

# NATO Student Pilots Train Mainly In Prairie Prov.

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**PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE (CP)**—Inside the hangars at the air training base here you may hear a boisterous French song from a group of NATO student pilots from overseas. Or again, a conversation may be in Norwegian, Italian or Danish.

But inside the sleek T-33 Silver Star jets that take to the air each morning only English is heard.

"The airfield here is one of a number being used in Canada's NATO air training plan, started in 1950 by countries signing the North Atlantic defence pact. There are eight other schools involved in the scheme, two in Ontario and the others in the three prairie provinces.

**FROM 10 COUNTRIES**

Drawing its students from 10 European countries placed an initial language problem on the training plan. But it is being overcome and comradeships are growing, despite differences in nationality.

All NATO fliers and navigators are first taught English in a three-week, pre-flight course at London, Ont., before continuing with the 13-month practical training course. Throughout their studies the students are mixed and work and play together. Danes, Dutch and Belgians often link up to "do the town" on weekend leaves.

Malcolm Farrow, 19-year-old jet pilot from Yorkshire, England, sums up his feeling:

"You may be up there flying with a Frenchman on one side and a Norwegian on the other. The only thing you consider is their ability. In the end, companionship

in flying breeds companionship on the ground."

**TOUGH FOR TURKS**

Of all the nationalities involved, the Turks perhaps are finding it the most difficult. English is a hard language for them and Canadian customs are radically different.

Bendri Cevher, of Amasya, Turkey, is the lone Turk at the Portage La Prairie base at present. His problem is doubted because he misses the chance to speak to fellow countrymen.

"It's lonely," he says in remarkably good English. The 25-year-old stocky, bushy-browed flier doesn't hide his longing to be with some of the 50 Turks he left behind at the Moose Jaw basic training school.

It was last the student crashed one day last spring. He had to be chopped free from his propeller-driven Harvard trainer by a farmer, but suffered only minor facial cuts and was back in the air within two weeks. Now he finds the \$300,000 stream lined jet "much easier to handle."

Few of their native customs are found in Canada by NATO students, contributing to a homesickness which many of them readily admit. Paul Serie, 25, of Toulouse, France, Mathias Krogh, 22, of Glomfjord, Norway and Johannes Oekelton, 20, of Utrecht, The Netherlands, are all counting the months, weeks and days left before they will be heading back.

**GIRLS STAND-OFFISH**

Many of the fliers say that Canadian girls they have met at dances and parties are stand-offish and

sometimes "act superior."

On the other hand some European students have married Canadian girls; others brought sweethearts from overseas and married them here. And there have been romances in Canadian cities and towns.

Ron Scott, 23, of Galashiels, Scotland, remembers the time he received 13 brusque "No's" from girls he had asked to dance.

Paul Berger, 21, a former high school student from Chambéry, France, tells the same story. He's surprised that girls go to a dance hall and then refuse to dance. It's something hardly ever seen back home, he says.

**NORWEGIAN NEUTRAL**

Mathias Krogh takes a more neutral view. "Canadian girls are hard to get to know," he says. "But, then, I'm a little shy."

Johannes Oekelton says the Dutch girl is more mature, serious and friendly. "She's more like a housewife even in her late teens. She thinks about getting married and starting a family. She doesn't have a long datebook."

A number of students have travelled far during their mid-term, two-week leave.

Many from the Claresholm and Penhold training schools in Alberta travelled 6,000 miles down the Pacific coast to Mexico and returned through the mid-western United States. Others based at Centralia, Ont., went to the Rockies.

When their training in Canada is completed—a cost to the Canadian government of \$85,000 for each student—the fliers will return overseas to take their places in the West's defences with the other 3,500 fliers and navigators who have graduated since 1951.

## WELLINGTON

Mrs. Eugene Brooks of Union Corner left Friday by train for Ontario where she will spend some time with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, Moncton, N. B. were recent visitors to South West Lot 16 called here owing to regrettable death of Mrs. Johnson's brother, Lorne Spurgeon Bigelow who died Nov. 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelly, St. John N. B. spent a few days in South West visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Gloria Gallant, student of Marian Academy visited her parents in St. Timothy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Gallant and Mr. and Mrs. Jaddus Gallant left by car on a three weeks visit to relatives and friends in Providence, R. I. Fitchburg Mass, and other cities of United States.

