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# *The Tumbleweed*

CFS Alsask, Sask.

MAY 85



**MAJ VW BARKER CD**

**1936 - 1985**

Major Vern Walter Barker was born in Cereal, Alberta, on 5 December 1936. He attended public school at Excel, Alberta and high school at Oyen, Alberta.

Shortly after graduating, he enrolled in the RCAF as an Airborne Interceptor Navigator, receiving his wings at CFB Winnipeg in October 1956. After completing the CF100 OTU at Cold Lake, he was posted to Bagotville where he first joined 432 Sqn and later 413 Sqn. In 1959 Flying Officer Barker was transferred to "Station Flight" where he served as the Station CF100 test navigator for two years.

In 1961, F/O Barker was posted to EWU (Electronic Warfare Unit - predecessor of 414 Sqn) flying the ECM version of the CF100 at St Hubert, Que. During this tour he was assigned to CARDE and participated in the deployment of two specially equipped CF100's to Thule, Greenland. Flight Lieutenant Barker's next transfer was to RCAF Station Mont Apica where he served as Air Weapons Controller from 1965 to 1967.

After completing the CF100 OTU in 1967, F/L Barker was posted to 409 Sqn Comox, BC. After one year in squadron he was selected for pilot training and moved to Moose Jaw. Upon completing his pilot training, Capt Barker was again posted to 409 Sqn at Comox. In 1975 he was posted to 410 Sqn at Bagotville and promoted to the rank of Major.

In the summer of 1978, Maj Barker and his family moved to Rome, Italy where he attended the NATO Defence College. Subsequently he was posted to HQ Fourth Allied Tactical Air Force (4 ATAF) at Ramstein, Germany where he filled the position of the Intelligence Targeting Officer. In 1980 he moved to Heidelberg Germany when HQ 4 ATAF relocated to that city. In August 1983 Major Barker was transferred to CFS Alsask as Commanding Officer.

In addition to the above military background, Major Barker has attended the CAF Middle Management Course, ACE Command and Control Course, ACE Conventional Weaponing Course, ACE Nuclear Weapons Release Procedures Course, NATO and RAF Air-ground Operations Courses, and two Battlefield Exploitation Target Acquisition Courses on a computer under development by the US Undersecretary of Defence for Research and Engineering. During his service career he has flown just under 3000 hours on CF100's and CF101's as a navigator and over 3000 hours as a pilot during which time he has been qualified as an instructor pilot, instrument check pilot, jet maintenance test pilot and aircrew weapons instructor. Since joining the service he has completed, via night school at Sir George William's University and by correspondence from Queen's University, two years towards a Bachelor of Commerce and a three year Canadian Institute of Realtors Course by correspondence from the University of Toronto.

Major Barker was married to the former June Santoni of Arvida, Que.. There are three children: Heidi, attending Art College in England, Brian attending University in Edmonton, Alberta and Darren, who attends high school in Marengo, Saskatchewan.



# Beaver Droppings



CAPTAIN'S LOG. STATIONDATE SC 2772

These are the messages of the Section C.E. Our two year mission - to seek out strange new work - to satisfy strange new life forms (MSE) - to boldly go where no man has gone before.

With Spring comes a multitude of work orders for our shops. A preventative maintenance crew will soon be visiting PMQ's to record maintenance requirements and to inspect the fire equipment. The schedules for the preventative maintenance of station buildings was drawn up by Lt. Luc Charron and our Engineering Officer, Herb Roebuck. Luc was told by the SCEO that he couldn't leave Alsask until the schedule was finished; it was completed in record time. Rumor has it that, as a result, Capt Schock has had to turn down twelve (out of thirteen) requests for two year French courses in St Jean. It was also rumored that the thirteenth had to be turned down by the CO.

Roads and grounds people have rested up and are ready for another busy season. Russel is pleased that there is not as much grass to cut this year since Watson was on the grader. The rest of the boys are fighting over the new tractor with the big toothbrush on the front.

The power plant is losing two people this summer; WO Paquette and MCpl May will be leaving us and are not being replaced. We don't want to know the reason.

The members of the big Icebox in the sky (RM shop) are trying to start a rumor that they have all been posted out and their phones have been disconnected - this is not true, but Capt Schock is trying to make it true if he can find four vacant postings for Alert.

The painters work orders are to paint anything that does not move. We offer this as a warning to the MSE crew.

The electrical shop is at full strength again with the retrun of Pte Richardson from his JLC course. This shop is a high efficiency level with the foreman even moving cars in the parking lot (refer to Lt Black for details).

