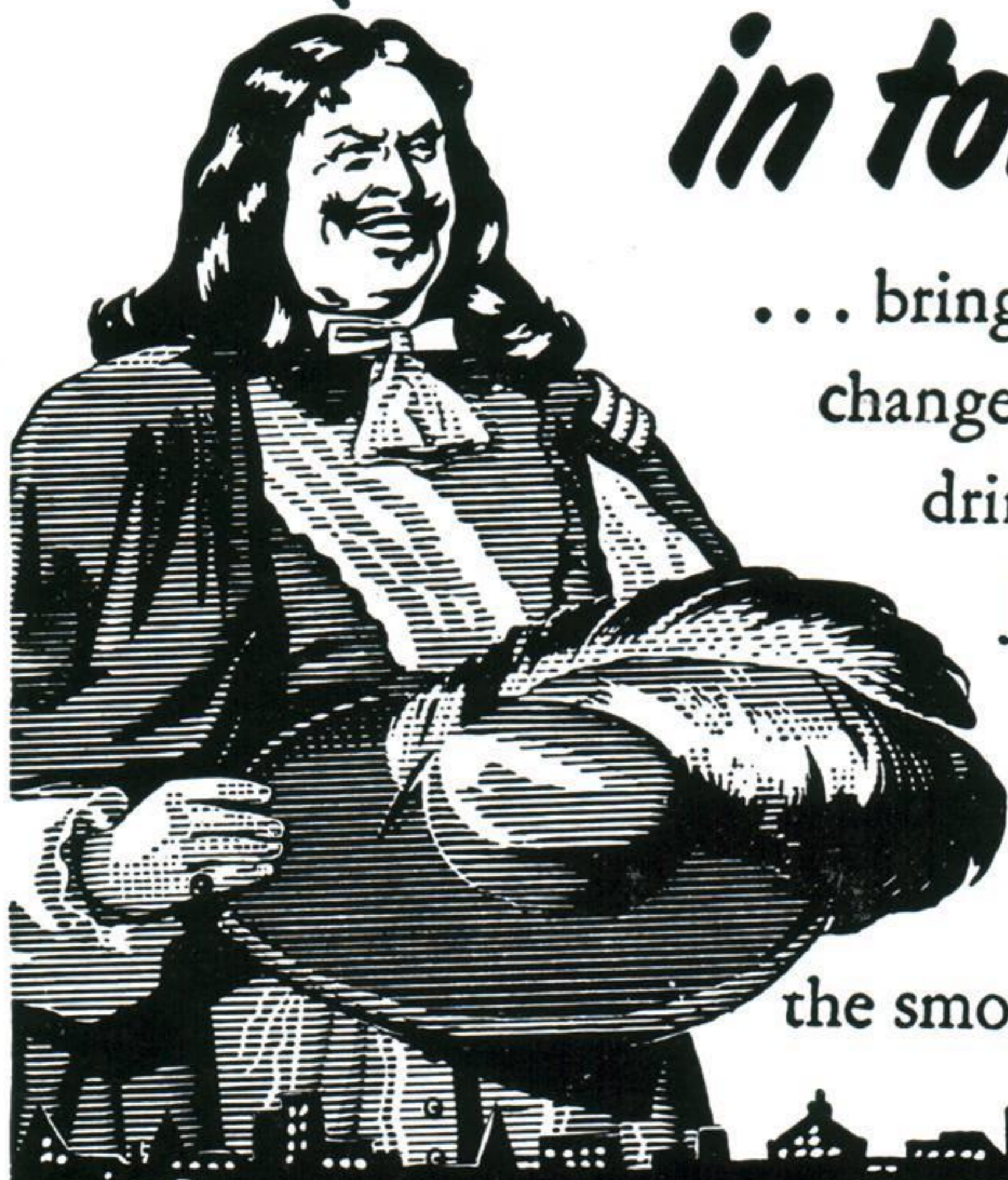
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VARIETY NIGHT

by Maureen Wregget

The Students' Council of Rhine Valley Park School sponsored a Variety Night on Tuesday, March 24. All who saw this review appreciated the time and effort contributed to it on the part of the students and teachers.



Senior boys gymnastic display

The show had a lively beginning featuring the "Rhinettes", a group of girls who perfected their high kicks and precision dancing under the direction of Mrs. J. Regan. Music and songs were composed by F/L J. Regan, and the accompaniment was provided by F/L D. G. Murchie. The Rhinettes were followed by the "Hula Hoopers", a selected group of gaily costumed boys and girls from grades one to four, who showed what they could do with America's latest fad.

Gymnastic Displays: Director: Mr. F. Dupont

Bob Frith	Jack Linklater
Leonard Hughes	Bob Boucher
Warren Kane	Malcolm Boyd
Ray Fortin	Ken Mitchell
Jim Hughes	Gordon Gibson
Jim Glover	Norman Insley
Nick Tuele	Barry Clarke
Fred Baker	Leonard Clarke
Dick Malin	Bill Kennedy
Bill MacDonald	Mervyn Sabey

Directed by Mr. F. Dupont, their physical education instructor, a group of senior boys demonstrated their gymnastic skills. The first part of the display consisted of tumbling in various forms, and the building of pyramids. During the second part the boys performed stunts on the "horse" and on the parallel bars. During an interlude, Brenda Arsenault gave a smart exhibition of tap-dancing.

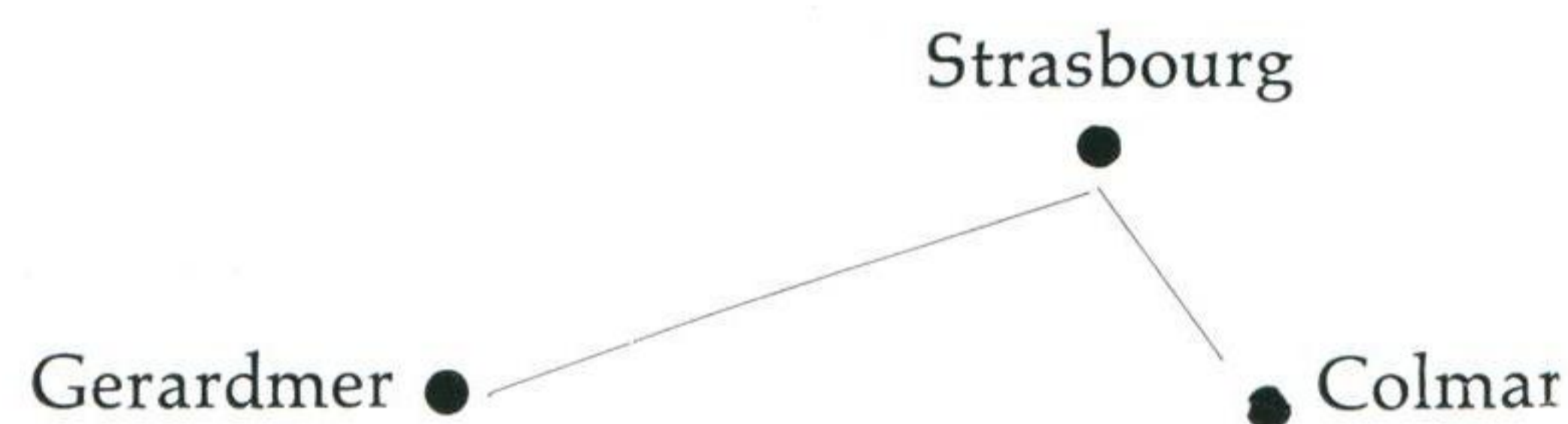
After intermission, Vivienne Snape and Dianna Baker played a German melody, "Ländler", on their accordions.

The culmination of the evening was a brilliant performance of the one-act comedy "Our Dream House". Directed by Miss Ruth Kinsella of Rhine Valley Park School teaching staff, the players received a splendid ovation from the appreciative audience of over two hundred.

The proceeds of this "Variety Night" will go to the Students' Council for various students' activities, including the school's first year book.



Fete des Jonquilles



A suggested trip for next Sunday, April 19th, is a drive to Gerardmer — approx two hours away from the base. Here will be held the annual "Fete Des Jonquilles", which is a festival in honour of the daffodil. It takes the form of a procession of colourful floats, each very thoroughly and gaily decorated with these golden flowers.

The whole town works in the preparation of the festival which attracts many thousands of visitors. The school children spend three days gathering the daffodils in the golden covered meadows, some townsfolk construct the floats, others take part in the decorating, and so forth. Some facts and figures will give an idea of the number of daffodils used. There are three thousand flowers per square yard and each float averages 25 to 30 square yards. There are 20 to 25 floats. In addition the fronts of the houses are also decorated. The decorations consist of daffodils and moss only.

Like most festivals, the "Fete des Jonquilles" has a theme. This year the festival has the subject "from the stage-coach to the guided missile".

If you arrive in the morning you have the opportunity to look at the decorated house fronts and watch the singing and dancing in the streets.

The festival proper starts at 1300 hrs. First of all there is a parade of concert hall artists, folk-dances, acrobats and other similar attractions. Then at 1430 comes the procession itself and it lasts for two hours. Later the floats are parked in one of the squares and you can admire the floats at your leisure.

Programs which can be purchased at Gerardmer for 100 Fr. (approx 20 cents) show the route the procession will follow.

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Walpurgis Night

One of the most colorful of spring festivals is Walpurgis Night, a celebration which takes place in Germany and Scandinavia. The name is taken from and in honor of St Walpurgis, an English missionary, who came to Germany in the year 750 with a number of other nuns to found a religious house in Germany. She later became the abbess of a Benedictine nunnery and after her death a church was built at her burial place which has become a place of pilgrimage for many people.

In earlier days, a heathen festival was held on the night April 30th – May 1st. People believed that the witches rode on broomsticks or he-goats to the ancient sacrificial groves on this night, and fires were lit all over the countryside in order to scare them away. Later on this festival, renamed Walpurgis, was turned into a night of celebration and merry-making – it was the time of the year when Spring and Light returned after the long, dark months of Winter – and here in the North this was certainly reason enough for celebrating!

Many European communities have their own ways of celebrating St Walpurgis day on the first of May. One of the most colorful and dramatic festivals is to be found in the university town of Upsala in Sweden.

Walpurgis Night in Upsala

Spring is in the air. But then it should be, for this is the 31st of April – Walpurgis Night – setting for one of Upsala University's most colorful festive occasions . . .

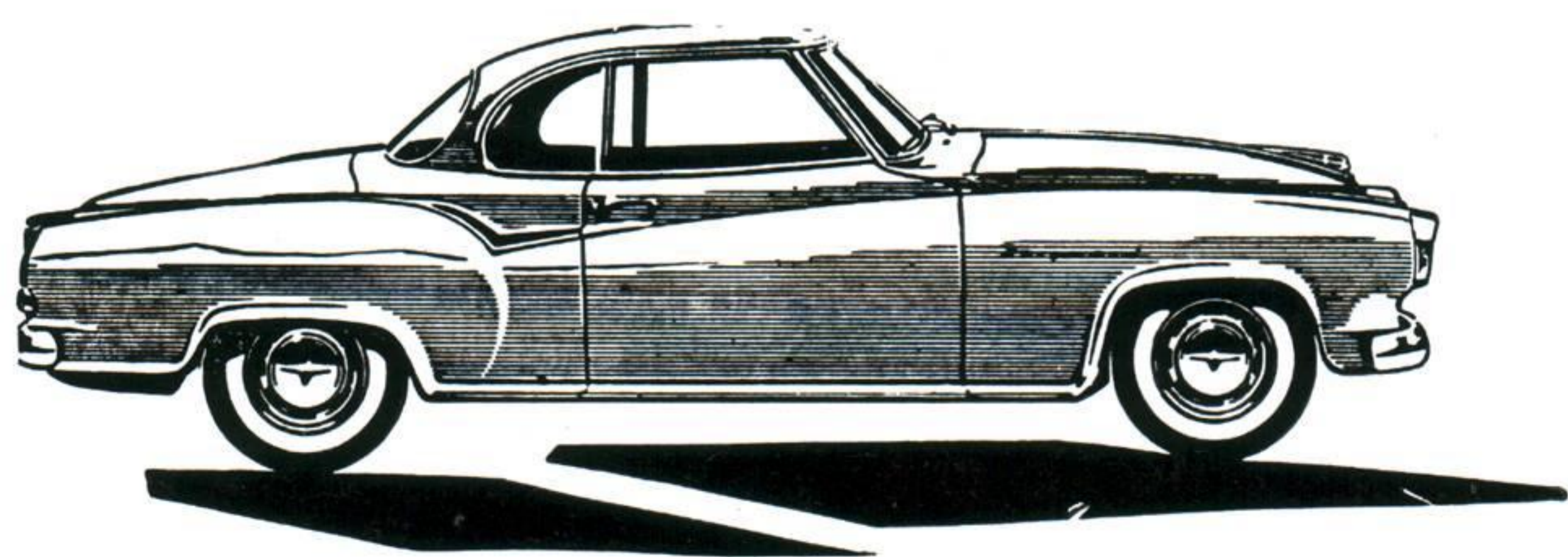
No dull or gloomy faces can be seen in the city today and few of the students will be working in their rooms. Wherever you go you will find the streets swarming with carefree young people who, for the space of twenty-four hours, have pledged themselves to traditional merriment. In Drottninggatan, for example, you can witness a form of street-life which is almost unique for the supposedly frigid Swedish la-



Fraternity Choirs in the Town Square

titude. Between two and four p.m., all the students in the neighbourhood congregate there and meet the girls from the commercial colleges. At such times it is a positive crime to look miserable. If you are lucky, you will see scholarly lecturers and notorious "swots" joining in the fun of dancing round the policemen who today are more like guardian angels than stern officers of the law. This afternoon, "Draget", as Drottninggatan is affectionately called, belongs to the students and nothing short of an earthquake will curb their infectious high spirits.

The convivial atmosphere rises in tempo until the deep bells of the Cathedral boom out the chimes of three o'clock. This is the climax everyone has waited for. As if by magic,



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the dark headware of the students vanishes to be replaced a few seconds later by a sea of white velvet caps. "The wood-anemones came out", they will probably say in tomorrow's paper.

But what has actually happened to the thousands of black hats, symbols of the long dreary winter? Some of them are hidden inside coats or stuffed into pockets to serve another year. Others will be thrown down later in quiet porter's lodges. A good many, however, will float peacefully away down the Frysian River, to be fished out by those thoughtful people who stand along the banks at Övre Foret waiting for the bobbing black circles with boat-hooks.

Soon Drottninggatan becomes a little less rowdy, the trams begin to roll again, and 4.000 happy students move off to do justice to the festive dinners arranged for them in the many restaurants of the town.

Around eight o'clock they meet again, this time in their respective students bodies to partake of a "travellers'-snack" before marching under their proud banners to Stortorget, the Town Square. When all thirteen fraternities have assembled, the huge, white-capped train begins its hilarious journey, headed by standard-bearers and a big choir. Up Drottninggatan it goes, and on to Slottsbacken (Castle Hill) between the long lines of Upsala's citizens who flank the winding route. By the time it gets there, darkness is closing in, but — away to the West — the sky of Spring hangs high and clear so that the trees with their swollen buds form dark silhouettes against a glittering background. The silver peals of the Gunilla Bells reverberate through the blue dusk while the great Walpurgis bonfires out on the Upsala Plateau begin to mark the official end of winter. And as you watch this glorious panorama, it seems that the gaunt outlines of the Castle grow even more impregnable as they blend with the tints of evening. Also in silhouette, the Dome Church stretches heavenwards with delicate fingers, as if protecting the fine old university buildings lying tranquilly below. And to complete this picture of perfect Spring, a warmish wind sweeps gently in over the town, over the expectant crowd massed on Slottsbacken . . .

