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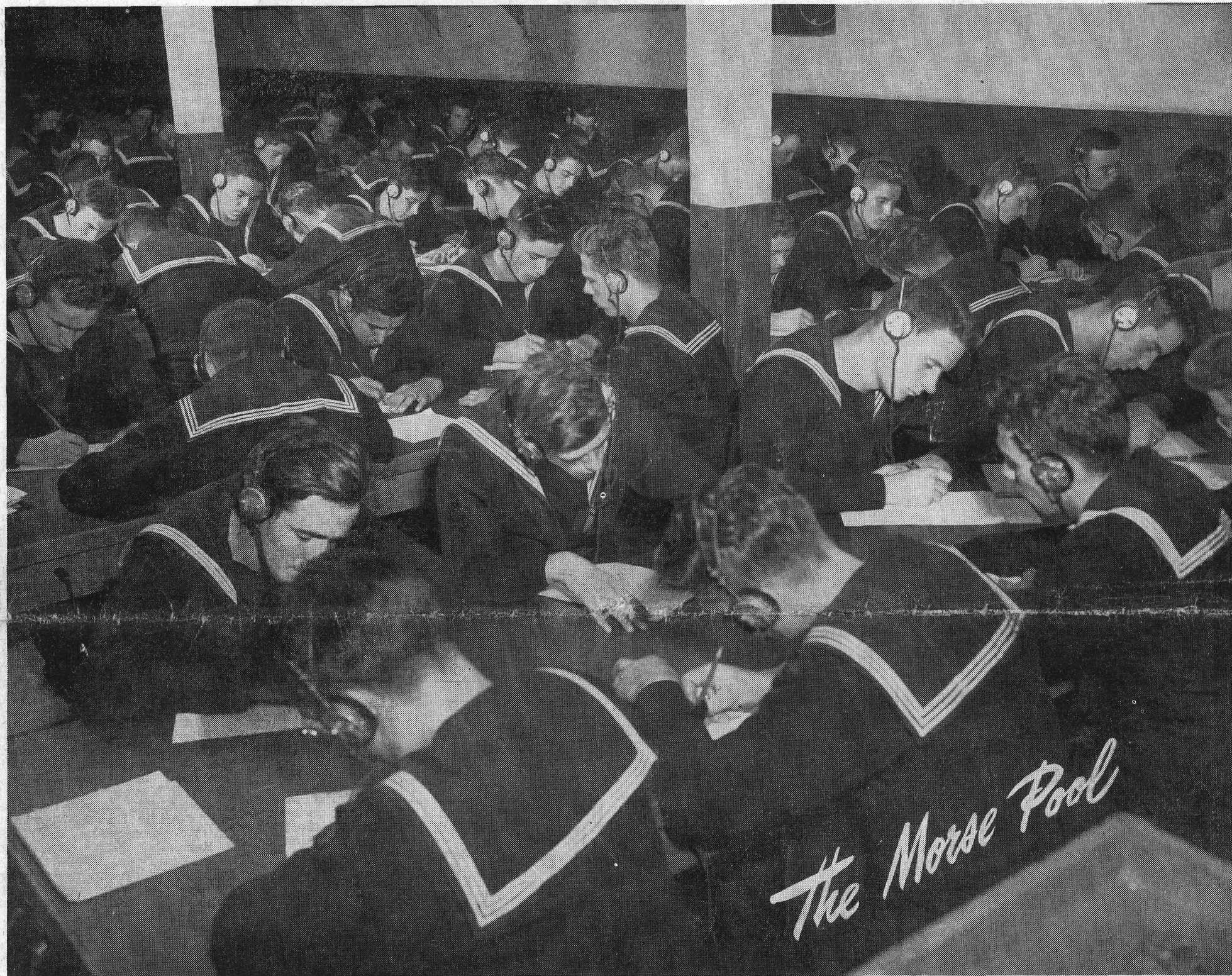
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NAVY "WELL BABY CLINIC" OPENED IN SIGNAL SCHOOL FEB. 9

Clinic to Be Open Each Thursday for Benefit of Navy Babies

Mid the sounds of high pitched outbursts of glee, the occasional plaintive cry and the subdued voices of concerned mothers, the H.M.C.S. St. Hyacinthe "Well Baby Clinic" was officially opened by Commander M.G. Stanton at the Royal Canadian Naval Hospital here on Friday February 9th.

More than fifty children of pre-school age were registered on the opening day and all were given a complete physical examination. Later as the clinic continues its valuable work, each child will receive vaccination and inoculation against infectious diseases, patch tests for tuberculosis, regular weight checks and the mothers will be advised on minor feeding problems. The clinic however, is primarily concerned with keeping the child healthy and in the event that medical treatment is necessary they will be referred to their own or another competent physician for treatment.

Gathering in one of the wards, the Navy mothers heard addresses by several of the visiting officials who were introduced by Lieut. C.C. Pollack, Special Services Officer. As he officially opened the clinic, Commander Stanton expressed his regret that Captain Musgrave could not be present at the opening of a project in which he took such a deep interest and voiced the appreciation of everyone for the invaluable assistance afforded in the past by Dr. Bergeron and Dr. Morin of St. Charles Hospital who were also present. Surgeon Captain R.A. MacCallum, Medical Director General for Naval Services, Surgeon Lieut.

Commander H. Bacal, who is in charge of all Naval "Well Baby Clinic" and Dr. Bergeron all made a short speech before the gathering.

