

# LUFFENHAM

## TALEPIPE

THE HOTTEST THING EAST OF THE ATLANTIC

VOL. II.

R.C.A.F. 1 FIGHTER WING, NORTH LUFFENHAM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1953

No. 1

# 85 OFFICERS TRY EXAMS

"Methought I heard a voice cry:  
'Sleep no more!'"

—BARD OF AVON.

## QUALIFYING EXAMS BEGIN JANUARY 19

Operation "Cram," first major exercise of the New Year at North Luffenham, reaches its climax early Monday when some 70 flying officers don thinking caps to tackle Phase 1 of the 1953 qualifying examinations. In Phase 2, beginning January 26, 13 flight lieutenants will sit for exams. Also writing this year are two Staff College candidates, S/L D. T. Bain and F/L D. W. Cooke.

Heavy fog which kept aircraft on the ground the last few days before exam time brought unexpected pleasure to many pilots nose-deep in text books. An unusual number of married officers who sought sanctuary for study at home ran into domestic chores and rejoined single ranks on the base.

In quarters, squadron operations rooms and offices the battle against time, statistics, facts and figures progresses. And for all, the last few

weeks, devoted to the absorption of academic "gen," forced a run on the midnight oil. Throughout, the campaign for most candidates has been a struggle against the clutches of sleep as well. But so far, only a few have quit the race and decided to rely on knowledge acquired to date—some from previous unsuccessful examinations.

It's an old story for station education departments which annually prepare for the event six months ahead. The rush, usually beginning in early September on QR(Air) volumes, AFAO's and similar elusive publications, gains momentum until it reaches fever pitch shortly before examination week when the demand for precis, summaries and versions of SHORAN is heaviest.

The local education centre, of late a combination mail order office, press room, printing shop and general distribution agency, this week saw the end in sight. WO2 "Art" Cooper, a jack-of-all-trades, and able assistant Mrs. "Trudy" Roddy, stayed to the finish. The only literature that wasn't handed out by the educating staff—a preview of the 1953 examinations.

### Aircrew in Majority

The breakdown of officers trying promotion exams by squadrons is as follows:

	F/O's	F/L's
410 Squadron	16	4
439 Squadron	24	2
441 Squadron	23	2

Remainder of the 85 candidates are made up of Wing personnel in administration, accounts and technical and specialist lists.

Instructions as to the equipment required by those writing the five papers were published January 2 in DRO's which candidates should consult before Monday. Presiding officer for the F/O's exams is S/L Bain, and for the F/L's, F/O Chalmers.

### HELLO CANADA!



Cpl W. D. Galloway sends a New Year's message home. Only eight of fifteen airmen scheduled to receive calls from relatives in Canada were able to make connections before contact was lost. Sponsors of the scheme were Odcon Theatres of Toronto.

## OVER 'N' OUT

This being my last editorial in the capacity of editor of *Talepipe*, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed working on the station newspaper. Watching it grow from merely an idea of the CO's to what it is now makes me think of building a house. Every contribution can be thought of as a brick which helps to make the house bigger and better.

F/O Al Seitz who takes over the editorship next issue, will have himself a difficult job, but if he receives the continued support in the future that I have had in the past I am sure that our station newspaper will continue to grow and be better this year.

DRH

### 12 AIRMEN GO AIRCREW

Twelve of 13 airmen of 1 Fighter Wing who applied for aircrew training have been accepted, and will report to London (Ontario) on March 4 to commence indoctrination courses. Five of the applicants are Wing personnel; four from 441 Squadron, two from 410 and one from 439. Those selected are: Sgt T. Moffat; LAC A. Young; LAC Y. Lavigne; LAC G. M. Moore; LAC M. A. MacDonald; LAC J. E. Pearson; LAC D. Epstein; LAC H. D. Boehmer; LAC J. Rennie; AC1 H. Claassen; AC1 T. Charnley; AC1 W. Closs.

## "The Talepipe"

This newspaper is published bi-weekly by the personnel of RCAF 1 Fighter Wing, North Luffenham, England, with the kind permission of G/C E. B. Hale, DFC, CD.

Honorary Editor-in-Chief :  
G/C E. B. Hale, DFC, CD

Editor :  
F/O D. R. Hanson

Associate Editors :  
F/O H. C. D. Chalmers  
F/O J. M. Nelligan

Advertising Editor :  
F/O E. G. Steeves  
Sgt T. H. Ridley

Layout Editor :  
F/O I. R. McDonald

Photo Editor :  
Cpl P. J. Roberts

Sports Editor :  
WO2 L. S. Williams

Circulation :  
LAC F. T. Clarke

Chief Reporter :  
LAC F. Kenley

The *Talepipe* has a circulation of 1,200 free copies. It is distributed in Canada and other parts of the globe. Advertising rates for display ads may be obtained on application. Small classified ads are accepted (cash with order) at the rate of 2d. per word, minimum 2/-.

### EDITORIAL

Though Christmas has well passed the Editors of *Talepipe* wish to thank the thoughtful contributors to "Talepipe's Xmas Stocking."

In all, approximately 90 children in the Rutland area received a variety of gifts and parcels of candy. The money that was collected went towards purchasing tobacco and fruit for one of the local Old Folks' Homes. Judging from the "thank you" notes that have come in since Christmas the whole campaign was a success and very much appreciated.

Special Christmas orchids go to F/L Barney Lewis, without whose help the whole appeal would have flopped and to WO2 Cooper who did most of the packing, gathering and handling of the gifts generally. Also not forgotten in the special laurels bracket are the headquarters and ME section personnel for their help on Christmas Eve in delivering the gifts and Mrs. Roddy of the Education section for the paperwork.

To each and everyone of the station who donated we would like to thank you personally for your kindness. It reflects the generosity of Canadians as a whole and also indicates the fraternity and support of the RCAF and 1 Fighter Wing in particular.

D.R.H.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE : *Talepipe* acknowledges the many letters of appreciation from recipients of the "Xmas Stocking" and commends the welfare authorities who aided in the distribution of gifts. A few of these letters are reproduced here.

Beech House,  
Middle Hambleton.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my parents to thank all Canadians for the lovely presents the children received for Christmas. So thanks once again.

Yours truly,  
M. JOHNSON.

Manor Farm,  
Cottesmore.

Dear Sir,

Will you please thank the Commanding Officer and Committee very much indeed for the gifts sent to Cottesmore children this Christmas?

It was a generous gesture, and much appreciated by everybody, particularly by the parents of the children who are most anxious that I should write and thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
E. B. HOLLIS.

Tower House,  
Lyddington,  
Uppingham.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much in the name of all the children who have now received your most exciting looking parcels — so beautifully packed. It has indeed brightened their Christmas. Their bags of fruit, nuts and sweets were hailed with delight too!

Yours sincerely,  
B. H. MASTERS,  
WVS Representative.

37, Parkfield Rd.,  
Oakham.

Dear Sir,

I would like to say thank you for the lovely presents you so kindly sent my children through the WVS.

**DUNCOMB & CO. LTD.**  
HIGH STREET  
STAMFORD

Telephone 2113

**IRONMONGERS**  
GENERAL HARDWARE  
GLASS and CHINA



The children were thrilled with their gifts, also with the nuts, sweets and fruit which they enjoyed very much. Thanking you once again.

Yours sincerely,  
K. BENTLEY (Mrs)

WVS, Oakham.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the numerous recipients we should like to convey to you and the personnel of No. 1 Fighter Wing, RCAF, sincere thanks for the simply wonderful gifts distributed to the needy children of Rutland at Christmas. They will most certainly brighten the Christmas of all the children concerned and we are sure that the candies will be thoroughly enjoyed too.