Suddenly the murmur of voices stops, only to rise again in united strength as the words of the favourite song, "Oh how lovely the May Sun smiles", start from the throats of thousands. This is their hymn to Spring and to Eternal Youth. Those who celebrate Walpurgis Night in the real Upsala manner call this mighty choir the "microphone on the hill" which brings them their much-loved songs and the evergreen speech for the Spring made every year by the Chairman of the Student's Union. After toasts to King and Country, the singing continues. This time we hear "Hear us, Svea", "Happy as a bird" and finally, "Sing of the Student's Happy Days" rings out into the night.



"A sea of white velvet caps"

When the vocal show is over, everyone rushes down to Odin's Grove. Here the students form up again under their banners and march back to their colleges, still making as much noise as possible. It is now that the round of great parties begins. Later in the evening, members of the various fraternities pay visits on each other for the traditional "rags" which are led by the respective leaders. These consist of ceremonial insulting and abusing matches carried out with a maximum of wit.

It is very difficult to say just how long the evening's entertainment lasts, as no Upsala student has ever been able to remember. On the following day, the 1st of May, the younger generation say they went to St. Erik's. Well, but the older generation of professors and other worthies insist that this day is also a blank in the student mind.



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The Midnight Sun

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The tours start at Bergen, a city full of interest itself. There you can see the historic site where the composer Edward Grieg lived, and visit interesting spots like the Fantoft Stave Church, constructed around 1100 AD. There is a cable car which takes you a thousand feet above sea level and affords a breath-taking view of the city below.

From Bergen, the northward portion of the journey is made on a luxurious and well-equipped vessel operated by the Express Coastal Service, or Hurtigruten. Each of their fourteen ships is equipped to accommodate up to 600 people in complete comfort.

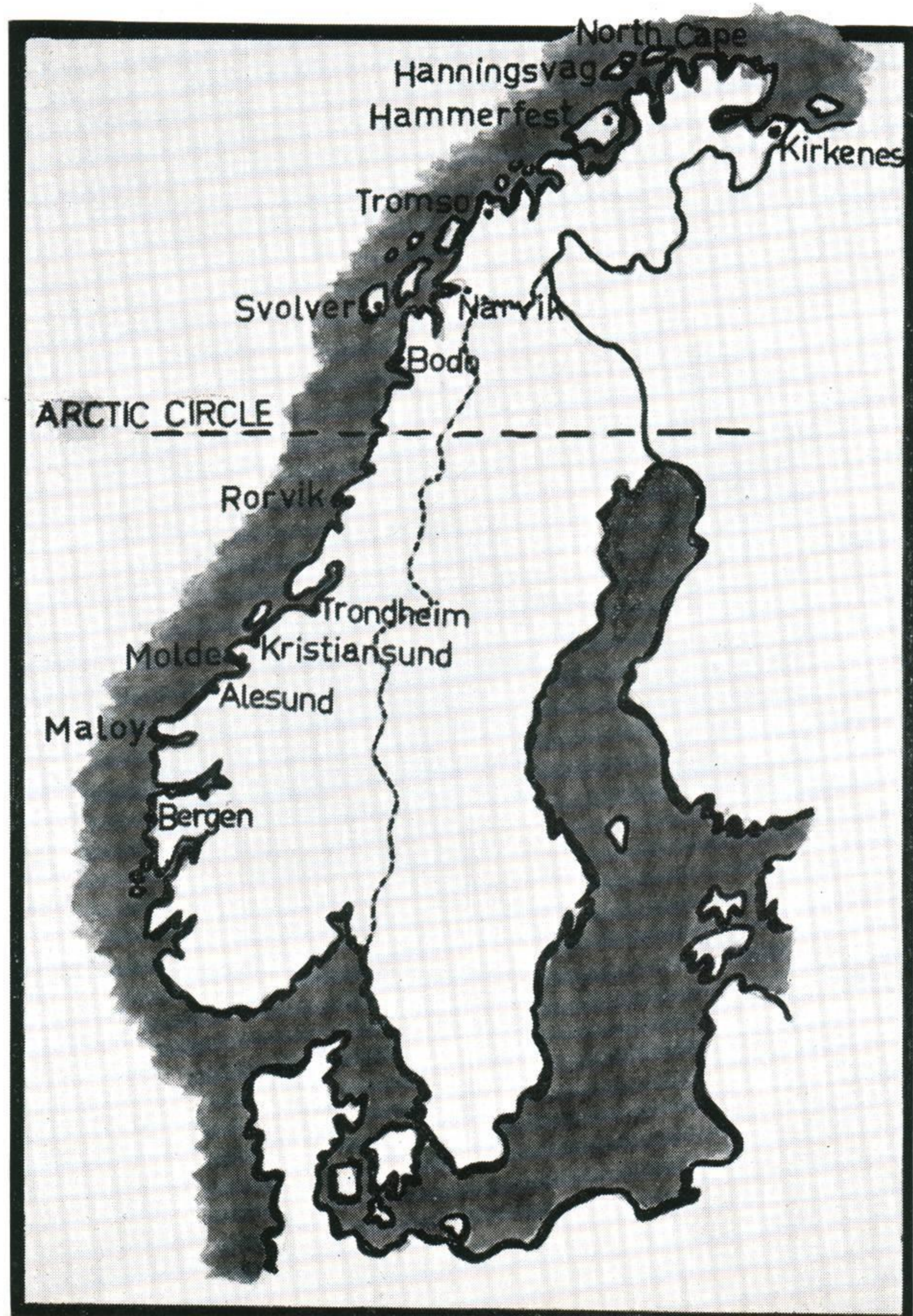
The majority of the passengers availing themselves of these steamers are Norwegians who depend upon the line for transportation between thirty or forty ports of call in eight

coastal counties of Norway. Many of them speak English. At each of these ports of call the arrival of the boat is the main event of the day and a large part of the populace is on hand to greet it. The scene from the deck is most entertaining. Cargo, some of it livestock, is unloaded, and Lapps in their brilliant costumes promenade on the wharves in an arresting display of Norwegian custom and life.

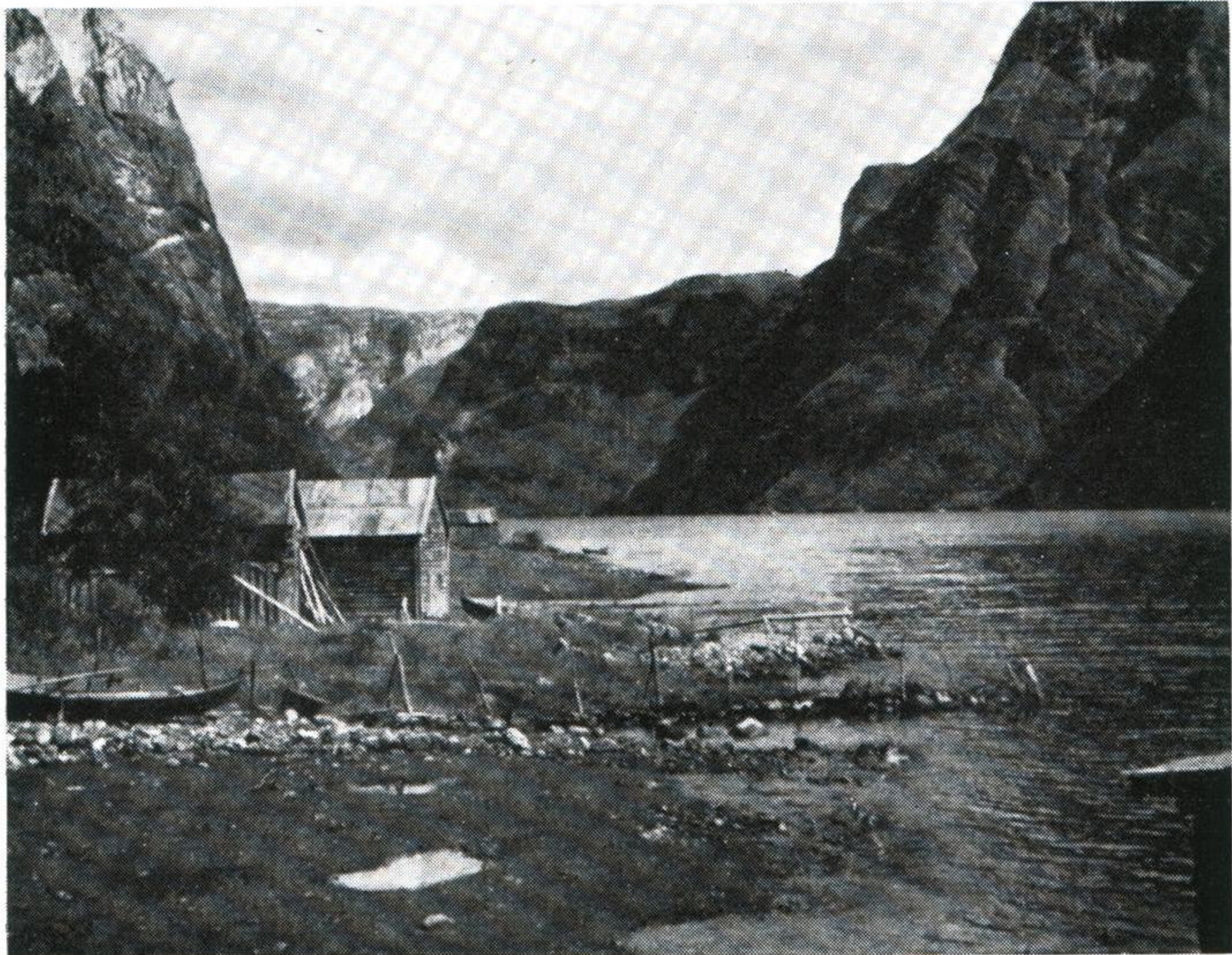
Between these out-ports the sea is generally as calm as a millpond due to the shelter afforded by the myriad islands and cliffs which dot the coast profusely.

The ship leaves Bergen at ten in the evening and the first day it reaches Alesund just after lunch. Here, the center of the herring industry, enough fish is brought from the sea to provide a meal for every person in the world. Returning southward later on the journey, an ascent of nearby Mount Sksala affords a marvellous view of the ocean and the steep Sunmøre Alps.

The next port of call is Molde, which, before the war, is supposed to have had a garden of roses in front of each house. Consequently the name "Town of Roses" is still applied to this pretty town where Nobel Prize-winning poet and playwright Bjornstjerne spent five years at school. Here, too, Hendrik Ibsen wrote portions of "The Lady From The Sea" while sitting in a row-boat under a large umbrella.



Bergen from the Cable Car



Sogne Fjord

Since the journey from Molde to Kristiansund is one of the few portions in the open sea, an excursion by land may be taken instead. Kristiansund is the center of the Klip fish, or Bacalao industry and when rejoining the steamer there, these fish are to be seen everywhere drying on the craggy cliffs in the sun and the wind.

Trondheim, scene of Norwegian Coronations, is a most impressive city. On the northbound trip a tour is arranged to the Ringve Museum which features musical instruments from all over the world. One guide in this intriguing gallery, Madame Viktoria, is the Russian-born widow of a Norwegian shipping magnate. In her broken, but creditable English, she captivates her audiences with her stories of the history and procurement of these antiquities of music.

Leaving Trondheim, the ruins of the Reinkloster are visible at Rissa. Life of the nuns at this abbey is portrayed by Nobel Prize-winner Sigrid Undset in her novel "Kristian Lavrans' daughter". You now approach a northern fairy-land and the next morning at about nine o'clock, cross the Arctic circle.

A short ceremony is held on board the vessel to mark the crossing. Passengers are presented with a Polar Passport by His Majesty Jack Frost, King of the Arctic, Emperor of Icicles and Lord of a Million Snowflakes, Duke of Shiver and Baron Blizzard. Here the ethereal Midnight Sun is visible from June 1st until July 9th. At North Cape, Europe's most northerly point, it may be seen from May 12th. to Jul 30th.



Folk Dancers



Lapp Costumes

The crossing of the Vestfjord to Svolvaer in the Lafoten Islands is one of the most inspiring spectacles of the whole voyage. Clearly outlined against an evening sky loom the jagged peaks of the Lafoten mountain wall. It is a sight which endows everyone with a feeling of solitude and a realization of the humbleness of mankind.

At breakfast next morning the beautiful approach to Harstad is navigated. The greatest attraction here is the medieval church dating back to the 13th. century, when it doubled as a place of worship and a fortress. Exhibitions of folk-dancing are staged here to themes which were woven by Grieg into his musical compositions. The vivid reds, yellows and blues of the costumes worn in these dances are a treasure for camera enthusiasts.

The next important port of call is Tromso, capital of Troms county, and embarkation point for most Arctic expeditions. Near the quay is a statue of Roald Amudsen, the Arctic

Lapp Girl and Reindeer



explorer, and the harbour is lined with sealing vessels. There is a great deal to be seen here, and while on the way to the Marine Biological station, the tour-bus passes the spot where the Tirpitz was sunk by the RAF in the autumn of 1944. At various souvenir shops in Tromso are many articles of Lapp artistry as well as polar bears skins and even mink coats.

To the north of a near-by island lies Ribbensoy where a Norwegian fishing boat landed from the Shetland Islands in 1943 with twelve men on board who had as their mission the sabotaging of the airfield of Bardufoss, which was held by the Germans. Those who are familiar with the novel by David Howarth, "We Die Alone", will know that Jan Baalsrud, the only survivor passed through this area when he was trying to escape to Sweden. (Last year this book, in a pocket edition was on sale in the PX book-stall; a film called "Nine Lives" has been made from it, and was written up in Time Magazine of Jan 19, 1959).



On the sixth day the trip comes to a climax with the rounding of the North Cape. When the ship stops, those with stout hearts are taken ashore in a landing craft to have the opportunity of scaling the steep foot-path to the thousand foot summit for a magnificent view of the North. Whether or not this feat is undertaken all on board receive a North Cape Diploma. When the hikers return aboard, the ship goes on to Hanningsvag from which a road leads to North Cape itself. A midnight trip with the purpose of viewing the Midnight Sun is arranged from Hanningsvag. There is also a visit to a Lapp camp where some idea of the Lapp way of

life can be obtained. Later in one of the hotels you can see some Lapp readers which are very attractive, beautifully illustrated, and on excellent paper.

From this point the steamer continues on its way to Kirkenes on the Russian-Norwegian border, and the land-sea portion of the trip begins southward.

During the next few days of the Norway vacation a closer contact with the people is made in such cities as Russenes, Skaidi, Alta, Burfjord, Olsborg, Lyngseidet and Dundlia. Three days are spent enjoying these towns in their breathtakingly beautiful surroundings. On the third day Narvik is reached, and more wonders are unfurled.