Also among those present for the opening were Surgeon Lieut. Comdr. Eric Lee, who accompanied Surg. Capt. MacCallum, Surgeon Lieut. Comdr. J.R. Smith, Principal Medical Officer in the Signal School, Major R. Stanford, Commanding Officer of the Dental Clinic, Surgeon Lieut. W.R. Fraser, who will be in charge of the clinic here, nursing sister Guilbault and nursing sister Gabrielle from St. Charles Hospital, Matron A.C. Evans and nursing sister C. Rennie who will assist Surgeon Lieut. Fraser in the clinic.

Signs adorning the doors of the different rooms in which the clinic is located read: "Ship's Office — Register here", "Recruiting Cabin—undressing and weighing", "Sick Bay—Short Arm Inspection", "Well Baby—Regulating Office" and lend a nautical air to the surroundings.

Many of the Navy wives who are at present living in St. Hyacinthe volunteered to help in any way they could and were on hand to lend valuable assistance in registering and weighing the children. Certain of these volunteers will return each Thursday to do whatever they can to assist Surg. Lieut. Fraser and nursing sister Rennie.

The importance of this project is best expressed in the words of Rear Admiral L.W. Murray, C. in C.C.N.A., that appear on a plaque presented to Surg. Lieut. Comdr. Smith during the opening ceremony. It reads: "I cannot think of anything that adds to the moral of a man at sea more than the knowledge that his wife and child are being looked after by probably the best doctors and nursing sisters in Canada."

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Dear Editor,

I understand that there were parcels mailed out by the Navy Mother's club of Edmonton Alberta to all Edmonton ratings, and that several were delivered to the Signal School. I am an Edmonton rating however, and I did not receive any parcel. Could you tell me what was done with the parcels and how they are distributed in the Signal School?

An Edmonton Rating

These parcels were received in the Special Services Office shortly before Christmas and all but four have been picked up.

Chits were placed in the Post Office under the names of each of the addressees instructing them to report to the Special Services Office for their parcel.

It is the intention of the S.S.O. to forward the remaining four parcels to Halifax where the owners will in all probability be found. One of these four may be yours however. I would advise you to drop into the Special Services Office at your earliest convenience and enquire about this.

The Editor

Dear Editor

In opening my copy of "The Signal Log" this month I was quite surprised to see the article entitled "Tel. Coder Boast of Only Sea-Going Daily". This, if I may say so is rather a large statement.

There is another sea-going daily in operation on the North Atlantic, namely "The Guelph Daily Buzz". This paper was started, with the kind permission of Lieut. G.H. "Skinny" Hayes, D.S.C., R.C.N., Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. Guelph, by myself and Ldg. Tel. "Mickey" Utieg and R. Heft, Sto. 1/c as staff cartoonist.

Our news of the day was copied by "Mickey", who, if I might say so, is pretty fair at copying "Press". The B.B.C. provided a source of daily news also.

The article appearing in the "Signal Log" each month compiled by L/Wtr. Adkin is very interesting to me of the "old school". If you don't know where your chum is sailing then read the "Signal Log".

In closing let me give three rousing cheers for the "Log", it's a grand paper and has been right from the start.

Wm. R. Rees,
Ldg. Sig. V8243

Flag Hoisting "FN" Take Cup For Second Straight

Yeoman Lerner's Hostility "FN" class who last month were the winners in the monthly flag hoisting competition have again, this month, come through on top. This is only the second time that one class has won the trophy for two months running.

At no time during the contest was there any doubt as to the ability of the winning team to repeat their success of last month and their coach, Yeoman Lerner, should be justly proud of them. Host. "FR", losers in the finals, are a very junior class however, and, despite their inexperience, put up an admirable fight.

FIRST ROUND

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FN 13	V	FP 0
FP 21	V	FQ 7
SEMI FINAL		
FP 4 1/2	V	FN 32
FR bye		
FINAL		
FN 35	V	FR 3

Director Signals R. N. Pays School Short Visit

Admiral L. V. Morgan, Director of Signals Division for the Royal Navy and staff member of the British Admiralty, was in H.M.C. Signal School on February 23 to make a short inspection of training facilities and equipment. Accompanying him on the tour were Commander G. Affleck-Graves and Commander M. G. Stanton.

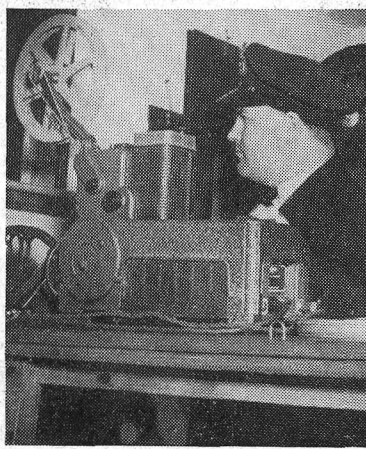
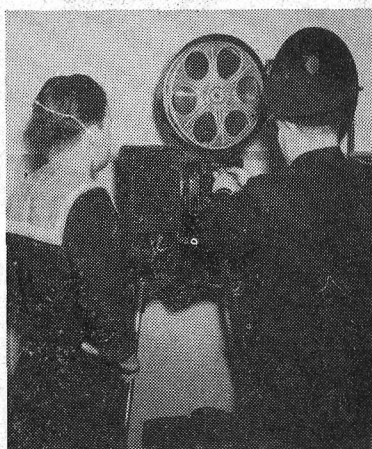
Admiral Morgan was returning from Ottawa where he was consulting Canadian Officials at Naval Service Headquarters. He is the former Captain of H.M.S. Revenge.

Ex-Librarian Commissioned With Last Class Of Wrens

As a member of the twenty first and last class of Wrens to graduate as officers from Hardy House, L/Wren Arabell Peirson of Vancouver received her commission recently.

Twelve Canadian and four English Wrens formed the class which was inspected at ceremonies attended by Commander Adelaide Sinclair, O.B.E., Director of the W.R.C.N.S., and Captain H. MacMaster, R.C.N. Chief of Naval Personnel.

