

## PERSONALITY PARADE



S/L A. R. MacKenzie, DFC, OC of 441 (F) Sqn., who leaves for temporary duty in Korea next month.

## S/L Andy MacKenzie, DFC

"Talepipe" bids Squadron Leader "Andy" MacKenzie, DFC, welcome to the columns of Personality Parade. At the same time we must say au revoir on the eve of his departure for service in Korea.

Officer Commanding 441 (Silver Fox) Squadron, S/L MacKenzie, 32, of Montreal, brought his squadron to 1 Fighter Wing early this year.

Enlisting in the RCAF in June, 1940, he graduated as a pilot and was posted overseas in 1943. Until he returned to Canada in 1945, S/L MacKenzie was with 421 (F) Squadron flying Spitfires, and 133 Squadron on Kittyhawks. He also served with 403 Squadron in 1944 and was commander of 135 Squadron at the close of World War II.

Before going to what was then Air Defence Group in 1949 he was stationed at Goose Bay for two years. He took command of 441 Squadron at St. Hubert, Que. in March, 1951.

# LORD ALEXANDER VISIT PLANNED

**Minister of Defence will be accompanied by other High Officials**

BY THE EDITOR

Field Marshal The Earl Alexander of Tunis, KG, GCB, GCMG, CSI, DSO, MC, the British Minister of Defence, is scheduled to visit North Luffenham, home of the RCAF's 1 Fighter Wing on the 14th of November.

Accompanying the Field Marshal will be Rear Admiral Sir Arthur Bromley of the Commonwealth Relations Office, His Excellency the Hon. Norman Robertson, High Commissioner for Canada, Air Vice Marshal R. L. R. Atcherley, CBE, AFC, Air Officer Commanding 12 Group RAF, Major-General J. D. B. Smith, CBE, DSO, CD, Chairman CJS(L) and A/C M. Costello, CBE, CD, Air Member CJS(L).

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S/L MacKenzie will join other RCAF pilots already in action in the Korean War. He follows Wing Commander "Bob" Davidson, DFC, Chief Operations Officer, who left for a tour of duty with the American Air Forces a short time ago.

As an exchange pilot, the 441 Sqn. O.C. will complete 50 operations or serve 6 months with the U.S.A.F. before returning to North Luffenham.

Mrs. MacKenzie, who he married in England in 1944, and their four children will remain in the U.K. during S/L MacKenzie's engagement in Korea.

Lord Alexander is expected to arrive at 11.50 a.m. and will be intercepted in the air by Sabres of 441, 439 and 410 Squadrons who will then escort his Dakota aircraft into North Luffenham.

Upon landing the Minister of Defence will be met by the Commanding Officer of 1 Fighter Wing, Group Captain E. B. Hale, DFC, CD. An inspection of the Guard of Honor, and a Wing Ceremonial Parade will follow.

## Reception

On completion of the parade a reception and cocktail party has been planned at the Officers' Mess after which the official party will enjoy luncheon before proceeding on an inspection tour of the station.

## No Stranger

Field Marshal Alexander is no stranger to Canadians as earlier this year he completed a term as Canada's Governor General. His popularity in this office will make him a most welcome guest at RCAF Station North Luffenham.

## Departure.

Lord Alexander will wind-up his visit at North Luffenham with tea in the Officers' Mess at which the Senior Officers, Squadron and Section Commanders of the station will also be guests.

## "The Talepipe"

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### "ARDENT" SUCCESSFUL

Sabre jets of 1 Fighter Wing wound up Exercise Ardent, Britain's biggest peace-time air operation to date, with an all-out attack against "enemy bombers."

All three squadrons—410, 439 and 441—participated in the final blow against opposing forces which had been testing British air defences during the six-day exercise.

The Canadian jets flew more than 50 operations for a total of 400 combined sorties in four days of dawn to dusk flying. Computed in flying hours that represents just slightly less than the average monthly rate for each squadron at North Luffenham.

The fighter base was put on a wartime footing for the whole of the exercise. Clerk accountants and cooks, carpenters and parachute packers, normally off duty, were assigned new tasks for the maximum effort. Security too, was tightened. Altogether some 1000 RCAF personnel took part in the operation.

For many of the pilots it was reminiscent of World War II. In full flying gear at the stand-by in crew rooms, they raced to readiness in the cockpits of their aircraft and awaited the order to "scramble." But, unlike the hectic days of ten and twelve years ago, there were box lunches of fried chicken deep apple pie between flights.

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## INTEGRATED AIR NETWORKS MAIN COG IN CANADA-U.S. JOINT DEFENCE PLANNING

BY DOUGLAS HOW

*Canadian Press Staff Writer*

Any enemy attack on North America would pull the trigger on the first complete plan for joint defence of a Continent.

The plan is not spelled out in a single document and the alterations and elaborations are unending, but a master plan for unified defence has been cemented by Canada and the United States since the Second World War.

It is dominated by preparations to meet attack from the air. "Any actual air defence of North America would not simply be co-ordinated—it would be one," says Defence Minister Claxton.

### Started in 1940

This single-defence concept originated in the Ogdensburg Agreement of wartime 1940 and was formally projected into peacetime with a pronouncement in 1947.

It pioneered the era of post-war Western military alliances and finally was brought into the wider coalition of the North Atlantic Treaty for Joint Defence of the Western World.

But the original Continental concept remains and its shape can be discerned.

Many of the new radar stations in Canada are being built and manned by Americans because they can provide protection for U.S. cities. The U.S. has military bases in Newfoundland and Labrador and a detachment at the winter experimental base in Churchill, Man. It helps man and supply joint weather stations in the Arctic.

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### "Ardent" Successful

The Sabre jets, acting as day interceptors, couldn't have had weather better suited to their tasks during most of the Exercise Ardent. Squadron pilots reported numerous "kills" out of the scores of aircraft sighted and camera gun films assessed showed the success of the operation.

But, as one weary combatant put it as the last Sabre rolled into the hangar, "the exercise is over, the battle has been won; lots of frayed nerves and lots of . . . ." He was too tired to finish the rhyme.

