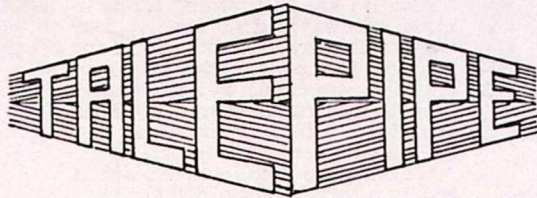


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CAS TO VISIT 1 FIGHTER WING

The Chief of the Air Staff of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, CB, CBE, DSC, ED, LLD, will be visiting North Luffenham on the 5th of September for the second time this year. Air Marshal Curtis accompanied by his wife, arrived in England aboard the RCAF's plush C-5 on the 23rd of August and is expected to remain in Europe until the 10th of September.

At present the CAS is on an inspection tour of proposed Canadian air bases on the continent. These include airfields such as Metz in France where 2 Fighter Wing is taking up residence early in October.

A/M and Mrs. Curtis are expected to arrive at North Luffenham sometime during the morning of September 5th. A full ceremonial parade which will include an inspection of the Honor Guard and the attendance of the newly organized Station Pipe Band has been planned. The parade will mark the first appearance of the band on a ceremonial. Immediately after, a Wing Fly-past will take place in which each of the squadrons will be represented by an estimated 12 Sabres each. The CAS will then be conducted on a short tour of the Station before the official party ends the visit with luncheon at the Officers' Mess.

Signs of preparation for the visit have been going on at North Luffenham for the past three weeks. The squadrons have been busy at painting and repairing aircraft in readiness, while sections are hard at cleaning and touching up their quarters. Lately the Commanding Officer's weekly parades have been taken up with the Wing practicing ceremonial procedure. The reception is being made an all-out effort on the part of 1 Fighter Wing as it is expected that this week's visit by Air Marshal Curtis will be his last in the official capacity of Chief of the Air Staff as he is slated for retirement in the fall.

A/M Curtis paid a similar visit to North Luffenham last April.



The Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, CB, MBE, DSC, ED, CCD.

CANADIAN CARNIVAL TO BE HELD SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Personnel of 1 Fighter Wing will produce a Canadian Carnival for the benefit of the North Luffenham Church.

A programme of entertainment including Square Dancing etc., will supplement the games of skill available for your enjoyment.

F/O "Don" Broadbent and Sgt "Ernie" Churchill are in charge of arrangements and will be aided by F/O Jack Oliver, F/Sgt Brown, F/Sgt Wilkinson, Spl Dove and LAC Henderson.

The Carnival will be held in the gardens of Mr. Reeves at Heathhouse,

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BATTLE OF BRITAIN

The RCAF's contribution in the Battle of Britain fly past over London on the 15th of September, will consist of 24 Sabres of 1 Fighter Wing in tight formation.

The occasion will mark the first time that all three squadrons of the Wing have flown together before the public. The Wing, led by G/C E. D. Hale, DFC, CD, will join 146 other aircraft of Britain and the United States to mark the 12th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

A single Hurricane fighter, a typical example of the aircraft used in the Battle of Britain, will lead the flight of 170 aircraft and will be followed

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Editorial

Again we must make an appeal to you the reader for your support.

We now feel that the "Talepipe" has been successfully launched and that it can be expected to appear each and every two weeks. We have increased it's size from eight to twelve pages and we believe the quality of the writing is improving with each edition. However, now that everyone has grown used to seeing a station newspaper and somehow take it for granted, we are finding ourselves in what we might call the "primary rut" stage. Instead of slowing down and making the whole job routine, we must continue trying to make "talepipe" more interesting and better each issue.

To round out our magazine there is a need for more and more feature articles to supplement the section news now being published. That is why we are calling on all who have something of interest to others to sit down for a few minutes and write it up. Surely at this time of year with everyone travelling all over Europe on leave there are many of us who have come in contact with something of interest. We could also most certainly use a couple of chaps who have journalistic tendencies to help us out as feature writers in practically each edition. Will anyone interested please contact the "ed."

Also we are still looking for criticisms and suggestions for improvement. These will be printed in our "Letters to the Editor" column and although names do not necessarily have to be printed you will be required to submit your name and section for reference purposes.

We have also considered the idea of adding a social column and the need arises for a lady reporter to help us along these lines. Again would you contact the "ed."

Remember 1100 copies of this newspaper are printed every fortnight and are not only circulated here in North Luffenham but are also seen at every major RCAF Station across Canada. This is your magazine—let's make it the best.

W/C DAVIDSON POSTED TO KOREA

W/C R. T. P. Davidson, DFC, CD, Chief Operations Officer of 1 Fighter Wing, leaves for Canada this week from where he will proceed to Korea for an operational tour with the United Nations Forces there.

The Wing Commander will be attached to the USAF 5th Air Force who are now based in Korea and it is expected that his tour will consist of 50 missions and that he will remain there for between three and six months.

The Fifth Air Force is at present employing F-86 Sabre aircraft for most of their fighter sweeps and have accounted for the majority of the Communist Mig-15's shot down in that area.

The "Talepipe" wishes to join the remainder of 1 Fighter Wing in wishing W/C Davidson the best of luck in Korea and good hunting.

CONGRATS

Congratulations are extended to F/O and Mrs. Bob Simmons of 441 (F) Squadron on the birth of a baby girl at Oakham General Hospital on the 16th of August. Mother and daughter are doing well.

Our best wishes also go to Sgt and Mrs. T. H. Ridley, Accounts section and a member of the "Talepipe" staff for the bouncing baby boy born at the Stamford General on the 26th of August. Mother and baby doing well.

THANKS

F/L Bliss of 439 and F/O Cox of 441 wish to thank all airmen who volunteered for a search party when their children wandered away. Although the children were found safe and sound it could have been worse. It speaks well for the Air Force when they can be called on at any time and respond so handsomely.

RCAF TO BE "AT HOME"

In celebration of the twelfth Anniversary of the Battle of Britain the RCAF will be "At Home" to the general public on Saturday, September 20.

The programme will include many "flying" and "on the ground" displays. A mobile equipment parade will travel to local villages and towns on Friday, September 19 and will do much to advertise the "At Home."

On Saturday, the station will be open at 2 p.m. for the general public. Souvenir programme will be on sale at the price of one shilling. Films will be shown continuously during the afternoon. Be sure to tell your friends!

VOUCHER VERSE

An E.42 in the incoming tray
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A few of the failings we've tried to point out,
So please bear in mind, before raising a shout—
It may not be that the storeman's at fault,
Maybe it's you—you've shot your bolt!

STOREBASHER

The average man can't handle wealth, we're told. When did he get to try?



