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## PEREGRINE CAGE ARTISTS DROP CLOSE GAME TO DARTMOUTH R.C.A.F.

### OUR IN ROUTINE

With this issue Lovely Lady Luck lets loose with the proverbial bottle of champagne (pre-war stock) to christen another new venture, The Pusser Post.

Our aim is to serve the ship's company of H.M.C.S. Peregrine and R.C.N. Depot. So after much perseverance and perspiration we present for the approval of all, our first issue.

For future issues, we need the whole-hearted support of all our readers. Send in your news items, your jokes and stories, and your suggestions. We're broadminded!

### CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

The Pusser Post promises to fill a longfelt need. I trust that all the ratings will read its columns and offer their help in furthering the venture. I am anxious that you consider it your own paper, therefore your contributions and suggestions are more than welcomed. I heartily endorse the effort and take pleasure in extending my patronage in this, the first issue.

CAPTAIN RCNVR  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
HMCS PEREGRINE

DON'T MISS

"all for George"

REC. HALL FEB. 10-11

### M'GOWAN, GEDDES, M' MACKON STAR AS FLYERS WIN 36-34

In a game that had the spectators standing at the finish, Peregrine's up and coming Mens Senior Basketball team lost a close one to RCAF at Dartmouth 36-34 last Thursday night. It was a tough one to lose.

Starting fast, the Flyers ran in four quick baskets without reply in a display of very hot shooting. "Crusher" McGowan finally broke in the clear and scored to put Peregrine on the board. After a time-out the Peregrine quintet hit their stride, working the ball around smoothly. Baskets by McGowan, Bell and "Red" Martin evened the score at 12 all. Air Force again forged into the lead and the teams left the floor for the half time breather with Peregrine on the short end 21-16.

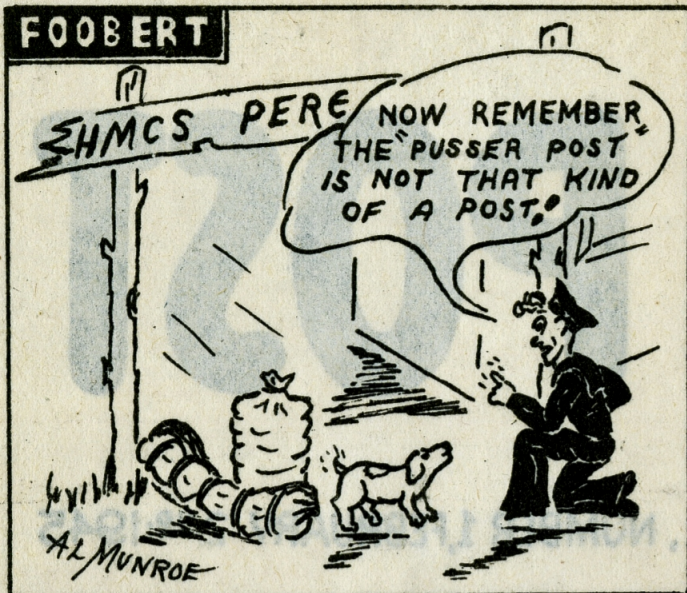
On resumption the Flyers again controlled the play with Wieselberg sinking two neat efforts from the keyhole. After six minutes of play "Bobo" Bobowski counted for Peregrine to bring the score to 26-18 for Air Force. The Flyers boosted the score to 34-21 with 10 minutes to go, when Peregrine finally began to bear down. McGowan sank a nifty from the corner, then another from close in and the heat was on. Geddes found his shooting eye and popped in two sitters to make it 34-28. Poulton put Air Force further ahead to 36-28 with only minutes to go. But Peregrine came back strong with McGowan and Geddes again finding the hoop to make it 36-32. Bell going in at great speed missed a sitter. Geddes also narrowly missing on a fine shot with only 20 seconds left. But "Wacky" McMakon sank a beauty to make it 36-34 in the dying moments. Air Force finally gained possession and stalled the remaining few seconds to win a real thriller.

Coach Red Martin's proteges controlled a good deal of the play and had their shooting been on, the result would have been different. Smarting under this defeat, Peregrine is out for blood tonight when they meet HMCS King's here in the Drill Hall. If you want to see some bang-up basketball turn out tonight and support your team. Game time is 8 p.m.

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Peregrines: Bell 2, Spencer, Babowski 4, Baker, McGowan 11, Geddes 7, Martin 2, Devitt, McMakon 8, Total 34.