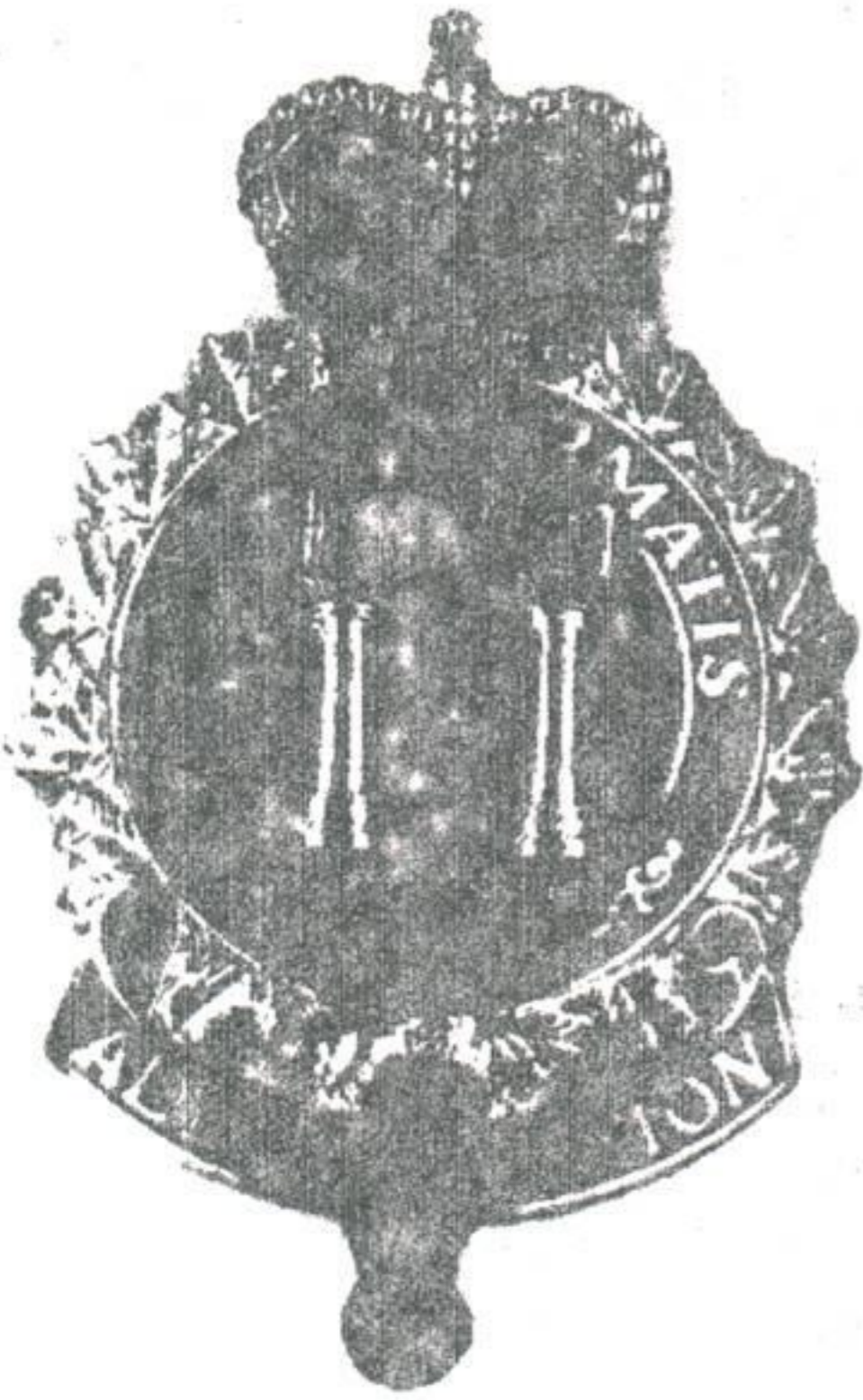
The front office has received a new computerized typewriter. If anyone knows how to type, please contact the secretaries MCpl Mattia or Joan Adams at 242. These two are also losing their capable sidekick Carol (Bruiser) Van Horn.

Other than the Thursday afternoon playtime, the firefighters have been busy with the completion of the fire extinguisher exchange in the PMQ's and the FAFPE courses. These courses will be held again in the Fall for those interested.

Finally, the carpenters have not started crating anything for closure which is a good sign to some.

Next Month: "Is There Life After Plumbing?"

# ADMINISTRATION



Have you ever been to sea Billy? That is the question Able Seaman (AB) Downey may now answer - AFFIRMATIVE. Steve has just returned from the bulkheads, deck, rounds sliders etc of the East Coast Fleet. Come July 15th he will be sailing the seven seas out of Esquimalt Harbour on the HMCS MacKenzie.

Meanwhile back at home station - Alsask the remaining clerks were taking up the slack. Glen and Terry flipped coins each day to see who would move out of their desk and move in CR.

Ed has been waiting, and it finally paid off - the BIG snow bank that had his trailer captured has slithered away, causing a small lake for awhile in his front yard. Look out highways of Western Canada, Ed wants to hit the road.

John Desrosiers was away on course - again - but due to the death of Major Barker he returned home early. We aren't sure when he may pack his bags and leave again. Dave Taylor couldn't believe he had reached such high status as when he was acting SAdmO. Mrs Proud was amazed how he could clear away the paper war so quickly each day. JD soon found out when he slowly opened the desk drawers and paper started popping out all over.

There is off to learn about releases in Calgary's release section. But meantime the SOR is very quiet, Cherie lost her voice. You can hear yourself think almost in the SOR due to the quietness.



## *Financial Administration*



Banks, trust companies, and even department stores are now attempting to lure consumers with 'one stop moneymarts.' Life insurance, investment funds (RRSP/RMOSP), car insurance, personal loans, mortgages, trusts are all handled in one location.

The consumer must be aware that the staff of these institutions are not independent and may be ill informed about the Financial market place.

Not long ago I read about two elderly ladies who had been approached by an individual with an idea of obtaining the eggs from specially bred cattle in Europe to be shipped to North America, for the purpose of artificial insemination and fertilization. To do this he required a large sum of money. The two ladies went to their bank manager to procure his advice. He advised that they not only invest their entire savings but that the bank would loan them \$60,000 each for investment in this project.

After having taken his advice, the ladies found that the investment was a failure. They not only lost their entire combined savings, but also were required to repay the \$60,000 loans.

The bank was taken to court and found to have fiduciary responsibilities to the ladies and that the ladies were not, therefore, responsible for repayment of the loans. They were, however, unable to recover their savings and were left with incomes below the community accepted level of poverty (\$7,000 annually).



# WSM

The month of April was a busy one in the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess, Dave Taylor is still talking about the crowd in the mess for the Bowling Banquet. I hope they all enjoyed themselves.

We had two very successful Mixed TGIFs during April, due on no small part to the efforts of our new entertainment chairman Wayne Chahley. On the 12th of April we had a Blind Shuffleboard Tournament. You did all right if you could count the boards and knew your Army right from left. I don't think I would ask too many of the people for directions anywhere. By the way, how DO you get to Red Deer, Dennis?

