



# THE PLAINSMAN

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C.F.B. MOOSE JAW

## "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus"



Gerry Hyams and Bill McMenemy put final decorations in place for Children's Christmas Party.

Santa paid an earlier than usual visit to C.F.B. Moose Jaw, when the single members of the Junior Ranks Mess played host to children of Moose Jaw area on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 5 to 8 p.m.

A film show, a "magic" act, and a sing-song led by Betty Graham paved the way to a Xmas supper served by the corporals and privates.

Climax was Santa's arrival in a fire truck with screaming siren and flashing lights, complete with sack of presents for the young guests, whose ages ranged from 5 to 14 years.

The children were picked up from their homes throughout the city by uniformed volunteers driving their own cars, and returned home after the evening's entertainment in the same way.

With this departure from the usual Christmas dinner served to the men by officers and senior N.C.O.'s, we say farewell to yet another tradition.

During wartime years, when travel was restricted, and few could reach their homes at the festive season, the celebration reached epic proportions, with live entertainment provided by the officers, massed "chiefs" handing around plates of turkey, and of course, the youngest airman playing "C.O. for a day".

With the dwindling number of bachelors, recent years have found "chiefs" outnumbering "indians" at these events, and by vote of the living-in personnel, our abundance will be shared in the true spirit of Christmas. Perhaps a new service tradition started this week, and C.F.B. Moose Jaw pioneered it!

### FETONS NOEL! by Father Bolley

Si l'on vous demandait à l'improviste, au coin de la rue, d'exprimer au micro ce que signifie Noël, pour vous et votre famille, que diriez-vous?

Pour les enfants, c'est un temps merveilleux, comblés de jouets nouveaux et de gâteries succulantes, le tout mêlé aux sons, lumières et couleurs propres au temps des Fêtes. Les étudiants, eux, après les examens du trimestre, voient venir avec hâte ces vacances bienfaites, pour flâner, se détendre, prendre leurs ébats et sauter un peu. Pour les adultes c'est souvent l'occasion de vider son porte-monnaie. Il en coûte cher pour faire plaisir aux enfants, époux, parents, patrons... sans négliger de se préparer à recevoir chez soi parents et amis avec une table bien garnie et de quoi se rincer le gosier! Tout cela est vrai et bon, mais

Noël est plus que cela. Nous fêtons la venue du Christ, de Dieu parmi nous. Quand nous fêtons l'anniversaire de la naissance d'un ami, nous voulons rappeler sans doute sa naissance urvenue. Il y a tant d'années, mais surtout nous rendre hommage à celui qui est bien vivant parmi nous.

Comment le célébrer? En faisant comme Lui, c'est-à-dire en donnant de bon cœur et avec joie. Il s'est donné à nous parce que nous avions besoin de Lui pour être sauvés et pour connaître la vraie joie de vivre.

Noël est la fête du plus grand cadeau, de la plus grande joie, qui ait jamais été faite à l'humanité: C'est la fête du don de Dieu aux hommes.

Votre plus beau Noël sera non pas celui où vous aurez reçu le plus, mais celui où vous aurez donné avec le plus d'amour. Joyeux Noël! Bonne Année! Et la Paradis à la fin de vos jours!

## FAREWELL TO THE F-86 SABRE

On Thursday, November 28, 1968, pilots and N.C.O.s from CFB Moose Jaw who had served with F-86 Sabre squadrons, boarded a 435 Squadron C-130, for Chatham, N.B. We travelled at the invitation of Colonel A. J. Bauer, Base Commander, to participate in the F-86 Stand Down Ceremony. The last 21 Sabres were being withdrawn from service by the Sabre Transitional Unit at Chatham. More pilots flew the F-86 than any other Canadian fighter, and it won a place in our hearts that can never be equalled.

The official retirement of the F-86 got under way Friday afternoon with two bands and an indoor parade and march-past. The guest speaker was Lt. Gen. M. E. Pollard, who had been C.O. of Chatham when the famous Golden Hawk Aerobatic team was formed. Lt. Gen. Pollard made a moving farewell address, quoted here in part: "A whole generation of Canadian fighter pilots grew up with the Sabre in this atmosphere of excellence where only the best was good enough. Once the best, the Sabre has been eclipsed by new and more powerful fighters. Its departure closes an era... Only the fighter pilot can really know the fighter aircraft for what it is. A graceful, living thing, instantly responsive to the touch, yet an instrument of shattering power, unique among many creations. Its full measure is revealed only to the men who fly alone, one with their machines. Now, we who know, say farewell to the greatest fighter of all, the Sabre".