The work of packing up and distributing all the parcels must have been an immense task for the Station Newspaper *Talepipe* Committee, and is deeply appreciated.

The £1 Note has been given to a family in Uppingham who have recently lost their father. We send you grateful thanks on their behalf.

Yours sincerely,  
T. I. STREET,  
County Organiser.

Good things from . . .  
**Rowntree's**  
YORK, ENGLAND.



**BLACK MAGIC . . . . .**  
Quality, Elegance, and a  
whisper of Romance in  
Chocolate form.

**DAIRY BOX . . . . .**  
Milk Chocolates with  
deliciously tempting  
centres.



**SMARTIES . . . . .**  
Irresistible to kiddies  
and grown-ups.

**KIT KAT . . . . .** Full  
cream milk chocolate  
block with a crispy-  
crunchy wafer inside.  
Exclusive to Rowntree's.



**AERO . . . . .**  
the milk chocolate that's  
"different"

PLUS Beech Nut Chewing Gum, and Rowntree's Fruit Gums and Pastilles.



As this is the first issue of the New Year, 410 Squadron wishes to be magnanimous and extend Best Wishes to ALL members of 1 Fighter Wing and all readers of *Talepipe*.

Since the last issue a great deal of water has passed under the bridge (without mentioning with what it was mixed). The Xmas and New Year's celebrations provided many a sleepless night while some (names withheld pending notification of next-of-kin) are still trying to account for a few incomplete days. It must be said that the recuperative powers of the squadron are exceptionally good.

F/L Mo Morrison is still up in the air about his posting to Montreal but we all hope arrangements turn out to his satisfaction. Maybe you won't have to Chug-a-Lug yet Mo.

Congratulations to Frank Sylvester and Ron Found on their promotion to the crushing responsibility of the F/Ls. Sympathy is extended by all members of the wing on the elevation

F/L Davies, our devoted intelligence officer, from the RAF to the RCAF. Never mind Davey, you'll be able to pay for that five minutes at the bar with a day's pay.

A party was held on January 2 as a farewell to Nick Nichols who has packed his bag for a crack at Mig Alley. Happy hunting Nick—we're all with you.

The squadron wishes to welcome into the fold its two new pilots, F/Os Ken Young and Pat Mephram.

As a parting for this session all the luck in the world, handmade or otherwise, to those writing promotion exams.

#### 410 TELECOM

As this goes to press three happy techs will be all set to row across the broad Atlantic if need be. In other words, their tour is finis. Reports from Digger Meyer in Montreal say that he is still trying to find his baggage after two months. Nil reports from a repat Corporal. He must have gone into hiding. The latest howls and squeals around the shop are heard from the intercom amplifier (local prototype) to be used between the OC's office and the pilots' room. I wonder!

Rumour has it two certain corporals are almost ready to join the circus for spills and thrills—spills anyway!

#### 410 SQN SERVICING

Out here in "Mud Valley" there have been a few changes made. Our great gobs of brown mud, instead of sloshing underfoot, is now frozen, and a beautiful new boardwalk has been laid so weary airmen can make their way to and from the sections.

Our new Sgts Stranks and Orritt look out from under frowning brows wondering whether we'll run out of men or polish before these kites are shiny again. As we've always said, there's nothing like breaking in new Sgts properly.

Cpl Haglund seems to be worrying about his health. As we have it from a good source, he is buying up all the insurance he can get. Wonder why?

Old "skin head" Fontaine is now i/c of G.H.E. and does his run-ups on Nelson heaters every morning.

What's all this we heard about McKay and Kent going "arty" on us and spending their time with artists and "painting retouchers" in London. Can this be true?

We hear by way of the grape vine that the 410 barrier Busters now spend their leisure time playing "Battle-ship." F/O Potter seems to be top dog in the games at present but with the finals coming up, who knows, he may be torpedoed.

#### COMRADES CERTAIN MIG SHOT DOWN CANADIAN PILOT

SOMEWHERE IN KOREA—(CP)—No one really knows what happened, but Sqdn Ldr. A. R. MacKenzie's buddies are pretty certain that a Communist Mig jet fighter got him last December 5.

Andy MacKenzie, 32, is the first Canadian fighter pilot reported missing in action in Korea. The Montreal flier, officer commanding No. 441 Fighter Squadron now stationed at North Luffenham, England, was last seen spinning to earth at 2.20 p.m. during a mission in which an enemy Mig was encountered.

MacKenzie, who won the DFC in the Second World War when he shot down 8½ enemy planes, had been in Korea only a month, flying F-86 Sabre jets. He was on his fourth mission.

Friends of the airman in the Fifth Air Force's 51st interceptor wing said MacKenzie "had just really started." The Canadian's flight leader dived as close as he dared to find out how MacKenzie made out. The flight at the time was at 20,000 feet, near the Yalu River, the boundary between North Korea and Manchuria.

No one saw his parachute open but whether the Sabre crashed or made a crash landing is unknown.

MacKenzie was the 13th Canadian pilot to go to Korea on an exchange basis for combat experience.

**Mackintosh's**  
Quality Street

*A Delicious Assortment  
of Toffees & Chocolates*

*There's a smile  
in every piece!*

JOHN MACKINTOSH & SONS LTD., HALIFAX



### ARMAMENT

BY CPL R. D. G. SIMPSON

We are now in a New Year, one which should see considerable changes throughout the world and in the lives of many of us. A large number of people presently at North Luffenham will be in Canada next holiday season and some of the less fortunate will still be here. In any case, 1952 will remain a memorable year in the minds of all 439 personnel as the year in which we made RCAF history by our crossing of the Atlantic.

The holiday season saw a lot of people taking off for various parts of the country, some going even to Scotland and the Continent. I went up to Edinburgh and was delighted to find that it is one of the prettiest and cleanest cities it has been my good fortune to visit. The streets are comparatively wide and most buildings fairly modern. Of course some buildings, like the Edinburgh Castle, are hundreds of years old. St. Giles' church is another of the city's more ancient mementos, but even so it doesn't appear shabby. In front of it hangs a flag dated 1496.

Edinburgh Castle is situated, or rather perched, on the top of a hill, and from it one has a view of the entire city including the famous Forth Bridge which spans the Firth of Forth. This bridge and the harbour itself have the somewhat dubious honour of having been the first Scottish target for German air raids. It is a matter of history, however, that the Jerry bomb-aimers were not too accurate on that occasion. When viewing the surrounding territory from the castle itself is easy to appreciate the strategic location. Considering the armament of that period of history there is no doubt in any one's mind that an army attempting to storm and capture the castle would have had an extremely difficult task.

I can't say too much about the rest of the city except that the people there are friendly and generous. Edinburgh

## DOLBY BROTHERS LTD

Specialists in supplying the

ROYAL AIR FORCE

with Non-Public Account Books, Mess Stationery and Christmas Cards

STAMFORD — LINCOLNSHIRE

### MAINTENANCE

BY CPL LEN GRAVELINE

The festive season is over and most hangovers should have abated by now. I guess the appropriate thing to do is wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

The NCO's and airmen would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers for the party they threw for us on December 23rd. It didn't last long enough though. What's the matter with you guys, are you losing your touch, or thirst, or something?

Two of our staff, Sgt Andrews and Ray Olink, have both had very good luck and financial reserve and therefore are now in Canada on leave. Sgt Andrews was due to come to Maintenance from Servicing and decided on this trip home to bolster his morale for the hard work to come.

'Tis very strange, but it seems that a few days off can lose a chap his moustache. One of our squadron Cpls whom we won't mention by name here, whipped up to Scotland for New Year's leave and returned with an upper now clean where it had been rather bushy before. He won't say wha' hopen.

