Submarines must beware magnetic leech

WASHINGTON (AP) A magnetic radio device that grips the side of a prowling enemy submarine and broadcasts information on its location was described Wednesday as new navy equipment.

Data magazine, a monthly journal in the defence marketing field, said the magnetic broadcasting devices can be sown in known channels through which enemy submarines must pass.

It said that as soon as it fastens itself magnetically to the metal hull of a submarine, it begins broadcasting a "Here I am" message.

"No amount of manoeuvring by the sub will dislodge the parasitic transmitter," the magazine said.

"Assuming the sub knows or suspects that it has picked up a magnet, the act of surfacing to remove it would, of course, also betray the submarine's position."

The United States navy information office said the project is classified and no information has been released on it. Murray Smith, the magazine's publisher said his information came from non-classified sources.

PULLING UP A CRAB POT is Andrew McDonald. He was after the succulent Metlakatla variety in the Pass last Sunday. Interested bystander is Robert Hinman. Both men were on board the Sunglow. The catch must have been good as they did not get back to port until after they had had supper on board. — Photo by Gladys Baldwin

Oil drilling country club houses comics who meet to make each other laugh

By JAMES BACON

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Hollywood's funniest show has been running for 25 years, but seats, even at an asking price of $18,000, are impossible to get. The show—and it's really that—is the luncheon roundtable at Hillcrest Country Club. Some of the world's greatest comedians and wits meet there daily. Object: to make each other laugh.

Among the regulars are George Burns, Milton Berle, Groucho Marx plus brothers Chico and Harpo, Danny Thomas, Jack Benny, George Jessel, Danny Kaye, the Ritz Brothers plus assorted comedy writers, producers and directors.

Burns said the roundtable got started because Jack Benny used to sit there.

"Jack laughs at anything," says George. "He falls over at the way I say: 'Hello, Jack'."

With such a laugher — some say Benny even laughs at card tricks—it was only natural that all the other comedians should gravitate to his table. Thus the Hillcrest roundtable was born.

FAST AD-LIBBING

The last session I attended, Groucho, Burns, Berle and producer Harry Tugend were in rare form. Gags came so fast it was impossible to record them.

A waiter approached Groucho with a menu.

"I will have chicken enchilada," he said.

For some reason known only to waiters, Groucho was served corned beef and cabbage. He looked at it and demanded of the waiter:

"What did you bring me here? I distinctly ordered corned beef and cabbage. Take it away. I'll have the chicken enchilada instead."

The waiter, used to serving Groucho, took the plate away without even looking perplexed.

The chicken enchilada came back garnished with radishes and other gaily - colored vegetables.

"It looks like it was cooked by Max Factor," quipped Burns.

Abe Lastfogel, pint-sized head of the William Morris agency, took a bite of Groucho's chicken.

"That's an agent for you. Gotta have a piece of everything," said Tugend.

TRAIN GAG

Berle casually dropped the news he was taking the train, not the plane, to an engagement in Miami Beach. "On the train I can rest for a couple of days."

At that, Burns and Groucho started hammering Berle with gory details of train wrecks.

"In a train," said Burns, "you can be shaving, the train speeds around a curve at 90 miles an hour, and you break three ribs."

Berle picked up a phone:

"Get me Greyhound bus."

Instead he got his wife, Ruth, on the phone and said: "Groucho and Burns don't think we should take the train, why don't you cancel the reservations?"

Said Burns: "Tell her you'll fly, Miltie, and Ruth and I will take the train."

COSTLY MEMBERSHIP

Hillcrest is one of the hardest country clubs to join. A membership, if one were available, now is worth $18,000 — without the mineral rights. That's right, mineral rights. The club sits atop one of the richest oil pools in the Los Angeles area. A producing well nets the club about $300,000 a year in royalties.

Since most of the members are millionaires, the oil money goes mostly into club improvements and pension and health plans for employees, rare in the country club field.

The club is one of the swankiest in the country. Eric Monti, a golfing great, is pro and one of the caddies is actually named Sam Snead.

Curling, examinations absorb students' time

By HELEN MOORE

The Easter Holidays to most highschool students means a week of no school, sleeping in, and late nights. This is not so for the students of Prince Rupert. They gather at the local curling rink to take part in the annual McCracken Memorial Bonspiel.

J. R. McCracken, a teacher at the high school was keenly interested in the high school curling club. He died in December of 1957 and the high school bonspiel of 1958 was given his name.

Entries for the bonspiels have come from Terrace, Kitimat, Smithers, Hazelton and sometimes Prince George as well as from Prince Rupert. The entry fee is $20 a rink. This fee includes four games, a banquet, and a dance.

This year 40 rinks have been entered. Play will begin on Monday and continue until Friday. Bruce Kerr, president of the high school curling club, is in charge of the bonspiel while Donald MacDonald is draw master.

A banquet and dance will be held on Friday evening. Presentation of trophies will take place at the banquet. The prizes for the past high school curling season will also be presented.

Sponsoring the bonspiel are the combined curling clubs of Prince Rupert Senior High School and Booth Memorial Junior High School.

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This past week has seen the students of Prince Rupert Senior High School hard at work writing their Easter examinations. With these behind them, they will be able to enjoy their holiday.

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Although student movement appears slight over the holidays, several teachers are heading for Vancouver for a short break. Among these are Brian Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Watt, Janelle Hayden; while Ted Auckett will be visiting Prince Rupert from Port Edward.

Soup And Crackers Hit The Spot

Sipping soup from mugs is becoming an established custom! What could hit the spot more on a cold winter evening than mugs of piping hot soup? As a starter for dinner, warmer-upper after outdoor activities, or as a late evening snack before a blazing fire. Everyone enjoys its warming goodness.

