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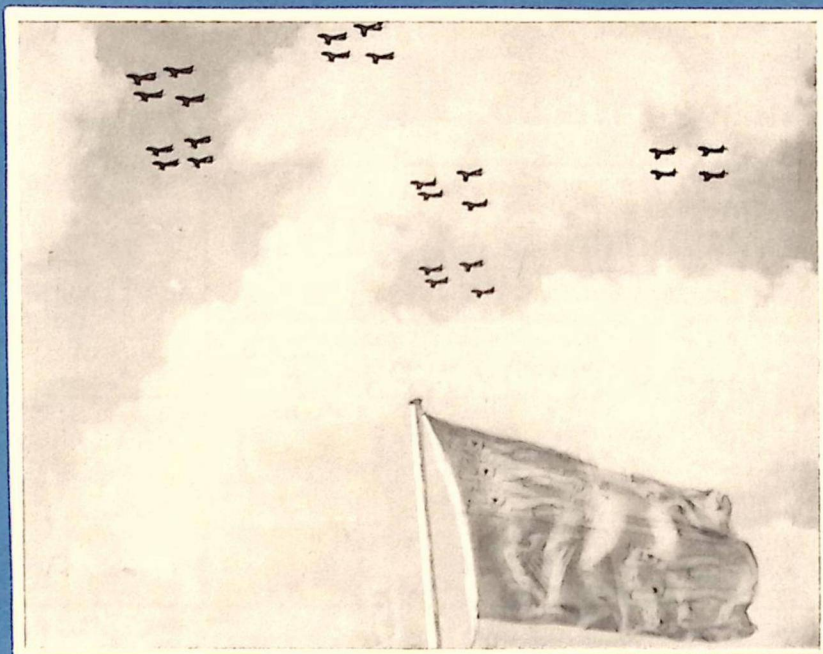


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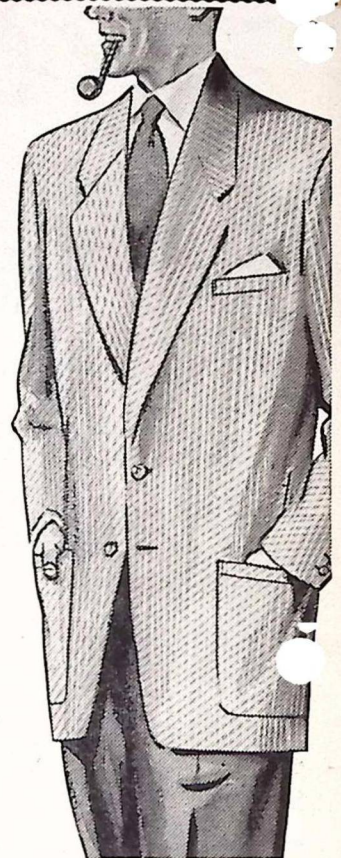
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In the absence of the Editor, F/O Al Seitz, we are introducing an idea suggested some times ago but never adopted, that is, having Guest Editors chosen from personalities on the station. It is our pleasure to commence this feature by introducing LAC Frank Clarke and LAW Jane Todhunter.



Frank Clarke
Guest Editor



June Todhunter
Guest Editor

Progress, as defined by the Oxford Dictionary, means advance, and development. This, we think, is the apt word to describe Talepipe in its first year. We have advanced in size, and developed in presentation and variety. But progress cannot be made unless an interest is

taken in the project. In this respect we have received from the personnel on the station the utmost in cooperation. We on the committee feel that Talepipe is a part of our station life and is for all personnel connected with the RCAF in England.

It is difficult to keep a finger on the pulse of the station at all

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With three months behind us and having become acquainted with Station activities, it gives us great pleasure to begin contributing something of the Women's point of view to this previously all male magazine.

We hope to include on this Women's Page articles on fashions, sports activities, barrack chatter and our holiday adventures abroad.

We trust that this Section of the magazine will be of interest to the wives of the personnel here and to the future wives arriving from Canada.

May we take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all the ladies on the station to contribute

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By CPL. ROBERTS.

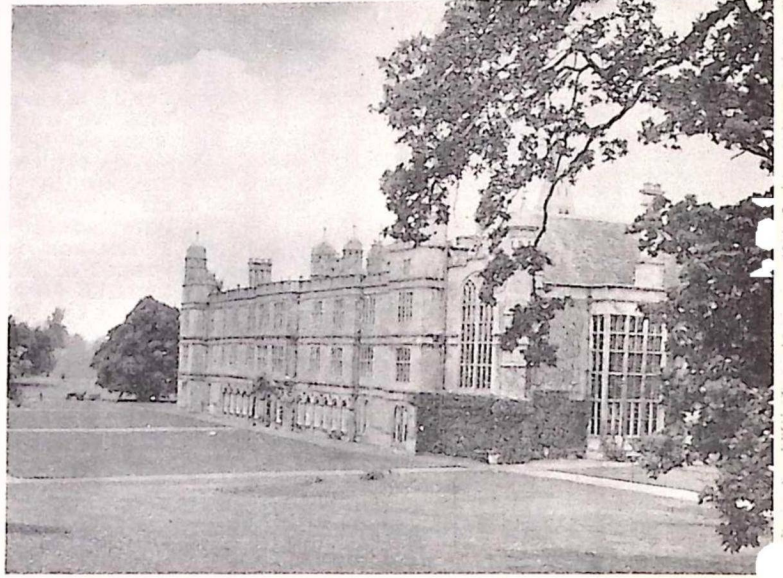
The Editors wish to express their thanks to The Marquess of Exeter for his kind permission to describe his home.

One mile south-east of the town of Stamford, situated in the Soke of Peterborough in the County of Northampton, is the seat of the Most Noble The Marquess of Exeter, K.G., C.M.G. Burghley House was erected by the renowned statesman, William Cecil, Lord Burghley, K.G., Lord High Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth I, and her confidential minister and advisor for a period of forty years.

The history of the Manor of Burghley reaches back to a very remote period. In the time of Edward the Confessor, it was let to one Alfgar the King's chaplain, at whose death it was seized by the crown to be redeemed by the Abbot of Peterborough for the sum of eight marks of gold. In the reign of William the Conqueror, it was held by Geoffrey de Winton and the Manor was some years afterwards (1146) confirmed by Pope Eugenius to the Abbey of Burgh.

Shortly after the suppression of the monasteries by Henry 8th, the estate passed into the hands of the Cecil Family. Erection of Burghley House was commenced on the site of the old Manor about the year 1575. John Thorpe, an eminent architect in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, gave the plan and superintended the erection of the greater part of this imposing structure. The House is generally acknowledged to be the most important specimen of Elizabethan architecture in existence today, standing in grounds seven miles in circumference and 1,500 acres in extent.

This architectural gem itself houses one of the greatest collections of antique treasures in the British Isles, amongst which are between 500 to 600 choice and valuable paintings, nearly 400 of which are open to public inspection. In the private collection there are also more than 100 miniatures. Its exhibition of paintings, indeed, may be said to be the finest in private hands in the British Commonwealth. Of these, the masters of the later Italian School are the principle portion. In the Pagoda Room hangs a painting of the Great Protector, Oliver Cromwell, by Walker. This picture is said to have been presented to



BURGHLEY HOUSE

Elizabeth, Countess of Exeter, by the Protector himself, on taking possession of Burghley House by storm in 1643 during the Civil War.

The splendid works of art with which the House abounds, its beautiful specimens of statuary, its fine old tapestries, carvings, bronzes, mosaics and other comparable articles of vertu, far too numerous and extensive to be more particularly mentioned, cannot fail to engage the especial notice and admiration of the visitor.

Burghley House is open to the public on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is 2/-. Guides are at hand to conduct the visitor on tours. The House is reached by The Lodge entrance on the Barnack Road.

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Some little crash is gonna get you, some day
Some little smash will sweep upon you, some day
And as you leave this earth
You'll know what a minute's worth
Some little crash is gonna get you, some day.

—Cpl. W. C. Wiseman.

SOME LITTLE SMASH
with apologies to Roy Attwell
In these days of hurry, hurry
It is oftentimes a worry
As to when to speed and when to take it slow;
For each curve upon the highway
Can become a sudden dieway
And the devil waits with bated breath below;
Hit the curves at ninety-nine
Or mix gasoline with wine
There's only death to greet you either way;
You can pass on hills, but, mind you
Friends will soon walk slow behind you
And the Padre will have purty things to say.
Some little crash is gonna get you, some day
Some little smash will sweep upon you, some day
Then the sound of rending metal
All your earthly cares will settle
Some little crash is gonna get you, some day;
Stepping hard upon the gas
When someone tries to pass
Will head you for the graveyard sure enough
Press the gas a little farther.
Make the angels laugh the harder
While the undertaker notes you on 'ct
Let her rip, full speed ahead
You'll be a long time dead
But you'll get a lot of thrills along the way;
High speed except on 'courses
Means a hearse and two black horses—
So before a trip some people always pray.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

WING HEADQUARTERS

By SGT. (SHAKY) PEARSON

Not much of interest in the Orderly Room this time, what with routine running smoothly and in capable hands, nothing exciting has happened. The gang have had their share of returns, nominal rolls, movements, statistics and, of course, the ever-present queries at the counter.

About this time of year there is however, that haze hanging over the station, promotion boards are near. You hear 'I hope it's a big quota,' 'I'm a cinch this time,' 'How come?' 'I wonder what kind of recommendation I got this time,' etc., which helps no one as the Orderly Room staff are under the secrecy act, which is carried out to the letter.

Cpl "Chuck" Stather has his troubles. Movements can be quite nerve-racking, especially if personnel on posting start asking questions that are impossible to answer. Chuck has enough headaches trying to make reservations boat and aircraft, cancellations, change of plans, and the like.

Sgt 'Stan' Bendle has been interstation transferred to 410 Sqn for duty, and AW 'Dorothy' Lott has taken over Daily Routine Orders, and incidentally, doing a great job of it. LAC 'Don' Stalman will be moving back to 439 Sqn in the near future, to be replaced by LAC Janes. Incidentally, we would like to welcome Cpl Jack Fortin, who replaced Sgt Bendle and is being checked-out on records, under Sgt Murray MacFarland's whip.

It is with deep regret that we inform you we have lost our character, Cpl "Mac" MacLean, who has left us to join others on the continent, as part of the staff at Air Division, Paris. No more latest gen from Nottingham or London to while away a few moments on Monday mornings reminiscing, and glad to be donikers.

Well, that's it. See you next time.

Aussie Settlement

First British settlement in Australia was in 1788 at Port Jackson.

Father and Son

John Adams, second President of the U.S., was the father of John Quincy Adams, sixth President.

ROLLING ALONG WITH THE M.E.

By J. O'Connor

A recent visitor to the Unit M.E. Section has been S/L W. G. Cousins. S/L Cousins was with us for a few days during his recent tour of 1, 2 and 3 Wings as well as 30 A.M.B. and Air Division, in the capacity of Mobile Equipment Officer for Air Material Command.