Sub. Lieut. Peirson came to the school as the first Wren Librarian when the library was located in building 10, now occupied by the C.B.O.



R.C.N. Photo's.
 Top left: P.O. Photographer J. Delaine is seen working with one of the 35 M. projectors which are used for entertainment films. Ldg. Photographer "Al" Furlong stands by. Top right: P.O. Delaine stands beside the 16 m. projector used for instructional films. The lower photo was taken during a regular evening show and reveals a full house.

Can. Sailors See First Rate Movies; R.C.N. Film Society Doing Big Job

Shore theatres help to keep Sea Going Ships equipped for motion pictures

Did you know that you are a shareholder? You are. You are a shareholder in the Royal Canadian Naval Film Society. The Society pays you dividends in the form of the most up to date Motion Picture entertainment available. True, the theatre in which you view these pictures is no Radio City, but it is the best that the individual base can provide and is equipped with the best Motion Picture equipment that money can buy. It is also manned by men whose experience in civilian life fully qualifies them to present your film entertainment in a professional manner.

The prime object of the shore establishment theatre is to provide the necessary funds to carry on the sea activities in which the Film Society is most active. Perhaps a brief account of these activities will serve to further enlighten you as to the reason you are asked to pay the nominal admission of ten cents per rating and twenty five cents per officer.

It must be realized from the start that to provide ships at sea with a projector and feature pictures involves, aside from the headaches of obtaining the necessary equipment, the investment of a large sum of money. Inasmuch as the whole organization is, so to speak, "For the ratings", it is only reasonable then that the ratings share in this expense to some extent.

The cash outlay to outfit a ship with a projector is in the neighborhood of \$300. This cost is partially defrayed by assessing the ship's canteen \$1.50 for each officer and rating victualled on board. In most cases then, a direct loss is sustained by the Society in that the fee is very seldom sufficient to cover the cost of the machine itself. Then comes the "Film supply problem".

The Society buys outright, and pays an average of \$250 for each feature picture. A charge of five cents per rating and twenty-five cents per Officer is paid by the ship as rental for each film received. The average useful life of the feature is sufficient to service thirty five ships. Taking \$5.00 as the average film rental received, and considering that some thirty-five ships are going to be able to use the film before it become unfit for use, it can readily be seen that the total earning power of a film seldom, if ever, covers its' initial cost. Again, then, a direct loss is involved.

In addition to these points, it machines and films require constant servicing and repairs. For this purpose, a main service base is located in Halifax where an up to date repair shop is maintained.

Naturally, shore theatres have their expenses as well. Films booked in the same fashion as civilian theatres, are paid for on

a percentage basis. Equipment to the value of some \$4000 is installed to insure proper presentation of films. Wherever possible shows are presented free of charge to patients in Hospitals and to outlying bases where regular film entertainment is not possible. All these expenses must be met in order that the Society can maintain its' position as a financially independent organization operated for the benefit of all Naval Personnel.

This then, is a very brief outline of the activities of the Royal

Rehabilitation

November Benefits Highest Yet

Figures released recently by the Department of Veterans' Affairs showed that during the month of November 2,844 ex-service men and women of this war received benefits under the Post-Discharge Re-Establishment Order. November's figures reached an all-time high with the total for that month being an increase of more than 1,000 over the September total of 1,810.

Also, during November, 15,487 jobs were found for veterans of this and the first Great War. Of these 11,930 went to veterans of this war. This is an increase of nearly 2,500 over the number of veterans placed in employment through National Selective in the month of September. Furthermore, most of the increase of 2,500 was among veterans of the present conflict.

The total amount expended under the Post-Discharge Re-Establishment order during November amounted to \$152,756.27 as compared with \$88,246.51 for September. Of this total, nearly \$120,000.00 was paid to ex-service personnel who were either taking vocational training or higher education.

CANADIAN NAVY WILL SERVE IN PACIFIC

Canada's plans for the Royal Canadian Navy in the Pacific include the dispatch of a flotilla of two cruiser, two new aircraft carriers, two Canadian-built tribal class destroyers and other units. This information was disclosed by Navy Minister Angus L. Macdonald at his first formal press conference since returning from London where he discussed plans for the Far East with the British Admiralty.

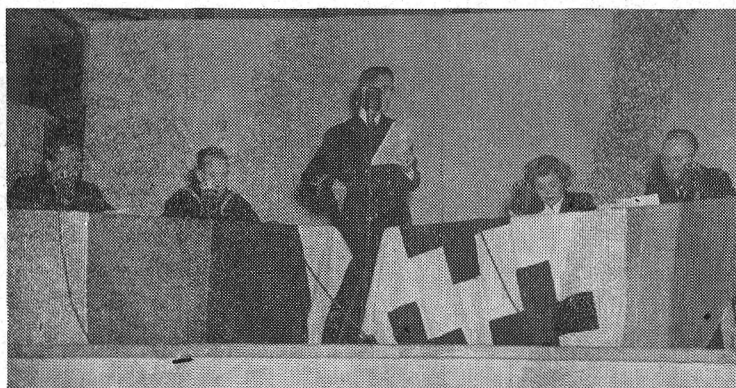
Mr. Macdonald said the cruiser Uganda would shortly join the British Pacific Fleet and it would be followed after the war in Europe by other units of the Canadian Navy.

Canadian Naval film Society and explains why, in order to assure the continued operation of the Society, your dimes and quarters are needed.

When you pay your dime or quarter to see a show, you are not only assuring yourself of the best in film entertainment while stationed at a shore establishment, but you are helping to ensure that when you go to sea, there will be films shown on your mess deck as well.

