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## Veteran of Two World Wars Retires



### SERVED TWENTY-TWO YEARS AT MOOSE JAW

Sgt. Roderick MacDonald, N.C.O. in charge of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, who resides with his family at 749 Stadacona Street East, retired on Dec. 31, 1968. Sgt. MacDonald was born in North Uist, Inverness, Scotland in 1894. He first started his military service in 1911 when he joined Lord Lovatt's Scouts serving in North Africa, Dardanells, France and Belgium. He was demobilized in 1919 and the following year emigrated to Canada taking up farming at Stony Beach, Sask. In May, 1941 he joined

the RCAF and served as an Air-force Police N.C.O. at stations Calgary, Penhold, Dewinton, Regina, Mossbank and Swift Current until released in 1946. Sgt. MacDonald in 1946 commenced his first association at what is now CFB Moose Jaw working as a store room manager for Sask. Reconstruction Corps until 1950 when he commenced his security duties.

Sgt. MacDonald was presented on the occasion of his retirement a Long and Distinguished Service Certificate by Col. L. H. Keelan.

### Effective, Satisfied Officers

Last minute details of the Officer Motivation Study were outlined during the visit on Wednesday, November 20, of Capt J. R. Mallette from Canadian Forces Personnel Applied Research Unit, (CF PARU), Toronto. Captain Mallette's brief stop at CFB Moose Jaw was designated to iron out difficulties for the personnel who will be required to carry out the motivation research project.

The Officer Motivation Study was first announced this past July and trial runs have been carried out in the meantime to detect weaknesses and difficulties. The study, which was instigated at the request of the Chief of Personnel, is being carried out under the direction of the Directorate of Personnel Selection and Research (DPSR). It is aimed at providing a survey of present officer employment. More specifically, the research project is designed to gather information that will permit better matching of the individual's abilities and interests. CF PARU is co-ordinating the gathering of data. The basic procedure to be used will be the interview method. Since the requirements of the study exceeded PARU resources, selected Personnel Education Officers were sent on a training seminar at CFB Trenton in early June, 1968.

Capt Mallette pointed out that in view of the scope and importance of the study, and the wide range of jobs held by officers in the Canadian Armed Forces, it was necessary to use a very large sample to generate the data. In fact, approximately 1200 officers were selected at random from all environments and trades in the ranks of Lieutenant to Lieutenant-Colonel inclusive.

Capt Mallette emphasized several aspects of the study, in order to forestall resistance on the part of officers whom may be asked to participate. He said that first of all, the project is official. He then explained that some officers may have had bad experiences in the past with surveys of one kind or another, either because the information revealed was later used against them, or because no effort was made to show them in what ways the information gathered had been used. When asked what will happen to the raw data, Capt Mallette explained that it will remain at PARU and results were only reported in summary form to those who asked for the study. It was pointed out that in any case no names are used in the data gathering phase. Capt Mallette stated that this project was different in several ways from past research. For one thing, it is basic research. This study will find out from the man who works at it what his job requirements are. These may be very different from what the managers say. Another difference in this project is that several groups have shown an interest in obtaining and using the results. In other words, there is a need in several areas for the information the project is designed to obtain. Capt Mallette stated that preliminary results are expected in the first half of '69.

21 RCAF pilots flew Sabres on exchange duties with UN Forces in Korea.

## Mardi-Gras Countdown . . .

Plans are falling in place quickly for CFB Moose Jaw's winter carnival—Mardi Gras '69. Primary feature of the event will be a monster inter-mess competition, whether indoor or out, skilled sportsmen will attempt to win the laurels for their Mess. Two events that are new this year and should create additional interest are the motor toboggan races and a smooch race. The latter can best be described as a six man ski race using two 14-foot 2 x 4s as skis.

In addition to the inter-mess competition there will be many events for individual and dependent competition. Hopefully there will be something for everyone no matter the age. A primary feature will be a junior hockey tournament that will put base teams in competition with teams from downtown and Regina. The parade and

snow sculpture competition is open to individuals or groups as well as to the messes and special prizes will be awarded in the private category.