A brief visit was also paid by F/O "Buck" Eggenburger while on his way to 3 Wing, where he takes over his duties as Unit M.E. Officer.

Now sporting the "twin twine" on his epaulettes is our own M.E.O. F/O J. E. Reeves. Congratulations Sir, we knew you could do it.

Recently returned from a spell of leave on the continent is our N.C.O. i/c Operations, FS Wes Sabourin. Wes and Mrs. Sabourin, in company with FS and Mrs. Art Buckland of 30 A.M.B., spent two weeks on the continent, motoring 6,000 miles and visiting five countries. They flew the channel both ways (complete with car). Arriving at Le Touquet, France, the four took them through France to Luxemburg, Germany, Switzerland and Italy, returning via France. Some of the highlights of the trip were driving through the Swiss and French Alps, visiting Monte Carlo Casino, the French and Italian Rivieras and the Maginot and Siegfried lines.

Still staggering from the blow of losing L.A.C. Collin Ray to the beckoning eyes of matrimony, the "M.E. Brotherhood of Bachelors" lost another of its brothers. This time L.A.C. "Stew" Stewart succumbed to feminine wiles and took the big step from Barrack 62 to "Donickerville." "Donickerville" must hold some strange fascination for M.E. types as "Stew's" recent desertion of the "Brotherhood" makes a grand total of nine who have gone down for the count since the formation of the "Brotherhood" less than two years ago. Rumour now has it that L.A.C. Keith "Geldy" Geldert will be number ten.

Corporal "Bud" Pitts is leaving for 4 Wing on the 3rd of August. Judging by past Pitts' postings this should result in one king-size blow-out on the 1st and 2nd.

These past few weeks Bud has been giving a course on the operation of the Loraine Crane. This has been a new and interesting facet of M.E. training for those fortunate

WING MAINTENANCE

"Oh, to be in Canada now that Summer's Here," might well be the song I have heard a few lucky souls humming to themselves, these past few days. Before the next edition a number of lucky people will be on their way to Canada. Among these are:—

SGT GERRY SHANE
SGT "WINDY" MILLER
CPL "HANK" STRANDLAND
CPL "DENNY" MEFHAM
CPL JEAN FRENETTE
CPL "STONE" STONE
LAC "RED" GEOTTLER.

We all wish you "BON VOYAGE" and know you will be glad to see the old familiar sights of home. Good luck, remember to think of us when you get your hands on your first real beer over there.

Those of us who attended the "REVIEW" at Odiham considered the show by all concerned well worth all the hard work that went into it. But those of you who did not get enough fun that day should have travelled in an AUSTIN "7" with an ex Tank-driver. For 10 hours on the road there was never one dull moment.

"Moose" Moffatt is at present sticking his head into a "Noose." Doing some courting that was contracted during a previous trip to Renfrew. WE are all anxiously watching the Glasgow papers for results. But maybe it is true that his face is only one a mother could love.

"A1" Napik at this time will be heading for the caves and the mountains of Wales. It's quiet up there Al, and there's gold in them thar hills. I'm sure the girl friend will like it.

Congratulations to the following newly-weds:

LAC "RED" EDWARDS
LAC "OLLY" OELSON
LAC GUY PETRIN.

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enough to have been given this privilege. Maybe we'll put that two-ton box of earth and rocks we've been hoisting around to use growing cabbages or something. Incidentally, should you happen to be engaged in loading operations where a crane is being used, don't make it a habit to stand under the load or you may find yourself doing it for the rest of your life!

ACCOUNTS CHATTER

Some events of not quite world-shattering significance have happened in our Section since our news last appeared in these pages.

The airwomen have settled in nicely and some are already exploring these isles. AWs Grace Kolesar, Adele Tindall, Kitty Sears and Vernis Strobel went to Ireland at the Dominion Day week-end. Sgt Mark Devost and his wife have also recently visited the Emerald Isle.

Cpl Arnold Roberts is regrettably leaving us to go to 4 (F) Wing early next month. Arnold, with Sgt Ken MacDonald, was in the Coronation Contingent, and we wish him all the best at his new Station. Ken and Cpl Gord Lambert have been on leave to the Channel Islands, returning with some very favourable comments. On Gord's mind at the moment is a lecture he has to give to a trade advancement class.

S/L J. A. Brown is on leave, his place on the financial throne being taken by F/L Wally Fink.

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AW1 Joan Stewart is happily back with us after a few days under repair in the Station Hospital. Our late members, LACs "Chuck" Cleary and Bill Smith, have written to us from 4 (F) Wing; things sound OK at that location. At a little get-together to speed Chuck on his way this month, the writer of this column over indulged himself and at noon next morning declared, in great pain, "never again."

A big topic of interest now is the newly-permitted movement of dependents overseas at public expense. The main details have been published in DROs, and we expect soon a lot of work processing Movement Expense Claims. Some of us have been burying our heads in the Accounting Circular, getting genned up for the task ahead. Not all the instructions listed there are clear at present, and raised voices can sometimes be heard emanating from the PAO's lair when agreement on some point is not possible. However, we shall soon have these uncertainties clarified.

During June and July the Departmental Exchange Rate has been \$2.80 Canadian to the pound sterling. As usual it is difficult to predict the rate for August. It may be of interest to recall that in October last year the pound was equal to \$2.67 Canadian, and we remember a few heads that wagged knowingly then and spoke as follows: "Ah, and it'll be down to \$2.00 yet." One never can tell.

Indian Cotton

India had 8,770,000 acres under cotton in 1951-52, about 3,400,000 more than five years previously.

HERE AND THERE IN BB 55

First of all this month, we old "pioneers" would like to welcome a new inmate to BB 55, LAW Jeanette McPhee, Clerk Medical from Station Greenwood who incidentally, a "Bluenoser" herse (or do they talk that way about Cape Bretoners, Jeanette?).

Any night in barracks strangely garbed creatures in white jackets and weird masks may be seen advancing, retreating, and lunging from room to room, brandishing dangerous looking weapons. No, we haven't been invaded by creatures from another planet. It's merely a few of our broom-mates who have taken up the graceful art of fencing!


The word "posting" no longer carries with it the thrill of an anticipated move but whether or not you are able to go up when the horse goes up. So far no one seems to have been able to accomplish this feat and whether any of us who are venturing forth with these unpredictable beasts will ever become accomplished horse-women is at present very doubtful.

Our "all-star" softball team suffered its first defeat in a game with the Donnikers the 20th of July with the staggering score of 35 to 72. Ouche, that hurt! But from here on in that new diamond will be humming and watch our smoke!

Within two months we already have four spanking new bikes in evidence and Marcia, Doris, Little Norma and Big Norma are the first to get in the cycling groove.

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or plain



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BYE-BYE BRICKER

F/O N. M. Mc KERACHER
439 Sqn has bid farewell to S/L Cal Bricker DFC on his return to CANADA, escorted for the first time 60 miles of his flight home by two 439 sabres.



S/L Bricker

Donald Man., will be in excellent

S/L Bricker was given the task in August 1951 of forming 439 Sqn and leading it to England the following spring. Having bags of wartime experience and having just finished two years with the USAF during which he piloted jets both ways across the Atlantic, he was just the man for the job.

Set backs came galore the first but not the last was four months delay before even enough F86's had arrived to start a limited flying program.

He was very disappointed as were we all when the time came to leave England he was grounded by an active appendix, this and its complications kept him pretty much on the ground for months at a time.

But with T33's based at MacDonald Man and his well known love for flying, we know that his jet time will steadily increase and in the not too distant future we will likely see or hear of another Sqn or wing commanded by S/L Cal Bricker, DFC.

Hello Belleau

Our heartiest welcome goes out to S/L Mars Belleau our new OC. Although jets are still quite new to him he has had experience on fighters during world war II which

the pilots fully appreciate. We all look forward to flying with him and for him as he passes on his knowledge of fighter tactics.

S/L Belleau, born in Montreal, first flew fighters in England with 601 (F) Sqn in 1941. From there he went to Lybia to join 33 (F) Sqn until August 1943. Flying spitfires and hurricanes, he completed a tour with 33 Sqn covering both the retreat from and the final victory at El Alamein. During this time he received the unofficial order of the Boot having walked back after being shot down on Ops. Next came a tour with a Free French (F) Sqn in Syria and North Africa where he served as Flight Commander and Flying Liaison Officer, flying Hurricanes, Airacobras, and Thunderbolts.

After his return to Canada he served with many different units, among which were 124 Ferry, 164 Transport, 435 Transport, 414 Photo, Squadrons.

About this time 1947 he took the big step and married, forgetting the great controversy between the East and the West. A girl from Winnipeg was his choice.

Then came the ever present Desk Jobs, two long years as ACLO in the Montreal area and from there to Baggotville as C Ad O for a year.

In the summer of 1952 came the grand tour, eighteen weeks as personal assistant to Air Marshall Slemon with many European countries to visit. Very interesting to say the least.

Then back to flying and the transfer to 439. Again we say welcome Boss, glad to have you with us, to lead us on to greater accomplishments and a better 439.

Editorial

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times, so we have devised the leaflet which you will find in your copy to discover just what the personnel think of Talepipe, and what they wish Talepipe to print. May we urge you to use the leaflet and give us your ideas of what you want to see in your station newspaper. Any suggestions for the betterment of the paper will be gladly received.

As we begin our second year of publication we wish to re-affirm our promise to give the best possible coverage to 1 Fighter Wing, and its personnel.



A farewell party was held early this month for S/L Warren who left us on 6 July for a crack at the MIG's in Korea, also for F/L's Johnny Marion and Ron Found who are now at FIS Trenton.

Our Adj. F/O Frank McMullan also bade adieu to the men of 410 last week at a party in his honour. Frank is now on his way to AFHQ, Ottawa.

We congratulate F/L's Red Morris and Ron Found who were granted permanent commissions this month and F/C's Norm Flavin and Bob Gibson who received their Flight "Louies."

F/O's Ken Young, Sunny Haran, Pat Mephram and Ron Poole spent four days in July, at war with the Army over in the Stamford Battle Area—studying the operation of a Thunder Flash.

F/L's Sylvester and Gibson, F/O's Bentham and Potter represented 410 pilots at the Coronation Review at Odiham. They spent three wonderful weeks in the Sunny South, shopping for new hats and observing the habits of the Hampshire Ear wigs.

That's it for this month.

THREE GREENS AND OFF.

Here and There in BB 55

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Rumour has it that several of our more "avid" eaters (arent' we all?) are determined to curb their appetites with a view to doing away with a few excess curves. Still the canteen is being well patronized and those desserts remain irresistible. No will power girls?

Leave is one of the main topics of conversation these days with mention being made of almost every country on the Continent and the British Isles. Dreaming maybe—but we do have hopes of getting past London.

Famous last words (guess who?): "Men pizen me—what a way to die!" It's the same girl who refuses to "crank up" her hair!