## NEED SLEEP, PLAY

MONTREAL—(CP)—Sleep and play are indispensable factors in maintaining the good health of school children, said Dr. Adelard Groulx, civic health director. He suggested 11 hours of sleep for children between seven and nine years; 10 hours between 10 and 13, and nine hours for older boys and girls.

## LIBRARY LORE

BY M.A.B.

Dear Readers,

Hello and welcome once again. May the welcome be extended especially to all the new arrivals on the Station. It is grand to see that so many of you are interested in the Library and have already become Members.

There is something for everyone—from Geoponics to Geography and, of course, far lighter and humorous reading.

I am sure that many an enjoyable half-hour or so has been spent reading the humorous "Peter Arno" and "New Yorker" magazines. Probably the reason why you see so many happy faces—for at the moment of seeing one—perhaps the recollection of a "Peter Arno" is passing through the mind. Yet on the other hand if you should see the occasional unhappy and sorrowful face—it's probable the person has just paid a fine—sheer up, though—the fines are very light and very rare, and usually paid with a cheerful word and a bright smile.

F/O Chalmers, the Education Officer may be found in the new Trade Advancement Building adjoining the Sergeants' Mess.

The Library now occupies the entire north-west wing of the NAAFI Building affording more space in which to relax and feel at home.

So why not come along and enjoy an evening here—reading your favourite literature.

## CANADIAN BRIEFS

### Poor Sports

SYDNEY, N.S.—(CP)—The Hunting Season here was less than 24 hours old when three men were fined \$100 each for hunting deer with the aid of lights. The men all pleaded guilty.



BY "AXEL"

Highlight of this edition were the farewell parties for S/L MacKenzie who leaves for Korea on a "Mig Chasin' Mission" next month.

F/L Dean Kelly and wife threw a mixed party for the Chief on Saturday, 25th of October climaxed by a super-size cake with the inscription "Bon Voyage Andy—441 Sqn" which the 40 guests attending devoured in short order.

The other mixed party occurred in London over the long week-end when the "Celebrite" Club and the Chez-Moi were dutifully invaded. The "Celebrite" Club was a bit too plush to "Sound Off" in, but we sure did it up right at the Chez-Moi. The only interesting point of the evening was the "Chip Crook" carrying his own bottle wherever he went.

A stag party for S/L Mac held on Tuesday the 28th of October cannot be reported in this issue. I'm writing this on Monday night. However, I think it's safe to say that it will be a success especially after seeing some of the gags Bob Simmons has thought up.

**Faces Missing**

Dear old "Rock" Paquette who is in Ely recuperating from a spinal injury suffered in a recent motor-bike accident. He's doing swell.

Lorne Cox off on leave somewhere. Probably has all his golf clubs broken by now.

Steve Atherton in Scotland resting up from the "do" in London.

**Faces Returned**

Don (Macilsnootch) McIlraith back from Canada grown fat on "Ben's" smoke meat and Molsons brew. Says the weather was wonderful but from stories we wonder how he noticed—we don't think he saw daylight during the whole month. Ah Montreal! What-a-town... What-a-town.

Norm Ronaasen back from honeymooning all over England. The best we can say is that it's a healthy pallour anyway.

**MAINTENANCE by LAC ROBERTS**

The first thing we wish to do this week is to welcome our replacements to 441. To AC's Ray Faulkner, Doug Cole, Jean Guy Boulay, George Watier, Mac MacCormick, Bob Ferguson, Ron Smith, Tom Mason, Norm Cooper, Lacombe, Lindbeck, Avery Bailey and Cpl Warburton. Welcome to the fold fellows, the only thing we ask of you is to follow in your predecessors' footsteps

We notice Ken Surman walking about with his foot in a cast as a result of a small bout with a B.S.A. Does anyone on the camp want to buy a motor-cycle cheap, I guess Ken will be a pedestrian for a couple of months.

Jim Mattie has finally returned to camp from Canada. He told me that the O'Keefes is still as good as ever but I can't take his word for it, I'll have to see for myself. According to



Arduous exercise "Ardent" has been successfully completed but the memory of that delicious Southern Fried Chicken three times a day still lingers on in the minds of the 410 pilots. All told it was a good show in the air, thanks to the boys in the red and white caps that kept our Sabres serviceable. The exercise also brought out another first for 410—a 10 minute scramble.

The Postings and Careers branch has again taken its toll from our Squadron, S/L Gill has left us for Wing H.Q. and F/O Broadbent has been posted to PAI flight in Trenton. F/L Prince is also heading "Canside"—Who's next?

F/O Sylvester has returned from his Intelligence course in London and is busy these days padding his travelling claim and briefing the boys on London night life.

And speaking of London. What well known F/L in the Service Police was seen on Friday night fighting for a front seat in the Windmill Theatre?

Oh yes, there is one last item; F/O Denouden wanted to see his name in print, so here it is Denny.

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Jim everything is fine on the home front. Some of us will be going home in a few months we hope. The posting preference forms have all been filled out (with tongue in cheek) and we all hope to get within a few miles of home.

Is anyone interested in taking over this column? It's been fun writing up the gen as I see it but I can't seem to find the time for this because of other extra-curricular activities. Anyone interested please see me in Repair.

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BY F/O AL SEITZ

With the finale of Leapfrog II we again have our full compliment of pilots in service including our latest addition, F/O Ken Gildner. As an interesting sidelight to Leapfrog we might mention that our old friends of 416 Squadron felt that they could not bypass England without saying hello and so four of them dropped in. They were even so generous as to present No. 1 (F) Wing with one of their aircraft; a bit bent, but nevertheless, an aircraft.

It has been the writer's privilege to visit No. 2 Wing at its new home near Grostenquin, France, and we came away with a great deal of new found affection for dear old North Luff. Nowhere on this globe is there so thick a concentration of mud on any given 1,000 acre tract of land. If ever again we become depressed with our present home we need only think of our counterpart in France and our morale will soar several hundred per cent. In a few weeks, however, it should be almost inhabitable, when the mud freezes, that is.

