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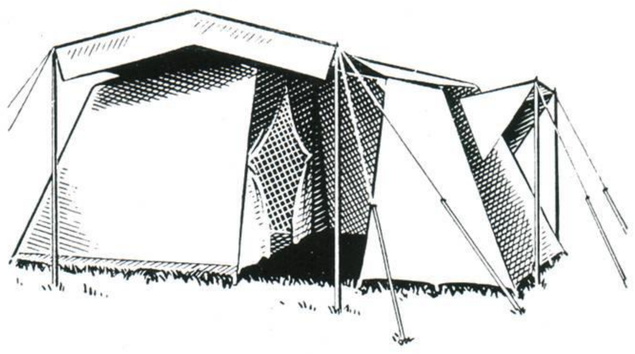
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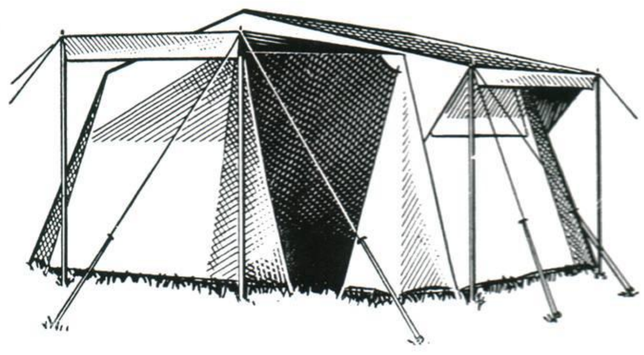
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One of the delightful floral displays to be seen.

Tulip Time in England

Tulip Time in the Spalding District of Lincolnshire has become one of the established national events of the year in England.

Its popularity has grown each year since the war, and for about three weeks in Spring, generally the last week in April and the first two weeks in May, hundreds of thousands of visitors from all parts of the British Isles, and many from overseas, are thrilled by the ravishing floral beauty spread across the countryside.

Today, the 80 year old flower industry of South Lincolnshire is bigger than ever before. During the war the acreage was cut to a minimum to provide every possible acre for food production, but now it has regained and outstripped its pre-war eminence, and more than 3,000 acres provide a wonderful carpet of many colours.

The vastness of Tulip Time calls for all the year round planning. A voluntary committee makes thorough and careful arrangements for the best possible facilities for visitors, and at the same time safeguard the interests of the local inhabitants. Without such organisation there would be chaos in Tulipland. Of vital necessity, there has to be a properly organised route to cope with the volume of many thousands of cars and motor coaches. The organised route was first introduced in 1934, and now its preparation has become a fine art, and is an integral part of the festival.

In January of each year, after an assessment has been made of the location of the Tulip Fields, a route and transport committee, including police, highway officials, R.A.C., and A.A., representatives, select the safest possible one way route of about 40 miles, and before this is finally selected it has to receive the approval of the Ministry of Transport. Traffic control during Tulip Time is a stupendous job, but it is carried out magnificently under the leadership of the local police superintendent.

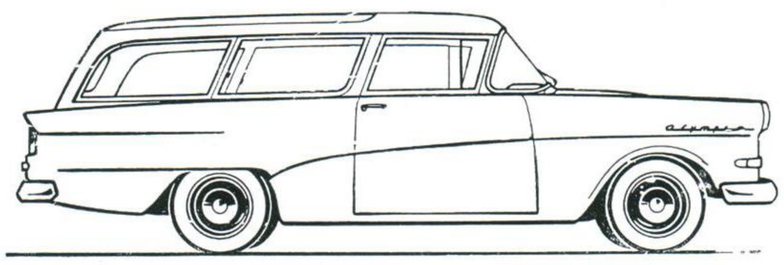
A feature of the festival is the selection of a Tulip Queen and her attendants, which is a post war innovation. The Queen is selected from girls who qualify at a number of dances held in towns and villages in the district throughout the winter. Then, on the eve of the festival, she is crowned in Spalding's public gardens at Ayscoughfee, generally by a film star, and each Sunday during the festival she tours her floral realm. This year the Queen will be crowned Wed 20 April at 1730 hrs.

Each year the festival is improving. The organisers have ambitious plans for the future until ultimately they achieve something on the scale of the great Dutch Festival. This year, for the second year in succession there will be a Flower Parade on Saturday, May 7th. Last year it was a magnificent spectacle, attracting thousands of visitors. This year there will be many more entries, and arrangements are already in hand.

The cost of Tulip Time organisation is met largely by voluntary effort and only an infinitesimal sum is contributed from the local taxes. Tulips are not only seen in the fields. They predominate in the floral decorations of Spalding's Town Centre, and in the wayside cafes.

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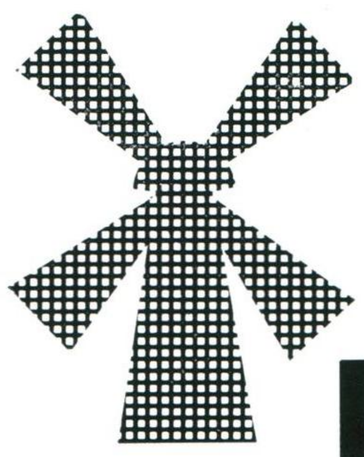
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Programmes of the Festival may be obtained from the editor of the Schwarzwald Flieger.



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Munchen's Museum

If you're in Munich at any time you may be interested in visiting the Museum of Blooming Nonsense — the Valentin Volkssänger Museum, — named after a comedian whose songs and sketches are characterized by a humor bordering on the philosophical while being strongly permeated with the absurd. When the museum was opened some months ago, Karl Valentin had been dead twelve years, but his tradition and many of his songs and gags still survive.

The museum is in the southern tower of the Isar Gate (built in 1337 as part of the city's fortification). Its organizers ordained that it should contain not only items genuinely connected with Karl Valentin but also objects which in some way typify his humor. The astounding and unique collection is listed in a catalogue in three languages — in Bavarian, a dialect by no means comprehensible to all Germans, in German, and in English. Here are a few samples of the "exhibits": The entrance fee amounts to 51 Pfennig, and it rests with the visitor to find an explanation for the ridiculous single Pfennig by which this price exceeds the even 50. The entrance door is shaped like a good-sized lion, and below it hangs a sign, "Do Not Feed." Directly beyond the door is a model of Vesuvius in the process of erupting, with a sign saying "Smoking Prohibited".

In a safe-like niche there are "Dried Sunbeams" on display, and farther on a colourful oil painting of the Bavarian Alps is intended to make up for the fact that "Here a Window was Walled Up by Mistake." "An Error of Nature" is shown in the form of a bird house on the roof of which sits a tortoise that is too large to crawl through the small hole. A frying-pan full of dirty water contains "The Remains of a Splendid Snowman". Confined in a bottle, there is a bit of "Berlin Air", the climate of Berlin being known for its invigorating qualities.

Aren't You Nosy!

"For Adults Only" are the tantalizing words on a door. Entering this door, the visitor finds himself faced by a large wall, entirely blank except, in very small print, the inscription: "Aren't You Nosy!" As consolation for this disappointment there are, however, two items on display — "Eve's Fig Leaves", on which she wore at the age of 17 and another which she wore at the age of 53.

Collapsible Pretzels

On the third floor of the tower, the museum's visitors can recuperate in a restaurant after having laughed themselves weary and thirsty. The menu includes "non-alcoholic noodles", "collapsible pretzels", and other dainties. They are eaten in a room that has very successfully been designed to the atmosphere of Munich eating houses at the turn of the century. Antique shops and private Munich citizens contributed all the "genuine articles" that went to furnish a restaurant in those days, — from the salt shakers through tableware and furniture to the old-fashioned talking machine crowned by its trumpet-shaped loudspeaker.

Scattered among these products of a truly abstruse humor are may photographs and other reminiscences of Karl Valentin as he appeared on the stage or in films. The museum was planned, and its items painstakingly collected, by Herr Hannes König, who, himself a painter, is chairman of the Schutzverband Bildender Künstler, a professional organisation of artists. Due to his efforts, enough money was finally collected from industry and private benefactors to rebuild the war damaged Isar Gate tower for the purposes of the museum.



Bensheim



Spring On The Bergstrasse

Do you like old castles, good wine, gay people and — spring? Then you should visit the Bergstrasse.

Stretching between romantic Heidelberg in the South and modern Darmstadt in the North, it is one of Germany's oldest and most beautiful roads. In fact its history can be traced back to the heyday of ancient Rome, for the city-state's proud warriors marched along the Western slopes of the Odenwald Hills. It was the Romans who gave it a name — Strata Montana, the Mountain Street — and this name has been kept up to the present.

When the Roman Empire broke down and small states became the typical feature of the European Continent, the Rhine was more important than ever as a defence line.. Strong castles were built on top of the hills from which it was easy to spot any enemy approaching from the Rhine valley. Most of the castles were destroyed during the 30 years' war, and now only the ruins are left. Some were rebuilt, however, and are used as museums, youth hostels etc.; very often you will also find excellent restaurants within their walls.

The Bergstrasse is a very lovely region throughout the year. Visitors from all parts of Germany go there for a holiday. But the one season you should not miss is spring, when hundreds and thousands of fruit-trees, — cherry-trees, apple-trees, almond and fig-trees, apricot and chestnut-trees — are putting on their bridal dress. Then your eyes will be caught by a sight of breath-taking beauty. A sea of pink and white blossoms covers the hills and slopes like a blanket of snow, and whether you turn north, south, east or west, the scenery does not change for miles around you. In spring the Bergstrasse is charmed into one large, beautiful, flowering garden on which nature seems to have lavished her best gifts.

Spring always succeeds in arriving at the Bergstrasse at least one or two weeks earlier than elsewhere in Germany, a fact which adds to the special charm of this region, and magically attracts visitors who, after a long winter, are eager to welcome the ever new miracle of spring.

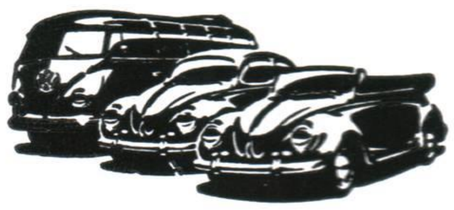
When you leave the autobahn at Heidelberg to turn to the Bergstrasse — in official language it is called B 3 — you will very soon come to W e i n h e i m, a famous holiday resort place with picturesque old framework houses, a large park and the adjoining "Exotenwald" — "Exotic Forest". Here strange trees and bushes from Corsica, Spain, Africa, California, Japan and many other countries were planted as an experiment, and have found a new home in the almost Mediterranean climate of the Bergstrasse. Two castles — Schloss Windeck, a ruin, and the Wachenburg — overlook Weinheim and offer the visitor a fine view of the hills and valleys of the Odenwald to the West and far beyond the Rhine to the East.

Some kilometres north of Weinheim is H e p p e n h e i m, more than 1200 years old, and with its gates, towers and walls perhaps the most beautiful place along the Bergstrasse. Painters, poets and photographers have been attracted by the unique charm of the small town, by its romantic corners, alleys and framework houses, by its market- place with one of Germany's finest town-halls (1511), and above all, by the sweetness of the landscape in which it is bedded. Grace Kelly's ancestors owned one of the framework houses in the Muehlgasse before they left for America in 1890. Heppenheim, too, has its castle — the Starkenburg, built in 1066 to protect the nearby Abbey of Lorsch. There is a good road leading up to the castle, and if you feel like it you can climb a 15 ft high tower to enjoy the lovely view below. Should you feel exhausted after this exercise, there is a restaurant right in the castle where you can have a good meal and ein Viertel Wein to restore your strength.

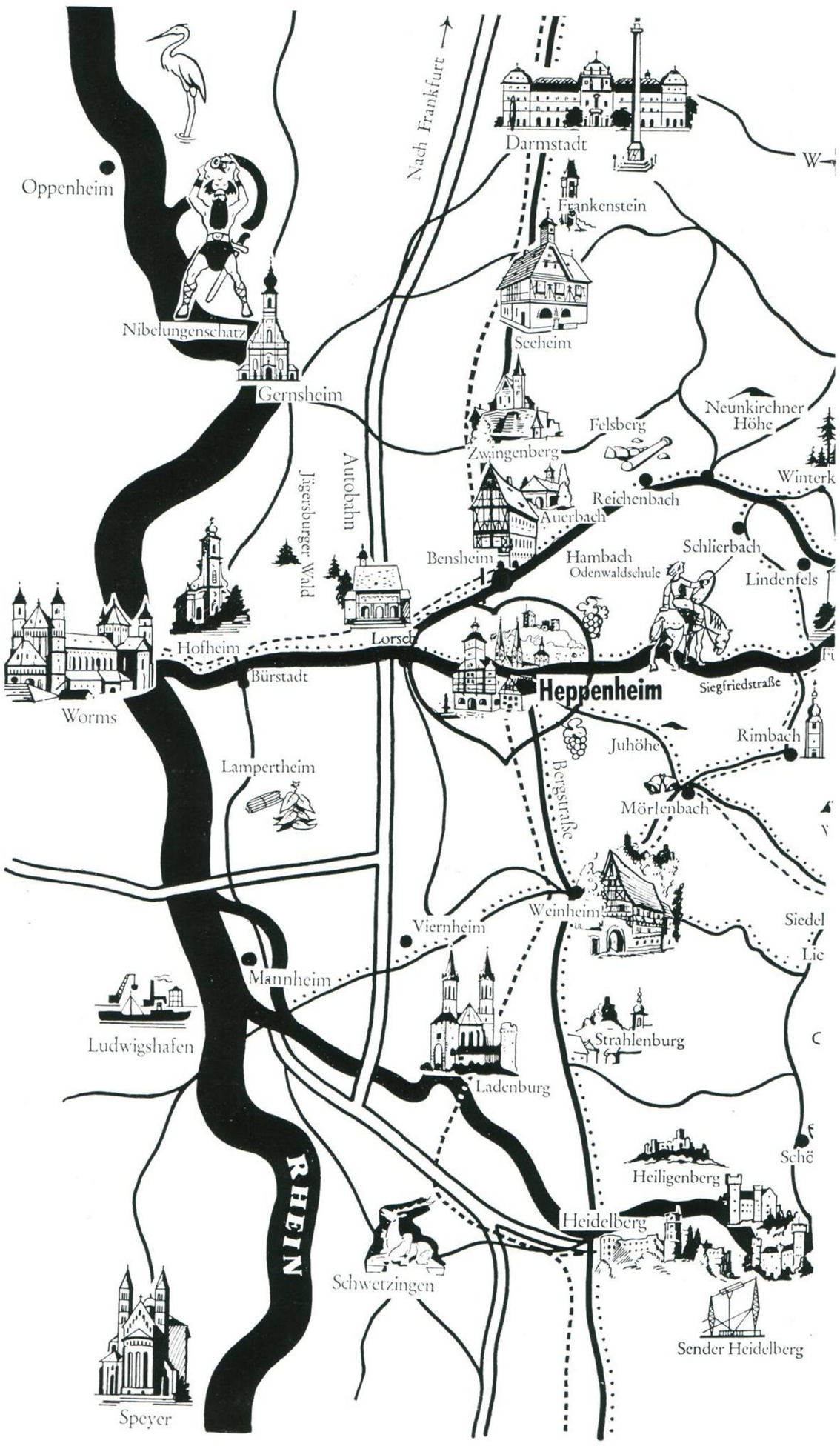
For you have not yet finished your tour of the Bergstrasse. Another 1200-year-old town B e n s h e i m still lies ahead of you. It may well be that you like this place even better than

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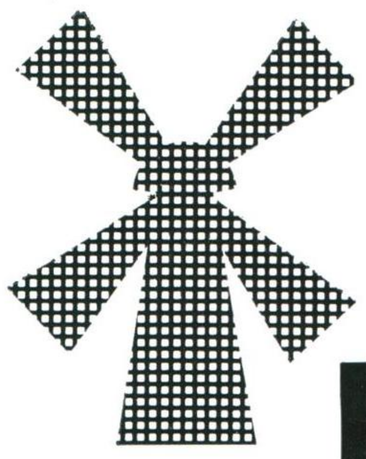
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The Bergstrasse (shown by a dotted Line).