On the 26th there was an even better turnout for the Euchre Tournament. A good time was had by all with the Woodruffs taking first, the Sommervilles taking second with Glen Negrich and Bob Siak breaking a tie with the Franks in overtime for third prize. Bob still wants to know where he can buy more steaks for a buck.

Some of the upcoming events are the Dining-In on May 25, Mixed TGIF's on the 10th and 24th of May and of course the All Ranks Bingo on the 16th of May. So come on out and enjoy!!!!

If there is anyone with ideas for something different in the way of entertainment, I'm sure you'll find someone below who will listen.

Your Committee:

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Sgt Wayne Frank, PMC              | Loc 225 |
| Sgt Garret Lindal, V/PMC          | Loc 234 |
| Sgt Wayne Chahley, Ent Chairman   | Loc 239 |
| Sgt Bob Siak, Bar Officer         | Loc 240 |
| Sgt Dennis Brownrigg, Secretary   | Loc 219 |
| Sgt Dave Taylor, A/ Bar Officer   | Loc 260 |
| Sgt Gary Turner, Financial Member | Loc 215 |

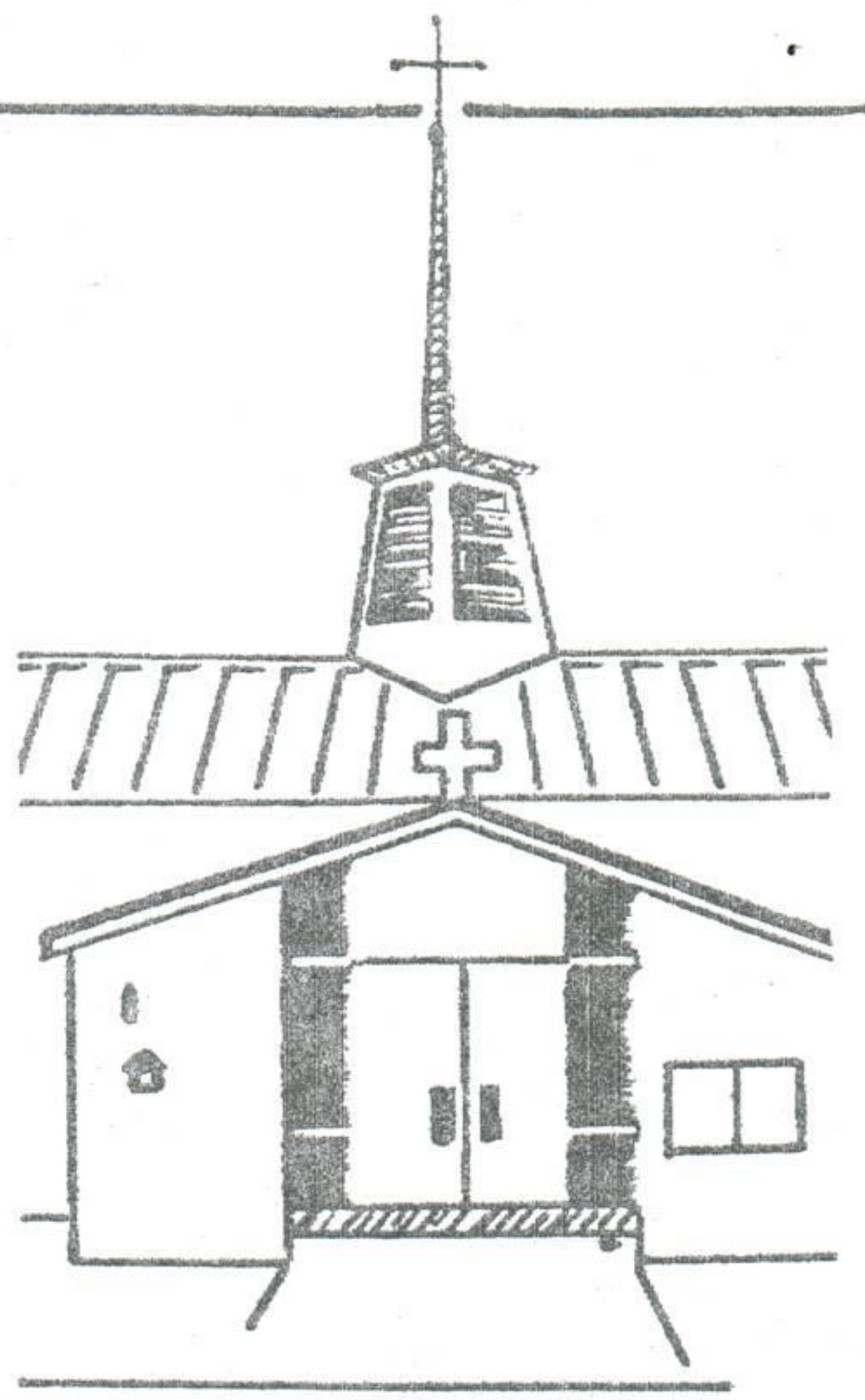


FROM THE C.O.C's PEN  
Reverend L. Wright  
COC (P)

"In the midst of life we are in death." As a community at Alsask, we have been most forecfully reminded of the truth of that quotation. Major Barker death during the Easter Season has reminded us all of the frailty and mortality of our human existance in contrast with the message of life and hope which was shared just days before Major Barker's death. We are faced with the spiritual challenge of placing the message of God's love in the midst of our own sorrow and confusion. Words at times like this seem meaningless and inadequate. A pastor named W.A. Buege, in trying to use words at the time of death says:

It would appear that death not only marks the end-limit of our lives but also the end-limit of what we can say. We still speak words about death, brave or despairful words, sympathetic or cold words, nderstanding or stupid words, but hardly meaningful words out of the understanding of personal experience and direct know ledge. We just don't know what it means to die so we either try to live by ignoring death or we try to give explanations that really explain nothing except our own folly.

