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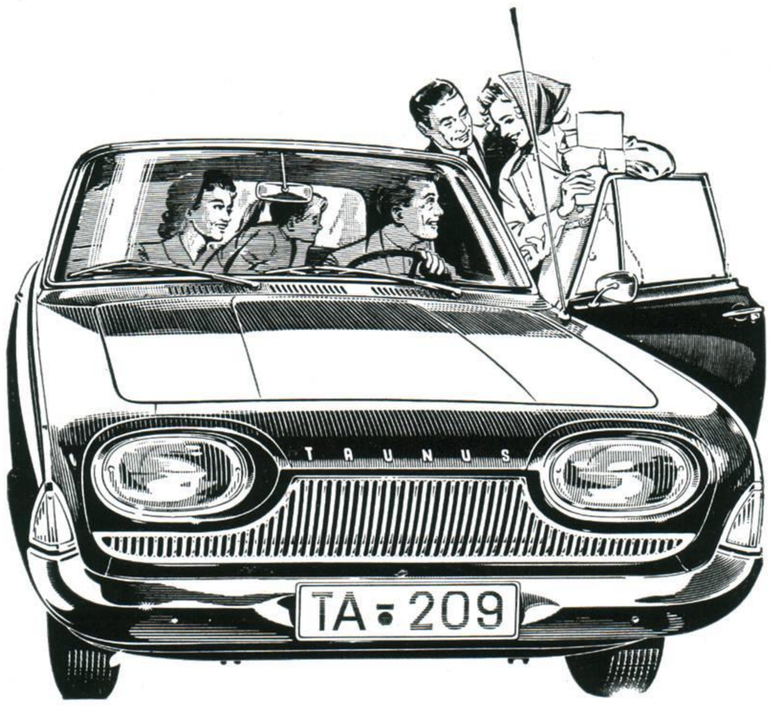


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Christmas Message
from the Commanding Officer



On receipt of this issue of the Flieger you will be in the midst of preparing for Christmas and, in turn, the New Year festivities. At this time I look back with pride to the steady improvements and progress that have been made throughout THE WING and, for that matter, throughout the Division and the RCAF as a whole. It is the effort of each and every one of us that has made this possible and has placed Canadians in such a favourable position. I would like at this time to thank you all, civilian as well as military, for your contributions.

As this season brings on celebrations mainly in the form of section parties, it is perhaps appropriate that I point out once more the hazards of driving. Adverse weather goes hand in hand with treacherous road conditions and raises the possibility of you being involved in an accident. Do not furthe. increase it by being impaired. It is far too easy to get involved in a party and it may take extreme willpower on your part to refrain from driving. You may be rich enough to afford to pay a fine but you may not be around to do it.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year to all!

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The Christmas Spirit

Every holiday has its own special spirit. Easter is a day of triumph. Thanksgiving is a day of praise. New Year's Day is a day of hope. But the day that has the warmest, brightest spirit of all is Christmas.

What is the Christmas spirit? It is a sense of the wonder of things. It is the spirit of faith in life. It is a sense of the joy of living. It is the spirit of good will. It is the Christ Spirit in man.

This is the Christmas spirit, a sense of the wonder of things. It is fashioned out of the age old wonderful story whose setting is the stable of a little inn in Bethlehem, the story of oxen kneeling in the stalls, of choirs of angels singing in the heavens, of "wise men" following a star, of shepherds coming down from their hills to adore a newborn child. It is fashioned out of the bright, preposterous dreams of a boy as he falls asleep on Christmas Eve, listening for the silver sound of sleigh bells and the click of fairy hoofs across the housetops. It is fashioned out of the glittering magic of the Christmas tree. It is the realization that life, no matter how prosaic and full of care it may seem to be, is wonderfully strange and strangely wonderful and has always a mystical beauty and passion and joy for him who seeks with a receptive heart.

This is the Christmas spirit, the spirit of faith in life. Someone has said, "There is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of one small candle." Christmas is candlelight. It is the faith that life and light will win the ultimate victory. It is the faith to perceive how in the lowly heart of a man God may be born!

This is the Christmas spirit, a sense of the joy of living. It is fashioned out of love and laughter, out of children's toys, out of tinsel and mistletoe and holly wreaths and greeting cards, out of the carols that boys sing in a snowy night. It is the angelic host procliming "good tidings of great joy." It is the church bells ringing out to say that Christ is born!

This is the Christmas spirit, the spirit of good will. It is a spirit participation; for one cannot bury Christmas in himself but must share its faith and love and joy with others. It is the giving of gifts. It is the vision of peace on earth, of the brotherhood of man. It is the prayers that men and women say for one another. It is the hope everlasting, the faith that never fails in the Christ Spirit in man.

This is the Christmas spirit, the Christ Spirit in man. It is the life eternal made incarnate in us. It is the love of God in the cradle of our heart. It is the heavenly light at which our mind is lit. It is the beauty that surpasses form. It is the peace that passes circumstance. It is the courage stronger than our fears. It is the glory greater than all grief. It is the truth of our divinity.

Once it was said of men's hearts, "There was no room . . . in the inn." In a world where there is so much that is alien to the Christmas spirit, let us cherish it this year. Let us keep it not only for ourselves but for all those who cannot keep it. When we keep Christmas, we are keeping a light alive, a spiritual light that must never be allowed to go out. Celebrated at the year's ebb, in winter's darkest days, Christmas is man's answer to all darkness, his jubilant, triumphant answer.

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The best known and most beloved of our many Christmas hymns, "Silent Night", was written on the day before Christmas, 1818, in Oberndorf, a tiny village in the Bavarian mountains. Oberndorf had been completely cut off from the rest of the world by an unusually severe blizzard, but the inhabitants cheerfully went about preparing for the festivities of the holiday. Then to their dismay, they discovered that the organ in the little church, the only organ in Oberndorf, had broken down.

Franz Xavier Gruber, the village schoolmaster and church organist, knew how disappointed the people would be for music was the heart of all their celebrations. So Gruber went to Josef Mohr, the assistant priest, and suggested that he write a special song for the Christmas celebration, but something so simple that it could be sung without any preparation. Mohr agreed to do his best, and throughout the gray afternoon he sought for words to express the feeling of Christmas. Towards evening he went to home of the schoolmaster, taking with him the lovely words of the song "Silent Night, Holy Night". That night Gruber composed a melody to fit the words.

On Christmas morning, the beautiful carol was sung for the first time. A young Oberndorf citizen who could play the guitar a little provided the only accompaniment. "All is calm, all is bright" sounded pure and clear in the Bavarian air.

Afterwards the tune spread across the whole world. About a hundred years ago the Tyrolean singers brought the song to our own country. Many of their songs were forgotten, as were the singers, but "Silent Night" has remained a true part of our Christmas. It is still sung in all corners of the earth where people gather to commemorate the birth of the Christ Child.

Stille Nacht

Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht,
Alles schlaeft, einsam wacht,
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar,
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf, in himmlischer Ruh',
Schlaf' in himmlicher Ruh'.

Sainte Nuit

O nuit de paix! Sainte nuit!
Dans le ciel l'astre luit,
Dans les champs tout repose en paix.
Mais soudain, dans l'air pur et frais,
Le brillant choeur des anges
aux bergers apparait.

Wing Food Services



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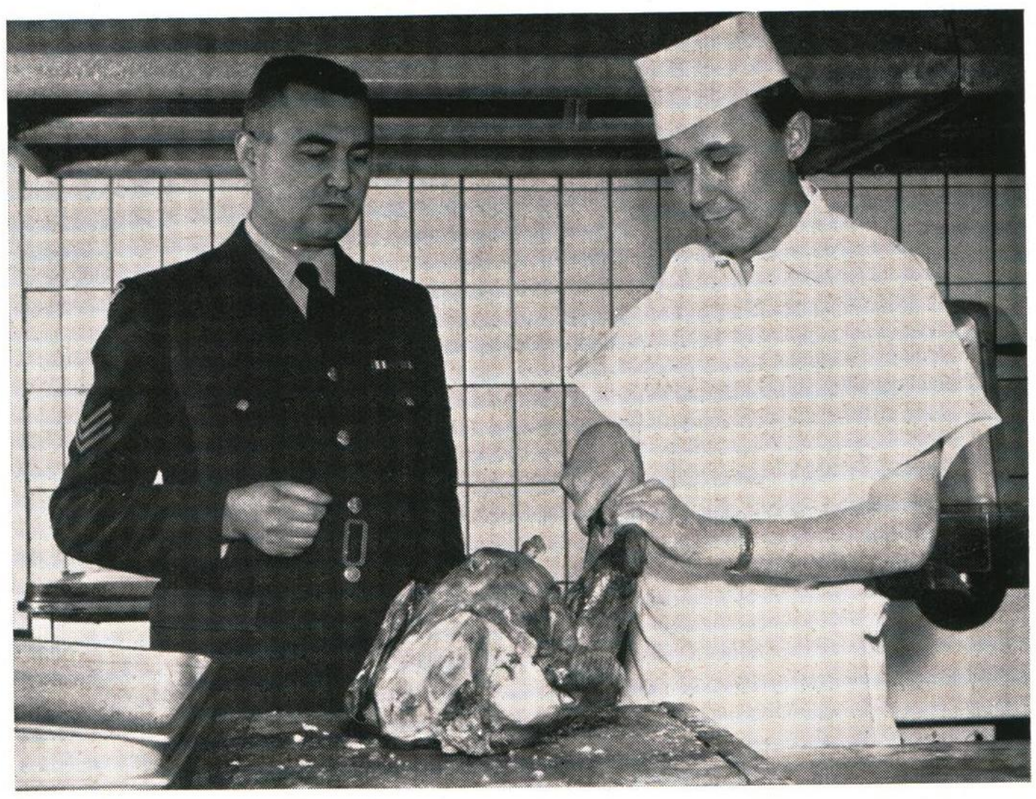
The Food Services Section comes directly under the jurisdiction of the CAdO. In performing its function this section depends on the services of such sections as the CE and Workshops to maintain and service equipment; the Supply section for obtaining crockery, cutlery and "C" class stores; the MSE section provides any transportation facilities required; the Wing Orderly room and the Accounts section perform the administration and accounting services involved.

Just as Napoleon said that an Army marches on its stomach it can be said that an airforce flies on its stomach. One of the most important tasks in operating a food services section is the planning of the weekly diet sheet which is usually completed a week in advance. Meals for living in RCAF personnel in Europe are provided from rations supplied by the American Army. All rations are supplied for the messes at 4 Wing by the American Army Depot at Karlsruhe. The Canadian Government pays a 14% handling charge to the US Army on the rations supplied to the Wings in Europe.

Menus covering a month at a time along with lists of food stuffs that are being provisioned for the period are published by the American Army at least two months before they come into effect. All the supplies do not have to be taken because certain substitutions are allowed. Commodities such as chicken, veal, pork etc. may be demanded in lieu of such items as okra, dried beans and canned weiners providing the cost to feed a man for a day does not exceed the amount it costs the US Army to feed a man for the same period of time. The average cost for a day is usually about one dollar and five cents per man per day.

The menu authorized for American army servicemen seldom allows more than one choise and their milk ration is only eight ounces per man per day, whereas RCAF personnel in Europe are allowed twenty ounces of milk a day and are accustomed to having several choices of meat and dessert dishes along with potatoes, salads and two cooked vegetables. It would be desirable to demand more beef and less fowl, however since so much ground beef has to be taken in proportion to the better cuts it is not practical.

For the most part, field ration "A" which is authorized for RCAF personnel in 1 Air Division compares very favorably with Ration Scale Number One used on most stations in Canada. For instance more specialties such as table cream, whipped cream, various jellies and olives are provided on rations here which normally in Canada would be purchased through extra messing funds. No extra messing is being paid by personnel at 4 Wing. Meals in the Air Force are planned to follow the principles of good nutrition, satisfy personnel, offer an interesting variety of food and make maximum use of the ration scale. Some factors taken into consideration are age, sex and occupation of the personnel being fed; particular occasions such as fast days and holidays; the supplies that are to be delivered; employees and equipment available; availability of seasonal products and popularity of different dishes as determined by a study of plate returns.



Sgt HR looks on as Herr Mayer carves a turkey in the airmen's kitchen.

The Food Services Officer is advised several times a month by the Pay Accounts Officer the number of rations

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Sgt LM Ludlow NCO in charge of the Officers' kitchen checks the table setting in the officers' dining room.

the wing is entitled to. In calculating the opening ration entitlement for the month the number of personnel on rations on the first day of the month as shown on the wing nominal roll is multiplied by the number of days in the month. The ration entitlement figure fluctuates during the month as the names of personnel appear in DROs when they are transferred in and out or when they go on leave. Any rations that are not required are according to regulations to be underdrawn and if stocks accumulate they may be returned to the ration depot and the ration account is credited.

Rations are transported three times a week from Karlsruhe and milk and bread are issued daily except Sundays. They are received in the airmen's kitchen where they are inspected for quality and then stored in the ration storeroom and refrigerators or reissued to the combined and hospital kitchens.

In the airmen's mess there is an average of 300 personnel fed at noon and in the combined section and hospital an average of 100 personnel are fed at the noon meal. There are fourteen civilian cooks and thirty food services attendants employed in the airmen's section and in the combined section there are eight civilian cooks and twenty-four waitresses and food services attendants. RCAF cooks and FSA's, of which there are about 12 serving in a supervisory capacity, receive training at the School of Food Services at RCAF Stn Clinton and the cook trade includes four groupings. The section is operated mainly on two shifts, the early one from 0600 to 1400 hours and the late shift from 1100 to 1900 hours with a few personnel working from 0800 to 1600 hours. There is always a cook on duty in the airmen's section until 0059 hours to serve meals to personnel working on shifts and during Zulu there is a cook on duty to serve breakfast before day-



Buffet Table in the Airmen's Mess

break. Civilian personnel have one day off a week while service personnel usually have two days a week off.