RCAF: Poulton 10, Wieselberg 7, McLeod 9, Brown 6, Annett, Chelin 2, Oates 2, Watt. Total 36.



# PEREGRINE CORNWALLIS HOOP SERIES WOWS CAGE FANS

On the evening of Saturday, January 13th Lieutenant "Jake" Edwards brought his powerful Cornwallis Basketball team to Halifax for the express purpose of meeting our Peregrine club in the first two games of a scheduled home and home series.

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Following the first blast of referee Johnny Altman's whistle, the Cornwallis sailors quickly settled down to a systematic zone defence that definitely spelled trouble with a capitol "T" for Peregrine's team, under the guidance of Sports Officer Lieutenant Stevens.

Undaunted by this preliminary display of defensive power our hustling gang of hoopsters went to work with a vengeance when the smoke of battle had cleared temporarily away at half-time, the score read as follows:

Peregrine 23, Cornwallis 16.

It wasn't so much because "Crusher" McGowan and "Red" Martin scored 17 points between them in this half and "Wacky" McMakon scored every rebound off the Peregrine backboard, that we enjoyed this comfortable lead, but more because every player on the team worked like a trojan against what seemed like impossible odds.

This fighting spirit and determination continued throughout the second half. Peregrine added another cool 23 points and Cornwallis whipped in 26 to make the final score 46-42 in our favour.

It was unquestionably the best played game of the year and swell Saturday night entertainment for sport minded ratings and Wrens stationed at Peregrine.

## SECOND GAME - A CORNWALLIS VICTORY 57-37

Whether it was overconfidence, overwork, or just plain overwhelming Cornwallis power in the final 20 minutes of the Sunday afternoon tilt, is a matter of opinion, but the bare facts show that Peregrine was outscored 33-13 during this session following up a tight 24-24 score at the interval.

Naturally enough Lt. Edwards was happy when his proteges came through with such a whirlwind finish to even up the series.

Refreshments were served early Sunday evening to the visiting players at a reception in the Wrens Fo'c'sle and it was certainly a restful and fitting climax to a pair of hard fought games.

## ON TO CORNWALLIS

The following week-end January 20th and 21st we entrained for HMCS CORNWALLIS to continue the exhibition series against the experts from the Annapolis Valley.

Just what happened in the two return games at Cornwallis is already history, but for the records, Peregrine went down to defeat 48-37 and 48-45.

We had the honor and pleasure of playing the first official games on the new basketball court in the classy P&RT building. Nothing has been spared to make playing conditions comparable to the best in the country and we willingly compliment those who were responsible for carrying out the general layout details.

The huge gallery was jammed with ratings for both games and we feel certain that they were not disappointed in the cage exhibitions turned in by the rival Navy teams.

# DISCUSSION GROUP

WANTED---every Tuesday at 1930 in the Music Room, any Wrens or mate-lots wishing to express opinions and ideas on a variety of subjects. Strong silent types need not apply.

If any of our readers ever see such an advertisement in this newspaper, they may be certain that it has been paid for by "Peregrine's" Discussion Group.

The discussion group, while it belongs among the lesser known activities of this establishment, is performing a vitally important service by giving thinking people an opportunity to meet and exchange views on a wide variety of topics.

Now, when you guys and gals see notices announcing a meeting of the discussion group, don't jump to the conclusion that it's made up of a bunch of longhairs who just leap at the chance to give with a whack of chilling, chamber ohin-music. Instead, you will find, by taking the trouble to drop in for a session, a group of people much like yourselves who are hep to the goings-on in the world which have considerable effect on our daily lives. They simply sit around and tell each other what they think of things as they are, and how some things could be improved.

In past meetings the group spent a great deal of time discussing the Rehabilitation Plan. The results of these discussions were developed into a brief which summed up the various opinions and ideas. This brief, it may be mentioned, has aroused the interest of several important people, and is evidence that something constructive can be achieved through such groups.

So, if you have something to say, and would like to say it where your ideas have a chance to count for something,---come along every Tuesday at 1930 and let your voice be heard.