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"NO SUBSTITUTE FOR GOD"

A sign which recently appeared on the station, read as follows—"See Barclays Banks about your will."

Some of us, as we hurry past and casually glance at this sign, might say "a splendid idea, for you never know when something might happen, and it is good to be prepared." To others, however, these few words can have a different meaning—a reminder that some day we shall have another will read to us.

How often we think only of material things and forget about the spiritual. Sure, we agree that there is a God; that He made us; that He gave to each special faculties. But here we fall short—we refuse to obey His commands because they are interfering with our own pleasure and plans. We substitute for God—wealth and pleasures. This becomes our main

purpose in life, instead of trying to obey God.

I am told that whenever a naval officer is transferred from a ship, he carries away with him a document called a "flimsy." It is a statement of how he has conducted himself on his last ship and it is to be written entirely in the Captain's handwriting. The officer has to keep his "Flimsy" carefully—he may need it some day if his character or ability is questioned. So we know these documents are not called "flimsies" for nothing. They can easily be destroyed; a flame from a match or exposed in the pocket they would rub away in no time. They need careful keeping if they are to last.

So also God has given each of us "flimsies." He has given to each of us special faculties, that if we use them as we should—trying to serve God and not substituting another end—we, too, shall be prepared. "For it is good to be prepared."

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CENTURY OF SERVICE

Canadians, coming from such a young country, are always struck by the sense of antiquity to be found in England. We at North Luffenham, surrounded as we are by examples of 16th Century England, and the tradition they carry with them may be somewhat awed in their presence. But right on the station we have a tradition of service that would be hard to beat.

Five of our personnel, between them, tot up more than a hundred years of Service in the RCAF. W/C Tom Spear leads the field with 26 years to his credit, followed closely by FS Lock Watson with 25 years. W/C T. H. Spruston comes next with 23 years, and S/L T. L. Byrne, our OC Maint., with 22 years. FS "Hoagie" Hogan, with 22 years, brings the grand total to 118 years.

Our congratulations go to these pioneers of the RCAF, and best wishes for many more years of service to come.

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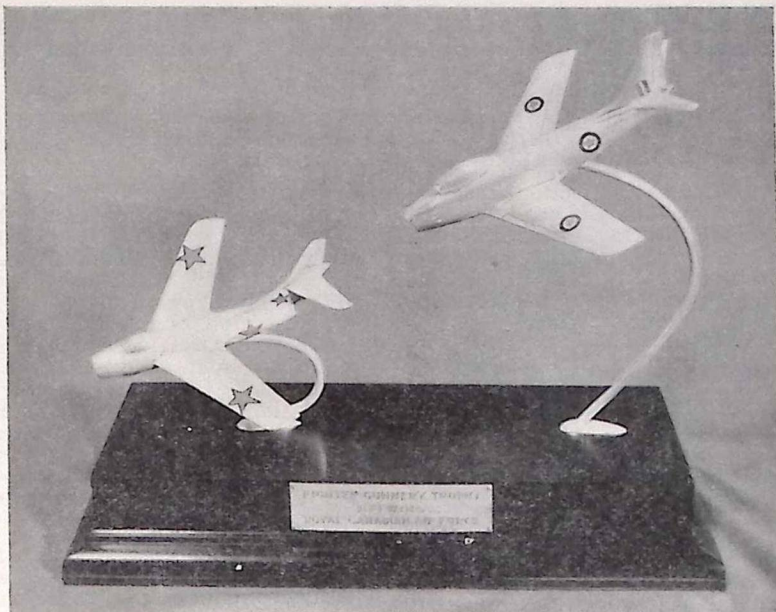
**NEW GUNNERY TROPHY FOR
1 FIGHTER WING**

1 Fighter Wing's new Gunnery Trophy will shortly be introduced into open competition between 441, 439, and 410 Fighter Squadrons and will be presented to the Squadron receiving the highest air to air, air to ground, and cine gun scores.

The handsome trophy itself, stands on a black plinth base 12in. long by 5in. deep. The aluminium models, depicting a Sabre making an attack on a Communist Mig aircraft, are exactly to scale and the Sabre aircraft carries Canadian markings.

An individual trophy to be given to the pilot receiving the high aggregate score is now in the making and should be ready for competition shortly.

It is hoped that both these trophies will, in the near future, be placed in competition with the other Canadian Fighter Wings on European Duty for a grand shoot.



The above photograph shows 1 Fighter Wing's new Gunnery Trophy, which is to be put into competition between the Wing's three Squadrons shortly.

Moon Crater

Astronomers estimate "Tycho," one of the craters on the Moon, is 54 miles in diameter and 16,000 feet deep.

Brightest Planet

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ELECTION ROLLS INTO FULL GEAR

By CPL D. R. HOGAN

(Ed. Note : This is the second article by Cpl Hogan on the forthcoming Federal Election. The opinions expressed are those of the writer and not necessarily those of the RCAF.)

As Canada's election machine roared into high gear for the campaign that will lead up to the August 10 voting day, there was every indication that Ontario and Quebec would be the keystone provinces in the voting.

The Liberals will be battling to retain the 54 (out of 85) seats in Ontario, traditionally a Conservative stronghold, while the Conservatives must increase substantially their representation in the Commons from Quebec. They now hold only three (out of 75) seats there as opposed to the Liberal's 67.

Seldom has a Federal Government embarked on a general election with more apparent confidence than now. With Canada enjoying record prosperity and 71-year-old Liberal Leader Louis S. St. Laurent at the crest of his personal popularity, the incumbent Liberal Party is an odds-on choice to win its fifth straight election since 1935. Nevertheless, the Tory Opposition, led by Ontario Lawyer Colonel George Drew, concedes nothing, and his usual vigor has been on the hopeful theme of "time for a change." There is a cheerful acceptance in advance of a net loss of 25 or 30 seats to be lost by the Liberals to the Conservatives and CCF, but, such an appraisal, if it is realistic, will find the Liberals still comfortable in the saddle with no necessity to make deals with any other Party.

At dissolution standing was: Liberals 181, Progressive-Conservative 48, CCF 13, Social Credit 10, Independent Liberal 1, Independent 4 and vacant 5. There were 262 seats in the Commons but redistribution which was recently carried out provides for a total of 265 seats in the next Parliament. Canadians may be in a mood to scale down the Liberals 181 seats quite sharply, but this writer finds no present signs that a change of government could be forecast.

The leader of the PC Party, Colonel Drew has promised to reduce taxes by at least 500 million dollars. Mr. Drew has also

promised to reduce defence expenditures, and provide a health insurance program. The CCF Leader, Mr. M. J. Coldwell has challenged the statement and ability of Mr. Drew to cut taxes by 500 million dollars and still maintain the present defense program and forces. Mr. Coldwell has at the same time promised to erect 100,000 new homes a year in Canada, introduce an immediate national health insurance program and, of course, reduce income taxes for the low income groups.

Prime Minister St. Laurent in a campaign speech said that the Liberals were not going to compete with other parties in making "empty promises and trying to raise exaggerated hopes." Defence has and will play an important part in the PM's speeches. He has said that there is nothing more important for Canada than the prevention of another world war.

I predict:

1. The Liberal Party will be returned to power but not with the same high majority they had in the last Parliament.
2. The PC's will gain a few seats and will, in all likelihood, form the official opposition.
3. The CCF may gain a few seats and may even form the official opposition.
4. The Social Credit Party will gain a few seats in British Columbia and will continue to hold the Province of Alberta.

The object of these two articles was not to tell you how to vote but an endeavour to create interest in order to have personnel on this station VOTE. If you value your freedom you will not vote for a man running on the Labor-Progressive (Communist) Party ticket. (It is estimated that some 50 Communists will be in the race, including one in Quebec East, the riding that Prime Minister St. Laurent represents).

POLLING GEN

It is the inalienable right of every citizen of a democratic country to have a say in the manner that he is governed. We who have lived in Canada, and have enjoyed this privilege for many years may tend to take it lightly, and be indifferent to the governing of our country. This state of mind is the most dangerous enemy a democratic country can have. Unless the man in the street realizes his duty to his country and exercises his franchise, he may lose this fundamental right of democracy. There are many people today who follow fanatically ideologies which are implacable enemies of our way of life. We in the Service who are pledged to defend this way of life, must make sure that it does not slip from our grasp through indifference.

The Canadian Serviceman's vote is probably the most unbiased in the country. Because political parties are not allowed to canvass the Serviceman, or try to influence his vote, in any way, we have the most truly democratic vote of any citizen. Safeguards are taken to ensure that the election is properly conducted, and the secrecy of the ballot is assured.

Polling for this Federal Election begins on the third of August, and lasts six days, till the eighth of August. This gives plenty of time of all people to cast their vote. On the station the Polling Booths will be located upstairs in the NAAFI Building, and will open from 1000 hours to 1300 hours each day of voting. There will be returning officers in attendance to give you any assistance required.

Your vote is polled in the constituency where your home is situated in Canada. If you have no permanent home in Canada, your last place of residence before coming overseas, or the home of a relative, or your last place of address before joining up.

If you are on leave during Polling Week you may go to a polling booth at CJS London, 66 Ennismore Gardens, in Paris at 35, Avenue Montaigne, or 2, 3, 4 Fighter Wings on the Continent.

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VOTE AS YOU LIKE—BUT VOTE

Para Rescue Service

By S/L D. O. COONS



S/L D. O. Coons

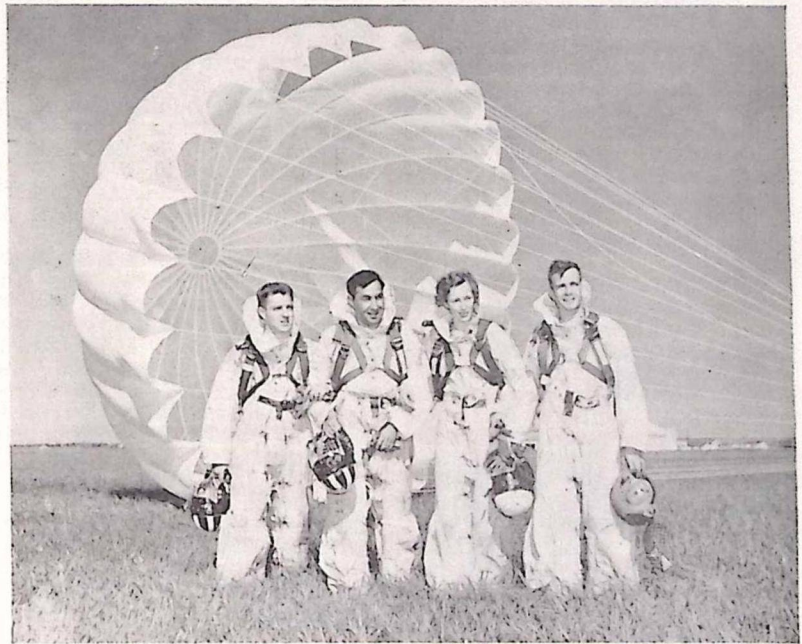
Purpose and Composition

Para Rescue training has been conducted in the RCAF rather intermittently. A total of six courses has been held since the first course in the latter years of World War II. As the number of personnel required to operate an effective service is relatively small when compared to other trades, the training is initiated only when personnel are required to fill vacancies in establishments. The original para rescue personnel were drawn from ground crew trades, notably Safety Equipment, but a few from the Air Frame and Aero Engine trades. The purpose of training technical personnel to parachute was to provide a readily mobile maintenance crew to assist aircrew who had been unfortunate enough to make an emergency landing in an inaccessible place. In a country such as Canada our aircrews are required to fly over many thousands of square miles of forest, tundra, etc., which is virtually impossible to reach by land during certain seasons. In many instances successful forced landings are made on lakes or frozen ground where it would also be possible to take the aircraft off again provided the mechanical fault which caused the emergency landing is corrected.