The primary function of the food services section is the provision and service of the meals required by the personnel on the wing and for official entertaining. Also there is a large commitment involved in providing food for parties, weddings, and social functions. It is against regulations to use rations for this purpose so the cost for the food and staff required for such functions must be borne by the clubs or personnel requesting such services.

According to regulations an Airmen's Mess Committee which is to give a representation of the airmen on the wing is to meet once a month. The FSvO is an ex=officio member and the purpose of the committee is to allow for an official means by which airmen can express their opinion of the food and offer suggestions. Similarly the messing member on the officers' mess committee is to act as liaison between the FSvO and the personnel eating in that mess. Many people express personal likes and dislikes concerning food, however it can be understood that requests pertaining to the majority are given first consideration.



Sgt JM Mandville (cook) serves dessert in the airmen's kitchen.

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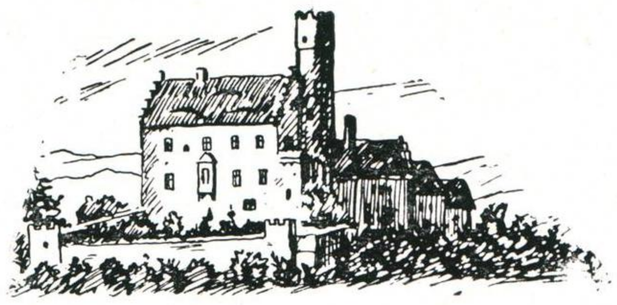
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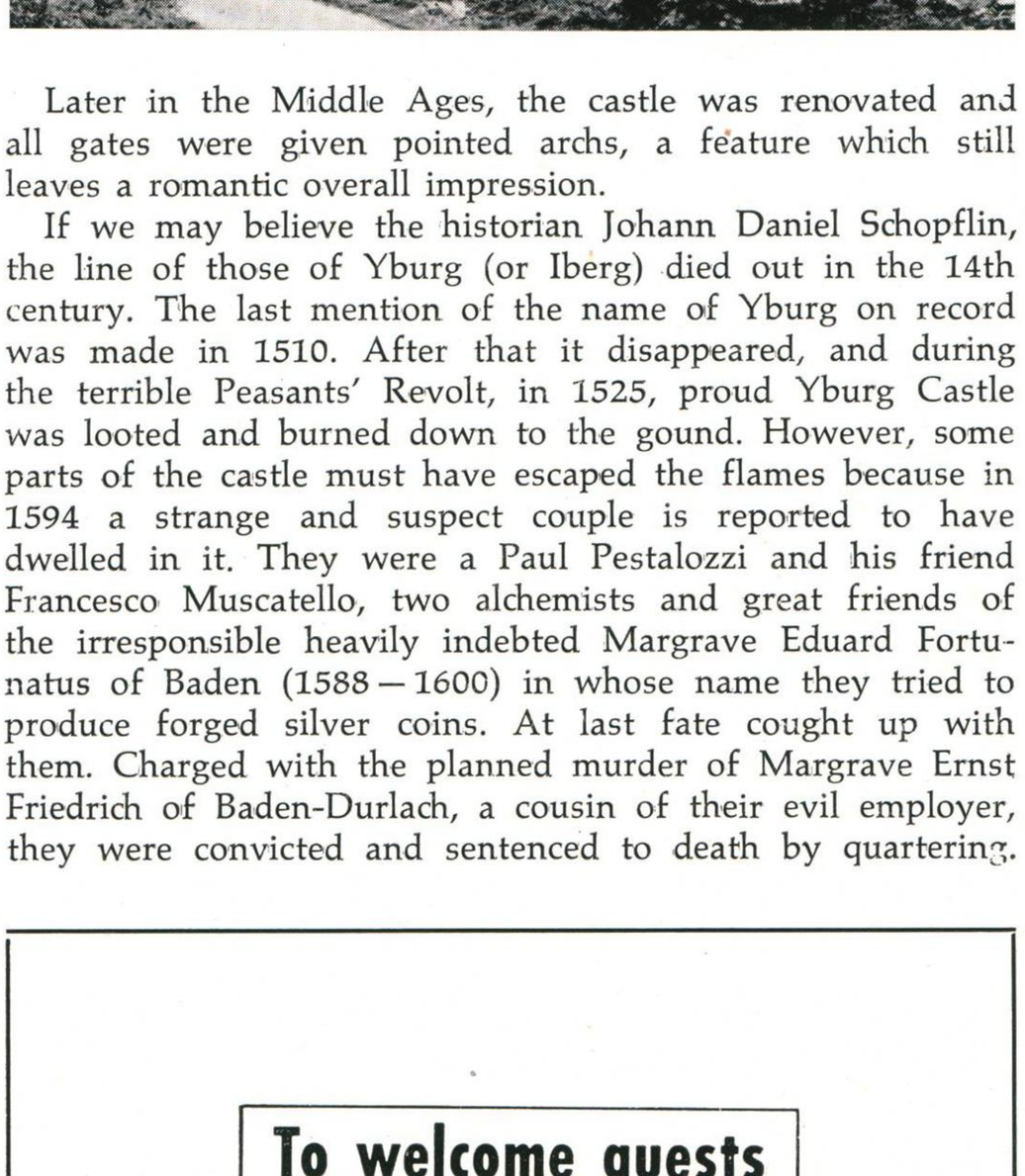
YBURG CASTLE



A weather-beaten, age-worn tower, arising from the western most hills of the Black Forest, looks sadly, down at the Rhine Valley. Once it was part of a stately castle; today mossgrown, ivy-clad ruins, a deserted tower, and romantic legends are the only remainders of an interesting history.

2000 years ago the Ortenau district was strewn with countless defence building erected by the victorious generals of the Roman Empire. It was probably during these times that a strong tower was built on the porphyry rock where we now find the remainders of Yburg Castle. Altough there are no written records covering this earliest stage of the Yburg, its Roman origin can be assumed with certainty from its architectural design: The entrance to the main tower of a Roman fortress was never at ground level but 30—40 ft above, a feature also to be found in Ebersteinburg and Altwindeck castles, or in the Roman watchtowers in Durlach and Sinsheim. After the collapse of the Roman Empire, the Yburg tower will probably have decayed. But towards the middle of the 13th century a new castle with strong walls, towers, and battlements arose from its ruins.

It was inhabited by true German knights for generations to come. Unfortunately, not much can be seen today of this Swabian castle. A circular wall and a gray massive "Bergfried" (main defence tower; 65 ft) are the only witnesses of former splendour. In the yard, we still find remainders of a draw-well, and also of the chapel and the dwelling house, which give us an approximate idea of the enormous size of the castle.



Later in the Middle Ages, the castle was renovated and all gates were given pointed archs, a feature which still leaves a romantic overall impression.

If we may believe the historian Johann Daniel Schopflin, the line of those of Yburg (or Iberg) died out in the 14th century. The last mention of the name of Yburg on record was made in 1510. After that it disappeared, and during the terrible Peasants' Revolt, in 1525, proud Yburg Castle was looted and burned down to the gound. However, some parts of the castle must have escaped the flames because in 1594 a strange and suspect couple is reported to have dwelled in it. They were a Paul Pestalozzi and his friend Francesco Muscatello, two alchemists and great friends of the irresponsible heavily indebted Margrave Eduard Fortunatus of Baden (1588—1600) in whose name they tried to produce forged silver coins. At last fate cought up with them. Charged with the planned murder of Margrave Ernst Friedrich of Baden-Durlach, a cousin of their evil employer, they were convicted and sentenced to death by quartering.







Fortunatus himself, the initiator of the murder, died few years later, in 1600, in a very unworthy fashion: After excessive drinking he fell down the stairs in one of his castles and broke his neck.

After this short, criminal interval, Yburg castle was again deserted until the beginning of the 30 Years' War, when the devastated castle was once more rebuilt and a second tower added.

In the War of the Palatinate (1689) however, during which the most beautiful castles, monasteries, and churches of Baden and the Palatinate were destroyed by order of the "most Christian" king, Louis XIV of France, Yburg Castle was burned down a last time.

What is left now is a romantic ruin on a large porphyry rock, ansing from the dark trees of the forests above Varnhalt's and Steinbach's vineyards; and a host of uncanny legends hovering about the walls of the former castle.

King Dagobert of Frankonia, whose rule came to an end in 639 AD, is one of the many historic persons connected with the Yburg. It is said of the king that in his old age he was greatly attracted by the youthful beauty of the castellan's daughter Gertrudis. The girl, however, was in love with a noble but poor young man who could never hope to win her hand because of his poverty. But one day Gertrudis overheard a plan to assassinate the king. She told it to Heribert and he saved the king's life in a brave fight against the hired murderers. Dagobert was so grateful to him that he made him knight of Yburg thus paving the way for his marriage to Gertrudis.

Another knight of Yburg, Burkhard (1245?) died in very mysterious circumstances: He was secretly engaged to Hilde, the lovely child of the castellan of Ebersteinburg. One night he came back from a rendezvous with his sweetheart, when he passed by a place where the Romans had erected an altar to Venus, the Goddess of Love. Suddenly a light dazzled him and his eyes were caught by a white-clad woman. He wanted to approach her, but just in time he heard Gertrudis' voice which warned him not to go any further. He hurried away but later in the night he was unable to forget the ghostly appearance and went back to the place. Here Venus — or whoever it was — appeared to him a second time, and now he could not resist the temptation. But the embrace of the goddess was too much for a man of common clay. Friends found his body the next morning; at the same hour, when he was buried in Yburg castle, Hilde was lying on her bier in nearby Eberstein Castle. She had died together with her unfaithful fiance.

No less uncanny sound the many stories about Eduard Fortunatus and his two alchemists. The three cannot find peace in their graves and have to return to the cellars of the castle every night, where they drink and play cards; their favourite pastime is to frighten wine-happy men coming from Varnhalt, Neuweier or Affental.

Yburg Castle is a haunted place. Your can hear laughter and cries, the rattling of weapons, the rolling of golden bowlingballs. It is the nightly meeting place of many a damned soul, of evil spirits, witches and dwarfs.

In daylight, however, it is perfectly safe to climb up the hill to the ruins where a restaurant is awaiting the tired wanderer, and the tower is inviting him to enjoy the marvellous view of the hills in the east and the Rhine Valley in the West.



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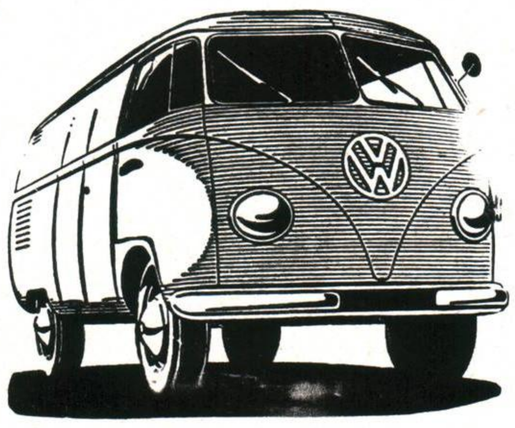
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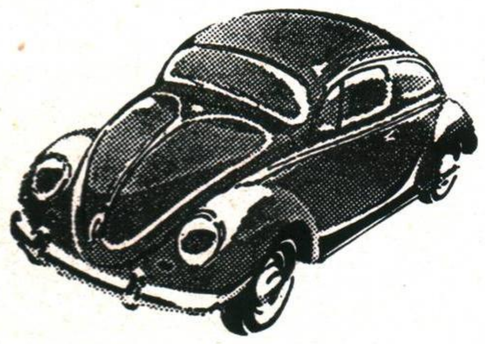
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Canadian *News*

"NATO TROUBLED, BUT IN FAIR TRIM" — The first-hand report on North Atlantic Alliance conditions in western Europe brought back to the federal cabinet by defense Minister Douglas Harkness was understood to be a mixture of lights and shadows. Its central and most re-assuring feature was that NATO experts assessed the military position of the western European alliance nations as "reasonably satisfactory" at the present time. But in the background of this confidence in the military situation there was also recognition of political and economic problems which were impairing the efficiency of NATO unity without any real prospect of any early solution. Defense Minister Harkness was reported to have been told in his briefing by the supreme headquarters of the allied powers in France that the effective NATO forces in western Europe totalled 21 divisions, against 100 divisions held in readiness by the Russians. While on the surface these figures may seem cause for alarm, the SHAPE commanders profess reasonable contentment with them. They say no more than some 20-odd divisions could be thrown into action at one time in the NATO theater — that there is simply not enough road capacity nor communication facilities to move any more.

BERCHTESGADEN RESORT — Where Hitler used to brood, Canadians, now holiday. It's all open to Canadians serving overseas — Hitler's whole hideaway here on the Obersalzburg. Where Hitler pointed a pistol at Neville Chamberlain and forced him to sign the Munich ("peace in our time") pact, Canadians now browse for souvenirs. It's all thanks to the U.S. Army which at the war's end, expropriated most of Berchtesgaden for its own use. The Americans established Berchtesgaden as a U.S. Army "rest and recreation center". All the Hitlerite holiday trappings are now reserved for the U.S. Army and its guests. The Canadians have permanent prefered guests status at the Hitler hideaway, and U.S. Army authorities here say the Canadians flock to Berchtesgaden.