THE END OF THE LINE

BY "SGT SLUDGE"

It's quoted that the power of the press is mightier than the sword. Sometimes, especially on circulation days of this literary tabloid, I have my doubts—for on those specific days, after my column has been read, dissected and inwardly digested by all and sundry, I would gladly appreciate the use of a trusty broadsword to beat of the "boys" who seem to think its ME who writes this column. Unfortunately, its NOT the ONE they think—so thus my secret remains and I can willingly and without fear of reprisal, wield my pen and expose those "dashing caballeros" whose social engagement books bulge with appointments in the immediate area.

F/O "Runner" Robb really beamed with pride at the Joy nuptials—his blonde escort from Montreal was really lovely and just maybe our "ZATPEK" didn't watch the vultures who hovered around and sought the favour of her smile. The Joy nuptials were very lovely and F/L Gordie Joy is to be congratulated. The reception went over with great success and the "after glow" party at F/L Nichols' was the culmination of a great day. Ask F/Os Frank Sylvester and "Speedy" Bentham. They definitely had a good time—if their

subconscious can recall same. An excellent demonstration of the percussions was given by F/O Bentham, using two wooden spoons and the bottom of a pail.

Again 410 (F) Squadron took another FIRST! F/O Roger "Sunny" Haran was the first 410er to go back to Canada and return as a married man. Congrats are extended by all.

F/L "Windstein" Prince is considering remustering to Plumber AFTC XYZW. Seems he had trouble with the plumbing in his room and after reviewing all the publications in the unit library, he won the battle with a piece of heavy wire.

The F/O Knox- Lets sure trailed the Joy bridal couple after the take-off. They stayed so long that people thought they had gone along for the trip—in fact—they even had dinner with the couple.

When are 410 Squadron going to stop being FIRST—casually speaking we won the Sports Day—got the cup—and all participants are to be congratulated.

And now here is what you all would like to know. Who is "Sgt Sludge." Well here are some clues. He's stout—about 190 lbs., moustache, wears horn-rimmed glasses, wears a "hard hitter" hat with civvies, rides a bicycle (No. 90) to work, plays poor piano, name is associated with a well known brand of canned soup. OK—you've had enough "gen."—Who is it?

As I'm leaving shortly to open a vintners research centre on a floating iceberg in the Antarctic, my column will be taken over by my worthy contemporary, Cpl SILT.



BY LAC R. G. ROBERTS

Since my last column the station sports day has come and gone. Our squadron did their best and placed second. There were some outstanding efforts on the part of all concerned and some camp records were made which I believe, will stand for a few years at least. On our own squadron we point with pride at Pat (5.35) Raiche in the mile, there is a boy with some experience running from loaded shotguns. Morton scalingt he heights at his first attempt to pole vault. Although he didn't place first he made a race out of it. F/O Ray Himmelman cocking back that mighty right arm to win the ball throw. We also point with pride at our tug-of-war team, overcoming many handicaps to give the Silver Fox a win. Incidentally the pioneer squadron came out with another first—the first to wear cleats on their tug-of-war team.

F/O Ray Himmelman, F/L Jack Turner, Davie Epstein and Jim Charnely giving their all in the 440 relay. Nice try fellows with a little practise together we would have got a first. We almost had a first in the shot put, F/L Turner's throw was beaten by two inches in the last throw of the day.

We also had some humorous incidents of the day. Harry Land flexing his muscles and ripping his arm at the elbow. Ron Roberts taking off full bore in the five mile cross country run, showing up a few hours later after hitch-hiking back. Jack Kelly, Boomer Mitchel, Ken MacDonald, Tony Zabelski, F/O Bob Simmons, F/L Jack Turner, The Big Six holding off the attempts of the other all brawn no brains teams.

Since the last issue I have been asked to explain what or who the dirty dozen is. Well, you enter BB56 by the front door. Down the hall to the last room on your left. Don't

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BY F/O TOM WILSON

S/L Bricker DFC, CD, can now add "Operation Appendix" to Leapfrog and his many other successful Ops. The OC has returned from the RAF Hospital at Ely and is now recuperating on a richly deserved leave.

On 17 August 439 represented the RCAF in a formation fly-past over the Peace Tower at Brighton led by F/O Wingate. The formation saluted the courageous men of the Canadian Army who fought and died at Dieppe.

F/O Seitz is the first 439 pilot to receive the Jet Instrument Course at RAF Station West Raynham. Al will be with the RAF for six weeks.

The scarcity of recreation halls combining sound proof walls and few windows has again caused our Squadron party to be postponed. The new tentative date is 12 September, and after all this anticipation we should have a rip-roaring party.

LAC TASKER reports from
SERVICING

This being the writer's first attempt at one of the literary arts, readers must forgive lack of continuity and anything else. Most of the SFA boys seem to have thrown in the towel and have or are in the process of bringing over their better halves. One of the latest is LAC Woody Thomas who has set a tentative date of mid-November. Just wondering how LAC Pete (The Moaner) Quinn likes the old peoples' home over in 2 Hanger, guess he couldn't stand the pace in Servicing. Hear that LACs Kennedy and Everill are taking a spot of leave on the Emerald Isle around the 15th September, better leave the Guinness alone chaps, they say its pretty potent over in Dublin. The traffic hazzard on the line seems to have decreased somewhat now that LAC (Mule-skinner) Gray is not at the reins of a David Brown any more. Those interested in a few extra shekles might see WO2 Cook, hear that he is paying two and six an hour for baby sitting these nights. The Squadron gets more mechanized every day, Sgt (Mother) Andrews can be seen most any time riding herd on his brood from the great heights of an issue push bike. The occupants of Room 3 BB58 would appreciate if LAC (Love-lorn) Newberry would commence the daily epistle to that gal back home a little earlier than 2330 hours. Cpl Sam Pollock just back from leave seems little the worse for wear and tear. Warning all personnel, take

heed, LAC (Rembrandt) Carpenter is now behind the wheel of a White re-fueller, 'nuff said.

LAC McNEIL reports from
SUPPLY

I wish to express my appreciation to our genial Supply Officer F/O Joe "Bombs Away" Nelligan for contributing to our worthy newspaper while I was on leave in the Land of the Heather—and my Forefathers. We also wish to extend greetings to Mrs. Nelligan on her arrival in "Blighty." We sincerely hope your stay will be a pleasant one. Cpl Mayer is expecting his wife and daughter early in September, so a hearty welcome to them also.

Now that "Operation Tool Boxes" is just about complete, much to the relief of this section as well as those good people in the main Supply Section, we wish to thank them most sincerely for their endurance and co-operation. Things in this section are now just about normal once again.