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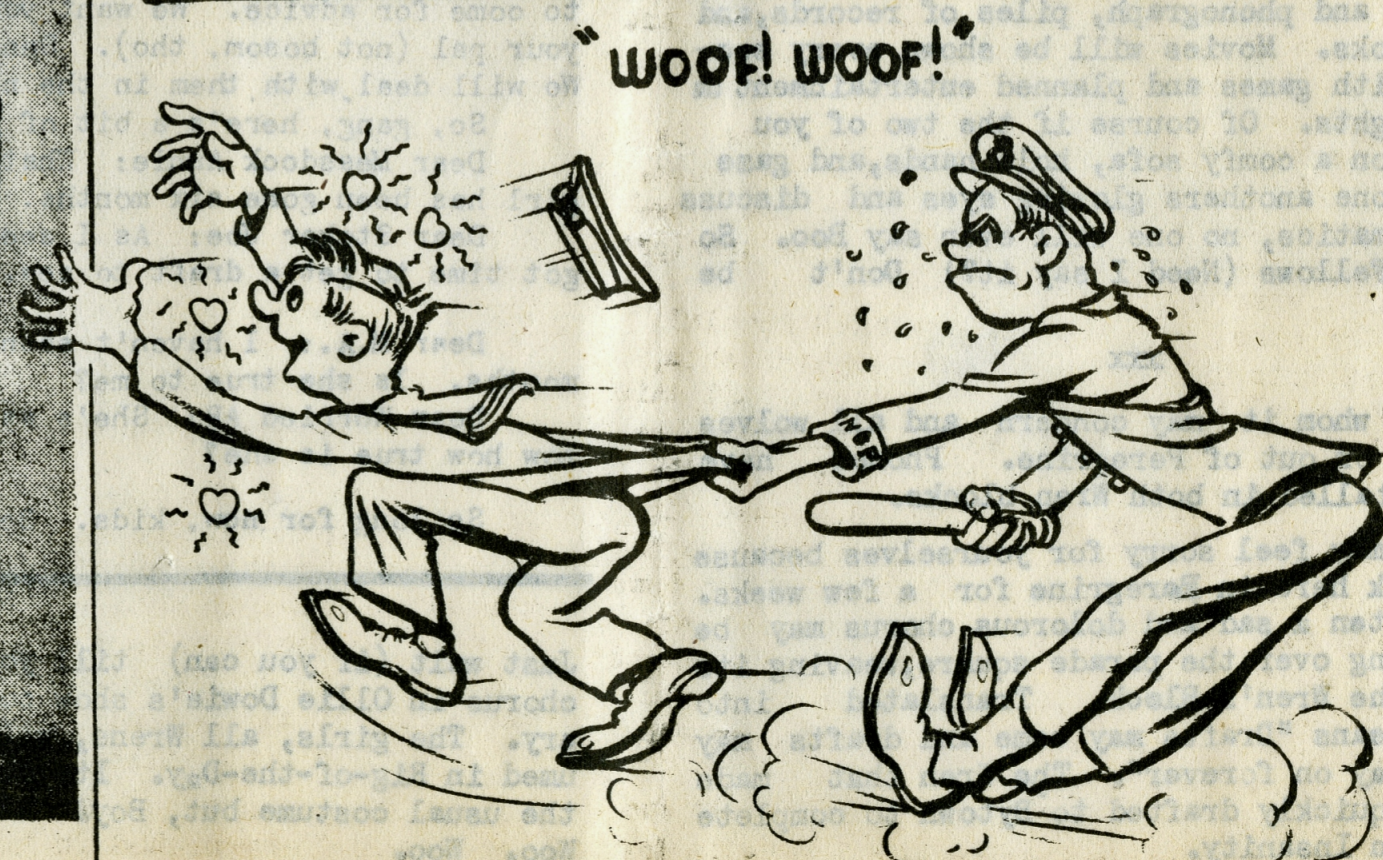
Alexis Smith

# DEPOT DOINGS

The Depot's hockey team has displayed plenty of scoring power and speed in the early stages of the 1944-45 season. In their first two appearances the lads unwrapped their hickories and defeated the Bardsmen and Chiefs and Petty Officers to the tune of 17-2 and 11-2, respectively.