"US SLASHES SPENDING ABROAD BY $1,000,000,000" —FORCES' FAMILIES ORDERED HOME — Half of this saving will come by slashing Defence Department spending, the White House said. The President's most drastic move was to order dependents of servicemen abroad to come home at a rate of 15,000 monthly. A total of 200,000 will be allowed to remain abroad. At present there are about 484,000 military dependents scattered around the world. In announcing the economy measures, Eisenhower stressed there was no present intention to reduce the combat strength of the some six divisions of U.S. troops stationed in Europe. "The last thing we want to do is diminish our combat strength until the NATO countries — find it possible to fill the gap", he said.

"ASKS SHIFT IN ARMED FORCES ROLE TO AID AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY" — Canada's aircraft industry with cross sales dipping and employment diving, can't look to foreign sales for stability, F.T. Wood, president of the Air Industries and Transport Association, said. Canada might provide a larger market for its aircraft industry by a gradual shift in emphasis of the armed forces' role. Mr. Wood also criticized "increased competition" from the RCAF in civilian air transport operations and said the Air Transport Board had been given a brief asking that the air force be restricted in carrying civilians.

"MARITIMES RCAF OFFICER ON NATIONAL LECTURE TOUR" — Food service officers from RCAF units across Canada have departed on lecture tours to Canadian universities and colleges to interest home economic students in careers in the RCAF. Theme of the lectures were the importance of sound nutritional planning in keeping the nation's airmen in top flying — and fighting — condition. Also stressed are the excellent Air Force career opportunities open for women in this field. Speaker for the Maritime area was Flight-Lieutenant Florence G. Christie, staff officer for food services at the RCAF's Maritime Air Command headquarters in Halifax.

"JET FIGHTER AIM OF VISIT BY HARKNESS" — Defense Minister D.S. Harkness flew to Washington, for talks with U.S. Defense Secretary Thomas Gates. Though the visit is primarily a courtesy call, informants said today one of the more likely topics of conversation is a new jet interceptor for the Royal Canadian Air Force. One year ago today, at a press conference at Uplands Airport here, Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, chief of North American Air Defense Command, said the RCAF needed a new manned interceptor "at an early date". Informants said a decision now may not be reached until February though an earlier one is not ruled out. A complicating factor has been the U.S. presidential election and the constitutional delay before the Jan. 20 inauguration of president-elect John F. Kennedy and his administration. The proposal now ist that Canada acquire 66 Voodoos in exchange for U.S. purchase of 32 Canadian-built transport planes for the U.S. Air Force with this country possibly meeting the $120,000,000 cost to it by taking over operation of some U.S.-manned radar stations in Canada.

"CANADA AND THE U.S. NUCLEAR DETERRENT" — Canada maintains a large air defense organization primarily to protect the United States retaliatory forces, and thereby to strengthen the deterrent. This has been stressed again and again (more recently in the White Paper "Defense 1959" and in last summer's big defense debate in the Commons), and is, in fact, obvious. Nobody would surely suggest that even the best air defense system could in our days repel, or even significantly blunt, an actual air attack with nuclear weapons. In practice, then, Canada, helps to provide the shield covering the three numbered air forces and the one missile division of Strategic Air Command stationed in the continental United States. There is not now any Canadian active air defense. Our CF-100s, excellent aircraft as they were in their day, are too slow to interfere seriously with a bomber attack, especially one which will be shielded by a curtain of electronic countermeasures.

"DEMOCRATS' RETURN THREAT TO BOMARC, OTTAWA VIEWPOINT" — ELECTION REACTION — Immediate effect of the Democrats' return to the White House is to Canadian CL-44 military transport planes for U.S. supersonic jet fighters, and for Canadian acquisition of nuclear warheads for the Bormarc guided missiles and other weapons that would remain under U.S. control. In fact, the whole future of the controversial Bomarc Anti=aircraft missile program has been thrown into doubt as a result of the new emphasis Sen. Kennedy has promised to place on offensive, rather than defensive weapons.

Recommended Library Reading

JARRETT'S JADE — Frank Yerby

Jarrett's Jade is the Jarrett family name for the lovely old red-brick southern mansion, which has been their home for one and a half centuries.

The story tells of Jonathan, a "bonnet laird" in Scotland, ruined by the battle of Sherriffmuir, and of the chance encounter which led to his son, James, being adopted by a wealthy Edinburgh merchant, Beverly Andrews. When the past caught up with Squire Andrews, it was time for James to take the road to London. Once there, he welcomed the chance to join General Oglethorpe's settlers on their voyage to Georgia, even if the only way he could raise money for his journey was to become the most daring and most courteous highwayman in the kingdom. With characteristic gusto, Frank Yerby continues to follow Jame's loves and fortunes in America.

GHOST SHIP OF THE POLE — Wilbur Cross

The dirigible "Italia" crashed onto an ice pack in the frozen emptiness of the Arctic Ocean on the morning of May 25, 1928. The beginning of an epic struggle for survival, this disaster initiated one of the greatest series of Arctic searches in the annals of polar expeditions — and became the death knell for many brave men — crew and rescuers alike.

But the story of the "Italia", her captain, Umberto Nobile, and her crew, is far more than an account of heroic survival and rescue, for it brings sharply into focus the serious and tragic flaws of a decade too often remembered as the "Roaring Twenties". Mr. Cross has set down with great skill not only the tragedy of the disaster itself, but also, with equal skill and a penetrating insight, the even greater tragedy of a nation ruled by the egos of men who held little regard for human life or destiny.

THE WATCH THAT ENDS THE NIGHT — Hugh MacLennan

In the deeply satisfying marriage of George and Catherine Stewart there was a constant, shared danger: Catherine's illness which might, any day, cause her death. They shared also a powerful memory — of Jerome Martell, who had been Catherine's first husband and George Stewart's closest friend, supposed to have died in a Nazi prison camp. It is the sudden return to Montreal of Jerome Martell that precipitates the central crisis of this novel.

From that dramatic point, Hugh MacLennan takes the reader back into the lives of his three main characters — lives constantly bound together by admiration and love. Writing about Montreal in the Thirties, Mr. MacLennan vividly conveys the climate of the Depression time, when people caught politics the way they catch religion.

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Yuletide Customs in the Black Forest

In the Baden province, and particulary among the rural population in the remote Black Forest valleys, many old customs are still well preserved, part of which can be traced back to the early centuries when the Teutonic tribes were heathens; other customs however, are of Christian origin.

Before giving a narrative on some special customs, practised in certain districts only, I should first mention the "standard" customs which are uniform for this region and all across Germany.

The pre-Christmas or "Advent-Season" starts on the first Advent Sunday, when a so-called „Advents-Kranz" (a small wreath of pine twigs decorated with ribbons and 4 candles) is up in the house; sometimes it hangs down from the chandelier. On the first Advent only one candle is lit, on the second Sunday two candles are burning and so on, till Christmas Eve, when this wreath is replaced by the Christmas tree.

December 6th is Santa Claus Day, when the German youngsters put out their shoes or stocking to be filled with candies, nuts and fruits. Families with small children usually ask their neighbours to pose as St. Nick, and the children have to recite a Santa Claus poem ,before they get their little gifts from him.

Christmas Eve unites all family members around the Christmas tree; the mother lights the candles on the tree and Christmas carols are sung; and after that the youngsters can rush to the Christmas tree to look at their presents which "Father Christmas" has placed underneath the tree. In some families "Father Christmas" (in German he is called "Knecht Rupprecht" and usually wears a long fur coat, boots, long beard and carries a wooden stick and a knapsack with the presents) makes his appearance together with the "Christkind" (the child Jesus) dressed in a long white robe and a golden crown or halo. Again the children first have to recite Christmas poems and answer some inquisitive questions about their good behaviour before they get the presents. The family then goes to the "Christmette", a special worship service held at midnight or at 5 o'clock in the morning.

While Christmas is a quiet family affair, New Year's Eve is celebrated in a more boisterous way with parties everywhere in more or less "Faschings" style.

Another special feature for the Baden area is the baking of special Christmas cakes and cookies — the "Schnitzbrot" and "Springerle". The ingredients of the "Schnitzbrot" consist mainly of chips of dried fruits, nuts and various spices, withe a good shot of "Kirschwasser". I believe it is similar to Canadian Christmas cake.

The baking of "Springerle" cookies has a very old tradition and started in the 18th century; the dough is rolled flat and then cut out with wooden forms, each featuring a different symbol; the designs represent Santa Claus with a mitre or with a long raftsman's stick (in the Murg Valley Santa Claus was also the protector of the Murg raftsmen some centuries ago), or the Lamb of God, Christ on the Cross, also flowers and fruits. In former times the carving of these wooden forms was a commercial art; there lived, for instance, a very famous "Springerle" — carver in Hundsbach who was an invalid veteran of the Battle of Leipzig (1813) and he carved designs of horsemen and soldiers.

In connection with Christmas season baking I should like to mention another old custom from the Murg Valley, which, however, is no more practised in our modern times, and when you have finished reading this portion you will know why. Around New Year the bakers in the Murg Valley prepared some special big pretzel-like things which had six tips and were called "Ratsherrn-Weck" (Alderman's pretzel), and these pretzels were presented to the alderman or town-councillors as a kind of "special bonus" in appreciation of their services for the town.

Later on these hexagon pretzels were renamed "Spitalsweck" (hospital-pretzel) or "Bollweck" (intranslatable); these were sold by the bakers during the Twelve-Night period (24 Dec — 6 Jan) at the town-gates, on the market and in the "guesthouses", and the proceeds were turned over to the community hospital.

Now here are some peculier customs still practised in one or the other rural district and sometimes connected with pagan superstitions.

On the way to the midnight mass, farmers drink water out of their wells, as this "Christmas water" is said to have special healing powers. This drawing of water from a well is called "Heiligwogschoepfen" and is still in use in the Breisach area (southern Blackforest).

Another superstition among the rustic people is that during Christmas night, from 11 hours to midnight, the live stock can speak to each other, but nobody should ever dare to eavesdrop — he would be doomed to death.

Particularly during the "Twelve-Night" period the rural population observe some old "regulations": no great works are to be performed, these are the holidays for the farmers. Farm-hands and maids get their leave, as no big housecleaning, washing or spinning is to be done. To obtain the help of "good spirits" and keep the "bad spirits" away, three crosses are painted on the house=door. One sprinkles holy water in the rooms, lights incense in the stables, and a broom is put against the stable entrance upside down.

December 27th is St. John's Day, and wine is taken to the church for benediction: one drinks some of this blessed wine on the family's health for next year and retains the rest, as it cures all kind of frailties; winegrowers put some of it into their wine-casks, so that they may partake of the blessing.

In some villages young lads go around on New Year's Eve to announce the New Year by singing; in other districts brass bands make the rounds and serenade, for which they get plenty of wine and "Kirschwasser".

One Epiphany (6 Jan) some boys dress up as the "Three Wise Men from the East" and with their retinue they give a little play and sing hymns. I was told that the parish of "St. Jesus" in Rastatt's district called "Doerfel" still practises this custom: the boys visit parish members, give a little performance and receive gifts for it.

With this day all the Yuletide celebrations come to an end and poeple go back to their normal everday life.

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The Meaning of Christmas

The time of the year for Christmas Greetings, Carols and the sending of gifts has rolled around once again. The Sections are busy ministering to the Refugees, Orphans and the Needy so that Christmas will be more cheerful than it might have been. At Christmas we are constantly reminded that as our Lord said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Christmas means so much more when we share our possessions, our time, and our talents. St. John in his gospel story says, "God so loved the world that he GAVE his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish . . ." Christmas brings us to the heart of God for his love was revealed through a human life for the Salvation of mankind.

In the gospel stories found in St. Matthews and St. Luke we find that Mary and Joseph both gave their lives to the service of God to fulfil His plan and purpose. The Shepherds and the Wise Men gave of their time and talents to seek out and find the truth of this great event in the history of mankind. We to-day give that the message and spirit of Christmas may be expressed in the hearts and lives of people throughout the world.

At Christmas we do not have to wait until some deed of greatness we may do nor do we have to wait to shed our light how meager it may be to other people. The opportunity to give our gifts to meet the needs of men, to give of our service willingly to help others, is waiting to be fulfilled. This is the act of worship that brings joy to the giver and receiver alike and helps lift burdens of humanity.

This is Christmas — — not that we loved God, but that God, loved us, and sent His Son as the greatest GIFT to humanity, that through Him we may accept the gift of Eternal Life. Let us give and let us receive that we may sing this Christmas:

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing."

Isaac Watts.

About one hundred kilometres North of Rome, near Contigliano, the traveller to Assissi should not miss the small village of Greccio. It is where Saint Francis of Assissi started the tradition of the Christmas Crib. Here is how Saint Bonaventure describes the occasion: "Now three years before his death it befeel that he was minded, at the town of Greccio, to celebrate the memory of the birth of the Child Jesus with all the added solemnity that he might, for the kindling of devotion. That this might not seem an innovation, he sought and obtained licence from the Supreme Pontiff, and then made ready a manger and bade hay together with an ox and an ass be brought unto the place. The brethren were called together, the folk assembled, the wood echoed with their voices and that August night was made radiant and solemn with many bright lights, and with tuneful and sonorous praises. The man of God, filled with tender love, stood before the manger, bathed in tears and overflowing with joy. Solemn Masses were celebrated over the manger, Francis, the Levite of God, chanting the Holy Gospel. Then he preached unto the folk standing the birth of the King of Poverty, calling Him, when he wishes to name Him, the Child of Bethlehem by reason of his tender love for Him."