Yet now, perhaps in my own folly, I share these words with you. Major Barker's death has struck us so profoundly because it was not the way we would have planned it. As one older person said to me, "Why was such a lively person taken, and an old crate like me left behind with all my aches and pains?" In that comment lies a clue to our human mourning. We do not mourn for Vern. As a man of faith he has entered a new and (to us) unknown service. We mourn for ourselves because we have been left behind. We ask of God, "Why?" expecting that an answer will somehow make everything right. It won't. Vern is gone. We remain. What explanation can change this. Yet these are not statements of hopelessness. It is true, God has not followed our plan. We may say with Martha in the Scriptures, "Lord, if you had been here..." Yet the Lord is here following a divine plan which we can not fully explain or understand. The Scripture records one who questioned God's plan. The Lord replied with a question, "Can you count the sands of the sea, or hold the oceans in your hand?" Such is our capacity Even in our own sorrow and confusion, may we accept the promises of God made to us and to Vern. It is



PROTESTANT

Worship: 7:00 PM Sunday  
Baptisms & Marriage:  
Please contact Chaplin  
as soon as possible.  
Chaplin: Rev. L Wright  
Station Th Loc 264  
Home Ph 968-2396  
Church Secetary:  
Helen Thompson  
Phone 968-2256

ALSASK UNITED CHURCH

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Mass: 6:15 PM Saturday  
Confession: Before Mass by  
appointment.  
Baptisms: Please contact  
Chaplin as soon as  
possible  
Chaplin: Father R Kleiter  
CPS Alsask - 264 Thurs. only  
Residence - 463-2306 Kinder.  
Regular visits Thursdays

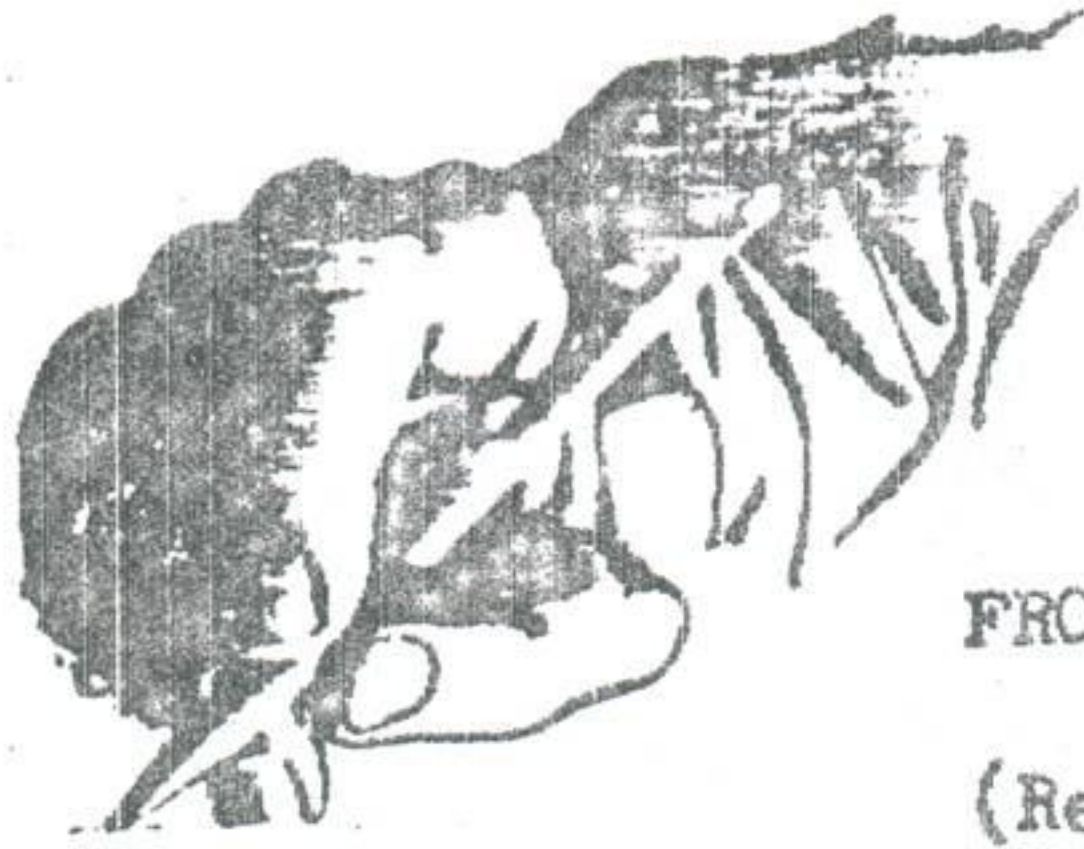
only faith that can bridge the great gap in our understanding of God. At Major Barker's funeral David Nevett and Archdeacon Starr reminded us of the words of the apostle Paul to the early Christians in Rome. I would ask you to read them listening for the Word of God's promise. The passage is Romans 8:14-39.

#### HIGH FLIGHT

Oh, I have slipped the surly  
bonds of earth,  
And danced the skies on laughter-  
silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed and joined  
the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds - and done a  
hundred thins  
You have not dreamed of -  
wheeled and soared and  
swung  
High in the sunlit silence.  
Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind  
along and flung  
My eager craft through footless  
halls of air.  
Up, up the long delicious, burning  
blue  
I've topped the wind-swept  
heights with easy grace,  
Where never lark, nor even eagle  
flew;  
And while, with silent, lifting  
mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of  
space,  
Put out my hand and touched  
the face of God.