Mr. Theodore E. Gallant of Canadian Navy stationed in Cornwallis N. S. had spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ben V. Gallant, Cape Egmont.

Mr. Adrian Richard of R. C. N. stationed in Halifax N. S. spent the recent week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Josephat Richard Cape Egmont.

A pleasant visit was paid Mrs. Bruno Gallant on Sunday evening by members of Cape Egmont Women's Institute to her and Mrs. Andre P. Arsenault as two of the oldest members of Institute having been members since its organization. A well worded address was read by Mrs. Glorice Richard while Mrs. Adelard Gallant presented her mother-in-law with a beautiful boxed crucifix and Mrs. Adrien Arsenault, her mother-in-law also with a same token of appreciation.

All joined in singing "Happy Birthday" as it was Mrs. Arsenault's 70th Birthday. A very delicious lunch was served. A pleasant and friendly evening was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Timon B. Gallant of St. Timothy has returned from a trip to Ipswich, Mass. she also visited in Saint John N. B. with her two sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gallant spent the week end in Summerside with their daughter Mrs. Toussaint Arsenault and family.

Miss Helen Richard visited her

parents Mr. and Mrs. Glorice Richard, Cape Egmont and Miss Bernadette Gallant spent some time with her brother Mr. Gus J. Gallant and family Cape Egmont, also her sister Mrs. Dorat Arsenault of St. Chrysostome.

Mr. Alphonse Richard has returned from a trip to Toronto.

Miss Lorraine Arsenault, teacher, spent week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Alyne P. Arsenault, St. Chrysostome.

Cape Egmont Women's Institute held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Sylvia Gallant. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Albin Arsenault. Twenty-two members answered roll call by donations of woolen articles which will be sold to help pay music teacher's salary. Financial report showed total receipts to be \$68.54, expenditures were \$48.14. Election of officers were: Pres. Mrs. Ovidia Arsenault, V. Pres. Mrs. Edward Arsenault, Secy-Treas. Mrs. Glorice Richard (re-elected). Mrs. Delima Poirier invited them at her home for meeting in December, roll call to be an exchange of Xmas presents.

Annual meeting of Mont Carmel Credit Union was held recently with the Pres. Mrs. Dosithee Poirier presiding. Mr. Tilmont Arsenault read directors report. Credit committee report was given by Eddie Aucan, he said 129 loans to amount of \$22,700.00 were made during the year. Financial report showed assets to be \$56,000.00. Rev. H.J. Buote and other members

present.

Master Grant Brooks visited relatives in Wellington over the week end.

**ENVOY RECEIVED**

**BUENOS AIRES (CP)**—Philip Picard, who was named Canadian ambassador to Argentina when Juan D. Peron was in power and who arrived in Buenos Aires when Eduardo Lonardi was president following Peron's overthrow, presented his credentials Thursday to the country's newest chief of state, Gen. Pedro Aramburu. Aramburu took over a week and a half ago after Lonardi was ousted in a weekend coup.

ers addressed meeting. Ladies served lunch and meeting closed with "Ave Maria Stella."

Her relatives and friends of this vicinity will be pleased to learn Mrs. John Black (nee Lena Ryder) formerly of St. Nicholas and now residing in Ross Corner is home from Hospital where she has been a patient for some time due to bad heart attack. One and all hope she is on the road to good health.

Mr. Gerald Gallant, Moncton, N. B. spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Cyrill Gallant.

Miss Caroline Barlow and Cyril Barlow visited their parents over the week end.

Sincere sympathy is being extended to Mr. Leo D. Arsenault and members of his family in their sad bereavement in the passing of a devoted wife and mother on Sunday Nov. 20th.

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## BEDEQUE

Mrs. Boswell Jenkins, Mount Allison, spent several days in this village the guest of Mrs. Edna Jenkins. She also visited with friends in Summerside.

Mrs. Albert Sharpe, Summerside was a recent visitor to Bedeque the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Johnston.

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## ELMSDALE

Mr. D. A. Williams was a visitor to Summerside on Thursday.