Remember then, the Royal Canadian Naval Film Society is yours to enjoy and to pass along to the Canadian Naval ratings who in the years to come will continue to enjoy its' benefits.

SIGNAL SCHOOL GOES ON THE AIR



R.C.N. Photo.
 From left to right we have Chief Yeo, of Signals "Vic" White, Ord. Smn. G. Plested, Lieut. Donald C. MacDonald, Wren "Vicky" Hardy and R.A. 3/c John Dewar who went on the air over C.B.C.'s Dominion network early this month, taking part in the Serviceman's Forum. The topic discussed was, "So you Want to Be a Farmer". Lieut. MacDonald is the Chairman of the Serviceman's Forum which broadcasts from different bases weekly. Before the broadcast went on the air a quiz program took place with \$100 cash prizes being awarded.

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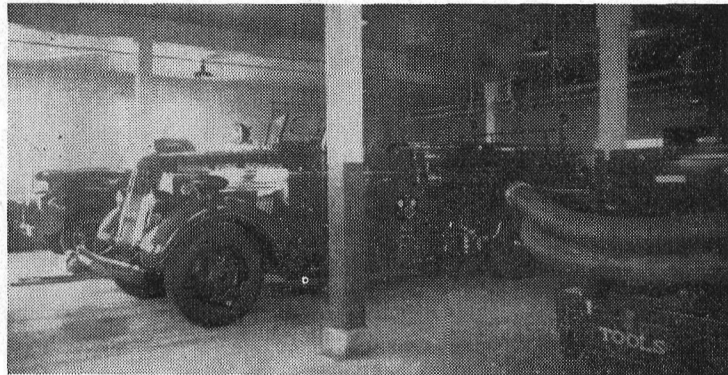
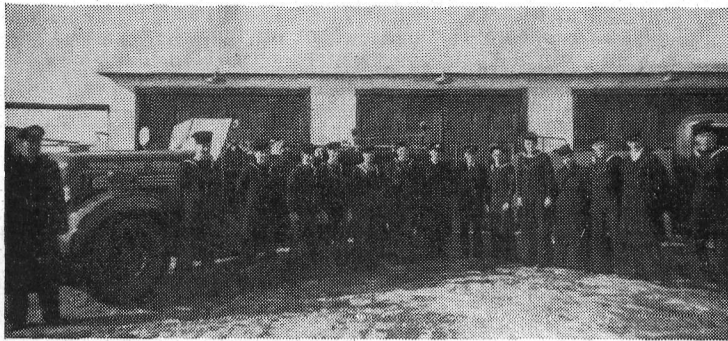
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FIREMEN MOVE TO NEW HALL



Pictured here are, top: the members of the Naval Fire Department in H.M.C. Signal School lined up in front of their new hall into which they moved on Saturday Feb. 17th. The lower picture shows the interior of the new hall and the new, fully equipped 750 gallon pumper truck which was acquired recently.

The new hall has a complete alarm system not only throughout the establishment but also with the city of St. Hyacinthe so that if either Fire Department requires the assistance of the other they may be called immediately.

On being asked about the newly acquired hall and equipment, Fire Chief W.C. Fraser, Warrant Officer (S.B.) said, "the equipment which we now have on hand is quite adequate to handle any fire which might break out in the base." Apart from the fire chief there is Deputy Chief W. McMillin, Chief Stoker F.F. and sixteen other firemen.



C.P.O. Tel. Stone

February proved a very successful month for our qualifying classes. Hard work and general keenness seemed somehow to be featured. Here are the names of the successful candidates and Good Luck to them, wherever they go.

TC CLASS — Instructor P. O. Tel. Turner. D. Thompson, F. Shamas, R.N. Wigle, J.E. LaBelle, R. Moffatt (Top man), C. Eberlee, G. Goddard, F.W. Stokes, E. Morris, J.G. Young, J. Dyck.

TD CLASS — Instructor P. O. Tel. Rendell. D. Swan, G. Spalding, M. Clarke, A. Tuzo, W. Herman, L. Gallant, D. Jones, E. McVitte, L. Givson, R.J. McCurdy, D.R. Chatto, A. Haggins, D. G. Flag, E. Wilgress, O.E. Krett, M. Duchon.

TF CLASS — Instructor P. O. Tel. Shepherd. G. Sears, J.R. Durard, M. Wight, C. Calverley, J.A. Brown, D. Faunch, H. Flewelling, H. Palatinick, P.R. Elliot, G.F. Wilkins.

TG and TH CLASS — Instructor P. O. Tel. Jones. E. Schofield, T. Turner, L. Lerohe, J. Jenkinson, J. Wood, M. McLeod, R. Mawson, W. Stultz, N. Swyston, G. Woodger, T. Faux, N.R. Miller, L. Harris, N. Lackey, L. Menie, R. Schofield, R. Torrie.

TEL. S. O. (N) CLASS — Instructor P. O. Tel. Hope. Harry Bulpit, R. Campbell, C. Bedford, D. Dobson, M. Kendzierski, E. Helm, R. Convey, K. Cassac, J. Hurst, I. Huberdean.

In addition to above Hostility W/T classes, the following Senior classes qualified for higher non-substantive rates, showing a good percentage of "Passes": W/T 2 Q (M) C.P.O. Tel. Hutchinson, W/T 3 Q (ZC) P. O. Tel. Simpson, W/T 2 Q (N) P. O. Tel. Bon Bernard, W/T 3 Q (ZD) C.P.O. Tel. Bishop and R. V. 2 class instructed by P. O. Tel. Guest.

