

"Open House" Saturday at RCAF Station, Summerside

AIR FORCE DAY
SATURDAY
JUNE 9
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proceed directly to operational flying once they pass from the OTU. The arrival of the Neptunes brought with it several problems however. For one thing it caused a division in the Maritime course. Now, some crews had to be trained on Neptunes while others has still to be turned out on Lancasters to meet the demands of 407 squadrons at Comox B.C., who still employ the World War II bomber. Servicing and maintenance of the new aircraft raised other difficulties. It was necessary to train personnel on the vastly more complicated Neptune and the same time keep the Lancs on their regular flying schedule.

To date most of these problems appear to be solved. The OTU adjusted its training syllabus to accommodate the new aircraft and the men were trained to service them.

The Neptune is the most efficient anti-submarine aircraft flying today. It incorporates improvements in equipment and design that were unheard of when the aircrew of the RCAF flew so valiantly during the Battle of the Atlantic in the last war. Every piece of gear necessary for tracking down and killing submarines is of the most modern type in the air. At present the whole interior of the aircraft is guarded by a security classification that prevents all but bare mention of its capabilities. Suffice it to say that the undersea killers of any future war will be hard pressed to stay afloat whether on the surface or



Group Captain William Swetman has issued the following invitation to the general public to visit the RCAF Station, Summerside, on Saturday.

"On behalf of the officers, airmen and airwomen of RCAF Station Summerside, I would like to extend a cordial invitation to the citizens of Prince Edward Island to join with us this Saturday as we celebrate our annual Air Force Day.

"This is the RCAF's tenth Annual Air Force Day. Since its inception, each passing Air Force Day has signalled another year of expansion and improvement in Canada's Air Force. At home and abroad the men and machines of the RCAF continue their unceasing vigil in the cause of freedom.

"Here at Summerside, No. 2 Maritime Operational Training Unit continues its job of turning out well trained crews to man our Maritime Squadrons at Greenwood and Comox. Recently we have acquired P2V-7 Neptunes, an anti-submarine aircraft that permits us to keep pace with the most modern trends in Maritime training.

"My staff have spent many hours preparing for our open house this Saturday. We appreciate your interest in the job that we are trying to do. The reward for our labours will be your attendance at Summerside's Air Force Day, so be with us if you can."

TESTING A 'CHUTE

Cpl. E.W. Woodruff is seen testing the pulling power of a parachute at RCAF Station Summerside. A veteran of eight year's service. Cpl. Woodruff is an expert in caring for these silken canopies that may save an airman's life.

Neptunes Improve Training At Station Summerside

According to Airforce officials at R.C.A.F. Station Summerside, the coming of the P2V7 Neptune to Summerside has greatly increased the effectiveness of training given at the local base. The station, home of Number 2 Maritime Operational Training Unit, recently received three of the sleek sub-killers for use in the training program carried out there. Prior to this spring only the World War II Lancasters were flown at the OTU, though the Neptune had been in use at Greenwood for over a year. This meant that the crews graduating from Summerside to Greenwood had to undergo a further training period at the valley base before they could fly operationally with the two maritime squadrons stationed there. The next course to graduate from Summerside will be able to

Jet Test Pilot Relives Escape

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—A test pilot has virtually relived in a drug-induced trance his escape from a supersonic jet fighter, the Los Angeles Times says. Herman (Fish) Salmon, chief test pilot for Lockheed, underwent a two-hour experiment in an effort to develop all facts in connection with the tense, crowded moments prior to his bailing out last year from an F-104 Starfighter.

The pilot, given sodium pentothal—the so-called "truth serum"—lay on a couch in a darkened room and recounted his experience.

Salmon, testing the armament of the F-104, bailed out after a weapon or ammunition explosion.

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TOWN OF SUMMERSIDE
W. A. CURRIE, Mayor.

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On The Occasion Of

AIR FORCE DAY, SATURDAY

THE CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN

J. D. STEWART,
Mayor.

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A cordial welcome awaits all our citizens at the Summerside R.C.A.F. Station Saturday

An interesting program has been arranged to give some insight into the work of this most important branch of our defence service.

R. C. A. F. ASSOCIATION
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PROGRAM

(All Times Standard)

- 1:00—Gates Open
- 1:45—Airforce Day Queen Contest will be held in Number 5 Hangar.
- 2:20—Precision Drill by Number 53 (Summerside) Squadron Air Cadets on Tarmac in front of Number Four Hangar.
- 2:45—Arrival of Official Party and Inspection of Guard of Honor.
- 2:50—Opening Remarks by G-C W. H. Swetman and Introduction of Premier Matheson.
- 2:55—Introduction of Lt. Governor by Premier and remarks by Lt. Governor.
- 3:00—Official Opening of Airshow.
- 3:45—Drill by Girl Cadets from Number 562 (North Sydney Squadron).
- 3:55—Presentation and Crowning of Airforce Day Queen.
- 4:05—Airshow Continues.
- 5:00—The Queen.

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