A blinding snow storm cancelled the planned fly-past, but the aerodrome was full of visiting aircraft. All of the Messes hosted cocktail parties and dances. The Sergeants' Mess staged a hilarious 40-minute skit for the aircrew, and the Corporals' Club literally pulsed with shouted greetings and whoops of laughter.

The Officers' Mess was jammed with pilots meeting long-time friends. Ex-Station Commanders, Squadron Commanders and literally hundreds of squadron pilots were there. The true significance of the occasion was suddenly clear. Never again would such an assemblage be possible. No other event could have lured these individuals from such distant spots

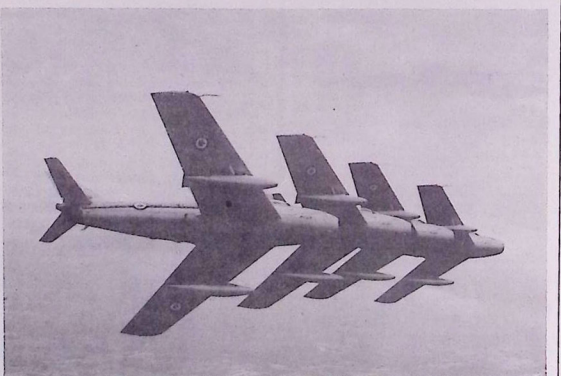
for a reunion. Dean Kelly, whose Sabre aerobatics thrilled the Queen of England, and earned him the personal admiration of the Duke of Edinburgh, was there. Jerry Billing, who flew Spits from an aircraft carrier to the defence of Malta, and logged over 350 combat fighter sorties, showed up. Ernie Glover, the only Canadian to win the D.F.C. in peacetime when he achieved 3.5 kills in Korea, held forth to Bob Middlemiss, the man whose Overseas Ferry Unit flew more than 800 Sabres across the Atlantic without a single loss.

Andy MacKenzie arrived. He survived almost two years in solitary confinement in a North Korean jail, and is now a gentleman farmer in the Ottawa valley, raising pheasants and champion dogs. And the commercial pilots came, from San Francisco, New York and Montreal. They landed at Moncton and rented cars to drive through the raging storm. Ex-fighter pilots, they now fly some of the largest jet aircraft in the world. Doug Vann showed up from Air Canada's Moscow run with his great stories from the world's airports. "Air Canada Flight One, this is London Tower", said a sexy female voice one night, "Is my transmission fuzzy?" "I don't know lady,

how old are you?" And the period in the '50s when the new American 707 jets with their dense black exhaust trails arrived to intimidate the smaller English Comets. "B.O.-A.C. Flight Two, this is Orly Tower, you are cleared to line up for take-off". From the Comet, "Uh, negative, tower, we'll hold here until this dreadful smoke clears away". The 707 shot back with, "when you're big enough, sonny, you can smoke too!"

And so it went, on through the Grey Cup festivities and into the night on Saturday. Speeches were made, presentations occurred. Finally, early Sunday morning, the last dog was hung. Slowly the groups wandered off to pack and catch an hour's sleep.

It was a marvellous and imaginative thing that Colonel Bauer and his troops organized. The future of the Canadian Armed Forces seems a little brighter with the knowledge that we have so many people who would travel great distances for such an occasion, and that C.F.H.Q. would offer such generous support by providing transportation wherever possible. It was a wonderful experience which we'll remember and cherish, and a fine tribute to one of the greatest fighters ever built.



The Golden Hawks perform a "flat turn", the most difficult formation manoeuvre. The F-86 will fly no more with the Canadian Armed Forces. (CFP Photo)



Major Blizzard shows The Honourable D. Granado, High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago, and Mrs. Granado "Hero Shots" of Course 6706. Mr. Granado, earlier in the evening, had presented the Pilot's Badge to Dr. Blizzard.

## Commander's View



As 1968 draws to a close and we approach the Christmas Season once again, it is customary to pause briefly to review the accomplishments and failures of the past year. It is a good idea to take stock every now and then—both individually and collectively, for we sometimes become so engrossed with our day to day problems that we tend to lose sight of our over-all aims and objectives.