Saint Bonaventure says that Francis desired this particular celebration "for the kindling of devotion" and the people indeed were kindled to new enthusiasm and new joy. The least lettered could understand the Greccio Christmas Crib as well as any learned man. It had an eloquence, a tenderness and a single-minded simplicity of intention that elaborate Nativity Drama had lost. Only a saint, and only Saint Francis of Assissi could have done a thing of the sort.

The words crib, manger, creche or nativity scene today do not always convey in people's mind the idea of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The obvious for Francis and his brethren at Greccio seems to have in the church and in the idea of a sort of toy which is nice to have in the church and in the home during the Christmas season. For too many indeed the crib is a nice miniature grotto with paper-mache mountains, pastel coloured figures together with a christmas tree glittering with artificial snow.

And it is in the same manner also that the facts of Christ's Life escape our understanding. We believe in God indeed, but we fail to realize how much the Jesus of Nazareth, after the Jesus of Bethlehem, has shared our own human life with its works, its sufferings and its love. Our faith in Christ has become a sort of ideal for our dreams but not yet a "way of life".

"Our Saviour, dearly beloved, was born today; let us rejoice. For there should be no place for sorrow on the birth-

day of LIFE which, the fear of death being at last consumed, filleth us with the joy of eternity promised. Let the sinless

exult, insomuch as his palm is at hand; let the sinful rejoice, insomuch as forgiveness is offered to him; let the Gentile be of good cheer, because he is bidden to share LIFE." (Saint Leon.)

The Christmas Crib, then conveys to mankind a message and that message is, whether he be a saint, a sinner or a pagan, each and every man is offered everlasting LIFE.

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Christmas in other Lands

Throughout the Christian World Christmas is recognized as a family festival of re=union.

The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany start the ball rolling by celebrating the Feast of St Nicholas on Dec 6th. One of the distinctions gained by St Nicholas, who was born in the 3rd century, was his generous and unexpected gifts and this was later associated with the giving of presents and candies. St Nicholas calls on German familie and children's parties in clerical attire complete with a large book in which is supposed to be recorded the good behaviour of the children during the past year. The children are duly rewarded, but accompanying St Nicholas is "Knecht Rupert" his manservant, carrying a sack into which the naughty "Kinder" are deposited. In the Nether=lands, St Nicholas seems to have been just adopted as the patron saint of children, and there on St Nicholas Eve they leave their wooden shoes filled with hay for the saint's white horse on which he supposedly jumps from roof to roof leaving toys and sweets.

Whether it be Dec 6th, Christmas Eve or Christmas Day children in many lands look forward to the arrival of St Nicholas, Christ Kringle, La Befana, Yule Tomteen or Christ Kindle.

Here in Germany Christmas is predominately a home festival with attendance at church services on Christmas Eve. Observance is centred around the Christmas tree with the presents piled under it and their distribution is proceeded by the singing of carols with "O Tannen-baum" and "Stille Nacht" being the favorites.

The Scandinavian countries make preparations many weeks in advance and their houses are cleaned, renovated and finally gaily decorated. Much cooking of special meats, the baking of bread, fancy cakes and cookies and other native foods ensure that the three weeks of leisure and celebration will be enjoyed by the whole family. Special holiday food is given to the cattle, because of their presence in the stall at Bethlehem, and sheaves of grain are set up on poles for the birds.

Christmas decorations in England are put in the home on Christmas Eve and stay up for twelve nights until "Twelfth Night". Father Christmas (the English counter-part of Santa Claus) delivers his presents on Christmas Eve, arriving by reindeer and making his entrance by the chimney.

Theatres put on special shows called Pantomines with the leading lady dressed as a comely lad, and with a coy lass as her partner. It is particularly a show for the whole family and the theme is generally wound around one of the old nursery rhymes.

Religious features are very prominent in France; the creche is to be seen in homes and churches where everyone attends midnight mass which is followed at home by an elaborate Christmas supper enjoyed by all the family. The festive season finishes with the feast of kings on Epiphany, which in Normandy is celebrated by the children going out on Epiphany Eve to meet the three kings on the highway.

Both France and Scotland celebrate New Year's day when the custom of giving presents is observed. Scotsmen living in London, England congregate on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral to see in the New Year, and in their homeland the practice of first-footing is a fine way of meeting the New Year.



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December-January Attractions

Thur. 15th. & Fri. 16th. "MAKE MINE MINK" a farcical comedy starring Terry Thomas, Athene Seyler and Hattie Jacques. (U)

Sat. 17th. Children's Matinee. "SECRETS OF THE WASTE-LAND" (western) plus "HAREM KNIGHT" (comedy).

Sun. 18th. & Mon. 19th. "SCHOOL FOR SCOUNDRELS" starring Ian Carmichael, Janette Scott and Terry Thomas is a psychological comedy suggested by Stephen Potter's "Gamesmanship" saga about an amiable nitwit who rids himself of an inferiority complex. (U)

Tues. 20th. & Wed. 21st. "DOCTOR IN LOVE" is a first class English comedy and is the recommended film of the month. (A)

Thur. 22nd. Children's Matinee. "RIDE A RECKLESS MILE" starring Gail Russell plus "LOVE IN A POLICE STATION" (comedy).

Thur. 22nd. & Fri. 23rd. "CONSPIRACY OF HEARTS" starring Lilli Palmer, Sylvia Syms and Ronald Lewis is a World War II melodrama set in Northern Italy, and concerns a Mother Superior who defies the Nazis and converts her convent into a clearing house for child refugees, mostly Jewish. (U)

Sat. 24th. & Sun. 25th. THEATRE CLOSED.

Mon. 26th. & Tues. 27th. "GUNS OF THE TIMBERLAND" starring Alan Ladd, Jeannie Crain and Gilbert Roland is a Technicolor melodrama concerning a timber boss who gets a warm reception on invading farm country, but finally settles for romance. (U)

Wed. 28th. & Thur. 29th. "THE TIME MACHINE" starring Rod Taylor, Yvette Minieux and Alan Young is a Metroscope and Metrocolor science-fiction romantic melodrama based on H.G. Well's far seeing novel. (A)

Thur. 29th. Children's Matinee (2-00) "DANGER AHEAD" starring Dave O. Brien and "YUKON JAKE" with James Newill.

Fri. 30th. "SHAGGY DOG" starring Fred MacMurray, Jean Hagen and Tommy Kirk. A crazy canine comedy fantasy centring on a dog hater's son who turns into a pooch and rounds up a spy ring. (U)

Sat. 31st. & Sun. 1st. Jan. THEATRE CLOSED.

Mon. 2nd. "COMPULSION" starring Orson Welles, Diane Varsi, Dean Stockwell and Bradford Dillman is a CinemaScope Charleston period crime melodrama set in Chicago, and based on the sensational Leopold-Loeb murder trial. (A)

Tues. 3rd. & Wed. 4th. "THE SHAKEDOWN" starring Terence Morgan, Hazel Court and Robert Beatty is an EastmanColor full-blooded vice melodrama telling how a comley police agent helps to bust up a nude photography racket. (X)

Thur. 5th. & Fri. 6th. "OCEAN'S ELEVEN" starring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Angie Dickinson. A Panavision and Technicolor comedy crime melodrama with songs, about American "league of gentlemen" which successfully raids Las Vagas casinos, but quickly loses ill-gotten gains. (A)

Sat. 7th. Children's Matinee. "FEUD OF THE WEST" starring Hoot Gibson plus "CHANNEL SWIMMER".

Sun. 8th. & Mon. 9th. "IMITATION OF LIFE" starring Lana Turner, John Gavin and Juanita Moore. An Eastman Color romantic melodrama, based on Fannie Hurst's perennial best-seller. The story concerns itself with the tangled lifes of two widowed mothers, one white and the other coloured, and their respective daughters. (U)

Tues. 10th. "BLUE ANGEL" starring Curt Jurgens, May Britt and Theodore Bikel. A CinemaScope De Luxe Color about a German professor's infatuation for a singer. (A)

Wed. 11th. & Thur. 12th. "ONE FOOT IN HELL" starring Alan Ladd, Don Murray and Dolores Michaels is a CinemaScope and De Luxe Color movie of a western who uses revenge as an excuse for robbery and murder. (A)

Fri. 13th. "TARZAN'S GREATEST ADVENTURE" starring Gordon Scott, Anthony Quayle and Sara Shane. A Technicolor adventure melodrama illustrating the further exploits of Edgar Rice Burrough's famous African jungle man. (U)

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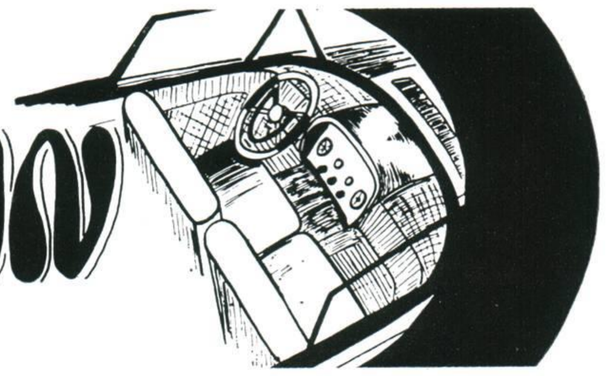
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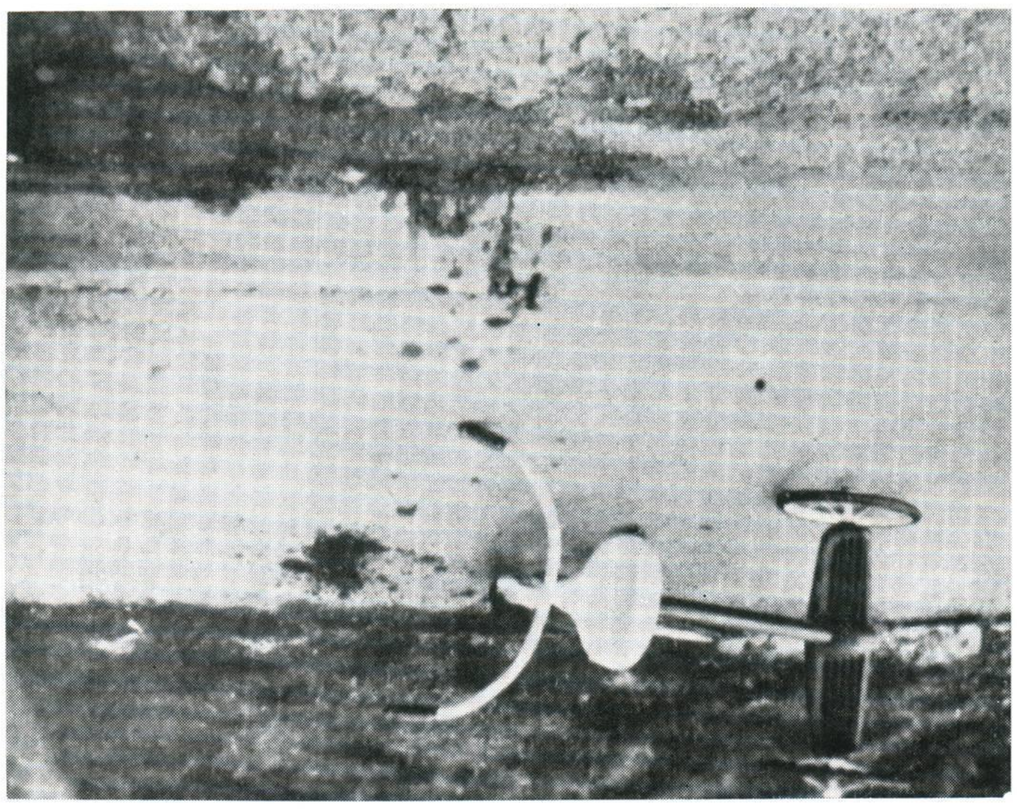
Admittedly, children, especially little ones, are inclined to be careless. Part of their charm lies in their happy carefree ways. As adults, we have a great responsibility toward all children, not just our own. We try to teach them the right things to do, but when they forget, momentarily, as they do, we must be watchful and not let their brief moment of carelessness result in death or crippling injury. This is a terrible penalty.

Those of us who live in RCAF Married Quarters have a particularly grave responsibility. Traffic in these areas is generally very rigidly controlled but even so, every year many children are injured, some fatally, in these same P.M.Q. areas. Obviously children are allowed to play on or near roadways. There have been numerous reports of near accidents, which could have had disastrous results, being averted by careful drivers who had the ability to foresee a dangerous situation in the making and take preventive action.

It is generally true that the younger children living in Married Quarters have no real appreciation of correct safety behaviour such as would be mandatory for a child brought up in a busy neighbourhood where fast through traffic is a common and understood feature of their environment. To illustrate, let us review the background of a tragic accident which happened recently.

The "Smiths" lived in a medium-sized town; they had one child aged four. Mrs. Smith did her best to teach him the right thinks; to respect other people's property and come when he was called. He could play in the yard, or any other yard, if he was invited — **but he could never play on the road.** Even the edge of the road was a bad place to be. All in all Mrs. Smith did a fine job in providing safety education. A year later baby sister arrived. Mother made it quite clear to Junior that he was the big brother now and he must help train little sister when she started playing out-of-doors. As time passed, the boy remembered his lessons and passed his training on to little sister. She soon understood that play boundaries could not be crossed without paying a penalty — and this sort of training increased as the children grew older. By the time big brother was seven years old and little sister just over three they were justifiably proud of them. Then Father received a transfer to a unit where they were going to live in Married Quarters — and so they did for just over two years.