Development of Training

It was realized that it is not always possible to drop these personnel very close to the downed aircraft; therefore, they were trained to navigate and survive in all types of Canadian terrain from the prairies and forests to the Arctic tundra and ice. Crashes in mountains are not uncommon; therefore, the personnel had to be trained to climb. The Canadian Rockies were chosen for the training ground not only because of their proximity but for their complete variety of terrain. There are flat valleys of volcanic ash, dense untouched forests, any variety of rock formations and glaciers. As mountains go, the Rockies are considered to be "young" by geological standards. The great masses of rock and shale which were pushed up through the earth's crust have not yet been exposed to erosion by the wind and rain long enough to smooth the jagged ridges and wash away the loose pieces. For this reason the Rockies are the most dangerous mountains

in the world to climb. Glaciers are dangerous to climb no matter where they are located. During the gradual descent of a glacier great crevasses develop which may be hundreds of feet deep and a false step on the lip of one of these means certain death. Training in methods of prevention and avoidance of landslides and avalanches must be accompanied by survival instruction in these various locations as it is usually impossible to carry enough provisions for the trip and weather conditions



may prevent the supply of food by air.

The occupants of crash and forced landed aircraft are frequently subject to injuries which render them incapable of caring for themselves in the wilderness; therefore, the rescue personnel were trained in advanced methods of first aid. The larger and faster aircraft of recent years are inclined to inflict more serious injuries by virtue of their higher landing speeds. This trend, and the possibility that greater numbers of victims may be involved, resulted in the training of personnel from the Medical Branch in para rescue methods. The fifth and sixth para

rescue courses held at Edmonton and Jasper in 1951 and 1952 consisted entirely of medical personnel. The graduates include Medical Officers, Nursing Sisters and Medical Assistants who may accompany the Safety Equipment technicians as members of the para rescue team.

The training in parachute jumping is conducted entirely by experienced members of the RCAF trade specialty. These instructors are Safety Equipment technicians who have attained the status of jump masters and are actively engaged in jumping. This phase of para rescue training is usually

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Coronation Review **RAF** Odiham

1 (F) Wing Represents RCAF

Forty-eight Sabres and seventy-two officers and men from North Luffenham represented the RCAF at the Queen's Review on July 15 that at RAF Odiham. Four aircraft from each of our squadrons with pilot and crew took part in the ground display, and thirty-six in the actual fly-past. The RCAF ground display was in the first rank of aircraft and was inspected by the Queen in her drive along the more than three miles of every type of aeroplane.

The contingent from the Wing was commanded by Wing Commander Doug Lindsay, our CopsO. W/C Lindsay took charge of the ground display during the royal inspection. In the air, the thirty-six RCAF Sabres were the largest single formation in the Review. They were led by Squadron Leader Bill Gill of 441 (Silver Fox) Squadron, and aircraft from 439 (Sabre-Toothed Tiger) Squadron, and 410 Cougar Squadron, made up the flight.

RAF Station Odiham is no stranger to RCAF operations. During the Second World War several Canadian Squadrons were based there, including Number 400 City of Toronto squadron, which remained at Odiham for more than two years. In 1944 Odiham became the base for all RCAF reconnaissance units, with 400 squadron 414 Sarnia Imperials Squadron, 430 City of Sudbury Squadron, and Number 6 Mobile Field Photographic Section being stationed there, assisting in the photographing of the Normandy

coast and flying bomb sites in preparation for D-Day. It became a station of the Royal Canadian Air Force, commanded by an RCAF officer. After the war the station was used as a base for RCAF transport operations overseas, and in late 1945 120 RCAF Transport Wing was formed as a unit in 46 Group of the RAF Transport Command. The Dakotas of the wing flew on regular schedule to many points on the Continent, carrying troops, officials, displaced persons, mail and supplies of all kinds. In March 1946 the Wing flew home to Canada and the station was handed back to the RAF.

In January 1950 Canadians came once again to Odiham when 421 Squadron became the first Canadian Air Force Squadron to be based overseas in time for peace. The Squadron remained at Odiham for one year, returning to Canada on the opening of 1 Fighter Wing at North Luffenham.

The Royal Review was the largest ever to take place, and we are proud that 1 Fighter Wing was able to take such a prominent part in it. Six hundred and forty-three aircraft of 26 widely varying types, flying at speeds from 98 miles per hour to 666 miles per hour took off from 43 airfields scattered throughout the UK and were funnelled into a 33-mile air corridor leading from north west of London to Odiham. Marking the advances in Service aviation is the fact that more than 440 of

the aircraft taking part in the fly past were jet-powered bombers and fighters. Our Sabres were airborne little more than 30 minutes for the fly-past and covered close to 300 miles. They flew past the Queen at exactly 345 miles per hour. The whole impressive salute to Her Majesty in the fly-past lasted approximately 27 minutes.

Every conceivable system of control was employed to ensure that the fly-past took place with split-second timing. Teletype, telephone, radio and radar beams, and flare paths guided aircraft so that they passed the reviewing stand at precise moments, the maximum margin of error being ten seconds either way.

More than 3,000 extra officers and men, representing Commonwealth Air Force, were stationed at Odiham, most of them living in tents. Twelve hundred men were accommodated in a hangar that had been turned into a dormitory. Our personnel from North Luffenham formed the largest Common-

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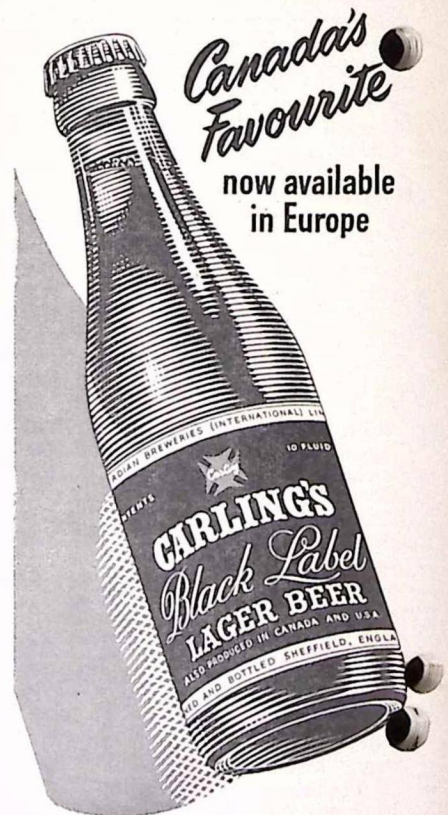
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TALEPIPE'S FIRST BIRTHDAY

By LAC F. T. Clarke

It was with somewhat of a shock that we realised this edition marks the first anniversary of Talepipe. One year ago this edition the Talepipe Committee was formed and the first copy published. Since then Talepipe has changed considerably, and as birthdays are a time for reminiscing, here goes.

Our first edition was published under the title "You Name It," and consisted of eight pages. We ran a contest for the title which was won by F/L Bob Simmons. At that time we confined ourselves to Section News with the occasional feature. F/O Harry Chalmers and F/L Don Hansen, as editors, piloted it through the first harrowing editions. As time went on we gradually increased in size and, we hope, in quality.

At the beginning of the year the newspaper became a magazine and doubled in size. More feature articles, news and general reporting was added. We put out special editions for the visits of Lord Alexander and the Duke of Edinburgh. All VIP visits were fully covered, of which there were not a few on this Station. On Battle of Britain Day we put out a special copy and sold it with some success to the British Public.

As well as reminiscing, birthdays are a time for bouquets. First to the reporters in the various sections on the Station. Without their loyalty Talepipe would never have succeeded. They have conscientiously met every deadline, and have given full coverage to their sections. And if you think finding news around a section is easy, just try it some time. Also, an apology is due to some of our reporters. Unfortunately, as much as we would like to print everything we receive, some articles have unavoidably been left out. This is due to finances. We have a budget which makes us toe the line. However, we shall endeavour to publish everything received from personnel on the station in future.

Like all committees, Talepipe personnel have changed through transfers and all the other adversities of Committees. F/L Hansen was replaced as editor by F/O Al Seitz, assisted by F/O Joe Nelligan in January, and now this month we have to say goodbye to F/O Nelligan, who is going home. We would like to take this opportunity to ex-

press our gratitude and thanks to F/O Nelligan for his help on the Talepipe during our first year. It is impossible to estimate the time and labour he devoted to the newspaper without stint. We cannot, in the space allotted to us, name every member of the Talepipe who has gone from our ranks, but we wish to thank them all, wherever they may be, for their support.

And now, a word of thanks to the people who make our newspaper possible, the advertisers. Throughout the year the business people of this country who have supported our paper with advertising have been loyal and long suffering. They have aided us in every way possible, and have looked kindly upon the mistakes which sometimes occur, even in the best of papers. Orchids to the advertisers for their help and forbearance. Support the advertisers who support us.

You will find in your copy this time a leaflet for suggestions. This is your big chance to air your beefs about Talepipe, and get into the act. Please make use of this by giving us your opinions, suggestions and ideas of what you would like to see in the Talepipe. The paper is for your benefit. We promise to act on any reasonable suggestions. Hand in your leaflet completed to any member of the committee, the Education Office, or your section reporter. Let us have your ideas, we'll do the rest.

Para Rescue Service

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touted as the most glamorous, daring and dangerous of the diverse phases; however, this attitude is greatly over-publicized. It is conceded that the parachute descent is potentially dangerous to the careless or inexperienced individual; however, it is only a means of transportation and the true worth of a para rescue jumper is measured by the skill and ability he may display on the ground after executing a safe landing. Jump training consists of many weeks of physical training and practice in the proper handling of the body on the opening of the parachute, during the descent and on landing. Training aids provide a simulation of the actual situation and the first jump is not permitted until the

trainee shows a perfect mastery of the technique. The jumpers are also taught to pack their own parachute. Ten jumps must be executed to qualify in this phase—six on open ground and four in the woods.

An elementary course in signals is given and a degree of proficiency in Morse code and Aldis lamp is required.