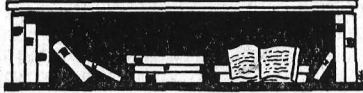
"WELL BABY CLINIC" OPENS



Above: Commander M. G. Stanton is seen as he officially opened the clinic. Left to right are Comdr. Stanton, behind him and almost invisible is Dr. Bergeron of St. Charles Hosp., Surg. Lieut. Fraser Surg. Lieut. Comdr. Lee, Surg. Lieut. Comdr. Bacal, Surg. Captain MacCallum and Surg. Lieut. Comdr. Smith.

Right: A group of Navy wives and their babies await their turn to enter the "Ship's Office" where the children are registered. More than fifty children were registered with the clinic on the opening day and it is expected that the numbers will increase as the clinic becomes established.

BOOK SHELF GLANCES



Lt. F.A. Padgett

Very little new fiction has been available during February but the lack is more than made up by excellent non fiction. Many of these non fiction books have been added in answer to requests for certain books on these subjects.

FICTION

CAPTAIN FROM CASTILE — Shellabarger — an exciting romance packed with action ranging from Spain to the conquest of Mexico.

OUT OF THE WESTLAND — Dickson — a picture of Canada seen through the eyes of an English settler in Edmonton; well worth reading.

NON FICTION

FUN WITH A PENCIL—Loomis — a basic text for cartoonists.

SCIENCE REMAKES OUR WORLD — Stokely—information on such varied subjects as chemical clothes, radio today and tomorrow, plastics, etc.

CANADA'S WAR AT SEA — Leacock and Roberts — the first full account of Canada's contribution to the war at sea.

THE U.S.A. AT WAR—U. S. Camera Annual — a magnificent collection of war photographs.

GENTLEMAN BEHAVE—Towne —your chance to read up on topics ranging from "gate crashing" to "Being a Godfather".

THE REDISCOVERY OF MAN Link — and **PSYCHOLOGY IN USE**—Gray—two very different approaches to this ever-popular subject.

ARMIES OF SPIES—Gollomb—amazing facts on world-wide espionage.

THE STREAM OF MUSIC — Leonard—and **WHAT IS MUSIC** —Erskine—a book of biographies of great composers and a book "to make the love of music a little more intelligent".

ELEMENTARY STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS AND DESIGN—and **THEORY OF MODERN STEEL STRUCTURES** — Grinter two books for the specialist.

THE NEW POETRY—Monroe—a very fine anthology.

THE MAN IN THE SHOWER and **IT'S HOT IN HERE**—two cartoon books which will make you a nuisance to your friends when you insist on quoting your favorite cartoon—with gestures.

The Library has copies of the Calendars of many Canadian and American Universities; these with two useful books **VETERAN COMES HOME** and **WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME** will be a good basis for your post-war planning.

ALBRO LAKE ACTIVITIES

J.B. O'Connell, Ldg. Tel.

Drawings by Ted Hodgkinson, Tel.

Since our last visit to your paper, one of the most noticeable things down here has been the rather stepped-up turnover of personnel. Sea drafts, courses and the occasional discharge make for a regular change in the number of familiar faces. To those who have left us "Good Luck", and to those who have joined us, "Welcome".

Ldg. Tel. Roy Steward recently took the limelight in announcing the addition of a baby girl to the family. This makes the count 2-0 in favour of the weaker sex. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Steward!

The latest loss to the ever-diminishing ranks of bachelors here has been Bob Woodward. After a recent successful W/T 3 course, Bob was heard to say something about "... for better or worse..." and there you have it. Best wishes to the new Mr. & Mrs.

Still a potential benedict, though strangely silent about the matter of late, is Cy Walker, Tel. From this corner the odds are that before the year is out "O Promise Me" and "Because" will have reached the top in his "Hit Parade".

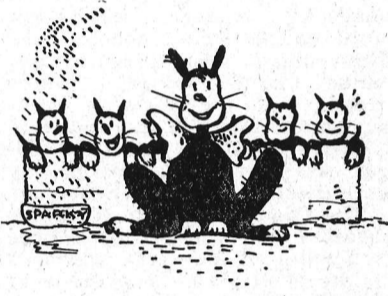
Ldg. Tel. George Quingley of the late H.M.C.S. Athabaskan tells of a letter received from Sig. T.O. Bill Connelly of the same ship. Writing from a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany, Bill mentions that Ldg. Sig. Bud Thrasher, Sigs. Del "Arab" Scanlon and Jack Downey, and Ldg. Tel. Beaudoin, and Tel. Martin are there with him, and all are doing well.

Just past the mid-way mark in the inter-watch bowling schedule we find the HOBOES, (Tels. G. Pulsford, R. Legault, Ted Hodgkinson and Coder M. Sponagle) leading a closely contested six team field. Current bidder for High Cross honors is Tel. W. Knight with a 727 score, while the High Single claimant to date is Tel. R. Legault boasting a 298 tally.

Stiffest opposition in our local hockey loop has come from the weather man. At this writing the team representing the 2nd. Watch paces the three team circuit with two wins for one loss. A feature of these games is the absence of any semblance of a tie score.

Albro's sole representative on the Halifax Navy team is P.O. Tel. Bob Sykes. You'll Probably hear more from him when and if the Halifax team meets St. Hyacinthe. That would be quite interesting to watch. Incidentally, Bob played a few games with St. Hyacinthe, before coming to Albro Lake this year.

Kitten power in the war against vermin... The effort of Sparky, our station mascot, along these lines is worthy of consideration. In the last year, she has had three litters averaging 7 1/2 kittens per litter. This is roughly three times the output of Sally the Cat (3 litters @ 2 1/2 per) of Surrey, Eng., whom TIME compares favourably with Katinka Pusskin, champion mother cat of Russia, and Heroine of the Soviet Union.



