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The Tumbleweed

CFS Alsask, Sask. Nov '13

Why Wear A Poppy?

"Please wear a poppy," the lady said
 And held one out, but I shook my head.
 Then I stopped and watched as she
 offered them there,
 And her face was old and lined with
 care;
 But beneath the scars the years had made
 There remained a smile that refused to
 fade.
 A boy came whistling down the street,
 Bouncing along on care-free feet.
 His smile was full of joy and fun,
 "Lady," said he, "may I have one?"
 When she pinned one on he turned to say,
 "Why do we wear a poppy today?"
 The lady smiled in her wistful way
 And answered, This is Rememberance Day,
 And the poppy there is the symbol for
 The gallant men that died in the war.
 And because of them, you and I are free-
 That's why we wear a poppy, you see.
 "I had a boy about your size,
 With golden hair and big blue eyes.
 He loved to play and jump and shout,
 Free as a bird he would race about,
 As the years went by he learned and grew
 An became a man - as you will, too."
 "He was fine and strong, with a boyish
 smile,
 But he'd seemed with us such a little
 while
 When war broke out and he went away.
 I still remember his face that day
 When he smiled at me and said, "Goodbye,
 I'll soon be back, Mom, so please don't
 cry."

But the war went on and he had to stay,
 And all I could do was wait and pray.
 His letters told of the awful fight,
 (I can see it still in my dreams at
 night)
 With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed
 wire,
 And the mines and bullets, the bombs and
 fire.
 "Till at last, at last, the war was won-
 And that's why we wear a poppy, son,"
 The small boy turned as if to go,
 Then said, "Thanks, lady, I'm glad to
 know.
 That sure did sound like an awful fight,
 But your son - did he come back all
 right?"
 A tear rolled down each faded cheek;
 She shook her head, but didn't speak.
 I slunk away in a sort of shame,
 And if you were me you'd done the same;
 For our thanks, in giving is oft
 delayed,

Though our freedom was bought- and
 thousands paid!
 And so when we see a poppy worn,
 Let us reflect on the burden borne
 By those who gave their very all
 When asked to answer their country's
 call
 That we at home in peace might live.
 Then wear a poppy! Remember- and Give!

Letters 'n things

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Editor Tumbleweed

To the Commanding Officer and Armed Forces personel, who attended the funeral of Mr. Raymond Lafortune, 25 honour gaurds. We send our thanks, because of you he will rest in peace. Our many thanks.

Mrs. Louise Lafortune and family.

One Hundred Years of Air Reserve

The Ram and the Wildcat are celebrating a century of service in September of 1984, fifty years each in the Air Reserve. The invitations are not out yet and the final date is not fixed, but 401 "City of Westmount" Squadron and 438 "City of Montreal" Squadron are planning for a big bash in early September next year. They want all past members to come to the individual and combined activites. The search is on now to gather the clans. For more information, write to:

"RAM 50" or "Wildcat 50"
Hangar 10
Canadian Forces Base
Montreal
St Hubert, Quebec
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C.F.S Alsask Teen Town

Once again the teens have come together to form Teen Town. The executive body consists of:

President: Gerald Lefler 2369
Vice President: Rob Roy 2375
Treasurer: Sherry Barker 2322
Secretary: Tammy Krepps 2659
Entertainment: Scott Jackson 2687
Publicity: Cindy Belanger 2215

With a total of 31 active members. The purpose of Teen Town is to give teens a place to go and learn to be responsible young adults.

The teens held a Slave Day in which they hired themselves out for odd jobs, in order to raise funds to cover the expenses for the Hallowe'en party for the pre-teen generation. Paying out credit, where credit is due, the only outside help these kids recieved, was the use of the Rec. Centre.

The efforts on the part of the teenagers, should be commended and supported by the adults of C.F.S. Alsask. We would like to thank the parents who supported Slave Day.

The teens also worked on the Terry Fox Run held in September.

Teen Town took on the local sports buffs at a game of floor hockey on Thursday night. The game was quite good and close in score, with the older generation winning, actually both sides won as we all had a good time, and that is the main objective. Of course, as in all games there is always a little humor. A question for Mike Hartry, "How can such a small girl bring down such a big fellow?" Any reply Mike?

