

Dartmouth Shooter Grant Youngest Bisley Member

By CAL HOLLOWAY
DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—At 16, Ralph Grant stands head and shoulders above other rifle marksmen his age—in more ways than one.

The towering six-foot, three-inch Dartmouth student will be the youngest member of a team representing Canada at the Commonwealth rifle championships at Bisley, England, next June.

Grant was selected for the team in August after he won the grand aggregate at the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association championships at Connaught Ranges, Ont. He also won six other major events there, missing only the Governor-General's match.

It was his fourth straight year at Connaught.

He recalls he first began shooting at the age of six or seven when his father supervised his firing of a .22 in the basement of their home at Shubenacadie, N.S.

It was at that small community along the banks of the river of the same name that young Ralph later practised with a BB air rifle.

His family moved here in 1957 and four years later, when his scout troop started a rifle club, he began to take shooting seriously. He won "a few trinkets" in competition after the once-a-week practices.

When the Dartmouth Marksmen Association—now the Atlantic Marksmen Association—was revived, he started shooting six nights a week.

Ralph graduated to full-bore shooting—303 and 308—in the fall of 1961 at nearby Bedford Rifle Range. The following year he was good enough to make it to the 24-member Nova Scotia team chosen for the Connaught team shoot.

Ralph remembers 1963 as the year he shot the Maritime circuit. That year he won the Merchants' Cup, the prestige prize, at the Nova Scotia championships. He took this, 303 to Prince Edward Island and won the grand aggregate, and then did the same thing at New Brunswick.

At 16 and still a cadet, he was competing against "the Maritimes' best seniors. It was the first time it had ever been done.

His blazing pace continued at Connaught that year and he placed second in the Governor-General's match.

In competition, the 30-inch bullseye 1,000 yards away appears a mere dot behind the sights. "The prime requirements of a marksman are good hands, eyes, nerves and the ability to read wind," says Grant.

Ralph likes to try his eye on deer and small game but he says a good marksman on the rifle range is not necessarily a good hunter. "A deer has to be stalked before it can be shot."

SURROUNDED BY GUNS—It would be a gross under-

statement to say Ralph loves guns. He goes to sleep looking at them. His bedroom walls are slung with more than 25, including rifles, shotguns and handguns.

Ralph—grandson of the late Alfred E. Reid of Mirford, N.S., provincial legislature member from 1954 to 1955—hopes to enter university this year.

He says he doesn't feel his skill with a rifle will be of any advantage in a career. He works with a construction company during the summer months.

Ralph E. Myers, a veteran member of the Nova Scotia Rifle Association, says Grant has done extremely well after shooting only a few years.

"We have some darn good rifle shooters down here and there would be more like Ralph Grant if we had more facilities for shooting."

VIET NAM VOLUNTEERS SWAMP ARMY

CANBERRA (Reuters)—The Australian Army has been swamped by members of the militia volunteering to serve in South Viet Nam. The response has been so overwhelming that the army has had to defer for a few days plans to call them up.

The army wants volunteers between 23 and 35 to undergo six months' extensive training in Australia before serving in Viet Nam for 12 months.

The army said more men had volunteered than could be absorbed in the limited number of vacancies available.

CNR Reports \$210,000 Loss

MONTREAL (CP)—The CNR reported here a net railway operating loss of \$210,000 for the month of July compared to a net operating income of \$512,000

for the corresponding month in 1964.

Net operating loss for the first seven months of 1965 was \$160,000 compared to income of \$10,340,000 for the corresponding period in 1964.

Railway operating revenues for July were \$68,539,000 and expenses \$68,749,000.

Operating revenues for the first seven months of the year were \$471,870,000 and expenses \$472,036,000. Comparable figures for 1964 were \$455,706,000 and \$445,366,000.

CHURCHES

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Church. Interim-moderator Rev. George P. Tannahill, BA. Visiting minister, Rev. Alan Embree, St. Giles Presbyterian Church, St. Marks, Kensington, 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. St. Thomas, French River, 11 a.m. morning prayer. St. Stephen's, Burlington, Rev. E.J. Flander, rector.

ANGLICAN CHURCH parish of New London, 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, St. Marks, Kensington, 7:30 p.m. evening prayers, St. Marks, Kensington, 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. St. Thomas, French River, 11 a.m. morning prayer. St. Stephen's, Burlington, Rev. E.J. Flander, rector.

the United Church, Miminigash 11 a.m. Montrose 3 p.m. Elmisdale 7:30 p.m. Sunday School at regular hours. Mr. Brown Jardine will conduct the services.

KENSINGTON Presbyterian Church pastoral charge. Free-town Church 9:30 a.m. Kensington church 11 a.m. Keir Memorial, Malpeque 8 p.m. Rev. George R. Tannahill, minister.

RICHMOND BAY charge, the Presbyterian Church, Lot 14 9 a.m. Free-land 11 a.m. Tyne Valley 8 p.m. Charles Hoekstra, minister. Rev. L.R. Files, interim-moderator.

TRYON CHARGE, United Church. Please note opening sessions of Sunday school following summer vacations: Tryon 11:00 a.m., Cape Traverse 10 a.m. a.m. Warship: Tryon 9:45 a.m. Cape Traverse 11 a.m. Crapaud, 7:30 p.m. Rev. A.H. O'Brien, minister.

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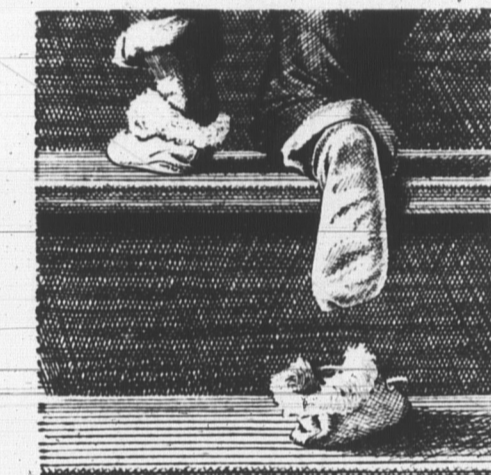
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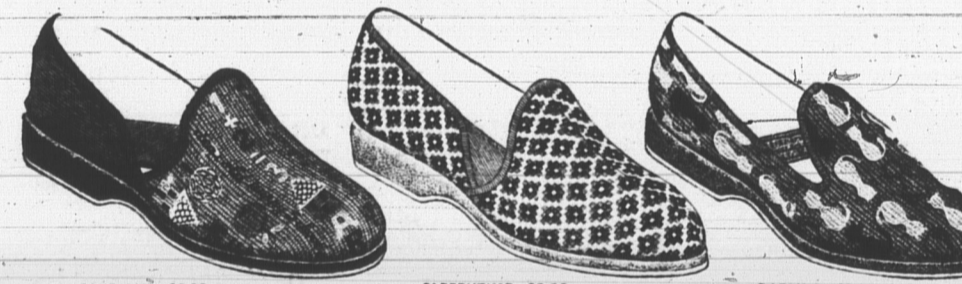
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