H. M. C. S. King's to Be Decommissioned

Training of Officers will be carried out at "Cornwallis"

OTTAWA — Buildings on the campus of the University of King's College in Halifax, leased to the Royal Canadian Navy as an officer's training establishment in 1941, will again be available for the use of King's students before the beginning of the fall term.

H.M.C.S. King's, where thousands of young sub-Lieutenants have been trained for sea duty during the last three years, will be decommissioned and future wartime officers'

training will be carried out at H. M.C.S. Cornwallis.

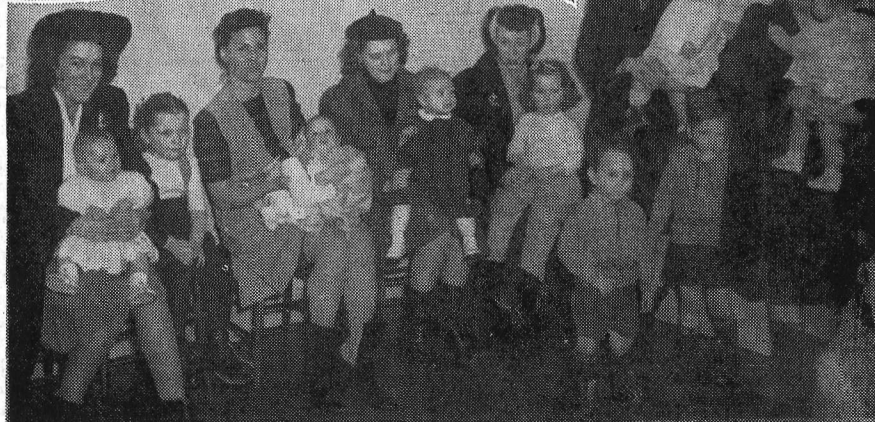
It is emphasized that the early termination of the Navy's lease on the King's College buildings, which were to have remained in the service of the R.C.N. for the duration of hostilities plus a six months "post war" period, does not mean that the Navy's program for the training of volunteer officers has been completed.

The training program, which is controlled by the number of new ships commissioned in the Navy and the need for officer replacements, will be continued at H.M.C.S. Cornwallis, probably on a modified scale as the eventual decrease in the number of new construction convoy escort vessels going into service reduces the need for officers.



Left: Surgeon Lieut. W. R. Fraser examines one of the children assisted by Nursing Sister C. Rennie as the Well Baby clinic gets under way for the first time. Surg. Lieut. Fraser will be in charge of the clinic and nursing sister Rennie will assist him.

R.C.N. Photo's.



Affectionately Yours

by Kaye Kneeshaw Kay

A great deal has been written on the subject of the several ages of man. These ages, or stages of development are, I gather, pretty well defined in cycles of approximately seven years each and cover just about everything from infancy to senility and from puberty to the poor-house.

In the first stage, known as the Perambulator or Pre-School Age, man discovers that if he lays on his back and behaves himself he will eventually be picked up and kissed by drooling, childless females of all ages, some of whom smell very nice and are quite pretty. If, on the other hand, he raises particular hell on the subject of spinach for instance, he finds himself slapped down by these very same people, —thus learning at an early age that certain types are not only two-faced but two-fisted.

He now progresses to the second stage where he makes the acquaintance of black eyes, loose teeth, dentists and the multiplication tables. He also discovers the existence of little people who look a lot like himself but are somehow different and are known as girls. In this pleasant, gradual way the mysteries of Life unfold and the truth about the Stork Business finally comes to light.

Man now proceeds at an ever increasing rate (it seems) through the Trembling Teens, the Terrific Twenties, the Thirsty Thirties, the Foolish Forties, the Fattening Fifties, the Sensible Sixties, the Sexless Seventies and so on. Interesting developments and discoveries occur all along the line, most of which seem to prove the futility of attempting to enjoy life in a world populated with prevaricators, synthetic blondes, insurance salesmen, weak beer, Germans, and Income Taxes. But more about these later stages in another column.

I am concerned this month with the problem of the man who, in his third and subsequent cycles of development, becomes so attracted to a succession of young and middle-aged women that he puts his sentiments on paper. In other words, he writes love letters. Alas! Better for him if he had remained illiterate. Love letters are the legal profession's bread & butter. Love letters are as lethal as a confession of murder. Indeed, if men *must* write them at all they would do well to compose the body (the body of the letter, that is) with gloved hands and a typewriter and sign it Mister X.

However, anticipating that no one will pay any attention to my counsel and that the Federal Post Office and lawyers everywhere will continue to flourish, I offer a bit of advice on how to write a non-incriminating document which can even be mailed with the flap open if you want to save your money as well as your freedom.

I realize that the standard salutary beginning cannot be dispensed with. It is a tradition, and perhaps even a necessity,—which is a very different thing altogether. Yet these very beginnings have been the end for countless of the innocent. Take the word "Dear," for example. Variations include "Dearest," "My Very Dear," "Dear One," etc., any one of which can be very dear indeed. Worse still are "Darling" and "My Own Darling" and "My Very Own Darling,"—this latter is the jury's meat. So are "Beloved" and "Lover." And unless you want the jury to convict you of insanity as well as breach of promise never use "Snookie-Wookums" or "Lambie Pie" or "Boopsie-Poopsie." Can't you get away to a good start with "Good Evening Penelope" or something like that?

Now we come to the body, or text, which is a less suggestive word. (It is better not to think of bodies when writing letters). You will have to make some reference to the past but keep it impersonal. None of this "remember the night we went swimming" stuff. You may have to refer to the present but the weather or the war news will suffice very nicely. And remember, you're not psychic, so you can't possibly commit yourself on the future. Omit it.