Turning to a lighter vein the squadron officers must thank Milt Sills and Alf Everard for the very fine party held last Friday night in the TV room of the mess. With food, giggle juice, and good fellowship in abundant supply it inevitably turned into an excellent thrash. If nothing else, that party proved that we should have more of them more often.

#### LAC GROLEAU reports from TELECOM

First of all we would like to welcome a new radio mate, LAC Brassard who has just arrived from "Brass Land"; Trenton to you. Must be wonderful to come to an operational squadron from there, isn't it? In the same vein LAC Tardiff is still standing by expecting a move to Grostenquin, the poor schmoe. In an attempt to drown his sorrow he does a quick DI on one of the 57 pubs in Stamford every night.

Should you drop into the 439 Radio shack nowadays you would find all the "Techicians" at work on multi new projects instituted by our beloved "Sarge." At least the boys are no longer dawling on the line.

Social Highlight: Cpl Van Blaricum is on his way to Southampton to meet Mrs. Van Blaricum. That should make the rest of his stay in the UK more pleasant.

## HOLIDAY TAKE H.Q.'s TOLL

BY LAC F. T. CLARKE

Things are beginning to settle down now, around the Orderly Room, after the long week-end. Hangovers are slowly disappearing, the bags under the eyes are getting smaller, and life is taking up its old rhythm again. Some of the lads took advantage of the four days to go fairly far afield. LAC Harry Meens explored the city of Edinburgh, and has come back loud in its praises. It seems there is a pub there called the Shakespeare which is something right out of this world. LAC Eddie Hache and Harry have been arguing about the respective merits of the Shakespeare and Eddie's pub par excellence, Cosmo's in Brighton. The only way to resolve the problem it seems is to go to both of them. Harry also did some sight-seeing in Edinburgh, the castle and Arthur's seat, which he says is really worth seeing.

LAC Bill Moir went on a whirlwind tour of Scotland, taking in Prestwick, Ayr, Edinburgh and Glasgow. He says Scotland is a bra' bright place and recommends it as a fine place to visit on leave. Cpl "Curly" Maclean of Central Registry went down to London over the week-end, this time with his glasses, and a good thing too, because his theme song now is "Allentown Jail."

LAC Vachone and LAC Hache went down to Brighton their second home "Cosmo's," and have returned a little the worse for wear, but still loud in their praises of this super pub. Eddie Hache is seriously thinking of setting up light housekeeping in that pub every time he can get away from the Record Section long enough to make it to Brighton

We welcome home again Sgt Frank Golding and Major Thompson, from their leave in Canda. Goldie's comment on the cost of living in Toronto is censorable, but to give you an idea of what it is like, Goldie made a tour of the famous cocktail bars in T.O., drank only beer, and it cost him 34 pieces of lettuce for the evening. He

## BABY SHARKS

MONCTON, N.B. — (CP) — Report from the St. Joseph area said 23 baby sharks have been caught in one week in the Memramcook River, a tributary of the Petitcodiac. A typical catch was two feet four inches long, just beginning to develop its teeth and fins.

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still shudders when he thinks of it, and hasn't even spent thru'pence on a cup of coffee since his return. Major Thompson also was taken aback by the cost of living, but said it was certainly good to see Montreal and Trenton again. He would give no definite information on his stay in Montreal, giving the excuse that his wife reads this column.

We welcome LAC "Red" Sullivan to the staff of the SWO's Office this week. Red has come from Halifax to take LAC MacDonald's place. He says he has enjoyed England so far. Wait till it starts to rain, Red. LAC MacDonald is off to Metz in the near future. We shall miss him around Headquarters, and we know there is a certain someone in Leicester who is going to miss him more than some what.

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**CANADA AND THE ATOM**

BY LESLIE ROBERTS

Leslie Roberts is probably the best informed writer on Canadian subjects today. Readers will recognise his byline as one which appears regularly in important magazines in the United States, and in his own country, and as the signature on twelve books, the most recent of which, "Canada, The Golden Hinge," has just been published in Canada by Clark, Irwin and will be released in the United States in October by Rinehart.

For war or peace, for defence today and the atomic industry of tomorrow, recent uranium discoveries in Canada, and the all-out manner in which they are being developed by the Canadian government (through its wholly-owned Eldorado Mining and Refining Company) have secured this hemisphere in the raw materials of atomic energy for any foreseeable future emergency. Furthermore, it is not wishful thinking to envisage the Canada of to-morrow as the world's largest producer of radioactive minerals.

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As shown above the Free Surplus as of this date is £361 11s 1d. The merchandise inventory is high at this time due to the stocking of Station Fund retail outlets, mainly the Station Commissary.

The Airmen's Extra Messing accounts has as shown above £39 16s. in goods on hand and in addition £8 1s. 4d. is on hand for further purchasing.

Property purchases for all Station Fund Institutes as at this date was £1700 0s. 11½d.

Britain's Lord Cherwell has declared to be the most effective atomic pile of which he knows. It was neither the flattery of a distinguished visitor, nor a passing remark picked out of context. When the United States has sought the answers to complex nuclear problems, more than once it has sent teams of physicists to Chalk River. Canada's "heavy water" reactor (a second pile is now building) is simply a more effective instrument that the graphite piles of the United States, as witness the headlong plunge which the U.S.A. has just taken into the construction of heavy water plants on its enormous \$2-billion Savannah River project.

deep-seated nature more efficiently than either radium or x-rays can, and it provides hospitals and foundations with equipment for cancer treatment at infinitely lower cost than hitherto was possible. In fact, a quantity of radium powerful enough to do the work performed by a small amount of radioactivated cobalt costing less than \$50,000 could not be assembled in North America. If it could be, the cost of the radium would be in the vicinity of \$1-million—and it would still not be as effective as cobalt. Moreover, Cobalt-60, produced in a graphite pile, is neither as effective, nor as long-lived as the same product exposed to a heavy-water reactor.