For CFB Moose Jaw, this has been a busy and rewarding year. Our flying training program has profited from a number of refinements both in maintenance and in flying so that we are now able to produce more flying hours with less effort—a tribute to good planning and skilled implementation. We have noted with pride a steady rise in aircraft serviceability and a continuing decrease in accident rate throughout the year. Our base

support activities throughout the Province have increased steadily with the continuing integration and consolidation of our military functions.

On the community front, our progress has been no less impressive. We can all be proud of the new NPF facilities we see on Base—the Country Club, the Auto Club, the Base Exchange to name but a few. I think the high point of the year for many was Oct. 18 when the Governor-General and Mrs. Roland C. Michener officiated at the opening ceremonies of the Bushell Park Country Club. A great day for the many who devoted countless hours to its construction.

All this could not have been accomplished without the enthusiastic support and dedication of each one of you, and for this I sincerely thank you. I am sure we can look forward with hope and confidence to an even better year in 1969.

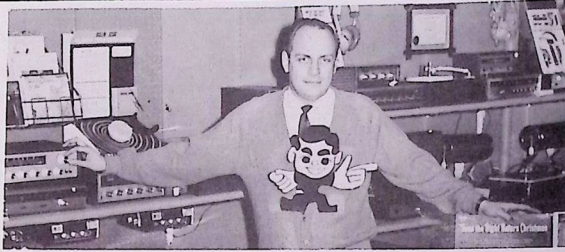
To one and all, my wife and I extend our warmest wishes for a Happy Christmas and a bright and meaningful New Year.

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## TEEN TALK

by Gail Ellis



Paul McCubbing (right), President of Teen Town, shows Michael Mawson and Father Boily the Mawson Memorial Trophy. The Trophy was purchased by the Teen Town to perpetuate the memory of the late Sgt. John Mawson for the support and guidance he provided to the Club. The Trophy will be awarded annually to the best Teen Town bowling team.

## The Powder Room

by Lois

**A Thought for the Season**  
 From the murmur and sabbety of suspicion with Which we vex one another, Give us rest.  
 Make a new beginning And mingle again the kindred of the nations in The alchemy of love, And with some finer essence of forebearance Temper our minds.  
 —Aristophanes, 400 B.C.

It seems that time changes some things but our prayers for increased forbearance and understanding have been the same for centuries. A Joyous Christmas and a Rewarding New Year to you all.  
 Christmas time is family time—do take one day and spend it with your family, even if they protest! Arrange a curling party, skating or tobogganing can be fun too. If these suggestions aren't practical for your family make a special occasion of tree decorating — serve punch and Christmas goodies — invite family friends. Possibly you have your tree up by now, if so, you can still consider enjoying this suggestion. Add some creative decorations to your tree this year, in the form of miniature stockings filled with treats. Watch the children's eyes light up when they visit your home and you remove a stocking or gay decoration from the tree especially for them. Make a stocking of red, green or bright fabric, add a bit of tinsel, cotton or ribbon trim, fill with a few candies, a barret, hair bows etc, for girls, a miniature soldier, special agate, or novelty toys for boys—any number of toys can be used—some save little toys from cereal boxes. In any event you have an original decoration sure to delight the younger set.

with everyone so the very first thing I must do is apologize for the omission in last edition's recipe for Pineapple Cocoanut cake. There was a slip-up along the line somewhere and three eggs should be added to the list of ingredients. I'll do my best to see that it doesn't happen again.

**SPEARHEADS**  
 The West Nova Scotia Regiment and the Carleton and York Regiment spearheaded the 1st Canadian Division attack on the Italian mainland, successfully landing near Reggio at 5:26 a.m., Sept. 3, 1943.

## It Pays to be Tough At Times

**OTTAWA (CFP)** — Avoid, at all costs, co-signing a loan for a friend, serviceman or civilian.  
 More times than not he isn't a friend if he puts you on for your signature.

He may have the best intentions in the world but many things, like sickness or marital difficulties could prevent him from repaying the loan, on the finance company's terms. That's where you come in, Mr. Co-signer. You're the finance company's collection agent.

Whether you pay or get the loot from him, they could care less—it's merely an expedient and economical method for the finance company not to have to worry about the payments.