On the entertainment side CBC Showcase, a lively professional variety show, will put on a performance during Mardi Gras week and there will be a grand ball in the Recreation Centre to wind up the carnival.

Admission to the carnival will be handled the same as last year. Mardi Gras buttons will be on sale shortly that will entitle the wearer admission to all events. Cost of the button will be \$1.00. However, a special bargain will be offered if a button and carnival draw ticket are bought together.

Look for further details in future editions of the Plainsman and Plainsman Supplement.



One of last year's Mardi Gras floats. Both private entries and Mess floats will be in this year's parade.

### GENERAL FOR FRIENDLY CITY

Brig. Gen. Louis A. Bourgeois was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. In 1916 and was educated in primary and secondary schools in Moose Jaw and at the University of Ottawa.

From 1941 to 1944 he served with the King's Own Rifles of Canada and as staff captain of Headquarters 14th Canadian Infantry Brigade. He attended the Canadian War Staff Course in Kingston in 1944 and then served overseas on the staff of Canadian Military Headquarters.

After returning to Canada in 1946, he held staff appointments at Camp Borden, Oakville and Army Headquarters in Ottawa. In 1955 he was posted to Headquarters 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade Group in Germany as the senior administrative staff officer. In 1959 and the early part 1960 he was second-in-command of the 1st Battalion Queen's Own Rifles in Calgary.

Brig. Gen. Bourgeois was posted to Army Headquarters in Ottawa in July, 1960 and served as a staff officer in the Directorate of Military Training until January, 1963



when he was appointed military assistant to the chief of the general staff. In August 1964 he was promoted to the rank of colonel and named to head the integrated directorate of Information Services. He was promoted to brigadier general Dec. 1, 1968.



Rare Winter Birds—appear during Mardi Gras only . . . Look for "Big Crop" 8 to 15 February.

### COMRADES IN ARMS

Primary task of the reserve force continues to be provision of reinforcements for the regular force in emergencies. It is an element of the "forces-in-being" concept. Reserves can be employed on

full-time duty or to undertake regular force commitments. Some reserves fill regular force billets when regulars aren't available and others serve for peak periods of training and administrative activity which can't be met by the regular force.

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**TEEN TALK**  
 by Gail Ellis



Members of the Bushell Park Figure Skating Club, left to right: Linda Stoddard, Gail Ellis, Gail Branch and Laurae Austin, successfully completed the Amateur Coaching Course conducted by the Canadian Figure Skating Association. The Bushell Park Figure Skating Club is sponsored by the Base Wives' Club and has Betty Elliott as its Club Professional.

**The Powder Room**  
 by Lois

Happy New Year! My very best wishes to all of you for a happy, rewarding and prosperous New Year. With a new year comes new resolutions—I make a great many every year—here are a few of the ones I hope to keep:

- (1) Return everything borrowed and fetch anything loaned.
- (2) Drop in and see that neighbor that moved in six months ago.
- (3) Draw up a monthly household budget and stick to it!
- (4) Accomplish something that is a service to my community.

There are a number of others that involve the cuss-box, etc. but I won't go into those. What resolutions have you made?

January is sale month across the country and is the time to watch for discounted winter clothing and household items you need. If you are thinking of taking advantage of the fur sales (lucky you) The Consumer's Association of Canada has some sound advice. They warn against so-called bargains in furs and offer shopping hints that are well worth noting. "Good quality in a fur is indicated by a smooth, lustrous appearance, uniform in colour and texture, pliable skins and thick, glossy, long guardhairs. (The guardhairs are the long coarse hairs which cover the shorter, softer and dense underfur). In furs from hoofed animals, such as

lamb, look for tight curls or lovely, natural patterns. You can recognize poor quality by any of these characteristics: dull, lifeless colour; thin, uneven fur; brittle or split hairs; stiff, "rattling" skins. So whether it be a coat, jacket, or stole you are considering buying deal with a reputable retailer, as a good furrier will stand behind his reputation.

