

both transferred to Headquarters, Ottawa. Pewter steins were presented to them by the Corporals' mess.

The only smoker reported from "**D**" Division, was held in Brandon, Man., on September 27, to say good-bye to Cst. J. W. Merka, who was leaving for Prince Rupert (B.C.) Sub-Division Identification Section. A presentation was made by the sub-division O. C.

At **Regina**, the Sergeants' Mess held two get-togethers to say farewell to Sgts. C. E. Ennals and R. A. Faircloth on transfer to "HQ" and "H" Divisions respectively. Staff Sergeant McMahon, mess president, made both presentations, and in each case the guest received the traditional engraved stein. **Yorkton** Sub-Division held a smoker on September 30 for Csts. A. J. Peters, R. V. Steg and H. Cahoon, all of whom have been transferred to Headquarters, Ottawa. Suitable gifts were presented to them on behalf of sub-division personnel.

At **Sydney** Sub-Division ("H" Division) a stag party was held September 23 to extend good wishes to Cpl. H. R. G. Ferraris on transfer to Ottawa. Smokers were also held at Thornvale Barracks, **Halifax**, on October 14 and November 3 and on the latter date, members of the RCMP dance orchestra from Ottawa, who were in Halifax to play at the United Services Institute's Annual Armistice Ball, attended.

"**K**" Division's Corporals' Mess was officially formed on November 1 and three days later held a stag to celebrate the promotions of Cpls. N. L. Hicks, R. K. Burke of Edmonton, and D. R. Wilson of Drayton Valley. Other new NCOs unable to be present were also the subject of congratulations. The new mess has no permanent home yet, and social gatherings are being held in the old canteen lounge at Edmonton.

In "**O**" Division, 140 members and ex-members of the Force enjoyed a stag held in the

"Arrow" room of the RCAF Officers' Mess, Avenue Road, Toronto. The evening afforded an opportunity of renewing old acquaintances and meeting several newcomers who arrived in the division during the Summer.

Social evenings frequently serve as functions to say farewell to retiring personnel. "**L**" Division held one in the Fall to honor retiring Sgt. Major D. R. George. The enjoyable mixed affair was under the direction of Sgt. Major J. D. Fraser and the presentation to the guest of honor was made by the Division O.C.

North Bay Sub-Division of "A" Division held an informal social on October 21 at the conclusion of a sub-division conference. The gathering was held in the Sergeants' Mess, Chippewa Barracks and Sub-Insp. and Mrs. D. F. Fitzgerald were hosts to the 104 people who attended.

The **Regina Crime Detection Laboratory** held an open house on September 2 for the chemists and their wives who attended the Fifth Western Regional Conference of the Chemical Institute of Canada. **Ottawa Laboratory** staff held an informal promotion party at the home of S/Sgt. R. Huber on November 4. In an attempt to stave off Winter, the party featured a "South Seas" theme, with personnel and their wives dressed in keeping and refreshments to conform.

In "**D**" Division a social evening was held October 14 in the Minto Armouries. A good number from country detachments were among the crowd attending. The **Sergeants' Mess** also staged a similar affair to honor S/Sgt. and Mrs. P. G. Hunt. A presentation was made to the Staff who is retiring from the Force, and best wishes were extended to him on his new position with the Provincial Highways Department.

In "**E**" Division members of the Vancouver Sub-Division and the City Police Drug Squad, and their wives, gathered at Canyon Gardens, North Vancouver, to honor S/Sgt. W. A. Carson, who is retiring to pension. Presentations were made to the guest and a testimonial offered by S/Sgt. E. P. Turner. "Kit" Carson has been in charge of the RCMP drug squad since his arrival from Toronto in August 1957. He has won the respect and admiration of all those with whom he has been associated and upon returning to Toronto, the Carsons will take with them the best wishes of their Vancouver friends.

Saskatoon Sub-Division of "**F**" Division held a social evening at the RCAF Station Ser-



Chief Supt. L. Bingham bids farewell to Dr. James Hill Stirrat, pathologist, at a function at Edmonton Headquarters.