Requirement

Para rescue teams may be used to render aid to either military or civilian personnel in two distinct types of emergency, namely, the succour of aircraft crash survivors or medical aid to isolated communities. The service is essentially a peace-time function and is co-ordinated with the International Civil Aviation Organization. These services as such will be required only until helicopters are produced and procured in sufficient numbers to fill the need. The objective of a para rescue team is to provide immediate medical and survival aid and finally assist in evacuation of victims.

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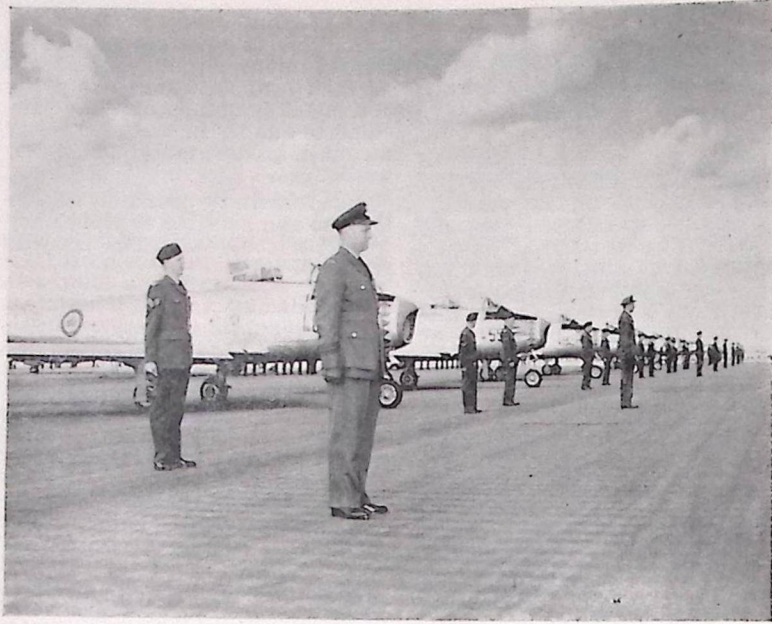
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WOMEN'S PAGE

FROM NORTH LUFFENHAM TO THE LAND OF THE SHAMROCK

By LAW J. Todhunter

The best tonic in the world, so they say, is a change of scene and now being settled in routine Station life, we airwomen have the "travel bug." "Where did you go for the week-end?" has been the topic of conversation of late and many startling answers have been brought forth—Edinburgh, London, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Brighton, Skegness, Blackpool and, of course, the North and South of Ireland.

My first venture, in collaboration with Grace Kolesar, "Newfie" Barret and Bea Uens, was to Belfast. It was to be a weekend of "firsts" for us. Our first journey on the "off again, on again" trains proved to be a trifle complicated but is now looked upon as amusing.

We found that these trains do not employ conductors to let you know when to detrain, with the result that four very bewildered airwomen stood dejectedly on a platform at the wrong station peering down a length of track looking for a train that wasn't there! Here is a refreshing thought, though—as soon as the train applies its brakes at a Station, a mobile canteen gingerly glides up to the platform and in the next few minutes there is a scurrying of passengers intent on purchasing a cup of hot tea. Yes, everything stops for tea, even transportation!

We had been told by our more "learned" friends that the Irish Sea crossing was far worse than

any ocean and visions of nausea and sea sickness took form in our minds. By the time the ship left Heysham we were safe in the arms of Morpheus, awakening at 7 a.m. the following morning with no ill effects as the ship entered Belfast harbour.

Belfast welcomed us with open arms. As we disembarked from the boat we walked headlong into a herd of cattle which we learned later, were being driven to the docks. "What'll we do now? Run? Side-track? Or stand and look stupid?" We stood. After what seemed to be an eternity, the cowpokes took their cattle elsewhere and we picked up our bags and proceeded to find Royal Avenue, Belfast's main Street.

We were surprised at the size of the city and of the many department stores, shops, and market places. "The next time I come over here I'm going to buy . . . If only I had money . . . Wouldn't Mom like a table cloth like this." These sentences were to be heard more than once as we browsed about in many of the attractive linen shops.

In our walking tour of the city we came upon a stately building of many towers, the City Hall, set in a lawn bedecked with the most colourful assortment of flowers I

have ever seen. The Parliament Buildings and Lord Carson's Statue were the next impressive sights.

Late that afternoon we became acquainted with friends of Bea who drove us from the bustling city into the pastoral countryside. Ireland certainly offers an infinite variety of scenic charm. Hills to climb or to gladden the heart by their beauty alone; streams and rivers sparkling and swift in the hills or quietly meandering in the rich pasture lands.

At Bally Aughlis we stopped at the "Homestead Inn" and had our first taste of Irish whiskey—an acquired taste it must be! To mark this occasion, Grace was given her glass as a souvenir and we the effects!

From there we drove through the village of Lisburn to stop once again, this time in Hillsborough, where the home of the Governor General of Northern Ireland, Lord Wakehurst, is situated.

We were fortunate in being given a conducted tour of this beautiful 11th century home and were awed in learning that the rooms are quite unspoiled and still possess their magnificent paneling, ceilings, and chandeliers and much of the original furniture.

Our last day was spent in the company of a very typically Irish family. It will be a long time before we will forget their splendid hospitality and their happy, cheerful personalities.

It was grand, indeed, to be in a land where the tempo of life is slower and where a note of softness predominates, be it in scenery, air, water, speech, or complexion.

FASHIONS

We hope to be able to bring to you in future editions some gen on the latest styles in Canada and the US. For this purpose we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Canadian and American magazines in the Commissary.

WOMEN OF MARRIED QUARTERS AND CARAVAN SITE

We would like to have to some news and views from the married women on this page too. If you are interested please contact LAW Todhunter or LAW Harris.

AIRWOMEN

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Those Sausages

Fried, baked or grilled sausages come to most tables every week. And although the meat content has risen in this country, unadorned sausages can become monotonous, for, as one butcher put it to me recently—it is still impossible to make both ends of a sausage meet. With that thought in my mind, I now offer you a few simple sausage "surprises," which take little time to prepare, but transform the lowly sausage into an appetising meal.

Stuffed apples make an unusual and delicious meal. Allow one large cooking apple and about 3ozs. sausage meat per person. Core the apples and remove the seeds; then scoop out most of the apple, leaving a thick shell. Chop the removed apple pulp, and mix it with the sausage meat, a little parsley, and a teaspoonful of pickle. Pack this filling into the apple shells and put them into a greased dish. Cover with grease-proof paper and bake in a moderate oven until the sausage meat is cooked. Serve hot and wait for the applause!

Another old favorite of mine is called Dover Pork, and it can be served hot or cold. The ingredients are, one pound of sausages, a couple of onions, breadcrumbs, sage, an egg, and apples for the sauce. Fry the sausages lightly to extract the fat, slice and fry the onions and drain. Mix one cup of breadcrumbs with the fried

onions and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of sage; bind with the egg, beaten in a little milk. Lay the cooked sausages in a dish and press the stuffing firmly over them. Cook for an hour in a slow oven. Serve sliced with chipped potatoes and apple sauce. Very tasty and economical. And say, Mom, did you ever try scrambled sausages? . . . makes a very pleasant supper dish and quickly and easily prepared if you have 4 or 5 previously cooked sausages on hand. Now . . . slice the sausages very thinly. Beat a couple of eggs with four dessert-spoonfuls of milk. Pour the eggs into the frying-pan and season; fold in the sausages and scramble. Serve the sausage, scramble on toast, and garnish with a dash of paprika pepper. This dish takes less than 15 minutes to fix.

When I was a kid, a great favorite of the family was, Sausage and Tomato Pie. . . . As a nourishing, economical, filling meal it is hard to beat, so here's how . . . For this you will need a pound of good sausages, a pound of cooked potatoes, one small onion, two tomatoes, and a quarter of a pint of stock. Fry the sausages with the onion, then skin and slice them, put half the sausage into a dish, then the onion and sliced tomato. Season and add the rest of the sausage. Cover with mashed potato, and decorate the top with fork markings. Put dabs of butter on top, and brown in a hot oven. Serves four.

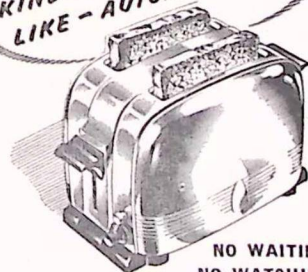
Pressure Cookers

Whilst I have no intention of using the columns of your Station newspaper as an advertising medium for Pressure Cookers, I would like to point out, at this time, what a boon these cookers are. Pressure cookery is a "pet subject" of mine, and believe it or not,—way back in 1937,—I was demonstrating the use of them at The Ideal Home Exhibition, Olympia, London.

Now, as then, I still maintain that it is one of the most efficient and useful kitchen utensils a housewife could have, and for a score of reasons. Any food that

cooks successfully in a covered saucepan, will cook faster and more beautifully in a Pressure cooker. Now, fast cooking in very little water, conserves both flavor and food value, not forgetting fuel and time. Whilst every household could use a pressure cooker with great benefit, it is of special value to those who have little time for cooking and must always cook in a hurry. With these people, there is the danger of having too little variety in meals. For example, they are forced to buy the tender expensive cut of meat that can be pan-fried or broiled, such as chops and steaks. BUT IF THEY HAD A PRESSURE COOKER they could purchase a wide variety of inexpensive cuts for pot-roasts and stews, and the less tender variety meats such as tongue and heart—both rich in protein, as indeed is most offal.

Of course, one of the greatest features of the cooker is that whole meals can be cooked TOGETHER in the same pot. I well remember that during our demonstrations at Olympia, we would cook onions, prunes, dried peas, potatoes, and apple pudding, side by side in the same cooker. All would be perfectly cooked, and would retain its own characteristic flavor, which in the opinion of the writer, is really something! Imagine, onions and apples together, and no mixing of flavors. Unfortunately space does not permit the full story, but believe me, I could go on writing, and writing in favor of this swell cooker, which should have a place in every home.



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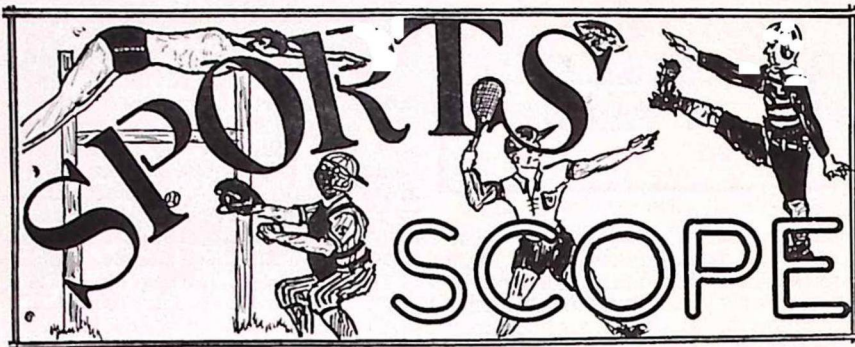
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SWIMMING

By "PETE" DRUDGE.