We would like to thank everyone for coming out to the game, and a special thanks to the single personnel, without their help, the game would not have been possible. By the way fella's Teen Town wants a challenge at Volleyball next.

The teens are planning a Badminton tournament for the near future.

They have also been asked and agreed to serve at a tea and bazar in Nov. to assist another community service.

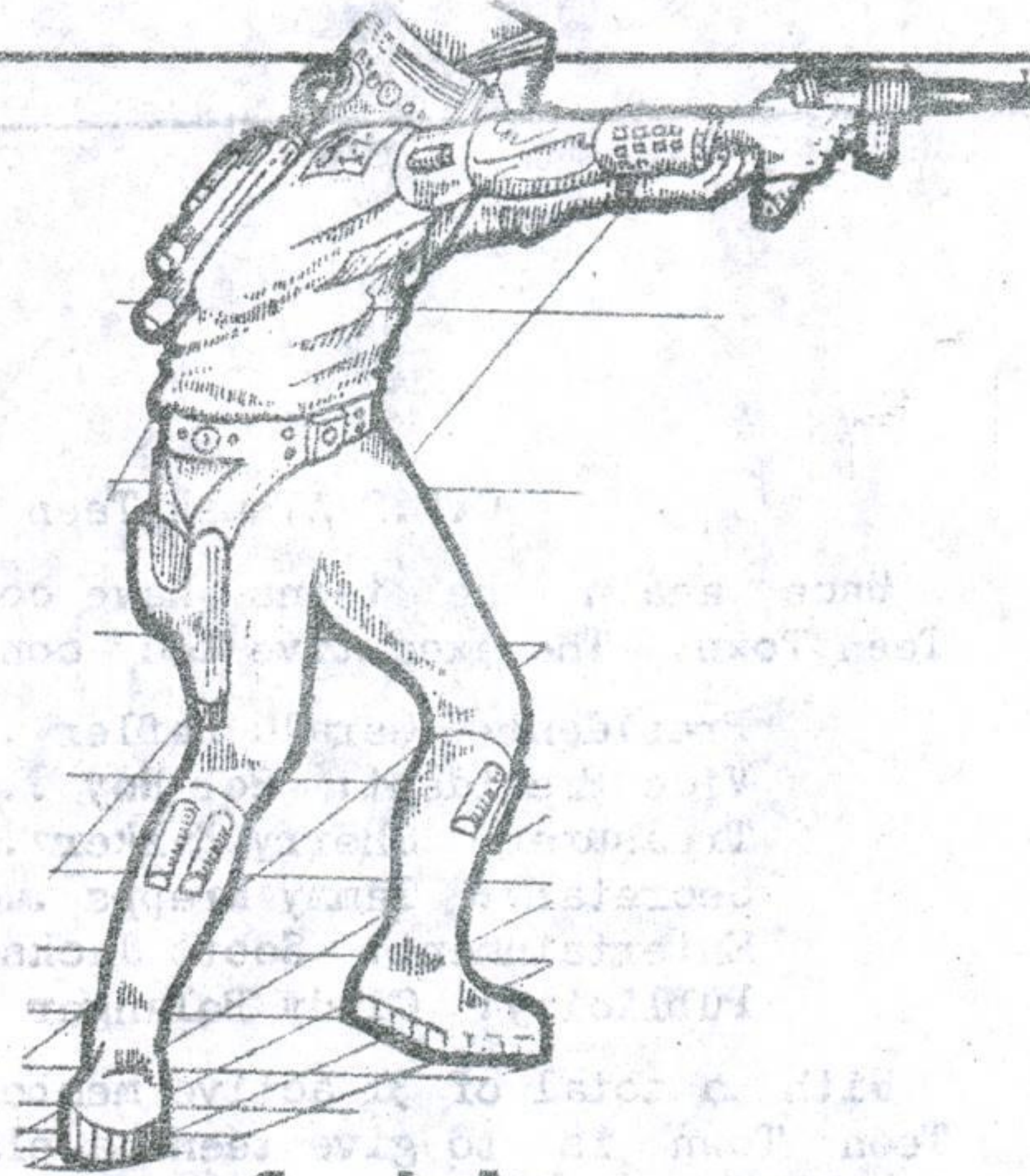
Anyone wishing information or wanting to help with any future projects, contact any of the executive or Joyce Roy - Teen Town Advisor at 2375.