One more thing, Cecil Mason has started to save his cigar ration and that leads one to think that Great Britain may have to absorb another

*Continued from previous column*

being just about the world capital of New Year celebrations, I happened to be there at an extremely appropriate time. They have a custom there called "First Footin'" which most Canadians would find greatly to their liking. It's a method of cadging free drinks, but would be best to let a Scotsman explain it.

## BARGAIN HUNTERS !

Come to our

# BIG WINTER SALE

MEN'S LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WEAR

FURNITURE — HOUSEHOLD LINENS, ELECTRICAL GOODS

FOR 10 DAYS ONLY

## PARRISH & SONS

STAMFORD, BOURNE, PETERBORO'

### EDUCATION CENTRE

BY WO2 A. D. COOPER

A New Year—a new leaf, so they say! Let's hope so anyway! This year we hope to have more and better results through trade advancement. Since September, the trade advancement on the station has increased, and more spirit seems to be behind it. As a matter of fact, a little home study in your trade will bring dividends in good pounds and shillings, not to mention good Ole Canadian dollars and cents, when you return home.

The results of the December trade paper should show a vast improvement over the September paper.

The Group IV results arrived from Canada on the 5th of January with exceptionally good results for North Luffenham. On the Station we had 17 candidates, the results being 10 passes and 7 failures, which netted our station a 60 per cent. These results are somewhat higher than the overall picture for the RCAF. The total candidates who wrote in the RCAF were 409, with 211 passes and 198 failures, giving a 51 per cent. for the RCAF. So a hearty "well done" is due our Group IV candidates.

At the time of writing, no reports have been received from Canada on the December trade board or Qualifying Examinations for Flight Sergeants and Corporals. Hold on fellows—they should be here by the end of January!

Well, just like the little polar bear sitting on an iceberg said to his mother—"My tail is told"!

*Continued from previous column*

Canadian within her shores very shortly.

## ALEXANDRE CLOTHES

Authentic Canadian Styling!  
Finest British Craftsmanship!  
Fabrics from Britain's best looms!

Permanent  
Civilian Clothing  
Dept.

opens at your

Commissary

on or  
about

JAN. 15

SUITS - SPORTSCOAT  
SLACKS - TOPCOATS  
RAINCOATS - OVERCOATS

by ALEXANDRE of  
OXFORD STREET, LONDON



**THE DRIVER MECHANIC**

BY LAC J. R. O'CONNOR

Driver mechanics are well steeped in the traditions of Mobile Equipment. On Monday mornings he makes it quite a routine to gaze apprehensively at the weekly duty roster, then bellow explosively that "THEY" have done him in. Once more he has been detailed to that blankety-blank vehicle on that blankety-blank run! No one pays any particular attention to this little performance although the failure of any driver mech. to go through it usually indicates that he is either ill or still asleep.

Before proceeding on his first run for the day the driver mech. must "D.I." his vehicle. This is a serious affair as can be easily understood if one were to observe him as the hood falls on his neck while he checks the oil level. When finally satisfied that the vehicle is road-worthy he is ready for the day's operations.

In the course of a day's work the driver mech. may be carried far afield from his unit. Driving down the Great North Road thoughts may pass through his mind as to the fact that once long ago Roman Legions traversed this same road in the service of

their country. If his run should take him by the site of the old battlefield at Naseby he may realize that here in 1645 Cromwell stood during one of the most decisive battles of English History. Stratford may pass beneath his wheels, the home of the Immortal Bard—a few miles away stands Banbury Cross of our nursery-rhyme days. History reveals itself at every turn of the road, and few are the drivers who are not aware of the panorama of history that passes by with every turn of the wheels.

The duties of a driver mech are varied. To-day he may be driving a truck load of freight, to-morrow a staff car full of high-ranking officers. He must not only be able to drive a vehicle, but to drive it courteously and conscientiously. He must know and observe the laws regarding vehicle operation. He must have a somewhat intimate knowledge of his vehicle in order to diagnose and if possible correct any minor mechanical failures which may occur during a day's operation. Above all he must be able to adjust himself to the greatly varying conditions and stresses involved in a working day behind the wheel.

What makes a good driver mech? Is it simply a matter of getting behind the wheel of a vehicle and driving off down the road? The answer is a definite "NO."

A driver mech is primarily a driver, and as such must be capable of driving his vehicle properly, efficiently, and above all, safely, under all conditions. Did you ever think of driving as a science? Possibly not. The motor vehicle has been with us now for over half a century and during that period of time more persons have been killed

through its *improper use* than in the wars of the past two hundred years. Last year in the United States the MILLIONTH TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIM of that country met his fate.

One unguarded moment may mean the unnecessary waste of another human life. To avoid these unguarded moments the driver mech must know his job and know it well.

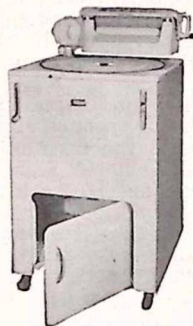
In the majority of cases it is small seemingly unimportant things that cause these accidents. These are the things for which the good driver is constantly on the alert. A good driver can "sign read" on the road in the same manner that good hunter can "sign read" in the bush. Exhaust issuing from a vehicle parked at the curb tells the alert driver that the parked vehicle may pull out into the roadway right in front of him. A glance at the position of the front wheels of other vehicles at an intersection tells the alert driver much, and has prevented many needless accidents. The actions of the vehicle ahead will tell anyone who's "on the bit" what to expect. The good driver notices these and many other things all the time and is constantly on the alert so that he may deal with a tight situation *before* it happens.

The driver's attitude of mind is a great factor in road safety and anyone who takes a vehicle on the road while wearing a "chip on his shoulder" is really sticking his neck out. Courtesy and good manners are as much a part of road safety as knowing what to do to avoid an emergency. Emergencies do not just happen—they are created; created by lack of thought, by lack of knowledge, by lack of proper action and by selfishness.

To touch briefly on some of these points which eventually become part of a good driver mech's creed, have you ever thought how you would stop a vehicle in time to avoid an accident if you had it out of gear when going down hill? Do you know that at 40 m.p.h. the minimum safe following distance is 120 feet on a dry hard surface, and that this distance may increase from two to eleven times on slippery or icy roads? Did you know

*Continued on page 6*

*Wherever you wash . . .*



*You cannot wash better than with a Hotpoint.*

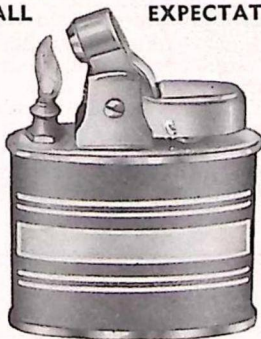
Write or enquire for literature on all home laundry equipment including rotary ironers, table ironers, laundry irons, clothes dryers and water heaters.

**Hotpoint**

**PETERBOROUGH, ENGLAND**

London Showrooms: Crown House, Aldwych, W.C. 2 and at Glasgow, Dublin, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Bristol, Bardiff, Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Reading.

**A LIGHTER THAT PASSES ALL EXPECTATIONS**



**YOU HAVE ONLY ONE CHOICE — THE TIKI!**

(Made like a precision instrument)

**BERNHARDT & MYERS, LTD.**  
16 Glentworth St., London, N.W.1

Telephone: Welbeck 3975  
Cables: Lighters, London.



By appointment Tea and Coffee Merchants to the late King George VI.