For a time Mrs. Smith insisted on the same pattern of living, demanding proper behaviour and safe conduct at all times; but there was no real community effort and the general indifferent behaviour pattern was too strong. She fussed about the children wandering anywhere they pleased, even playing on the roads. She spoke to her husband about it but he said not to worry; the traffic is well controlled. When she spoke to her son he argued. "All the others play where they like, on the road, anywhere! Why shouldn't I?" His frustration worried her, perhaps he was right — traffic **was** rigidly controlled and most drivers were considerate, careful and courteous. Eventually she stopped worrying. In time her fears were lulled to rest.



Evidence of a tragic accident

One wonders if Mrs. Smith realized that most of the drivers who were so careful and courteous were people who also lived n Married Quarters. The traffic was rigidly controlled but one wonders what the milkman, the baker, or the bus driver would have said about the behaviour of the children who lived in this area? For instance, the number of near misses, prevented from becoming accidents because of their awareness of the generally dangerous situation. Children lined up across the road to stop a vehicle; others sat on bumpers where they could not be seen and when spoken to gave a cheeky reply, then ran around the vehicle to sit on the other bumper. Drivers found children lying on the road under vehicles; saw them jumping out of ditches or concealed places; and often had to move very young children off the road. There were near misses too numerous to mention.

After two years the Smiths were again transferred — this time to a position in the heart of a large city. The boy was nine, his sister five. They found a home in a reasonably quiet part of town and moved in. After exploring their new home the children called, "Mom, we're going out to play". They ran to the door, opened it and dashed into the street — just as they had become accustomed to doing during their two years' stay in Married Quarters. The door slammed shut, and a moment later a squeal of brakes was heard — but it was too late. The children were both killed.

We must recognize the propensity of children to err — and be prepared for it. Remember, they look first to their parents, the people they trust above all, for guidance and example. Don't let them down by leaving their safety education to the Schools, Church, Scouts, and such. Attend to this vital part of their growing-up education yourself. Good safety habits inculcated at an early age will last a lifetime.



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Yuletide Safety Poem

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
When down through the chimney and all covered with soot,
Came the "SPIRIT of FIRE" an ugly galoot.

His eyes glowed like embers, his features were stern,
As he looked all around for something to burn.
What he saw made him grumble, his anger grew higher
For there wasn't a thing that would start a good fire.

No door had bleen blocked by the green Christmas tree,
It stood near a corner leaving passageways free.
The lights that glowed brightly for Betty and Jim,
Had been hung with precaution so none touched a limb.

All the wiring was new, not a break could be seen,
And wet sand at its base kept the tree nice and green.
The tree had been trimmed by a mother insistent,
That the ornaments used must be fire resistant.

And mother had known the thing to avoid,
Like cotton and paper and plain celluloid;
Rock wool, metal icicles and trinkets of glass,
Gave life to the tree; it really had class.

And would you believe it not far from the tree,
Was a metal-covered container for holding debris,
A place to throw wrapping of paper and string,
From all of the gifts that Santa might bring.

The ugly galoot was so mad he could bust,
As he climbed up the chimney in utter disgust,
For the "FOLKS" in this home had paid close attention,
To all the rules of "GOOD FIRE PREVENTION".

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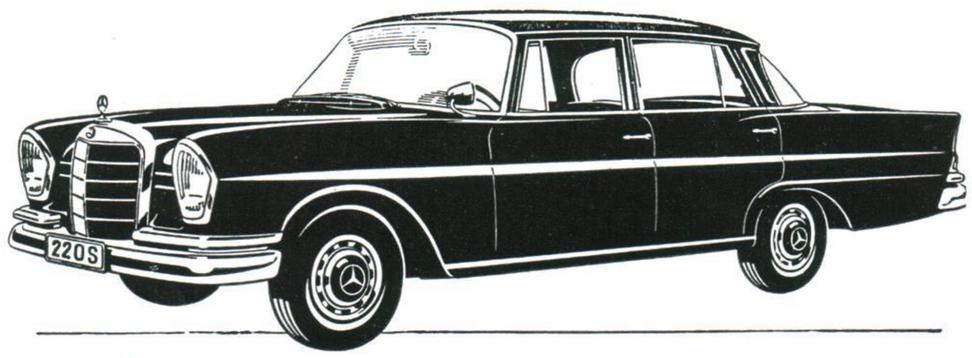
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REINER ERTEL, who was working in Canada, is a member of the Canadian Ski – Instructors Alliance since the last two years. He will be glad to help and advise you in choosing the right ski equipment for your skiing pleasure.

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Sports and RECREATION



A/C P. A. Gilchrist crowning Miss Grey Cup (Europe) 1960

Grey Cup (Europe) 1960

A 28-point scoring spree in the final quarter carried the East to a 35-8 win over the West in the RCAF Air Division's 6th annual Grey Cup (Europe) football game.

A colourful re-creation of the Grey Cup Classic back home, the game attracted more than 5000 spectators, including hundreds of French Nationals, somewhat puzzled by the attendant hoopla. Many more watched the lengthy float parade that preceded the game.

Spearheading the determinded Eastern attack in the game was the coolheaded quarterbacking of playing coach Bill Parker of Ottawa, a Corporal with the Army's Royal Canadian Dental Corps here in Metz and the jack rabbit running of Leading Aircraftman Tommy Thomas of Saint John, N. B. who scooted for three touchdowns.

Quarterbacking the Western Squad was F/L Don West of Vancouver, who was playing in his fith Grey Cup (Europe) tilt. He was given little chance by a heavy Eastern line that broke through repeatedly to drop him for losses.

While the East dominated the game throughout it was close until the final quarter.

The East threatened several times throughout the first half but were unable to score until a few second before halftime, when Tommy Thomas ran around left end from 8 yds out for a touchdown. Bill parker converted to give the East a 7—0 lead.

A statuesque 22-year-old brown-eyed brunette from Northern Alberta, Leading Airwoman Caroline Kulas, was crowned Miss Grey Cup (Europe).

A Fighter Control Operator at the Air Division's radar squadron here who comes from Bezanson, Alta., she will rule as queen of 1960 Grey Cup (Europe) game, the Air Division's own version of the annual classic back home.

This year's Miss Grey Cup (Europe) was selected from amongst 13 pretty RCAF Airwomen representing the Canadian Air Division's four fighter wings in France and Germany, 30 Air Materiel base in the UK, and the Division's headquarters and radar squadron, both in Metz.

Judging was handled by an international panel of judges, which included Donald Rutherford of Montreal, civilian district treasury officier stationed with the RCAF at Metz. Other members of the panel of judges were French Air Force Liaison Officer at Division Headquarters here and the US Army Officer Commanding the American base in Metz.





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Quarterback Don West made it 7—1 with a booming punt that went for a single early in the third quarter and the West went into a short-lived lead late in the quarter when they put on their only sustained drive of the game, going from midfield on a smartly executed series of running and passing plays. Leading Aircraftman Barry Loma, a native of Regina, climaxed the drive with a 4-yd burst for a West TD. Don West converted to put the West ahead 8—7.

The East took back the lead by a 55-yd march featured by a 30-yd burst around left end by Thomas, Thomas going over for the TD from 4 yds out. Parker once more converted, making it 14—8 for the East.

They added another converted touchdown when Flight Sergeant Art Forster of Ottawa took a pitchout on the West 15yd line and dashed over for the score, to put the east into a 21—8 lead.

Thomas scored his third touchdown of the day with 10 minutes time left when he took a handoff from Parker and galloped 26 yards around left end into pay dirt. Parker once more kicked the extra point for a 28—8 East lead.

The final score came shortly before the game's end when the East took over on the West 25. Parker, who was given good protection throughout the game by the heavier East line, dropped back and threw a perfect strike to Corporal Rick Gans of Port Arthur, Ont., who stopped over the goal line for the TD. Parker kicked his fifth convert of the game to make it 35—8 for the East.

The game was accompanied by more grey cup hoppla than ever before, and thousands of amused French Nationals watched the pre-game float parade with interest. The parade included 14 floats, entered by Air Division bases in France, Germany and the UK, led by an escort of French Gendarmerie motor cyclists. Also in the parade were the pipe band from the Marville Wing and the drum and trumpet band from the Zweibrucken, Germany, Wing, as well as Miss Grey Cup (Europe) — Leading Airwoman Caroline Kulas of Bezanson, Alta. — and her princesses.

A feature of the parade was the well turned-out Chuck Wagon entered by the Metz Sergeants' Mess. Drawn by two French farm horses rented for the occasion, it lent an added authentic touch and served Western flapjacks throughout the parade route and during the game, to Canadians and French alike.

Corps of pretty cheerleaders, drawn from Air Division airwomen and Canadian high school girls, added to the colour, and spectators wore ten-gallon hats or boaters, depending on their allegiance.



Calgary chuckwagen, one of the features in the float parade preceeding the RCAF Air Division's 6th annual Grey Cup (Europe) football game.

Skeet Shooting

by Sgt. Walton



Left to right: Sgt Walton, S/L Fallis, LAC Ringrose, Cpl Johanes, Cpl Arniel

The big question the American Skeet Clubs ask with some concern at their NSSA registered shoots is "Are the Canadians coming?" Experience over the past years has given them cause to worry! Very seldom, when Canadian teams were in attendance, have the Canucks failed to take home the Lion's Share of the prizes.

However, even more important than the individual trophies and "shooting prestige" won by the Canadians through outstanding shooting ability and unparalleled team spirit, are the friendships made and the respect and good-will created between the American and Canadian Services.

A short run-down on 4 (F) Wing's Skeet Club accomplishments over the past period is as follows:

LAC RINGROSE — 99×100 — HIGH GUN
CPL JOHANNESSEN — 96×100 — "B" CLASS WINNER
SGT WALTON — 92×100
CPL ARNIEL — 86×100
F/L FALLIS — 95×100 — TIED FOR "B" CLASS RUNNER-UP
TOTAL 468 — Runner-UP 5-MAN TEAM
(WINNER — 2 (F) WING WITH 473)
CPL JOHANNESSEN, LAC RINGROSE — 2-MAN TEAM WINNER (195—200)
CPL JOHANNESSEN — 20 GA "B" CLASS WINNER (45×50)

On Sunday, 27 of November, Metz was playing host at 2 (F) Wing to the Air Division Quarterly Skeet Shoot.

The competition consists of a shoot-off every three months between the "A" and "B" team from each of the Wings and Metz with the totals from these shoots going toward the Air Div "A" and "B" Annual Trophies — the final symbol of skeet supremacy.

4 (F) Wing's standings in the Air Division competition (not including the shoot of 27 Nov) is as follows:

1. "B" Team Annual Trophy — now in 4 (F) Wing's possession ("A" Team Annual Trophy won by 2 Wing).
2. "B" (Team 1st Quarterly Trophy won by 4 (F) Wing.
3. "A" Team 1st Quarterly Trophy won by 3 Wing by one point over 4 Wing.

Hang on to that fighting spirit, men, and in the meantime, Good Luck and Good Shooting.

Touring our Flugplatz

419 SQN

(F/O M.A. Clark)

Hockey holds the spotlight in the 419 news column this month as the Moosemen started the new intersection league schedule in a winning way. They defeated Maintenance by a score of 4 to 1 for the first win in a well played and hard fought game. Their second victory was posted against a short-handed Combines team, who came out on the short end of a 7 to 1 score. The spectators at the second game were double the number that attended the first game and we hope that an increasing number of 419 people will be out to cheer the team on to many more victories. Let's keep up the good work Moosemen.

Another hockey highlight of the month was the spectacular game that was played between the "A" Flight Tigers and te "B" Flight Bulldogs. Two special features of the game were Bill "Flash" Perrys' tremendous speed on the blades and Mike "Crusher" Carles' bone jarring body checks. "A" Flight received the only penalties of the game from referees Harry Smith and Sam Howard. Dick Hutton received a one minute penalty for tripping and Rudy Tremblay spent an equal amout of time in the "sin bin" for playing with a broken stick. As he entered the penalty box Rudy was heard muttering that the penalty had broken up his best pass play of the game. Bob "Eagle Eye" MacWilliams and John "Vest Pocket Plante" Desjardins were the custodians of the cages for "A" Flight and "B" Flight respectively and the both claimed that these were the safest places on the ice. After 40 minutes of cavoting around in various stages of the vertical and horizontal planes the "Tigers" and the "Bulldogs" had scored and equal number of times and the game ended in a 5 all tie. Everyone enjoyed themselves despite all the bumps and bruises and are looking forward to the next game, which is to be played in the near future.

This month 419 lost a very valuable member of the squadron when F/L Rip Kirby proceeded to his new posting at Air Division. The squadron has only said "adieu" to you Rip and your wife Joan, and your children because we know you will be back here to visit us many times. We want to wish you the best of luck in your new job and we hope that you will be happy in your new home in Metz.

Well the stork was on the wing again this month and the squadron members wish to extend their best wishes to F/O Ken Burnham and his wife, Mary, who became the parents of a baby boy, and to F/O Rudy Tremblay and his wife Elizabeth, who were presented with a baby girl. Belated wishes go out to F/O Cam Bernard and his wife Nora, who recently had a baby girl added to their family.



W/C P. E. ETIENNE

All the 419 squadron members wish to congratulate our O.C. W/C Etienne, who this month received his promotion from S/L to his present rank.

We also wish to congratulate W/C Etienne who at the beginning of November acquired his 1000 hours on CF-100 aircraft which is a difficult feat to accomplish on any type of jet aircraft.