And that covers the body,—pardon me, the text, right down to the signature. Maybe you want to see this girl again for one reason or another. A plain, honest name is a help. Just write John or Elmer or whatever it is and let it go at that. Positively no "Forever Yours" and no little "x's" and "o's" at the end. The judges know this code, too.

And now you are ready to put the fool-proof document into an envelope. There'll be a great temptation to print something on the flap as you seal it. A common way of getting past the Postal Regulations but getting otherwise involved at the last minute is to pen "Isle of View" which, when pronounced rapidly, isn't the name of a place at all but a declaration. Don't do it. And even Isle of View isn't any worse than the letters "S.W.A.K." The girl and her lawyer both know this means Sealed With A Kiss. And sometime after you've mailed it you'll find out the real meaning. It really means you're Sunk With A Klunk!



by G. E. Thompson

On Friday evening Feb. 16., the band members held a most successful and enjoyable evening when they gathered at the Club Nautique for their real first get-together since their arrival here in St. Hyacinthe some two and a half years ago. This evening, arranged by the entertainment committee of the band, was attended by wives, lady-friends and friends of the bandsmen. A good time was had by all with dancing proving the main attraction.

During the evening refreshments were served by the committee who did nobly in their efforts to make the occasion a huge success. At mid-night a delicious luncheon was served to those attending who numbered nearly one hundred. This was truly a holiday night for the naval bandsmen and not a instrument could be seen, the music being supplied by a record player.

A vote of thanks was given to the entertainment committee which consisted of Mr. Ainley and Bandsmen Slutsky, Devion, Stitt, Watkins and Orr for their wonderful management, also a vote of thanks was given to all those who in any way assisted the proceedings.

The past month has been a trying one for the band and the expectant Fathers therein, but now that the "Stork" has finished his calls we can once again settle down to our normal routine without having worried Fathers pacing up and down in our midst. After all, that is quite a record for our band to have the "Stork" call three times in one month to the now proud fathers who play in the band. We sincerely hope that all the Mothers and babies are doing fine and we thank the fathers for the proudly given cigars upon each occasion.

Volt's the Natter

by Ewart

Did you ever try to eat, sleep and entertain yourself with mathematical formulas twenty four hours a day? Well then don't try to be an R.A. because that is exactly what is required.

During the first six weeks of the course we are introduced to mathematics that we should have learned in school. Course in school one can't learn much and make a study of the co-eds too. It just can't be done. I know!

It is during this horrible period that one might try to borrow ten cents to go to the show, but do we ask for ten cents? No, we would ask, "Say chum have you got two times the square root of seventy five over three?" When your alert mate has finished looking this up on his slide rule he will probably say, "No!", so your right back where you started. "Oh well, I didn't want to see that picture anyway. I'd rather study", (I keep telling myself).

The next fourteen weeks is just a push over (it says here). The instructor tells you it works like this, you tell him he's crazy, he shows you that you're crazy and then we all go round telling each other that we're pencil sharpeners. You know,—I'm not crazy I'm just a pencil sharpener."

Oh glorious fourteen days leave when one can forget that radios were ever invented. When one can relax and even forget that a condenser is not "a thing which will make things smaller so that they will fit better."

After leave we buckle down to the second half of the course. Immediately we get that "Is I is or is I aint going to be an R. A." attitude and each night (if you look hard enough) you will find those little men studying, their eyes glued to books mumbling to themselves, "If I put a hundred volts here and fifty there, what's going to happen besides blowing a couple of fuses?"

Oh happy day when all our studies are over and the ability to fix a radio is ours. What a hit we're going to make with the little girl-friend when her radio isn't working and we fix it. Gads! I never thought of that!!!

Barracks Personalities



Delving into the realms of "Old Timers" in search of a personality this month, we come up with Ldg. Seaman Leonard William MacKenzie who masquerades under such nicknames as "Mac", "Len", "the Cigar" and what have you. Not that Mac is old. When we say "old timers" we mean those who have been with the school for a long time. Mac, as a matter of fact, is quite young and handsome. Take another look!

"Len" has been seen, on occasions, behind the wheel of the Captain's car, but for the most part, we recall him with a very self-satisfied smile on his face, usually in a reclining position with his feet on someone's desk, and, of course, chewing that luscious cigar. Some people just know how to smoke a cigar. Len is one. But Len IS the Captain's driver, which brings us back to the story.

As a civvy, our hero of the month drove a Greyhound bus between Winnipeg and Minneapolis. For two years as a matter of fact, and without an accident, which speaks well. On being asked how he liked the life, Len got a far-away look in his eyes. "Exciting life," he said, "yes Sir, exciting life—if you're single. Lovely scenery,—when you're single."

Len finally left this "Exciting life — when you're single" however, to join the Navy, which he did in October 1941 at Winnipeg and after undergoing his basic training at Naden and, incidentally, being bumped down to Category B, came to the Signal School. The School landed here in November 1941 and Mac in February which qualifies him for the "Old Timer's Club". On arriving, "The Cigar" was put on trucks and snowplows but the buildings were already pretty small so they decided to give Mac a LITTLE car and made him the Captain's driver. All this derision, of course, is shot to pieces when they trust Mac with the safety of such dignitaries as the Governor General, Princess Alice, Admiral Nelles, Rear Admiral Jones, Rear Admiral Murray and Rear Admiral Brodeur, all of whom Len has driven at one time or another. To say nothing of our skipper.