**FINE TEAS & COFFEES**

By

**TWINING**

(Established 1706)

R. TWINING and Co. Ltd. Grams. 'Sowest'  
London, Liverpool, Paris. London.

**WING HEADQUARTERS**

BY LAC F. T. CLARKE

Now that the holiday season is over we can look back calmly on its big events. The very successful Headquarters Christmas party was highlighted by the presentation of golden props to our own LAC "The Brain" Stather, by the CO. Chuck's many talents from demolition work to travel claims have earned him this signal award. We in the Orderly Room all rely on Chuck's unflinching store of knowledge of regulations and procedure, and also all those personnel who are lucky enough to get to know Cuck's abilities on claims. Our congratulations go to LAC Stather as the airman of the year.

Reluctantly we say goodbye to LAC "Fergie" Ferguson this month who is returning to the Squadron, and we welcome LAC Don Stalman in his place. Don is a Vancouverite, so this damp, misty land of England is right up his alley.

In the SWO's office, Cpl Ferne Limoges has taken Cpl Doc Baker's place as assistant. Ferne is a well-known habitue of Nottingham and the points of interest in that interesting city.

We had a casualty in the past month. The other half of the gold dust twins, LAC Bill Moir broke his hand. It just goes to show those Doubting Thomas's on the Station who think the Orderly Room staff have an easy time of it that they are wrong. When a typist breaks his hand slaving over his hot typewriter, the work is really pouring in.

The Post Office staff has been strained to breaking point lately with the volume of mail coming from Belleville to our own Sgt Frank Gold-

**COMBAT ECHOES**

BY LAC J. A. GAULD

The personnel of 1 Fighter Wing have completed elementary Ground Combat Training. Before we go on with more advanced work, we would like to call attention to the following personnel who proved to be among the crack-shots with the weapons mentioned. These credits have been gathered from the past year's training and results.

RIFLE : S/L Byrne, 105 ; F/O Robb, 104 ; LAC Flaxman, 104 ; Cpl Phillips, 103 ; LAC Burley, 102 ; LAC Boucher, 102 ; LAC Fox, 102 ; LAC Morton, 102 ; Cpl Garvis, 101.

STEN : Cpl Pettigrew, LAC Lindsay, F/L Marion, Sgt Bingham, Sgt Grant, LAC Lightfoot, LAC Lavigne, LAC Logan, F/O Annis, F/O Cinnamon, Sgt Gilbert, Cpl Edmondson, LAC White.

BREN : S/L Byrne, F/S Wilkinson, Sgt Barton, Cpl Olson, Cpl Tapp, LAC Robinson, LAC Edens, LAC Parker, LAC Skomorok, F/L Joy, Cpl Devins, F/L Marion, F/O Johnston, F/O Robb, Sgt Bingham, Sgt Grant, LAC Lightfoot, LAC Lavigne, LAC Logan, LAC Pearson, LAC Webster, LAC White, F/O Cheesman, F/O Bedard, F/O Hamilton, F/O Wilson, Sgt Andrews, Cpl Graveline, Cpl Peters, LAC Boswell, LAC Bennett, F/O Cinnamon, F/O Neilson, F/O Wilson, WO2 Boues, F/S Malowsky, Cpl Edmondson, LAC Luker.

PISTOL : WO2 Mitton, WO2 Reid, FS Wilkinson, FS Walden, F/O Brine, F/O Johnston, Sgt Bingham, Sgt Grant.

The Commanding Officer and some of the senior officers tried their hand with some of our new automatic weapons the other day.

We are confident that the new weapons will help you to improve your sharp-shooting.

*Continued from previous column*  
ing. It looks like things may be getting "serious and serious" in that quarter.

WO2 Thompson issues a warning to all clerks on the Station that the Trade Advancement Programme starts again this month. He says that we must keep up our record of one hundred per cent. pass on this next board.

**ACCOUNTS CHATTER**

BY SGT T. H. RIDLEY

A New Year has come and the one went  
In betwix and between the elbow  
were bent,  
And many's the one has solemnly  
said  
"I'll give up that stuff or soon be  
dead."

THR (Poet Laureate)

I wonder how many of us felt that way after the recent festive season ?? However, they say it does one good to get all that out of your system before embarking on a new venture. If we only had the power to look into the future and foresee what is in store for us this year. I suppose its much like that youngster of mine ; it seems that if we apply the correct formula he suffers no pain and neither do we. Here's to the correct formula.

To start the year right, Ottawa has beamed down on us and again reduced the official departmental rate of exchange to \$2.72 for the month of January. It appears that the adverse trend indicated by the big jump in November up to \$2.77 has subsided. They at least are applying the correct formula.

Your pay staff wants to express their appreciation to all those who operated in response to their appeal to cut down the number of visits and enquiries during the past few weeks when they were busy with the year end work. Thanks again fellows. Perhaps another ingredient of the correct formula might be the motto "Is this trip to pay accounts necessary."

By the time this is published it is expected that all personnel will have complied with the instructions contained in DRO dated 7 January '53 and turned in the TD1-AF Income Tax—personal exemption form which are required to be filled out annually by those whose exemption exceeds \$1000.00. Just a dash of this to the formula goes a long way in making the coming year happier for the individual.

Here's to the correct formula.

**The Driver Mechanic***Continued from page 5*

that if the brakes are suddenly applied while negotiating a curve it may very well throw the vehicle out of control? If we used the same quality man on the roadways as we do at a so function the majority of accidents would never materialize?

These points are all part of a driver mechanic's daily life. His advice to you—"DON'T BE AN ACCIDENT LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HAPPEN."

## Westmorelands Electric Ltd.

21, High Street, 41, High Street,  
STAMFORD. OAKHAM.

FOR

TELEVISION  
RADIO  
REFRIGERATORS  
WASHING MACHINES  
and all  
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

PROMPT SERVICE BY EXPERTS

**PRINTING . . .**

All kinds of General Printing  
quickly executed at the local  
Newspaper Offices . . .

**STAMFORD MERCURY**

62, HIGH STREET, STAMFORD

**AIR MOVEMENTS**

TORONTO—Hitchhiking by air and highway, AC1 Glenn Irwin, 23, made it from his air base at Comox, Vancouver Island to his home on Lumsden Ave in 14 days and found he could travel faster on the highway than in the sky. Delays in air travel were due to "bumping" when he hitched rides with the air force, but was forced off to make room for men of higher rank. Once in Canada he lost his weight allowance on a plane to an officer's dog, but in midwest U.S. he found that nothing is too good for a man in uniform.

—Toronto Star

**CHAR AND A WAD**

Editor's Note: Following article by Bill Morris, of Winnipeg Free Press on a recent visit to North Luffenham.

NORTH LUFFENHAM—Arriving here is just like being re-transported to a Canadian fighter station during the last war. The planes have changed, they are now vicious looking supersonic Sabre jets, but the majority of the pilots will strike you with their youthful appearance. It's even the same down to seeing the NAAFI wagon roll up and watching the lads rush out for a "char and a wad" (tea and a bun to the uninitiated). There's the same rush and urgency and the shriek of speeding aircraft over the Rutland countryside. But that's actually only the initial impression, if you look deeper you'll find big changes, but they are mostly outside the airport.

Born: A baby boy, 8 lb. 3 ozs. to F/L and Mrs. Doug. Webb, at Oakham, January 10.

**Banking Services**



for the **R.C.A.F.**

There are many advantages in having a banking account at the local office of Lloyds Bank. These are some of the services available to R.C.A.F. personnel:—

- Current accounts maintained and cheque books issued.
- Funds transferred to and from Canada.
- Travellers' Cheques issued in sterling or in dollars.

**LLOYDS BANK**

LIMITED  
Local office: 65 High St., Stamford  
Manager: Mr. G. W. Montgomery



**DEADLINE !!**

Section reporters and personnel contributing articles to the *Talepipe* are reminded that the deadline for each issue is normally the 9th and the 24th of the month.

