

Gym on December 13. A presentation of Long Service and Good Conduct Medals was made at the same time. The Ceremonies were attended by Commr. L. H. Nicholson, Supts. L. M. Lapointe, J. B. Harris and Insp. R. V. Currie. The RCMP Band (Ottawa) played suitable music during the pass-out and Mr. J. D. Walker, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Justice, addressed the class. Medals were presented to Insps. G. W. Mortimer and J. G. E. Murray and ex-Spl. Cst. J. Dickson. Prior to the presentation the Commissioner spoke on the tradition of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medals and the value which should be attached to them.

**Social** The Christmas tree party for the staff members' children was greeted by a 100 per cent turnout and a happy time was had by both the youngsters and their parents. The annual event is sponsored by the "N" Division social and sports club and Cpl. J. K. Phillips was organizer and M.C. Before the arrival of Santa Claus, colored cartoons were shown and the youngsters were entertained by a magician. Members in training took an active interest in the party and the recruits of 37 Troop stole the show when the entire Troop turned out to sing three selections in true glee club style. Cpl. G. W. Armstrong made a fine job of his assignment as Santa for a day.

The annual Christmas dinner in the mess for members of the division was held on December 23 and was attended by the "N" Division Staff and members in training from Troops 34, 35, 37, 39 and 40. Commissioner Nicholson attended and spoke briefly on training and of past divisional dinners held in the traditional manner of the Force.

The New Year's Eve ball held annually in the gym gets better every year and was an outstanding success. The committee, under chairman Sgt. D. K. Chapman with Sgts. E. C. Curtain, W. F. MacRae, Cpls. E. C. Hill, J. F. Duthie and Cst. E. B. Young received congratulations for the manner in which all the arrangements from decorating to catering were carried out. The ball was well attended by members from the Ottawa area and invited guests. The Grand March was led by Cst. A. C. Minshull, Drum Major of the RCMP Band (Ottawa) and the procession was headed by the Commissioner and Mrs. Nicholson and the Hon. E. D. Fulton and Mrs. Fulton. Credit for the unique decorations goes to Cst. A. L. Anderson who dreamed up a "sputnik" background for the ornaments which were kept in motion by fans and brightened by colored lights. The RCMP dance orchestra, conducted by Cpl. Don Clark, provided varied and delightful music, keeping the dance floor in constant use.

CSM W. Taylor provided the division and guests with a treat when he arranged for Messrs.

Trafford and Bailey of the Canadian Color Photographic Society to show slides of the recent visit of the Royal couple to Ottawa with many splendid shots of the Queen and Prince Philip and of the mounted escort provided by the Force. The Commissioner and Mrs. Nicholson, members of the CPC No. 33, recruits and "N" Division staff members attended the showing, which was held in the gym.

A staff bingo and dance held on February 7 produced a large turnout and was enjoyed not only by members and their wives but also by members of CPC Class for whom the evening provided a pleasant break. Miss Lorraine and her staff provided the usual delicious refreshments which mark these functions.

**Miscellaneous** Old-timers will be interested to know that the wooden stables, used until the completion of the present brick building housing the stables and riding school in 1939, have finally been torn down. After their usefulness as stables was over, one of the buildings was the Division Q.M. Stores and the other, first became a storage room for Band paraphernalia and later a lecture hall and model detachment. In 1953 the two old buildings were joined end to end and converted into a curling rink. With the completion of the new Curling Rink, the value of the old buildings came to an end.

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