Heppenheim — its framework houses are just as stately as those of the neighbouring town, and its corners and places are just as romantic and picturesque. Moreover, Hesse's second largest park — the "Fuerstenlager" — is situated near Bensheim-Auerbach. Here you will discover exotic, old trees such as God's trees, Mammoth trees and Tulip trees, a swan lake, a Japanese bridge, temples and many other interesting sights.

We suggest that you wind up your tour by a visit to Hesse's best preserved historical ruin, Schloss Auerbach. Its walls, towers and ditches are typical of a 13th century fortress in Germany. Today, however, it serves a more peaceful purpose. Tired tourists can recover in a nice restaurant, and, for the last time before leaving the Bergstrasse, enjoy the delightful view of one of Nature's favourite gardens.





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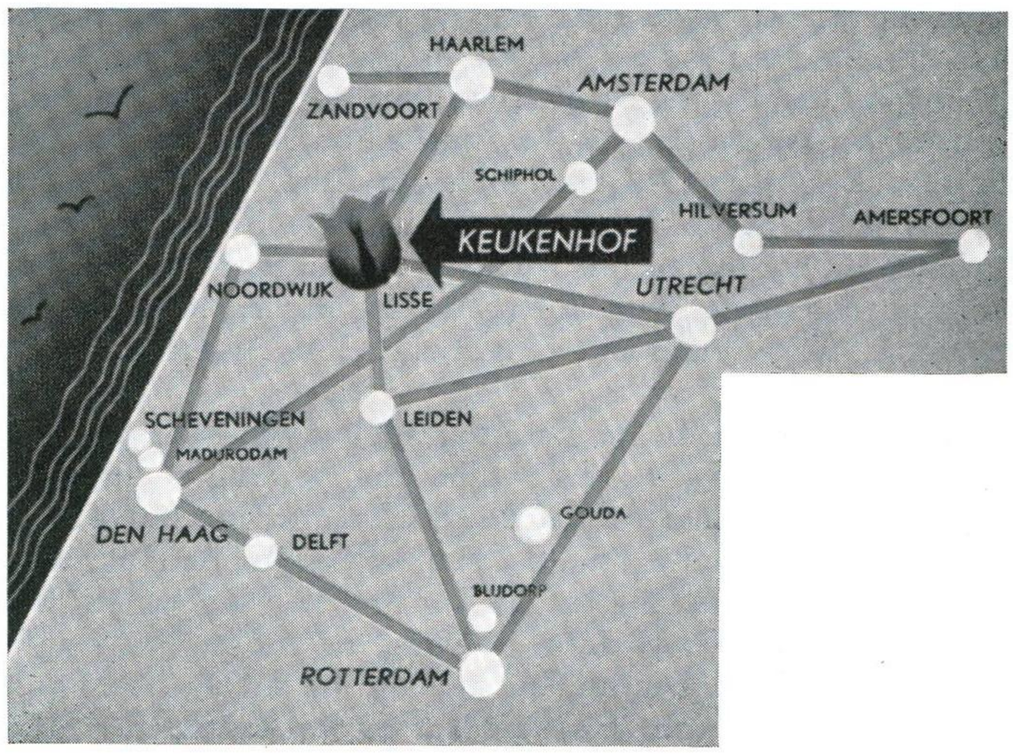
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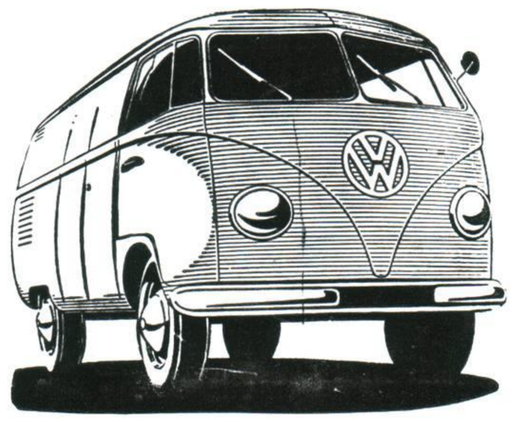
Now that the Russians have a Sputnik or two playing Merry-Go-Round with this wonderful old world of ours and the West has countered with numerous "Explorers", "Vanguards" and "Pioneers", it seems that the time is ripe to give with a little chit-chat concerning some of the frustrating events that led up to this history-making era. And, inasmuch as the bones of Laika (that lovable Russian canine that made history in so gallantly volunteering to become the first living being to travel in an orbit through space) are still circling our globe, it is felt that the chit-chat should be directed toward the biological aspect of high altitude research. It is common knowledge that numerous creatures have volunteered their services for this very worthy cause and many paid the supreme sacrifice. In the animals' heaven, I know that these brave souls are well rewarded. Their exploits alone are memorable epitaphs to unselfish devotion to duty above and beyond the required military standards.

The experiments discussed below were carried out by the USAF in the late 1940's. The first missile to carry any form of living tissue in an organized high altitude research program was known as the "Blossom". It was launched vertically and designed to impact near the launching area. This rocket was nothing more than a modified German V-2. The modification incorporated an elongation of the nose to create a compartment for the object being carried. The first living object to be carried was a monkey and he was called "Albert". His compartment was specially pressurized and air-conditioned to give him all the comforts of home. The data compiled gave information as to heart beat, pulse rate, nervous reaction, reaction to various degrees of "G" loading etc. Much of the recording was done by electronics (Albert was wired for sound) and much was taken on moving film. So they loaded Albert into his cozy little compartment and fired off the missile. He was to be recovered by parachute, compartment and all. However, the parachute didn't open and Albert 1 met an untimely end. This unfortunate turn of events did nothing to daunt the scientists and they pushed on with a remarkable display of courage. The next Blossom fired, carrying Albert II, was modified to the extent of installing a movie camera focussed on the parachute release mechanism, to see if they couldn't determine why the parachute failed to open for Albert 1. They found out alright, but lost Albert II in the process.

So they modified the parachute release mechanism and shipped off Albert III. This time the parachute did open and the monkey landed back down on the firing range after having been upstairs to an altitude of something like 100 miles. However, it took them four days to find him and when they did locate him he was dead. The fate of Albert IV was no less disheartening. During the upward travel of the missile it went into a flat spin at an altitude of approximately 1 mile and returned to earth in that same attitude. Still carrying most of its fuel, the missile exploded and Albert IV was somewhat cremated. Although many more Blossoms were fired it is known that a live Albert was never retrieved from that particular brand of missile. So much for the Blossom.

The USAF then converted to the then famous "Aerobee" missile for their biological program and this move proved to be very successful. The first Albert fired in an Aerobee was recovered alive. His back was broken and he died about an hour later but before he died it was definitely determined that he didn't die from high accelerations or cosmic radiation. He died from the effects of his broken back which resulted from the shock of impact with the ground. The second Albert housed in the Aerobee was also retrieved alive and is still living. He has been set up in a little castle all his own with as many wives and coconuts as he desires. It seems as though when these obliging creatures have successfully completed the required number of trips they are retired from active duty, allowed to lead the life of Riley and kill themselves in another fashion. But what a beautiful way to die and there is no doubt that they have earned it.

Many live Alberts were retrieved in the Aerobee program and many types of experiments were carried out. In one particular case two monkeys were sent up each in a separate container — one in a glass envelope where he had no friction or footing, the other in a corrugated container with some internal projecting edges. In this test they were attempting to determine the reaction under conditions of lessened or nil gravity. It must be understood that as the missile is going up under power there is quite a "G" loading. Then when the power is cut off and the missile is decelerating the value of "G" decreases steadily until finally, between the time when the missile is going up and the time when it is coming down, there is a condition of nil gravity. This is an important phase. You see, there was nowhere on earth where conditions of nil gravity could be simulated for more than a few seconds and it was under these conditions that the scientists were expecting to encounter their biggest problems. The biggest problem is not in producing space travelling equipment but in training the crews to handle it. Much of it must necessarily be "on-the-job" type of training. This could prove to be quite difficult. I can think of many common, ordinary, every-day activities that could become quite embarrassing under conditions of nil gravity. Anyway, let's get back to our two monkeys in the separate containers on their "travel now-pay later" trip to the stars. During the phase of the flight where zero gravity was experienced it was found that the monkey in the smooth glass container was going berserk — floating freely with nothing to which he could hang on. The other one in the corrugated metal container who had some footing and some edges to

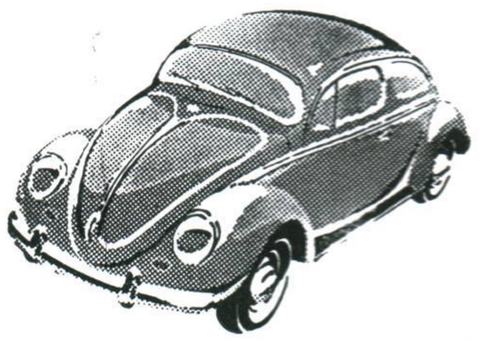


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hang on to, was reacting quite normally. Which is fairly comforting for our future Astronauts. It is generally known that all space travellers will be subjected to prolonged periods of zero gravity conditions and this experiment indicates that if they can orient themselves or fasten themselves in one position then their muscular reactions should remain quite normal.

In addition to using monkeys the USAF experimented with white mice. In one particular case five mice were sent aloft in one compartment. Four were quite normal prior to launch and the fifth had had his balance destroyed. This was done by piercing his inner ears and blindfolding him in some manner. He was completely nuts. Then when the missile reached that altitude where it experienced conditions of zero gravity the mouse whose balance was destroyed prior to launching was reacting quite normally and the other four were going nuts. This proved to be quite useful data. However, I don't think the higher echelons will resort to the practice of destroying the balance of our future space travellers. They might want to use them again.

In addition to using Aerobee the USAF experimented with large plastic balloons. These had the advantage in that they could send these little people up there and leave them there for prolonged periods of time, to see if any prolonged subiection to cosmic radiation had any harmful effects. These balloons were approximately 100 ft. in diameter and were designed to float at an altitude of 100,000 ft. The meteorologists at that particular test range were pretty sharp and had determined that in that area and at that altitude there is a prevailing wind current of approximately 100 mph blowing from east to west for a period of one to two days. Then it abruptly turns 180° and blows in the opposite direction for the same period. So the balloons were not anchored in any manner but were allowed to float freely and the engineers were fairly well assured that they would be back over the range within a period of 24 to 48 hours. Of course, the balloons were tracked by airborne radar at all times. The system worked exceptionally well. Out of the scores of balloons that were sent aloft in this program, to my knowledge only two were lost. One landed in Norway and the other somewhere in the New England states. Many dozens of mice were retrieved alive in this balloon program and they're still fat and happy and reproducing like mad, so it was more or less proved that prolonged subjection to cosmic radiation has little harmful effect on the capacity for reproduction — another comforting gem of knowledge for our future space travellers.

In addition to using monkeys and mice the USAF experimented with a certain variety of fruit fly. This particular variety had been chosen because of its rapid rate of reproduction. You can have all your rabbits and mink — they've got nothing on this fruit fly. It seems as though these characters come up with a new generation about every two weeks!!! The idea here was to determine whether or not, through a series of generations, there would be any noticable change in the characteristics of any particular strain when all are subiected to cosmic radiation. And, of course, this particular brand of fruit fly allowed them to carry on this experiment at a much faster pace than would their previous laboratory buddies. This experiment was also a huge success. After running through many generations the specimens tested were the direct descendants of the originals and were identical in every respect — another comforting item for those pioneers to whom we have referred so frequently. In other words, it is reasonable to assume that the descendants of Buck Rogers are not going to revert back to the Neanderthal beings of yesteryear.

It is hoped that the foregoing will help to allay many of the reader's fears about occupational hazards in the future RCAF. In any case it must certainly be a symbol of distinction and foster a sense of pride to feel akin to that aforementioned lovable Russian canine, Laika.

Canadian News

Defence Spending

The House of Commons has voted to establish a special 15 member committee on defence. The committee will be empowered to examine only defence spending for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1959.