**Gourmet Fare**  
 This simple recipe is one enjoyed at our home—it's quick and tasty for luncheon or an evening snack.

**Chili Dogs**  
 Chili con carne  
 Weiners  
 Hot dog buns  
 Grated cheddar cheese

The amount of each ingredient used depends on your family's appetite. I usually count 2 chili dogs per person. When I make chili I always reserve about two cups to freeze for chili dogs. Canned chili will do. Grate cheddar cheese—allow about a tablespoon per serving. Heat chili to piping hot, heat lightly buttered buns. Add weiners to cold water and bring to near boiling point then turn off heat. Place drained weiner in bun, spoon chili into bun and sprinkle with grated cheese—serve immediately. Mugs of spicely tomato soup are the only accompaniment needed.

**A 'Thank You' to Charlie and his Friends**

TO the Junior Ranks  
 I would like to Thank you all for wonderful Time I had at the Christmas party on Wednesday. A special thanks to the man named Charlie who picked me up + took after me. For the evening Thanking you all once again.  
 I am  
 Carla Dean

**Letter to the Editor**

Having a sincere interest and belief in all aspects of safety, I find that I could not let the letter to Editor in the Dec. 19 issue go without an answer.

On this base there are many people concerned with and working for the safety of every man, woman and child. Long arduous hours are spent by the Safety Section, Fire Hall and Base Safety Committee to eliminate hazards that could cause someone to be hurt. Safety is a thankless job, without tangible results, and difficult to sell as it is always the other fellow who has the accident.

There are three E's in safety; Engineering, Education and Enforcement. In the case of the disputed sidewalk the Engineering came first when the walk was built. The Education was attempted by RO entries and the Editorial in this paper. I sincerely hope that the third E will not have to be used. The road was designed for vehicles and the sidewalk for pedestrians. There is no point in trying to lay the blame on the motorist because the pedestrian refuses to use the sidewalk.

Finally for those hard nosed pedestrians who are going to continue to use the road, and set the example for the children, there appears to be two choices: Dig the gumbo off your boots because you walked on the sidewalk, or, dig the gumbo off your boots because you walked to and from a tiny grave. Safety is Everybody's Business.  
 H. C. Phillips

**Double Check Wear and Tear**

OTTAWA (CFP)—A Better Business Bureau bulletin from mainland B.C. says it all:

More and more complaints are reaching this Bureau based on the inability of the ex-tenant to obtain any or all of his deposit upon vacating. There are some precautions which can and should be taken.

Upon occupying a suite, if the landlord does not ask you to do so, make a list of any visible damage existing to the appliances, fixtures, walls and floors. Keep a copy and give a copy to the manager.

When moving out, get the manager to inspect the suite with you and make a list of what you will be required to do to obtain your deposit. Make it clear what you are liable for and what the owner considers to be "normal maintenance". Make sure you leave the suite as clean as you can.

Find out who is responsible for cleaning the rugs and drapes or, in fact, if this is even necessary. Who is responsible for redecorating?

Taking these precautions will not guarantee a return to your deposit but they will help to increase your chances. Incidentally, more than one tenant has expressed concern over the fact that his money is working for the landlord while the suite is occupied. In a large complex this would amount to a considerable sum.

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**ORBITING STORY SHOT DOWN**

OTTAWA (CFP)—A press report claiming the Baker-Nunn camera at CFB Cold Lake has photographed "the new Soviet space bomb in orbit" has been studied by the experts in defence headquarters.

In a subsequent statement CFHQ said "we have no information from our own, or any other source, which would lead us to believe that there has been any bombs put into fractional or full orbit by any country. However, as Secretary MacNamara stated on Friday, Nov. 3, 1967, we are aware that Russia is developing a fractional orbital bombardment system."



**13 "A" and "B" CUB CAPERS**  
 A "Grand Howl" must go out for the 55 Cubs, the leaders and the parents who joined in the Annual Christmas Party. Ringing ears and full stomachs was the order of the evening. Lt. Col. Young, a wet old wolf, showed true sportsmanship by playing the joker for the boys in "sock it to me and horse skits".

The boys retaliated by giving a howl and three cheers for the mothers who provided and served the appetizing lunch. A truly enjoyable evening (next time we'll bring our ear protectors). Let's howl in '69.

Bill Chivers directs the horse (Jim Powers and Jim Farrow) over Lt. Col. Young.