In closing, 419 Squadron offers seasons' greetings to every=one:

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE ASTRA THEATRE WISHES YOU A

Merry Xmas

and

Happy New Year

422 Sqn

F/O R.B. McQUIGGAN

To start off this month's article we are to deal with the important items first, and for a change we have something really important to write about.

Early this year Charlie Batcock saved the RCAF many dollars by bringing back a Sabre under the most adverse conditions. In doing this he was helped by another pilot Pete Zinkan, now at Yellowjack, and several ground controllers, without whose help the entire recovery would have been impossible.

As a result of this "good show" Charlie has received the Air Force Cross and the others involved the CAS's commendation. The medal has been awarded only about once a year since the war.



F/O C. C. BATCOCK

As mentioned last month, we have a new OC and the official handing over of the AXE took place at a farewell dinner held for S/L Murray and Pete Howe. The "Old Boss" hasn't moved very far away, but Pete couldn't be going much farther and still be in the RCAF. He leaves early in December for Moose Jaw and we know he will be as successful there as he has been here.

One item omitted last month was that one of our number, "Speedy". Fast has been transferred to Wing Instrument Flight. The story I heard was that Speedy's extension is to enable him to learn some German.

This month we lost Gord Helm to the simulator, otherwise known as the "Idiot Box". I'm sure that Gord will think of a few new situations to torment us with.

We have three newies on the squadron. The first, Gene Miklossy comes to us through the pipeline from Calgary, Alberts. Ron Woods and his wife arrived recently and Tim arrived last week. We may have to wait for twenty years or so before he'll get his wings. The squadron welcomes both families to Baden-Soellingen.

Recently a group of Norwegian pilots spent some time with the squadron. We were all amazed at how much storage space, they found in their aircraft when they left. These exchanges are always a good skit as well as educational and this one was no exception.



F/O G. MIKLOSSY



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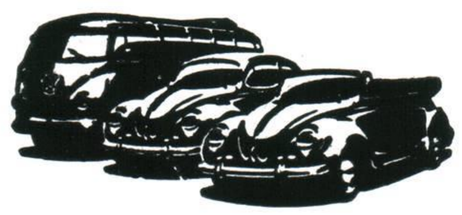
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422 SQN. Ground News.

Many interesting happenings have occurred in 422 Sqn since our last entry in the Flieger, but first and foremost was our temporary stay at a German Base in Germany. Pilots and airmen formed the nucleus of the deployment and it might be added that all of us accepted the assignment with reservations. We left the unit on the morning of the 17th. Oct. 60, arriving at our base several hours later and shades of Air Div Instructions, we were greeted with a cold beer delivered by trailer and tractor, so with a hearty "Prosit" we started our sojourne. This is a recommended method of cancelling out any reservations or inhibitions, a person might have.

Immediately following this greeting, Lieutenant Fisher who had been assigned by the Kommandant to introduce us to the camp facilities loaded us all aboard a bus assigned by Oberfeldwebel Sommerfeld and took us to our Quarters and in general made us all feel like VIP's. The quarters and accommodations were actually better than those on our own unit. After bedding down, all of us once again loaded aboard the bus and proceeded to the Mess Hall. The food was not in keeping with Canadian Cookery, but the Quality was wholesome and certainly in quantity enough to satisfy the most voracious appetites. After lunch we proceeded to the hangar line and once there, were introduced by Hauptfeldwebel Billinkamp to the greatest group of fellows a person could ever work with. Our entire stay at this unit was filled with the same pleasantness and co=operation. That evening several lads were invited out for a visit with families of the men from the Second Staffel, and from the reports, the hospitality couldn't be compared anywhere. On the following day Ober Feldwabel Muller contacted us and invited all of the Canadians to a party on Wednesday, which was held at a Gastatte close by the unit and what a tremendous evening it turned out to be, it is rare that even close friends can find the companionship we shared that evening. During the evening a presentation of a Sqn Plaque was made by Paul Muller to the 422 Crew and no article was ever more proudly received. The remainder of the work week went quickly for all of us, what with visiting families, seeing the surrounding areas with newly made friends and frequent trips to the "Sabre Bar" for quick energy treatments. Thursday afternoon saw the Canadians challenged to a football game. So with flying committments fulfilled we dressed and proceeded to the field where, with the Deutche lads taking it easy on us we managed to score three goals of the five to three score, it might be added that no injuries were suffered but stiffness was the order of the day on Friday.

The weekend found all of us dispersed over most of Germany. Many took the "Scenic" tour of Hamburg, while others took in the sights of Bremen, Oldenburg and Wilhelmshaven, yours truly had the opportunity of spending a weekend with Lieutenant Swartz and his family in a little village some miles from base, and a more gracious time has never been enjoyed, by me. Other members also shared the same enjoyable opportunity — Cpl Tait and Slaught to name a few. Monday, Blue, Blue Monday but all bodies accounted for and a full day for all of us. Arrangements were made for a Canadian return party for Tuesday night which we feel was a great success and we all enjoyed once again the friendship of our Hosts. Wednesday and our trip to this unit came to a close with the return of our "Tigers" to Soellingen, however the DAK was held up by foul weather so we had an extra night with the gang, but Thursday morning we bid Good Bye and many thanks to the members of the German Luftwaffe who helped all of us prove that two Military Forces of different nationalities and different discipline can smoothly function as one and language is no barrier if interests are common. Lifes basic emotion, friendship, was truly displayed by both groups, and all of us will have memories always of our pleasant stay at this unit.

422 Diaper Derby find several young hatchets making their presence known congratulations to Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Dahlbak on the birth of sons and to Mrs. Brandt on the birth of their daughter.

Another of our Batchelor Hatchet Men is going to have a go at this marriage thing. All of us here wish you many years of happiness, Don.

Have you heard the newest, a Volkswagen hub cap can crush a hand or was it something lighter, Earl.

LATE NOTE!!! LAC Hiltz on his final mile as a Batchelor, best of everything to you and your wife, Ron.

422 Accident Roster finds us with three names on our list. Firstly LAC Holley, to avoid an accident took to the Boon-Docks and put a few curves and bends in his Auto, not recommended by the Ford Works. **A Volks tangles with a Ford, Badly outmatched,** however Bert is the driver of the only Volkswagen with accordian pleats. Lastly LAC Tremblay made a left turn just in time to allow a national to change the overall design of his front fender. Rough on the cars lads but we're thankful you are with us.

New arrivals to replace all our old hands we find FS "Jack" Ramey taking over "Herb" White's desk, Sgt. Pinnsonault replacing "Jerry" Hagans and Sgt. "Trigger" McTaggart taking over the vacancy left when "Breezy" went west, young man, go west. In the flights we find Cpls Ramsay, Robinson and Flowers taking over from Cpls McLaughlin, Sommen and Goobie. Our good fortune to find Cpl Jobe, an old timer from Sardi Land, employed on the dispersal, welcome to 422 — Jo. On the working side we find these new faces — LACs Holley, Read, Kehoe, Moore, Fullerton, Squires, and Goss, welcome to 422 Hatchet Land, may your stay be pleasant.



444 SQN

F/Os Glen, Ellerbeck and Armstrong

Your roving reporters are back again, this time we are writing from Sardinia where the sun always shines, between the rainy periods.

We are phasing in a new cub reporter this month in the person of F/O Pete Armstrong as Hoarke Ellerbeck takes on a new job. Your reporters admit to an error last month, as F/L Coupland's name was spelled wrong.

Once again we have news for our automotive section. The Squadron now has two new additions to its Porsche family; Ellerbecks red fire engine and Strang's baby blue, chrome plated Volkswagen complete with foxtails and white walls. We also increased our shares in the Volkswagon camp, with Don Hindlesaqua-coloured sedan. Rick Colling has made a big switch to a station wagon - could this be an indication? But let's not forget our adjutant Punch Payne, and his seaweed green $2,000 Renault.

The Squadron arrived safely in Sardinia after battling through fog and cloud. After the first few days of rain, it was decided to go on a bartering expedition to the thriving metropolis of Cagliari. Upon arriving back at base, after much haggling and bartering, it was noted that the purchases, ranged from tapestries to baby-doll pyjamas.

Finally the weather cleared and we got down to work on the trophy shoot. We "Struck Swift — And Sure" tried. The officers of the Squadron wish to thank the best groundcrew on the Wing for their excellant support throughout the shoot.

It goes without saying, the occasional party was held and lasted into the wee hours of the morning. This year the entertainment had an addition in the form of the "Payneful Chorus" singing Christmas carols intermingled with "Oh Marie".

Cecil's Choise for the Month

F/L Tom Wheler

This month Cecil chooses F/L Wheler who was the top shot for Triple Four at this camp.

F/L Wheler was born in Georgia and moved to Canada at an early age and finally two months ago received his Canadian citizenship.

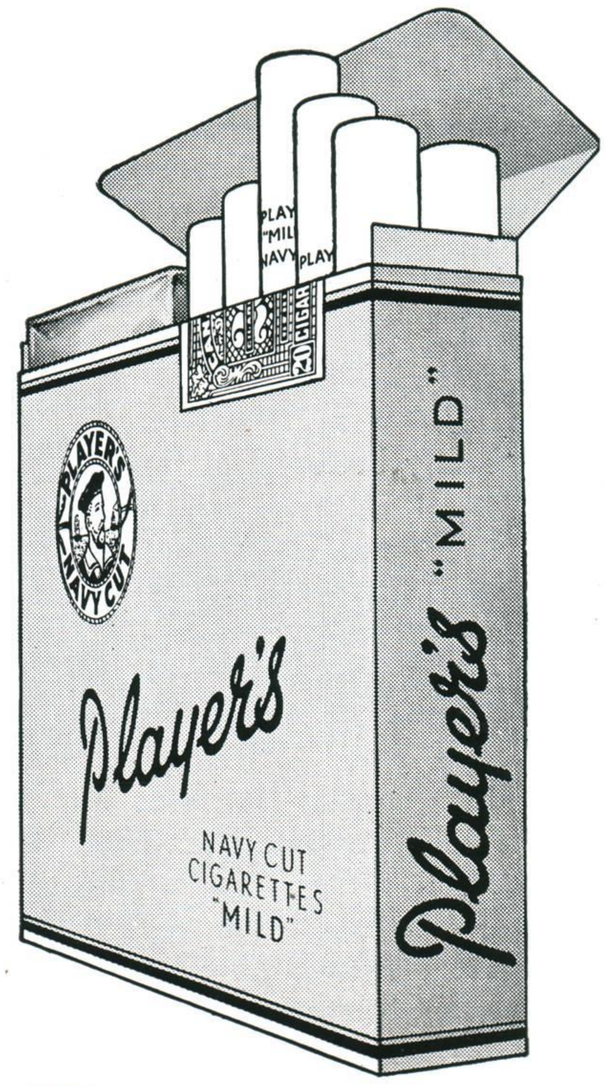
Tommy joined the Air Force in 1940 as a gunner. Later he remustered to pilot and went overseas in 1941 where he flew gliders for one year. He then flew Spitfires for three years with 411 Squadron. During this time, Tom was shot down over France and taken prisoner for a month. In this time he escaped four times and reached the Allied lines just preceeding D-Day.

"El Wheelo" returned to Canada in 1944 were he flew with 124 Ferry Squadron until his release in 1945.

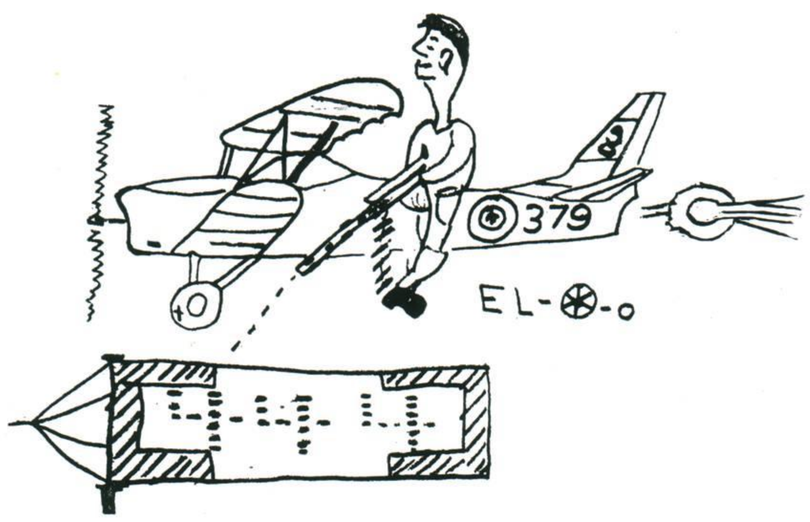
However, civilian life didn't agree with him, so he rejoined in 1948 and went to 400 Support Squadron. F/L Wheler then went to instructing at Chatham on Vampires and later on Sabres.

Tommy then came to Air Division and 444 in 1957 and has been adding his many talents to the Squadron since then.

F/L Wheler married the former Miss Mildred Lush from Toronto in 1945, and has four wonderful children.



THE
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Wing Maintenance

Well, here it is December already and W/m has (we hope) made the last movement of the big change-over with the installation of Log Control. We of the hanger (the working class) greet you whole heartily and give us a half year and we will all be speaking English with a Soellingen accent, right Paul?

Well, the F/S has bought himself a scooter so I hear and some of the fellows were saying the Volks was costing him to much money for all the running around he does trying to locate his "lost" elevaters.

It seems lately the S/L has not been bringing his "blue staff car" to work, we can gather from the weather its just a "fair weather freighter".

Well, it's over ta Marty and the scandal from the "I" of I & E.

Wow, things are dead around here and it will be worse when Lac Backstrom leaves for 6RD. Good Luck and good fishing "Darren".