The Opposition Liberal and CCF or Socialist Parties voted against the establishment of the committee because they objected to its limited functions. They wanted a committee to delve into all aspects of defence policy. Among the topics the Opposition Leader Mr. Pearson believes should be discussed are:

The use or non-use of nuclear weapons by Canadian forces.
The Bomarc anti-aircraft missile, which so far has failed all its tests.
North American Air Defence.
The role of the Canadian air division in Europe.
Integration of the armed services.

Olympic Champion Fêted

ski championship, was accorded a boisterous welcome on March 10 by her native Ottawa. While excited crowds lined the route taken by the float, representing a ski-hill, that bore the champion in procession to the Chateau Laurier Hotel, thousands of officeworkers filled the air with a blizzard of streamers, ticker-tape and paper. In the parade preceding the float were six bands, dozens of cars, a bevy of "majorettes" and a detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Later, Miss Heggtveit was honoured at a banquet attended by the Prime Minister, the Mayor of Ottawa and many other distinguished guests. On behalf of the capital, Mayor Nelms presented her with a silver tea-set, and Mr. Diefenbaker paid tribute to her skill and dedication.

President De Gaulle To Visit Canada

President de Gaulle will spend three days in Canada during the week of April 18th and will visit Quebec City, Montreal and Ottawa. It's hoped that he will address the House of Commons during his stay in the capital.

On April 22nd he will leave Montreal for Washington and in the succeeding eight days will travel across the United States, visiting New Orleans and San Francisco among other cities.

Officials in Paris said his talks with Canadian and American leaders will undoubtedly concern the summit conference to be held in May.

Canada and NATO Striking Force

The Minister of National Defence, Mr. Pearkes, has stated that there is little chance, for the present anyway, of Canada contributing to the new mobile striking force planned by NATO. Mr. Pearkes remarked that Canada's commitments to NATO, — a brigade of army troops and 1 Air Division — are heavy enough under the circumstances.

Civil Defence Tests

Prime Minister Diefenbacker announced in the Commons that a series of civil defence exercises will be held in May. The public will not be involved except where local arrangements are made. The first exercise, known as "Tocsin", will test emergency measures to carry on government, and the warning and communications systems.

Federal Budget

Finance Minister Fleming has left the tax rates as they were. Federal Civil Servants have been promised a raise, though this does not apply to all categories.

The Padre's Corner

■ F/L L. Mould, Prot Padre

Happy Landings

Easter is termed "The Festival of Joy". Christians come to Easter with joy and gladness in their hearts, remembering that the event of Easter is true; "The actual, physical resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God and the Saviour of Mankind, from the dead", and they know that their Saviour lives. To the Christians the resurrection of Jesus Christ is proof of His deity, of His complete and perfect atonement for man's sins, of His victory over death and the grave.

Easter Sunday brings to each believer the message that the Saviour's resurrection is the guarantee and the type of his own resurrection. Jesus pointed the way to eternal life, making it certainty. "I am the resurrection and the life", Jesus said. Through our union with Him we become "partakers" of His divine nature. We enter with Him into life which is "Life" indeed. Jesus said: "Because I live, ye shall live also!" He died for all and he rose again. So let our hearts rejoice; let our songs be songs of joy.

Eternal Values

In this great event we are dealing with eternal values within the limits of time. The wonderment of this great narrative found in the four gospels makes us realize our dependency on Christ. He has opened up new worlds which can only be experienced through faith and trust in what He has done for us.

Today we realize that the universality of Jesus Christ does not depend on our vision of His Divine Majesty but on the reality of the senses and consciousness of His transforming power. In other words, a sense perception plays an important part in coming to grips with the unseen realities of the Christian faith.

The early disciples had difficulty at first in associating Jesus with that dual relationship. They had lived with Him, talked with Him, dined with Him, shared the happy fellowship and then suddenly, through the drama of the Cross, were made aware that His presence was not a physical presence but a spiritual presence. On the morn of the resurrection Mary Magdalene was aware of new and different conditions and she heard Christ say "Touch me not, for I am not yet ascended unto My Father".

This first experience was an experience which the disciples had to undergo if they were to realize fully this true transformation from the physical to the spiritual. We are all familiar with the experience of St. Thomas, who, unless he actually saw Jesus, could not accept this new relationship, for he said "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nail, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe".

Thomas is truly speaking on behalf of all mankind, for with his statement we all realize how difficult it is for most people to understand the other side of life. However, Christ does not leave us in the dark, for just as Thomas was called upon actually to touch and handle the wounds of Christ, so Christ calls to all believers to experience a consciousness of His divine presence.

Francis Thompson, in his skepticism, doubt and despair, finally came to grips with an experience of Christ, and has given us something of this experience in his poem "In No Strange Land".

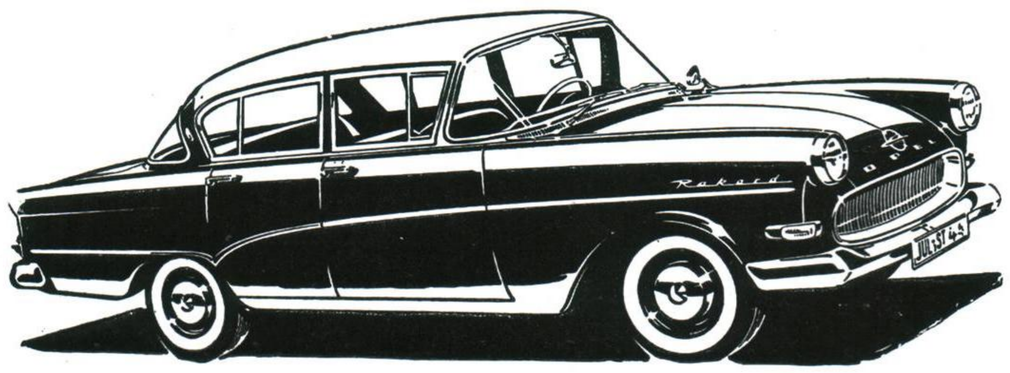
O world invisible, we view thee,
O world intangible, we touch thee,
O world unknowable, we know thee,
Inapprehensible, we clutch thee!

Does the fish soar to find the ocean,
The eagle plunge to find the air —
That we ask of the stars in motion
If they have rumour of thee there?

The angels keep their ancient places;
Turn but a stone, and start a wing!
'Tis ye, 'Tis your estrange'd faces,
That miss the many-splendoured thing.

If we do not grasp the full meaning of the resurrection, that may be excusable in the light that we are finite beings and subject to earthly and material concepts of life. However, as Francis Thompson in his poem has pointed out, "'Tis ye, 'Tis your estrange'd faces", that keep men from experiencing the love and power of God. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (The Revelation of Saint John').

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Protestant Guild News:

Thoughts at Easter:

Easter is the most outstanding of all Christian celebrations. Whereas Christmas was not formally observed for some three hundred years after the birth of Christ, Easter established the Christian religion because it made it entirely different to any other religion before or since.

Jesus performed many miracles but the Resurrection was the miracle of miracles. As a human being He died as other men have to die, but as Peter expresses it in Acts 2 vs 24:

"Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be holden of it."

One cannot find the proof of the resurrection by a scientific formula. Thomas, the disciple, did not believe until he came face to face with Jesus Christ, whom he knew so well, and then he exclaimed, "My Lord, and my God". Luke, the educated and trained Roman physician tells us in Acts 1 vs 3:

"To whom also He shewed himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God".

It was not the evidence of one man or a dozen persons for Paul tells us in Cor 1 chapt 15 vs 6 that "He showed Himself to more than five hundred brethren at one time". Then Paul tells us that last of all he saw Him; Paul, the educated, intelligent Christ-hater saw Him and he was convinced of the fact of His resurrection.

However, the resurrection of Jesus is not just an historical fact that places Christianity in a category far removed from other religions. It is a religion of challenge. This challenge from Paul is found in Ephesians 5 vs 14:

"Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light."

The March Meeting

Pancakes, served in buffet style opened the March meeting of the Guild held on Shrove Tuesday in the Mixed Lounge. The women of the Guild were happy to welcome the gentlemen present.

Miss Joanne Weicker played two delightful piano numbers. Mrs. Joan Hilliard gave an interesting history and background of some of our hymns. She emphasized the life and works of Isaac Watts who wrote "When I survey the wondrous cross", — "O God our help in ages past" and many others.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Simpson showed pictures of their trip to Yugoslavia and the proof that they were thoroughly enjoyed can be seen from how many of those present have made it their number one travel country for future holidaying. The Yugoslavia scenery was breathtaking. The people in native costume revealed a country relatively untouched by tourism.

Mrs. Helen Hunt thanked all those who had participated in an enjoyable evening.

RCAF News

RCAF gets C130B — The Royal Canadian Air Force will be outfitted with a new transport plane manufactured in the United States. The plane is the Lockheed C-130B Hercules transport. Officials in Ottawa said that the initial order would be for four aircraft amounting to about 14 million dollars. The four-engine turboprop Hercules will be a replacement for the twin-engined Flying Boxcar, in use by the RCAF since 1952. The government has on order from Canadair Limited, Montreal 12 CL-44 heavy transport planes, the first of which is scheduled for delivery soon. It is intended more as a troop carrier while the Hercules will be for movement of bulk cargo. The Hercules can carry 15 tons of cargo some four-thousand miles at 340 miles an hour. It can be fitted with skis for northern operations and has the range to fly non-stop from Canada to RCAF bases in Europe. It is the third American plane adopted by the RCAF in the last year. The others are the CF104 Starfighter jet, and the Grumman Albatross, 10 of which have been bought for the search and rescue service.

Services Moves

A/C J. B. Millward DFC, CD, has been appointed Director of the Regular Officers Training Plan at National Defence Headquarters. A/C Millward was previously a member of the directing staff of the National Defence College, Kingston, Ont.

RCAF Pays For Uplands Damage

The question of who will pay for damages to Upland's air terminal caused by a sonic "boom" last summer has finally been settled, — the RCAF is picking up the $ 450,000 tab. Transport Minister Hees told the Commons that the money will be voted in the estimates for the Operations and Maintenance Divisions of the RCAF.

RCAF Flies Aid to Agadir

An RCAF North Star has flown three tons of medical supplies to earthquake-striken Agadir, Morocco.

More Homes in Summerside

According to the Charlottetown Guardian the government has announced that 200 new homes will be built in Summerside this year to house the increased number of RCAF personnel stationed there.

CF100 Replacement — The "Financial Post" reports the possibility of a replacement for the CF100 being bought in the United States. In turn the US would buy CL44s from Canada, for military transport work. The "Financial Post" says that the attitude of both the Canadian and U. S. military is that Canada is morally bound to replace these aging planes and that Gen. Lawrence Kuter, head of NORAD, has pleaded with Ottawa for their replacement.

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Wing Fund

by F/O MJ MacDonald

One of the most frequent topics of conversation among Wing personnel is the operation and administration of Wing Fund institutes and the application of the profits realized. With this in mind and, without becoming too involved in accounting procedures, the following information is presented in order that personnel may be better informed and to dispel any misconceptions that may be on the loose.

	Sales 1959	Gross Profits	Expenses	Salaries	Net Profit	% Net Profit
Stn. Store	580079.00	82502.56	6936.06	23399.01	52167.49	8.93
Groc. Store	637587.19	41731.51	6406.58	21489.54	13835.39	2.1
Snack Bar	101744.82	32516.07	1571.66	24784.04	6160.37	6.05
Auto Club	95853.31	18246.53	2222.07	10430.64	5593.82	5.83
Wing Tailor	35512.92	4817.17	471.71	3306.91	1038.55	2.92
Candy Bar	8495.03	2359.71	157.08	870.00	1332.63	15.68
Dental Clinic	8549.28	8549.28	2523.87	6462.83	437.42	Dr.
Gas Coupons	115562.73	13198.74	937.10	4249.37	8012.27	6.93
Cpl's Club	23415.81	10336.69	1516.93	3601.35	5218.41	22.28
Airmen's Club	33932.57	16507.59	1330.80	7025.15	8151.64	24.02
	1640732.66	230765.85	24073.86	105618.84	101073.15	6.0%

From the foregoing schedule, one may readily conclude that the Wing Fund represents a fair sized business from the standpoint of sales volume and profit earned. However, bearing in mind the low percentage of net profit, one must also conclude that in Wing Fund operations the profit motive is de-emphasized. It will be noted that the grocery store percentage of net profit is an extremely low 2.1%, which indicates that the overall selling prices are being set as low as possible within the bounds of good business management. Generally speaking, the same may be said of all the Wing Fund outlets.

The sceptic may say "So what, we still earned a net profit of 101,073.15 despite the low percentages, so what happened to all this geld?" A few of the major categories of expenditures are listed hereunder and serve to indicate where and how the money has been spent.

Airmen's Club renovations	13,020.16
Cubs and Scouts	300.00
Snack bar renovations	7,709.46
New grocery store	12,031.95
Corporal's Club renovations	1,185.16
Social insurance plan — employees'	2,200.00
Property purchased for various institutes	8,722.75
Sports expenditures	16,777.21
Entertainment — Airmen's Club	18,605.32
Entertainment — Corporal's Club	9,712.50
Publication of Flieger	1,343.31
Grant to Town Council — children's Xmas party	2,000.00
Curling club waiting room	579.83
Benevolent fund contributions	3,944.00

From the foregoing, it can be seen that everyone shares in the benefits of the Wing Fund, from the housewife who is able to shop in a new and well planned store, to the airman who enjoys the conveniences of a well appointed Club.

Plans for the near future include the following projects, for which funds have been allocated.

Corporal's Club improvements	20,000.00
Golf driving range	700.00
Billiard tables — Airmen's Club	2,000.00
Airmen's Club patio	500.00
Corporal's Club — PA system	1,015.00
Accoutrements for Wing band	732.40
Camera Club renovation	824.00
Dependent's laundry	800.00
Spotlights — Airmen's Club	175.00

Other projects planned include improved facilities for both the Tailor Shop and Auto Club. These, plus other projects demonstrate that the Wing Fund committee has been and continues to be guided by the principle that profits accruing from the Wing Fund outlets, should be spent in a manner consistent with the best interests of the Wing personnel.