To tantalize all weather-weary appetites, fill large sturdy mugs with a long favoured combination of canned condensed green pea soup and tomato soup. Give it an Italian "air"... add a bit of Chianti wine and Italian seasoning. This is just one of the many tempting treats you can make with canned condensed soups. Just as sipping soup from mugs is custom, mixing canned condensed soups is accepted and fun. Mix up your favourites.

Crackers are "naturals" with soup. With Green Pea and Tomato Italianne, pass "cracker nickes"... crisp crackers topped with Mozzarella cheese and sprinkled with oregano; or serve large baskets of mixed crackers ... top dressed with other herbs or butters.

GREEN PEA AND TOMATO ITALIANNE

1 can (10 fluid ounces) condensed green pea soup
1 can (10 fluid ounces) condensed tomato soup
1½ soup cans water
2 tablespoons Chianti or other dry red wine
¼ teaspoon Italian seasoning

Blend soups in saucepan; add remaining ingredients. Cook over low heat for 10 minutes, stirring now and then. Makes 4 servings.

CRACKER PIZZAS

Top saltines with sliced Mozzarella cheese. Sprinkle with crushed leaf oregano. Broil until cheese melts. Serve with hot soup.

SOUP SCOOPS

Greet the ice skaters with a mug of hot soup. It will chase the chills away. Try this: mix canned condensed cream of celery soup with a can of tomato soup and 1 soup can each milk and water. Add ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg and a dash of ground cloves; heat. Pour into 4 to 6 mugs. Pass a basket of crisp assorted crackers as an accompaniment.

February fires cause less harm

Prince Rupert's Fire Department made more fire calls in February than in January but fire damage in January was far greater than the February figure.

These facts were learned in the fire department report for February from Fire Chief E. W. Becker to city council.

The report showed that the department responded to 18 calls during February while the total damage amounted to only $75. In January, the fire department responded to only 13 calls but the damage amounted to $3,610.

During February, firemen also answered 24 ambulance calls.

Broken down, the calls during February were: three defective or overheated chimneys; two careless smoking; one defective electric wiring; two oil burners; one unknown; one call-back; one gas vapor investigation; one accidental false alarm; and six malicious false alarms.

During the month, the waterfront fire alarm system was tested and was found to be working satisfactorily. A new alarm box was added to the No. 2 circuit of the city fire alarm system at Sourdough Bay. It was tested and was found to be in good working order.

City hydrants were tested and have been repaired where necessary by the waterworks department.

Firemen inspected 10 chimneys; 24 oil burners; seven hotels; one school; two theatres; and six public buildings.

An order was issued to D. J. Lippett, proprietor of Dan's Service station in the 300 block McBride Street to remove gas leakage and vapors from the vicinity of the service station.

Firemen are carrying out daily inspections of fire apparatus and repairs are being made where necessary. The equipment is considered to be in satisfactory condition.

Prince Rupert's auxiliary force now has a membership of 15 and holds weekly meetings and drills at the fire hall.

PROPWASH

Fine weather brings boats out in harbor

By GLADYS BALDWIN

At an executive meeting following the annual general meeting of the Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht club earlier this month, Sidney Elkins was elected commodore, with Hugh Muir as vice-commodore. Dr. J. A. Macdonald continues as secretary treasurer.

Newly elected to the executive board are William Elkins and George West with Norman Moorehouse and W. S. Kergin continuing in executive capacities.

Dr. Macdonald said the building program at the yacht club is up to maximum, but there are several suggestions for improvements to add working space.

Plans are afoot to put into action the Canadian Power Boat Squadron idea. Dr. Macdonald said they were getting started early and hope to have things organized for fall classes.

Package instructions are available for instructors and students. Subjects include navigation, small boat handling, and safety at sea.

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Metlakatla Pass on Sunday afternoon was like Third Avenue and Fulton Street and everything, water, sky and beach, had a freshly washed look. Even the various kinds of ducks and waterfowl were spruced up to suit the weather.

Noticed Frank Donese in his 18-foot Swish heading in. A. F. Martin and Robert Kelsey, in the Ritamike, were tending crab pots and so were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew MacDonald aboard the Sun-Glow with their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hinman.

The From Now On skippered by Hugo Kraupner cruised out toward the Sound and back. James Houchen and William Beck said words to themselves when they lost a halibut while fishing aboard the Val.

Noticed Mr. and Mrs. William Scuby and Mr. and Mrs. Orme Stuart with fishing lines out.

Just inside Salt Lakes harbour Mr. and Mrs. Eric Barton and family seemed to be enjoying life in general along with many other small boats.

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Fishing had better be good over the long weekend. Entrants in the Salmon Derby have three big prizes waiting for them William Rothwell, Derby chairman said. First prize is a sleeping bag; second a salt water Mitchell reel and third a $25 voucher. The Derby chairman said the Herring Pond in Casey Cove is developing and that should bring some big ones around.

Coming up is a children's day when prizes will be awarded for the largest fish landed of any type. Children must be accompanied by parents. Second and third prizes will be awarded.

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A long way from home, but enjoying the open water, are Donald McLoughlin and Leonard Wilfur of Dawson Creek. The two young men trailered a thirteen and a half runabout and motor to try it out in the sea. They tell me their lakes are still frozen and thought our lovely mild weather just right. Their usual stamping ground is Moberly Lake and Swan Lake. And speaking of early birds, they tried out water skis in Sourdough Bay. Brrr—hope they didn't fall in.

Canada sells wheat

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada has arranged to sell Czechoslovakia another 3,700,000 bushels of wheat on credit, Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton announced Wednesday.

It follows a mid - February deal with Czechoslovakia covering 7,300,000 bushels. The combined sales of 11,000,000 bushels are valued at $25,800,000.

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