Yours truly has been on "Operation Bagpipe" these past two weeks, so this in part should explain the very poor report which you have just read, not that I could do any better. This is "toute Finis" for now. See you in the next issue.

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410 SERVICING

All this sun we have been soaking up here in the valley must be doing us some physical good; judging by the way we romped away with the sports day last week. Good old 410 took an afternoon off from leading the field in flying to lead the field in sports. That cup representing 1 Fighter Wing Sports Day Champs is mightily sharp looking, and we can't think of any squadron more worthy of possessing it. Can anyone account for the many potmarks on the floor of room 2, BB55.

All those who took part in the different events are to be heartily commended for a great job well done. On behalf of the squadron we sincerely thank each one, and all who were there to cheer our representatives on. It is said that any sport can win, but

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WHAT'S COOKIN'

BY H.H.H.

I am now happy to say that the workmen have at last finished the clanging and the banging and confusion. Yes, the excavations are now complete, in readiness for the laying of the new red-tiled floor in the Airmen's Mess. In spite of all the rubble and mess, the food has reached you in the usual appetizing fashion, and I think the personnel of this Mess are to be commended for "keeping the ball rolling" so smoothly under such adverse conditions.

By the time you read this, most of the job will be completed (we hope) but for the moment I'm afraid it's a case of "Business as Usual during Alterations." The Back of the Mess resembles a coal-mine and the staff are having to resort to field cookery with the steam pots in the back yard.

When the new floor is finally completed, the kitchen and workrooms are to be given a first-class paint job—and the deadline is September 19th in time for our Big Day, Saturday, September 20th, so it seems to this writer, that someone has still got to "get cracking."

The Sergeants' Mess is now completed and the renovations and the new paint job are indeed very pleasing to the eye. The kitchen is finished in a fresh looking shade of ivory, and deep fryers and grills are gas operated, thus ensuring a minimum of dirt and soot. The high standard of catering at this Mess is under the capable supervision of genial "Jock" McCrindle. Sgt McCrindle came to this station from Saskatoon, Sask.

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BY LAC F. T. CLARKE

Quite a few changes have taken place around Wing Headquarters' Orderly Room since our last column, we'll bring you up to date on the new faces and things to be found at the SOR.

LAC West from the Duplicating Pool went home this month. We hear he is enjoying some "repat" leave at home, lucky boy.

Our SWO, WO2 Williams, has gone to the RAF Station at Catterick for a course on ground defence, and Flight Sergeant Mitton has taken over in the SWO's Office during his absence, assisted by AC1 MacDonald. Cpl Baker has gone from the SWO's Office to look after sports stores and we miss his cheerful bark sorely.

The singing NCO of Central Registry, Sgt Leveille, has gone to F/O MacInnes' office where he is presently arranging all manner of good things for the entertainment of the airmen. His lovely voice has been missed considerably around the Central Registry. Cpl "Mac" MacLean has taken the sergeants' place in CR. Mac's an old hand around Headquarters as he worked in the Orderly Room before going to the C Tech O's Office.

LAC F. P. Drake has taken over the Duplicating Pool now. He sometimes looks like a Welsh coalminer after a hard day over the Gestetner.

Congratulations are in order to Sgt E. A. Golding on his being elected manager of the Nottingham All-Star Baseball team. This is quite an honour and I'm sure that Goldie will lead the team to many victories.

WO2 Thompson returned today from leave in the South of England, looking like an advertisement for vitamin pills. From his complexion it seems that the rumours we hear

WING MAINTENANCE

BY CPL L. A. STEVENS

INSTRUMENT SHOP TALK—

We now have a new member in our shop. LAC George Nicholson has arrived from 410 Squadron to replace LAC C. McPhillimy, who has returned to Canada for discharge.

LAC "Butch" Boucher is going on leave this week. Should be a real lively leave—he plans to spend it in Barrack Block 56.

We are sorry to report that Cpl Sheehy-Sheehy's wife has been in bed sick for the past week or so; hoping she has a speedy recovery.

The same Corporal took a trip last week-end and expected to arrive home early Sunday evening. Instead he arrived home at half past six Monday morning, having spent several lonely hours on the highway. Another "sacrifice" may soon be finding its way to the used car market. Buyers beware!

Our lover boy, LAC Mac McCarthy is going around these days saying that he's off women for life. We're wondering why.

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QUIPS FROM SAFETY EQUIPMENT—

It's just one thing after another. Now the boys are anxiously awaiting "T.B." Day—Trade Board Day, that is. Three of the boys, Ben Tardiff, Reg Levasseur and Howard Kipling are cultivating that studious look and hope to take another step up the financial ladder.

Our golf enthusiasts are complaining they haven't time to lose balls any more. They just take a few practice swings, tee up at the first . . . and down comes the rain again!

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about English sunshine must have some foundation of truth, though we in North Luffenham don't seem to see much of it.

Cpl Bendle of the DRO's Section has been pretty scarce around the Orderly Room lately what with the Pipe Band and all. The few times we have seen him, his chest has expanded and we aren't certain, but we think we have heard the faintest burr in his speech.



F/L Joy of 410 Squadron and the former Dorothy Dark on the occasion of their marriage at North Luffenham.

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One of our lads found to his sorrow that you can't celebrate the Calgary Stampede in Nottingham. He's now brushing up on his rifle drill.

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COMMENTS FROM COMM. TECHS—

Rumours are flying around the section and strong men are cringing in corners. The reason? They're passing out booklets on "How to speak French." Not that the fellows have anything against the French mademoiselles, or that a week on the Riviera would be hard to take, but many are becoming attached to this tight little island. Bud Leblanc heads the list of those who find life interesting here, while most of the other free-and-easy types are in various states of blissful "attachment."

We're proud to report that Cpl Alfie Springate has been awarded the Netherlands Bronze Cross and will be presented with the medal next month, pending approval of Air Force Headquarters. During the war Cpl Springate served as a WAG Flight Sergeant in the RAF. Flying Halifaxes in October, 1944, he was shot down over Holland, where he was taken care of by the Underground Movement. Alfie worked with the Underground until Holland was liberated by Canadian troops in May of 1945, and it is in recognition of his services with the movement that the Netherlands Government is making the award.

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TIGER TALKCPL SIMPSON reports from
ARMAMENT

LAC Bob Reid became the proud father of a seven-pound baby girl on July 30; as yet un-named. That makes three children in the Reid family. Trying to get rich on the family allowance checks Bob?

AC Stan Nash is building a 48-inch wingspan model of a Lanc. which he claims is going to fly. Happy landings, Stan.

If anyone should drop into the Armament room in BB58 he would think it an aircraft factory with all the model aircraft buliders hard at work. Lots of nice work being done too.