The present line-up presents many names familiar to the Scribe branch of the Service: two local boys, Chief Wtr. Frank Dennis and Wtr. Bob Rogers; one Hamiltonian, Bill "Haida" Laing, our Advancement genius. Ottawa, the hot-bed of hockey, is represented by L/Wtr. Ed Leroux and Wtr. Stan Greenwood. The showing of Mike "Karakas" Filis in the twine leaves nothing to be desired. L/Wtr. "Doc" Savage, Winnipeg, a fast and tricky forward, justifies the claim that Western hockey is the only brand, speed plus speed. Ontario is further represented by Wtr. Elwin Mosley, Arnprior, Wtr. George Docksey, London and Wtr. Norman Gray, Toronto. This trio lends much strength to the offensive power of the team. Saskatchewan has given us a powerful defensive player, L/Wtr. Bob Gardner, a second Eddie Shore. From Montreal hail the dynamite twins, L/Wtr. Bob Mulvaney and Chief Wtr. Frank Turner, who prove that brain, not brawn, win many games. This duo can be viewed sounding out the opposition's goal-tender, and invariably find the "red" light a-glimmering.

Hopping from hickory to hosiery, have you tried the view from the bottom of the hill when the Depot Debs come sliding down these slippery mornings? Seats are rush---! . . . . Which recalls the case of the beautiful bowler who tossed herself down the alley well in advance of the ball. As the pin-boy murmured, "What a setup!" . . . . This little lady should show to better advantage at the Depot Civil Service Valentine dance in the Rec Hall, 7th February. This setup looks promising too---warm music, smooth floor, nifty prizes and lovely girls---from here on in you do your own conveying. . . . . Speaking of Valentines, or, if you like, of hearts, we hear that a new heart beats in the Hart family. Congratulations, Commander and Mrs. Hart! As for us girls, it's the same old story---they're either too young or too old. . . . . What's this we hear about the L/Wtr in Advancement Office, the one that's so jolly and always wears a smile from ear to ear--- Is he is or is he ain't? . . . . . Female flutters emanate from Drafting Records Office since the advent of Lieutenant-Commander Donald's Demobilization Don Juans. These boys are not only demobilizing, they're positively disarming!

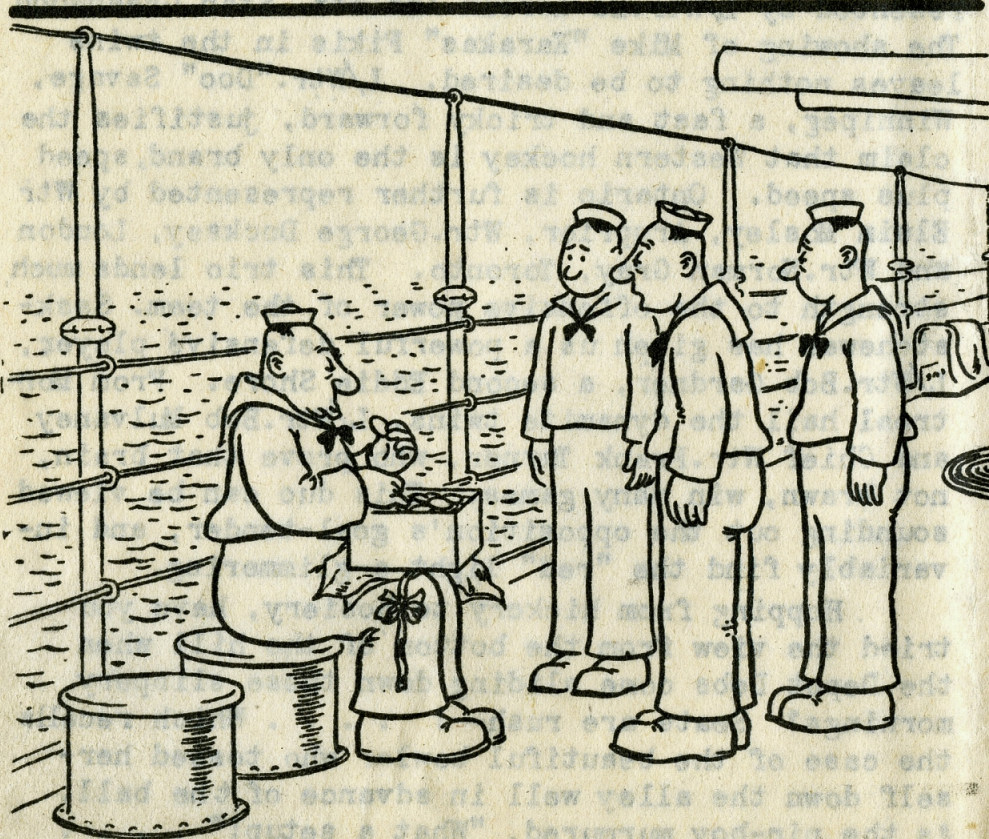


NORTH LEWIS JUN 45

# "Hobby Lobby"

Perhaps you didn't know.....there is an Arts and Crafts Building in Peregrine. It's called the Hobby Lobby, and is located adjacent to the Recreation Hall. Those who do know spend many hours here, covering themselves with paint, playing with the first aid kit, slaving over a hot stove, or simply driving themselves wacky. If you have not yet joined this Bohemian-minded crowd, you've missed Peregrine's choicest routine (including the in-and out-). Open Monday to Friday 1900-2230, and every day except Sunday 1400-1700—come and get it!