**The So-Called "Cancer Bomb"**

In research, Canada's efforts have been directed to the constructive uses of atomic energy, rather than the destructive. The great achievement, down to here, has indubitably been what the press of North America flamboyantly calls the "cancer bomb." The so-called "bomb," loaded with 50 grams of radioactive Cobalt-60, is not a cure for cancer, and no responsible person has ever claimed that it is, from the research physicists who developed it to the doctors who are using it. But its rays provide a means of treating cancerous conditions, including those of

**Strengths and Weaknesses**

These, then, are the great strengths of Canada in the realm of atomic energy—its mines and its powerful reactor. From a Canadian point of view, there are also weaknesses in the program, the chief of which is that despite its rich mines and its success in using the heavy-water process, Canada is still unable to carry its own refining through to completion. After partial refining, Canadian uranium must still be sent to the United States for conversion into metallic rods, which are then brought back to Chalk River for use in the production of plutonium, the instigator of atomic fission. This gap-in-the-middle will soon be bridged, however, by the creation of added refining facilities which will make the entire operation possible on Canadian soil.

**The Eldorado Story**

The history of uranium mining in Canada has an Alice-in-Wonderland quality. The first and only discovery of importance, prior to World War II, was made at Great Bear Lake in the

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**STATION WORKSHOPS ARRIVALS**

Here we are to give you a little gen from our busy little section.

We have two new machinists just arrived from Canada. They are Cpl Deon and LAC Bourget.

Cpl. Deon comes from Nova Scotia, but leaves his wife and little boy in Ingersoll, Ont. Hope you like it here, Deon—lotsa luck!

LAC Bourget, our other new machinist, hails from just near Quebec City. We hear that Bourget would just as soon go to France as stay here. Every man to his own tastes!

LAC Dubuc will leave for France soon and he will be missed by the boys in ground handling and workshops. We also hear that lover boy Dubuc will also be missed by many of the opposite sex.

Our little man, LAC Potts, is about to take the great step towards marriage. The future Mrs. Potts leaves Canada November 5 and the wedding will take place at North Luffenham, November 15. Do not despair, Potts, the boys from workshops are planning to give you a great send-off.

A recent promotion party was held by workshops at Smokey Joe's. A good time was had by all with drummer boy Charlie Hodgson trying to keep time to the pianos. Wonder if his head was like that next morning (?)

That's all for now!

**SPARKS FROM ELECTRICAL SECTION**

BY CPL R. A. IRVINE

Attention all those going on leave to Scotland in the near future. Jock "Fearless" Ford reports that the Firth of Forth is a bit cool for swimming this time of year.

Cpl Andy Anderson and wife are now proud parents of a baby girl! Andy reports that the new addition has wasted no time in taking complete control of the situation. Apparently it has, as the only sight we have had of Andy was when he came in and applied for nine extra days' leave.

LAC Jim Hatton's wedding on October 4 was attended by all of us who could possibly get away. It was a very gala occasion and reports are that the railway station in Spalding is still trembling from the onslaught it received by the well-wishers who saw the happy couple away.

Jim, who is now living on the caravan site, apparently has everything under control, also, as he came back eight days early and cancelled the remainder of his leave.

Cpl Reed has been turning hand springs lately as his transfer back to 5 RD has come through. Dick is quite unimpressed by our arguments

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**WING MAINT STORES HELPS OUT ???**

BY CPL "DUSTY" TURNBULL

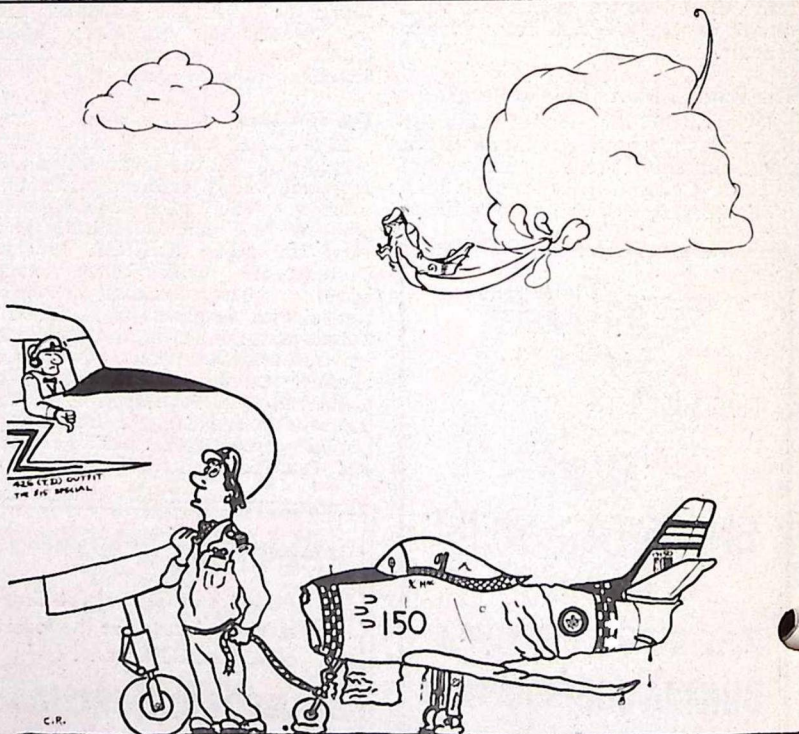
Wrongdoers as we are in this dept of iniquity aptly called Wing Maint Stores, yet there arises the amazing fact that we contribute 70 per cent. of Main Supply's mucked up vouchers hard done by C.R.V.'s and just plain paperwork.

Our section is blessed not with a commissioned section head, amen!, but with a lowly WO2 (Mac) Macauley who in between feeling just a bit rough in the A.M. rules the section with the iron hand of authority, his victims ranging from his second i/c Cpl Turnbull down to where he excels in a wide swath, LAC Houghton.

The crew of this establishment is varied but complex, and assimilated within it's portals we find four Wing Personnel, WO2 Macauley, Cpl Turnbull, Whitby and LAC Neufeld. We are also gifted with two extra squadron personnel in the bodies of LAC Houghton and LAC Knudslein.