WO2 Matthews came back from 2 weeks' leave in London where his wife arrived about 2 weeks ago. He's lost a lot of weight. Could such be blamed on English rations?

Tarp Reid being a devil for punishment has been back to Sheffield but came home rather suddenly. Some more girl-friends married Tarp?

Sgt Vic Billedeau has gone on 2 weeks' leave presumably to meet his wife. He has a trailer site so he should be smiling when he returns.

LAC GROLEAU reports from
TELECOM.

After being away for almost a month from the section, I'm happy to be back in the saddle again. Incidentally, anyone going to Paris may receive clues from the writer concerning prices, hotels, women, etc.

Despite excellent spirit our section didn't fare too well in the Station sports day. LACs Battersby, Hyppia

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BY LAC FRANK KENLEY

Hats off to the Leicester "Evening Mail." This sturdy little paper gives a lot of space to RCAF news, and even goes out of its way to print Canadian news-from-home.

Best story of last week, from a Supply viewpoint, was the coverage of Cpl Dusty Turnbull's wedding. All three Candaians in the photograph were Supply staff—F/L G. C. Hodgins, Cpl Otto Sulek and, of course Dusty himself. This sort of publicity puts us on the map in the finest possible way.

The bride and groom are now honeymooning in Cornwall. We hope it keeps fine for them.

Otto, the best man, has only one complaint again the "Evening Mail" (he certainly can't complain about the photograph!). It seems that they spelt his name wrong. Too bad, Otto, but don't sulk about it.

Among the guests at the Leicester fiesta were S/L M. A. Rosenthal, S/L T. L. Byrne, WO1 E. Edey, Sgt E. K. Churchill, Sgt D. S. Dearlove, Cpl G. R. Hempstock, Cpl H. S. Wattier and Cpl H. M. Price—all accompanied by their wives. Unaccompanied gentlemen included Cpl R. Sanderson, WO2 A. MacAuley, Cpl A. J. Knapik, Cpl L. B. Muloin and Cpl C. P. Lanyon. (There were more, but space is short!).

Turning from the Society Page to the Field and Track News, we raise a cheer for another hero of the Supply Section—to wit, LAC J. D. Thompson. This master of muscular coordination acquitted himself nobly on Sports Day by winning the pole vault and gaining a further few points for his team by a second in the high jump. Well done, J.D.! It was undoubtedly your fine "stick control" that won you the pole vault—and a badminton racket.

NAMES THAT MAKE NEWS—

Cpl A. D. Wadmore, your friendly sheet-and-slip dealer, is limbering up for another crack at the football pools. If no one answers, knock louder. He's in there, working on the 1-2-x.

LAC G. C. Flaxman, our carpenter, has made us a fine new counter for the smoke-room. It's a high one, to discourage counter-jumping.

Cpl Johnny Berube is still looking for a few "missing persons." Have you signed your Record of Kit yet? If not, you're one of them.

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BATTLE OF BRITAIN

by Meteors, Attackers, Sabres, B-29's, Canberras and a single Hawker Hunter the latest fighter to be adopted by the RAF.

ACCOUNTS CHATTER

BY SGT T. H. RIDLEY

Greetings and salutations from accounting section. It seems that apart from the routine work and the odd bit of leave nothing much has transpired in the past couple of weeks and consequently your reporter is rather hard pressed for writing material. However, two of our chaps have returned from trips that have kept them talking about it ever since.

F/Lt "Wally" Fink made the trip to the "Emerald Isle" with his wife and mother-in-law Mrs. Anderson, to visit Mrs. Fink's relatives in the Belfast area. Despite my predictions in the previous issue "Wally" has not developed the Irish Brogue that one would expect. They toured rather extensively through Northern Ireland and are full of tales of the rather rugged, agricultural country. Apparently they visited a linen factory one day which was quite an experience in itself. F/Lt Fink reports that although there is no rationing in the Southern part of the country, prices are rather high and purchase tax must be paid on all articles brought back into Northern Ireland or back into England.

Congratulations are in order. S/L Brown our Senior Accountant Officer has proved himself quite the athlete. It seems that he and his partner won the Oakham Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship recently against another couple quite a bit younger consisting of the women's singles champion and the runner-up in the mens' singles. Apparently the quantity of hair one possesses has nothing to do with one's athletic ability.

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Cpl "Larry" Litke just returned from a motoring tour of the south of England and the many beauty spots in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset. He particularly was taken by a Cave called Wookey Hole near Cheddar, Somerset. This spot, he says, is well worth going out of your way to see. The cavern is all lit up in such a way to show the beautiful colours of the lake and the stalactites (those hanging down) and stalagmites (those hanging up). One of the latter has apparently formed into the perfect image of a sheep dog.

Sgt Girvin reports that there is still quite a number of chaps who have their families with them that have not filled out a new TD 1 claiming exemption of \$400.00 for their children. Remember you are not entitled to family allowances while the children are out of Canada and your exemption goes up from \$150.00 to \$400.00. Get those TD 1's in.

Cheerio, pip-pip, etc., till next time.

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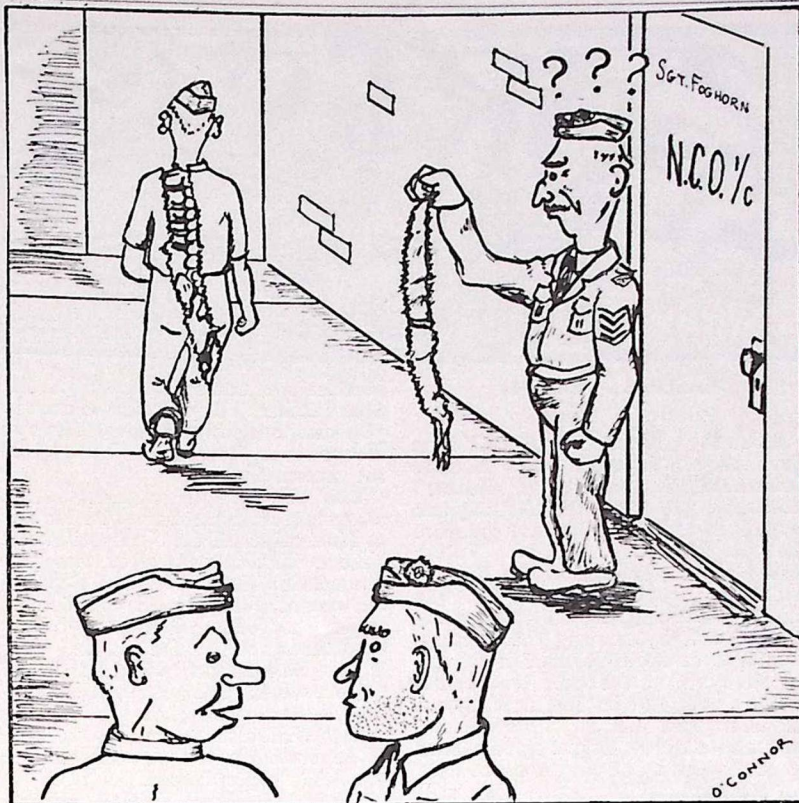
BY ADAM HOGG

The reporter (R.M. Sinnet) for the Signals Scandal is on leave (on the Station) but he cannot stay away as he likes the work so much he comes in now and again to see if he can help.