Thank you for your support.

Teen Scene

by

Joyce Roy



ARMX 83:

The shape of things to come

It's the stuff James Bond movies are made of.

An electronic beep . . . beep . . . beep alerts you that someone is shooting at you. It's a near miss — this time. Next time, you're not so lucky. You know you've been hit. It's not the blood; it's your beeper — it's going crazy and only a key can stop the noise. Of course the key will also deactivate your rifle and put you out of the war. You're wounded . . . or dead.

This scenario may have the ring of a new electronic video game but in fact, it's army training. Computerized direct fire weapons — everything from rifles to tanks — will make this kind of realistic training possible for CF members. And according to LCol Stu Northrup of the Directorate of Operational Guidance Coordination at NDHQ, "It's the next best thing to real combat: this kind of immediate feedback training will save lives if we ever have to go to war."

This kind of modern technology, as it applies to military training devices, was

featured during the "ARMX 83" exhibition organized by LCol Northrup at Mobile Command Headquarters in St. Hubert, Que. earlier this year. And Agent 007 would have felt right at home amid the electronic gadgetry on display.

ARMX 83 was the first Army Technology Training Devices Exhibition sponsored by DND. It was such an unqualified success that plans are already in the works for ARMX 85 in Ottawa, which will be billed as a tri-service exhibition due to the universal application of many of the training devices to the three environments.

This year close to 3,000 spectators attended ARMX, including CF military personnel from Canada and Europe and civilians from police forces, other government departments and foreign attachés. Sixty-three civilian firms from Canada, Europe, Israel, the United States and the United Kingdom exhibited their wares during the three-day event.

LGen Charles Belzile, Commander Mobile Command, explained to those attending the exhibition that the basic philosophy behind ARMX was to make sure soldiers and units of the Canadian Forces were trained to use their weaponry to maximum effectiveness. "As weapons systems become more capable, so too must our soldiers," he said.

He told exhibitors that industry can provide independent research and develop innovative technology based on a sound understanding of the army's goals. In reference to the modernization and revitalization of CF training, LGen Belzile said, "If you can show us a better, cheaper way of conducting any portion of our training, my staff will listen. If it's a great idea, I'll listen."

The CF want to improve the realism and training value of their field training exercises, he explained. "If ever Canada is involved in another war," he said, "the outcome will depend more on the quality of the

Canadian soldier, his leaders and his training, than on equipment."

Military spectators viewed a wide cross section of the latest devices that will eventually influence how the Forces train.

Users had an opportunity to personally discuss their training problems with the technology developers. And instructors were made aware of what's available.

"Industry representatives loved having us there because it gave them the opportunity to check the practical application of their devices," said LCol Northrup. "One conversation between a senior NCO and a company representative triggered a modification to one piece of equipment."

A friendly atmosphere, in which the military and industry could exchange information about the expanding field of simulation, was what the organizers strived for. And that's what they got.

James Bond — eat your heart out.

Alask Community College Courses

If you are interested in a particular course, you must call a member of the local contact committee and register at least ten day prior to class starting date.

Registration fee must be paid before starting date of class.

A minimum prepaid enrollment of eight people is necessary before a class can be run.

Chinese Cooking

Contact: Linda Ross 968-2608

Dough Art

Contact: Donna McLay 968-2344

Children: The Challenge

Contact: Diane Moss 968-2272

Papier Tole

Contact: Donna McLay 968-2344

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Contact: Bev Cowie 968-2609

Stone Masonry

Contact: Sue May 968-2685

Jazzercise

Contact: Diane Moss 968-2272

Social Dancing

Contact: Sue May 968-2685

Typing

Instructor: Eileen Moan

Contact: Michele Robinson 968-2351

Money Management

-setting up family budgets

Alask Lion's Hall

Contact: Sue May 968-2685

Wills & Estates

October or November (2 hours)

Instructor: Judy Setrakov

No Charge

Contact: Diane Moss 968-2272

Farm Record Keeping

Wascana Institute

Starts January 9, 1984

\$35 Starts 1 pm Lion's Hall

Contact: Linda Ross 968-2608

Financial Management

Wascana Institute

Starts February 20, 1984

Contact: Linda Sutherland 968-2669

Mixology

-learn to mix your favorite drinks for entertaining.