I wouldn't wish to tread on anybody's toes by giving to elaborate a character sketch, you notice I underline character but why shouldn't we

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**M.E. SECTION WELCOMES  
NEW FACES**

BY Sgt J. J. ROBINSON

Well after being out of commission for a couple of "Tailpipe" issues we shall try to catch up on the news.

Our ME party went off with a bang as most ME parties do. With a good percentage of the boys, with their better halves turning out, despite our commitments at the time. And from the comments we gather it was a great success.

Well our boys are all back from Bonnie Scotland and although some still carry a few traces of heather and Scotch thistle we have managed to fall back to our regular routine.

We have recently lost some lads from the ranks of the compound as their tour of duty in the U.K. has ended. The lads (too bad) were Timmy (Refueller) Bryne, Cpl (Smokey) Voyce, Charlie (Weazel) Grandmaison and the chief humbug of operations F/S (Curly) Lord, who we trust are now all settled back on Canadian Soil.

Also the boys leaving for France (whose names appeared in a previous issue) are still moping around waiting for the big moment.

Well we are glad to announce we have some new faces around the compound just over from the land of the Maple Leaf. The lads are Cpl Hammond, and AC's Whittaker, Allard, Cloutier, Turle, Bollo, Beaumont, Rowe, Paynter, Debison, Guilbault, and O'Connell.

And it is said that congratulations are in order for Cpl's Ted Laye and Ralph Lundin according to the recent promotion board.

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**Canada and the Atom**

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North West Territories, astride the Arctic Circle. The time was the early 1930s, and a producing pitchblende mine resulted. From Great Bear Lake, after preliminary concentration the raw product was carried over the tortuous water route of the Mackenzie River system during the brief summer and by air through the long winter, 1,000 crowflight miles south, to the northernmost transcontinental railroad at Edmonton, Alberta. Thence it travelled cross-continent to Port Hope, Ontario, to be converted into radium and uranium salts, the latter primarily for use in the ceramics industry of Europe. The Eldorado, then privately owned, limped through the pre-war years, always struggling to stay in the black. Then Hitler struck west across Europe, and Eldorado's customers were blacked out behind the Fuehrer's iron curtain. The mine shut down.

It remained a derelict until a day in 1942 when Canada's Minister of Munitions and Supply, Massachusetts-born C. D. Howe (now Minister of Trade and Commerce and Defence Production), sent for the Company's President, Gilbert LaBine, and asked him to reopen the mine. As quickly as the workings could be dewatered and surface plant tuned up, the mine was back in production, behind an impenetrable barrier of hush. The Canadian government became the sole customer, by edict. The product went to the Allied atomic stockpile. Then in 1944, Ottawa expropriated the Company, but retained the Eldorado name as its only shareholder. Simultaneously, the mining of uranium-bearing ores by private interests was barred.

Matters of even greater import than the actual mining of pitchblende at Great Bear Lake were soon afoot. Fanning out from this far northern headquarters, teams of scientifically-trained prospectors, equipped with geiger-counters, were flown into distant areas by Company planes during each brief summer season, to prospect for new lodes in areas where

geological conditions suggested the possibility of finding radioactive ores. The bonanza was finally struck several hundred miles to the south (but still almost 600 miles north of the transcontinental tracks) between two small lakes, known as Beaverlodge and Ace, which lie a few miles to the north of huge Lake Athabaska. What the government's men had found was a major geological fault, along eight miles of which, across widths running to a mile, the geiger needles literally jumped when exposed to the radioactivity underlying the overburden. The entire St. Louis Fault, named for the prospector who found it, more than eight square miles in area, was staked in the government's name. Crews were rushed in to tear the big zone apart. That was 1946.

**Private Capital Returns**

Meanwhile the ban on the mining of uranium by private interests, and the fact that the discoverer was bound by law to release his claims to the government, had the inevitable result of halting all prospecting by professionals in country where geological conditions suggested the possibility of finding radioactive minerals. Soon, therefore the ban was removed, in the hope that new strikes would be made. Private interests may now seek, develop and process uranium ores, but must sell their product to the Eldorado Company. As a result, a number of non-government operations are being carried on in the Beaverlodge area and farther afield. Several of these strikes are promising. The government operation remains the Big Show, however.

The new Eldorado, at Beaverlodge, is a king-size uranium mine. When the writer visited the workings during the summer of 1952 the first milling unit was under construction. It will handle 500 tons of ore a day at first, but it is significant to note that the shaft adjacent to the mill is designed to hoist 2,000 tons, and that the millsite will carry an operation of this magnitude. In short, the 500-ton unit which will be in operation during the coming winter, is just a beginning. The larger operation is assured, and 2,000 tons a day is by no means the limit envisaged.

In one respect the new mine at Beaverlodge differs greatly from the original Great Bear property (which is still operating and has, in fact, developed greater ore reserves than it ever knew, pre-war). Great Bear's black pitchblende bubbles tend to occur in narrow veins and veinlets. At Beaverlodge, however, the host

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### SWIMMING CLUB FORMS WATER POLO TEAM

BY "PETE" DRUDGE

The RCAF North Luffenham Swimming Club welcomes the many new replacements that have recently come to this Station from various parts of Canada, and extends an invitation to them all to join this Club. It's FREE fellows, so here's your opportunity to get something for nothing.

The club was formed last August with the intention of forming a Water Polo Team, a Swimming Team, and also to give the members instruction in water safety, and for non-swimmers, instruction in this art, so that they too can join in the fun of Water Polo, racing events, etc. Al Ablett, a trained swimming instructor has been kindly giving the club the benefit of his services, and we now have the nucleus of a good swimming team, and water polo team of the future. On Thursday, 23 October, 1952, the club enjoyed its first practice water polo game, and everybody agreed that it was lots of fun, and should definitely be continued each week.

Unfortunately with the advent of winter, swimming has been limited to one night per week; this is Thursday night, when a Liberty Bus leaves the Guard Room at 1830 hours for the Victoria Pool in Nottingham which incidentally is heated, and returns from Nottingham at 2130 hours. However, even though our practices are limited to one night per week, it is planned to have a strong team ready to take on all comers by next summer. So, all you non-swimmers, take note, why not come along on a Thursday night, have some fun, exercise, and get in practice for the coming summer season, for Al Ablett is really tops when it comes to teaching beginners, and has already made first class progress with some of the guys who could not swim at all when they first joined the club.