The happy man in the section is Lic (LAC Chicorli) for to-day he has his letter from the Great One to say that he can finally get spliced.

Our chief, Cpl Monroe was off sorts (not licorice) last week. Seemingly he was one of the few who caught a sore stomach through eating something which didn't agree with him. Since then he has made up for it by asking for double helpings in the mess hall.

Harry Dyrda (chief at the transmitters) has been trying experiments



LOOKS LIKE THE SARGE "TORE A STRIP" OFF HIM!

with aerals for picking up Canada. Just now he has a 250 foot aerial even though the Post Office states 100 foot, but what is 150 feet between friends? I wonder what he would have said if after last week's thunderstorms he had found his receiver in a charred heap.

On going down the Manton road you may see two of the oddest shaped buildings away in the middle of the field. The first is our Homer (VHF/DF) and the second the (HF/DF) used solely by the RAF. The operators on going to and from the sites have a refreshing three-quarter mile walk before guiding aircraft over England. Oh, to be an operator at 0200 hrs. with nothing to do but listen to static and turn a wheel.

The boss (F/L E. T. Williams) last weekend was enjoying a holiday touring glorious Devon never realizing that he was so near disaster. Had he known Lynmouth was to become famous no doubt he'd have at least stopped for a picture of the peaceful valley instead of continuing the other 15 miles.

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WING MAINTENANCE

SPARKS FROM ELECTRICAL SECTION—

Our most eligible bachelor, Sgt Roy

Pearson, is enjoying a conducted tour of Europe at the time of writing. We wonder if Roy will still be as shy when he returns.

Notice to the cad who lifted Bob Irvine's wife's wedding dress: you overlooked the gloves and shoes to match.

LAC Chretein has recently received a proposition to work for a local parson whose sermons require an example to impress his parishioners with the evils of drink. Chris's five years aren't up yet, so he was forced to decline the offer.

The rosy vision young Jim Hatton held until recently about his coming marriage included "love and more pay." Our budget shows you'll be

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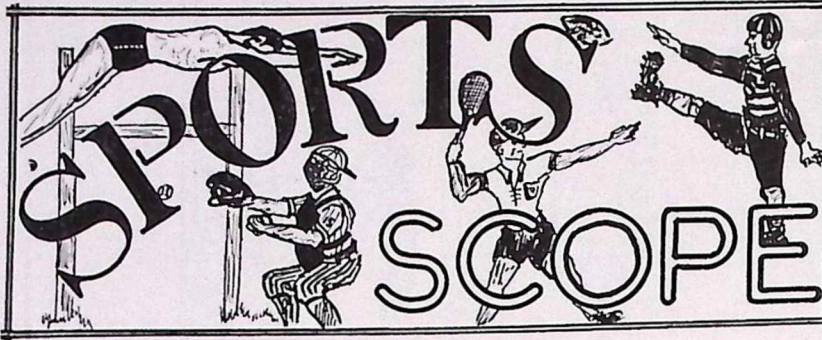
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BASEBALL BANTER

BY SGT F. GOLDING

Since my column the baseball team have played 3 games. Last Sunday behind the 1 hit pitching of "Beams" Boehmer, we beat the Nottingham Royals 29-1. In the second game of the double-header Grant Folker tossed a 1 hitter against the English All Stars to take the game 2-0. On Sunday, 24th August, we cinched the League title by beating the Nottingham Wolves 6-1 at North Luffenham. As always Grant Folker was at his best, allowing 2 hits and striking out 13. The game was an important one for us as a defeat might have placed us in a two-way tie for 1st place with the Nottingham Dodgers. We still have one more league game to play but it has no bearing on our standing in the League. At the present time we are waiting for the exact date when we move into the Midland County play downs.

We meet the Birmingham Saints in the semi-final on either the 30th of August or the 7th of September with the winner playing the Bristol Street Motors in the final game on the 14th of September.

We have an invitation to play at Lakenheath USAF Base in an international tournament consisting of teams from Spain, the English All Stars from the Birmingham League, the USAF team from Lakenheath and ourselves. We haven't decided to accept this invitation as yet due to the fact we might be in Birmingham on the 14th playing for the Midland County Championship. More about that later.

The Nottingham Executive met Wednesday night to pick the Nottingham League All Stars. As was to be expected the RCAF took the share of the position. The following players were named to the team. LAC Les Barton, Catcher; LAC Grant Folker, Pitcher; Cpl Lou Maracle, 2nd Base; LAC Red Girard, 3rd Base; Cpl Al Knapiak, Left Field; LAC R. G. Parks, Centre Field and Cpl Des Foley, Left Field and yours truly as team Manager. I might add that LAC Bud

Mercier was named as one of the All Star Pitchers but will not be able to play due to his injured arm. Hope to see you out there before the end of the season, Bud.

The All Stars play against an All Star team from the Yorkshire League in Hull on 31 August. We still have 2 more exhibition games to round out the season. On the 18th of September we are taking 2 teams to Leicester to put on a demonstration as to how baseball should ?? be played. This is in conjunction with Battle of Britain week. Our team will be playing an exhibition game against the USAF Witton team here on the 20th of September as our contribution to the RAF "Open House."

"Foul Balls." Well, George McFaul and Harry Ellis finally made the big plunge across the Atlantic and are now enjoying a well deserved leave in the Capital City. No doubt they are enjoying the beauty spots of Ottawa such as the "Chez Henri," Gatineau and Standish Hall. Sure must be nice to be "repeated." I wish the boys all the best in their future postings and it was a real pleasure to have them associated with our club. I am endeavouring to fill George's shoes as Manager and LAC "Houlie" Houlahan is camping on the 1st base spot where Harry used to hold forth. Almost lost our star outfielder Des Foley the other day on a quick posting. To volunteer or not to volunteer is the question, eh Des. Thought we had got rid of our groundskeeper genial "Ashes" Ashley. Seems he missed the aircraft or something, stick around Ashes, the hockey season will

soon be here. Cpl "Doc" Baker made his debut as a plate umpire in the game on the 24th of August. Even the crowd didn't have much to yell about so I guess you were OK, Doc. Guess that is is for this week, see you in my next column with a report on the Birmingham semi-final.