This month marks the first anniversary of the Station Swimming Club. The intention of the Club when first formed was to organise a competitive swimming team; however, due to the movement of personnel and the limited facilities and time available, the crowds of airmen, and, women personnel, turned out just for an evening's swim, the Club has operated on a recreational basis only.

I'm sure most everyone has visited the newly-procured pool at Northampton. This pool is one of the finest indoor pools in the country with Turkish baths also available at the individual's own expense.

The coming October, the RCAF has been invited to compete in the "Britannia Shield Competitions" to be held in London. The sport events to be held are swimming, fencing, rifle shooting and boxing. The "Britannia Shield Competitions" originated during the "Battle of Britain" in the early '40s, when the Allied Forces in the country decided to keep sports going, in spite of the war. Today it has developed into an Armed Forces 'Olympics,' with some Olympic contenders participating. Among the various Allied Forces participating this year are the RAF, USAF, FAF, RCAF, and forces of Belgium, The Netherlands and Greece, to name only a few. This is the first time the RCAF has entered a team in these competitions, and, in choosing a combined team from 1 (F) Wing and Station Langar, it is hoped that an effective team will result.

Some of the men already selected to represent the swimming team are F/L Marshall of CJS, London (a one-time Olympic swimmer), Cpl. Beaton, F/O Sills (439 Sqn.), LAC Bradford, LAC Gallager (Langar), LAC Hale (Langar), and LAC Drudge (439 Sqn.). All personnel interested in participating are requested to contact F/L Palmer, the Station Sports Officer.

A training programme is being established, however details not yet available.

Until next edition, when there will be more news from "DAVY JONES' LOCKER"—SO LONG !!

Baseball

The station Baseball Team is playing excellent ball these days, and is on top of the Nottingham Baseball League — followed by Langar RCAF Team.

The games for this weekend are away at Nottingham so our local boys won't have a chance to see the boys in action.

The Ball players are doing their bit, how about the spectators? Surely the station can get out more fans!!

If you can't play sport—be a sport!

Softball

Inter-unit Softball came up with some bitterly fought contests during the past few weeks, with the "Old Guard," the Sgt's Mess, on top of the league.

The standings are as follows:

	Plyd	Won	Lost	F	A	%
Sgts' Mess	10	9	1	105	72	.500
441 Sqn	12	8	4	176	127	.666
439 Sqn	12	6	6	75	106	.500
Tech Wing "A"	8	4	4	86	70	.500
Tech Wing "B"	7	3	4	88	91	.428
439 Airmen	10	4	6	86	90	.400
410 Sqn	6	2	4	65	88	.333
Headquarters	10	2	8	95	127	3.00

Tennis

In spite of very poor weather this month, our tennis "giants" have been getting in some practice on the various station courts. A team has been chosen as a station representative and some very interesting matches are being arranged with outside competition from Cottesmore, Langtoft and Oakham. Team members are as follows: S/L Brown, F/L Joy, Sgt Bergeron, Cpl Ryan, LACs Bates, Gingras and Heakes. There is room for more team members, so come along and get into the "swim." Team positions are not permanent and will be chosen from time to time.

Station championship tournaments are planned for August—so watch your DROs for further announcements. LAC Tupper of

HE Hangar is your station tennis representative!! Call him at any time for further information.

Archery

We have some better news for our archery fans this month! A site has been chosen for an archery range and instructors are now available. Two targets will be set up adjacent to B.B. 56.

Archery equipment is available in suitable quantity to start a station club. It is expected that this will be in operation by Monday, July 27th.

Watch your DRO's for further information—or call WO Edey at 73—or Sports Stores 22 (1).

Fencing

The Black Feathers Fencing Club has been hard at work for the past month—the goal being the "Britannia Shield" competition—to take place in October. This competition is of international aspect, and is of very high calibre.

Several members, in the opinion of our very fine instructors, Mr. Downes and Mr. Lily, are showing real promise. This is a very commendable showing, as fencing is not a popular sport in Canada, and very few clubs sponsor this activity.

Some of the outstanding members of the club are:

- Foil—LAC Skomorok
- Epee—LAC Gratton
- Sabre—F/O Moore and LAC Gosselin—also LAC's Heel and St. Pierre.

The airwomen are well represented by Cpl Anderson and LAW Todhunter and others.

The members of this club are now at a stage of proficiency that outside competition is looked for as a further test of their proficiency.

This sport is open to all station personnel and expert instruction is always available.

Monday evening is the regular practice night at BB 57. Drop around and see this very interesting sport!

WOLF CUB HOWLS

By "AKELA."

The picture on the centre page shows one of the high-lights of a recent visit by the Rev. H. V. Prytherch, District Commissioner for Scouts and Cubs to our local Wolf Cub Pack. He was addressing the lads in the council circle telling them that boys of cub age might well take the Rutland County motto "Multum in Parvo" (Much in little), as a personal standard to strive for. He painted a comparative picture whereby he stressed the fact that, as with Rutland County, which is the smallest in England, it isn't the physical size that makes one "Big" in the eyes of the onlooker but the quality of their achievements. He said that although the boys of cub age may be small in size, they could be big in the eyes of the public, not necessarily by the quantity of their achievements, but by the quality of them. That is food for us grown ups too, isn't it?

Another interesting fact brought out by the DC was that this is one of the very few packs in the world where young lads from two different countries have joined together as a group. The Canadian and the English boys in this group are a good example of the spirit of scouting in which boys, regardless of their nationality, colour or creed, can work and play together towards a common end.

During the DC's visit four of the "recruits" — Rodney Tibbert (Eng.), Roger Lay (Can.), Michael Arnull (Eng.) and Ronnie Bowes (Can.), were invested as members of the world-wide brotherhood of Scouts in an impressive ceremony which hasn't changed since it was started by the Founder of the movement, Lord Baden Powell, a good many years ago.

The last regular meeting of the pack before closing down for the summer was held on Wednesday, the 22nd July. It is expected that any boys not away on holidays will be called together occasionally for special functions during this period, and, of course, the lads are encouraged to continue their test work throughout the summer. They resume regular pack meeting on the 9th September, when we hope to be in our new quarters.

Leo Lalonde, sixer for the yellow six, has had the honour of leading his six through good attendance, good conduct, good sportsmanship

and best advancement in test work to the position of best six for the period and winning for the first time the coveted penant. Congratulations are in order to Leo and his six. he writer is sorry to say that Leo will be leaving the pack shortly to return to Canada. Leo spoke only French when he came over here two years ago, and in that period has not only learned to speak English fluently, but has progressed so well at school as to head his class on the completion of the school year. A record to be proud of.

Michael Hale, another of our sixers, will also be leaving for Canada, in the near future, after nearly two years' good work with the pack. All the lads join with the writer in wishing these two lads continued success and good hunting when they join their new packs back in Canada.

Editorial

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their ideas, suggestions, articles, pictures and, and anything they would like to see in the Talepipe. Material may be placed in the hands of LAW Grace Harris or myself, Education Office, or any member of the Talepipe Committee.

Let's go all out to make this page reflect the influence of "WOMAN," at North Luff.

VISIT FROM ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

The weekend of 17-18 July saw some sparkling competition between teams of the HMCS Ontario and RCAF, North Luffenham.

Two games of Basketball, and two softball games were played. The Navy boys won at Basketball—but lost both softball games to our station representatives.

The Basketball games were fast and furious with the Navy showing a bit more accuracy in their shooting. The scores for these games were: 35-27 and 56-39 for the Navy.

Our Softball team, led by F/L Neil Burns, and with the able pitching of Warrant Officer "Dad" Thompson, were too strong for the "Ontario" boys and came up with two very popular wins. Both games were close and hard fought, the fielding gem of the series was Weston's snaring of an impossible line drive for a double play.

Polling Gen

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It is estimated that in each of the 263 electoral districts in Canada the Service vote will amount to 400. This is quite sufficient to turn the tide of any party. The Service has a large say in the elections, and must be reckoned with. Use your vote in any way your conscience tells you, BUT VOTE !!!

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SHOULD THE ROSENBERGS HAVE DIED ?

By CPL. D. R. HOGAN.

(Ed. Note.—The object of this article is to attempt to obtain a number of "Letters to the Editor" either expressing approval or disapproval of the views set out below. It should be stated (in case Senator McCarthy reads this article) that the writer never has been, is not, and never will be, a member or sympathizer of the Communist ideology. The views expressed are those of the writer and not necessarily those of the RCAF, or Talepipe.)

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg are dead. They died in the electric chair in Sing Sing death chamber June 20, 1953. But, should they have died?

Set out below is a brief resume of their long trial and many appeals:

- Aug. 17, 1950—Grand Jury charges in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York that "Julius Rosenberg, Ethel Rosenberg, and Anatoli A. Yakovlev, also known as 'John,' the defendants herein, did, in the United States of America then and there being at war . . . conspire, combine, confederate and agree, with intent and reason to believe that it would be used to the advantage of a foreign nation, to wit, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, to communicate, deliver and transmit to a foreign government, and representatives and agents thereof, directly, and indirectly, documents, writings, sketches, notes and information relating to the National Defence of the United States of America."
- Jan. 31, 1951—Grand Jury files a superseded indictment charging the Rosenbergs, Yakovlev, Sobell and David Greenglass with conspiring to transmit defense secrets to Soviet Russia.
- Mar. 29, 1951—Jury in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York finds the Rosenbergs and Sobell "guilty as charged" of conspiring to deliver atom-bomb plans to Soviet Russia. Greenglass had pleaded guilty.
- April 5, 1951—Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman sentences the Rosenbergs to death and Sobell to 30 years' imprisonment.
- Apr. 6, 1951—Judge Kaufman sentences Greenglass to 15 years' imprisonment.
- Feb. 25, 1952—Circuit Court of Appeals, "after it had scrutinized the record with extraordinary care," affirms the death sentence.
- Oct. 13, 1952—Supreme Court refuses to hear appeals of the Rosenbergs and Sobell.
- Nov. 17, 1952.—Supreme Court refuses for the second time to grant a hearing to the Rosenbergs and Sobell.
- Nov. 21, 1952—Judge Kaufman sets weeks for Jan. 12, 1953, for the execution of the Rosenbergs.
- Dec. 10, 1952—Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan refuses to stay execution and denies motions to set convictions aside.
- Dec. 31, 1952—Court of Appeals upholds the ruling denying retrial of the Rosenbergs and Sobell.
- Jan. 2, 1953—Judge Kaufman denies appeal.
- Jan. 5, 1953—Judge Kaufman offers a stay of execution to the Rosenbergs on the condition that they apply to President Truman for clemency.
- Jan. 11, 1953—Rosenbergs seek Presidential (Truman) clemency.
- Feb. 11, 1953—President Eisenhower denies clemency plea.
- Feb. 16, 1953—Judge Kaufman sets week of March 9 for execution.
- Feb. 17, 1953—Court of Appeals grants new stay of execution pending review of the case by the Supreme Court.
- May 24, 1953—Justice Department sources indicate that the Rosenbergs might have a chance for clemency if they would tell what they know about espionage.
- May 25, 1953—Supreme Court rejects petition for a hearing on the Rosenberg case for third time.
- May 29, 1953—Judge Kaufman sets week of June 15 for execution.
- June 15, 1953—Supreme Court votes against reviewing Rosenbergs case, against a defense appeal for a special writ of habeas corpus and against a motion for a stay of execution.
- June 17, 1953—Justice William Douglas orders stay of execution.
- June 18, 1953—Supreme Court revokes stay of execution and denies a new motion for a postponement of the sentence.