Mrs. Lottie Forsythe is on the road to recovery, after the illness which confined her to her home for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. MacLean Horne left by car on Thursday for a vacation in Florida, after which they will spend some time with their son, Lloyd and family in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Fred McKinnon, Summerside, was a visitor to Elmsdale on Friday, Nov. 11. Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon and family, and Mrs. McKinnon's father, Mr. Austin O'Brien have moved to the Western Capital where they intend to reside in future.

Messrs. Clayton Wallace and Keith Williams left for Toronto on Thursday, November 10 where they will be employed.

Mrs. Hazel Cameron recently received news that her sister, Mrs. Eliza Gammell had sustained a broken leg. Mrs. Gammell is a frequent visitor here as guest of her sisters, Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Pratt.

The news of the death in Western and Mr. W. J. Reid voiced the thanks of those present to Mr. Johnson, the guest speaker. BQ

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## FREETOWN

Mrs. George Jardine was hostess at Tuesday evening, Nov. 15th, to the members of the Freetown branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, with the president Mrs. Eldon Drummond in charge. The roll call was answered with a temperance verse. Three visitors were present and two new members were enrolled.

The devotional period was led by the president and opened with the hymn "All around the World". Those assisting were Mrs. Jardine, Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Leung. Organist was Mrs. Dammarell. A hymn closed the worship service, after which routine business was discussed. A social hour followed when lunch was served by Mrs. Jardine, assisted by her granddaughter, Sandra.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jardine and family, of Murray River were weekend visitors to Freetown, guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Jardine.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reeves and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reeves spent the past weekend in Halifax and Dartmouth, N.S. where they visited with relatives and friends.

The members of the South Freetown Red Cross group gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Douglas, Norboro on Thursday evening November 3rd for a goose dinner prepared by Mrs. Douglas assisted by the members of Norboro Women's Institute. An enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Mrs. Eldon Drummond has returned from a visit to Charlottetown where she spent several days visiting with her sister Mrs. Glen MacLean and other relatives.

Friends regret to hear of the illness of Mr. Leonard McCarville, who is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital All hope for him a complete return to good health.

Pte. Norman Clow and Mrs. Clow left on Sunday, November 20th on return to their home in St. Georges, N. B. Pte. Clow is stationed at Utopia Army Base.

Miss Charlotte Cairns of the staff of the P. E. I. Hospital spent the past weekend at her home in Lower Freetown.

Mrs. Peter Morrison of Charlottetown is visiting in Freetown, the guest of her daughters, Mrs. Allan Clow and Mrs. Waldon Moase.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cairns left on Tuesday, November 22nd on a holiday visit to Massachusetts and New Hampshire. They will visit with Mrs. Cairn's brother, Rev. Leslie Burns and Mrs. Burns and her sister, Mrs. Beulah Cowan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns and daughter Beverly have returned from a six weeks visit spent with relatives in Saskatchewan. AB

**CASCUMPEC W.M.S.**

The Cascumpec Auxiliary of the W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Rhodes Ashley on Wednesday evening Nov. 2nd. The meeting opened with the hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour," and the Lord's Prayer in unison. In addition to the usual business there were several special items.

The members were reminded that subscriptions to the Missionary Monthly must be sent to the secretary as soon as possible. A letter from the Presbyterian Literature Secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Leard, Parker was read by Mrs. Horace Gamble.

It was decided to meet at Mrs. Russell Leard's home on Monday night to prepare parcels of used Christmas cards and Sunday school cards and papers to send to Miss Inman in Trinidad. It was also decided to pack a box of clothing for overseas. Relief, on the same evening.

Plans were also made for the Cascumpec women to serve supper at a meeting of the Men's Association, in Alberton, on Nov. 21st. The worship service was conducted by Mrs. Kenneth Leard, assisted by Mrs. Charles Gordon and Mrs. Brenton Hudson, who read passages of Scripture. The study on the Canadian Indians was taken by the president. The meeting closed with Miss Benedict's prayer after which dainty refreshments were served by the host.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Deveau and son, Allan, who have been spending two weeks holidays with relatives at Souris and Rolfe Bay left on Tuesday, November 22 for their home in North Bay, Ont. En route they were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cheverie at Borden.

Mrs. J. J. MacIsaac who has been a patient in the Prince County Hospital returned to her home in Borden on Monday, Nov. 21st.