Welcome and good Fasching to Lac "Blushing" Brown from Uplands and Lac Norm Nayha from "Cool Pool". Have a good Holiday, but watch the cognac Norm.

Say Wee Willy Weese when ist the unveiling of THE CAR?

By the Bye, Wally since when has VW stopped handing out keys to wind up those pregnant roller skates.

Not much to say about our higher paid help seeing our Sgt. stopped chasing butterflies.

Here's Casey with the amp chasers' capers.

Now for the Current news from the OHM of Sparks and Splices. Lac Windsor, in keeping with Deutschland tradition receives congrats for the new baby boy. A hearty farwell and bon voyage to the Naso's.

Sad news — "Spook" has left W/M and is now adorning 444 Sqdn.

Two Leave, two arrive and welcome to Cpl. MacDonald from Stn. Portage, and Lac Oakley, 444 Sqdn.

Sgt. Conn's dream has materialized; the new test panel est fini. Must not forget the projects draftman, Uncle "Jock". Your efforts are appreciated by all, (P.S. I helped).

A quick recovery to the newly married airman who has been on repeated sick leave, seems he is suffering from weak Knees.

FLASH! BOWLING! WM Elect. takes 7 points from 422 (didn't show up) Officers.

According to Latest rumours, Russia has a new secret weapon — the U.H.F. mod. crew.

Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years from the W/m writing staff to all our readers???

SUPPLY - *Ups and Downs*

Review your "stock levels" guys and gals — its Flieger time again! As my roving eye surveys our little domain I see only one new face around and that is of LAW Kathy Kerriven, the late resident of Air Div. HQ, glad to have you with us Kathy. Sure is nice to have the vacant typists chair occupied once more isn't it F/O Stoner?

Our most sincere wishes for a speedy recovery goes out to our one and only Sgt. Nichols — seems while he was preparing for the first hockey game of the season, he fell off a chair and broke an arm — if you can't stand on skates in the locker room Sgt. — sure would love to see you on the ice!

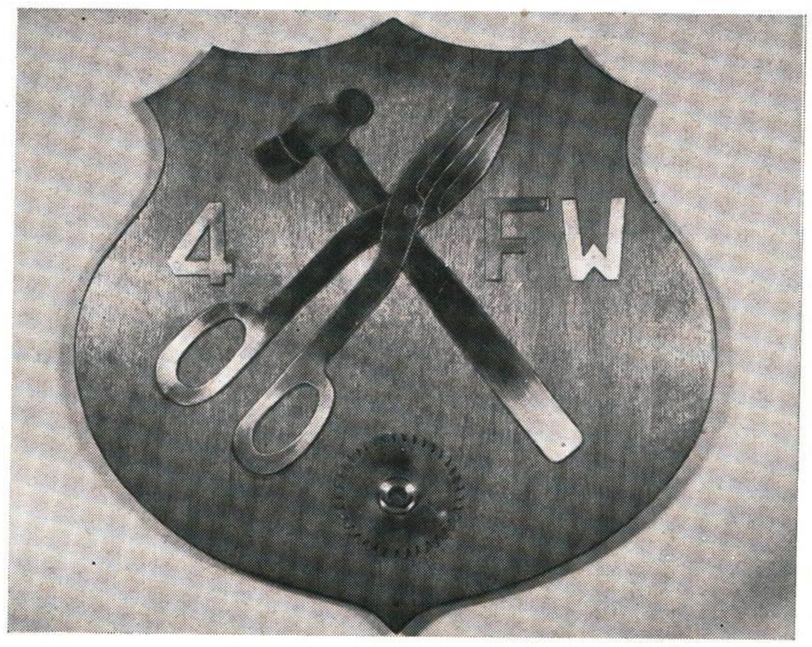
Seeing although F/S Proulx has "back ailments" from economy sleeping devices; Sgt. Meade wasn't allowed to use his VW for goal tending; and Sgt. Gryba is on the "repairable" list from working so hard, its quite understandable why Sgts hockey team dropped from sight in B League — better luck next year Boys!

Welcome is graciously extended to Herr Schwartz, who is officially a member of Supply now. Glad to have you around full time instead of coffee time Werner!

I'm sure all of us have noticed the "rock" resting on LAW Penny Hannahs left hand — just in case no one has officially congratulated you Penny and Bert, here it is: All our best to you and yours for many years to come. (Unofficially, there goes another pretty girl!)

I was wondering why the CE workmen were measuring your office the other day, F/L Hawkins, — could it be you're going to have a "CF Mod" installed? Just as a souvenir of course???

Seems I've dug up all the "interesting" tit bits around here for this time — so now there is nothing to say but "Be seein' ya —".



Workshops Quips

We welcome FS JH Beattie and LAC EL Abernethy, both are married men and at the present time are enjoying the environment of living on the economy. To the wife of FS Beattie and LAC Abernethy we bid you welcome to our group.

We have bid farewell to Bill O'Brien, one of our ardent sportsmen. We had a gathering of shop at a local spot, food and drinks were appreciated by all. Bill says he will drop us a line and let us know how an "Irishman" fares in England. One of the little jokes that was heard at the party was, if you throw spaghetti at the wall, what sound does it make — "WHOP". No offence made to anyone, Nick.

In the field of sports, mainly bowling. We say that Workshops are giving all opponents a go for their money. Keep it up boys.

We have had a couple injuries in our group, one that derives from someones carelessness, leaving a tow bar in an unlighted area. The result, one broken wrist. There is a good habit "Wipe it up before it Whips you up".

By the time this article makes publication we hope that the injuries have been cleared up and all are fit again.

J.C. I understand that you are having trouble with your whistle. Never mind John you're the referee.

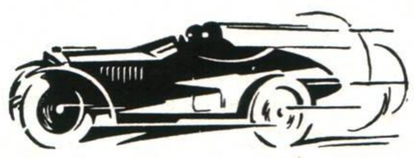
If in the past few weeks you have dropped into the shop and seen some remorse looking faces, and wondered why. The answer is that it is quite discouraging to have been associated with aircraft and in the analysis find that one is not technical as far as aircraft are concerned.

We have in our group a man that perhaps can give us a few points on sleeping out in the wilds of Germany. He first suggests a drink and then a drive, park the car midway in the field, where one can sense the aroma of the days work of spread. We should like to suggest that one should take along a camping tent or at least a sleeping cot.

With the coming of Christmas and New Years the personnel of this section say to all, may your Christmas be happy, joyful and may the New Year be bountiful in its gift.

We say Auf Weiner Snitchell for this year and we hope to have a few quips and some points of interest to start the New Year.

Have a ball.



Speed Kills

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SCOUTING

FOURTH MAPLE LEAF GROUP

Many parents of cubs are wondering why their boys sometimes sit and stare off into space and have all the appearance of being in a trance. This is known as "winter disease" and usually hits the boys in January and February but sometimes starts as early as December. The cause or cure is simple; just spend a few minutes with them talking about Camp.

Very early last winter while little was thought of but "Rains, cold and Xmas", scouter Jack Hamm was thinking and talking Camp. He and a few other scouters spent many off hours and drove many miles. At last, through the German Scouts of Soellingen they got a good lead on the Hundsbach Troop and from them they got the okay for a site in the Schwarzwald.



This was a lovely spot in a valley beside a rippling (thanks to Scouter Scott) brook. Just one look at this location and anyone could tell that nature had planned it just for our cubs. It is this beautiful place and the fun our boys had there that is the cause of to-days "Winters disease".

Camp chief, Food, First Aid, Cooks, kitchens, tents, program's and a thousand other details both large and small had to be sorted out and each detail had to be planned to a degree of the largest military exercise. It was only with the united efforts of the Scouters and Group Committee and the cooperation of every section on this unit that our camp did materialize and as soon as school was out the buses left.

Long before the buses arrived at our camp, Scouters had been out and had the site choosen and all in readiness. The sun was in attendance the first day so when "T" Bird pack arrived in minutes all the boys where in the spirit of camping under the able and ever waving hand of Scouter Thompson. After a good meal prepared by the Scouters the Sun left and was replaced by a non-too-welcome guest "Frost"

all survived the night and our camp was away to a flying start for 1960.

Many things happened during the Month of July and "To each his own" but the visit of a crowd of German Scouts, the watered stew and the rain are only a few of the many interesting things that all remember. It seems that each pack had its sidelines for example "T" Bird — Lumbering Expedition. — Sabre with the mighty hike right up to the peak and Canucks tracking can not be left unmentioned. Of course, the nightly campfires and the grand campfire on the last night will long be remembered. So in a closing thought, may a large thanks be extended to nineteen Scouters, 54 boys and all co-operative sections of 4 (F) Wing.

"Winters Disease" well I guess.

I have been requested from many, many Scouts to use column to express the thanks of all the scouts to the guides for the social evening held last month. To them we say BRAVO — JOLLY WELL DONE'.



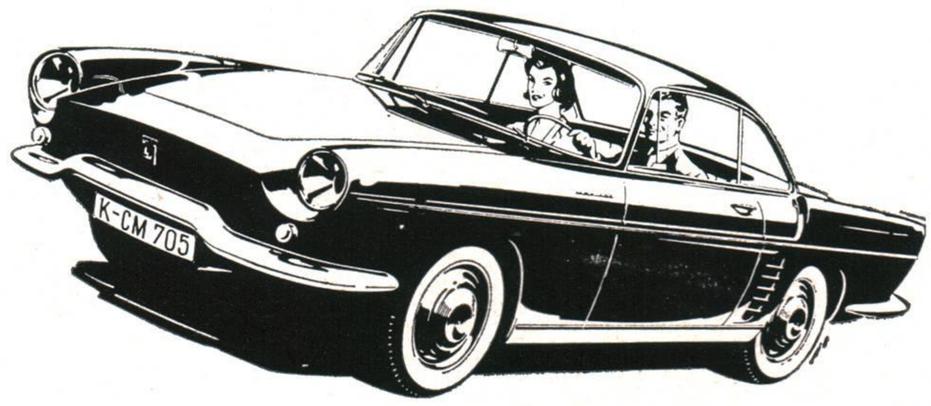
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Well this article will bring the year to a close and I will take this opportunity on behalf of all the girls to wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a prosperous NEW YEAR. As there wasn't ample space for ths article in the Flieger last month I will try to include as much of last month's news with this month's as possible.

Firstly we wish our six newcomer's a great big HELLO and welcome to our Flugplatz. LAW Mary Henry (Hank) came to us from Aylmer and has added her smiling face to our Operation's staff, LAW Yettie Vanderkooi (Yakky) joined us from Summerside and is now part of the working crew in Headquarters. LAW Jane Burdek from Portage is hear to help look after our sick and LAW Marg Patterson from Camp Borden is lending a helpin hand in the hospital orderly room. LAW Helen Mercer from St. Denis is joining our teletype staff and LAW Kathy Kerrivan was transferred here from Air Div to help out with the typing in the Supply Section.

Well Miss Grey Cup time rolled around once again and Cpl Vi Cletheroe copped the honours as "Miss Western Canada" and LAW Shirley Gobeil as „Miss Eastern Canada" and represented 4 (F) Wing at Air Div.

WEDDING OF THE MONTH



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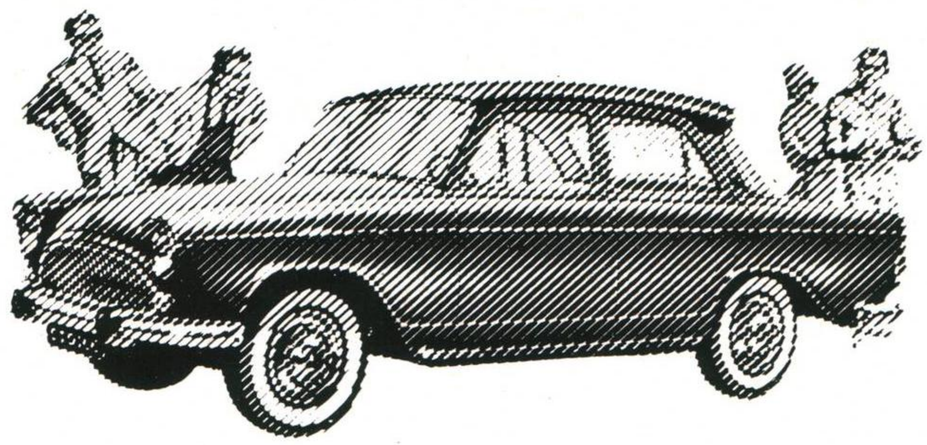
We extend our congratulations to Penny and Bert who have finally decided to settle down and get married on the 17th. of Dec., and to Jo-anne and Jerry who will be married in Feb, also to Betty and Gary who have set the date for the 18th. of March.

Bowling season has begun once more and Inky has made up her mind to take all the honours this year so "BEWARE" girls.

Broomball season started on the 14 th. of Nov. and our first two games we have held the opposing teams to a 0 — 0 tie.

This month will hold a lot of entertainment for we girls to start the month out we are holding a dance in the lounge for the Orphanage to which we contribute, on the 13th. a gift-wrapping party and on the 15th. is the Airwomen's Christmas Dance.

Since this is the Christmas season and the last time I will be writing for the Flieger we will skip the gossip for this month and I will hand you over to LAW Jo-anne Couture your new "SOELLINGEN SALLY".