Suppose you do get caught in a co-signing deal. The finance company might suggest you sign a chattel mortgage giving them the title to your furniture or other material belongings. This means long payment plans at atrocious interest rates—25% and up.

## Letter to Editor

The writer whole-heartedly agrees with the editorial entitled "The Safer Way" . . . were it accurate and complete . . . most unfortunately it is not.  
 Amongst other things it fails to point out that a deep dark ditch is certainly no place for an unescorted female or young children, nor would the sidewalk (?), composed as it is of gravel, sand and earth mixture, be fit to use when wet unless the pedestrian was equipped with both rubber boots and the patience to remove the Saskatchewan gumbo afterwards.  
 During good weather and daylight hours the walk, while uncomfortable to walk on, is definitely safer, otherwise, its a matter of personal opinion. A solution would be to pave the walk and install lighting. A spot similar to the one installed during the Governor-Generals visit might be suitable.  
 Under the circumstances, some of which are outlined above, it might be safe to assume that there will continue to be pedestrians

using the so-called "Gaza Strip", particularly during adverse weather and the dark hours or more appropriately, the dangerous times. Therefore, it behooves me to suggest that if the rules and regulations were better enforced, and drivers maintained the proper speed and pedestrians the proper procedures for walking on highways, that the danger would be reduced considerably, or, perhaps spend a few dollars on the suggestions outlined above.  
 Finally, a few words to the big brave motorists; when you pull out of the main gate and 'wind it up' and proceed at high speed along this dark strip (it's usually dark because you, driver, you do not have the courage to do so when you can be spotted) just remember that the life you may take may also cost you, and more than you care to pay. So, to ease the burden on those "unconcerned" pedestrians, ease down for those two hundred yards.  
 Name withheld by request.  
 Editor.

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 Recently a man lost his life in an auto accident. While the vehicle was equipped with seat belts the man had failed to wear his. His widow on behalf of the children and herself sued for damages in excess of \$80,000.00. The court decided in her favour except that 25% of the damages awarded were deducted because it was found the deceased had contributed to his own death by fail-

ing to do as a reasonable man would do in that he failed to fasten his seat belt.  
 The concept of what a reasonable man would do has been the basis of our negligence law ever since 1856, when Baron Alderson of the Exchequer Court of England ruled:  
 "Negligence is the omission to do something which a reasonable man, guided upon those considerations which ordinarily regulate the conduct of human affairs, would do, or doing something which a prudent and reasonable man would not do."

## Defensive Driving Course

Avoid accident costs and worries. If you are interested, ensure that every driving member of your family knows how to drive defensively.  
 A Dependants' Driving Course will be conducted Dec. 30, 1968 in the Conference Room GTS 0815-1630 hrs.  
 Anyone interested please contact Transport Safety at Local 384 by Dec. 23, 1968. A minimum of 15 students is required.

**SATELLITES**  
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In a recent election held among our PMQ residents nine new councillors and nine new deputies were elected for the coming year as follows:

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2	Sgt. A. R. Wall	Cpl. K. M. Calbeck
3	Cpl. W. A. Wilson	Mrs. Ray Bowe
4	Cpl. A. R. Williams	Cpl. C. J. Ellis
5	Sgt. A. D. Morrison	Cpl. E. J. Bowen
6	Sgt. F. G. Evans	Cpl. W. R. Fraser
7	M.W.O. A. S. Parks	Cpt. R. M. Sparks
8	Sgt. R. H. Pratt	Sgt. A. B. Biegler
9	Cpl. R. E. Bullis	Sgt. C. R. Shean

Mayor — Major C. J. McCurrie  
Secretary — M.W.O. A. S. Parks

Our appreciation is extended to the members of the 1968 council for a job well done. This council with help from some very capable and enthusiastic PMQ residents was able to set up a sports program for the PMQ children which is and was the envy of many larger centres. It was able to get action on most of the suggestions brought forward and has laid the foundation work for increasing revenues and further extending benefits to our PMQ dependents in the form of student scholarships, hobbies, recreation, etc., topics about which you will be further informed in future issues of "The Plainsman". So once again, thank you 1968 Council for a job well done.

The Mayor and Council wishes to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.  
—Bob Lawrence

**MILITIA PAY INCREASE**

Following is a brief resume showing the old and the new pay rates for Militia personnel. Pay rates for specialist personnel i.e. Medical Officers, Dental Officers, are not included. These rates may be obtained from your orderly room.