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### SABRE RIFLE CLUB WINS FIRST MATCH

BY LAC "TUP" TUPPER

The Club's "A" Team consisting of Cpl Al Hodgins, Cpl White, LAC Hodgson, LAC Harpley and Jr. Tech. Potter, won their first match in the Rutland and Leicestershire Small Bore Rifle Competition. They beat out the Uppingham and District team by one point with an aggregate score of 283. Good shooting there, fellows!

"B" and "C" team competitions were not fired due to the teams not being organised on time. "C" team consisting of LAC's Flaxman, MacPherson, Tupper, and two other members has since been organised, and will shoot in future matches.

The Club is also entered in the Rutland Miniature League competition. The targets have been received by Cpl Al Hodgins, and are ready to be fired.

The Club welcomes back FS Harvey Sewell after a short absence. FS Sewell resumes his post at Team Captain which had been temporarily filled by WO1 Edey.

An official opening of the Club was planned for October 29th, but alterations to Club Rooms are taking longer than expected—so, the opening will have to be postponed.

Come on out—all you MEMBERS! We still need a "B" Team! We have matches to be fired. We also have new B.S.A. rifles—and, if we can get the Club rooms fixed up, there is no end to the enjoyable evenings we can have there.

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So—I say again—come on out all you members, and make the Sabre Rifle Club a big success!!

### Canada and the Atom

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rock is found over major mining widths, lean in places, but highly enriched in others. At Great Bear, mining is carried on selectively. At Beaverlodge, bulk mining will be the practice.

Every ton of ore, from footwall to hanging wall, will go to the mill, and with the lean will be broad patches of fat. Pitchblende running \$48 to the ton across 15 feet, \$34 ore across 3 feet and to a length of 330 feet, are examples of the kind of high grade found in pockets wedged between areas of leaner milling material.

*To be Continued in our next issue*

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If you want any further information on or about the club, contact any one of the following: President, WO2 Mathews; Coach, Corporal. Ablett; Secretary, LAC Pete Drake; "Talepipe" newshound, LAC Roberts; and myself; Team Captain, Pete Drudge.

Well swimmers, and all those who may be interested, guess this is about all the news for this edition of the "Talepipe," but watch each issue for more news about the RCAF North Luffenham Swimming Club, the club that is really going places, and I don't mean maybe!!

Hope to have news and surprises for you in future editions, so fellows—Watch the "Talepipe" for Swimming News, for we not only bring you the news, WE MAKE IT.

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## WING TELECOM HAS NEW THEME

But go the old in come the new. That is the theme of the activity at the WING RADIO Workshops of late. To No. 2 Wing go Cpl. Leblanc, LAC Moses and LAC Trembley.

In their place we have some new faces to welcome. From Winnipeg comes Cpl Firlotte. From Pat Bay comes LAC Middleton. Both are Radar Techs. Our two Communication replacement consist of LAC Trembley from Rockcliffe and LAC McArty from North Bay. All are rapidly getting used to the pleasant surroundings of the countryside, the new customs of the people and last but not least, the weather. They shall all fall into their jobs and have a happy stay.

Our galloping Major still rides his bucking two-wheeled bronco with some little success. Through mud, hail, sleet or rain he generally weathers the elements and appears every morning although sometimes the worse for wear. We heard a vicious rumour that he was entering his vehicle in the motor show at Earls Court. This could not have been true as the said vehicle is in the P's vicinity and the show still goes on.

One of our airmen keeps a photo of his beautiful features as they were when he hid behind two of the neatest shiners we have seen in quite some time.

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## 439 SUPPLY

BY LAC MACNEIL

Things have been jumping around the tool crib the past few days; people getting cleared from the station, signing E26's and what not. Perhaps the chaps in question will be a bit more careful when they arrive at Metz. They weren't too sharp in having been posted there in the first place. Ah, well, experience is the best teacher, they say, and these guys are getting experience in more ways than one.

We at Supply wish to extend greetings to all the newcomers of the Squadron. I hope your association with the only really operational Wing will be a pleasant one. At the same time we wish a "Bon Voyage" to the chaps that are leaving. It's been nice working with you. So "Auf Wiedersehn."

## 439 SERVICING

BY CPL TASKER

Another deadline day and not a word written; must be the weather, or should I say, under the weather?

We'd like to point out the superlative record set up by 439 on the recent Exercise Ardent—more sorties and more contacts than our comrades perched on either end of the runway. In fact we almost attained as much as their combined score. Maybe the Alley Cat squadron got stuck in the mud in Sun Valley or what did hap-

## TECH WING CELEBRATES WEDDING

### Wedding

The big news in Tech Wing is the step taken by Len Barrs when he said "I do" at a wedding ceremony. The bride was Miss Elizabeth Tate from Leicester. Jack Watt was best man when he married off his friend, but became second best when he came home to his wife a day late. Jack was also the Bartender at the reception, he had the painful task of seeing that all the liquor was consumed.

### Paris Leave

OOH LA LA!! cher chez la femme!! mademoiselle voulez vous something or other av vec moi ce soir. Basic French for any Airman going on leave to Paris. Our boy Jerry Shane has just returned and reports that Thingses (French for Girls) were pretty nice Jerry came back a little tired from the road trip. (Oh yea).

### Car For Sale

Anyone wishing to buy a long thin Hillman resulting a lady driver insisting on more than her share of the road. Contact Sgt Wilkinson.

### Operation Leap Frog (2)

Sgt Moffat and his crew including Cpl Mephram, LAC Beirnes Brame "Red" Goettler are back from the operation and all report that the Scottish hospitality is of the best including the Beer.

### Transfers and Replacements

LAC Rennie, Wood and Brisson have been transferred to No. 2 Wing at Gros Tenquin (French for "BIG MISTAKE"). As replacements we have the recent arrivals LAC's O'Connor, McHugh, Gignac, who are most welcome.