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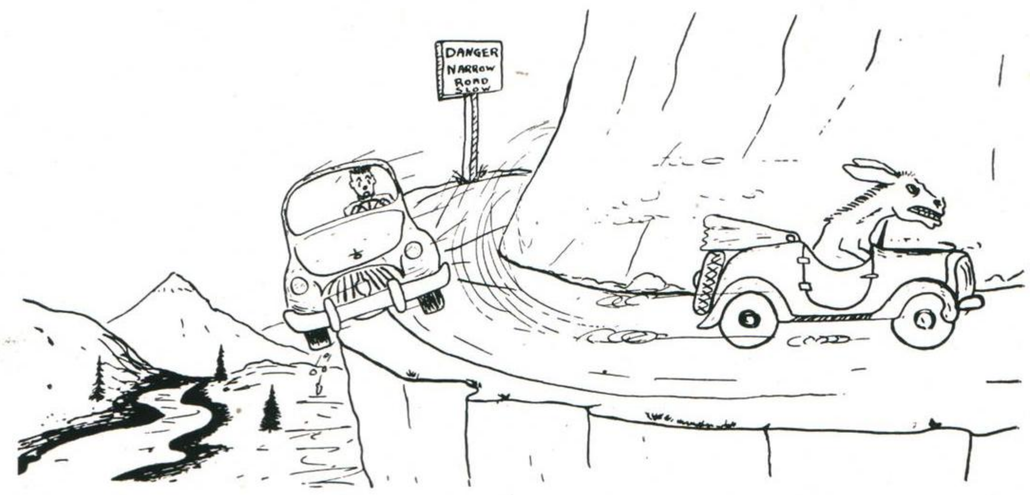
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The Flieger Staff

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Christmas Customs and their Origins

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

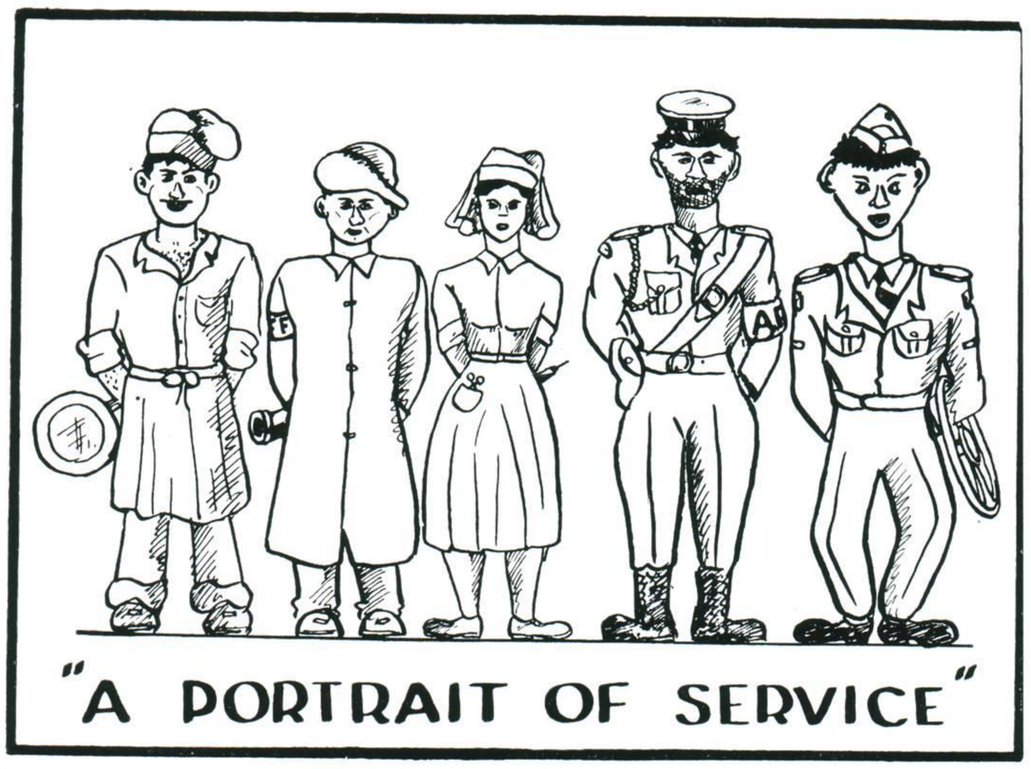
Since the date was already a most popular one, it was decided that it could be used as the anniversary of the Nativity. Hence, December 25 is the day on which we celebrate the Birth of the Light of the World.

The Christmas tree got its beginnings from a legend which was woven about the life of Saint Boniface, the Patron Saint of Germany. Some believe that he and a missionary named Winfred were one and the same person, but the story is told of both men. While preaching the doctrines of Christ in Germany, they came upon a crowd of infidels about to sacrifice the life to the God, Thor. The missionary set about dispersing the pagan worshippers, and cut down their tree of worship. In its place there immediately sprung up a young fir tree. The pagans were quite alarmed about this miracle, and the missionary explained it as a symbol of the life of Christ, triumphant over evil. This young tree quickly became the sign of the Saviour and is still decorated by all of us as an integral part of the festive season.

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

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

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



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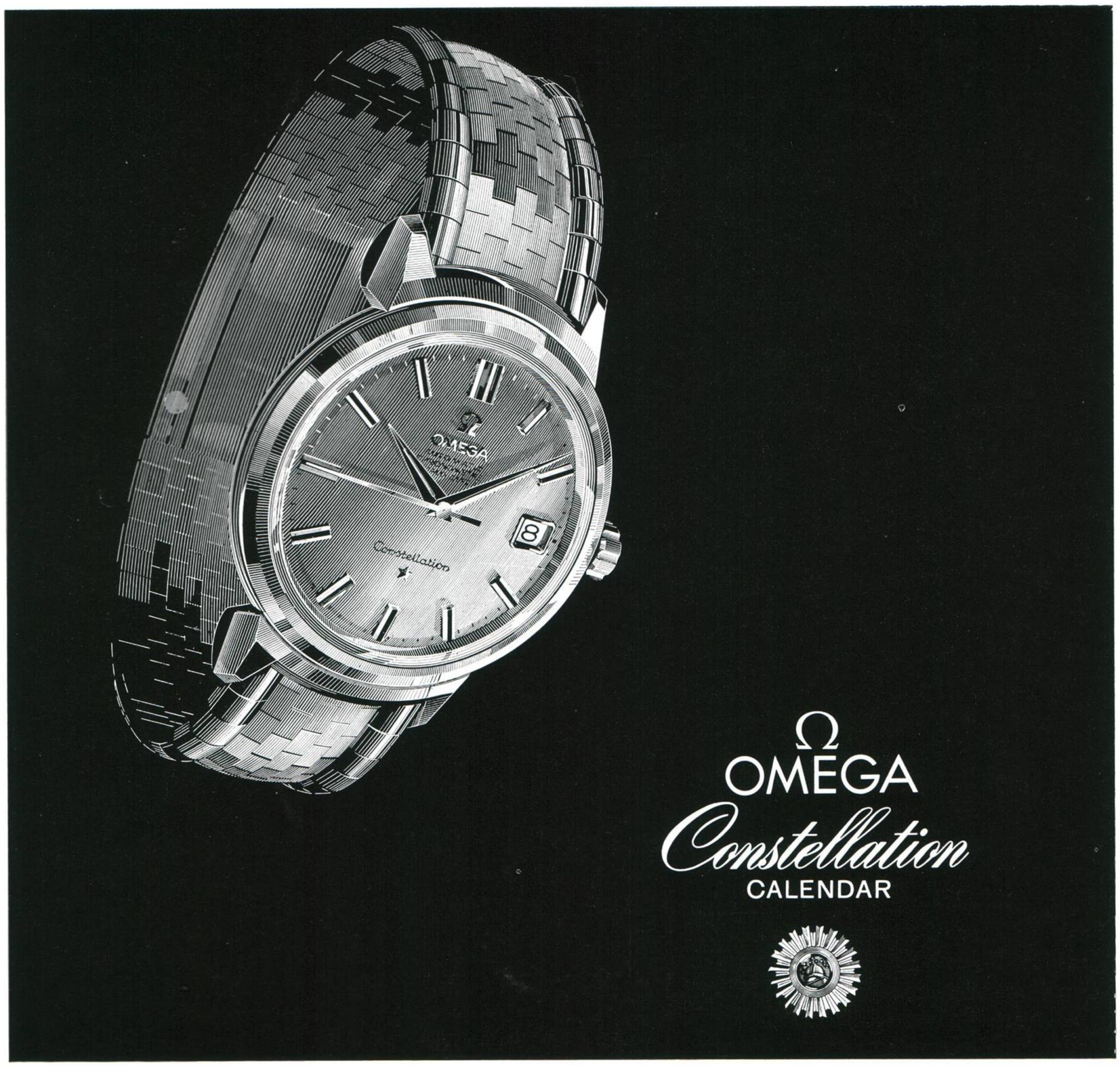


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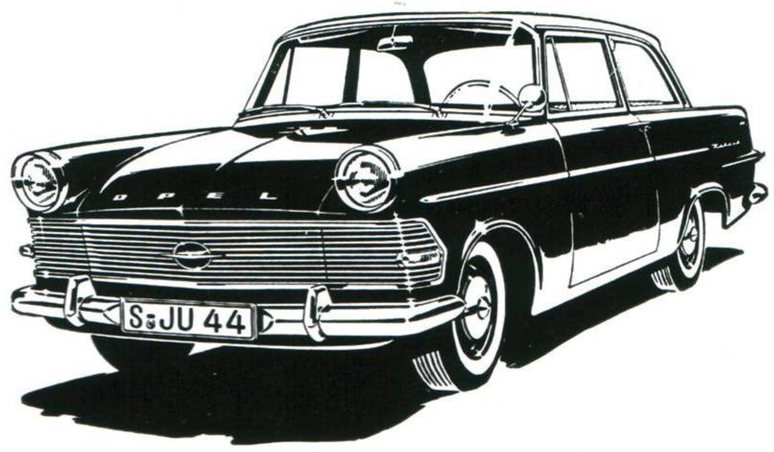
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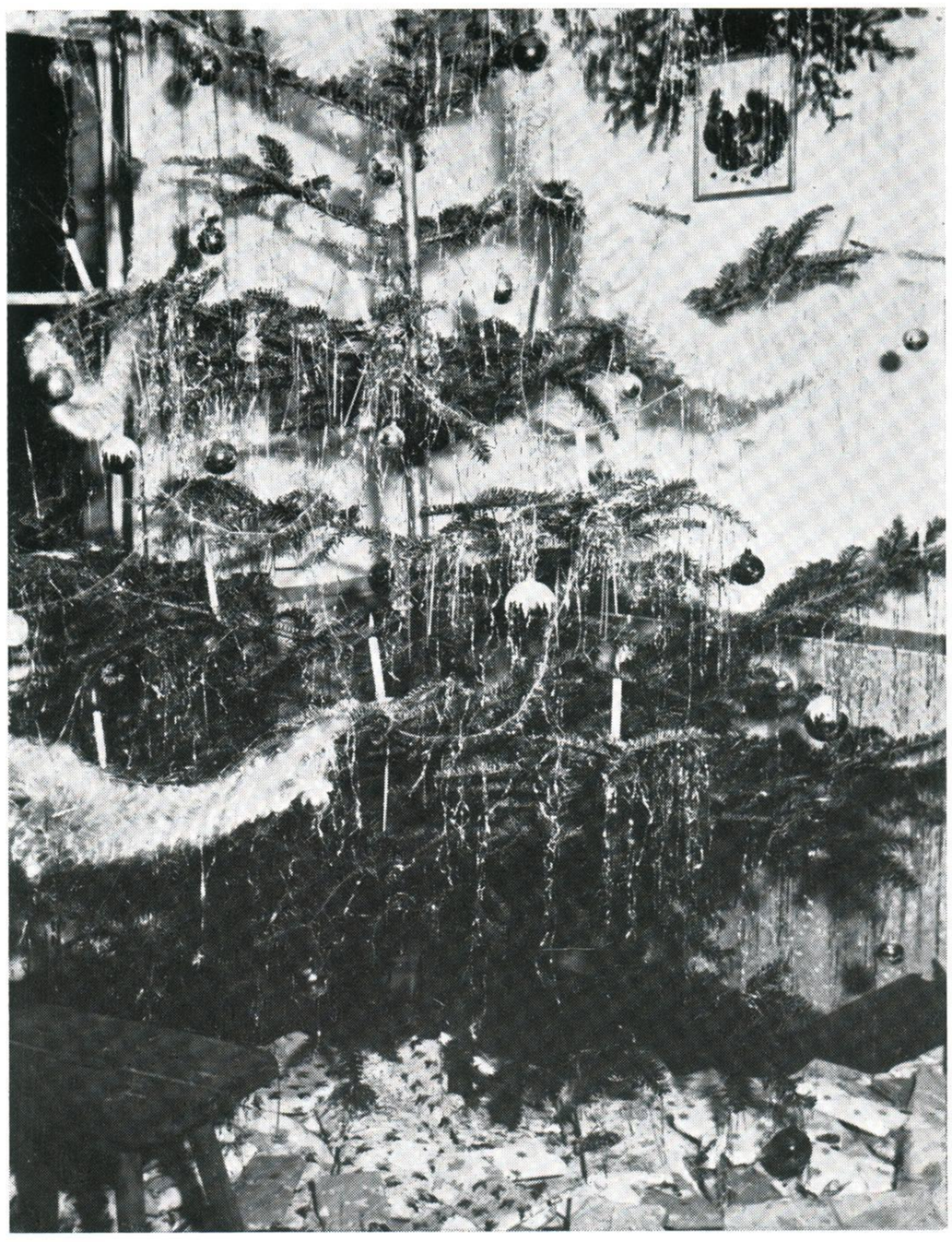
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