	Old		New
Pte. A	117.00 p/mon. ( 3.90) p/day		4.70
Pte. B	124.00 p/mon. ( 4.13) p/day		5.20
Pte. C	146.00 p/mon. ( 4.87) p/day		7.00
Cpl. D	215.00 p/mon. ( 7.17) p/day		9.10
Sgt. E(1)	239.00 p/mon. ( 7.97) p/day		11.60
W.O. E(2)	272.00 p/mon. ( 9.07) p/day		12.20
M.W.O. F	311.00 p/mon. (10.37) p/day		14.20
C.W.O. G	347.00 p/mon. (11.57) p/day		16.90
2.Lt.	250.00 p/mon. ( 8.33) p/day		9.50
Lt.	346.00 p/mon. (11.53) p/day		14.40
Lt. (CFR)	423.00 p/mon. (14.10) p/day		17.50
Capt.	453.00 p/mon. (15.10) p/day		19.00
Maj.	600.00 p/mon. (20.00) p/day		26.20
Lt. Col.	764.00 p/mon. (25.47) p/day		31.60
Col.	974.00 p/mon. (32.47) p/day		41.00

Class "B" (Formerly CRT) (must be approved by CFHQ)

**Knights Win Season Opener**

by Bob Charette

The Potash Hockey League opened a new season on Monday, Dec. 9 at the Civic Centre. The CFB Knights registered an overwhelming 11-0 victory over the STI Beavers. The outcome was rather surprising to all, as two previous exhibition games had been real close involving these two teams. However, the Knights came on strong offensively as Norm Sorel picked up four goals and Ron Premeau two. Single tallies went to Ray Bowe, Clem Dansereau, Jim Thompson, Skip Hartley and Clare Lefort. Bill Jones in goal for the Knights played a very good game making 27 saves. The next home league game for the Knights is Thursday, Dec. 19 at 8:00 p.m. with the Royalite Oil Kings providing the opposition. There will be a layoff over the Holiday Season with action resuming on Jan. 6 as the Knights travel to Pense for a game against IPSCO.

**GEM OF THE WEEK FROM "C" FLIGHT**

A Standards Officer is a pilot who knows a great deal about very little, and goes about knowing more and more about less and less until he knows practically everything about nothing.

A student is a pilot who knows very little about a great deal, and keeps knowing less and less about more and more until he knows practically nothing about everything.

An instructor, on the other hand, starts out knowing everything about everything and ends up knowing nothing about anything —due to his association with Standards Officers and Students.

**QUALITY**

(Sign on "C" Fft. Cdr. Door)

Quality is like buying oats. If you want nice, fresh oats, you must pay the price. However, if you can be satisfied with oats that have already been through the horse... that comes a little cheaper.

**BIG "L" NOTES**

by Cpl. Nesbitt

Laughter, merriment and diversion again dominated the annual get-together of maintenance and transport families. The committee, I'm sure, is pleased with the results of its work. When I say laughter, I think everyone in the maintenance end of this organization will join me in saying: "they're all jolly good fellows". From bouncing Bill at the piano to our high-stepping M.C., good-will to all was at its height. One head table guest stated: "behind every professional driver there's a professional mechanic." To this we'll add, "behind them both there are professional women who make this and every annual get-together a venture to remember."  
—Happy Holidays!

**CADETS**

The cadet movement began in Canada at the Quebec Seminary in 1860.

**Ladies' Bowling League Standings**

by Kay Harper

Team	No.	Captain	Points
Pin Busters	2	Lorraine Shepherd	51
Sweet Peas	8	Dorothy Mark	45
The Lemons	7	Lois Metcalfe	45
The Strugglers	6	Audrey Taylor	38
Low Boys	5	Joyce Metheral	31
Lt! My's	1	Maxine Zerr	27
Perry's Probes	3	Yolande Perry	22
Big Spenders	4	Ori McReavy	21

Congratulations to Jean Mathews who now holds the Triple Crown, with a High Average of 203, High Single of 331 and a High Triple of 778. Lois Metcalfe bowled a 317 on Dec. 2 and Marg Collin 313 on Dec. 9. Jean Gaudet also belongs in the 700 club with a High Triple of 733.

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Moose Jaw — Sask.

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