A cable car transports the visitor up a mountain on the east side of the city for a truly magnificent view of the midnight sun. The splendor of this setting is marred only by the merciless persistence of ferocious northern mosquitoes. It would be wise for the traveller to be prepared for these monsters with ample quantities of lotion as the queues for this mountain ride are always lengthy.

Here on the mountain, as well as during the long, sunlit nights at sea, there is time and opportunity to modify one's sense of values; to contemplate the world which seems to have been left so far behind. When we see the magnitude of the Norwegian countryside and compare it with the humbleness of the gay Norwegian peoples we begin to realize how futile it is for cities to become confused and preoccupied with material progress.

Suggestions:

If you wish to make the cruise, contact Bennet's Travel Agency in Oslo well in advance.

When passage is arranged, ask the agency for the book "Twelve Days on the Norwegian Coastal Steamer". It costs about \$ 1.00.

Try to read "We Die Alone", the Story of the Kon-Tiki, or a biography of Roald Amudsen or of Fridtjof Nansen.

Dress informally. It is not necessary to dress for dinner. For women, skirts blouses and sweaters. A tweed coat may be desired for evening sun-gazing.

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Hunting in Germany

by F/L A. R. Reed

In a few weeks time the German hunting season will re-open. This should be the time, therefore, when many of our personnel begin checking their equipment and getting organized for hunting trips. Unfortunately many of our personnel who hunt in Canada do not continue their hobby while overseas, probably because they are unaware that hunting can be enjoyed as much in Europe as back in Canada.

This article, therefore, has been written to acquaint personnel with German hunting customs so that they will appreciate that hunting in Germany can be an exhilarating experience, and to motivate erstwhile hunters to consider taking up again this healthy sport.

When the German customs and laws are thoroughly understood, Canadians usually agree that they serve a pleasing or useful purpose. Let's take a look at some of these customs and laws and you'll discover it's not particularly difficult to get clued up on what the Germans want and expect.

The first requirement (which will probably irritate you on first sight) is the necessity to attend a hunting school where you learn the various species of game and birds; the German game laws; weapon handling and weapon safety rules. When you are sufficiently grounded in these things you write an examination. When you pass, you are issued a Jägerbrief (hunter's certificate) which authorizes you to apply for a hunting license. Licenses can be obtained in Baden-Baden, Rastatt or Karlsruhe. If you are a member of the American Rod and Gun Club at Karlsruhe they will smooth the way considerably for you from the language point of view. Next you need to carry insurance so that should you shoot anyone accidentally you are partially covered to deal with the financial aspects of a legal case in which you may find yourself involved.

Up to this point I'm sure you'll agree that nothing has been required that is not protection in the long run for the hunter. Perhaps you'll agree that even Canadians might benefit from an official checkout on game, game laws and weapons. There's some possibility that such laws might considerably reduce the slaughter of hunters that takes place annually in our woods. For example, I have never known a German shoot at some obscure target in the bush. He has been taught to identify his target before he shoots, hence the excuses of which you read in Canadian papers that the defendant saw some movement in the bush and shot at it just wouldn't get much consideration in a German court. However, even in the best regulated organization you can have an occasional accident. I saw a German beater step from behind a tree at the moment a hunter fired at a rabbit. The beater was only slightly wounded, fortunately. However, I'm convinced the hunter was extremely glad he carried insurance. In a similar situation I'm sure I'd have blessed the day the law required me to carry hunting-accident insurance.

You'll find the biggest problem is getting a hunt lined up. This of course is by no means impossible. Germans in this area who have most of the hunting rights (for which they pay dearly) have been very generous in the past with their invitations to 4 Wing personnel.

If you should be one of those invited to participate in a hunt this fall to shoot wild boar, deer, hirsch, fox, pheasant, partridge, ducks or rabbits you will be pleasantly surprised at the formality which accompanies the event.

For example, if you are invited to participate in a deer hunt, you'll find that your joining instructions advise you to

meet your host at a gasthaus. On arrival at the gasthaus at the appointed time you will probably be surprised to learn that you are last to arrive. German hunters are normally very punctual. You will probably be the only person dressed in red. Your host and his German guests will be dressed in forest green since this is their national hunting colour. You will be introduced to all guests whose custom it is to remove hats when shaking hands with you. The group will usually enjoy one social drink at the gasthaus before leaving for the hunting grounds.

When you arrive at the hunting grounds all hunters assemble in loose formation where they are officially welcomed by the host. At this point several buglers will sound the start of the hunt. The host explains how many deer and of what sex the group will shoot. Finally he concludes by wishing all hunters "Waidmannsheil" (hunter's luck), and steps back into the group.

You will be directed along the trail where you silently make your way to a stand where deer are known to cross. Your guide will remove his hat, shake your hand and wish you Waidmannsheil again. At this point you should wish him Waidmannsdank (hunter's thanks).

Meantime, the beaters have walked to the opposite side of the hunting area to drive the deer in the direction of the hunters. A bugler sounds off with several single notes to indicate the beaters are in position and ready to start the chase.

If a deer approaches, you, study it intently, preferably with field glasses, to determine whether or not it is within the approved taking category the hunt master previously mentioned. When you take an animal much fuss is made of your skill. As soon as the chase is "beaten out" all hunters will assemble to examine the animal you shot. By this time you will have noticed much talk connected with tree branches which are used to explain pertinent information in connection with your well delivered shot.

All branch signs are made with branches broken from oak, pine, spruce, silver fir or alder. None other is used. The **Leading Branch** which is made of peeled branches will be laid out to mark the line between you and the place where the animal stood when the shot was fired. The **Main Branch** is a large branch which will be thrust in the ground to mark the actual spot where the animal fell.

You will be presented with the **Hunters' Branch** properly dipped in the blood of the animal you have slain. It will normally be attached to your hat to agree with the side your bullet entered the deer.

All hunters will congratulate you with the usual hand shake and Waidmannsheil at which time you should remove your hat and reply the usual Waidmannsdank.

At the end of the day's hunt, all animals (which remain the property of the person who has the shooting rights) will be displayed according to quality. Extreme interest will be shown in the display by the hunters. When the day's bag has been examined, each hunter takes his assigned place at the head of the game to await the sounding of the bugle which is the final salute to the game. The game will be loaded in the vehicles and all will return to a local gasthaus to celebrate the "**Last Drive**". Here you will dine on foods fit for any hungry hunter. Songs will be sung that tell the tales of legendary hunters. Hunting yarns will be spun that will capture your imagination. Before you leave there's little doubt you'll consider your day complete.

There are various ways to get yourself invited to a hunt. There is the Rod and Gun club at Karlsruhe which organizes hunts, and through attending its meetings you can get to know people who will often invite you to private hunting parties. Through contacts with local people you can meet other hunters who may invite you to their meetings.

One thing I'll hazard, if you take part in one German hunt you won't be satisfied unless you participate in others — Waidmannsheil.



The "ASTRA" Cinema presents:

The Inn of the Sixth Happiness

"The Inn of the Sixth Happiness" gives a pleasant, fascinating and thrilling account — based on fact — of the amazing exploits of Gladys Aylward, an English domestic, who during the turbulent period between WWI & WWII dedicated her life to the Chinese and helped them resist the cruel onslaught from the Japanese. Ingrid Bergman shows again that she is one of the finest actresses alive, while the co-starring cast which includes Curt Jurgens and the great actor Robert Donat make the other parts memorable.

The book on which the film is based — "The Small Woman" by Alan Burgess, — has been ordered for the Wing Library.

APRIL ATTRACTIONS

Wed, 15th. & Thu, 16th. "THE INN OF THE SIXTH HAPPINESS" is the recommended film of the month and is described above.

Fri, 17th. "THE DELICATE DELINQUENT" featuring Jerry Lewis, Martha Hyer and Darren McGavin is a Vista Vision comedy-melodrama staged in New York's seamy side and concerns a dim-witted and far from courageous janitor who is intimidated by young hoodlums, but thanks to the patience of an understanding policeman finishes up on the right side. (U)

Sat, 18th. "WALT DISNEY CARTOON PROGRAMME" Part 4 is a further series of Cartoons and Comedy shorts that are enjoyed by young and old alike. Everybody is welcome.

Sun, 19th. & Mon, 20th. — "THE BIG COUNTRY" is a large-scale Technirama and Technicolor outdoor melodrama based on Donald Hamilton's book dealing with a feud between rival cattlemen. Starring Gregory Peck, Jean Simmons and Carroll Baker it is a powerful story.

Tue, 21st. — "THE STEEL BAYONET" starring Leo Genn, Kieron Moore and Michael Medwin is a World War II melodrama describing the gallant stand of a battle-weary English infantry company against a part of the German Africa Korps. (A)

Wed, 22nd. & Thu, 23rd. — "SOMEBODY UP THERE LIKES ME" with Paul Newman, Pier Angeli and Everett Sloane is a Metroscope boxing melodrama autobiography of Rocky Graziano, a mixed up East Side kid who became middleweight champion of the world. (A)

Fri, 24th. — "WONDERFUL THINGS" starring Frankie Vaughan, Jeremy Spenser and Jackie Lane is a romantic comedy drama with songs. It alternates between Gibraltar and London and tells how the complicated love affairs of fishermen brothers are straightened out. (U)

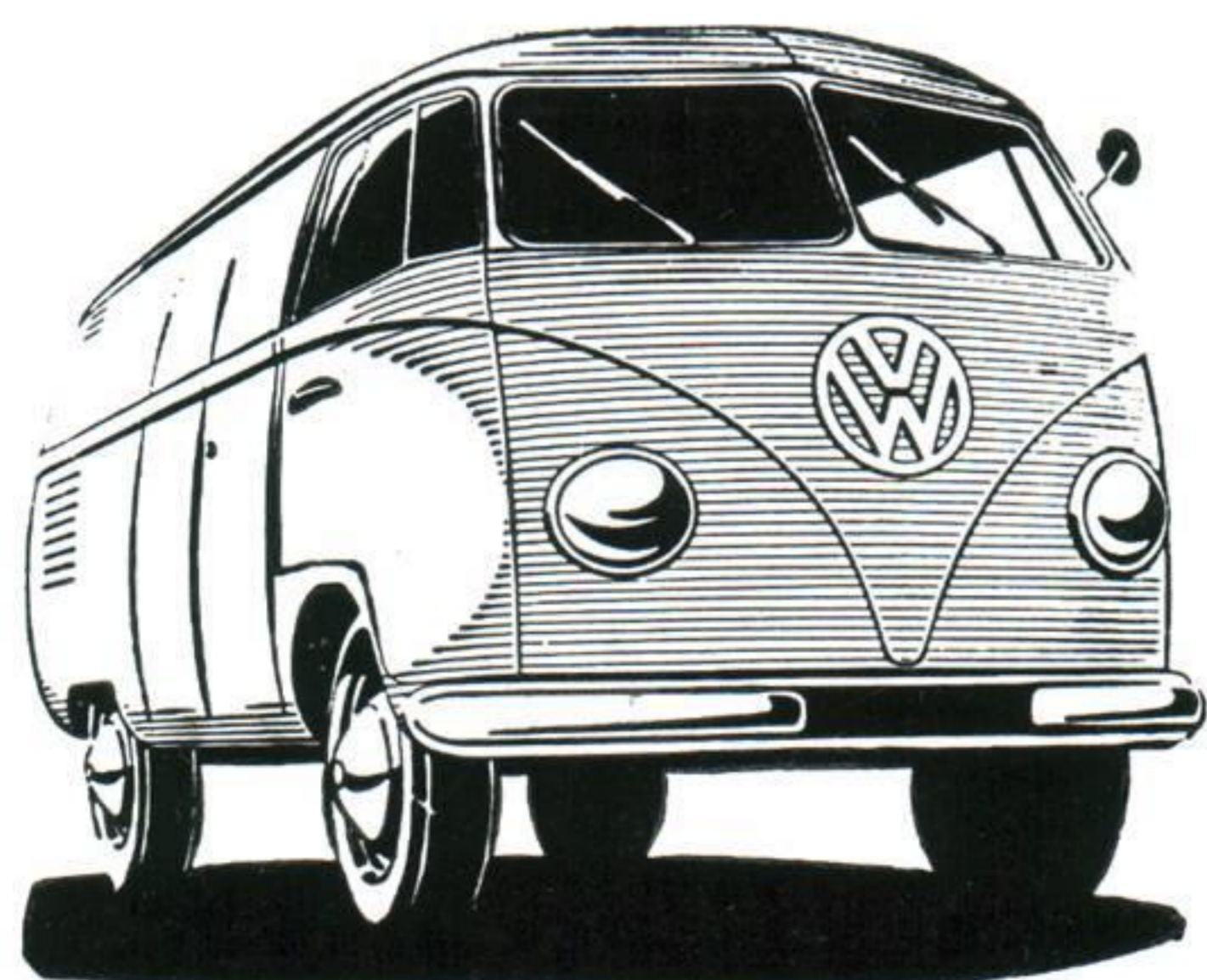
Sat, 25th. — **Children's Matinee.** — "RIDING AVENGER" starring Hoot Gibson (Western) also "PUBLIC GHOST No. 1" a Charlie Chase comedy.

Sun, 26th. & Mon, 27th. — **TITLE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN WEEKLY SCHEDULE.**

Tue, 28th. — "BETWEEN HEAVEN AND HELL" is a CinemaScope and Eastman Color World War II melodrama starring Robert Wagner, Terry Moore and Broderick Crawford. Set in Jap-infested territory, it's about an arrogant young soldier, a one time "slave driver" on family owned cotton plantations, who acquires thought for others and finds his real self while serving on a tough front with even tougher comrades. (A)

Wed, 29th. & Thu, 30th. — **TITLE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN WEEKLY SCHEDULE.**

Fri, 1st. May — "I WAS MONTY'S DOUBLE" starring John Mills, Cecil Parker and M. E. Clifton-James is an exciting World War II espionage melodrama based on fact and how the author (M. E. Clifton James) posed by request of M. I. 5 as General Montgomery during a critical period of the war and thus foxed the Nazis. (U) — Canadian Newsreels are screened on Sun/Mon or Mon/Tue weekly subject to arrival by Air Transport.