Ready For The Countdown

About one year ago the Canadian government stated that defence against air attack would be based on the Bomarc missile and that these missiles would be maintained and operated by the RCAF. Since this announcement many RCAF personnel must have wondered what airforce life will be like in the missile age. A description of a Bomarc base cannot be given at this time because the launching sites are still in the early stages of construction and the type of missile the RCAF will get has not yet flown successfully. However, some idea of the possible set-up can be gleaned from examination of existing missile sites.

The RAF has three Thor missile bases operational now, and a fourth should be ready shortly. The Thor is an intermediate range ballistic missile (IRBM) with a striking radius of 1,500 miles. This, incidentally, puts the major cities of Western Russia e. g. Moscow and Leningrad, and most of the satellite nations within its range. It is designed to carry a nuclear warhead, and as these, like the Thor missile itself are of U.S. manufacture and nominally at least under U.S.-control, USAF officers are attached to each base and are on 24 hour call.

Each base consists of five areas — the main base and four satellites. The satellites are dispersed 12 miles from each other and the main base. The main base houses the HQ unit and a squadron, and one squadron is located at each of the satellites, making a total of five missile squadrons. At each satellite there are three launching pads with a missile to each pad.

Thus each squadron has three missiles and each base or complex controls 15 missiles.

To maintain a state of 24 hour readiness each squadron has five launch control crews for its three launching pads. A launching crew consists of one launch control officer, a USAF officer, (to release and activate the US made nuclear warhead) and five technicians.

The HQs part of the complex is organized along conventional lines. In charge of the approx 1,000 personnel is a CO of G/C rank, and reporting to him are 3 W/Cs who fill the positions equivalent to COpsO, CAdO, CTechSO.

In addition to the missiles and their protective shelters, a Thor complex contains all the facilities required to keep the missiles operational and the crews trained to a high state of readiness. There are storage facilities for the fuel; tanks of oxygen (liquid and gaseous); banks of nitrogen cylinders; and there is a network of pipes to distribute the fuel to the launching pads. Additionally there is support equipment such as electric power generators and pumping units.

Training consists of conducting countdowns, both scheduled and at a moment's notice. To prevent missiles being accidentally fired during practice countdowns, the igniters are first removed from the engines.

Periodic maintenance inspections and the volume of spares required are as complex and great as those for a modern bomber. Much of the maintenance work is devoted to the extensive ground support equipment and not just to the missile itself. In the missile, the guidance system is the most critical. It has to be maintained at 165°F. The permissible variation is only ± 7°F

Each Thor can be fired within 15 mins of the warning being given, provided the warhead is already in place. (This latter operation requires a few hours). There are five phases in the count-down, as follows:

Phase 1: Power supplies on, missile checked out.
Phase 2: Missile moved out of its protective shelter and raised to vertical position.
Phase 3: Missile fueled.
Phase 4: Erector trolley lowered.
Phase 5: Motors started and thrust for take-off built up.



Dear Son and Heir

Happy Easter, Elmer — and may your wealth multiply as fast as a truckload of Easter bunnies.

The big news back here in Canada last month was the hockey finals at RCAF Station Huegelsheim — a Toronto paper had a banner headline which read **"419 REALLY MADE IT!! WOT HAPPENED?"** The Vancouver paper didn't say anything except the whole paper was edged in black. The Ottawa paper had two headlines, one said **"THE BLACKEST DAY IN GERMANY SINCE NOVEMBER 1923"** and the other one read **"PARLIAMENT DECIDES TO RETAIN CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AS A RESULT".** One editor wrote after due deliberation "No longer can 419 claim to be accident free because how else can they explain their last game?"

Horace and me took the news quite calmly but your Ma was pretty well cut up for a day or so — she seems better now. Incidentally, you never did tell me; who is this Bruce Moose fella? Was he the manager or was he the goalie?

The other night we were sitting around in the parlour watching our new television set and all primed up waiting for Wyatt Earp to come on at 8 o'clock. I wish you were here to see Wyatt, Son. The way he draws from the hip is a real heart shaker. One of the old boys that hangs around our local pub tried to make like Earp, reached for his hip but due to an oversight (you call it pilot error) dropped his "mickey" on the floor. He still hasn't recovered from the horrible shock. Well anyhow, just before Wyatt was supposed to come on this long haired announcer made a real earth shaking statement; instead of the "duster" the viewing public was goin' to be treated to two hours of opera direct from studios on Jarvis Street, Toronto. I grabbed Horace's arm just as he was about to heave the bookend at the TV set but not before he let go with a bellow of cuss words that would make Bessie, the cow, blush. I think we all fell asleep in our chairs because the next thing I recall was that Horace was shaking my arm and saying that the CBC opera was so bad it was smelling the whole house. After a quick look we found the TV was on fire so that ended one evening's TV looking.

One last big item of news, Elmer — Gina Lollobrigida is coming to Toronto about April 20th to live so she can become a Canadian in 5 years. I suppose now you will be stick handling to get a posting to 1SD. The Mayor here sent off a quick telegram to the Minister of Immigration asking if Gina had been offered a choice between Hogs Hollow and Toronto but we all doubt if he will get an answer. If a stranger finds Yonge Street deserted on Sunday afternoons from now on he can be told where he might find a crowd of sightseers.

Bye for now, Your Pa.

■ Dear Folks

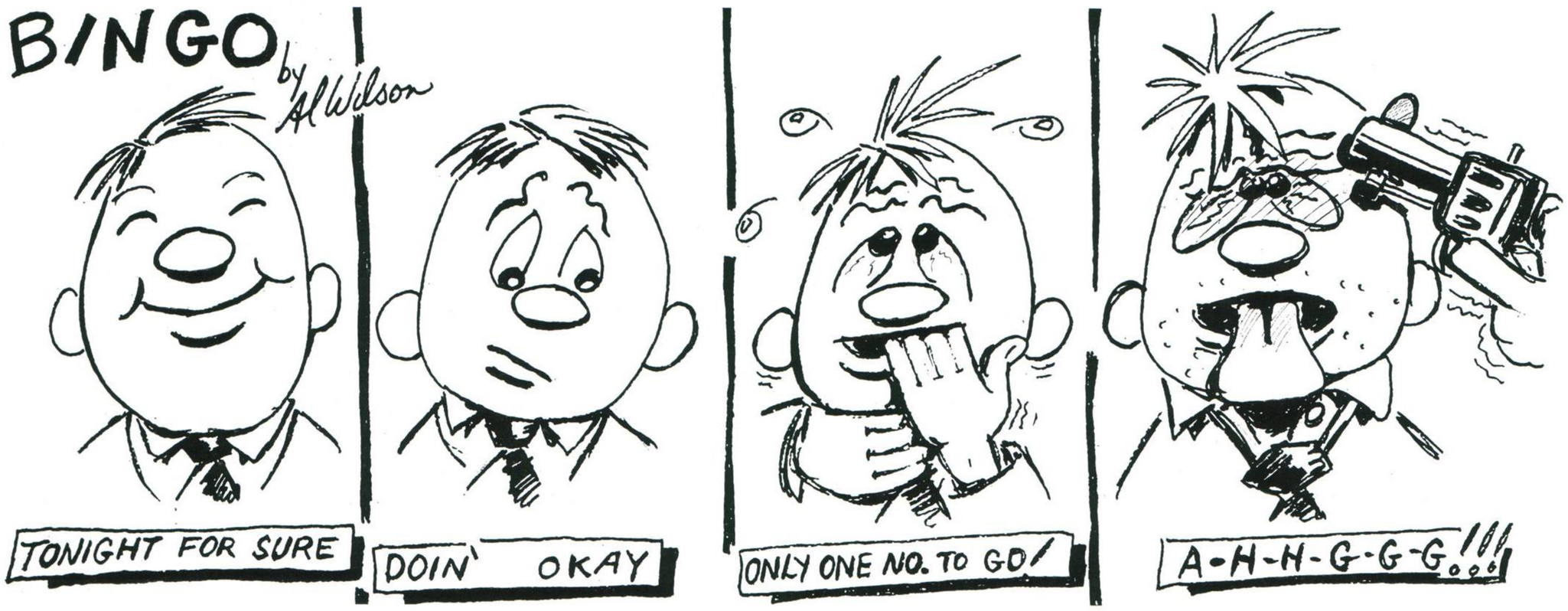
With Easter here I guess we can say that spring has finally arrived. We don't get the same signs here that we get back home but they're there just the same. There ain't any snow to melt, but I see the four legged motors on the honey wagons are out doing their chores again, and the air has the sure smell of things on the move. Back at the base here spring came in with a rush. First they had an announcement over the speaker asking the airwomen to report to somewhere or other with their bathing equipment and then they went and fumigated the snack bar.

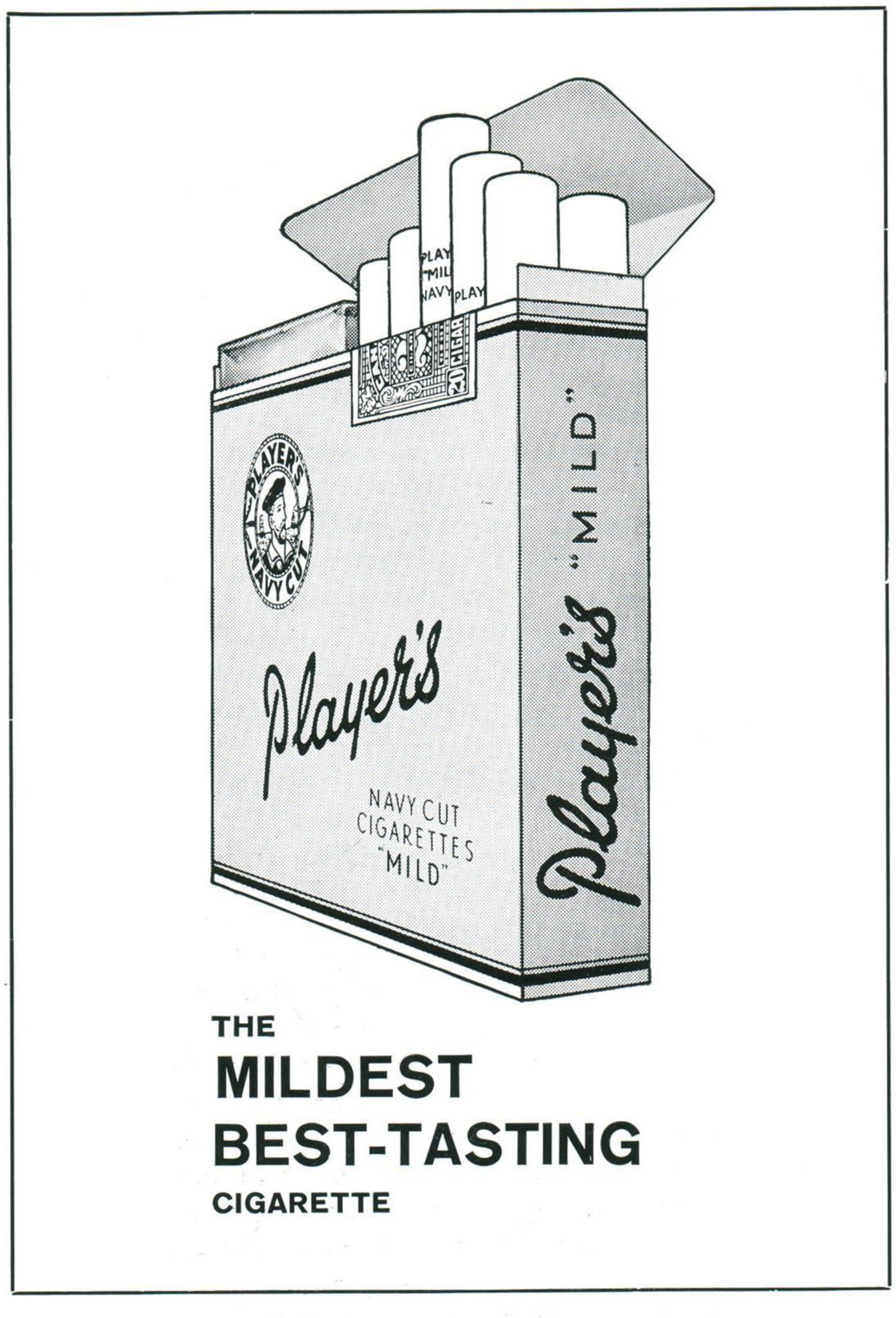
I felt quite perky myself too for a few days but one night after working late I couldn't sleep at all and felt pretty rugged the next day. This went on for some more days and I felt so pooped I could hardly lift a beer glass. That did it. Next morning I went along to the hospital to see what the trouble was. I went in some door hidden away in the corner and sat down on a chair. There was nobody else sick because it was Friday so no sooner had I got comfortable than some guy all dressed in white like a short order cook asks my number. That scared me for a while because I didn't know it was up. So I told him I was called Elmer and he nodded in an understanding sort of way. It wasn't long before I saw the doc and I told him I couldn't sleep. He looked pretty sympathetic but that didn't stop him from rapping on my chest to make sure there was something inside. I was glad he didn't check my head because it was feeling kind of sore. He asked me to say 99 so I said it backwards just to show him. Then he asked me to sit down and just as I was going to sleep he hit me on the knee with his hammer. Believe me he had to jump fast to get out of the way of my foot. "There's only one thing for you", he said putting his cigarette down. "Give up smoking". "Bad for the lungs" he coughed. Well, I decided right there and then that as soon as I get back to Canada and have to pay 50 cents a pack, I won't buy any more, but just smoke those I can cadge.

I cut my smoking down a lot that day though and kept it to a couple of packs. I still didn't sleep that night but maybe it was because I was wondering about the inspection next day. I made the bed as neat as I could when I got up but I got called to see the WO just the same. He said my room was in a heck of a mess and asked me what I was doing keeping a screwdriver on top of my mattress. Well, it's funny, I sleep well now, but with the extra duties I got I don't have much time to.