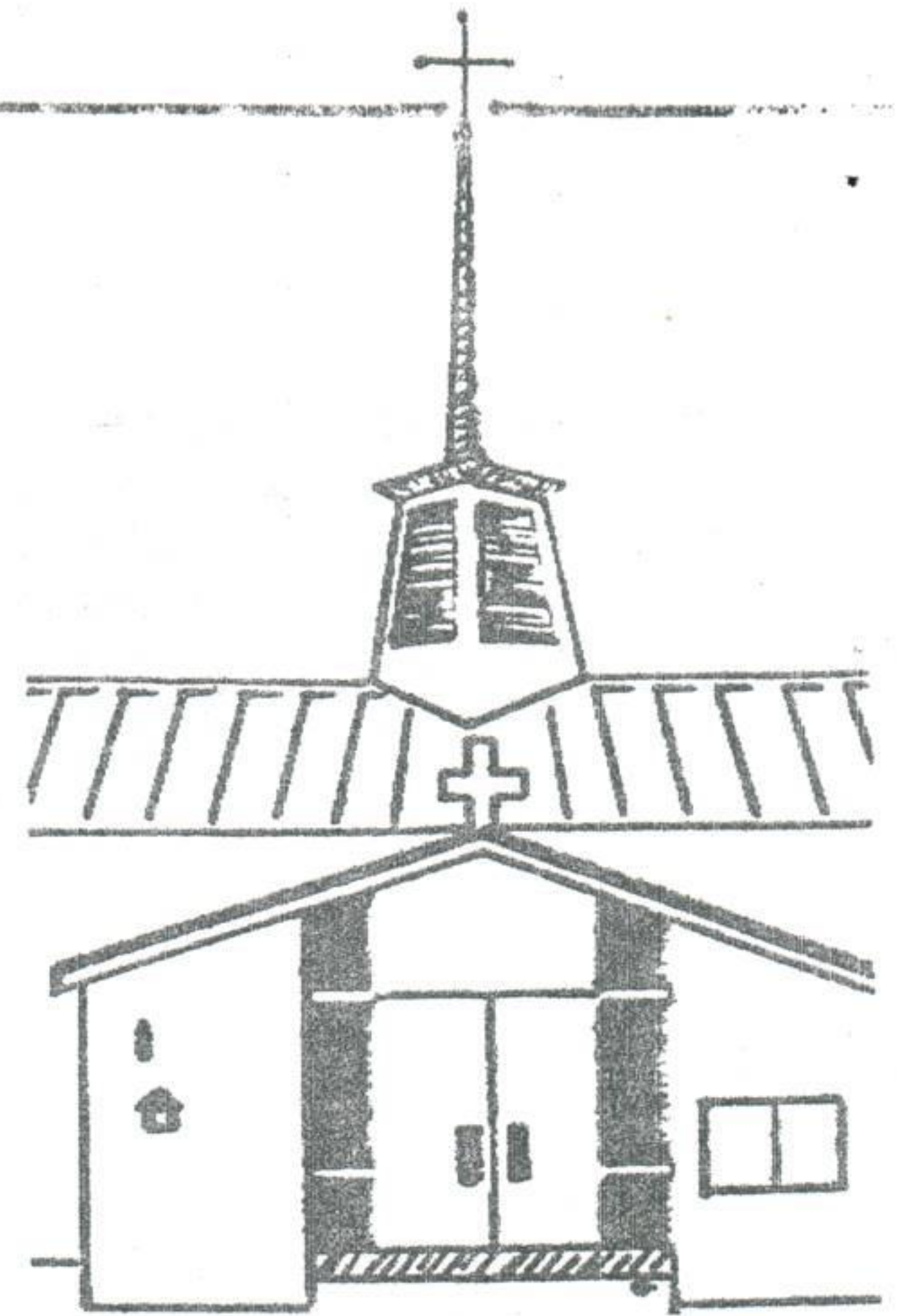
Amen

John Gillespie Magee



FROM THE C.O.C.'s PEN

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



For the Christian community The Feast of Easter is paramount. In fact in the Catholic Church tradition, the faithful celebrate The Feast of the Risen Lord for 50 days. Eastertime reverbrates with Easter Alleluias for 50 days - until Pentecost. In a sense Easter cannot be fully celebrated in one day. We need 50 days to shout our joy.

The military Vicar, Archbishop Spence, has issued the following message for our Eastertime reflection:

The keystone of Christianity is belief in the Resurrection of Christ. Every other doctrine stands or falls with the words of St. Paul which are the earliest record of the Resurrection: "In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that He was buried; and that He was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that He appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive ..."

It was on this truth, that the first Christian teachers built their entire Christian message. Everything else flowed from this. Every Eucharist celebrated in the early church revolved around Christ risen and present in glory.

At Easter, we celebrate the same—Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. We speak not only in the past tense as an historical happening but we see the Resurrection as a timeless event dominating the history of salvation from start to finish.

Christ not only rose, He is risen: He not only lived, He is alive now. He is still among us, as He was with the Apostles. We continue to meet Him in the routine of daily life; and as He said, we meet Him surely in those who are needy, hungry, wounded or oppressed. Like the Apostles we bear witness to His Resurrection, when we see Him in others.

At this Easter season we need to take to heart Our Lord's first words to the Apostles: "Be not afraid: It is I. Peace be to you". We must not look upon life as a dull and desparate struggle for survival. Rather, we should see it, yes, live it, as free people filled with Christian hope. He is risen and lives on with us in the Galilee of our time and place and everywhere."



## SPARKY SEZ

### PORTABLE LAMP HOLDERS - FIRE HAZARDS

Recently a CE electrician while checking electric

Recently a CE electrician while checking electrical equipment at an Air Command Unit found a portable spot/flood light lampholder extensively damaged by heat. The cause of the damage was evident, in that the remains of a standard incandescent light bulb was still in the lampholder base.