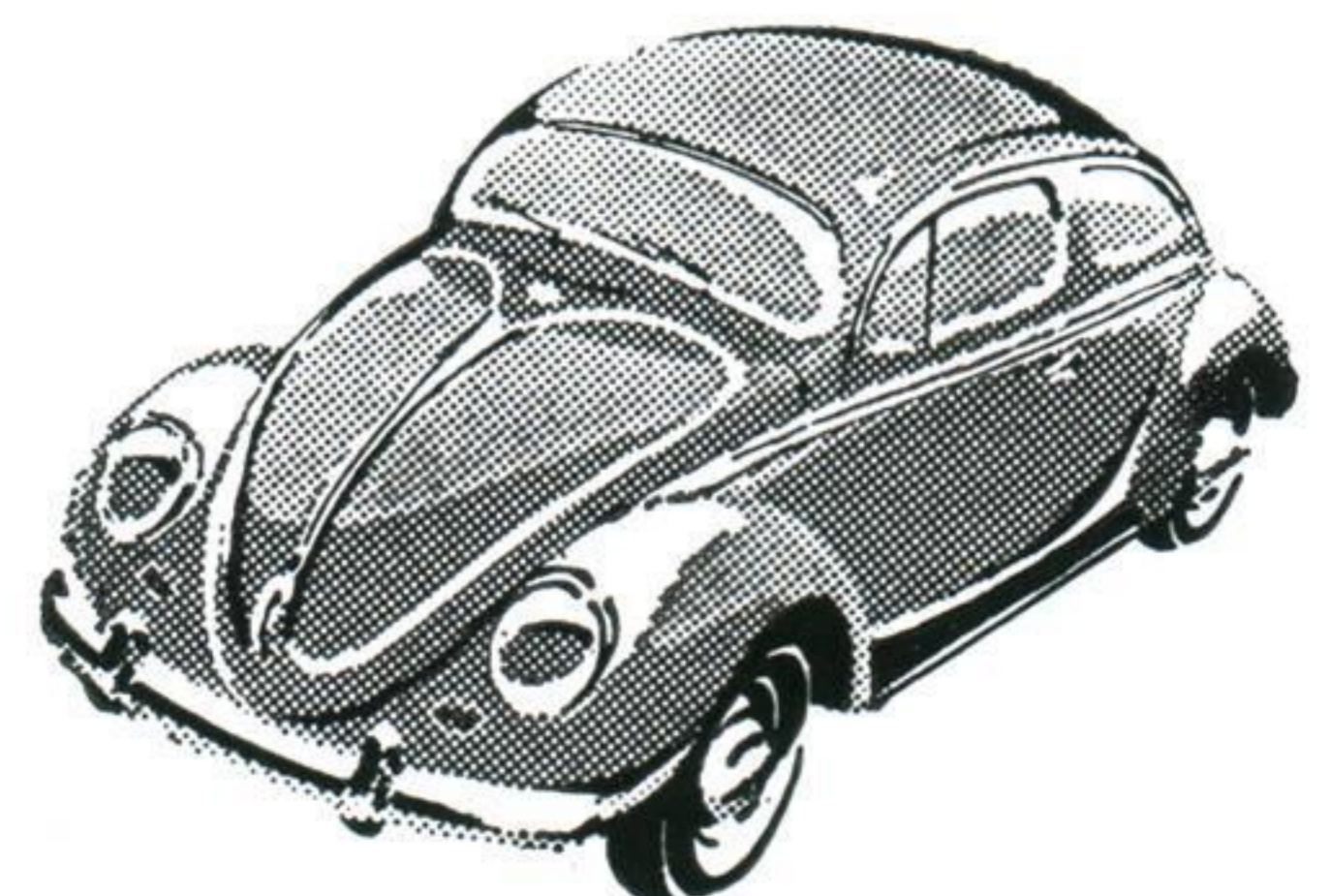


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Your Reading Pleasure

Richard Armour has added to his growing reputation as America's top satire writer with two new books. "It All Started with Marx" is the Armour treatment of Communism from its beginnings to the present day and show "Communist theory and many old friends were carried out by Lenin, Trotzki, Stalin, Malenkov, Kruschew and Others". Dr. Armour, ex - Harvard, now a Professor of English at a Californian university reassures himself that "It All Started with Marx" is "the book least likely to succeed in the Soviet Union". However "It All Started with Columbus" is sure to please Americans and non-Americans everywhere - Richard Armour has managed to present through history the very existence and survival of America, as a feat worthy of laughter as well as praise.

Frank Yerby's latest book "Fairoaks" tells the story of Guy Falks, the Southern aristocrat whose rumoured sordid beginnings send him on a search for truth and justice. Long years of searching take him into the slave trade of New Orleans and Cuba, and to Africa and England. He returns to Fairoaks and his cousin Jo Ann, only when he has found truth and wealth amidst the mystery of his early childhood.

"The Mountain is Young" is by the authoress of "A Many Splendoured Thing" - Han Suyin. In 1956 Han Suyin was invited to attend the coronation of the King of Nepal, the Himalayan Kingdom known as "The Land of the Gods". From this experience she has now written a novel - a love story set in the country and society of the Nepalese people. The heroine, Ann Ford, finds that she has, as a product of Western civilization, lost spiritual prosperity. Her love affair takes on a new meaning for her among the varied group of Nepalese - and European characters in the story. Han Suyin reveals the Nepal of today - an eleventh-century society rich in culture, laughter and wit, invaded by tourists and striving against itself towards the twentieth century.

The Wing Library will be adding "Vogue" and "Harper's Bazaar" to its supply of current magazines in the near future.

Ground Observer Corps

A howling gale backed by heavy seas failed to discourage members of the RCAF's Ground Observer Corps on Salt Spring Island, B. C., recently when they joined forces with the RCAF and other search and rescue agencies in an attempt to rescue eight crewmen from an American tug that sank near Ganges Harbour.

First indication that the vessel had foundered came from the Gulf Island ferry which spotted one man clinging to the bottom of an overturned lifeboat and a second floating nearby in his life jacket. Both men were picked up and word was flashed to the RCAF Rescue Co-ordination Centre at Vancouver.

When it was learned that six other men were unaccounted for, the Rescue Centre alerted the Ground Observer Corps at Ganges and sounded the alarm to marine vessels in the area. The deputy regional supervisor of the Corps at Ganges immediately alerted observation posts in the vicinity and requested all GOBC spotters in the area to comb the beaches as far as possible.

Marine vessels available for search and rescue purposes put to sea as soon as crews could be rounded up and a Canso from 121 Communications and Rescue Flight at Sea Island began scanning the water for possible survivors.

Within a matter of hours the remaining six men had been picked up, but all were dead.

Captain V. C. Best, regional supervisor of the GOBC at Ganges, who was in Vancouver at the time of the incident, was loud in his praise of the manner his organization had carried on without his direction.

While the prime role of the Corps is to report the movements of aircraft, its secondary obligation is to assist in search and rescue operations in British Columbia under the direction of the RCAF Rescue Co-ordination Centre.

FREUDENSTADT

One of the gems of the Black Forest of Germany is the popular resort town of Freudenstadt. In a picture-book setting at the terminus of the Black Forest Highway system, it has been almost completely rebuilt after devastating World War II artillery attacks and now provides a yearly 100,000 tourists with a most enjoyable time.

In addition to the internationally famous therapeutic cures and spas, there are many diversions for vacationers. Among its summer facilities are a tricky 9-hole golf course, tennis and badminton courts, hunting, fishing, swimming and horse-back riding. Set in glittering white snow until late spring, Freudenstadt provides some of the best skiing facilities in the entire Black Forest area, featuring beginners'

courses, lifts and ski-jumps. Tours are provided on horse-drawn sleighs and skating is popular in its rinks.

Forming an integral part of the majestic surroundings is the largest natural park in Germany. Thirty-five meters of garden pathways in this beautifully landscaped park are surprisingly well kept. Many a relaxing day can be spent here in the park alone.

Accommodation for vacationers in Freudenstadt is amply provided in the wide range from very old to ultra modern hotels, all offering friendly service.

Whether looking for a place to spend some leave, or just looking for a place to drive to on a Sunday, Freudenstadt will not prove disappointing. The beautiful breathtaking Black Forest Highway leads directly to its door from Baden-Baden.

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■ **Dear Folks**

Boy, have things ever been in an uproar around here since I last wrote. We've been having our wing hockey playoffs, and it gets real frantic as far as the spectators are concerned. The battle on the ice between the two teams isn't half as exciting as the battle that goes on in the stands between the two different groups of fans. Remember the fight they had at the square dance over at the lake just before I came overseas, when Mitch got his head split open with the Moosehead bottle? Well, that was nothing compared to this. A couple of referees had to throw in the sponge and quit for fear of getting lynched.

I was on a couple of good parties lately. Me and a couple of guys went out on St. Patrick's night and got feeling good at one of the Gasthouses downtown. There was a bit of a fest going on in the next room for someone's wedding anniversary, and just as they were sitting down to their bock-wurst salad and schnapps, one of the guys with me stumbled into their party, stood on the table, and sang "Who threw the overalls in Mrs. Murphey's chowder". I don't think they liked it! Then, another night, a big gang of us were in a place in Rastatt where a bunch of girls hang out. We were all having a real ball, when who should walk in but Karen, my shatz, and saw me doing the cha-cha with one of the locals. She made a big scene and said that I didn't love her anymore because her father was a sausage stuffer. I was going to tell her that dad was once a pheasant plucker at Canada Packers, but I thought I'd better not. Her English isn't too good. We haven't seen each other since, but I'm still managing to have a bit of fun now and then. The one she caught me dancing with has some cha-cha records at home!

The weather has started to get a little better here the past week, so the parties at the Rhine should be getting under way pretty soon. That's the place we all go and boot it after the wet canteen closes, and we don't feel like going to bed right away. It's usually good for a couple of laughs.

Me and my room-mate were sitting in the barracks one night, listening to some Hank Snow records, and we started talking about cars.

Seems his girl friend knows a mechanic in town, and he said they have two prices for repair jobs — one for the locals and the same one times two for us. I figure that next time I go there I'll sport a Bavarian hat, lederhosen and have a roll of salami poking out of my pocket. Then I'll sport all my German — I can say zwei bier bitte — and see if that won't save me some dough.

Our snack bar has had a face lifting since my last letter. Now they have the furniture so it all rocks in the same direction, so that by looking at the guy at the next table, you are fooled into thinking that everything is on the level. Some of our best pilots have come out of there with vertigo. Another deal that comes with the face lifting is a system where they cook all the French fries at the same time, and then put them in a breadbox until they are ready to use them. Then all that is needed is a fast tour through the grease, and they're ready for the plate. Same deal with the hamburgers. Maybe this is the latest way of preparing a meal, but I doubt it. Your son and heir. ELMER

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4 Wing Ladies Basketball team

Ladies Basketball

3 (F) Wing are the Air Div Champions for 1959, having defeated 4 (F) Wing in two games 23-26 and 24-32. Our girls deserve a lot of credit for perseverance, determination and effort as a good many of them were out for their first crack at Basketball. Their hard work paid off as they improved steadily throughout the season and were able to down a very strong team from 1 (F) Wing to enter the finals.

Not all the effort was made by the players, as section heads co-operated in releasing the girls where needed, and in particular, F/O Anderson worked hard on behalf of the girls.

From no team last year to a finalist this year, is some feat, and congratulations go out to Maryln McIntyre, Jan Gibson, Angel Angeltvedt, Dot Robinson, May Taylor, Annette Tang, Lucy Trudell, Mirita Huskins, Blackie Corineau, May Broyson, Peg McHale and Ann Payton.

Station Ladies Broomball

The Station Ladies Broomball finished 4 March with an exciting and hard fought game, between the Sgt's wives and the Airwomen with the Airwomen coming out the winners. It was a real battle all the way, and 12 minutes overtime period had to be played. A bouquet is handed to the Sgt's wives for their terrific support throughout the season and the good organizing of Jessie Carter and Yvette Seguin Good Going Girls.

Following the game all adjourned to the Airwomen's Lounge, where F/O Anderson presented the trophy to Dot Robinson, the Airwomen's Captain. The following weekend the airwomen's team journeyed to 1 (F) Wing for the Air Div Championship. They didn't do as well but they did come home with a prize — the bogy prize. Oh well, girls, there's always another year.



Presentation of Broomball Trophy



Senior N.C.O.s Wives team

Airwomen's team



TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

This year, as in past years, your council has taken on the responsibility of setting up Garden Plots for residents and non-residents of Station P.M.Q's. These plots have already been cleared, thanks to our Boy Scouts and Cubs, raked and plowed and are now ready for prospective gardeners. Fertilizer is to be made available to gardeners and is of a sanitary type, — nitrophosphate to be specific. Our pumps at the garden site will be reworked to make water available. We have many choice lots and these may be had by contacting Sgt Brasnett, Wing Armament, for a nominal fee of \$ 2.00 per lot; the money which you pay is used to finance the cultivation and fertilizer, not for profit.

"Spring has sprung,
The grass is ris,
I wonder where my baseball is."

These words or similar words are working through the minds of many of our pint-sized big leaguers, and it is felt that this enthusiasm of theirs should be assisted by organizing our little league baseball just as quickly as we can and get it off to an early start. We have an urgent requirement for **parents** to volunteer **their** services for **their children** to act as coaches and managers. Come on Dad, get out and dig it for the wee 'uns, without you we will have no league for the children. Just contact Cpl McFarlane at 149 or Cpl Baxter at 157, they would be most pleased to put your name on the list. Plans are well established to have the Little League's field repaired for this season.

An inauguration dinner was held on the 20th of March 1959 at the Krokodil in Baden-Baden attended by both your old and new committees. The chains!!! of office were gently lowered around the mayor's neck, and S/L Mayo, our mayor, supported by F/O Baker, ex-mayor, thanked the past committee for all their efforts. Preparations for the dinner were the responsibility of Cpl Arne Skarbo, who planned every thing in a most excellent manner — our thanks Arne for a job well done.

Until next issue then, remember that your councillor is your representative, your problems are his problems, use him.

PARENTS REQUIRED

TO COACH AND MANAGE THE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL. CONTACT CPL. McFARLANE (149) OR CPL BAXTER (157). FATHERS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THE SEASON A SUCCESS.

CANADIAN NEWS

George Medal — A Staff sergeant with the Princess Pats, Bernard Holligan, has been informed that he has been awarded the George Medal, the second highest award for bravery in peacetime. Sergeant Holligan, who is 33 years old, and a member of the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Pats, is credited with saving the life of a paratrooper during a parachute exercise at Camp Wainwright, Alberta, a year ago. Sergeant Holligan was senior jump master. The man whose life he saved, under particular trying conditions, was Private GG Parker of Meadow Lake Saskatchewan. Parker was left dangling from a Flying Boxcar when something went wrong with his static line after the jump. Although he could have become entangled at any moment and dragged out of the plane, Sergeant Holligan, at great risk to himself, succeeded in dragging the paratrooper back into the aircraft. The rescue took place with the temperature at thirty below zero. Staff Sergeant Holligan is Scottish and served with the British Army before he joined the Canadian armed forces nine years ago.

Bomarc — Defence department authorities have revealed that Canada has decided to cut her guided missile strength by one-half. Originally, some 120 American-made Bomarc guided missiles were slated for installation at two bases in northern Canada. However, confirmation was made that only one squadron — — — composed of 60 missiles would be installed rather than two. Each base will have 30 missiles. The first hint of a cut-back was given in the House of Commons by the Minister of Defence, George Pearkes. Mr. Pearkes estimated that the construction of the two bases would cost 111 million dollars. Last September, when the plan was first made public, he said the cost would be 169 million dollars. The reduction story became public by an odd series of events. The Conservative MP for South Calgary, Art Ross, announced that Air Marshal Hugh Campbell had made a speech to this effect in February. The defence department denied this, pointing out that Air Marshal Campbell cancelled the speech, but come notes on the text of the speech which announced the cutback were released before the cancellation.

External Affairs Minister Dies — The Canadian Minister of External Affairs, Sidney Smith, died suddenly 17 Mar 59. He was 62. It is believed that his death was caused by a heart attack. His wife was with him when he died. He was preparing to leave his Ottawa apartment for the afternoon session of the commons when the collapse occurred.

Aid — The government has announced a four-million, three-hundred thousand dollar aid program for Nova Scotia's sagging coal industry. Five hundred thousand dollars of the amount will be paid by the Nova Scotia government and the rest by the federal legislature. The program is aimed at getting some 700 thousand tons of Nova Scotia coal — most of it surplus — into the central Canada market region.