— Hugh Cooke.



"No! We've said 'please' and 'pretty please,' but we are not going to say 'pretty please with sugar on it'"

# "Wren Writings"

Have you got a friend in the Wrens? If not you'd better hurry up and get one. Sunday evening has been declared open house night in the Wren Fo'c'sle. All you have to do to gain admission to our fancy foxhole is to make the acquaintance of some kind Wren. Tell her you don't feel like roving tonight and she'll do the rest. The Fo'c'sle is a real pip with a "Feel at Home" atmosphere. We've a good radio and phonograph, piles of records, and games and books. Movies will be shown every second Sunday with games and planned entertainment on the other nights. Of course if the two of you want to sit on a comfy sofa, hold hands, and gaze deeply into one another's glowing eyes and discuss higher mathematics, no one will even say Boo. So Come on you Fellows (Need I say it?) Don't be Shy!!!

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For those to whom it may concern and all wolves stationed in or out of Peregrine. Phones have now been installed in both Wren blocks.

You fellows may feel sorry for yourselves because you are stuck here in Peregrine for a few weeks. BUT.....Often a sad and dolorous chorus may be heard floating over the parade square, weaving its way out of the Wren's Block. Translated into English it means "Drafts may come and drafts may go but we stay on forever". The Wren that made that up was quickly drafted to Bytown to complete her course in Insanity.

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# INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY TEAM TOPS LEAGUE

Displaying some dazzling hockey Peregrine's smart intermediate gang of puckchasers now find themselves squarely on top of the Halifax Intermediate Navy Hockey League.

Although they are undefeated in their four starts to date, Coach Roy Ferguson is still hesitant about predicting a championship for his team. Scotian's hustling club are tied with Peregrine for points but have played one extra game. This Sunday's tussle between these two top aggregations promises to be a "crucial". A win for Peregrine would give them a commanding lead. Game time is 8 p.m. in the Forum and admission is free.

At present, the team has scored 21 goals against a total of 6 for their opponents. A good deal of this power has been supplied by wingmen Jim Creechan and O.S. Horeck who stand high in the race for individual scoring honors. Feeding this goal-hungry duo is A/PO Gibb who gives with the right kind of passes. Formerly with a West Coast Navy team Gibb is rated one of the smoothest players in the League.

On defence, L/Sea. Balmer and AB Sinclair welcome all roving forwards, and delight in draping said individuals over the boards. When these boys hit, they stay hit! Working smoothly together they are largely responsible for the low number of goals scored against us. Coach Ferguson gives these lads a lot of credit.

## TEAM STANDINGS

	P.	N.	L.	Pts.
Peregrine	4	4	0	8
Scotian	5	4	1	8
Torp. School	5	2	3	4
King's	6	2	4	4
M.T.E.	6	2	4	4
Shore Patrol	6	2	4	4

# "MESS DECK ANNIE SEZ"

Have you a problem? Do you worry about what the girl-friend says when you insist on reading letters from your wife? Do you dream of waves at night? (Especially the red-head you met in New York). Here, in your own Pusser Post, is the place to come for advice. We want you to consider us your pal (not bosom, tho). Send in your problems. We will deal with them in the next issue.

So, gang, here's a bit of mail to start:

Dear Messdeck Annie: What shall I do? My girl has been gone six months. --Stoker Joe.

Dear Stoker Joe: As I see it, you've still got time to get a draft to sea. --M. A.

Dear M.A.: I haven't seen my wife for eight months. Is she true to me? --Worried AB

Dear Worried AB: She's as true as you are. Now how true is she? --M.A.

So long for now, kids. Be with you next week.

Just wait (if you can) till you see the dancing chorus in Ollie Dowie's show coming up in February. The girls, all Wrens, will be smartly costumed in Rig-of-the-Day. Its a bit different to the usual costume but, Boy! WHAT a difference. Woo. Woo.