Seriously speaking though, Len ranks high in the estimation of Signal Schoolers. In his own words: "I've seen the barracks grow from 300 men to 3200 men. I've seen them come and I've seen them go but MacKenzie goes on for ever." **R.C.N. Photo.**

ADVANCEMENTS

The following advancements have been promulgated during the month of February:

- Edwin LEWIN, to Chief Yeoman of Signals.
- Norman STEWARDSON, to Chief Stoker (F.F.).
- Vernon DELANCEY, to Chief Petty Officer Writer.
- James F. EARLE, to Supply Chief Petty Officer.
- Bertram BLAQUIERE, to Acting Petty Officer.
- George HAY, to Acting P.O. Telegraphist.
- Harold DOUPE, to Acting P.O. Telegraphist.
- John H. GREAVES, to Acting P.O. Telegraphist.
- George MANSON, to Acting Stoker Petty Officer (F.F.).
- Glen H. DEVINS, to Acting Stoker Petty Officer (F.F.).
- Dennis W. ADKIN, to Petty Officer Writer.
- Guy F. GREGORY, to Petty Officer Writer.
- J. F. L. SMITH, to Petty Officer Writer (s).
- Stewart SMILEY, to Acting Leading Seaman.

- D'Arcy HILTZ, to Acting Leading Seaman.
- Leslie COLLEY, to Acting Leading Telegraphist.
- Charles MATHEWSON, to Acting Leading Telegraphist.
- George McCULLOUGH, to Acting Leading Patrolman.
- Harold OLEY, to Acting Leading Patrolman.
- Stephan LEVANTIS, to Acting Leading Patrolman.
- Edward P. RUNGE, to Acting Leading Stoker (F.F.).
- Burton CRABBE, to Leading Sick Berth Attendant.
- Charles PELLETIER, to Leading Cook.
- Arthur BOWDEN, to Shipwright 1st Class.
- Neil TOMLINSON, to Radio Artificer 3rd Class.
- Arnold W. BODEN, to Radio Artificer 3rd Class.
- To Acting Radio Artificer 4th Class: Frank SPOKOWSKY, Reino A. TERVO, John DODGE, George GARRATT, Louis KEATING, Clayton SCOFIELD, Murray LINK.
- To Radio Artificer 5th Class: Jack I. ANDERSON, Carl E. COLLEDGE, Joseph D. FOXCRAFT, Clinton E. HOLDER, Llewellyn MARTIN, Charles MEREDITH.

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by Dennis Adkin

With a bright note from C. Yeo. Edward Taylor we embark upon our monthly journalistic endeavor...

The popular Chief Yeoman from the other side is now back at duty with the R.N. Signal School...

The Port Arthur is not challenging the Baddeck's claims regarding most trips to France and Belgium...

Just such a spot as this will do for Yeo Glass' first letter of sundry jottings.

O. Tel. Jimmy Green passing thru on his way to the same spot... C.Y.S. Hoosier awaiting passage for ditto...

Tel. (S.O.) Al Dawson is the spokesman for the Seacraft's gang of Signal School alumni...

From Victoria, B.C. Sub. Lieut. Tommy Carson sends a quantity of info about Halifax, N.S.

More to the point is that Ldg. Tel. K. R. Perry was able to spend a few days with his wife in Victoria last month before reporting back to the Clayoquot.

Among the higher bracketed members of the branch C.P.O. Tel. Fred Jackson can be seen in "Slackers" W/T Stores...

Naden's S.D.O. employs Sigs. G. Nesbitt and W. Morris, the E.C.P. has Tel. W. Stanier...

Other Signal Schoolites spied on the West coast include C. Yeo. R. W. Smith at Royal Roads...

Stan Glass' other longish letter turned out to be something else, but it's all between the pages somewhere.

Probably the hottest news from our prolific informer, and that which will be received with joy by his numerous friends hither and yon...

On the afternoon of Feb. 17th P. O. Tel. Bill Anderson at last found time to drop a line.

Echo Bearing

by P.O. Berry

Another "ones" class is now under way in the Radar School. This is the third class of "ones" at St. Hy.

Three "2's" classes are under way at present. "RP 2A", "RP 2B", and "RP 2C".

There are five "3's" classes in various stages of their course; RP 3A, RP 3B, RP 3C, RP 3D and RP AE.

Ldg. Smn. Bob White, D.S.M. and Ldg. Smn E. Andrews have both joined our staff of late.

The Radar Hockey team has been putting on a good show and although they haven't been very successful...

Commissioned



Sub. Lieut. J. Robert Dell, R.C. N.V.R. has recently received his commission on graduation from "King's" after four years service in the communications branch.

Sub. Lieut. Dell, who enlisted in November 1940 took his W/T 3's course here, being rated for his "three's" in March 1942.

Six month's Income Tax Exemption Returned Men

Armed forces personnel who return from overseas service may receive up to six months' exemption from the federal income tax.

The order applies only to service pay and allowances and not to civilian income or re-establishment grants.

On retirement or discharge to civilian status personnel become immediately liable for federal income tax.

MATELOT: Didn't I get my last haircut here?

Barber: I don't think so, we have only been in business two years.



THE PADRES CORNER

Padre McLean

"The Lenten Season"

The Christian Church observes a season in her Calendar which is named as "The Lenten Season". The method used in determining the time of this season may seem to be intricate...

To arrive at the day on which the first day of lent begins you calculate back from the first of April a period of forty days...

What is the meaning of Lent? The word "Lent" is derived from a Dutch word "Lenten" which means "to think".

Through Christ's way of life we may have part in the glorious message proclaimed on Easter Day, "Christ is Risen".

The degree in which we may share in that message and understand it's spiritual meaning and experience the joy of it will depend upon the response which we have made to the call and challenge of "Lent" the "thinking" season.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Table listing theatrical performances with dates and titles. Includes 'Belle of the Yukon', 'Dead End', 'Hollywood Canteen', 'Monster Maker', 'Greenwich Village', 'Laura', and 'The Suspect'.

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