Schedule: Friday, Nov. 18, 1983

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

at the Ira Ross residence

Instructor: Ron Cole

Fee: \$6:00 plus consumables

Contact: Linda Sutherland 968-2669

Plan to Build A New Home

-learn all about building from the blueprints right through to plumbing and heating.

November 1983 - 5 sessions (dates TBA)

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Alask Lion's Hall

Fee: \$22.50

Instructor: Ralph Warman

Contact: Linda Sutherland 968-2669

Candy & Chocolate Making

-a "hands-on" course to learn the art of making your own fondant and chocolates.

Schedule: Nov. 5/83

Alask Lion's Hall

Fee: \$16.00

Instructor: Anne Livingston

Contact: Linda Ross 968-2608

Lingerie

Planning session: Sept. 27/83

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Schedule: Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1

7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Alask Lion's Hall

Fee: \$21.00

Instructor: Doris Sullivan

Contact: Bev Cowie 968-2609

T-Shirt Sewing

-learn to sew with stretch fabrics

Planning session: Oct. 19/83

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Schedule: Nov. 8, 15, 22

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Alask Lion's Hall

Fee: \$18.00

Instructor: Doris Sullivan

Contact: Sue May 968-2685

Kids lead parents on merry chase

Participation Challenge

Sept. 19, 21, and 23 found students of John A. Silver school and their parents outside walking, running or jogging around the station at 12 noon. Following this 15 minutes of action, students and parents enjoyed a lunch together in the school.

All this was in response to a contest, sponsored by the Rosetown Health Region, to see which school could get the highest participation on these days. Awards will be presented to the school with the highest percentage participation on a single day and also for the three days combined.

We were pleased with how well our school did. On the first day we had 50% participation, the second day 64%, and on third day we had 73%. Someone "up there" must have thought we were doing something right as each day the weather became a little warmer.

We would like to thank all parents and pre-schooler who came out to support us in this challenge. After the "Discover Health Seminar" in Kindersley on October 5th, which Rod Myers and Terri O'Keefe will be attending, we will have the results of the contest.

Grade 6 Class

John A. Silver School

Adieu sergent Electro

Après 25 années de dévouement aux FC, le sgt Electro a pris sa retraite. Cet été, il est allé reposer ses vieux organes fatigués dans un foyer communautaire à Trenton, connu sous le nom de Musée des télécommunications.

L'histoire de sa vie ressemble au conte de Cendrillon. De son humble début, en 1956, comme pièces d'un vieil aéronef façonné par des techniciens au sol de la station de l'ARC Clinton (Ont.), il a progressé dans une carrière éminente comme un porteur de messages de bonne volonté pour le compte des FC. Notre bonhomme télécommandé a apporté à tous les coins du pays la nouvelle des compétences des militaires en matière de technique mécano-électrique.

Au cours d'une cérémonie officielle de transfert des fonctions qui a eu lieu à la base de Trenton à la fin du mois de juin, le successeur du sgt Electro a rougi, a

salué en portant la main à son chapeau et a dit adieu à son père. D'aspect un peu moins humain que celui-ci, mais un peu plus à la mode tout comme son célèbre cousin R-2-D-2, le sgt Servo a assumé le rôle de son prédécesseur et pris en mains les relations publiques auprès des FC. Il a été affecté à la direction des expositions et des démonstrations au QGDN et aura à voyager dans tout le pays.

Il est un peu plus perfectionné que le sgt Electro: un bloc vidéo en option permet de lui enlever la tête et d'y substituer une autre tête munie d'un système de reproduction magnéto-scopique. Et il peut vraiment rougir et porter la main à son chapeau pour saluer; il est également capable de gonfler des ballons, de distribuer des brochures et de converser, avec, bien entendu, un peu d'aide à distance de son opérateur principal, le sgt Ray Beaulne.