This problem is the result of the different heat radiating characteristics of standard light bulbs relative to spot/flood light lamps bulbs. Specifically incandescent spot/flood light lamps (PAR or reflector) are coated with aluminum to divert the heat from the rear and sides of the bulb forward, while a standard medium base bulb reflects heat in all directions. All CSA approved spot/flood light lamp holders have the maximum wattage and type of lamp allowed stamped on the unit.

The most common use of this type of fixture is for decorative lighting in Messes, Clubs, Theatres and to a lesser degree in dwellings. It is recommended that all who have this type of equipment check and see that the maximum wattage is not exceeded.



**ESC(T) 437 (T) Squadron  
(Huskies)**

**Squadron Standard Presentation  
Remise de l'étendard d'escadron**

**Juin 21 - 23 June 85**

**BFC  
CFB Trenton**

**INFORMATION:**

**(613) 392-2811**

**RENSEIGNEMENTS:**

**POSTE  
LOCAL 2266**



ATTENTION:

ANCIENS MEMBRES DE  
L'ESCADRON 433

LORS DE LA FIN DE SEMAINE  
DU 5 AU 7 JUILLET 1985 L'ESC-  
ADRON 433 AURA L'HONNEUR  
DE RECEVOIR SON ÉTENDARD LA  
CÉRÉMONIE AURA LIEU À LA  
BFC BAGOTVILLE, QUEBEC

A L'OCCASION DE CETTE  
PRÉSENTATION L'ESCADRON  
PRÉPARE ÉGALEMENT UNE  
RÉUNION DE TOUS SES AN-  
CIENS MEMBRES. TOUS SONT  
CORDIALEMENT INVITÉS.

VEUILLEZ FAIRE PARVENIR VOS  
RESERVATIONS AU:

MAJOR R. BELLEMARE AU 621-9406

OÙ ECRIVEZ:

COORDONATEUR DE L'ÉTENDARD

433 ETAC

BFC BAGOTVILLE

ALOUETTE QUEBEC

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ATTENTION:

ALL FORMER 433 SQN  
MEMBERS

ON THE WEEKEND OF JULY  
5-7 1985 WE WILL RECEIVE  
OUR SQUADRON STANDARD AT  
THE CURRENT HOME OF 433 SQN,  
CFB BAGOTVILLE, QUEBEC

CONCURRENT WITH THIS PRE-  
SENTATION, WE HAVE PLANNED  
A SQUADRON REUNION. ALL FOR-  
MER MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO  
ATTEND.

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE  
PART

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!

CALL MAJ. R. BELLEMARE

AV 621-9406

OR WRITE:

STANDARDS COORDINATOR

433 ETAC

CFB BAGOTVILLE

ALOUETTE, P.Q.

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# CFS ALSASK BICYCLE RODEO

To be held at the CFS Alsask, Rec Centre parking lot  
at 0900 hrs, 25 May 85

Festivities include a parade throught the PMQ's  
then judging of the best looking bicycles by WO  
Kraft and Sgt Barker.

Participants will be judged in 3 age categories.

These age categories are:

1 month to 3 years;

4 years to 6 years; and

7 years to 12 years.

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes awarded  
by age categories, and consolation prizes for all  
children attending.

Then there will be a bike rodeo, which will in-  
clude a safety inspection of the bicycles.

Hot dogs, juice, pop and coffee will be provided  
by the Mess Hall.

Volunteers are needed to help with the bike rodeo.  
If you want to help, contact Cpl Cue at the MP Sta-  
tion, or drop by, and leave your name on a volunteer  
register.

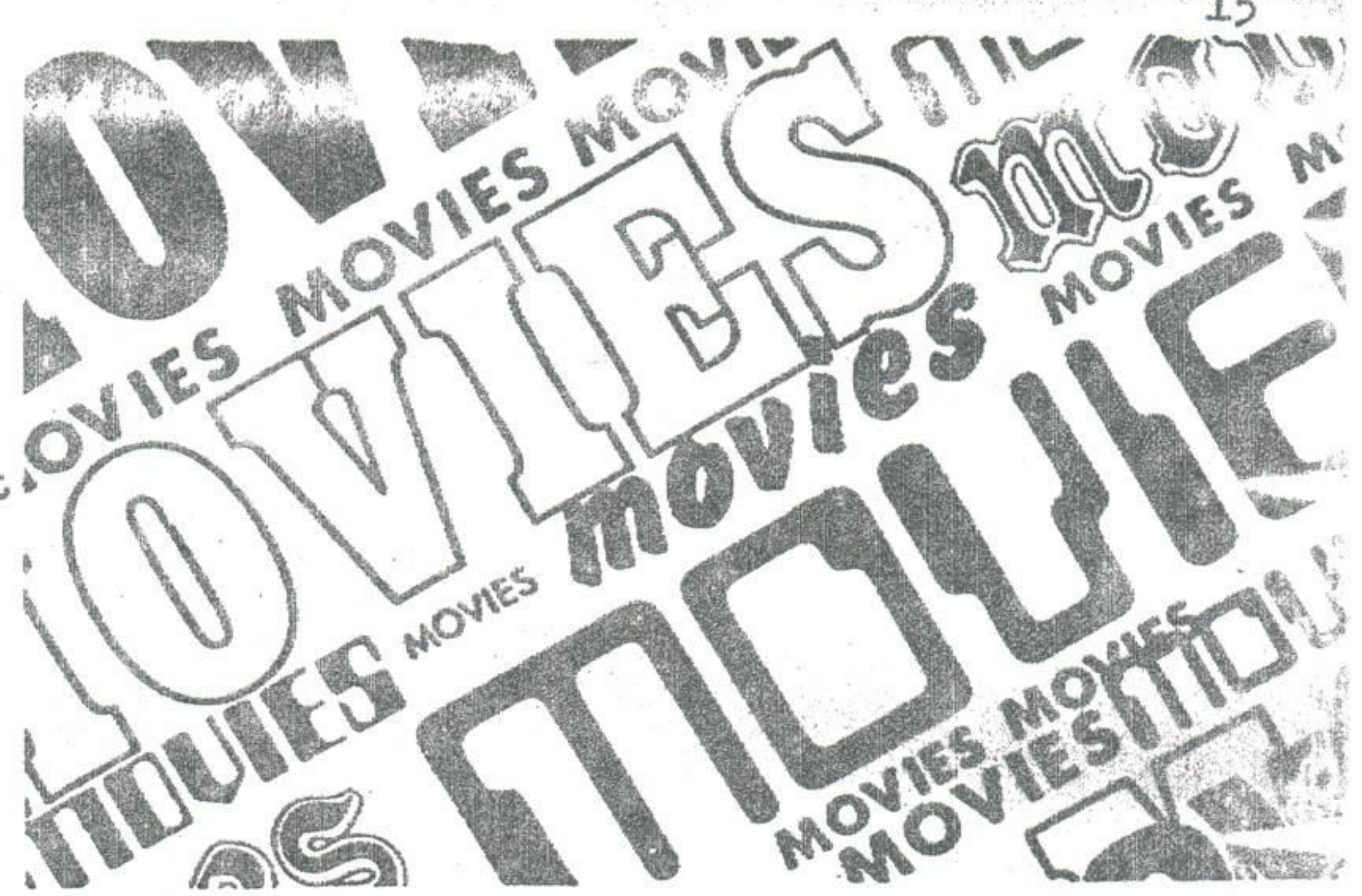
All movies shown in the Parish Hall are rated by the Canadian Forces Movie Guild. Admission to these movies is regulated as follows:

GENERAL (G) All ages may attend.

PARENTAL GUIDANCE (PG) All ages may attend, however, parents must decide suitability.

RESTRICTED (R) Anyone 17 years of age and under shall have written consent from one or both parents.

Parental consent forms are available at the guardhouse and in the Tumbleweed.



SHOW TIMES FRIDAYS: 7:00 pm, SUNDAY MATINEES: 1:00 pm

ADMISSION .50¢ per movie shown

FRI 24 MAY	CITY HEAT	PG
	ONCE UPON A TIME IN AMERICA	R
31 MAY	CAL	R
	WINDY CITY	R
07 JUN	TOY SOLDIERS	R
	C.H.U.D.	R
14 JUN	FLASH POINT	R
	FALLING IN LOVE	PG
21 JUN	PROTOCOL	PG
	TEACHERS	R

**CFS ALSASK  
PERMISSION TO ATTEND RESTRICTED MOVIES  
AT PARISH HALL, CFS ALSASK FOR AGES  
17 AND UNDER**

I give permission for my child:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

To attend: (NAME) (INITIALS) (AGE)

ALL RESTRICTED (R) MOVIES / ONLY THE RESTRICTED (R) MOVIE BELOW  
(Cross out phrase not applicable)

MOVIE TITLE: (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS NAME: (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