The Rosenbergs died for filching the secrets of the Atom Age.

(Canada had a somewhat similar expose in 1945, when Igor Gouzenko, a member of the Russian Embassy staff, exposed many Canadians, including a Labor-Progressive Member of Parliament with giving secrets to the Russians. Not one of them was sentenced to death).

The Vatican, which made two appeals, one, a letter to President Eisenhower and the other a radio commentary broadcast over the Vatican radio, said that world civilization was "at the crossroads" in the Rosenberg case, but it carefully distinguished between Catholic appeals for mercy for the condemned couple and "propaganda" appeals by Communists in their behalf. Many Catholic Bishops, including Maurice Cardinal Feltin of Paris, appealed for clemency for the couple.

The action taken by the Pope can be best described as "timely, delicate and fatherly."

The plebiscite for saving the Rosenbergs was world-wide. From all corners of the earth, from rich men to poor men, came the call for pity—for mercy.

It is the opinion of the writer that the Rosenbergs should NOT have died.

What is your opinion?

(Replies should be addressed to The Editor, Talepipe, and not to the writer).

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By Miss M. A. Ball

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Coming Shortly

"I Flew For the Fuhrer."—Heinz Knoke.

This is the outstanding autobiography of Heinz Knoke, one of the German Fighter Pilots of World War II. As a contrast to the many accounts of British and American air-war experiences, this first-

hand record from the other side makes fascinating reading.

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Those who fought against the Luftwaffe and all students of Germany's role in the war will find this an absorbing and revealing document.

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come along and spend an evening playing your favourite records or reading your favourite literature.

Para Rescue Service

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Organization

At the present time a para rescue team consists of three and preferably four members. The senior member of the team is the jumpmaster, one is a Safety Equipment Technician (SETech), one is a Medical Assistant (MedA) and the fourth may be either SETech or MedA as the occasion demands. In addition, Medical Officers and Nursing Sisters may be dropped if required in the circumstances, viz: at the request of the MedA for the care of serious injury or in the presence of women and children.

Presently para rescue sections are associated with the Rescue Co-ordination Centres at Sea Island, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Trenton and Greenwood. There are detachments at Whitehorse, Fort Churchill and Tore Bay. There are approximately sixty trained personnel in the medical and safety equipment trades today.

Activities and Record

The majority of the trained personnel are able to continue their activities through their association with rescue units and unfortunately some are stationed where it is impossible to continue regular practice.

The Service has established a creditable record of rescue accomplishments as reported in the press which are too numerous to relate here in detail. Some of the personnel have received official recognition through mention-in-despatches and higher decorations. The "esprit-de-corps" of this group is splendid and has been attained through the patient counsel and training of the Para Rescue School staff in providing the example and demanding a high standard of proficiency. One of the greatest lessons to be learned from this course is how to work as a member of a well integrated team.

One of the hopes of the para rescue personnel is that the request for approval of the design and authority to wear a para-rescue wing will be given reconsideration at AFHQ. These personnel are the only parachutists in North America who are not entitled to wear a wing.

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By F/O H. C. D. CHALMERS

Canada's Armed Forces' vote may be a decisive factor in the election results of some constituencies. If the margin in any one constituency is less than five hundred, the result would be doubtful until the service votes were in. This is because there are, roughly, four hundred service votes per constituency (105,000 votes decided by 265 Federal ridings).

Servicemen who enlisted before July, 1952, have the option of three different residences. They can vote in constituencies where they lived on enlistment, where they lived while on a posting, or where their next of kin are living.

The service vote will be held 3 to 8 August. The count will be taken at Edmonton, Ottawa, Halifax, London, and Kure Japan, and will be begun the day after civilian polling day.

Service ballots are of the write-in-variety. The voter gives his name and address to the special returning officer, who gives him a pamphlet containing the names and political affiliations for that riding. The servicemen then writes out the name of his choice on the ballot. They are sealed individually, the count is taken and the results will be telegraphed to the chief electoral officer on 15 August, 1953.

A fight between the major political parties and the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) seems to be inevitable. Since all the major parties have advocated some sort of state health insurance the CMA have announced that they "will not stand idly by" if a trend towards socialized medicine continues in this country. They propose to call a "special" meeting and tell the Government in power that CMA standards cannot be jeopardised by the interests of "political expediency."

Dr. Charles W. Burns, of Winnipeg, new president of the association, has further stated that the CMA has a tradition "as old as historic man" and standards "which I hope will continue to stand the test of time." Dr. Burns failed to say just what their standards are, or what they have to do with socialized medicine, but no doubt that will be clarified once the struggle is begun.

For the fifth consecutive month this year Canada has had a foreign trade deficit. Increased imports during May (\$422,200,000) were the cause of this \$37,200,000 deficit. The Bureau of Statistics reported that the total deficit of the first five months of 1953 stands at \$209,900,000. There was a surplus of \$114,800,000 for the same period last year.

Further studies of Canadian foreign trade indicate that while Canada's trade gap with the U.S. widened, Britain's gap in Canadian trade continued to narrow. Canadian imports from Britain increased in May from \$33,200,000 last year to \$42,200,000 this year, while exports were down from \$87,800,000 to \$68,500,000. This leaves a surplus of \$25,300,000 compared to a \$54,600,000 surplus in May last year.

One of the most significant things to come out of the Coronation was the demonstration of how far-reaching can be the influence of television. The transmission of the Coronation parades and ceremonies proved that television is to be an important factor in the culture of the future.

Millions on both this side of the Atlantic and in North America sat in on the Coronation proceedings

and gained a new sense of their nature and significance. This was made possible by special cable and radio links with France, Belgium, Holland, and Western Germany, and by the flying of films in a Canberra to Goose Bay and thence to Montreal.

The extremely wide coverage of the programmes and their consequently great influence pointed out conclusively the need for a sense of responsibility on the part of those controlling television, be they business men or government officials.

TAXES

Taxes: Lower or Higher? This is apparently the top issue in Canadian elections this August.

Hon. George Drew, National Progressive Conservative Leader, charged the Liberal Government with extravagance and inefficiency. He also promised to reduce taxes by at least five hundred million dollars.

In the CCF Manifesto, National Leader M. J. Coldwell promised to erect 100,000 new homes a year, introduce immediate national health insurance and reduce income taxes for low income people.

Prime Minister St. Laurent, speaking at Windsor, Ontario, answered Progressive Conservative

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and CCF pledges by saying the Liberals were not going to compete with other parties in making "empty promises and trying to raise exaggerated hopes." The M has also been emphasizing defence and the necessity of taking measures which will avoid another great depression. Furthermore, like Drew, and Coldwell, he has promised a health insurance scheme in the near future.

United Kingdom

Coronation Amnesty for War-time Deserters

It was recently announced in the British House of Commons, that as a special measure during Coronation year, an amnesty would be granted to all those who had deserted from the Forces between 3rd September, 1939, and 15th August, 1945, and that men awaiting trial or serving a sentence for desertion between those dates would be released.

Figures later released by the Service Departments indicated that the number affected would be as follows:

Army	10,393
R.A.F	1,787
Royal Navy and Marine Personnel	863

It was also stated that men applying for amnesty would receive a "protection certificate" and would be transferred to the appropriate Reserve as in ordinary demobilisation.

WHAT'S COOKING BY "PINKY"

By LAC Moody

Due to things beyond our control the news from this section have been omitted for some time, but we will give you a quick report on the highlights of the past two months.

First of importance being the dinner for the Duke of Edinburgh, which went off very well, only casualty being Sgt Hart, who bit his nails to his elbow, and now has for sale one set of nail clippers and a dashing ring. Things are back to normal after that escapade, and the lads are back from the Coronation at London, with a few snaps I trust.

We have lost to the Continent some of our finest Cpls, namely, Jarvis, Seymour and Rodgers, also Sgt. MacCrindle. We had a little get together and wished the lads luck in their new camp. This month we lose some more of our staff in the persons of Flight-Sgt Bob Little and Cpl. McNulty. Bob is going to dear old Clinton, and Mac to Germany, so cheers and good luck to the both of you. To Bob we say thanks for a job well done; it's been good to work for you, and we know too well what you have had to put up with. Oh, well, maybe the new flight will have grey hair, anyway.

Preference posting forms are in for most of the lads due to go home, and some of them have chosen to stay for another brief

term; among them LAC's Fleet, Lozier, and Beaudry. LAC Willan had the misfortune of getting in an accident while on leave, but will be back with us soon. Summer leave is in the offing and the lads are all waiting their turn, hoping to get the right weather for it.

Cpl. Bobby McGowan has left the ranks of the bachelors and joined the happy married folks. Congratulations to you both, and the best in the years to come. Maybe you will have a decent meal now.

We would like to welcome to our happy gang LAC Henry Delorme, just over from the Continent, and may you have a good stay.

Cpl. Edgson has really been putting his new sabre over the road, and has over 1,500 miles on her. Nearly time for another bill, or better still, a new bike, because it does things for you. Makes you wish you had a car.

Our new darts enthusiast is Bill "Hammy" Hamilton, and does he wow them. He still won't tell how he gets the double one; but he missed one night, and yells someone put that board back in the proper place.

One of the Air Gals asked George, the dish man, if he broke a dish very often, and George said nope, only once.

Well, that's it for this month; we shall sign off and see you all again next issue.

CHEERS FROM WHAT'S COOKING.

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As of 18th March, applications for "protection certificates" has been received from 1,228 Army and 306 R.A.F. deserters.

Soviet Union—Further Price Reductions

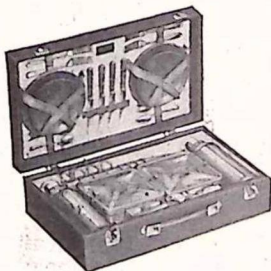
The Soviet Government and the Central Committee of the Communist Party recently announced the sixth all round price reduction since 1947.

Reductions ranging from five per cent. on grape wines to fifty per cent on potatoes, carrots, cabbages, apples, etc., included fifteen per cent. on meats, eleven per cent. on vodka, twenty-five per cent. on electric bulbs, and ten per cent. on watches.