SABRE RIFLE CLUB NOTES

BY CPL A. W. HODGINS

Here we are again, to give you a few clues about our station rifle club.

Several club members took part in the novelty large-bore rifle meet which was sponsored by the Uppingham Cadet School. The shoot was held near Uppingham on the 500-yard range. A good afternoon's fun was had by all, with some of the boys taking home money prizes. F/S Wilkinson, WO2 Matthews and WO2 Thompson each won in the "Own Handcap Match." Yours truly got in a lucky shot and hit the egg 'bull, which won 7/6d.

Alterations and safety measures are almost complete on our range now and it is hoped that by the end of next week our club rooms will be read for use.

Beginning the week of August 25th it is hoped to be able to keep the range open almost every evening. This will enable us to get much needed practice and fire in our new BS rifles.

Now that we have secured four of these rifles, the club is ready to look for matches with the district rifle clubs. It is hoped that three teams may be entered in the Rutland and District competitions.

This club will in the future arrange social and novelty shoots which

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should prove entertaining and give keen competition.

In closing, I wish to say that all new members are most welcome. Let's your club and your equipment. Come out and use it.

A SHORT GUIDE TO THE AMERICAN LANGUAGE

NOTE: This guide is by no means comprehensive, and supplements will be published from time to time. Many terms may already be familiar to Canadian readers, but the guide should act as a useful primer for members of the RAF. Contributions are invited.

Biggie—An executive; a man of consequence; a wheel.

Biscuit—A broad, chick, cookie or tomato; also a phonograph record.

Blast—A telephone call.

Bring down (noun and verb)—A depressant or to depress. "He's a real bring-down," or "She brings me down."

Carp—A character with a fish face and not an awful lot of brains.

Cool—Bop talk for hot or good.

Crazy—Bop talk for something to be admired. "Man, where'd you get that crazy new tie?"

Cornball—A guy who doesn't know the score; a peasant; a square.

Cube—A guy who is even more square than a cornball.

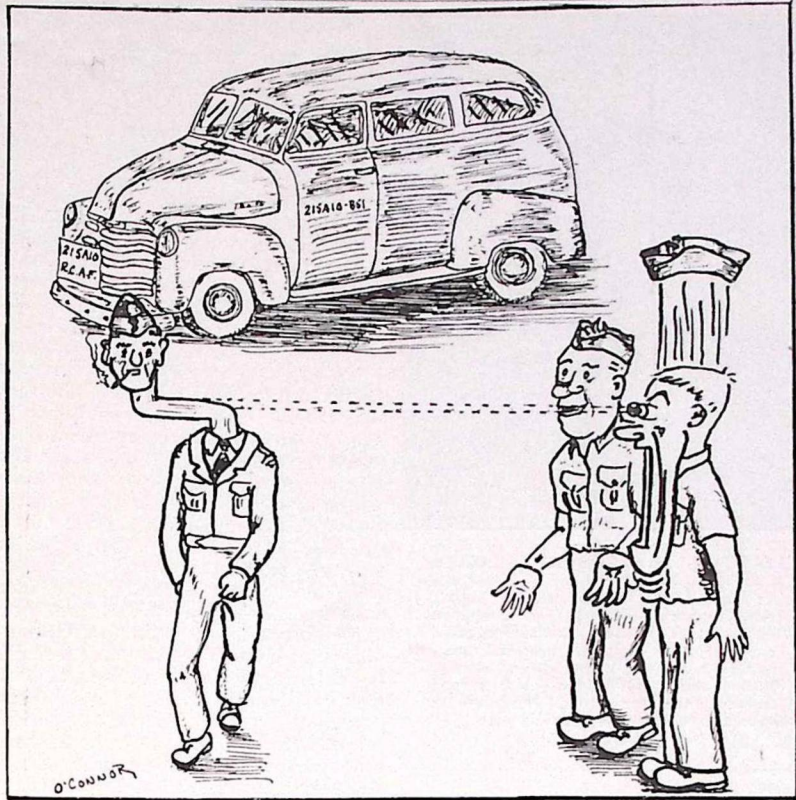
Coffo—For free or for nothing. "He got it for coffo."

Dig—To understand or meet. "I dig this music." "I'll dig you later."

Grunt—The check in a restaurant or club.

Hassle—An argument.

It doesn't hit me—"I don't like it" or "I don't understand it."



Don't let it throw you Sedgeway, they say it's just an occupational disease, the result of trying to see if the way is clear to pass while driving a Canadian vehicle on the left side of the road!

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Hot stove—A bribe.

Keep in touch with the office—Means the reverse; don't bother us; a variation of the casting director's "Don't call us, we'll call you."

Kill—To impress; to win one's favour. "She really killed the people."

Meat ball—An unpleasant guy; a good guy not to have around.

Member of the lodge—Someone who is in with the boys; someone who can be trusted.

Modulate—To change one's status or condition. "He got modulated out of the Mess Hall into Ground Defence."

Nowhere—A condition of having achieved nothing. "He's nowhere."

TIGER TALK

and Groleau participated in various events but lack of training didn't help any. "Olaf" Battersby is sweeping out the section for the next three months for his position in the mile race.

Some people on our squadron have a hard time understanding the "Com Boys." These good lads have a new code for talking and all sentences begin with the word "left." The habit is now so strong that Sgt Hector is trying to teach it to his wife.

For the past two weeks the "line" sun bathers have really enjoyed themselves because there are absolutely no U/S with radio equipment, but brace yourself fellows, from now on you'll hear this, "My IFF does not work"! Indeed pilots are very happy to know that IFF is maintained by the radio men.

Concerning the Labour Day weekend, a couple of men went to London to prepare the ground work for a party but all we have heard about was a soccer match.

LAC Van Blaricom just arrived from Canada where he spent his annual leave. We are very happy to have him back, this will give Sgt Hector and LAC Garceau some extra weekends free.

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THE TALEPIE RUMBLES

BY PETE

I'm a devout reader of the **ROUNDEL** and **SHATTERPROOF**, but we also, here in **NORTH LUFF**, have our own comparably epic moments. It happened that I wandered (on business) into Supply Section's nerve centre on a Monday morning not so long ago, and accustomed as I have been in this Air Force of ours never to be taken aback by either the tragic or the sublime I witnessed an unforgettable scene, a gold letter page in the life book of North Luff.