The editors cannot guarantee insertion of any material received after these dates.

**RCAF CF100 TO UNDERGO WINTER TESTS**

OTTAWA—An RCAF CF-100 on the strength of Central Experimental and Proving Establishment, Rockcliffe, is expected to fly shortly to the Air Force Climatic Detachment at Namao, near Edmonton, it is announced by Air Force Headquarters. The CF-100 one of the long-range, all-weather jet fighters being built for the RCAF by A. V. Roe, Canada, will be given routine cold-weather tests at Namao throughout the winter. All new types of aircraft going into service with the RCAF are put through cold-weather tests at Namao as part of the routine testing programme by CE and PE.

**AND MANY MORE BABIES TO YOU COLONEL SMITH !!!**

GREENHAM COMMON — Base Commander here came up with a new wrinkle in expressing the joys of fatherhood.

Being a non-smoker, thus having no ration card, Lt.-Col. Walter A. Smith was unable to buy cigars to announce the birth of little Marcee Elizabeth last Thursday.

Instead he called off the usual Saturday morning inspection.

**CLUB NOTES**

BY FLAKER

At the last Em-Ergency meeting held by the esteemed members of the Saturday Afternoon Club a number of innovations were instituted, most of them by the Sleeper. One which will insure early attendance at future meetings is the password. Club members will soon realize that being among the last to arrive can be quite expensive.

Several new members were initiated and proper code names allotted. Gus was one of the new entries and Red Whacker another. It was suggested by Hickenlooper, with moustache, and seconded by Sly, without, and heartily concurred with by the Sleeper that at some time in the not too distant future a social function be organized. A few rather crude names were offered for this party but they will not be repeated here in the interests of good taste. Suffice to say that the weaker sex will be present. Nothing further has as yet been decided with regard to this clambake, but needless to say when this ball does take place all other people in the mess will be fully aware of same. Another enthusiastic supporter of the aforementioned motion was The Leer. It is at these mixed gatherings that he really comes into his own.

The club also wishes to begin a recruiting campaign on a limited scale because it is felt that some very fine talent is going to waste. There are

Continued on page 8



As Crystal Gazer. I see . . . new course for Ground Combat . . . New weapons . . . New Tricks . . . New ways of doing things. Now the ball is tired and it will be £5 if you want to know more!

## THE SABRE RIFLE CLUB

BY F/S H. SEWELL

Although not in the habit of punning in my write-ups, it would be only proper and just to say that our seasonal "TURKEY SHOOT" went over with a "BANG." Sixteen fortunate people were successful in winning turkeys and two of these participants won two birds each.

Throughout the entire shoot the range was warm and cosy, people met people and the general atmosphere was one of good cheer and well being. Everyone without exception seemed to be enjoying themselves.

The following is a list of those who were successful in "BRINGING HOME THE BIRD" :

F/L Peden, LAC Hausauer, F/O Knox-Leet, Cpl Goddyn, F/S Sewell, Sgt Cunningham, Sgt Cunningham, Sgt King, W/C Spruston, Mrs. Hale, LAC Fox, LAC Brame, F/S Malowsky, F/S Ellis, F/S Malowsky, LAC Thompson, W/C Spear, LAC Williams.

Just before the festive season began the teams of the club shot their league targets. The results have been verified by the league secretaries and the Sabre Rifle Club came through with top honours. Our standing in the league is now as follows.

### RUTLAND MINIATURE RIFLE LEAGUE

Sabre Team "A," Div. 2, 2nd place.  
Sabre Team "B," Div. 3, 1st place.  
Sabre Team "C," Div. 3, 6th place.

### LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND SMALL BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Sabre Team "A," Div. 5, 1st place.  
Sabre Team "B," Div. 6, 4th place.  
Sabre Team "C," Div. 7, 2nd place.



BY "AXEL"

Empty flight room this past week as most of the squadron pilots busy studying for promotion exams — especially 7 Flight Looies who are-but-won't-be-if-they-flunk-the-exams.

Prize Snicker of the Month — One slightly duff day this month one of the Wing's squadrons were busily performing taxi tests on two aircraft when a slight snow shower occurred. One of the more inventive types on 441 quickly picked up the 'phone and called this other squadron's flight room. The conversation went something like this : "Hello, it's snowing out, you'll have to cut your taxing tests down to one." They did ! — it was just a few minutes after that four aircraft of 441 belted into the blue.

Eleven pilots to West Raynham for a lecture . . . Brrrrrr . . . How many proposals has Johnny Gaudry made to the girls this year ??? It's these early English springs that do it. (Nursing Sisters beware).

Sprigs of Mistletoe Branch — Bob Haverstock claiming that New Year's Eve is the single man's night of the year. Judging from the number of lipstick smudges on his face we are inclined to agree. We can't forget our carolling twosome "JC" and "Mac" in this corner either . . . Pete Cranston had a tough time New Year's Eve affording leeratection to his date.

Special thanks to the Sr NCO's for the partyable time they gave us one night just after New Year's. Mitch has got a sure-fire concoction that will guarantee you a member of their new club in one easy lesson. It's called a Flaker's special .

*Continued from previous column*

Congratulations are in order to P/O Moore of Ground Defence who succeeded in obtaining the club's first perfect score of 100 on a league target.

During a recent club meeting plans were discussed for a grand social evening. There can be no doubt whatever that everyone who attends will have a real good time. All personnel holding club membership cards will be welcome. Why not join the club now and enjoy these occasions along with us? Cpl. Hodgins and F/S Wilkinson of Station Workshops or F/S Sewell of the M.E. Section will only be too glad to assist you in obtaining a membership into the Sabre Rifle Club.

Before closing I would like to bring it to your attention that we have managed to obtain the use of an outdoor range near Huntingdon which will be used by members of the club for full bore shooting. By a very fair process of elimination we expect to pick a team of expert shooters from the personnel of Numbers and 1 and 2 (F) Wing 30 AMB and CJS to represent the RCAF in the Britannia Shield Competition. We are looking forward to a season of keen and friendly competition. Anyone interested in this sport is asked to get in touch with the Sabre Rifle Club and give us your support in this very worthy endeavour.

### Club Notes

*Continued from page 7*

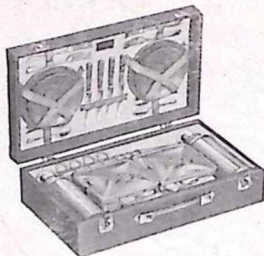
several inhabitants of the mess who consistantly go to places like Leicester on weekends in search of diversion. We do not presume to dictate to any particular person what is or is not good for them in the way of entertainment as these things are found out sooner or later the hard way. We only wish to remind the people concerned of all the comforts of home to be found here on a Saturday afternoon ; far less risky too, we might add.

With the distraction of promotion examinations club activities have greatly reduced in the past few weeks but we hope that with their completion meetings will be held with normal regularity.

With that we will sign off but remember to watch this column for future notices.

## G. W. Scott & Sons Ltd.

4-10 Tower Street  
LONDON W.C.2



"CORACLE"  
Picnic Baskets

We Operate Personal Export Scheme

Available through your  
COMMISSARY

## ROSSMILLS MFG. CO. LTD. BRADFORD, Yorks

Telephone: Brad. 20134

Manufacturers of High-Class  
PLAIN and FANCY  
WORSTEDS and  
GABARDINES at keenest  
prices.

SAMPLES—PATTERNS and prices  
available in your Commissary or write  
to the above Address.