Babies Registered at the Station Hospital in March 1959

Date of Birth	Name	Father:	Mother:
3 Mar 59	MAJOR, Cherryl, Lee, Ann	218 989 LAC Major D.	Ethel, Catherine
5 Mar 59	WHEELER, Ronald, Allan	17 954 F/L Wheler T. R.	Mildred, Drusilla
6 Mar 59	LeBLOND, Marie, Chantal, Ginette	228 627 LAC LeBlond P. E.	Marielle
7 Mar 59	HEARD, Lucinda, Jean	233 215 F/O Heard R. K.	Leslie, Evelyn
10 Mar 59	NIESSNER, Kim, Coleen	12 324 Sgt Niessner J. A.	Helen, Jean
10 Mar 59	COLES, Michael, Arthur	234 071 LAC Coles A. A. G.	Laureen, Helen
10 Mar 59	LACHANCE, Donald, John	39 106 Cpl Lachance J. F. J.	Sylvia, Joan
18 Mar 59	DUSTON, David, Ian	2302 F/L Duston D. A.	Dorothy, Lucy
18 Mar 59	YOUNG, Brian, Kevin	216 689 LAC Young E. F.	Pierette, Mai
19 Mar 59	BENOIT, Joseph, Gerald, Armand	45 838 LAC Benoit J. A.	Waltraud, Maria



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419



SQN

by F/O Jerry Fink

The vernal equinox arrived with a beautiful, bright and sunny day. Everybody is out walking, driving (mostly), washing cars, buying cars, and doing nothing at all. The spring spirit is here with people getting married or planning to do so and so on.

With the coming of spring, the pace has picked up here on 419 also, and we have enjoyed our quota of car prangs, marriages, divorces, vicious rumours, increased flying activities (consequently decreased night activities), parties und so weiter.

First of all for marriages there was that of F/O James Howard on March 21st, and I think one of our ground crew (an AETech) also made it legal. In the line of PMC incidents there was one for certain — Pontiacs taking the lead. No divorces as yet have been made public. Rumours are continually flying and the most vicious one of late is that Carle & Kirby are here to stay!

On the day of F/O Howard's wedding the fly past was done by F/O MacWilliam, F/O McKean and F/O Hutton. It was a very commendable bit of formation flying, and to quote F/L Bill Kennedy, "Too bad they can only fly like that when they are being watched".

Even tho' it is mid-April, and hockey fans may have forgotten the past season, it must be said that one of the reasons for high spirits on 419 is the victory of our hockey team. The team won top place in the intersection hockey, and then went on to win the play-offs. During the play-off series, the hockey team was fighting for championship on the ice, and along with the rest of 419, beating down the rest of the station. Since the series was so exciting, there were large crowds in attendance, and not much is left to say. However, we can say, "heartiest belated congratulations" to the team and "Let's get that Air Division Championship next year".

This month the squadron welcomes a new crew. F/O Rudy Tremblay (married), and F/O "Chuck" Irwin (single). Also, welcome back to Les Dennis!

CHOP 112

F/O Mike Carle might be thought of as an "Oriental" since he was born in Shanghai, China & lived there for 8 years. However, he moved to Victoria B. C. & received his schooling there. In 1948 Mike joined the RCAF as an airman & was stationed in Eastern Canada until 1952, when he re-mustered to aircrew. Mike spent three years instructing at MacDonald, Man & then two years with the auxiliary support at Vancouver. Following this tour came the OTU course at Cold Lake & a fortunate posting to 419. Mike has had quite a bit of experience with things like gunnery patterns, formation, etc, & his knowledge has already been of benefit to the squadron.



F/O Carle



F/L Kirby

CHOP 112^{1/2}

F/L "Rip" Kirby was born 22 Oct 32 in Toronto. After completing school he joined the RCAF in Nov 1950.

Rip completed navigation training in Summerside and was transferred to 408 (P) Sqn. There he was engaged in 3 years of Arctic survey during summer months and tactical photo recce in winter months. He spent one year as photo operations officer. F/L Kirby was next transferred to Winnipeg in Oct 54 and completed the SNIN course & became staff instructor at AOS. Rip then took the AI course in Jan 56, and remained as staff AI instructor till Oct 58, when he was posted to 3 AW (F) OTU and on to 419 Sqn. Rip will be a real asset to the squadron and we all welcome him aboard.

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Moose Maint

by Cpl Ken Dyer

During the last month our hockey team has won the intersection playoffs, so now maybe we can use our hangar PA system for hangar announcements again. Congratulations are due for a terrific comeback after losing the first two games.

Sgt Mucklestone claims that his section has done more to increase the birthrate of 4 Wing than any other section on the Wing. Any takers? The instrument section set about to prove him wrong with two births this month. LAC Gilchrist and LAC Ferrier were sporting large size smiles as they handed out cigars around the hangar.

Our newest member of the clan is LAC Hovey. He comes to us from WPU in Cold Lake after running around there chasing drogue targets.

LAC Yve Brodeur has been sporting a grand sized "shiner" for about three weeks. He tells us he was hit in the eye with a flying puck, but there are quite a few people who don't believe this.

During a recent visit of some German Air Force personnel an airman was asked what rank Sgt Sawers was. When the German fellow found out, he said with a knowing look, "Oh! -- I thought he was a General or something."

LAC "Snuffy" Smith had a good leave in Italy last month. He decided to go through Switzerland. Seems he ran into a wall of snow about four feet deep and his Opel isn't equipped with cleat tracks so he decided to spend his leave in Rastatt.

Cpl Peace and crew decided to make the hangar doors into the collapsing type a while ago. It all was in vain though because the CEO and crew came and turned them back into rolling doors.

Well, "so long" for this month and congratulations to all those lucky people who got promoted.

Dispersal Digest

by Cpl Jim McGovern

It is not our usual intention to re-hash events that may bring brief moments of sadness to former opponents, but it is imperative that we, of the Moose squadron, sit down momentarily and gloat over our astounding victory in the Intersection hockey playoffs. Some say our team was lucky. We were two games in the hole, and losing by three points in the second period of a very crucial game that would have meant victory to the enemy had they won it. All of a sudden something snapped in the midst of the boys in blue. They went on to close up the gap in that game, and finally win it. From then on through the next two games, they showed what they were. Call it luck if you will, but if luck was flying around as freely as to allow our boys to take three in a row after dropping two, then we might as well say that our opponents were lucky to win the first two. Congratulations once again to the victors. May you win many more titles to the old moose!

Now that the hockey season has ended, we see a few smiling faces in the salt mines that were among the missing at times during the long winter. Games and practices deprive us of a few of our technicians at times, but it was certainly well worth it in lieu of the happy turn of events.

Most of our men at the present time, are serving their regular semi-annual tour on the rock. What a treat it must be for the single men to be spared the pain of the weekly barrack cleanups. Some of them may return to 4 Wing minus the severe cases of dishpan hands and housemaid's knees, that they so gallantly acquired during the barrack blitz.

Perhaps some kind-hearted soul could set up his record player in the 419 barrack washroom, so that Bill Betts could listen to lullaby music while he sleeps in there.

A few of the fitters have been doing a bit of aviatin' lately. A fair number of comments were heard around the smoke room after these various flights into the wild blue yonder such as "40,000 feet is a real prima platz to get rid of a hangover" or "I would have been all set if the cap didn't have holes in it" or "all I did was burp and look what happened"! AMEN

THE AIRMAN'S WEDDING

Wilt thou have this woman as thy wedded wife, to live together in so far as the Dept. of National Defence will allow. Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour her and keep her, take her to the movies once a week, and come home regularly on the 5.10 bus? "I will"

Wilt thou have this airman as thy wedded husband, bearing in mind forty-eights, night duty, duty watch, sudden orders, and most of all -- uncertain mail communications, and all other penalties of Air Force life. Wilt thou obey him, even as an AC 2 obeys a Corporal, press his uniforms, polish his buttons, and bear his little airmen? "I will"

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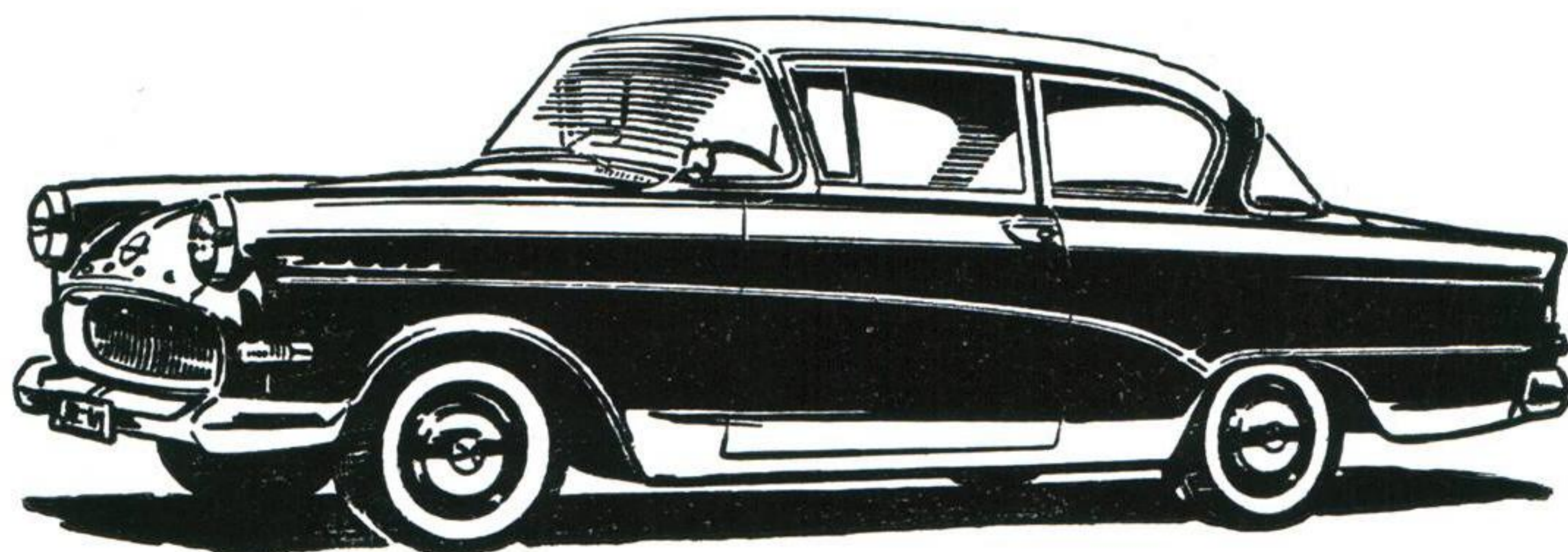
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by F/O Wm J. McArthur

March, the month of meteorological turmoil closed on a happy note with fine days, the Easter recess, and a return of the golfing season. Already the fanatic golfers may be seen sneaking out the gate at 4:30 or even 3:30, only to return a few hours later with their tragic stories and mumbled references to that "damned fool game"!

Since the hockey finals, we feel a little like Pancho Gonzales must after playing Lew Hoad — licked in straight sets, Man! The licking was certainly no reflection on the will of our team for they played the game without doubt in its true spirit, i. e. hard and clean. Whilst referring to the spirit it is only fair to report that our vote for the „Sportsmen of the Year“ title goes to 444. We remember playing them in rugby as well hockey and if ever a team has deserved the title of "Sportsmen" it is theirs, for even against, heavy odds they have played the game cleanly, well, and without unnecessary comment. This provides an interesting contrast to some others we have met on occasion.

The field of sports was not all blank for 422 though, for F/O Morin managed to take the Air Div diving championship against some rather strong competition.

Personnel changes include the arrival of F/O Bill Bell from Canada and the departure of F/O Harry Drover for that haven. Shortly before leaving F/O Drover attained 1.000 hours Sabre time which earned him a separate column this month. We are pleased to have F/O Lough back in our midst and hope that F/O Hayes enjoys and profits from his TD in Canada.

Final report for the month comes from the S. M. U. who recently consolidated Anglo-Canadian relations with a few well-chosen words in Nottingham. Reportedly one gay young F 86 driver whose girl-friend was being filched from under his nose, when asked by a local dignitary if he was a jet pilot, replied, "Heck no, I'm a — — — idiot"! The well-intentioned dignitary, not fully understanding the "deeper" meaning of this verbal gem, stood for a while contemplating the remark. By the time he had conceived of a suitably adroit reply the young blade was headed for the door complete with wrested female in tow.



F/O Harry Drover

Unfortunately we of 422 are about to lose F/O Harry Drover. Those of us who, for the past few years, have had the pleasure of working with "The Guv'ner" will certainly remember him as an excellent friend to have around, both in the air and on the ground. There are more than a few of us who have staggered home on his wing, not only from the murk with fouled up transceivers and suchlike, but occasionally from a mess party with everything fouled up!

Harry has always been the outspoken enemy of waste and useless bumpf, and we certainly hope that he will utilize this most valuable trait in civilian life to which he now goes.

It is gratifying that F/O Drover, during his last few weeks at Soellingen, attained 1.000 hours Sabre time — a mark of no little distinction. We know that "the Guv" will do well on civvy street, possibly flying that big 707 which he talks about so much. So with regret it is adios to a swell guy.

"Tech Type Times of 422"

by Mitch

First things first necessitates the reporting of our Annual Officers-Airmen "hockey" game held on 25 March. The 3-2 ending resulted in the flyboys reluctantly handing over the squadron fur-lined thundermug to the victors. This success was achieved DESPITE the refereeing of W/C Wright.



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Tomahawk Wives Talk

by Pamela McArthur

In all fairness though, I suppose he refereed the game pretty well, missing only a few minor incidents, one of them being a matter of 23, or was it 24, players on the ice simultaneously, but I guess a ref can't see everything.

While on the subject of hockey, a "Well done, fellows," must be put forth to our squadron hockey team, who, though not victorious, certainly gave a good account of themselves and definitely went a long way to help make the season such a successful one for the station. Also before I finish with this topic, on behalf of the squadron members I extend a sincere vote of thanks to a fellow who is brimming with squadron spirit: the man behind the scenes who gave so freely of his time and energies throughout the hockey season and who, by virtue of the job he has done, was literally unheard of. I'm referring to our Equipment Manager LAC Ralph Campbell. Many thanks Ralph.

Swinging off course slightly, although still in the realm of sports, brings to mind bowling which has recently completed a quite successful season. Once again I'm afraid I must report that the Tomahawks were not victorious. Although we did get into the play-offs, once again proving that we provided good competition throughout the season, at the crucial time we rather fell apart at the seams, to say the least. At the present time the team is in the process of planning how they can have the most fun out of the funds collected in the inevitable "blow-pot". Sgt Art Stratton, though a late comer to the team is keenly interested in the party, as I'm told he has donated rather freely at times of his hard-earned geld.

The past month has seen an upsurge in canopy cleaning since our "jetjockeys" have been piling up the hours doing Cine flips — along with droguing for 419. We of the Tomahawk Troupe certainly don't begrudge these affiliations with the Moose as we readily understand that the practice they receive will certainly do them no harm! In appreciation of what we are doing for the Moose I'm informed that they reciprocate by letting us use the harmonization butts now and then to let us get our own aircraft in shape. Thanks loads, fellows!