FROM THE C.O.C's PEN

(Rev.) Ralph L Kleiter,
R.C. Chapel

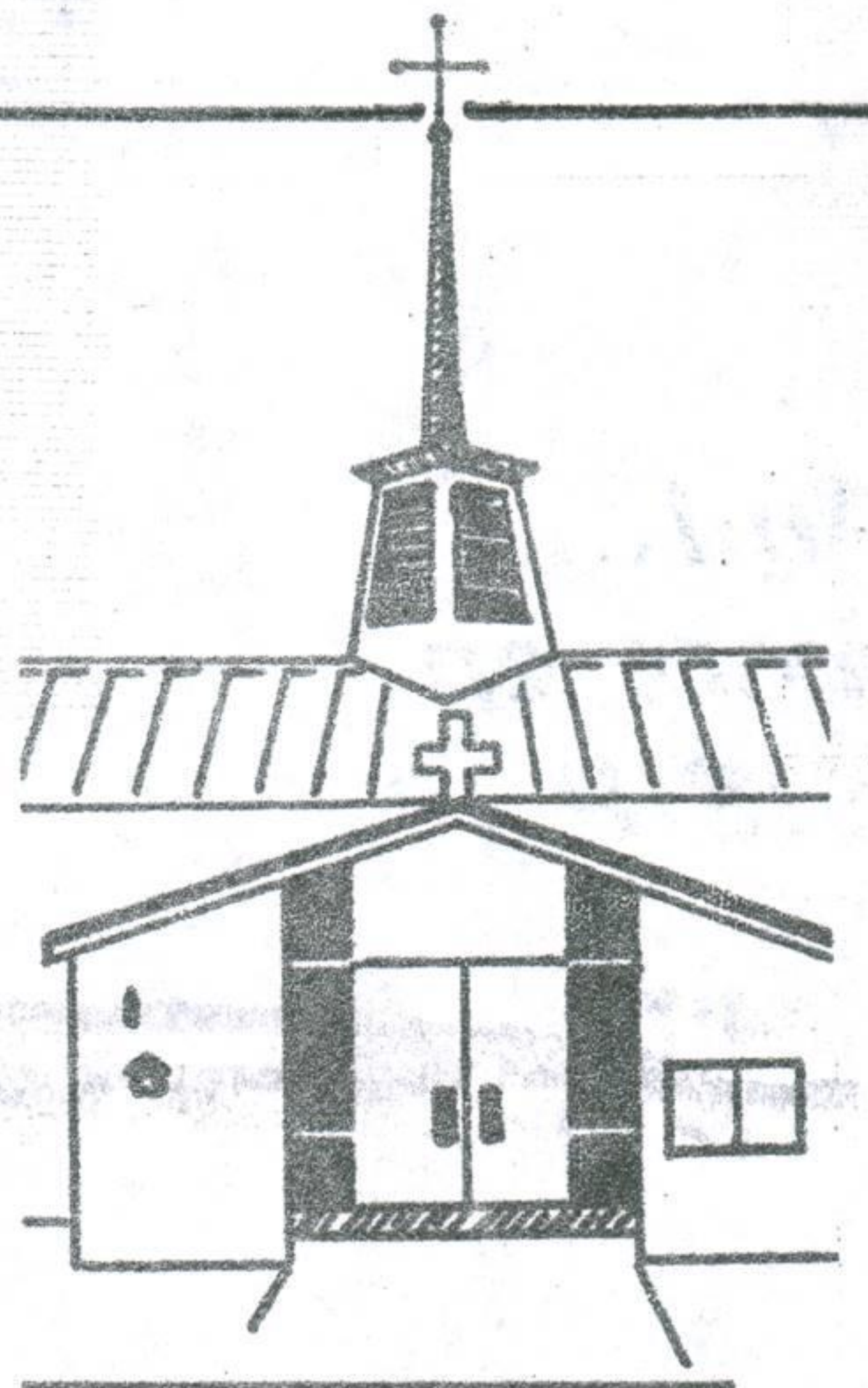
The month of October began with a lot of activity at the chapel on our station. The Mission that was conducted by the Redemptorist Team was greatly appreciated by all those who were able to make it a priority in the renewal of their spiritual lives. I thank those who made an effort "to open the door for the Redeemer" during this special Holy Year of Redemption.

Pope John Paul II has declared March 25, 1983 to Easter April 22, 1984 a Year of Jubilee commemorating the 1950th anniversary of the Redemption of Jesus Christ. Our mission was a special event here to help us fulfill the objectives of the Holy Year and celebrate its observance. Hopefully, possibly the forty days of Lent before Easter, we will be able to highlight some of the other themes of the Year of Jubilee.