Capt. and Mrs. Wylie Irving who have been spending their annual holidays with relatives at Borden on Monday, Nov. 21.

The weekly meeting of the Sodality of our Lady of Sorrows was held on November 13 in the basement of the Sacred Heart Church. The president, Doreen Dorsey called the meeting to order and read the Matins and Lauds. Plans were made for a Christmas Concert. This was followed by an address by the director, Father Hammill on the required character of a Sodalist. He also mentioned that the winners of the essay contest will be announced at the next meeting. The meeting was closed with a prayer, and entertainment followed.

## ALMA

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ready and son Wallace, Tignish, visited relatives in Alma on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Mr. Irving Toombs, Bedeque and Mr. Carl Hamilton, M.A., B.S.C., Saskatchewan, organizer for the C.C.F. party called on a lot of friends in Montrose and Alma on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Brendan Wallace, son Reggie and Mr. George Wallace were business visitors to Summerside on Friday, Nov. 18.

Miss Marion Barbour has gone to Toronto to spend the next few months. She will be the guest of her brother Mr. Elmer Barbour who resides in that City.

Mr. Gerard Kelley, teacher in Brocton School was the guest of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dunn and family, Elmsdale on Monday evening Nov. 14.

Mrs. Frank Dunn, Mrs. James W. O'Brien, Mrs. R. A. McKenna and Mrs. Alfred E. O'Brien, Elmsdale and Mrs. John P. Wallace, Alma were among those who attended the Regional Conference of the C.W.L. at the R.C.A.F. Station Summerside on Sunday, Nov. 13.

Mrs. Hudson Fridhom, Montrose, Mrs. W. B. MacLellan and Mr. John P. Wallace, Alma attended the Provincial C.C.F. convention held in Charlottetown on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

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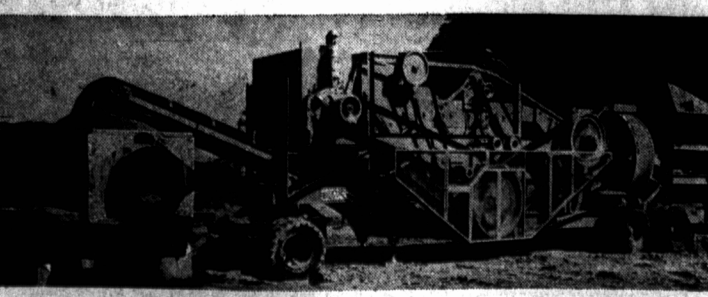
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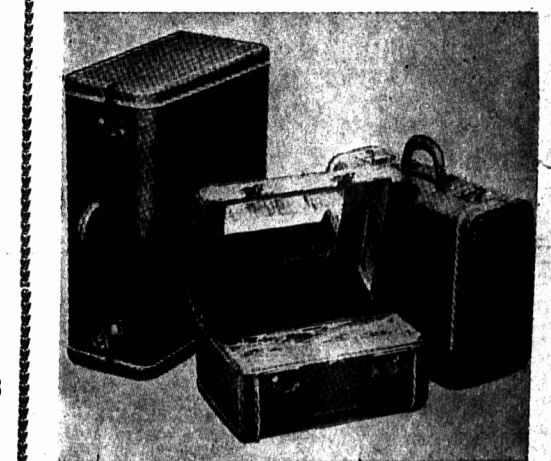
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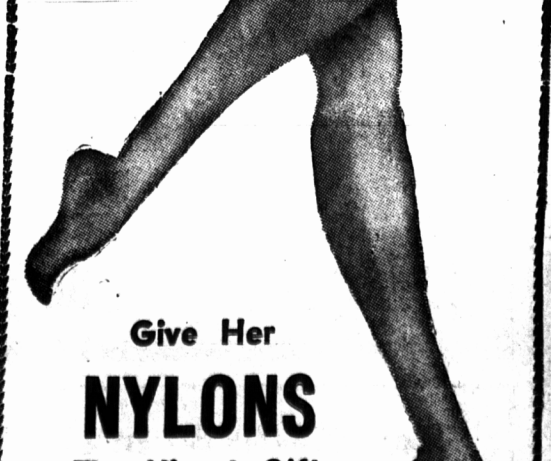
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