Our very best wishes of a speedy recovery goes out to LAC Webber's wife, who is now ill. Good wishes also for Sgt Rumball who is recovering from his recent illness.

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pen when they messed up the last Wing Scramble? Perhaps a presentation of the HDO of the IF is in order.

To get away from shop talk we like to extend a welcome to AC's Devlin and Terry, two new riggers who recently joined the squadron on their arrival from Canada. Here's hoping you enjoy your stay with 439.

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WO2 MacGurr is paying us a short visit from the T.S.U. in Langar observing some of the difficulties encountered in repairing our V.H.F. sets.

That is all from this neck of the woods.



BY SGT H. HART

With the approach of the Party Season, I would like, at this time, to add a little more to my comments of a few weeks ago, when I discussed briefly APPETISERS and HORS D'ŒUVRES.

Now I wonder how many readers know what an hors d'œuvre really consists of? Literally, the word means "Relish or side dish—a food that is not included in the main course."

Therefore, an hors d'œuvre would actually include fruits and vegetables, seafood and meat mixtures, that are served at the table as a first course, or as the variety of tiny tidbits that are styled to eat from the fingers in the living room, or from the buffet table. In short, hors d'œuvres are nippy, high flavoured mixtures of foods of all kinds, designed to eat from the fingers or from a toothpick.

Now, a CANAPE is something slightly different; these consist of midget, open-faced sandwiches charmingly decorated. Any variety of bread, crackers, or biscuits may be used as a base. The mixtures and spreads may be the same as for hors d'œuvres, but please remember that a CANAPE IS ALWAYS SPREAD ON A BASE OF SOME SORT OF BREAD, CRACKER OR BISCUIT.

Of course, there is no limit to the kinds of meat, fish, poultry, cheese and vegetables that may be used for appetisers, but there IS a great danger of combining too many foods, and obtaining what I would call a "hashy" mixture. One procedure you should always remember: do not repeat any food in the main part of the meal that has been used in the appetiser! An appetiser is what the word signifies... an appetite stimulant, a herald of good things to come. So don't fail in your promise of "better things to

follow," by serving more of the same in a different form.

Hors d'œuvres and canapes can be turned out in a variety of shapes sizes and colours. They can be filled with endless combinations of interestingly seasoned food mixtures and topped with "fresh as a daisy" garnishes, making them as gay and colourful as a carnival. Below, I offer you some Canape and Hors d'œuvres ideas.

(1) Combine peppery flavoured meat, fish chicken or cheese mixtures and use in any of the following ways:

- Heap in tiny patty shells
- Spread on Ritz Biscuits
- Heap on Potato Chips
- Heap in tiny lettuce cups
- Spread on small squares of toast.

(2) Roll bacon round a large green olive, that has been stuffed with cheese. Broil until bacon is cooked. Serve Hot.

(3) Wrap tiny pickles with anchovy fillets or smoked salmon, secure with a toothpick.

(4) Devilled Eggs of all kinds.

(5) Dill pickles can be hollowed out with an apple corer, then stuffed with cheese mixtures, chilled and sliced to serve. M-m-m-m good.

(6) Cut pastry in any desired shape, sprinkle or spread with strong flavoured cheese mixtures, and bake. Serve whilst still warm.

Arrangement on the trays is the final step. Arrange appetisers of the same type together, to avoid a spotty appearance, never heap or crowd them. Place the darker colours on the outside of the tray. Use your OWN artistic sense in arranging the trays, harmonizing colours, balancing

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### CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

The following are a series of questions and answers on Canadian and International affairs which should prove interesting to the reader as a whole and of particular interest to Officers who anticipate writing promotion exams at the first of next year.

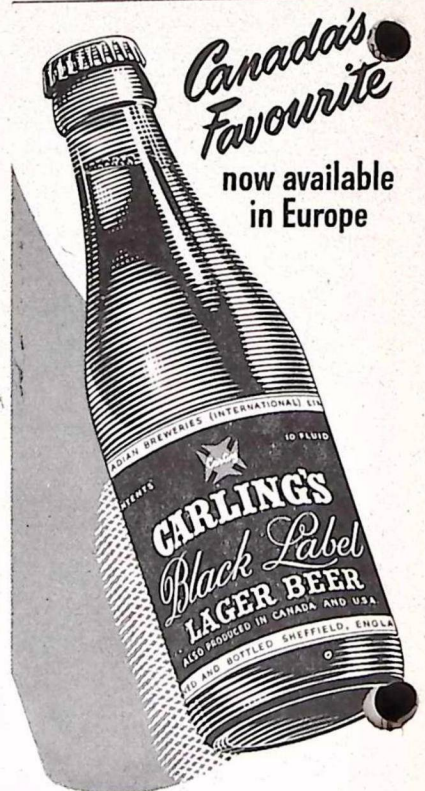
These questions are reproduced from the booklet "Current Affairs for the Canadian Forces" from where the questions for the Current Affairs promotion exam will be drawn. In all 180 questions appear in this booklet and we shall endeavour to reprint them all before January, 1953.

#### 1.—Canadian Affairs

1. Canada's first official representative to the permanent council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is the former Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. His name is:
  - (a) Lester B. Pearson;
  - (b) A. D. P. Heeney;
  - (c) Dana Wilgress.

2. The Pan American Union comprises all the countries of North and South America except

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**Current Affairs Quiz**

Canada.

True or false ?

- Which one of the following persons is the Canadian Ambassador to the United States ?
- Hume Wrong ;
  - Pierre Dupuy ;
  - Vincent Massey.
4. The St. Lawrence Seaway will not permit ocean-going ships to reach the Great Lakes during the winter.  
True or false ?
5. The union of Newfoundland with Canada took place in :  
  - 1947 ;
  - 1949 ;
  - 1950.
6. Canada is the world's chief producer of which of these minerals ?  
  - Gold ;
  - Silver ;
  - Asbestos.
7. At what age is a needy Canadian eligible to receive benefits under the old-age assistance program ?  
  - 60 ;
  - 65 ;
  - 70.