Currently in Rome bishop-delegates of the world are meeting with Pope John Paul II in special synod sessions. The topic under discussion is how the Church should celebrate the forgiveness of God in the faith community of the Church.

The Church has traditionally done this through the celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation (private confession of sin in the confessional). Everywhere there has been a sudden, dramatic decrease in the number of Catholics going to confession - despite energetic efforts to reverse this trend. At the synod, bishop after bishop has noted that it is not the individual sins that people have been traditionally confessing that are central to the unreconciled nature of today's world. Far from downplaying these "individual" sins, the bishops note the need to reveal to people the social dimension of every sin. We will not develop a sense of social sin or of its being forgiven in the Lord, until we have a truly communal celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation.

It should be interesting to see what conclusions the fathers of the synod will make to help the faithful worthily celebrate the Lord's forgiveness.



PROTESTANT

Worship: 7:00 PM Sunday
Sunday School: 11:00 AM
Baptisms & Marriage:
Please contact Chaplain
as soon as possible.
Chaplain: Rev. D Nevett
visits station on Fridays.
Phone local 264, or
463-2317 Kindersley.

ALSASK UNITED CHURCH

Worship: 10:00 AM Sunday
Sunday School: 11:15 AM
Minister: Rev. L Wright,
phone 968-2396

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Mass: 5:00 PM Saturday
Confession: Before Mass by
appointment.
Baptisms: Please contact
Chaplain as soon as
possible.
Chaplain: Father R Kleiter
CFS Alsask - 264 Thurs. only
Residence - 463-2306 Kinder.
Regular visits Thursdays
RC Chapel Committee Chairman
Ralph MacCormack

**And...
more on
SISIP**

Sooner or later you will be ready to retire from the CF. At retirement there are a lot of things to think of, both from a personal and a financial viewpoint. With all these things on your mind, it may be easy to forget about life insurance. Although the Service Income Security Insurance Plan (SISIP) provided excellent coverage, it ceases on release. However, you can convert your present SISIP to SISIP Coverage After Release (SISIP-CAR).

SISIP-CAR is level term insurance of up to \$100,000 on your life and/or your spouse's life. For those of you who don't know what level term insurance means, here is a crash course. The "level" means that the amount of insurance you purchase stays the same over the life of the policy. The "term" means that it is for a specified time, either X years or until you reach a certain age. In most level term insurance policies in which the premium increases with age, as opposed to decreasing term policies in which the premium stays the same but the amount of insurance decreases.

But back to SISIP-CAR. The amount of insurance you have under SISIP-CAR stays the same, but your premium increases every five years, as shown below:

Age	Monthly Premium Per \$10,000	Age	Monthly Premium Per \$10,000
Under 25	\$1.10	45-50	\$ 4.40
25-29	1.30	50-55	7.00
30-35	1.50	55-60	11.90
35-39	1.70	60-65	19.00
40-45	2.40		

If you decide to decrease the amount of insurance you have under SISIP-CAR you may do so in units of \$10,000, and your total premium will decrease accordingly. However, once you have decreased your insurance, you may not increase it again.

There is also provision under SISIP-CAR to convert the \$2,000 coverage on each dependent child to a civilian policy. This is done through one of the underwriters of SISIP, and is issued at their rates under their terms, and is not a part of SISIP-CAR.

When you reach age 65, SISIP-CAR ceases. At this time you have the option of converting your coverage to a policy of your choice from one of the underwriters of SISIP, at their rates and terms.

This is the last in this series of articles on SISIP. For those of you who have read them all, I hope you found them informative and helpful. Those of you who haven't read them still have a chance; you can get information on the complete SISIP plan from your local pay office, or SISIP/SRRSP Adviser, or you can write to D Comp D 3-3, NDHQ for a personally autographed copy of this series. The choice is yours. But whichever you choose, make sure you make the right choice in insurance. - SISIP.

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TUMBLEWEED ADVERTISING POLICY

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If your ad gets results, please call the editor at 227/2369 to have it discontinued. The Tumbleweed staff is not responsible for errors in advertising.