A Monday morning in stock control is usually a tense fever ridden battle with the paper, but this particular one was serene. "Irish" wasn't talking, the telephone was quiet, and even "Red" Girard couldn't find fault with one register number. I was craning my neck over the "Dutch door" and trying to read "JANE" upside down on Cpl Hempstock's desk when a strange sound came to me from Taffy's corner. I looked up from "JANE" and there sat Taffy his face distended as if by some great inner emotion. I could see he was feverishly clutching a paper in his hand and my first thought went to the football pools but a quick glance at my watch told me the mail was not due for another half-hour. Meanwhile, Taffy gurgling with inward emotion, knocked over his chair as he arose, bounded to the door, swept past me nearly knocking me over, and tore out of stock control babbling over and over to himself "I've found it, I've found it at last." I followed him with all of stock control at my heels to F/L Hodgkin's office where F/S Waring was trying to calm him down, and it was there that I got a glance at the paper he had so tightly been clutching and I then understood.

Taffy had just picked up a masterpiece, a collector's item, a store-basher's dream come true, a secret wish that few if any ever encounter in a stores career (I know only one other guy who did). For in the morning light, on the massive desk, lay an E.42 correctly filled out with section reference and quantity. But, in the description, only two words, someone had finally done it; they had demanded "LOCKS PAD."

And who said nothing ever happens in North Luff?

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it takes a good sporting type to lose. We found all competitors to be good sports—well, nearly all. Our success of the afternoon was displayed in the evening also, for we seemed to have more than our share of good luck in Bingo. Yes sir—we're all "bingo-

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WAS THIS THE FACE THAT LAUNCHED A THOUSAND SHIPS . . . ? A new star has arisen on the 410 horizon, to sparkle briefly, splutter violently and disappear. The tracks of the new constellation could be traced by a series of uprooted trees, wrecked encampments and cursing airmen. Frivolity aside, the Squadron bids a fond farewell to the star, F/O C. M. Campbell, the Squadron Adjutant upon his posting to No. 2 Wing in France.

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WITH THE SILVER FOX

knock on the door. There are three reasons why: (1) They don't like too much noise, (2) they don't like people to knock on the door (3) they have no door. As you enter don't let the darkness frighten you, they are used to it, they only have three lights. You will probably hear the wind moaning through the broken windows. As your eyes become accustomed to the gloom you will see at least six of the D.D. getting some well earned sleep. The rest will be either engaged in friendly argument with members of other rooms who invariably congregate here. If you get out alive with your sanity and your cigarettes left you will remember the experience till your dying day . . .

Here's some weekend gossip. A medal of bravery to Jim Mattie, Tony Zabelski, Pat Raverau and George Pineau for braving the English roads to spend their weekends in Leeds. Joe Mignault returned from Paris safe, sound, and broke. Ray Bailey, Steve Kuchma and Ron Roberts played baseball for Rushden against Wellingborough on Sunday. Rushden lost. That's all for this week men. See you next issue.

REMEMBER—

IT'S THE BEST OUTFIT.

HOSPITAL NEWS

LAC J. Henderson and Mrs. Henderson are the proud parents of the first baby girl to be born in our hospital. All concerned doing fine.

F/L O'Brien, who has been joined by his wife and baby son, has taken over the exacting job of SMO.

Heartening reports of the beauties of service life in la belle France have been received from LAC Durocher who is at present on TD in Metz.

Scotland again!—F/Sgt Johnson our Orderly Room Chief, has returned from the north with such glowing reports that Sgt Leonard is also planning a part of his leave near the Highlands.

Speaking of leave—the whole Dental department have taken off en masse to a well deserved rest.

The remainder of the hospital staff have been fairly well occupied due to a 'flu germ that seems to have gone wild—or maybe its just that our spring-filled mattresses are a pleasant change. Refer to F/O K. Johnson for a word or two on the subject of comfortable hospital beds!

Sounds of hammering from the pharmacy are perfectly in order—F/L Mike Jennings is furnishing his new country home. Seriously; we hear he's settling in cosily at Exton.

Our two mad corporals have never hit the news—there must be some thing we can say about them. Cpl Cote of course, keeps the MIR in tip-top running order and still has time over for his first, last and only love—his motor bike, while Cpl Vaughan manages to forget the rigours of Orderly Room work amid Leicester's scenic delights—I've heard.

In true newspaper style (I've probably got it all wrong) that's all for this time.

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F/O Oliver will be in charge of catering and promises many good things for refreshments.

Be sure to attend, and follow the red arrows from the Guard House ! !

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WHAT'S COOKIN' I HEAR . . .

That one of our popular cooks, LAC Bob McGowan returned from leave with a badly sprained right arm and was finally awarded 21 days' light duty. Bobby is not quite clear as to how he did it. Of course it COULD be a case of DRINKER'S CRAMP. He should order Halves in future—these pint glasses do get kinda heavy after a time.

Cpl Edgson reports that whilst on leave—only had one shower of rain—trouble was, it lasted all the gosh darned time—

That several of the cooks are spending their leave in Paris—they say the water's better there !

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HOUSEKEEPING ON PARADE

BY H. H. HART

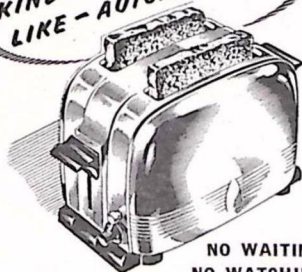
I have been asked by quite a number of my readers to say a few words on GARNISHING, and so here goes !

Garnishes are to foods what lace collars, belt buckles and costume jewelry are to dresses. And just like these ornamental accessories, garnishes must be well chosen and well placed to fulfill their function at the buffet or dinner-table. If your garnishing repertoire is limited to a couple of bunches of parsley on the meat platter, you'll find that what I have to say will interest you.

Garnishes for foods are usually devised from other foods, and should preferably be edible. Like dresses which may have self trimming or contrasting trimming, foods may be garnished with some of their own ingredients, or with other harmonious ingredients. An example of a self-garnished dish is a Waldorf Salad in which the bright red skin is left on the apple pieces, or some of the celery is cut into curls, or a whole nut is perched on top of a thick puff of mayonnaise on each serving. A contrasting garnish would be lemon wedges and parsley served around a baked fish.

The keynote of any food garnish should be naturalness and simplicity. This is desirable because any food is more attractive when it does not look too "fixed up," and too laboured over, and partly because application of a too elaborate garnish may result in the food getting cold or losing its freshness before it reaches the table. In any case, it is well to have in mind the desired arrangement of the garnish before the food is even transferred to the serving dish. You will gradually gain skill with practice.