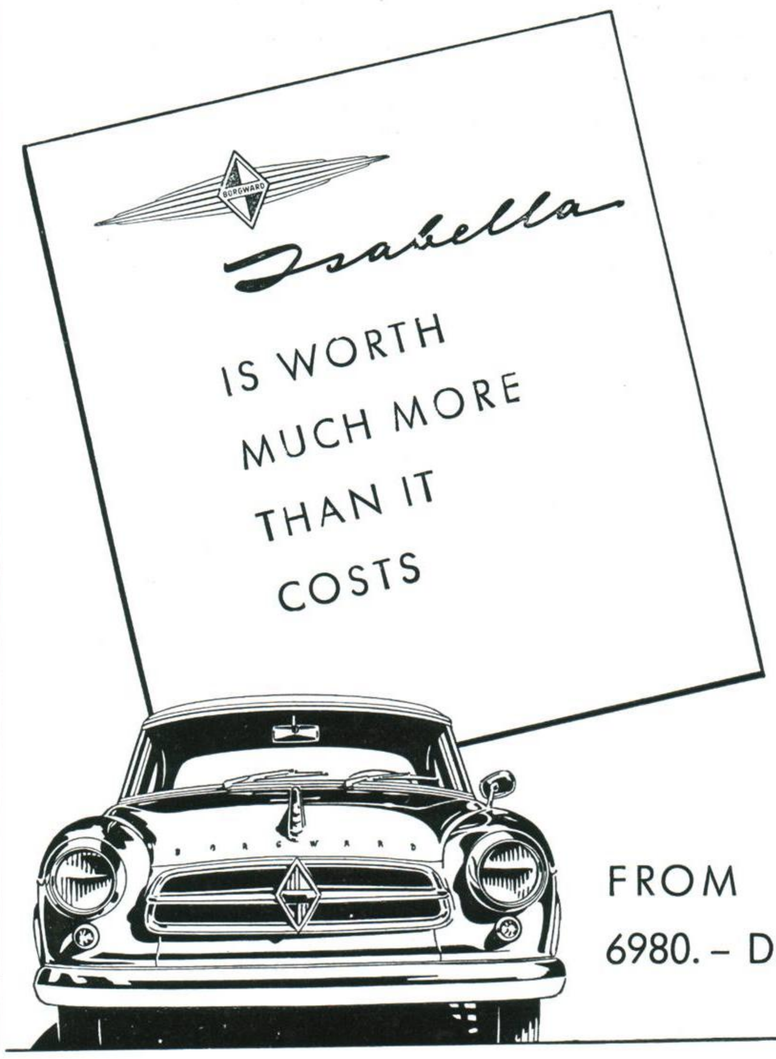
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Rhine Valley Park School

Dr. Fischer, principal of the English Institute in Heidelberg, was the guest speaker at the Home and School Association meeting on February 1, 1960. He gave an interesting talk explaining the school system used in West Germany. This summary of his speech was submitted by Miss I. Buckles.

The West German School System

In the Western Republic of Germany, each of the eleven states has its own Minister of Education, and each is autonomous with regard to education. Minor differences in policy exist from state to state, but the basic character of the school system is the same for all.

Three parallel courses, or streams, are in evidence in the system. The elementary stream, served by the Volkschule, prepares the student for the practical occupations of the labouring class. The intermediate, or Mittelschule, gives preparation for the business world, and the higher stream, or Gymnasium, is concerned only with academic preparation for the university. Neither politics nor finances determine the course by means of which a student may pursue his studies. Knowledge and ability are the only criteria.

The Volkschule receives all children at six years of age and keeps them for four years. When the child is ten years old his future is fairly well determined. He is given an examination that tests basic general knowledge and intelligence. As a result of this examination seventy-five per cent of the children stay in the Volkschule to complete their education, about ten per cent go to the Mittelschule, and the remaining fifteen per cent enter the Gymnasium. Attendance at school is compulsory until the child is fourteen.

The Mittelschule offers a six-year programme and its graduates usually become technicians or bookkeepers, or other semi-professional workers of that type.

The fortunate few who have successfully completed the Gymnasium entrance examinations begin nine years of intensive intellectual training. They discover that, having entered the Gymnasium, it is no easy matter to remain there. Two report cards are issued each year. Marks range from 1 (the best) to 6 (the lowest). If a child receives two 5's, two possibilities are considered: either he has not worked hard enough, or he does not have sufficient ability to meet the demands of the programme. A second report card with comparable marks necessitates repeating the year's work. If, during the following year, his marks are still unsatisfactory, he must go back to the Volkschule to continue his education.

At the end of nine years, standardized state examinations in thirteen subjects must be written. There is also an intensive oral examination of each student by all members of the staff. If he passes this "Abitur", as the final examination is termed, he may enter university. Less than fifty per cent of those who attend the Gymnasium leave it with university entrance qualifications. These are the intellectual elite of the nation. Thus about seven per cent of those who enter school at the age of six are permitted to enter university.

School hours in Germany are usually from 8 a.m. to 12 or 1 p.m., Monday to Saturday inclusive. Total holiday time appears to be comparable with that of Canada — about three months.

The four leading principles behind the West German system of education are as follows:

1. Every child has the same chance in education.
2. Selection.
3. Non-specialization.
4. Maximum intellectual training.

Tuition fees for education prior to university are disappearing — except of course in the private schools. The latter, most of which have religious backing, were abolished when Hitler was in power but are now permitted to function, and in some cases are assisted financially by the state. Twenty-one per cent of all German Gymnasium students attend private schools.

It is not always easy for those in small villages or on farms to take advantage of Gymnasium education as no system of transporting students to central schools is in practice.

Selection is a rigid basic principle. The Gymnasium entrance examinations last two days. A student who fails may try again a year later, but if he fails he must then resign himself to remaining in the Volkschule. The final decision as to whether or not a student is sufficiently gifted to benefit from the rigorous Gymnasium programme is left to his teachers.

The principle of non-specialization suggests that the educational system is designed to produce harmoniously — developed persons. No training for future professions is given in the Gymnasium. The student may not select his own subjects. A rigid curriculum prevails, and all students at the same level study exactly the same subjects. For example, during the first year in the Gymnasium the students study a foreign language, mathematics, German, geography, biology, arts, religion, and physical training — comprising thirty-two to thirty-six forty-five minute lessons per week. The ten-year-old is expected to put in forty-five hours of school work, including homework, per week; the sixteen-year-old, at least fifty hours.

Social activities are not an important part of school life in Western Germany. The school aims at thorough intellectual training and leaves all else to parents or to youth clubs. The German youth regards his school as an institution that forces him to learn, that threatens to exclude him if he does not produce, and hence he tends to avoid it in his leisure hours.

Now, in conclusion, a word or two regarding teacher training. A Gymnasium teacher spends four years in the Volksschule, nine years in the Gymnasium, four or five years at university, followed by two years of special pedagogical training. Two years of practice teaching in a school with experienced teachers is an essential part of his training. As a result, the beginning teacher is at least twenty-six years of age. His initial monthly salary is approximately eight hundred and fifty marks, which is quite good in comparison with the current cost of living. Salary increases are usually given every two years and pension plans are in operation. The teaching load is twenty to twenty-four forty-five minute periods per week. It is not surprising to observe that in Western Germany the prestige accorded the Gymnasium teacher is very high.

Labour Minister Says Stay In School

Labour Minister Michael Starr has stressed the importance of young people staying in school and obtaining as much education and training as possible before seeking employment. He said that, during Education Week, this matter assumed vital importance in the effort to maintain a high level of training skill in Canada. He pointed out that the proportion of unskilled and semi-skilled jobs available in Canada was declining, while the skilled and professional jobs, demanding more schooling, were increasing.

The semi-skilled and unskilled occupations in Canada represent only 30 per cent of the jobs available, the Minister added. Almost 70 per cent of the youngsters entering Grade Two or starting their elementary school education will drop out before getting their junior matriculation or the equivalent. In other words, they leave school without reaching a level of education that would equip them for most jobs beyond the unskilled or semi-skilled categories.

During the past ten years, opportunities in professional occupations had increased by about 70 per cent, skilled occupations by an estimated 35 per cent, white collar occupations by another 35 per cent, while semi-skilled and unskilled occupations showed an increase of only about 20 per cent. Mr. Starr pointed out that this trend resulting from technological advances would inevitably continue and if the average young Canadian hoped to reap the benefits of a modern progressive nation he would have to face up to the fact that education was no longer a luxury, but a necessity.

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"Darby O'Gill And The Little People" is a fine fantasy from the Walt Disney studios. Photographed in technicolor, it tells the story of an elderly caretaker who stumbles upon the underground dwelling of the king of the Leprechauns. The result of the unheralded visit is the granting of three wishes to Darby O'Gill. They do not turn out quite the way Darby originally intended, but after many ups and downs gaiety and happiness prevail.

"Darby O'Gill And The Little People" is a fairy story with its blend of fun, romance and sadness. It is a film that all members of the family should enjoy.

April-May Attractions

Thur. 14th. "THIS EARTH IS MINE" starring Rock Hudson, Jean Simmons and Dorothy McGuire is a large scale CinemaScope and Technicolor romantic melodrama adapted from Alice Tisdale Hobart's best-seller "The Cup and the Sword". (A)

Fri. 15th. (Good Friday) THEATRE CLOSED

Sat. 16th. (Easter Saturday) THEATRE CLOSED

Sun. 17th. & Mon. 18th. "THE HIGH COST OF LOVING" featuring Jose Ferrer, Gena Rowlands and Bobby Troup is an offbeat Metroscope domestic comedy-drama about a married advertising executive who fears loss of job just as the belated arrival of his first born draws near. (U)

Tues. 19th. Children's Matinee. "TERROR OF TINYTOWN" an adventure story, plus "BOYS OF THE YOUNG" (short).

Tues. 19th. & Wed. 20th. "THE LAST MILE" starring Mickey Rooney, Alan Bunce and Frank Conroy is a grim, uncompromising "big house" melodrama, cross-sectioning the inmates of "death row" (X) ADULTS ONLY.

Thur. 21st. & 22nd. "S.O.S. PACIFIC" starring Pier Angeli, Richard Attenborough and Eddie Constantine is an adventure melodrama describing the reactions of airline passengers forced down on an H-bomb test island. (A)

Sat. 23rd. Children's Matinee. "FALSE COLOURS" (western) plus "TALENTED TRAMPS" (comedy).

Sun. 24th. & Mon. 25th. "KILLERS OF KILIMANJARO" is in CinemaScope and Technicolor and combines adventure, comedy and melodrama. With Robert Taylor, Anne Aubrey and Anthony Newley it tells of a forthright railroad engineer's battle against a ruthless African slave trade. (U)

Tues. 26th. & Wed. 27th. "IT STARTED WITH A KISS" a CinemaScope and Metrocolor marital comedy, concerns a showgirl's doubt about a hasty marriage to a U.S. flight sergeant. It features Glenn Ford, Debbie Reynolds and Gustavo Rojo. (A)

Thur. 28th. & Fri. 29th. "DARBY O'GILL AND THE LITTLE PEOPLE" starring Albert Sharpe, Janet Munro and Sean Connery is the recommended film of the month and is described above. (U)

Sat. 30th. Children's Matinee. "SKY BANDITS" is a flying adventure melodrama. Also to be shown is "LOCAL NEWSPAPER" (comedy).

Sun. 1st. & Mon. 2nd. "THE BADLANDERS" starring Alan Ladd, Katy Jurado and Ernest Borgnine is a CinemaScope and Metrocolor western telling of monkey business during the planning and execution of a gold mine robbery. (A)

Tues. 3rd. "PEYTON PLACE" a prodigious CinemaScope and Eastman color melodrama starring Lana Turner, Hope Lange and Lee Phillips is a story of life in an American small town. Strong in sex, it has a powerful human interest. (A)

Wed. 4th. "THIRD MAN ON THE MOUNTAIN" starring Michael Rennie, James MacArthur and Janet Munro is a Disney technicolor adventure melodrama illustrating the part played by a village boy in the conquest of a Swiss mountain peak. (U)

Thur. 5th. "THE JAYKAWKERS" with Jeff Chandler, Nicole Maurey and Fess Parker is a VistaVision, Technicolor pre-Civil War action melodrama. The story hinges on conflict between a power-crazy renegade, out to control Kansas, and an upstanding young adversary. (A)

Sat. 7th. Children's Matinee. Title to be announced later.

Sun. 8th. & Mon. 9th. "BEST OF THE BADMEN" starring Robert Ryan and Claire Trevor is an action-packed first class western. (A)

Tues. 10th. "TAMANGO" starring Curt Jurgens, Dorothy Dandridge and Alex Cressan is an adventure melodrama photographed in CinemaScope and Technicolor. It is about a mutiny aboard a 19th. century slave ship. (A)

Wed. 11th. & Thur. 12th. "THE F.B.I. STORY" is a Technicolor crime melodrama of the history of America's F.B.I. It stars James Stewart, Vera Miles and Murray Hamilton. (A)

Fri. 13th. "MANHUNT" starring Don Murray, Diane Varsi and Chill Wills is a CinemaScope and Eastman Color western concerning a tough young hombre who survives a grim vendetta. (U)

Sat. 14th. Children's Matinee — Title to be announced later.

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Alena Murray

Alena Murray started to prepare for the career of a research scientist, but her beauty and talent landed her in movies before she quite realized what was happening. She dropped out of Laval College in Montreal, Canada, to give full attention to her budding film career, and now she is soon to be seen in a key role in "Say One For Me", starring Bing Crosby, Debbie Reynolds and Robert Wagner. Two other young actresses in the De Luxe Colored CinemaScope romance with music — Nina Shipman and Stella Stevens — had planned to be a concert pianist and gynecologist, respectively, until the lure of stardom proved too strong.

Sports and RECREATION

Little League Hockey

by Hal Card



The Trojans

The regular league season is over and the 'Champs' declared. It was a good, clean, hard fought series and the following scores should give an indication of just how well-matched the teams were:

5 Mar 60

Hurricanes	3	Bombers	2
Trojans	4	Wildcats	3
Eagles	5	Hawks	3
Spitfires	2	Mustangs	1

12 Mar 60

Bombers	0	Vampires	0
Tigers	4	Wildcats	0
Eagles	5	Hawks	2
Spitfires	4	Mustangs	0

The Spitfires were declared 'Champs' of the under 8 yrs on the two game total point System. The Eagles, under the same condition, became the 'Champs' under 14 yrs.