For Sale: Sanyo Microwave oven in good condition.
Phone: 2697 after 5 pm

Wanted: The HQ Floor Hockey team is looking for competitive teams to play Floor Hockey at 1100 hrs on Wednesday. Only serious enquires will be accepted. For more info call Loc. 202 or 218
G.R. Naldrett, Lt

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Anyone interested in Bronze Cross swimming course contact Rec. Center ASAP

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For Sale: 1981 eighteen foot motorhome, very low mileage, fridge, stove, oven, hot water heater, three piece bathroom, two kitchen sinks, heater, excellent condition.
Asking \$18,000
Phone: 2682 after 4:30

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For Sale: Beaver uniform
Phone: 968-2338
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Winter Carnival

The CFS Alask 1983/84 Winter Carnival is tentatively scheduled for mid-February. The success of any venture of this kind lies in the amount of involvement, enthusiasm and co-ordination of all station personnel. With this in mind an organizational meeting to form this years Winter Carnival Committee will be held in the WO&Sgts Mess at 1300 hrs on 7 Nov 83. Anyone interested in serving on the committee in any of the following positions are asked to attend the meeting, or, if unable, contact Sgt. Sillito
Loc: 268.

- Vice Chairman
- Secretary
- Financial co-ordinator
- Events organizer
- Bar Manager
- Publicity co-ordinator
- Entertainment co-ordinator
- Food Manager
- Facilities and equipment manager



BABY SITTERS

For a compassionate community there can be no sadder news than the death by fire of children in the home.

The sorrow deepens when the headlines read "WE ONLY LEFT THEM ALONE FOR A FEW MINUTES."

Parents who go out have a duty to their children, their community and themselves to see that the children are properly looked after.

BABY SITTER SAFETY COURSE

As a Baby Sitter you have a great responsibility, the children you sit and your employer's home.

To help you do this job, the CFS Alask Fire Department has organized a Baby Sitter's Course on Child Protection and Safety.

The Course will be held at the DND School 1800 hrs to 2000 hrs on November 21 & November 22, 83. The Course will cover First Aid, Artificial Respiration, Security and Fire Safety.