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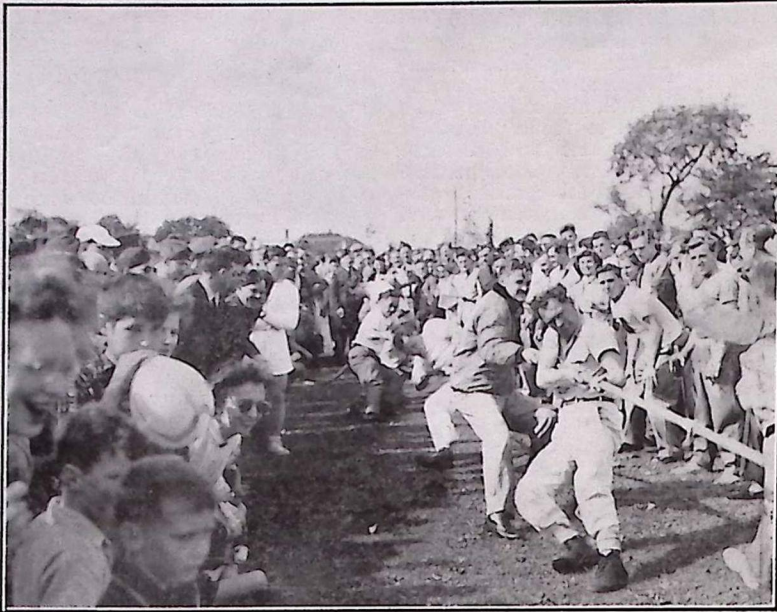
Since garnishing food has the same purpose as trimming a dress, the same rules apply, with the added one that food which is to be eaten must never look handled. It may be possible to try a piece of trimming in several places on a dress without damaging it, but any "trying on" of food garnishes should be done in imagination or on paper, not on the food itself. Then when it is time to apply the actual garnish to the actual food, do it quickly, with a light touch and don't be afraid ! If a sudden inspiration goes counter to the plan, follow it without hesitation, because that is how the most effective garnishing is often achieved.

Now I will give you a few examples of garnishing—

Baked Ham is imposing enough (if you can get it !) to deserve the best of attention in garnishing. A form of self garnishing is almost always done first of all : that is, the fatty surface of the baked ham is scored in squares, diamonds, triangles or other shapes to make the surface more interesting. Cloves are frequently used as an accent on the scored ham, and much variety is possible just in their placing. A clove in the centre of each scored shape gives quite a different effect than a clove stuck in each angle or a cluster of cloves in each centre. Instead of cloves, sliced or whole candied cherries, pieces of bright-coloured candy, fancy shapes cut from orange peel, pieces of vegetable or fruit, may be "appliqued" on to the scored ham. Space does not permit me to deal fully with this most absorbing subject, but in garnishing every woman makes her own rules, and these are dictated by her own experience and her own inclinations. The beginner should keep in mind the purpose of garnishes, which is to make the food more attractive—not to hide them, not to make them look bizarre, nor even to startle the onlooker. As she practises, she will develop a "feel" for the right thing, and the artistic thing, and may end by surprising even herself with her own ingenuity.

It is always good to study food garnishes in the food pages of magazines, and newspapers of high quality, but very impractical to try to follow them exactly, for it is seldom possible to duplicate the exact size and shape of the food platter, and the style of table arrangement in the picture. These illustrations should be regarded simply as idea-provokers.

Food garnishes should be a way of expressing individuality creatively. The important thing is for each woman to work in her own way with her own ideas.



Tug-o-War team of 441 Squadron competing in the Station Sports Day held on the 13th of August, 1952.

ROAD SAFETY Hints for Motor Cyclists

During recent months there has been an increase in the number of accidents involving motor cyclists, some resulting in serious injuries and others proving fatal to both riders and pillion passengers. In an effort to assist those who possess motor cycles or intend to acquire a motor cycle in the future, I give these few hints for safe riding, courtesy and consideration for other users of the road.

GOLDEN RULES FOR GENERAL ROAD SAFETY

Your machine should always be in the **RIGHT PLACE** at the **RIGHT TIME**, travelling at the **RIGHT SPEED**, with the **RIGHT GEAR** engaged, and you will **NEVER** be involved in an accident.

GOLDEN RULES FOR BRAKING

1. All braking should be carried out when the machine is upright and travelling on a straight course, using both brakes in conjunction with the gear box.
2. Select the best portions of the road on which to do firm braking.
3. If in an emergency you must brake on a bend, use the rear brake only, but lightly and progressively.
4. Avoid using the front brake when banked over, turning, on wet cambered surfaces or where the road surface is loose, greasy, highly polished or covered with leaves.

GOLDEN RULES FOR CORNERING

1. Choose right speed and gears.
2. Position the machine correctly **PRIOR** to the corner.
3. Always enter a corner or bend at a speed at which you can safely negotiate it.
4. Never accelerate into a bend. You may do so out of it.
5. As you appear out of a bend, you should always be :—
 - (a) on the nearside of the road.
 - (b) able to remain there.
 - (c) able to stop well within the distance you can see to be clear.

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players" when such a large pot is to be won. This country of shortages also has a window pane shortage. Someone had better talk gently with both hands to our quiet crowd of corporals in room 7. Of course, if the existing glass supplies are exhausted, we'll get them to transfer the pin-ups on the walls to the windows. What! and have the whole squadron on charge for lewdness.

Well that's the news to date from the Athletic Sunshine Club. The prevailing atmosphere around the valley has been excellently epitomized (what words) by "Old Pineapple" the philosopher: "IF YOU'RE 410 YOU'VE GOT TO BE GOOD."

MOVIEGOERS, PLEASE NOTE

On Sunday nights, the Astra Cinema now has two complete shows. The first one starts at 1800 hours, the second at 2030 hours.

Last Sunday, when the system was introduced, there was more room at the second show. This could be a tip for patrons who like lots of leg-space.

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WING MAINTENANCE

able to save about minus three pounds per month, Jim. However, you can still look forward to lots of love.

In an earlier edition, it was reported that there's an agency in Paris which looks after the wife and children while the husband travels in France. Cpl Dick Reid would like further information on this service as he intends to go there soon.

Our genial Sgt Graves is keen on going back to Canada. His wife is keen to see Metz. Sounds like a deadlock.

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STATION WORKSHOPS

WIND-UP—

As we look in the shop we find "Lefty" Bechtold working in the tool crib. He had the misfortune to be riding his bike by a parked car when the driver opened the door. Wham! Now his right arm is in plaster.

Cpl Ernie Harris is now looking after all work orders for the section and looks happy on weekends. When not on duty crew, that is.

Cpl Al Hodgins arrived back from points south safely, but we now have reason to believe his oil burner is steam-powered. Someone reported it "steaming" into North Luffenham.

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