By the time this article is in print the trade board will be once more a thing of the past, but, at any rate, to all those concerned, Good Luck!

Another bunch of our lads recently returned from the Zweibrucken "Gen Pan"; among them was LAC Milner with an admirable 96%. Good going, fella!

Last issue, regretfully, I omitted announcing the arrival of one potential Com. Tech. He is the second child, second son, of Cpl and Mrs Gordie Foster. Belated congratulations to you both.

Now before signing off, congratulations are extended to those lucky fellows who reached the next plateau in their Air Force careers. To Sgt were: Cpls Tye and Hagans. To Cpl were: Browne, Dinney, Tait, Praud, Young, Sproule, Sommen, & Aultman.

Departure of Mrs. Jean Herbin this month to Metz was the occasion of a farewell party at the home of Mrs. May Stelter on Wednesday evening, March 4th. Jean, one of our stalwart and talented bridge players will be much missed but not only among the card sharks, for Jean's personality has contributed much to the activities of 422 wives. Having come over with the Herbins on the boat, we know that Jean and Charlie will find many friends in France, some of whom were also included in the gay group of seagoing party instigators. The party for Jean was the only social event except for bridge this month, so it was the only chance we had for the regular charades conflict!

In the "arrivals department", we wish to welcome two "newies" in the persons of Mrs. Isobel Helm, and Mrs. Joan Jamieson. Isobel has been spending some time in Dublin, Ireland, with her parents and so has not met everyone yet, but we hope she and her little livewire daughter, Kathy, 8 months, will enjoy life at the wing for the next couple of years. Likewise our good wishes are extended to Joan and 4-year-old daughter, Rhonda, who have not officially met the group either though Joan sent a very nice note of regret to the party.

Bridge this month was held for the first time at a home on the economy. On Tuesday, the 10th, we met in Baden-Baden with hostess, Mrs. Olga Howe. Olga's flower arrangements were much-admired and the arrival of most of the group together got the evening off to an early start. The second card party was held at the home of Mrs. Doris Tuele on Wednesday, the 25th. So ended the month of March and we hope you all had a nice Easter holiday.

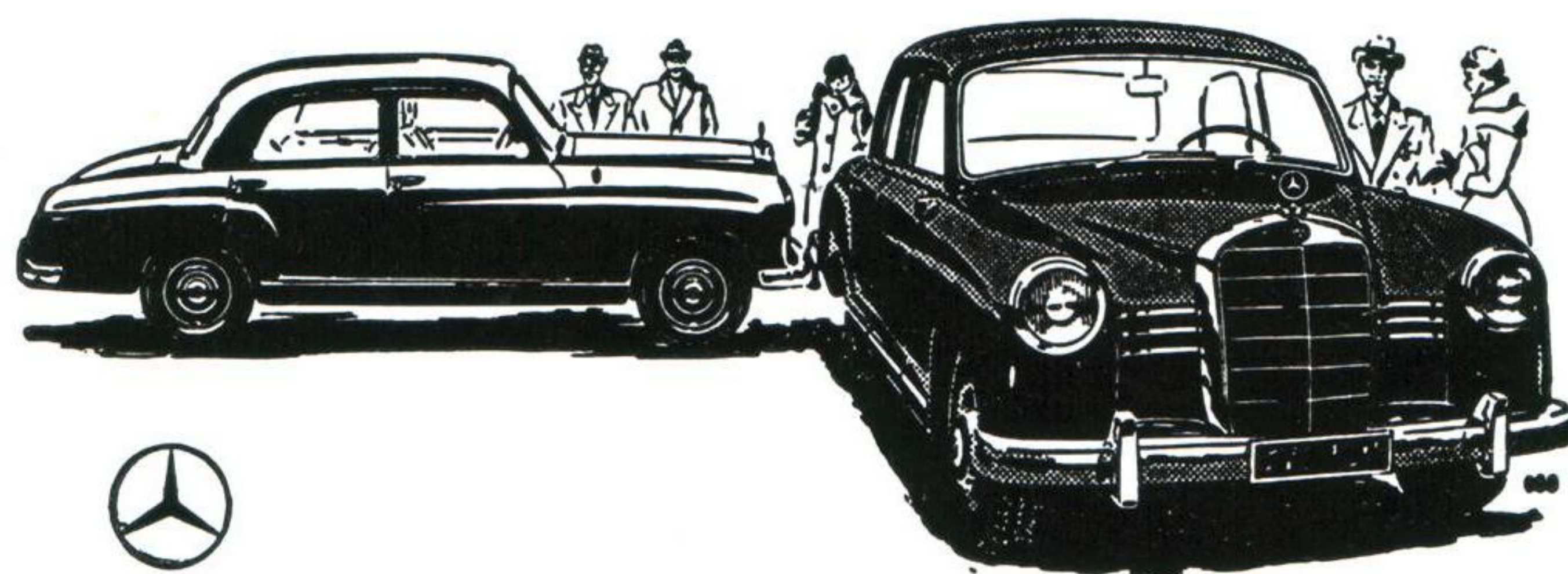
Civil Defence — In a broad outline of civil defence, Mr. Diefenbaker has told the House of Commons that the government will assume an increased proportion of the cost for approved projects. He also added that the Army would be counted on heavily. On provincial and local projects, the Prime Minister said, the federal government will pay 75 instead of 50 percent of the total cost. He said the army would be called upon for some of the technical civil defence functions now being carried out by civilian civil defence organizations. Among these functions he listed attack warning, explosion and radiation detection, damage decontamination and first aid. Mr. Diefenbaker said that hospital services, emergency billeting, feeding and welfare would be directly in the hands of provincial organizations. Law would remain the responsibility of local authorities.

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by F/O Randall

March seems to have been a busy month for the squadron. Although it was during the lenten period, we managed to squeeze in our necessary parties so all went well. Now with Easter behind us and spring here every one is looking forward to an enjoyable summer.

To start off our social activities this month the squadron had its farewell party for S/L Massier, F/O Fenton and F/O Stone, all three of whom have been with the squadron for approximately three years. S/L Massier who received his third ring the last promotion list is going back to AFHQ for a desk tour. F/O Stone who is one of our valuable FWI's is going to Chatham as an instructor. F/O Fenton came to us from 414 squadron. Glenn is going back to civilian street. We will miss them all and we hope they will occasionally drop the Cobra boys a card.

It was during this social evening that the Rug Weaving Moose Squadron decided to make an attempt to capture our Cobra. However the snake quickly rose to the occasion and held the moose at bay by hissing the odd stream of water at anyone who dared invade our territory.

The squadron gained four newies this month. First on the list are two kinder — Lucinda Jean Heard daughter of F/O and Mrs. Heard, and Roland Allen Wheeler son of F/L and Mrs. Wheeler. Our two new pilots which we would like to welcome to the squadron are F/O Jack Allard and F/O Mal Joyce.

Our second party this month was for Doctor and Mrs. Collins, well known figures at many of our social events. We know Doctor Collins will be remembered by all members of the squadron especially for his amusing comments. The doctor and his family who are leaving 4 Wing soon have the best wishes for a happy and successful future from all Triple Four.

The SMU types took advantage of the fine weather the last couple of weekends by taking two sections to Copen-

hagen. From all reports I think I can safely say it was enjoyed by all.

A quick look at sports for this month. In the hockey department 419 squadron's team showed its playing ability by coming back to win the last three games in the five game series against Wing Maintenance for the championship. Now they can legally wear those jackets they bought last year. If they change the date on them.

Our officers bowling team failed to make the play-offs but our ball team is still doing very well.

444 Groundcrew News

by Cpl "Bill" Heslop

Time sure flies, doesn't it? Here it is the middle of April and another summer will soon be upon us. The camping enthusiasts with their trailer-towing cousins will soon be taking off on weekends and annual leave to see some of the famous landmarks which are so conveniently situated within reasonable range.

The hockey season has come to a close with 419 emerging as station champs. They won with one of the most gallant comebacks ever witnessed on this wing. Unfortunately they ran out of steam at 1 Wing, for if they had copped the Air Div trophy it would have given 4 Wing an unprecedented three straight wins and sole possession of the cup won previously by 444 and W/Maint. To our team goes out a "well done, gang!" Although we went through the entire season and never won a game, the spirit of sportsmanship you displayed throughout the campaign was rewarding enough. If there was a trophy for the gamest team I'm sure we would have taken it hands down. The 444 "Reptiles" captured the station bowling championship for the second consecutive year in an exciting play-off with the "T" shirts whom they edged by only 22 pins. Lac "Mitch" Mitchell was once again our shining star in the curling world. The team he curls with won the Seagrams Trophy, emblematic of the station champions for the second year in a row. Good show, "Mitch". Although the 444th was operational over the Easter week-end, all was not sweat and toil. The dispersal invited the hangar crew up to the line on Easter Sunday for an Easter egg hunt. At least that was the impression we received until The Hat issued us with shovels and told us to start digging and sand-bagging.

The tour of the squadron this month begins at the hangar so let's go.

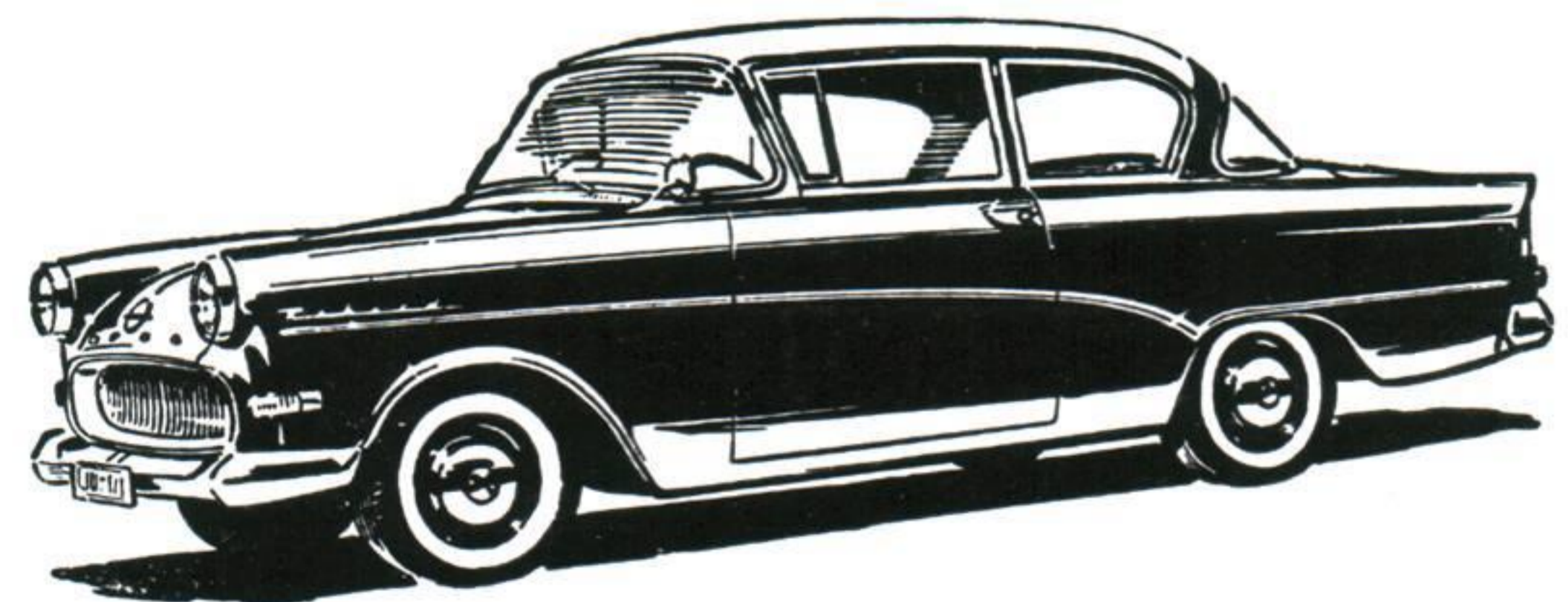
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Hangar — Cpl "John" Crawford is back with us once again. Someone told him he was selected to go to California on a Bomarc course and after the rumor proved false, he was apprehended at LeHavre, France seeking transportation on a tramp steamer heading for the states via the Panama canal. Sgt "Gus" Seguin is mobile once again in his new "Volks" with the Cadillac horns. Cpl "Tom" Lawson is the dart player who, due to his mediocre playing ability, is allowed to shoot six darts to everyone else's three. Lac "Bob" (how are you fixed for blades??) Harris can be best associated with that love-sick, hill-billy, ballad, entitled, "Schoolboy Crush". Lac "Nick the Greek" Stoliar is the only tool crib tech I know of who demands to see your "I" card when signing out tools. Of course what can you expect from a guy who is told to order an elevator and comes back from supply with an aileron. That's OK, Nick, you'll be cutting out E42's and E47's in the shape of paper dolls by the time you get out of there. Look what it did to "Mitch"! Lac "Randy" Demont has been playing nursemaid to the ME section's gas bowsers for the past few weeks. Cpl "Guy" Menard was overheard recently getting a complete diagnosis of his health from Cpl "George" (Dr. Kildare) Lettellier. Planned Maintenance has invaded our little establishment and the results are slowly beginning to prove worthwhile (HEH, HEH). We acquired a new souvenir in the form of a flagpole which was expertly pilfered from "A" flight and dumped in our front yard by person or persons unknown. "A" flight also has a very pretty vegetable garden growing in behind their tent and their scare-crow (much to our surprise) appeared hanging by its neck from our large engine stand. Don't know who the thieving varmints are, "A" flight, but we'll keep our eyes open ('twas probably "B" flight alla time, fellas). We now hop into the unimog and as we leave the "Reform school" we look over our shoulder and see Lac "Nutsy" Gill standing in the doorway yelling "farewell" in his highly-polished "Mad" dialect which went something like this "IT'S CRACKERS TO SLIP A ROZZER THEDROPSY IN SNIDE."

Well, well, well, here we are at the dispersal, the home of clanging horse-shoes, yellow-alerts and the keenest inter-flight rivalry this side of the Harper-Aitken line. I hear Cpl "Don" Ullman has gone in for photography, that is he did until he went for a bad spill down the stairs accompanied by his new camera. Oh well, "Don", you still have a nifty carrying case which can be used to carry a pretty mean "flask". Lac "Mel" Jackson can now be seen wheeling around in a brand new "Volks" with white-walls, yet. Who are the famed "Bobsey Twins" who have become inseparable in the past few months???? Cpl "John" Speedie has just completed the Sabre VI course at 3 Wing and appears raring to go. Lac "Don" Sinnema is quite the Romeo according to the boys down at the "Greentrees". That's all for now from the dispersal. It seems no one wants to do any reporting from there so if you fellas want to have an article submitted each month I suggest some one volunteer to do the writing. This is my last article and it's been fun doing it. I sure hope some one picks it up from here and continues to have the squadron represented each month. Belated congratulations on their recent promotions are extended to Cpls: Speedie, Ullman, Gogan, Crawford, Wiedendorf and Griffiths. To the only new Sgt goes out a "well done, Sgt "Jack" Snape".