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field formations and the reason they can move silently is because all commands are made by hand signal. Why do they appear after six? Because these chaps are all volunteer members of 1 (F) Wing's Shock Flight, and are studying and practicing advanced tactics, fieldcraft, specialist weapons *ON THEIR OWN TIME*. The shock Flight deserves a lot of credit—not only are they doing themselves a lot of physical good (and having a good time doing it),

standardized equipment. As more becomes available, they'll have "first-call" on it—Walkies-talkies, special weapons, protective clothing, emergency rations. They be doing over-night bivouacs participating in exercise in co-operation with British, U.S. and Canadian forces. The Shock Flight is compact, and rather select, but if you think you have what it takes, you will have the chance of being chosen in competition with other recruits. Telephone the SDefO at 136, or F/O Nielson of 441(F) Sqn.



you do observe closely you will note that suddenly in an open, level space, they will stop, quickly form a large horseshoe pattern and begin a series of odd movements—all in time, as one. Hands over head, swaying to right,—front,—left; bending to right,—front—left. A long pause with arms outstretched—? They seem to be holding a stick or baton in their hands—?

No, they are not the devotees of an Eastern religion, nor a manifestation of those old friends of the RCAF — gremlins! If you move a little closer to these types next time they appear, you'll find that they are wearing Combat clothes and steel helmets. They're armed with the latest in semi-automatics and sub-machine guns. Their formations are all tactical,

but are training for the role of nucleus to this Wing's Defence Forces.

This flight's main *raison d'être* is of course, an operational one. One of the Principles of Defence dictates an Aggressive policy. This flight will be the teeth of that plan. In time of emergency, the Shock Flight will counter, or at least weaken any blow before it can fall upon the not so highly-trained body of station personnel. The flight has many training functions to discharge as well. It serves as a well trained "Enemy" force, or as a counter-attack force in manoeuvres and exercises. Reactions learned in the relatively inexpensive "staged" battle can be immeasurably valuable in the Real Things. To date, this flight has been working with new, but

DID I SAY THAT . . .

Christians are allowed only one wife. This is called monotony.

Etc. is a sign used to make believe you know more than you do.

Derivation of "hypothesis": Hippo, horse, thesis placing. Putting something on a horse.

Soto Voce: In a drunken voice.

Rhubarb is a kind of celery gone bloodshot.

Marconi is used to make delicious puddings.

A grass widow is the wife of a dead vegetarian.

A fan is a thing you brush the warm off with.

An epistle is the wife of an apostle.

The Philistines are islands in the Pacific.

Noah's wife was Joan of Arc.

Where was the Magna Carta signed? At the bottom.

An Isolationist is a man who prefers making money by himself.

Louis XVI was gelatinated.

To keep milk from turning sour you should keep it in the cow.

Mandolines are high officials in China.

A circle is a line of no depth running round a dot for ever.

H.H.H.

CAPITAL REPORT BY MATTHEW HALTON

Matthew Halton, London correspondent of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, is one of Canada's most distinguished journalists and political commentators. Mr. Halton has kindly permitted us to reprint the following radio speech which he broadcast to Canada on July 5th.

There have been some mighty big doings in Britain since my last talk in this programme. Take cricket—if you can take cricket. Such was the tension in the test match against Australia the other day that the BBC's television commentator said: "The strain is almost more than flesh and blood can bear." Then there was the tennis at Wimbledon. And the interviews with the men who climbed Everest. There was the Christie murder case and its aftermath of terrible doubt—the awful fear that an innocent man may have been hanged. There was the reported news, also, that Princess Margaret had been crossed in love. There was the controversy about sponsored television. But the biggest news, of course, the news that will matter when even the cricket match is forgotten, is that Sir Winston Churchill was forced by exhaustion to relinquish for a time the active direction of British affairs, and that the Bermuda conference is therefore postponed.

Let's dispose first of the persistent rumour that Churchill's illness is "diplomatic"—that the Bermuda conference was postponed at Washington's request. Now it's true that Washington was unhappy about the conference; and that when it was postponed there was an only partly stifled sigh of relief there. But can anyone imagine Churchill taking to his bed, for diplomatic or any other reasons, unless he had to? Especially in this case, today, when he believes there may be a tide in the affairs of men which must be taken at the flood.

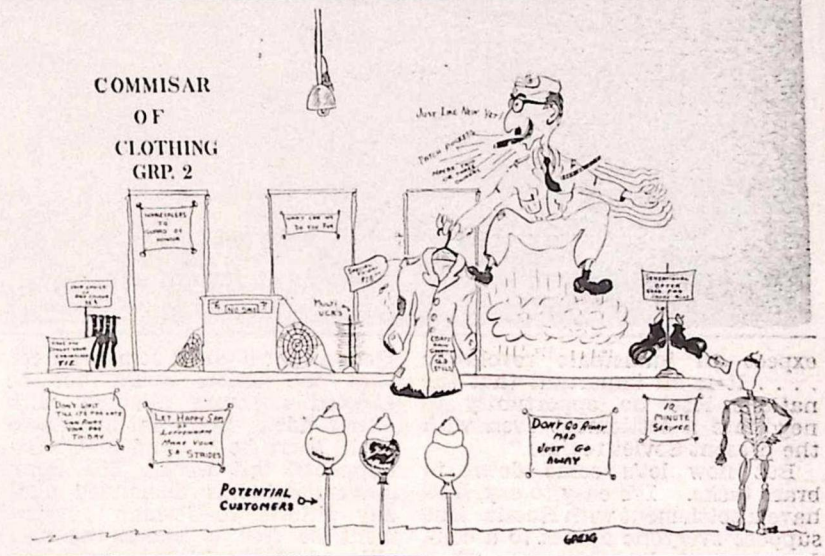
Sir Winston and most of the British believe there should be a top level conference with the Russian leaders now. In his famous speech eight weeks ago he appealed for a conference "with-

out long delay"—because such a conference might bring "a generation of peace." Events since then—notably the wave of riots and strikes that swept through East Germany—seem to the British to have reinforced their argument. Washington believes they have weakened it—and this attitude causes real anxiety in London.

When the West was unarmed and in danger, Washington said: "This is no time to negotiate with Russia. Let's re-arm—and then we'll be able to negotiate from

showing himself to be so brittle that Jack didn't even bother to have a conference with him, but just sat down and waited for him to crumble to bits."

The news from the Soviet world has certainly been encouraging. The East German riots have clearly thrown the Kremlin and the Cominform into disarray. But this has evoked wild hopes that may be dupes. Senator Wiley says Russia is a "desperate, fear-ridden giant, sitting on the powder keg of satellite peoples—a keg that could blow sky high overnight"; and he says we should now "tell Russia to evacuate Germany, liberate Poland, disband the satellite armies and so on. This would be awful nice, of course—but what



strength." Now the West is re-armed, and in a posture of defence—but Washington says: "This is no time to negotiate with Russia. The Soviet empire shows signs of cracking up. At least it's in serious trouble. If we wait we may get many more concessions from Russia."

At which the French paper *Le Monde* comments: "One day the Americans expect bombs on New York and San Francisco, the next day they say Russia is collapsing." And David Lowe's cartoon in the *Manchester Guardian* shows Auntie John Foster Dulles reading bedtime stories to a cradle full of happy children—the children being the Senate. The Aunt is reading: "And suddenly the wicked Soviet giant stepped on a banana peel in East Germany and fell down, fracturing his tibia and

if it's not true? The British, anyway, don't think it's true. Neither, incidentally, do the Yugoslavs, who know their Russia pretty well! Edward Kardely, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, said the other day: "The internal crisis in the Soviet Union has begun, but it would be a dangerous illusion to

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expect an immediate revolution It is all important that the nations lose no opportunity to negotiate a settlement even with the present Soviet regime."

But now let's come down to brass tacks. It's easy to say, let's have a settlement with Russia. But suppose everyone agrees to a conference, including Moscow: what shall we have a conference about?

And there's only one answer. We come back at once, as we always must, to the biggest problem in the world: Germany. All roads lead to Berlin. As long as the cold war lasts, Germany will be the main cause of it. And if there's a hot war—Germany will be the cause.

Our western fears have suddenly decreased. We want reunification of Germany, with free elections, because we think a united Germany would throw her hand in with us.

But is Russia likely to accept that? The main object of Russian policy for several years has been to prevent the integration of a re-armed West Germany into the NATO system. Is she likely to allow the integration of all Germany into the NATO system?

Russia might accept a united

Germany if it could be guaranteed that the union would not be allowed to make alliances with either side. But what guarantee could there be? And look what happened last week. The Bonn government has demanded that any future all-German government be free to choose its own allies—and the high commissioners of Britain, the United States and France have just agreed to that demand. That, perhaps, is the biggest news of the week. For the first time the West has said that a condition for German unity is that the union be allowed to choose its own friends.

I have heard an expert in the British Foreign Office say in des-

pair: "There's no solution of the German problem! I give up!"

But we can't even get around to discussing it with Russia. The Bermuda conference is postponed, perhaps indefinitely. Mr. John Dulles doesn't want talks with Russia—he thinks we've got Russia on the run. The western allies are divided among themselves. And a great opportunity may be lost.

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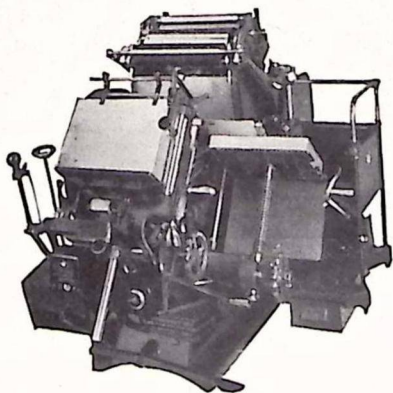
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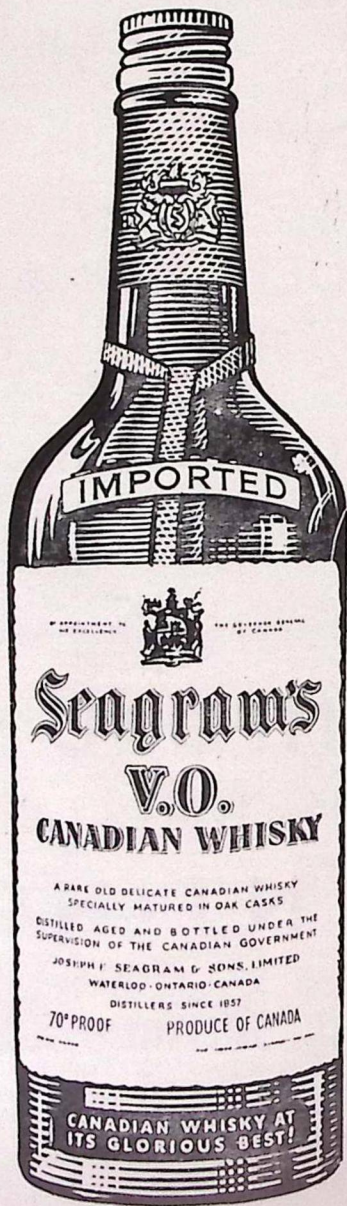
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