8. Immigration to Canada is the responsibility of :  
  - The Federal Government ;
  - The Provincial Governments.
9. The budget is presented in the Canadian House of Commons by :  
  - The Prime Minister ;
  - The Minister of National Revenue ;
  - The Minister of Finance.
10. The Canadian Citizenship Act came into force on January 1 of :  
  - 1940 ;
  - 1944 ;
  - 1947.
11. This year three institutions of higher learning are celebrating their first centenary. Two of them are Laval University and Trinity College, University of Toronto.  
Which is the third ?
12. The Canadian Federal Government is divided into three branches, the legislative, the executive and the judiciary, headed by the Crown represented in Canada by the Governor General. The legislative branch is made up of the Crown, the Senate and the House of Commons. The judiciary is the Crown and the courts.  
What, with the Crown, constitutes the executive branch ?
13. The Canadian Government has recently established an important diplomatic post. This new post is occupied by a labour attache to the Canadian Embassy in Washington. The first Canadian labour attache is :  
  - Gerard Picard ;
  - Percy Bengough ;
  - Pat Conroy ;



LAC Bruce Frets and Cpl Merv Watters of photo section rest on a familiar Station landmark.

- Aaron Mosher ;
  - Eugene Forsey.
14. The Treaty of Paris by which Canada was ceded to the British was signed on February 10, of :  
  - 1759 ;
  - 1763 ;
  - 1774 ;
  - 1791.

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**Housekeeping on Parade**

shapes, and creating a beautiful picture. When arranged, serve them promptly and listen for the applause !

In the next edition of the "Talepipe," I shall hope to give you some really good Christmas Fare recipes—Pudding, Mincemeat, Cake, etc., but having had so many requests for my Shortbread Recipe, I would like to pinch a little more space *this* time, and give it to you. Here it is :  
**SCOTCH SHORTBREAD**

You need—

- 1 Cup Butter
- ½ Cup Icing Sugar (packed in cup, then sifted)
- 2 Cups All Purpose Flour—Sifted.

Method—

Cream butter thoroughly, blend in sugar gradually. All flour gradually, then knead to blend well. Roll out to thickness of ¼-inch on lightly floured board. Cut into fingers ½ inch x 2 inches, prick each portion with a fork. Place on ungreased baking sheet, ¼-inch apart. Bake in a moderate oven (350 F) for 18 to 20 minutes, to a delicate golden colour. Cool on a cake rack. Put away in an airtight tin for Christmas — preferably BEFORE junior gets home.

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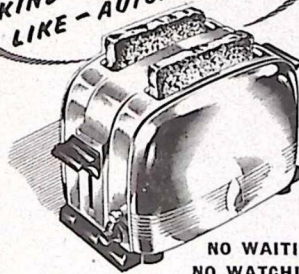
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Members of the team were F/O Williamson (441), Sgt Montgomery (441), Cpl Steeves (SE), Cpl Struchinsky (410), Cpl Patton (ME), LAC Lavigne (410), LAC Lavictoire (ME).



LAC J. Y. Lavigne of 410 Squadron Armament Section lectures to Firemen and Policemen at Leicester City Firehall on the recent No. 1 Seat Ejection Mobile Demonstration unit tour.

## INSTRUMENT SHOP UP TO DATE

BY SGT LAPIER

The clockwinder's section will once again try and bring you up to date on the latest event from the shop.

We are sorry to report that Cpl Sheehy's wife is in the Stamford hospital—and all from the shop are hoping she has a speedy recovery.

LAC Jerry McCarthy has left us on transfer to 2 Fighter Wing in France. So we all will miss his stories of his week-end escapades.

A new arrival, AC1 Palmer, just came from Canada and is spending all his spare time drawing cartoons so we should soon have some cartoons to send along to the "Talepipe" with our report.

LAC "Butch" Boucher is leaving us for a short while as he is returning to Canada on leave. All are wondering how lucky some people can get!

That's all for now!

## WELL PREPARED

MONTREAL—(CP)—The City Roads Department aims to stock all the sand and salt needed for roadway protection before the winter starts in earnest. Some 43,000 tons of sand will be stockpiled at strategic points and six of the seven tons of salt considered necessary is already on hand.

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### Wing Maint Helps Out??

be right up there with the big wheels in this medium of expression.

My first victim is rightly so WO2 Macauley, who hails from Montreal P.Q., he enlisted in the RCAF in 1939 transferring from the militia where he was even then a senior NCO, he tried for Aircrew but became side-tracked along the way and attained the rank of F/Sgt. spending most of his war-time years at 12 Equipment Depot, Montreal. On reversion he reverted to the rank of Sgt and went north to Whitehorse where he spent some two years, later being transferred to 426 Squadron where he attained his F/Sgt and later after the Korea airlift attained his WO2. "Mac" excels in most things, and likes football pools and partying.

After that speil guess I'd better quit till next time, Dusty.

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### ME Section Welcomes New Faces

Well the wedding bells have rung for AC's Doucette and Comtois. Congratulations to LAC and Mrs. J. F. Doucette on their recent marriage in London, and the best to LAC Comtois and Miss Doris William who are to be united on November 1st at Grantham. Too bad these boys have been elected to the new Guard of Honour.

### Answers to Current Affairs Quiz

1. (b) A. D. P. Heeney.
2. True.
3. (a) Hume Wrong.
4. True.
5. (c) March 31, 1949, Newfoundland became the tenth Province of Canada.
6. (c) Asbestos.
7. (b) 65.
8. (a) The Federal Government.
9. (c) The Minister of Finance.
10. (c) 1947.
11. St. Michael's College, University of Toronto.
12. The Cabinet.
13. (c) Pat Conroy.
14. (b) 1763.

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### Sparks from Electrical Section

as to why he should stay at North Luffenham. I guess cheap cigarettes and liquor don't swing enough weight.

Sgt Graves has seen the light, and cancelled his posting back to Canada. I guess North Luffenham isn't such a bad place after all. Or is it just the lesser of two evils??

Sgt "Wild Bill" Crago who caravan and cars has returned from his sojourn at the motor show. He says, "And I says to the president of Chrysler in England, 'Look Here!! .....'"