**SPOTLIGHT ON SUPPLY**

BY LAC FRANK KENLEY

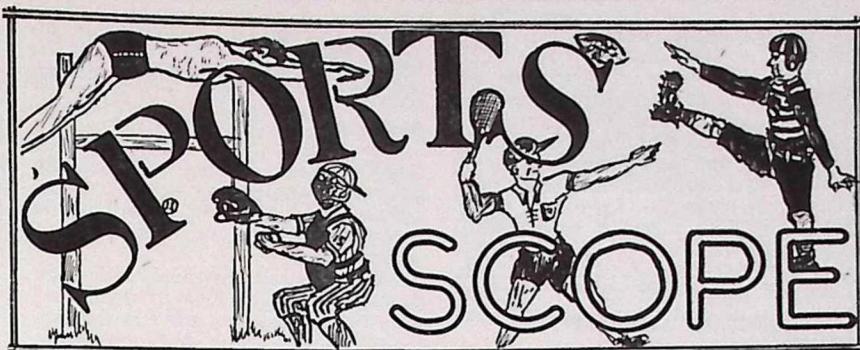
The first month of the Coronation Year finds our busy little Supply Section undergoing a spate of personnel changes. F/L G. C. Hodgins leaves Canada on the 23rd, transferred to Air Defence Command. Cpl J. R. Filion goes to Ottawa and LAC H. E. Ireland to Toronto, also about this time. Two members of 441 Sqn Supply, Sgt M. J. Taschereau and LAC K. V. Macdonald, are due for repatriation too.

To these January departures will soon be added another couple (in early February) . . . Sgt O. H. Sulek and your recuperated scribe. Our destination is Germany—but we're not saying "Auf wiedersehen" until the next issue.

S/L Rosenthal and "Taffy" Williams have recently been seen with their heads together, and our secret agent reports that a "farewell party" has been planned for Friday, 16th January. It sounds like a good excuse for a binge, anyway!

Our long-suffering F/S Ernie Churchill is back at work now (a new niche in the R & I Section), looking much better for a term of convalescence. Ernie speaks highly of the RAF medical service—in which commendation the writer concurs. If only they had Canadian cooking at Ely, I'd go back there for another operation—just for laughs!

This column has given little space in the past, to that hard-working section of Main Supply domiciled in No. 5 Hangar. However, we're glad to turn the spotlight their way and announce, with a loud roll of drums, that Cpl Hugh Price has taken over local command, and that the staff has been increased (much to the relief of Guilbeault and Pelletier, Inc., who



**Sports Stores**

We have just completed moving sports stores from its old location in the station decontamination centre to BARRACK BLOCK 57. In this move we now have a very good location for equipment and for indoor training of all types.

Room 1 is to be used for a training room for boxing and fencing or where anybody would like a work out, Room 2 will be used for sports equipment and NCO Room 2 will be the sports office.

**Touch Rugby**

A challenge has been issued from Station Langar for an Inter-station game. This will be accepted as soon as we can procure the proper equipment and have inter-squadron games in order to pick out players to represent this station.

**Table Tennis**

There are 3 tables set up in the upstairs of the NAAFI building, equipment is always available for you to play.

*Continued from previous column*  
 had been struggling without assistance for a long, gruelling time). The extra hands are LAC Crowe, LAC Viau and LAC Ash . . . the last-named being a Newfie "new-face" from Station Greenwood. (Welcome to the Confederation!).

In brief :  
 Cpl Wadmore, back from sick leave spotted working with quiet efficiency at a stock control desk.

Cpl Kindree, jovial kingpin of the Accounts Section, "on attachment" for a time at Supply H.Q.

LAC J. D. Thompson, of the septic palm, back in Halton Hospital after a brief Christmas "parole."

Tech Stores "Johnny" now has a "Jack" to help him hold up the load. To those personnel who will be leaving the Wing this month, and especially to outgoing Supply staff, this column extends best wishes and a hearty "Bon voyage!"

The sympathy of all Supply Section personnel is extended to F/L A. V. Henshaw, RAF, in his recent untimely bereavement.

It is hoped to run off a singles double elimination tournament in the very near future, all personnel interested are requested to submit their names to the SWO (Ex. 8).

**Squash**

New equipment is now available for use, don't let it hang in the racks, the officers' court has just been repainted and all personnel may use it.

**Boxing**

At this time we have 14 airmen taking training for the station boxing team and we need a lot more, so how about coming out fellows, especially the Officers and S.N.O's. The lads who started from scratch are doing very well under the able coaching of Cpl (Doc) Baker and LAC (Taffy) Williams.

It is hoped that we can run an inter-squadron HQ match some time in the near future. Training is carried on every Monday and Thursday in room 1 of BB 57.

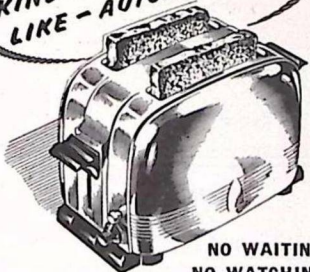
**Soccer**

At last our confidence in the station soccer team has paid off with a great showing to start off the New Year. Langtoft 3, North Luffenham 3.

**Banking with Barclays is a world-wide habit**

The Manager of our Stamford branch, Mr. F. W. C. Allen, will be pleased to explain how Barclays Bank can help you with all your money matters, wherever you may be posted.

**BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED**



**NO WAITING  
NO WATCHING**

set the timing for the kind of toast you like. When the toast is ready it pops up automatically.

**MORPHY-RICHARDS**  
REGD TRADE MARK  
**Automatic**  
**ELECTRIC TOASTER**

Obtainable from all good electrical stores—  
 If in any difficulty write to:

MORPHY-RICHARDS LTD., 121, VICTORIA ST., LONDON, S.W.1.

With Langtoft winning the toss to kick off, a hard and very fast game started. Starting off down the left wing they were brilliantly stopped by Logan, for the next 15 minutes the play swung from one side to another with Tollerton and Robertson being robbed on a couple of close ones. The play then swung in favour of Langtoft, who five minutes before half-time were leading 2-0, when on a fine solo run by Heatherington beat the Langtoft goalkeeper all the way, the score at half-time stopping at 2-1 for Langtoft.

The second half started with our boys well into the attack and Tollerton was again robbed with two very hard shots that just missed the goal. After some mid-field play one of the nicest goals of the afternoon finally paid off with Tollerton bringing the score to 2-2. It started from Logan to Dakers at right-half to Robertson on the wing who passed a hard cross shot to Tollerton who made up for all the ones he had missed. After several sharp exchanges Wardlaw beating 3 Langtoft men, scored from a very hard angle with a well placed shot to put North Luffenham in the lead at 3-2.

The score remained the same until 3 minutes from time when Langtoft tied the score. The game ended with this score even though Langtoft pressed very hard, our defence, playing a magnificent game, were able to hold them off.

The team as a whole played a good game with much better team work than has been evident in the past games. Those deserving special mention were the goalkeeper, Rossiter, who made some brilliant saves, Logan and Whiting in defence. Dakers and Fox at half, Tollerton, Robertson and Heatherington on the forward line.

It was a good, well played game, especially against one of the teams at the top of the league. Keep it up fellows.

**Basketball**

The station team haven't played many games lately, consequently have been sharpening up by regular practice and position plays but the future looks very bright with plenty of action.

We are entered in the British open championships now in progress and were fortunate to get a bye in the first round in the East Midland Area, which will bring us into the semi-final sometime this month with games in either Leicester or Nottingham.

**Wyton 43, North Luffenham 28**

Friday night, 9th January the team played a game against our friends the Americans from Wyton and much to the boys' surprise they came up with a sharp game of basketball. The score is a pretty good indication of the play and it is the first game in a long time that our boys have lost. Wyton played a good passing game and had our lads out of position and flat footed several times particularly in the last quarter, so they well deserved the win.