19 Mar 60

Hurricanes	2	Vampires	1
Trojans	5	Tigers	3



The Eagles



The Spitfires

The under 10 and 12 yr olds had three teams in their league and a best 2 out of 3 series was played. The Hurricanes (under 10) and the Trojans (under 12) won their respective series to become the Champions.

It is the intention of the Executive to hold a banquet for all the hockey players at which time crests will be presented to the winners.

In the Air Div championships 4 (F) Wing Little League hockey players did exceptionally well. Results were:

Peewees (under 12 yrs)	—	Air Div Champs
Mosquitos	—	Second place
Bantams (under 14 yrs)	—	Third place

Again, the Executive wish to thank everyone who assisted to make this a successful season and an extra 'thank you' to the 4 Wing Raiders and 2 Wing Eagles for the charity game played on behalf of the Little League. We would also like to extend our utmost appreciation to the volunteer workers who organized and handled the financial situation so capably: LAW May McKay, LAW Marjorie Philcox, LAW Betty Cross and LAW Penny Hannah. Behind the scenes of this latter organisation was none other than our well known lady Rec Spec, Cpl 'Angel' Addis, Thanks, Angel.



The Hurricanes

Station Women's Basketball Team

The 4 (F) Wing Ladies Basketball team did not win any cups or trophies for the 1959/60 season, but deserve great acclaim for the manner in which they conducted themselves, and for their effort and determination.

At the beginning of the season only a few of the aspirants had previous playing experience and some of the experienced ones had only played girl's rules. Therefore for all intents and purposes it was a question of starting from scratch, learning the fundamentals, then team play, then some of the polish. This meant that a tremendous volume of facts and skills had to be learned in a relatively short period of time.

The girls really worked. They attended practice regularly and gave up many pleasant activities, but the results were very gratifying. Playing against teams that were taller and more experienced, they defeated two of them, and lost to two of them to finish in third place in the Air Division League. They were ousted from the play-offs when they were defeated by 2 Wing in the semi-finals. No team beat them without a struggle. Even the champion 3 Wing team beat them by only five points in the last league game which was on the 3 Wing floor.

Congratulations girls on a tremendous effort and a fine season.

Let us not forget that the tremendous success of the team is due to the coaching of F/L Max Sabey and a vote of thanks is extended to the team manager LAC Frank Jervis.



Top Row — *left to right —A. Addis, D. Ing, I. Storey, F/L Sabey (coach), L. Hockley, T. Taft, B. Luxford.*
Bottom Row — *S. MacLaughlin, A. Tang, L. Trudelle.*



The last Basketball game of the season. Station men vs Stn Women.



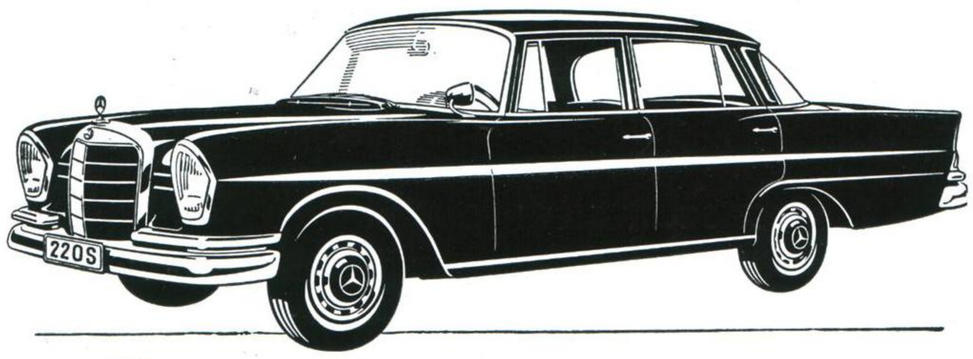
LADIES CURLING — TOP TEAM
Back Row — Thelma Brennan, Jean Linklater
Front Row — Lorraine Aiken, Sunny Cornelson

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Badminton

Curling is over for another year. This year saw our league increase from 12 rinks to 16 and if interest remains as keen as this past year there should be a further increase next year. There has been no lack of interest throughout the season and all games were well worth watching.

It was a tough fight for Elsie Williams' team to finish the year by winning our coveted plaque for most league games won. Her team which included Hazel Miller, Beryl Alp and Marion Loud lost only 3 games in the whole season. Jane White and Anna Hayes' team were close with 4 losses.

This year we sent 2 teams to 3 Wing for a visitors' spiel. Then in Feb we invited teams here for a one day spiel. Both events were a success with Verna Wregget tying for 1st and Elsie Williams' team tying for 2nd, at 3 Wing. The teams put up a good showing here and Anna Hayes' team came out first with Verna Wregget tying for second.

Our final spiel was held in early March and congratulations go out to Sunny Cornelson's team for taking top spot. She was ably assisted by Jean Linklater, Thelma Brennan and Lorraine Aiken. Second place winners were Anna Hayes, Flo Insley, Mid Harbour and Marie Porter.

The second event was won by Verna Wregget, Eileen For= tune, Bunny Young and Helen Raiwit over Allie Hoad, Marg Viske, Flo Easton and Betty McKay.

Consolation event winners were Mrs. Jo Markham, Estell Stortz, Marg Walker & Vi Brooks, and runners-up were Olga Mills, Shiela Johnson, Helen Murchie and Jean Rest.

Following the spiel a banquet and social evening were held in the mixed lounge. After a candle-lit dinner we had the presentation of prizes. Allie Hoad's Harmonizers favored us with a musical skit that was the highlight of the evening. Thanks for your efforts, girls.

In closing we would like to say "Auf Wiedersehen" to the homegoing girls. Also thanks & adieu to Elsie Williams who has been such a good president for the past 2 years. Good curling to all in the new season.



CONSOLATION EVENT WINNERS

Mrs. Markham, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Vi Brooks, Estelle Stortz

Air Div Curling Championship

The 4 (F) Wing team composed of F/L Millar (skip), Sgt Byrne, F/L Lucy and LAC Hebb won the Air Div Curling championship 5 Apr 60.

4 (F) Wing had 3 teams amongst the 6 finalists. The other 2 teams were skipped by F/L Bridgeman and Cpl Obrey.

Ladies Curling

On Monday 21st and Thursday 24th the 4 Wing Badminton Club held its final tournament.

The Winners were as follows:

Mens' Singles	LAC Gelinas
Runner Up	LAC Payten
Consolation Winner	F/O Luxton
Ladies' Singles	Mrs Luxton
Runner Up	Mrs Steen
Consolation Winner	Mrs Fairhead
Mens' Doubles	FS Fairhead & LAC Patterson
Runners Up	F/O Luxton & LAC Payten
Ladies' Doubles	Mrs Luxton & Mrs Vanier
Runners Up	Mrs Johnston & Mrs Steen
Mixed Doubles	LAC Payten & Mrs Steen
Runners Up	F/O Luxton & Mrs Lough
Consolation Winner	LAC Patterson & Mrs Fairhead.

Following the tournament the members retired to the Mixed Lounge for a well-deserved banquet, after which the winners were presented their prizes by the club president.



Above:

Members of Air Div Badminton team.
Kneeling: Left to right — Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Fairhead, Mrs. Luxton.
Standing: Left to right — FS Fairhead, Sgt Johnston, LAC Patterson.
Missing: F/L Millar, F/L Carle, F/O Barraud, Sgt Byrne, LAC Gelinas.

Below: Air Div Ladies Doubles Champions: Mrs. Fairhead & Mrs. Luxton.



Touring our Flugplatz

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Even the most enthusiastic backers of the Moose scarcely expected the amazing display of spirit and fight put on by our squadron hockey team in winning their second consecutive station inter-section championship. To many observers of the game, it seemed unlikely that our stalwarts would be able to seriously challenge the power-laden clubs of the Combines or Wing Maintenance, especially since they had their work cut out for them to make the fourth and last playoff spot. So while they admired the spirit and hustle of our boys they consulted their form charts and installed the opposition as heavy favourites to take the series. Victory was all the sweeter when it came, and many a sheepish Wing Maintenance and Headquarters supporter still feels the pinch in the pocketbook. As with most "Cinderella" teams, it would be unfair to single out any individual as being mainly responsible for the win, but if we had to name the player who gave the opposition the biggest headache we would have to nominate Dale Purcell. Dale gave the club the solidest goaltending in the league, and many was the time his brilliant stops on breakaways and cat-like recoveries on goal mouth scrambles broke the opponents' backs. In appreciation of their fine efforts the players were made "heroes of the day" and a parade was held in their honour. Old Bruce himself led the procession, followed by the band, and last but not least the players, basking in the admiration of hundreds of onlooking 4 Wingers. Pictures of the gala occasion appear with this column.

Two sportsmen of another breed returned to the fold lately, scarcely recognizable in their newly acquired coats of tan. Jim Cratchley and Bob McKendry, a renowned pair of lounge lizards lost their pool hall pallor during a ten day skiing vacation at Zermatt, and it's amazing what a little exercise and regular hours will do for even the most hardened cases.

At our most recent stag, three very distinguished personages were inducted into the squadron as honorary members. In recognition of their contributions to the squadron, G/C McNair, W/C Hale, and F/L Lloyd were subjected to the mystic rites of initiation. While this group represented a lot of talent in one place at one time, it soon became painfully apparent that none of it was in the musical line as their rendition of our squadron songs sounded like an impression of the old corral at branding time.

SMU members' hopes for a more important voice in squadron affairs received a lift with the arrival of S/L Etienne about whom more will be said at a later date. Our newest crew on the other hand is a pair of married chaps by name of F/O "Reg" Kendrik and F/O Neil Dunn. Bruce extends warmest welcomes to these new arrivals.



Above:

Station Inter-Section Hockey Champions 1959/60

Back Row: *Left to right — Bill Penfold, Manager; B. Dean, Equipment; F. Dupeyron, Equipment Manager; J. Rivard, Spare Goalie; Del Kellsey, Coach; W/C O. C. Brown, O. C., 419 Sqn; J Peterson; Norm Henning; Red McCoy; J. Poirier; Syd Quickfall.*

Front Row: *J. Giguere, D. Callacott, J. St. Pierre, Dale Purcell, Goalie; R. Sleigh, R. Moores, J. Chabot.*

Missing: *M. Crawford, Dick Hutton.*

Below: *"Beating Up" Headquarters.*



Antler Alley

by Cpl Ken Dyer

After an extended absence we are back again with the news from the boys that keep Bruce's antlers sharp.

The biggest news for the month of course is the triumph of our mooses on skates; and with a big slap on the back from all the boys in servicing, congratulations to all the players and associates that carried them on to still another victory for Bruce. The "C" League hockey team is doing pretty good too, with the aid of "Boom Boom Bingham". They have won five games with only one loss and one tie. The fellows have chipped in and bought F S deVerteuil a new pair of glasses to be used at next year's hockey games.

LAC "Dupe" Dupeyron spent an interesting leave last month. He took the guided tour of BB 14 and Karlsruhe. LAC "Orv" Miller also had leave but he seems to find pressing business in Amsterdam

FS "Ace" Bailey has been at it again! Now he is making like the O.P.P.'s. Every time you miss him in the servicing shack, he can be found peering diligently at some poor LAC's tires or brake lights, etc.

Anyone who would like to get credit without references or credit rating, contact Sgt. Doner. He has the secret.

We wondered why LAC "Sam" Renaud has had such a big smile lately and we finally found out. He popped the big question but refuses to make a statement even with all the good-hearted ribbing of his chums.

LAC "Larry" Cote must have bought a cat. We notice that he has been coming into work beardless lately.

Old "Bruce" started to come away from his mounting on the servicing shack wall, so we took him down. Before leaving for the land of the Maple Leaf Al Wilson came through, and now we have the most ferocious looking moose in Germany on our wall.

Cpl. "Jerry" Stark has finally broken down and bought a new Taunus. He was brainwashed for a VW but some people just don't know a good car.

Two of our "fat boys" are really slimming up now. Sgt. „Smitty" Smith and LAC "Milt" Housden are becoming calorie conscious.

The general opinion in the squadron now is that to get a promotion you must have either a nimble type-writer finger or a little sherrif's badge. We had a good show in the squadron this year with NIL promotions.