Wing Maintenance

by Sgt Lowdon

We are sorry that due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to make it in time for the last edition. This month we seem to be lacking reports from two of our stalwarts, however, I have a few items in mind that should serve to fill in the gaps.

I would like to take this opportunity of bringing to your attention that the camping season is once more upon us. This will not be anything new to the old hands at the game, as we notice they are starting to put their gear into shape already. I would like to put this down in print for some of the new arrivals who may be interested.

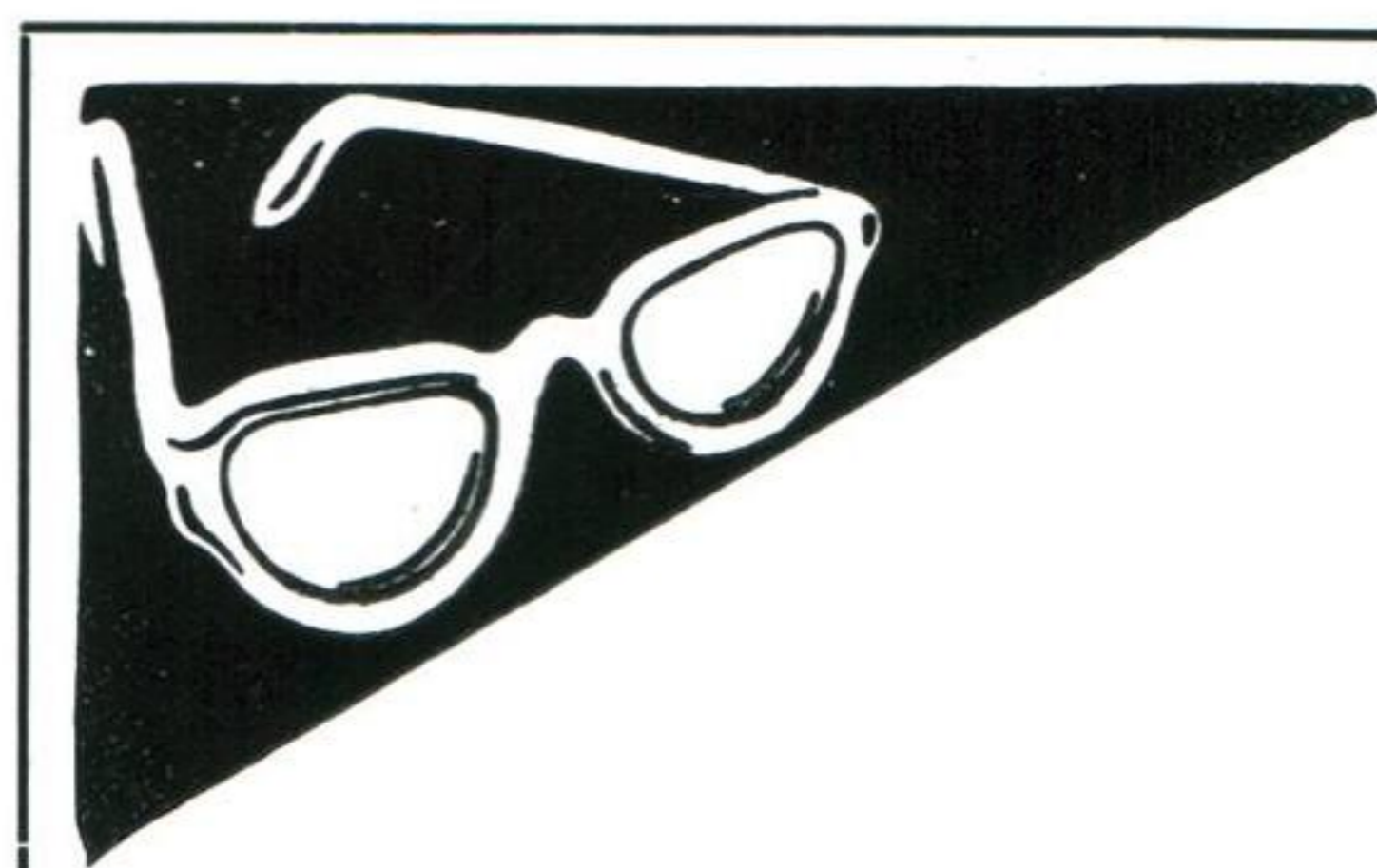
When I arrived here I was impartial to camping, but had the idea in the back of my head that I should give it a try. So we started looking around at all the various bits of equipment in all the shops, and wound up getting thoroughly confused with dollars, marks, francs and the various lingos. I was fortunate in that we were lent enough equipment to go out for a week, and now this year I have purchased the necessary equipment and the type of equipment that suits my particular family needs the best.

If you are in the market for camping gear, there are any number of sources available to you. Speaking for myself, the first place I would start would be in the PX. There is available through central warehouse a good variety of tents, tables, chairs, sleeping bags and air mattresses. These can be ordered and should be delivered in about three to four weeks at the most. If you are more adventuresome, and wish to have a fling on the economy, then you can start at Rastatt, Karlsruhe, Strasbourg, St Avold, Metz. Any of these towns will show you an infinite variety of gear and prices. You name it and somebody sells it at your price, if you happen to be at the right place at the right time. For my part, I finally arrived at the point where I had seen so much that I was tired of looking. I wound up back at the PX and am quite happy with my choice.

As for where to go and how to get there, I couldn't begin. Let it then suffice to say that camping atlases can be purchased on this unit and will supply you with all the information, down to the minutest detail, on all the available spots and how to get there.

For those wishing to try their hand at the game before going overboard on purchases, camp gear can be rented on the economy. Off hand I don't know where, but ask about and someone is sure to know. Failing that, come and see me and I'll find out for you.

Advice is cheap, and you'll get more than you need most likely, so I may as well put in my two cents worth right now. For those of you who are not old hands at the game, I would advise you not to buy all your gear, pack it in the car and head off to Spain or Norway. I would say take a small jaunt to one of the local spots such as Rotenfels and get the hang of it. If you are anything like my chum and I, you may find that all goes not as smoothly as expected for the first day or two or three. We believe that our camping in the future will benefit from our first local trip and be much more enjoyable for it. Don't be discouraged by the first few setbacks, you'll get back as much pleasure from your camping matter what the weather.



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Now for a few words from the Safety Equip Section by Harvey Brown. What's new from the depths of the well, Harv?

There are three new faces in the section, LAC D. J. "Joe" Gillis from Chatham, LAC J. E. Bernard, who is not a newcomer to the wing, as contact trainee, and from Trenton Cpl J. W. G. Madore. Welcome to our section and the wing, we hope your stay is a pleasant one.

Congratulations to LAC and Mrs. Benoit on the birth of a son. Thanks for the cigar, Ben.

The other day, after picking up a couple of quarts of milk in the new Soggy Bottom Cartons, we proceeded to the PX to procure a few toilet articles. Among the things needed was a tube of toothpaste. A request for this received the reply that there was only one brand, Pactor and Grumbles new Sludge with Fluroscene or something. "Better than a new paint job" — that can't be right — oh, it's "Better for your enamel". Sounded good, even smelt good, so we bought some. Besides there was no other choice and supplies at home were quite low. On getting home we noticed printed on the carton "WARNING" not for children under six years! Gad! our young uns couldn't use it. For one it didn't matter as he hasn't any teeth yet anyway, but the other fellow is on short rations from the old tube until our next trip to Karlsruhe.

Now we swing over to Wing Training Flight and "The Duke".

Well, here we are back again after missing a month. Our apologies if we made a few brash predictions two issues ago, those predictions which nearly shoved The Moose aside. The Moose never lost so much weight around here.

There is one young lad who has been walking around here with a glum look and gnashing of teeth. What is the matter, Whitehall? Maybe an impending internal transfer?

We understand that Pete Chaluk was out chasing chickens last weekend.

LACs Weatherbie and Steadman are both sporting brand new Volkswagens, lucky fellows. With April coming there will be a boom in leave passes, with all the fellows branching out to the gay spots of Europe. A few of us have decided to go to Le Havre to see FS Mohr's new "Ford Automatic Station Wagon" first hand.

"Flash" Lafleche has decided to move to new quarters in Rastatt, right over a Gasthouse; he says it makes him feel more like Montreal all the time.

Congratulations are in order to the Cpl's Club Hockey Team for the splendid showing this year.

LAC Martin has had his crumpled fender repaired and states that he is ready for next winter's ice, so beware.

Time is pressing and our little paragraph will only just make the Flieger so, "so long" for now.

Now for a few words from a section that is heard from usually only in L14's. I am referring to Inner Sanctum or better known as Log Control. In the future we hope to be able to give regular reports from this section by means of an additional reporter. In the meantime I will fill in a little news from the turkey tracks handed to me on a scrap of paper by Inner Sanctum's chief howler, Sgt Andy Olynyk.

First we wish to welcome F/O Caron as our head coffin maker, also welcome to two other members of the club

LACs Walter Kudiba and Brian Johnson — — recent arrivals from Canada. We wish you a pleasant tour in this country, and by the way, put down that oil can, the door is supposed to squeak. We also want to thank LAW Dot Robinson for a job well done and wish her the best of luck in her new job with the C TechSO.

LAC Slaght played a full season of hockey with the airmen and wound up in the hospital nursing a gammy knee. Hurry back Ed, the section has lost a lot of its old growl since you have been away.

Another member on the staff, — —mind you he hasn't passed the ghost board yet as he is on loan from Wing Maint — —, is LAC Hetherinton. He is doing a great job though, now that he is beginning to wade through the jungle of paper that was thrown at him. Here's hoping they don't bleed you dry, Wes.

We wish to pass on our thanks to Cpl Danyluk for the work he did in the EO library and by the way Danny, bring back the white sheet and the ghost whistle and knives; we wish to pass them on to Cpl Schnider who is at the moment a bit bewildered by the stacks of EO's and revision coming in from day to day. We need the paraphernalia for Cpl Schnider's initiation.

That's all from the Ghost house for this month.

Now we swing back to Jack Lowdon for a sports report on items handed to him by FS Fairbain, John Peebles and friend Stubbington.

First of all in the Curling dept. Wing Maint is well represented in the upper bracket. As I write this, two rinks skipped by Jock Fairbain and Joe Wregget are playing off for the Seagram Trophy and the winner of that event was Joe Wregget's Rink. Boy, that is as hot as you can get for up to the minute news.

Running from April 2 until April 17 is the final bonspiel for the Wing. All those with any interest would do well to come out and watch. Then beginning April 18, 19 and 20 is the Air Div Bonspiel which will feature participants from 1, 2, 3, 4, Wings, Langar and 1 Air Div. There will be a maximum of four rinks from each place and 4 Wing is entering four rinks.

Turning now to the last look at Hockey for this season. We in Wing Maint are very proud of our hockey team and justly so, I think you must agree. The boys caught fire near the tail end of the season and fought right through to the final whistle of the FIFTH GAME of the finals. Congratulations to all the players and people connected with the team and also congratulations to their wives for their part.

While we are busy congratulating everyone let us not forget to say it to 419 on winning the station championship. However, it appears that this Moose after all, is not much of a travelling animal because they sure got their antlers tied up in the wire net up at 1 Wing. Perhaps it is not a genuine Moose after all, or on the other hand perhaps they did so much blowing around here that there was none left when the chips were down. It is a mystery that the Moose seem to be keeping very much to themselves.

Taking a look at the fastball season coming up we see that this year as every year Wing Maint will be entering a team in both the A and B leagues. We hope the boys are able to duplicate last year's record. It will be pretty hard to beat it. We also hear that a slow pitch league is in the making and should provide keen competition among the older fellow.

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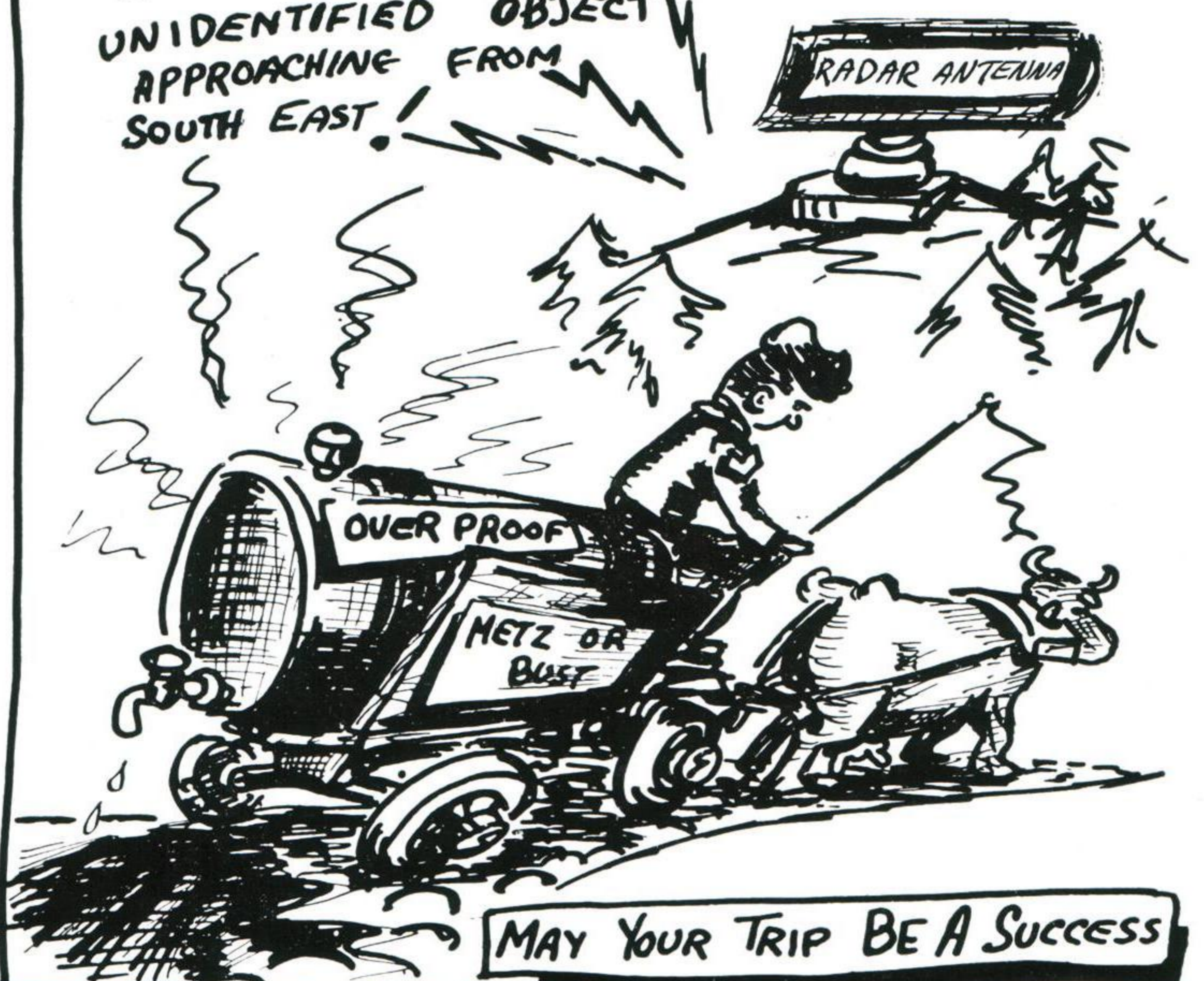
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Wing Armament

by J. R.