Wyton was led in the scoring by MacHerien with 19 points, then Johnson 9, Chambers 8, Conrad 5 and Eddy 2. North Luffenham points came from Luker and Morton with 6 each, followed by Ursich 5, Hay 4, Adams 4, Nash 2 and Bain 1. If the boys had scored every time they shot the score would have read in reverse for the teams and about 80 to 70 (More like the college games at home). Therefore fellows, from where we sat it would look as though you were badly disorganized and that you either need more shooting practice or you were

**SPLASH NEWS**

BY AL ABLETT

The advent of the New Year finds us reviewing our last year's program and planning for the future. We got off to a good start early last summer but the poor weather deterred many from using the outdoor pool in Stamford and it was not until late fall that we obtained the use of the swimming pool in Nottingham. While this is a great distance to go for an evening's swim, it has been well worth while for those that have persevered.

At our first meeting it was decided that the first aims of the Club would be to provide recreation, teaching facilities for those who cannot swim and later to participate in water polo and swimming competitions if enough swimmers were interested. An open invitation was extended to all personnel but to date it has been mostly the lowly AC's who have taken advantage of this offer and spent the occasional carefree evening with the Club. May I once again take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all and sundry to come out and use these facilities. A 'bus leaves the Guard House every

*Continued on Page 12*

*Continued from previous column*

hurrying the shots too much. The condition of the floor did not help the game any as it was too slippery after having been washed, also we were missing some of the players who were on T.D. or studying for exams so it is as well to get a bad game out of your systems before the league games start this week. "Better Luck next time fellows." And we appreciate the few spectators who did turn out to encourage the team.

As we go to press the basketball team will be playing on Monday night the 12th against Langar at home and then move to Nottingham on Tuesday to start playing the league games.

**National Hockey League Standing**

Saturday, 10 January, 1953.

	Points
Detroit .....	47
Montreal .....	42
Chicago .....	41
Toronto .....	39
Boston .....	37
New York .....	24

*In Britain*

*Quality*

*means*

**PREMIER**



Elegant design and robust construction go hand in hand throughout the Premier range—you may buy Premier with confidence—the 'Fine-Quality' slogan on package and label is your guarantee of superlative finish and 100% reliability.

FINE-QUALITY ELECTRIC APPLIANCES  
**PREMIER ELECTRIC HEATERS LTD., BIRMINGHAM 9.**

*Member of the A.E.I. Group of Companies*

**MANOR**

**FINE WOOLLEN PRODUCTS**

CHILDREN'S SLEEPING BAGS,  
 PRAM RUGS, BABY SHAWLS

ALL WOOL BLANKETS

(All Sizes)

TRAVELLING RUGS, SCARVES,  
 Etc.

Obtainable from all Good Stores and from  
 your **STATION COMMISSARY.**

## WING MAINTENANCE

### WORKSHOPS

BY CPL AL HODGINS

Well, Christmas is over and the boys workshops are hard at work again. Santa proved to be a pretty good guy. Although very busy he had his little helpers give him a hand delivering the presents. A few of his gifts to the boys were: A new cast for Bechtold's hand (delivered by the M.O.), a posting to Canada soon for Sgt Jermyn (delivered by AFHQ), a new son for Sgt Boniface (delivered by Mrs. Boniface) and many other gifts too numerous to mention.

A Christmas party was held by the shop at the local. Policeman Woody did a good job of directing traffic and Cpl Onishenko did a superb job as official hat checker (Where did all the hats go?). Even our Chiefy lost his.

We would like to welcome our new carpenter to the fold, Cpl Lane is his name. Hope you enjoy your stay here fellow.

THINGS we would like to know—

How our boys looked in tuxedos at the New Year dance?

What happened to the roasted chicken "MAC" was going to bring?

If all our New Year's resolutions will be kept?

Last but not least, "When the heck Payday?"

We couldn't close this column without a word about our workshop twins, STONE and FRENETTE the workshop boys

Never amuse themselves with toys But give them a bottle of rum or two Or a gallon or so of the golden brew Ask Cpl Hodgins if I'm not right For they visited his house on Christmas night.

We will not state they were very high

But they sure left Al awful dry. Best of luck to everyone in the New Year.

### WING TELECOMM

Our section goes on paper in wishing all other sections and especially the staff of the *Talepipe* the very best for the coming year.

After the Yuletide season nearly all have returned to the grind and are trying to settle down to work again. From all reports everyone enjoyed a happy Christmas or New Year's leave.

By now most of us have worked off the extra weight put on by too much turkey and chicken plus the odd light refreshment. Pressure on the belt has decreased.

We are not different from other sections, we of the telecom, in that we had our usual section party. Practically all of the signals personnel of this unit were involved in the fray with their wives or girl friends. This

party was more or less an experiment as all previous parties had been of the stag variety. Future parties of this type shall improve no doubt.

New Year's resolutions seem to have taken their toll once more. Many are on the waggon and some have even given up smoking. Could it be that these are only temporary measures brought on by empty pocket books. We now find ourselves in the two most poverty stricken weeks of an airman's year. Let us hope that nobody gets hurt when they fall off the waggon or give their seat up to a lady.

To start the New Year, we have a new face at the head of our section in the person of W.O. Thompson, ex-439 discip. We wish him the best of everything at his new post. W.O. Wright has left for good old Canada, his new station will be Comox B.C. Best of luck Shorty.

The remainder of leave is being sorted out and at present LAC Casey and Lindsay are enjoying a few days leisure before returning to the fold.

Cheerio until the next edition.

### WING ARMAMENT SYSTEMS

Since the last report from our section, the festive season has past. Many parties over this period were enjoyed by all. Everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening at the home of F/L Murchie one day prior to Xmas Eve. LAC Ted Burley spent the holiday with relations at Notts and LAC Bob Fisher spent Xmas with his folks at Coventry. Cpl Phillips spent Hogmonay in Bonnie wee Scotland and incidentally Al, "what is the big attraction in Nottingham these days?" Who is the bright character who rides to Notts in pouring rain on a bicycle to celebrate New Year, leaving here at 5 p.m. and returning at 5 a.m. I won't mention names, but his initials are T.B.

We all offer congrats to Mr. Murchie on his recent promotion and to F/S Smith for passing his group 4 exams. Well that's all for now. We'll be back next week with more news.

"Bob Anonymous."

### SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Would like to welcome Cpl Thomas who comes to us from the old men's home (6RD) and LAC Hind from Edmonton.

Now that the festive season is safely over and the boys are back to normal we find "Ron" who pulled a Rip Van Winkle and slept the New Year in (he claims) is still tired. Many bets are being taken as to which of our non-drinking Cpls will fall off the waggon first.

If you happen to notice a certain LAC from this section wandering around with a frustrated look, take no

notice, some kind soul gave him a set of chopsticks for Xmas and he is having quite a time getting enough to eat.

Say Ron, "Is it true that you received a new golf ball complete with 20 feet of cord attached for your long drives?" No wonder you never lose a ball.

Before closing we would like to wish Bon Voyage to Cpl Struchinsky who is on his way to the LAND OF THE MAPLE LEAF.

### INSTRUMENT SECTION

This being our first report in the New Year we'll start off by hoping that everyone has by now fully recovered from the holiday season. Now we can get back to normal working conditions.

Sgt Lapiere got rid of the headache he called a car, LAC Ole Oleson was the unlucky victim. Oley bought the troubles from him. There must be something in Q.R.(AIR) that prevents an NCO from taking advantage of an airman.