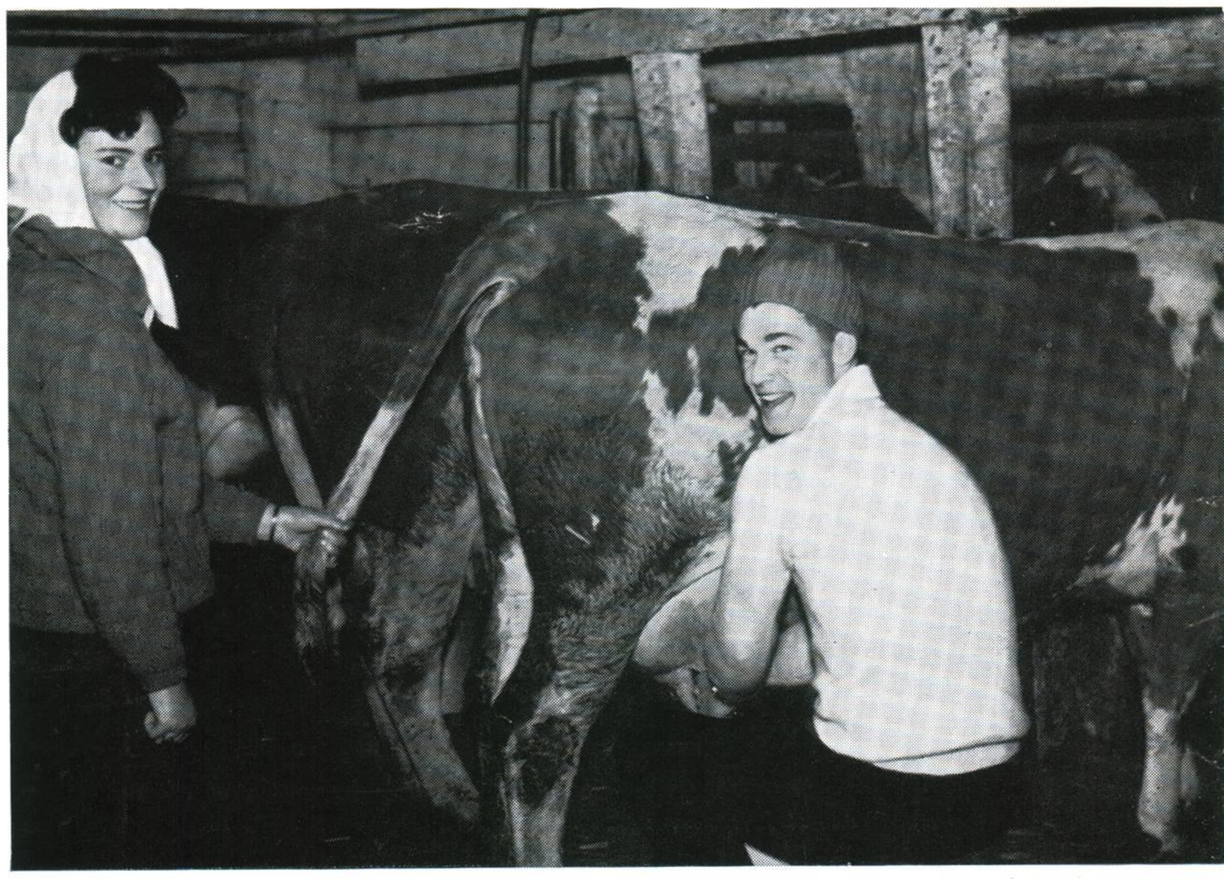
CLIMATOLOGICAL SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1960

TEMPERATURES:	1960	1959
Mean Max	55	58
Mean Min	37	36
Monthly Mean	46	47
Highest	70	71
Lowest	28	24
PRECIPITATION:		
Total Precipitation	.93	2.55
Total Rainfall	.83	2.55
Total Snowfall	1.0	nil
Greatest amount of rainfall for one day	.24	.54 (6th)

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419 — congratulations on your success on the ice, and may the powers that be see that all the Hockey next year is as good as the playoffs. The potential is certainly about.

An Event of Importance



At a recent agriculture fair in the Freiburg, Germany, area the local populace was surprised to see a Canadian show up as an entrant in the cow=milking contest. The man in person was F/O Don Fischer. At first the local people did not pay much attention to him but he and his beautiful assistant (see above picture) put themselves to the task with such fervour and enthusiasm that they soon won the interest and support of all onlookers. F/O Fischer's ability, no doubt gained at his home in Canada, overwhelmed the judges and the other participants completely. F/O Fischer's hands moved with amazing dexterity and agility and at times shock waves were seen coming off the streams of milk as the milk was directed into the bucket at near trans-sonic speeds. The performance was flawless. It took exactly one minute and twenty seconds to fill the bucket, not one drop of milk was spilt or missed the bucket, and not once did F/O Fischer's lovely assistant let the cow's tail go astray.

On being interviewed after the contest, F/O Fischer stated that although he hadn't taken part in any such contest in the last four years he was certainly going to make up for lost time before he returns to Canada.

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The word is out! F/O CB Lang finally has bought himself a new car. Although it is a commonly known make, in its present form it is known to us as the "Green Hornet". The engine is of 4.1 litre V=8 design featuring dual overhead cams to each bank of four cylinders. The cams are chain driven and the valving is of the latest desmodromic style which presents absolutely smooth induction and exhausting. The engine is perfectly smooth through the complete RPM range from its 1000 RPM idle up to the screaming 9,000 top. Maximum torque comes in around 6700 which gives the car a fantastic burst of vitality, particularly in second and third gears. Carburation is carried out through four dual throat carbs of the latest and most expensive Italian design. The dual ignition system to each cylinder is magneto driven. The motor turns out a breath=taking 350 horsepower.

Power is transmitted to the gearbox through a single plate clutch that remained perfectly smooth and exhibited no slip what=so=ever throughout all the hard test driving. The gear= box has four forward gears, all fitted with synchromesh, so that shifting is absolutely effortless and smooth. Although this car has a medium gearbox for every day driving, various other gears are available depending on the type of event to be participated in. The rear end has a limited slip differential, giving an excellent power distribution to both the rear wheels.

The car is fitted with four wheel independent suspension embodying coil springs with telescoping shock absorbers on each wheel. This, coupled with a low pivot swing rear axle gives the car fantastic road holding around tight corners. The car displayed initial understeer and final oversteer on most corners where a racing technique was used, however the transition from one to the other presented no problem so that the car was well under control at all times.

Braking is carried out through disc brakes on each wheel. They are very smooth and quite powerful. On ten successive maximum brakings from 100 mph to full stop there was no fade at all.

All in all, the car is a real pleasure to handle. With its fantastic braking, transmission and torque, the driver found he could dive into all corners, leaving his braking to the last, brake hard, gear down, set himself in the turn, and power out of it with exhilarating acceleration. The steering is quite light but very positive and steady, allowing no float or wander even at speeds on the straight of 150 mph.

As proof of the superb acceleration, F/O Pete Zinkan, one of the test team, complained of a stiff neck from the successive drag starts when we were calculating acceleration times, which proved on the average to be 0 to 100 mph in 9 seconds. A real bomb and real good buy for $ 1200.00. Here is a car designed for super competition performance but also quite acceptable and flexible for normal city driving.

IN MEMORIAM



F/O Gagosz

A good friend, A great guy

Tomahawk Wives' Talk

by Pamela McArthur

Spring has sprung; the gras has ris',
Wonder where all the activity is?
Tomahawk Wives have done not a thing,
Isn't March a bit early for the fever called Spring?
If rhyme with no reason leaves our message meagre,
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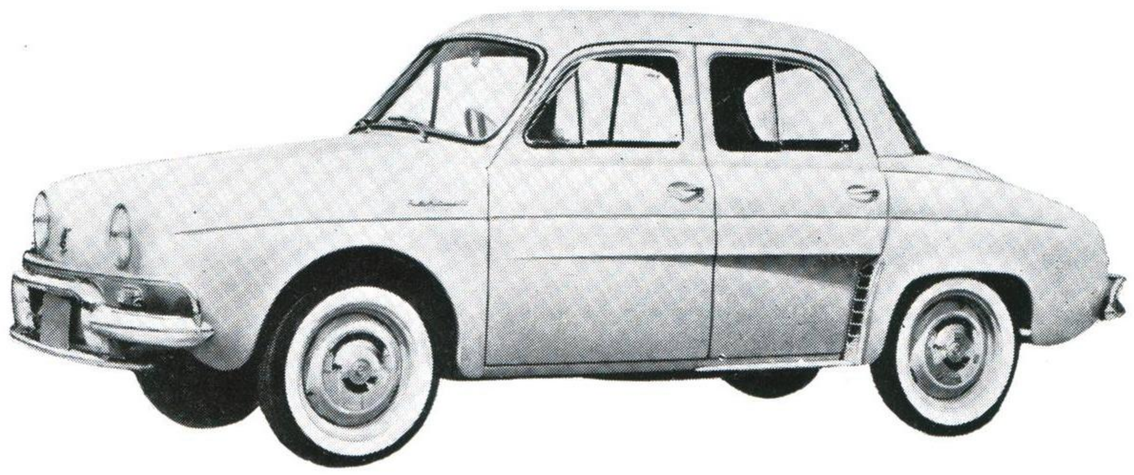
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by F/O R. D. Glen

We don't have a great deal of news from this part of the station this month. The weather man hasn't been too co=operative for our practising for Sardinia, except on the week=ends, but we managed to squeeze the sorties in.

During the off color days, the model aircraft started appear=ing, a sure sign of spring. Everything from Christmas present gliders to flying platforms turned up.

We thought it was time mention was made in print of the Toners' threat to the S.M.U. The new member of their family turned out to be a girl. By the time this is in print, there will also be additions to the Haip and James families.

The evidence of leap year is starting to show as wedding invitations are beginning to turn up on the notice board. These foreign romances are good for chalking up the hours on week=end jaunts, eh Punch? Good luck to you and your bride to be.

Our inter-squadron hockey greats took to the ice again and the teams from A and B flights made up of officers and airmen battled it out. The O.C. and Dep. O. C. and Flight Commanders put on outstanding displays of skill, that of remaining upright. Jock MacKay made some great defensive saves by sliding in front of the opponents. With a great deal of luck, A flight squeezed ahead and wouldn't relinquish the lead.

We managed to keep the party life up to snuff with a pre-Decci party at "Big Daddy" McLaren's. There was great temptation for a lot of people to try a swing from the crystal chandelier in Paul's new abode and except for one broken chair all is still intact.

Once again we have a couple of newies to add to the squadron and for a second time in a row they are evenly divided. Ed. Tann is a member of the S.M.U. and Clive "Lou" Lewis is a member of the brown baggers.

Ed was born and raised in Amherstburg near Windsor. Ed had most of his education at Windsor and also attend Ryerson in Toronto. Before joining the Airforce, in '58 he tried his hand at selling Fuller Brushes.

Lou is married and has a young daughter. He was born in Edmonton but now calls Calgary his home. He came to us from Portage where he was an instrument and repair pilot. Lou is an avid ski enthusiast.

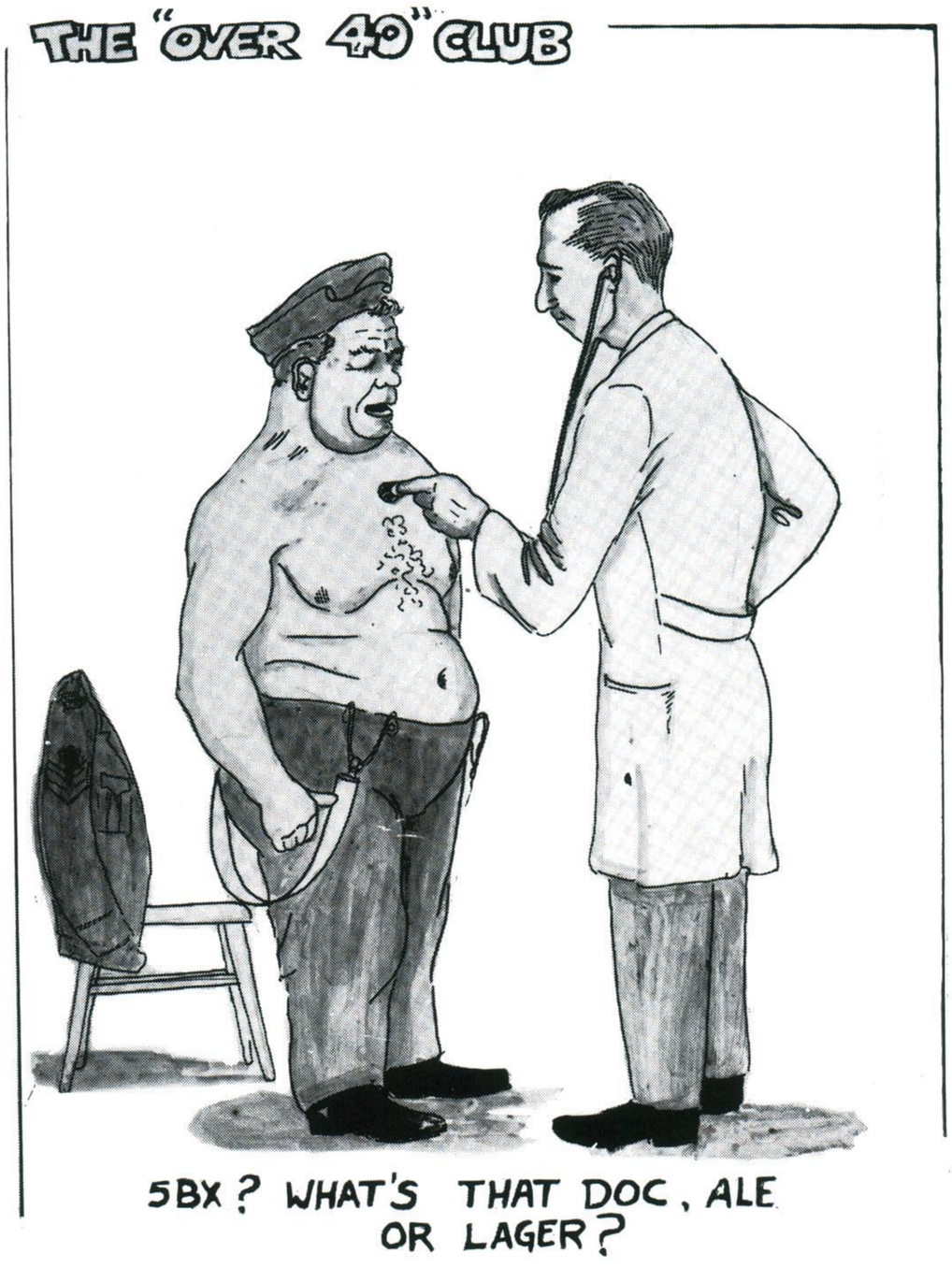
These newies along with those of the last three months were officially welcomed to the squadron with appropriate initiation during the first part of March.



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Wing Maintenance

by LAC's Wanvig, York, and Cpl Brown

Well, here we are back with you again. Herr Fuller (another potential native) did a bang=up job writing the W/M article last month, as I was in the hospital getting my leg shaved. I don't know if you noticed it or not; it was a 150 word composition chopped down to fit in a space of an inch and a half. Anyway, he's got himself a big Pontiac Convert and he's averaging about 5 "gals" a mile, so he's not too broken-up.

By the time this comes out, 1 and 2 Bay will be back from Sardinia with some pretty stretched stories. I guess it's nice down there, though, with the "caves" and some "government" building they are always talking about.

If you happen to hear an eerie noise, which sounds like anything from a moose call to a cry from the third dimension, around the hangar, don't be alarmed it's just Tucker playing the hydraulic lines. Man! What a beat!

The W/M hockey team C= (The Buckshee Bullets) have, to date dropped two games. We play our third game around the end of March. If any hockeyteam (and I use that term very freely) ever made a mess of hockey we have.