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# Sunday Matinees

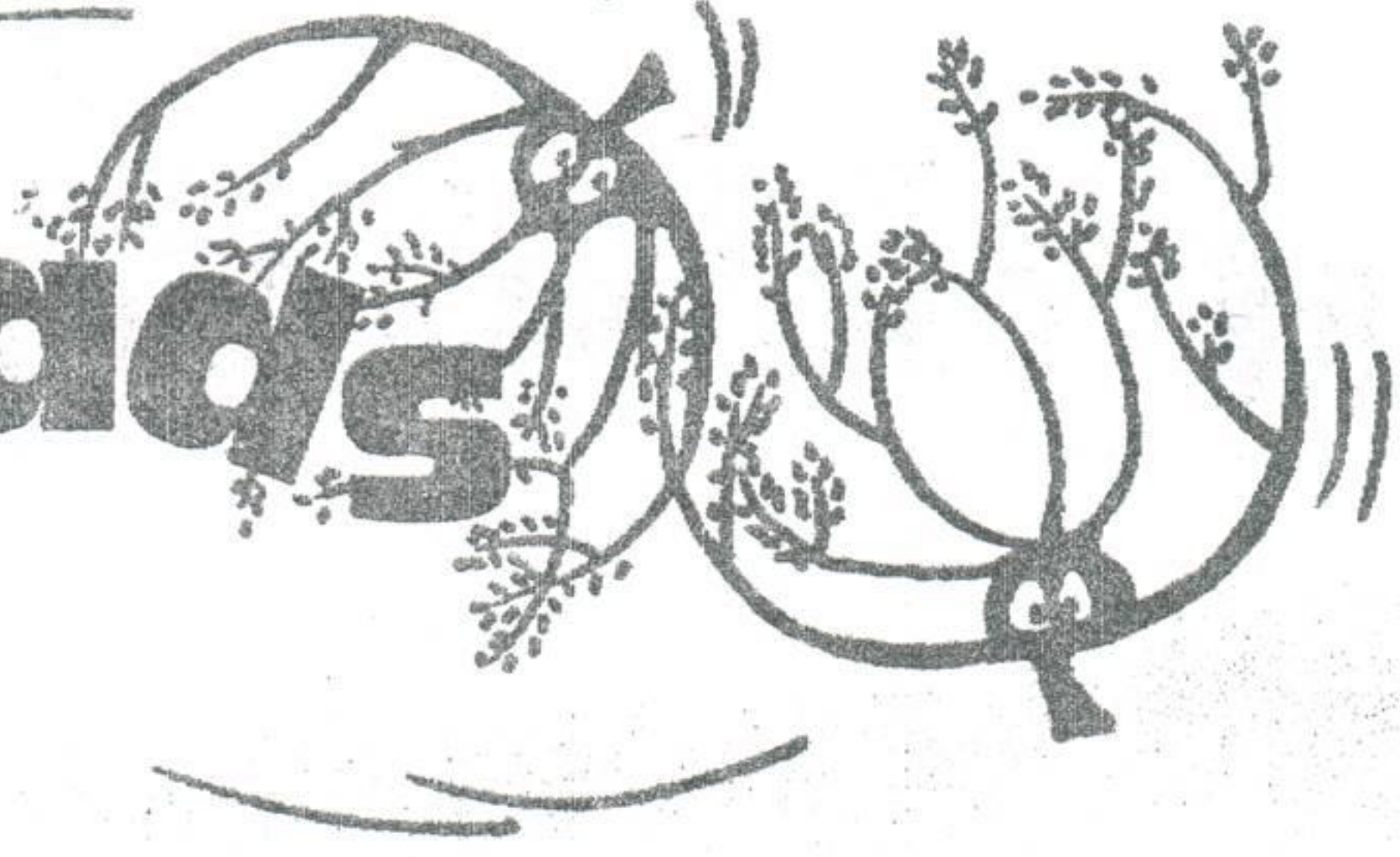
## Parish Hall

**Time: 1:00 pm**  
**Cost: .50**

**CLIP & SAVE**  
Up Comming Matinees

- SUN 19 MAY.....FREAKY FRIDAY.....G
- 26 MAY.....BOATNIKS.....G
- 02 JUN.....GNOME MOBILE.....G
- 09 JUN.....THE LOVE BUG.....G
- 16 JUN.....BLACK STALLION.....G

# Tumble-weeds



## TUMBLEWEED ADVERTISING POLICY -

There is no fee charged for advertising in the Tumbleweed. Submit your ad to the editor in writing, along with the number of times you wish it to run.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

Applications are now being accepted for the position of "Beauty Salon Concessionaire" at CFS Alask. For further information, please contact Sgt Wayne Chahley, NCOi/c Station Exchange at Loc 239 or 968-2398.

## CANEX BABY BONUS DRAW

Last month's winner of "The Canex Baby Bonus Draw" for the \$25.00 Canex Gift Certificate was: Mrs Debbie Harris.

## PLAYSCHOOL REGISTRATION

(for 3 and 4 year olds) for Sept/85, will take place in the coffee room at the Headquarters Bldg, on May 15th at 1900 hrs. For further information, please call Debbie Harris, 2269

## TRI-CHEM LIQUID

### EMBROIDERY

Are you looking for a new and interesting Hobby? Are you already acquainted with Tri-Chem and looking for a supplier? Would you like to see the latest catalogue, including Sun-Glo paints and the newest item Puff'n Paint? Just call Judith McLeod at 2616 (TP 5B)

## FOR RENT

Basement Suite  
2 Bedroom furnished  
Call Dorothy 968-2393  
or 968-2511  
\$200.00 a month

## FOR SALE

3 Stacking stools - \$30  
Artificial 5' scotch pine Christmas tree - \$40  
(It has only been used twice)  
Kroehler love seat and matching chair - in excellent condition - \$450

Call Edrie Boyle at 968-2217 after 6 p.m.

## FOR SALE

Hand made Burl Clocks and custom made desk sets. The ideal gift for any special occasion. Contact Wayne Chahley at 96802398 or 96802262,

## FOR SALE

1977 Colwood by Glen River 14x70 mobile home. 3 bedrooms, family room, 5 appliances, central air conditioning. \$15,000. Phone Doug McLeod at 2616

## TULIP SALES

A beautiful red tulip from Holland has been chosen as the symbol for Jubilee Year. Starting in January 1985, more than 5,000,000 of these tulip bulbs will be sold by Legion members across Canada to companies, institutions, municipalities, other Legion individuals and the general public. Legion branches and other interested organizations will be supplying tulip bulbs to school children for commemorative planting ceremonies. From coast-to-coast in the Spring of 1986 these tulip will bloom, as a visible and fitting tribute to the Legion and Canada's veteran population. For order Russel M Denney, phone local 246 or 968-2358. Red Tulips - .25 cents ea.

## REGAL GREETINGS AND GIFTS

If you wish to see the latest Regal catalogue, Please phone Judith McLeod at 2616 (TP 5B)

# Tumble-ads



## FOR SALE

1981 Ford Mercury Marquis  
air, tilt, cruise  
1979 Bonair 1200 Tent Trail-  
lor, 3 way fridge,  
furnace, and stove,  
sleeps 8.  
19" RCA Color TV - remote  
control with TV stand  
12 cubic foot freezer  
Triple dresser with mirror  
4-drawer chest and 2  
night tables  
Humidifier - 2 speed  
Child's dresser  
Propane bottle  
Phone 2354 after 6:00 pm

## WANTED

I have a small coffee  
table (quite old) with two  
broken legs. Does anyone  
have anything similar to  
give away or sell? (Duncan  
Fyfe legs). Please call  
Bernice Ross 968-2266.

## Wanted to Buy

Playpen in good condition.  
Please call 2627 after  
4:30 or 2401/214 during  
the day.

## Wanted to Buy

Single twin or used bed  
call 968-2235

## SERVICES

Re-blueing  
Stock refinishing  
Custom stock finishing  
Cleaning and repairs  
Call your gun pro. Fully  
licensed including FFL.  
968-2235

EVERYTHING (well almost)  
YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT  
THE BIBLE BUT WERE AFRAID  
TO ASK.

A non-denominational  
Bible Study will begin at  
the Parish Hall at 10:00  
a.m. on Tuesday May 14.

## WANTED

A ten speed bicycle in  
good working order.  
Phone 958-2330 or  
968-2626.