Welcome to Sgt J. D'Altroy who arrived here from Centralia along with his family. We hope you enjoy your stay here. Two other new faces in the shop, Cpl Fafard and LAC Everill who have replaced Cpl Red McNally and LAC Bushey, the latter two having returned to 439 servicing.

AC Palmer spent a considerable amount of time drawing "provincial" murals for the Sgt's Mess Xmas decorations. These must have been good as there was very favourable comment on them. Nice work Tom. Possibly his next job will be doing something similar, but of a more permanent nature for the airmen's mess.

Don't get the idea, on seeing Sgt Dearlove these days that he's been

### ROSS MOTORS, LTD.

1, Red Lion Street, STAMFORD

1953	VINCENT COMET, £279 16s. 8d.
1953	ROYAL ENFIELD TWIN, £232 13s. 11d.
1953	ROYAL ENFIELD, 350 c.c., £166 2s. 3d.
1953	TRIUMPH TIGER 100, £246 13s. 4d.
1953	SUNBEAM 58, £255 11s. 2d.
1953	EXCELSIOR 197 c.c., de-luxe, £131 15s.
1953	JAMES 197 c.c., de-luxe, £127 9s. 2d.
1953	B.S.A. BANTAM, de-luxe, £103 10s.
1953	B.S.A. SPRING FRAME BANTAM, £95 16s. 8d.
1953	B.S.A. BANTAM, £89 8s. 11d..
1953	TANDON 197 c.c., Spring Frame, £133 10s. 7d.
1953	NORMAN 125 c.c., de-luxe, £118 5s. 9d.
1953	JAMES 98 c.c., £76 0s. 7d.
1953	NORMAN 98 c.c., de-luxe, £94 0s. 2d.
1952	B.S.A. GOLDEN FLASH, £231 5s. 7d.
1952	ARIEL RED HUNTER TWIN, £242 15s. 7d.
1952	ROYAL ENFIELD 500 c.c., £185 5s. 7d.
1952	DOUGLAS 350 c.c. Twin, £180.
1951	TRIUMPH 3T, spring hub, as new, £149 10s.
1947	ROYAL ENFIELD 350 c.c., £75.
1947	B.S.A., 250 c.c., £65.
1946	A.J.S., 500 c.c., £85.

Terms and Insurance arranged.  
Part Exchanges. Hire Purchase

spending all his leave and money on a trip to the south of France. He acquired that "glorious tan" under a sun-lamp in South Stamford.

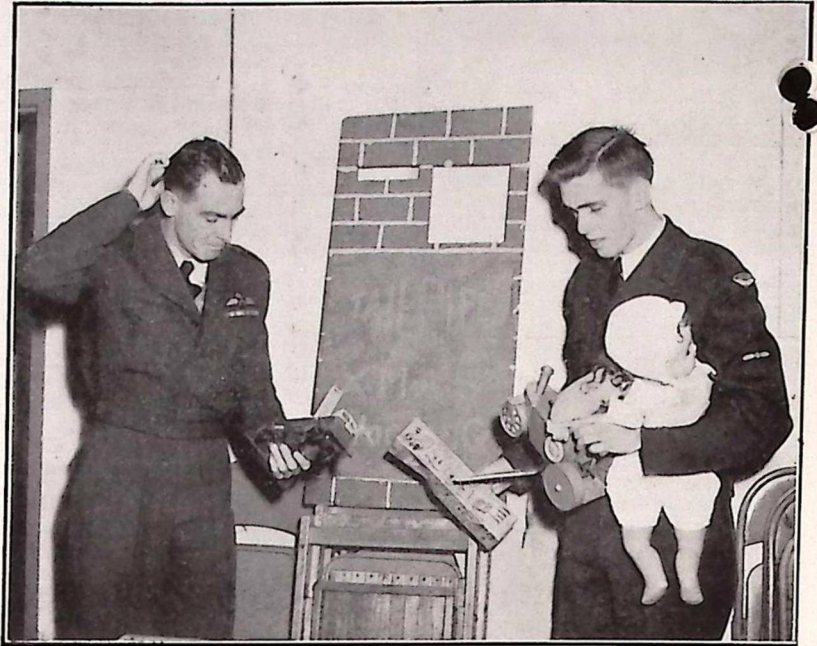
LAC Nick Nicholson is enjoying a well earned leave somewhere in Scotland. A fellow airman after hearing Nick practising on the bagpipes, suggested that he go there. Seems that the Scots are the only ones who appreciate good ??? music.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
(PROTESTANT)**

at 1100 hrs. every Sunday Morning

If you have children three years of age and older, it is your responsibility to send them along. Sunday School is held in the Edithweston County School, and the scheduled Church Transportation may be used by the children. The added convenience of this new time will allow service personnel and their wives to go to church while their children are attending Sunday School.

1951-52 YEAR BOOK—No. 1 (F) Wing now being distributed. Only 1,000 copies printed. Call at Station Library for your copies.



Willing hands wrapped gifts for needy families of Rutland. Talepipe's Xmas Stocking appeal hit the top.

**BOTANEL**  
Regd. Trade Mark

Slacks of Distinction  
for Men and Women

**Canadian Style and Cut**

These garments, Hansomely Tailored by Skilled Craftsmen are produced in a Variety of High Grade Gaberdine and Worsted Fabrics in Distinctive Shades.

Enquire from your own Unit for Supplies of these Attractive Garments.

**'BOTANEL'**

**BINGO BINGO**

The next big bingo night will be on Wednesday, 21st January. We are starting off the New Year with a bang. Lots of good prizes, and we are looking forward to some big crowds. First number will be called at 20.30 hours sharp.

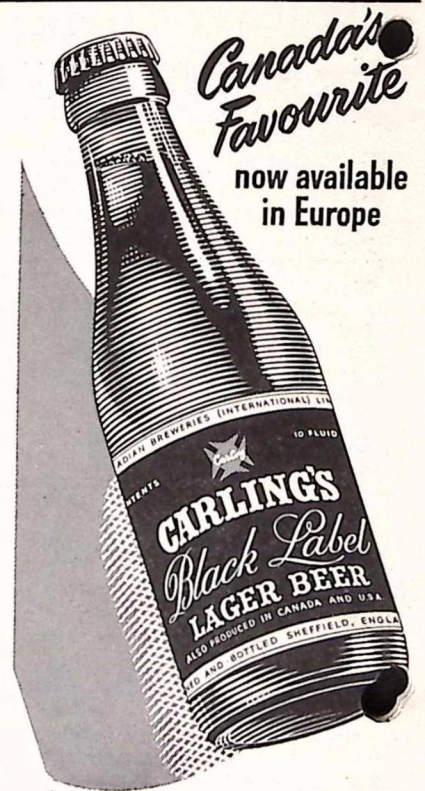
**Splash News**

Continued from page 10

Thursday evening at 18.30 hours and the cost to you is nil, the pool rental being paid for by sports fund, you don't even need to buy a membership card, just bring your swimming trunks and a towel.

We are slowly getting equipped through the Station Sports Fund, having received to date a water polo ball and caps and sweat suits for the use of. As a matter of fact we plan to make good use of them as we will be doing some physical jerks after our swims. We have also requested various training aids such as flippers which will be of help in developing good kicks and we hope to receive them in the near future (hint, hint).

While the swimming team itself may not win any trophies we are going to have lots of fun while trying. Well this brings us to the end of this week's news and as a water polo player once said—Glub Glub Gurple Gurple Glop (translation—So long, for now).



*Canada's Favourite*

now available in Europe

Brewed and bottled in England by HOPE & ANCHOR BREWERIES LTD · SHEFFIELD