Ron MacNutt has give up his broom for a desk job in the Tool Crib, replacing Jack Hector who just can't wait for April.

Racicot's got the cutest little smile in the hangar.

A certain LAC in snag crew seemed to have had a little trouble focusing his eyeballs and mistook skin bracer for a gin chaser.

Mann's on a diet and 5BX for drinking 30 pounds over his quota while Burkley does a disappearing act by turning sideways.

The Zweibrucken nightclubs, at the present, are probably receiving generous donations from LACs Mason, Wright, Bennett, Griffith and Henry. They are taking the course up there while Wyman is up in "Beatnix".

LACs Storey, VanRaedonck, Yager, Fitzpatrick and Carr, are at the present down in Sardinia with the main purpose of keeping Sgt Harbour and Cpls Ettinger, McLeod and Pharand in line.

That's about all the news from the floor, so here's George York for I & E.

Well, as usual Instrument and Electrical are keeping their perfect records. No=one has done a hard day's work this year — — so far. I missed the deadline for last month's Flieger mainly cause I wasn't here. Yours truly was doing his bit in Bertrix. On my return Larry Cormack went up there. He should be back by the time this article comes out.

Sgt Deweile will be back off leave soon. From what I hear he is staying pretty close to home these days. It shouldn't be too long before there is the patter of little feet in the Deweile household. I should talk. Nevertheless, what with "Vic" being a group 4 and getting paid for it, I expect at least one stogie.

Speaking of sergeants coming back, young Willie Conn took a quick trip down to Sardinia to replace a certain 444 sergeant who didn't make it back from Canada quite in time. Cpl Stroud, LACs Forbes and Buchanan went down to the "Land of the Sophia Lorens and Gina Lollobrigidas" just to make sure the Sarge didn't wind up in any dens of ill repute. Hmmmm.

While both sergeants were away Cpl "Al" Shand had his big chance for a week's practice before "crying in the beer" day. This reminds me — I may be a little late but I wish all the fellas in both sections lots of luck and maybe there'll be something to write about next month.

I would like to welcome LAC "Larry" Hearn and Cpl "Jock" Connolly to our section. Larry came to us from a squadron on the station but Jock came all the way from Namao just to get his name in the Flieger.

Sgt "George" McCabe is back now. He looks pretty good except that one foot is bigger than the other and it's all white.

It seems the Instrument people are perturbed with me. I walked in while they were hanging some v=e=e=e=ry pretty red curtains and all I heard was "Don't say anything fellas= York's around today."

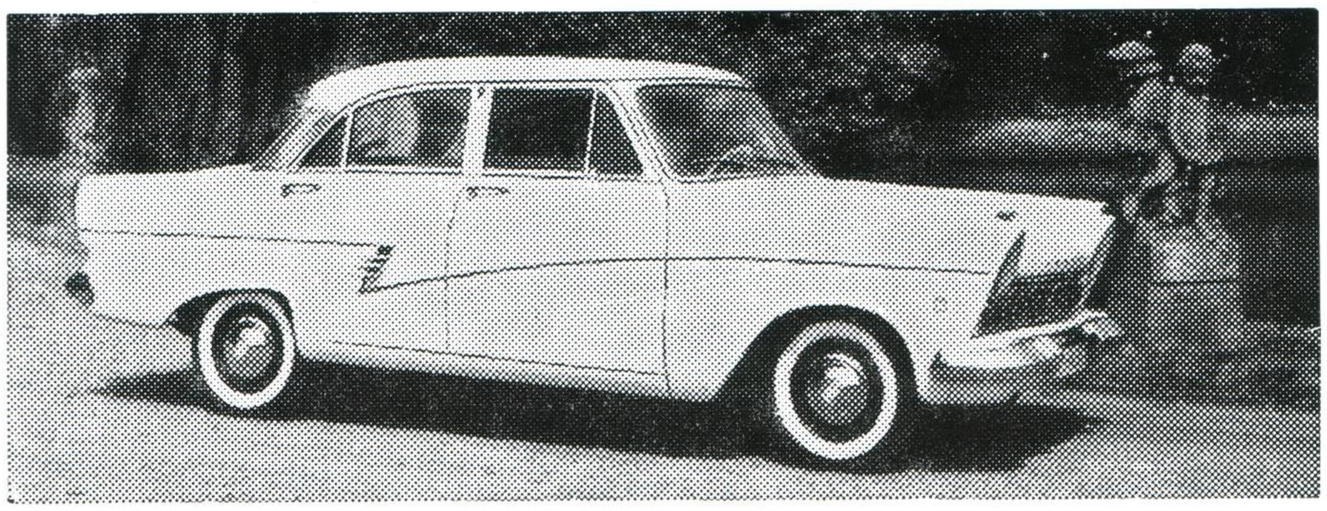
Gawsh, I feel like a spy.

And now over to the Safety Equip. Section and Harvey Brown.

The sporting element in the section has had a busy winter this year and all are better for it. Seems it was a year for also=rans. Maintenance were hockey and Wing Basketball semi-finalists, Kegler's bowling team finished first in "A" league but lost out in the play=offs and our hockey team — Workshops/S.E. "Old Pros" were on the ice a few times. Anyway the parties with 1 Wing were good. Now come swim meets, fastball, Fests and camping, so summer will be greeted with a full head of steam. Small wonder time seems to go by "over here".

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As the new Soellingen Sally I wish to express our sincere thanks to Cpl Morris who has adequately supplied us with news and gossip since she arrived here at 4 (F) Wing — a risky job at times.

Laurie is leaving us and the RCAF to settle down in the lovely city of Hamilton, Ont. and we all wish you the best of luck in whatever you decide to do.

This month has been a fairly busy one for us. We put up a hard battle in the Volleyball tournament but Air Div came out victorious. However the Airwomen overpowered the Sergeants' wives to retain the Broomball championships and cup. May's team copped the bowling finals and now our six top bowlers will represent 4 (F) Wing at 1 (F) Wing on the 23rd. Good luck, girls!

What is this I hear about someone getting their watch fixed so they can get in earlier at night! Are you sure it's your watch and not ELMER that's keeping you out so late?

If anyone is interested in taking one-armed driving lessons please contact Jeannie as she claims she knows the best one-armed driver at 4 (F) Wing.

I hope that you have all had the pleasure of meeting our star "Katrina" who was discovered recently by someone in the Met Section; never mind Peanuts maybe next time it will be someone more important.

Joyce may get tired at times but found the wall at the K-Bar good for "RESTIN".

Joe you shouldn't have hit Sam so hard you know he doesn't like being in the hospital, especially with no passes.

Marge left us for two weeks to further her knowledge of the AFP trade but I'm not so sure she wanted to go after a new addition to our 4 Wing Police Force arrived.

Betty, who is the red-head that is keeping you so worried lately, or are there two of them keeping you worried?

Moe, you had better get a key to the back door as we would hate to see you sit out on the steps all night.

Mary, we were all sorry you were ill but hope that you are feeling better now and able to drive that lovely new convertible.

As a closing note I will take this opportunity to say farewell to Meritta, Ida, and Denise who are all going to be mothers in the near future; also to Cpl Harden who will be joining the Supply staff at Stn Vancouver.

Well girls, until next month "Hear No Evil", "See No Evil", "Speak No Evil", as Soellingen Sally is always near.

Fire Department

The following signal was received in this department recently; FIRE PREVENTION. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF THE CANADIAN FIRE LOSSES RELEASED BY THE DOMINION FIRE COMMISSIONER ARE AS FOLLOWS: EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND BUILDING FIRES ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE AND FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FATALITIES.

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A bright note was introduced into the department since our last entry in the form of a pleasant visit by a local girl guide company; 14 girls and their leaders made the old fire hall look like a rose garden for short while.

By the time of publication we will have lost (to Cold Lake) our old comrade in arms, LAC Hayes and his family; our wishes for the best of luck and a pleasant sojourn at the "Cool Pool" to you all. Cpl Savoury and clan have departed for Bagotville and our loss is their gain. Best of everything, Chuck, on your new unit.

We will say "so long" for this time with just one more reminder: Be careful with fire; IF you insist on committing suicide, don't drag us into it.



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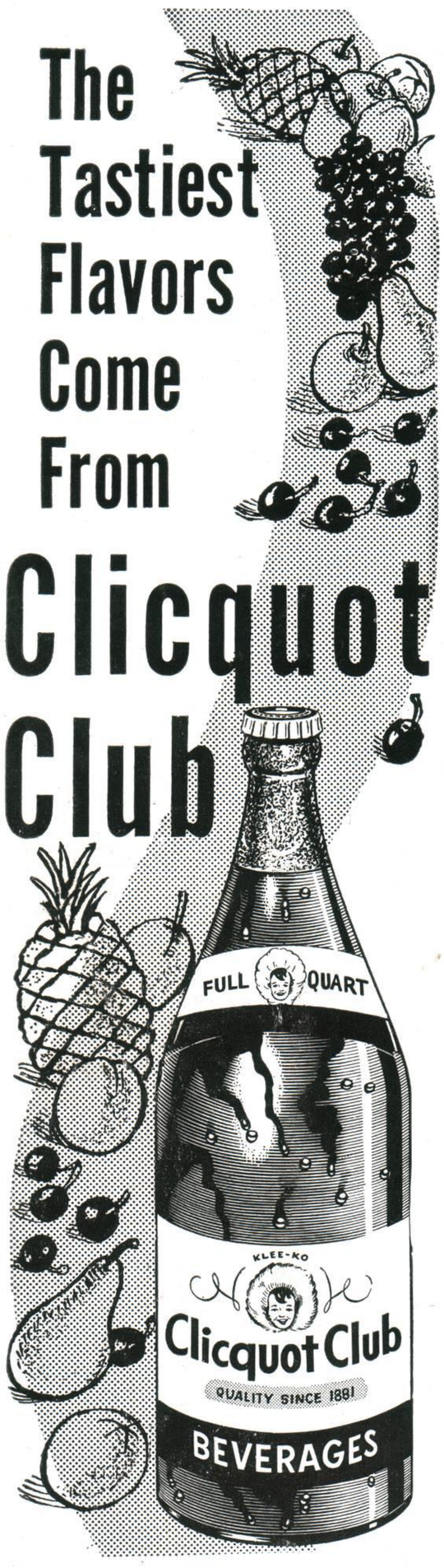
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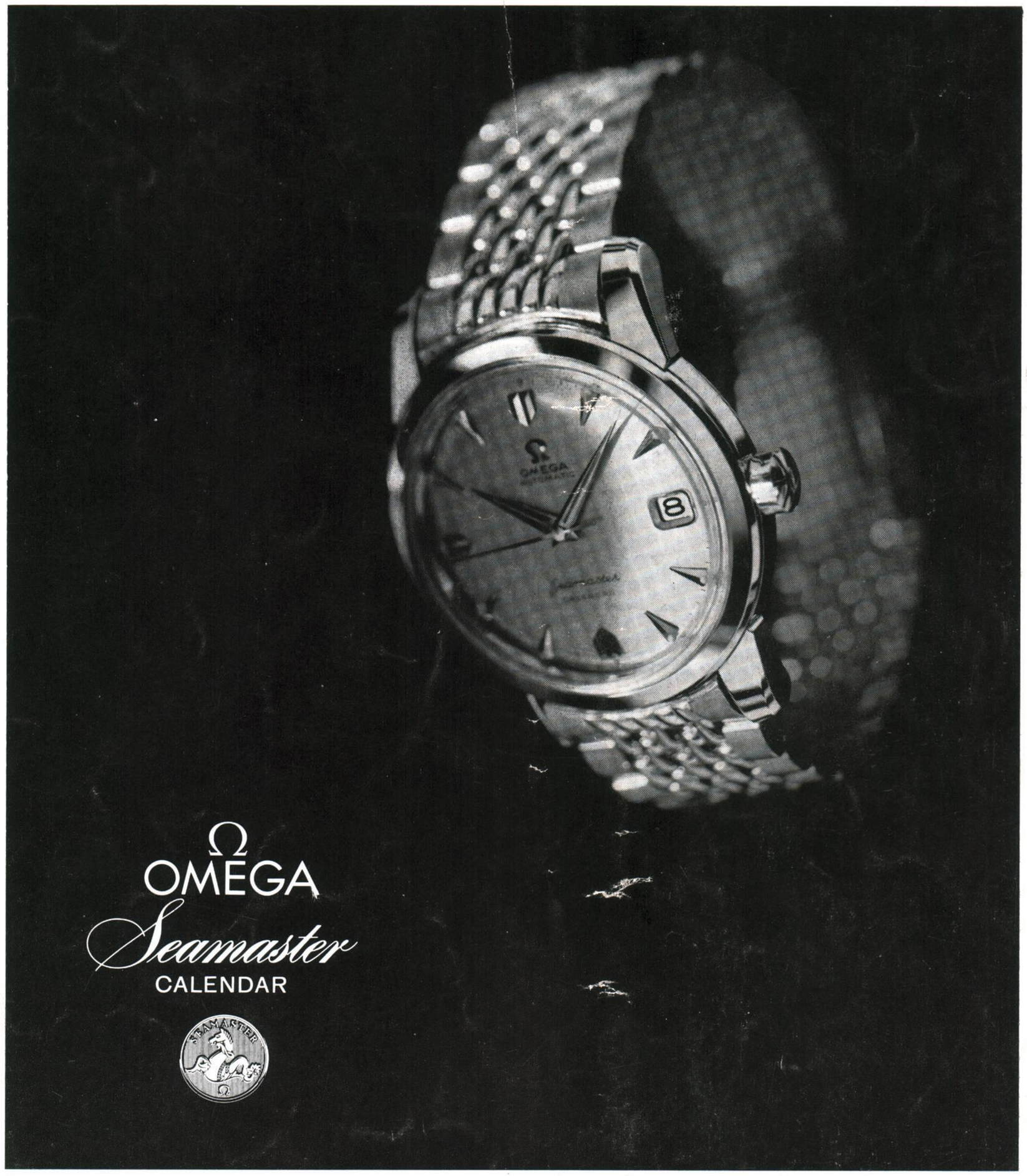
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