Here we are with some more gen from our little hide-out.

First we would like to say welcome to our two newcomers; Lac Lyons to the "Crystal Ball" group, and Lac Nugent to the Orderly Room. We hope that they enjoy their stay at 4 Wing.

The Section is quiet these past few days and it was discovered that the reason was our gross F. S. has left for a Bomb Disposal Course in England. We hear that kippers and stout are fattening so it looks like 5BX will get a double workout when FS. Waller gets back.

Our Boy, Howey is back in the Bone Shop again. I guess he didn't get well enough acquainted with the girls his first time through so decided to try again.

While on the subject of people leaving let us say "so long" to our Tech Rep. Fred Mullen who returned to the "Land of the Round Door Knobs". We are sorry to see you go Fred, but hope to meet again.

Stn Comox must be quite the place as our two Comox Kids are sure leading our fellows astray. Such quiet fellows all day at work, but out with the boys and it's the old cry "Let's have a Party".

It is not hard to see that cars are the Airman's delight what with a parking lot full and two fellows with two rods each. It seems that getting a new car is quite easy, but disposing of the old one is sometimes quite a problem, but friend Hands is always ready to help.

Red, at long last has his rod mobile again even though the rad is like a fountain and the engine like a cement mixer, but it goes and that's what counts.

Still on the subject of wheels, we saw a few queer things on the Plumbus side of the lot, — an odd-looking thing that was the first Opel built and is still going when pushed by pedals. Also, a Pogo Stick has replaced a black Volks. Some fellows really go for the 5BX or is it because of the lack of room in the Volks?

It looks like a scheme is coming in the next few weeks as there are several camouflage boxes in stores and in the back shop. The fellows did a good job of camouflaging them, but if you look real hard you can see them.

The bowling race is close this year with the Cannon Balls in there fighting for a play-off spot. They should do it easy with all due respects to their skill. So the best of luck fellows and we hope you make the grade.

Look at those Combines go — from the cellar to third place. It might be the first time they have been up there, but they are there and the other teams had better watch out, because they are out to get the cup and with lots of support from the fans it shouldn't be too hard to trim old Bruce. By the way, there is a new hat in Combine's cheering section and we are glad to see it there instead of in Bruce's section.

A few lines to our cousins "Beaky" and "Skin Head" who bother us constantly for help and advice; we appreciate the peace and quiet while you are away. Bye for now.

SUPPLY

Here we are again without very much to say, so I'll make it brief and save you the possibility of eye strain. The mental strain should be sufficient. We are quite happy to announce that there were no transfers out before this edition so if anyone owes you money you needn't panic. We do have a new face among us though. Welcome to LAC HQ King and his wife who we hope will enjoy a happy stay among us. He is, by the way, no relation to Ken King of the R & I Section.

The storage site behind Tech Stores is finally completed and a new parking lot (four cars only) been installed, compliments of Air Movements.

FS Munroe and Jeannie Harfitt are back, from leave and if anything unusual happened they just aren't talking. I guess quite a few of us took advantage of the nice sunny Easter week-end to do a little travelling. Willy Weekes for example toted his wife and Jeannie off to Lille, France, where Bill has relatives. Bill picked up a stick in his wheel on the way home and got quite a scare. I guess he thought he was dragging the body of a none-too-quick pedestrian.

Right here I would like to thank the fellows who thought enough of their section to represent them on the volley ball team. Although we didn't win we sure put up a good fight. Maybe next year. Speaking of maybe next year the promotion board didn't deem it fit to raise the status of even one Supply Tech so to the downhearted I would like to dedicate the following.

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Another first of April flown,
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The clubs were open half the night,
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Open beer was everywhere,
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The party's over for this year,
We're back to paying for our beer,
We've had ourselves a darned good cry
And hung the towel up to dry.

J. H. C.

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by Laurie Morris

Easter is over with — what a relief. It was nice to have four days off, but to many of us it proved to be too much. First, many trips were made to Ami PX to try to purchase Easter cards and also to get a very large supply of toothpaste (none of us wanted to wear a new outfit with a yellow smile). We're hoping that next year our PX will be supplied in time for each occasion with cards — it's pretty hard to send a "Happy Birthday to my Sweetheart" to your parents at Easter or even a "Get Well" card. I was looking in the PX the day after Easter Monday for a bargain when I noticed, on one of the shelves some toothpaste — better buy them now, because they soon will be out of them. Some of us took the opportunity to travel to Holland and other nearby countries — I myself took a trip to Holland. The Sat before I had to buy a tire on the economy for 85 DM (our auto club as usual were out of them) and then when I arrived in Amsterdam my car broke down. After three hours of searching for a mechanic, to my relief I found one that would agree to start repairs early Monday morning to be finished around supper time — this cost quite a bit too. We drove back all night — and I was so tired but most of all very angry at this auto of mine — oh for July to come soon (that's when I get the Volk's I hope I have enough money left to pay for it by then).

Flash — We have for you an unusual souvenir from Hugelshheim, Germany — one that will make you the envy of everyone — a beautiful German-made sink. This sink has an interesting background that will be given to you on purchase — if you are interested contact any of the airwomen in BB 17A.

Good luck to Cy, Lucie and Marlene who left for Zweibrücken on course — I believe they will need it, with inspection and the works every day — it will be a change to the usual routine.

We had two accidents last week-end, and are glad to hear that no one was hurt. I guess one has to drive more carefully these days or leave the car in the garage (what garage?).

Mary and Barb are going into the Budgie bird business — I think they have more faith than I do because I'm sure that the budgie birds are of the same sex. But I may be proven wrong — so anyone interested in purchasing one, please place your order with them as soon as possible — they will be limited.

Inkey and Ida left foggy Germany for soupy England — They spent a week in London town, had a wonderful time but advise us not to eat in the Greek restaurant. It seems they were taken in and very disappointed. First of all it was Inkey's idea to eat there — they found the place as modern as can be and the prices also — they were given a Greek menu (I can just see their face) they ordered, but in the dark as to what they were going to receive and were brought a plate each containing one small pork chop, a few wrinkled peas and a couple of french fries — with a kleine cup of coffee (in one gulp it was all gone) for the price of over \$ 4.00 for the two. They could not afford any more and did not dare drink anything just in case the prices were doubled. By experience one learns. I thought that since their arrival in Germany they had learned never to order something you don't understand or don't know as it usually ends up with very little or a dessert instead of a meal.

Promotion has come and gone — leaving us with two more cpls — and three who received their substantive rank. Congratulations to all — and to the ones who did not see their name on the list, — perhaps next year.

Bikes have proven to be at times very useful but with one airwoman proved to be a nuisance. Have you got your jacket clean yet Blackie?

Airwomen are asked not to bother the Orderly Officer early in the morning when they are starved, but to try and keep a supply of rations on hand. I believe Angel has a supply on hand, now.

Trade Board is over and quite a relief to a few of the girls at this Wing — I hope that everyone passes with flying colours.

Smokehouse News

by Cpl Punch Bowden

There is not too much news this month, things are slow as far as news goes. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Scott and family to Germany and wish them a pleasant stay. A few of our stalwarts are returning to that wonderful place called Canada in the persons of Sgt Harvey and Ann Miller to Edmonton, Cpl Warren and May Stratton to Chatham and last but not least LAC Dave Penny to Sea Island. We wish the best of luck to you all on your new stations. Think the Gia will go that far, Harvey?

The Carmicheals and Litowskis must have had a good time on leave in Spain judging from all the bull stories flying around the section. Tell us another bull story Ron.

The crying towel got a good workout in the section on the 1st of April. No promotions, but Sgt Russ Drabik figures what's one more year to a 20 year man.

Congratulations to LAC and Mr. Belliveau on the birth of their first child, a bouncing baby girl. I hear they're cheaper by the dozen, Clarence. I notice Cpl Bluff Thompson hobbling around. What's the matter Tom, the toes a little tender? Hope to see you back at work soon (I want a day off).

I noticed Willy Hayes out in the field by PMQ's about two weeks ago pitching his tent. I hear he had it all figured out how much rent he would save if he camped out for the remainder of his tour.

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Photo Club

by Tom Owen

After an absence of a month your Photo Club is back in the Flieger. Our big news is a change in executive. Ron Coulson is being moved to Metz to carry out duties in his new trade; public relations. Let's hope it doesn't set RCAF public relations back too far. Good luck Ron. Our new President took the chair on March 11. He is F/O Giles (pronounced Gill) Sicard. His experience in the Cold Lake Photo Club should come in handy here. We can expect to make progress under his able leadership but only if he receives your support. Let's get out and make these meetings pay off in experience and fellowship. Incidentally girls (wives and airwomen) although we have so far no female members, if you are interested in photography you're welcome to attend too.

There were only about four members at the last meeting. This may be the fault of our advertising but even with the best of publicity these meetings can't succeed without YOU.

During the past month our activities have been mostly in meeting. We had, among other features an excellent report on depth of field and use of selective focussing. Sgt John Piton (now FS — congrats John) was the capable teacher on this occasion. We also had Cpl Ken Dyer on hand during one of our meetings with some info for us on developing Anscochrome. Someone should enlighten him about the merits of Ektachrome!

The highlight of another of our meetings during the month was the slide show to which everyone brought a few of his best slides. These revealed that there exists in the club considerable talent. S/L Marsh's slide proved very interesting and added considerably to the interest in photographic arts.

At the end of March the Photo Club featured a night excursion to Baden-Baden. Our members congregated in the parking lot at 7:30 PM and then we moved out to get a few night shots. How did they turn out Bing?

Let's all get out and get a few shots to enter in our photo show at the end of May. It takes some time to make good shots so let's get out and push on this. The public will be invited to this show so let's make it successful.

Your correspondent received his first copy of "Canadian Photographer" this month and found it very interesting. Comparing it with the big American Mags it seems a bit anaemic but when one considers the circulation and price (a mere two bits) it is quite good. The main thing is it gives an idea of photo problems and products from a strictly Canadian viewpoint. The product write-ups are excellent and give Canadian prices. I recommend it heartily to any Canadian Photo bug.

Our activities during the summer should prove quite interesting with as many outdoor tours as possible. Watch DRO's for announcements. Remember — your participation is what can make it a success.

Film Quiz

The following quiz is presented by the Astra Cinema. The first two persons handing correct written answers to the theatre manager will receive a double pass, good for one week.

- (1) Burt Lancaster who is making a name for himself as a producer has many outstanding films to his credit. Name 5 of them in which he acted or which he produced.
- (2) Who wrote the music for the undermentioned films:
 - (a) The King and I
 - (b) Guys and Dolls
 - (c) The Pyjama Game
- (3) Joanne Woodward won the Academy Award for the best actress of 1958. Name the film for which she received it.
- (4) The following three movies were screened during the month of January in the Astra. The male stars are given. Name the female stars in each case.
 - (a) "The Proud Rebel" (Alan Ladd)
 - (b) "In Love and War" (Robert Wagner)
 - (c) "Kiss them for Me" (Gary Grant)
- (5) Name three films in which Elvis Presley has appeared.
- (6) Tennessee Williams the famous playwright and novelist has had several outstanding screen successes. Name three of them.
- (7) In what films were the following songs featured? The stars who sang them are given.
 - (a) Frank Sinatra "It's Only Money"
 - (b) Elvis Presley "Treat Me Nice"
 - (c) Pat Boone "Technique"



- (8) Name the title of the picture in which the above scene appeared.

Last month's winners were Cpl G. Letourneau & Mrs. Dusablon.

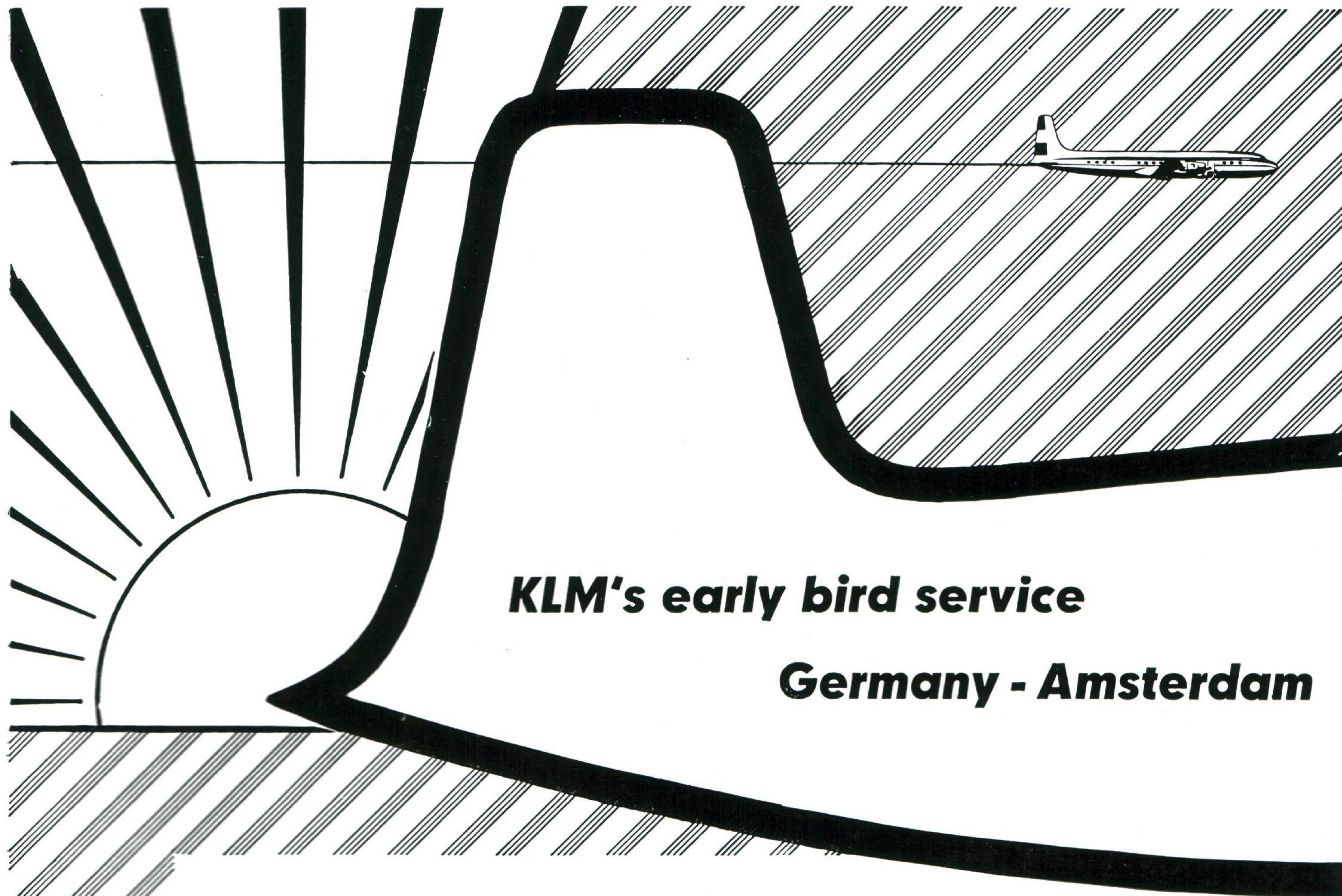
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