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## LITTLE LEAGUE PRESIDENT WARNS— "NO SUPPORT — NO BASEBALL!"

This is normally a summer topic but let's get ahead of the season by discussing it now. As you will see there are several reasons for doing so.

Last season was the first after several years that the service man's dependents were affiliated with the American and Canadian Little League Ball Organization. It is our hope to do so again in '69, to give the young boys the chance to play organized ball in the leagues appropriate to their ages and experience.

As President of the Bushell Park Little League it is my intention to approach the P.M.Q. Council for the proper backing to support our Little League. One thing we are desperately in need of is another Base Ball Diamond in the P.M.Q. area. This of course should include dug-outs for both diamonds. A good example of an inexpensive type of dug-out can be seen at any Little League Ball Park in the city of Moose Jaw.

Equipment, bats, balls, gloves, uniforms—are in short supply. I

am sure your P.M.Q. Council will assist in obtaining all that is necessary in this line. It is well and good for the Council to assist in the aforementioned, but what about your assistance. You, the service man, you the parent, you the hero in your son's eyes.

In the past your assistance to, your appearance at and your association with the Base Little League has been deplorable. The sports members of your Council have had very little support at all.

For you, the parents who did answer our call for help we give thanks. To you who will assist this coming year we offer our thanks in advance. If perchance we do not get the help we need, it is my sad duty to inform you and your boys that there will be no organized ball in the '69 Season.

For you the reader will be advised in the near future how you may assist your children to enjoy a good ball season.

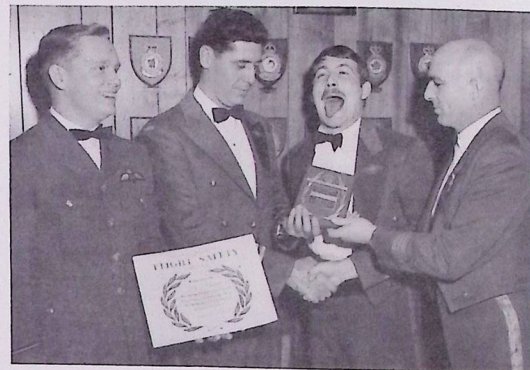
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Little League Pres.

## BIG "L" NOTES

by Cpl. Nesbitt

The lustre of greener pastures has magnetized two of our young mechanics to the wonders of civy street. LAC Don Morisson, with his wife and family, has left to enhance his trade at his home town, Brockville, Ontario. LAC Dave Washburn, single, and talking world travel, has temporarily taken up residence in Edmonton. At a farewell get-together, Capt. Kane noted that Dave was the only tech. who had served at all three of our establishments; Dundurn, Regina, and Moose Jaw. You should have been a sailor Dave.

The population explosion has hit the maintenance section—up! that is. The beds are too short to accommodate the towering frames of a number of personnel. Our lanky clerk, Stu Brown, took the initiative and talked workshops into building a personal custom slumber centre. They accomplished the job so well that Stu forgot to part with his dream bed the next morning. Your excuse is well taken, we'll start building higher doorways next.



SENIOR FLYERS WIN FLIGHT SAFETY AWARDS

Receiving recognition at a recent Mess Dinner for Accident Free Instructional Flying are, left to right: Lt. Brian Alston, 500 hours, Capt. Bob Cran, 1000 hours and Capt. Baz Lawlor, 500 hours. Maj. Jack Tupper, Deputy Commandant,

2 FTS, and himself a 1000 hour man, makes the presentations. Judging by Maj. Tupper's avant garde hair style, and Capt. Lawlor's odd facial expression, all that white knuckle time must take its toll!

## CYPRUS CON MAN TRIES NEW TACK

NICOSIA, Cyprus (CFP)—An old service chestnut has been given a new shine in the Blue Beret, a weekly paper serving the UN force in Cyprus.

Remember "A Sergeant-Major's Answer to a Request for a Day Off", or the SWO's answer, or the coxswain's answer?

The Cyprus version is "How to Shorten Your Six-month Tour". Six months means 182.5 days during which many soldiers have 26 Sun-

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