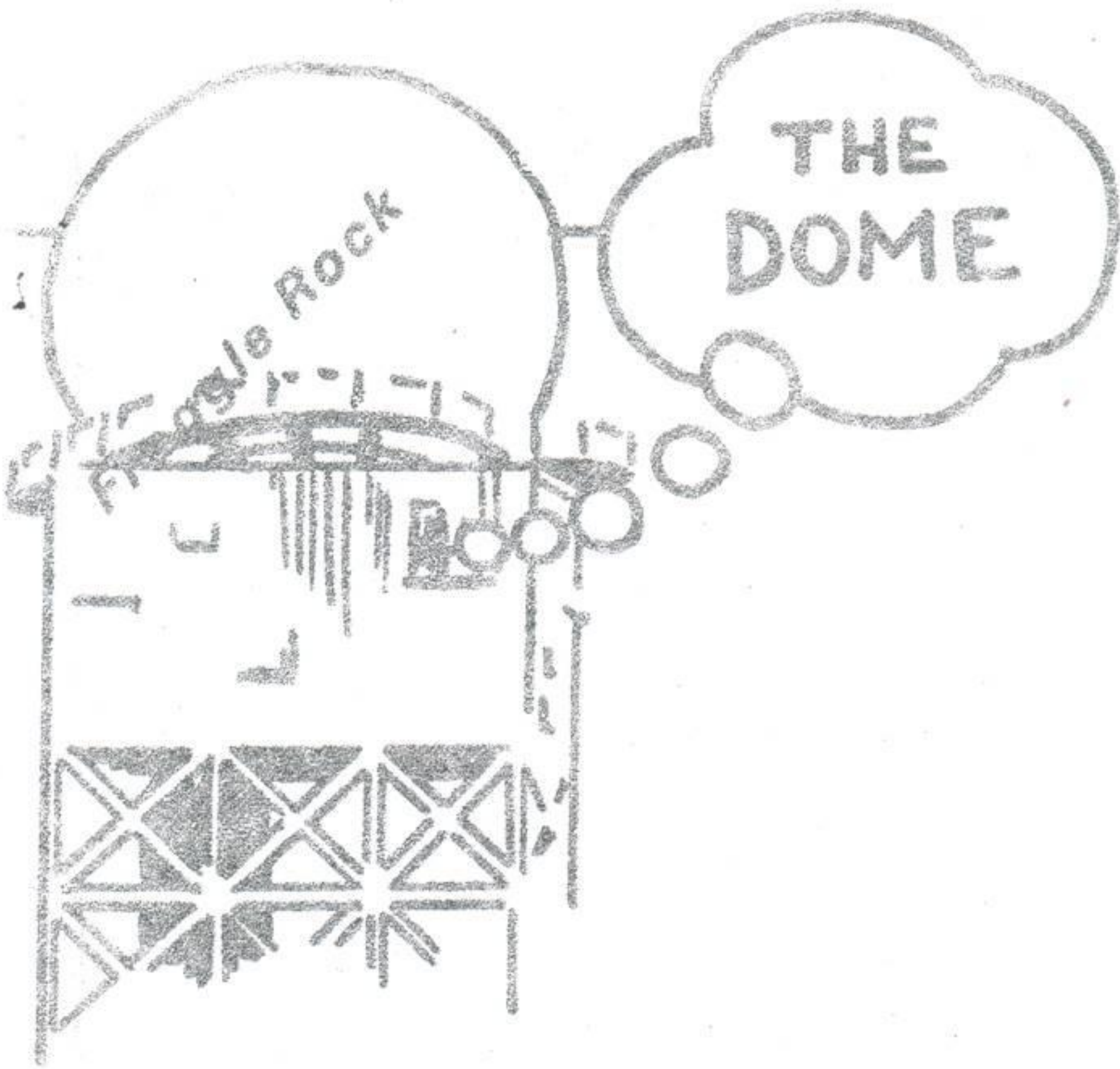
PARENTS

We hope parents employing Baby Sitters will realize the importance of this Course and encourage their sitter to enrol.

BABY SITTERS

Applications for babysitting course are available at the CFS Alask Fire Hall.

Children applying for the Baby Sitting Course must be a full 12 years of age.



The Dome

The tower has been running merrily along these past couple of weeks without a Warrent Officer, or a Sargaent.

W.O. Adams was out spotting geese for the visiting goose hunters. Along with spotting W.O. Adams was also involved with the shooting and preparation of the geese for the trip. These efforts were made so the Great White Goose Hunters could go back home and tell their stories of what great hunters they are.

At the present time we are without a Sargaent in our shop.

Mcpl Brian Leadbeater is trying to shuffle through the days paperwork which is proving to be quite a chore.

Our new Cpl Teather and Pte Peterson are in Yorkton on a radar course to learn the workings of the great screaming Jezabell.

A farmer just arrived in town, as he was walking across the street he happened to notice a sign on the hardware store. "Cast iron sinks" He stood pondering the sign for a minute, then said "any fool know that."

The Andersons went on the Oct 1st Shopping Run to Medicine Hat, on this trip they saw many deer, many meaning about 100. The shopping run is a good trip if you can stand a lot of smoke and noise, a walk-man would be a blessing on that trip.

Hard work won't kill a fellow if he can stay far enough away from it.

I backed out of the retirement trip to Calgary last week because I decided what I intend doing upon my retirement is not included in the course. I may be a fresh air inspector or get a military repair contract.

The average man's ambition now-a-days is to be able to afford what he is spending.

That's all for this time from under the dome.

Station Team Practice Times

Following are the Winter Station Teams now in progress and their pratice times.

Hockey Team	- Mon	1300-1500
	- Wed	1300-1500
	- Fri	1300-1500
Broomball Team	- Mon	1300-1500
	- Wed	1300-1500
	- Fri	1300-1500
Volleyball Team	- Mon	2000-2200
	- Thur	1630-1800

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by
H. Anderson

4 Winter Carnivals

Proposed dates 16, 17, + 18 Feb.

Chairman Sgt. Sillito

Volunteers needed to form a

Committee are.

V/Chairperson, Bar Manager,

Secretary, Entertainment

Co-ord, Events Organizer,

Finance Co-ord, Publicity

Co-ord, Food Manager.

Volunteers for Committees

to meet at the WO. + Sgts.

mess on Nov. 7th at 1300.

For more information

contact Sgt. Sillito loc. 268.



**Do not chase your toys into the street.
Ne courez pas après un jouet dans la rue.**