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I.T.S. Training Explained To Kiwanis Club

"The students at No. 5 I.T.S. are an enthusiastic squadron, who go through an intensive course of training to fit them for pilots, navigators, bombardiers and air gunners and they will give a good account of themselves when they meet the enemy," said Group Captain A. J. Snetsinger, O.C., speaking to the Kiwanis Club at their weekly luncheon at the Quinte Hotel on Tuesday. Bruce Lattimer was in the chair. Fred Rawson collected the fines and Harold Carruthers led the community singing, with Alex Gordon at the piano. Jack Trudeau gave a brief account of the trip to Trenton Rotary Club, the Kiwanis club here supplying the speaker. Jack White reported for the Sims Show stating \$406 was the share of the club, which would have been much greater but for the weather. Joe Imlah, also on the committee, asked that the directors turn over a certain amount to the Beaches Association, who gave up their option on the Shows to the Kiwanis Club. The members were asked to assist in the tag day for the Moira Lake Boys' Camp and Dr. Sam Cronk and Ernie Finkle won the attendance prizes. Ormonde Butler passed the cigars to celebrate the arrival of a new daughter at his home. They were much appreciated by the members.

History of Training

The speaker was introduced by Mark Vanner and Kiwanis appreciation was expressed by Bill Pomret. Wing Commander Snetsinger explained how the men were posted to the Manning Depot, how they received their elementary training, their appearance before the reselection board and their posting to Initial Training School, where the real work starts. The speaker showed that the men posted to the school are broken in gently for the first two weeks of the course, which runs ten weeks, being given elementary instruction and lectures on navigation with plenty of mathematics thrown in. At the end of the course the boys write an examination and they are allowed two failures which can be written as supplementals but if they have three failures they are immediately remustered on the station. "The officers at the school have the final say as to training and classification of men," said the speaker. It was shown that the men put in 386 hours of training in nine weeks and that is a heavy schedule the Wing Commander announced.

The training period was divided up by the speaker and showed that every boy was given instruction in navigation, air gunnery, armament, gas and aircraft recognition. He praised the sports equipment at the school and also the instructors, who were with the boys throughout the course and showed they have a keenness for their pupils that makes for good pilots and navigators, when the final test comes. He showed that the boys averaged 84.2 per cent in their courses which was a high standard. He told that Air Crew selection was made by himself and other officers and each man was interviewed personally. In closing Wing Commander Snetsinger praised the boys for their physical fitness their keenness for study and the aptitude in all circumstances and believed they would play their part in the big game overseas.

SOFTBALL

The Officers Softball Team defeated the Sergeants 21-19 in a real slugfest. The officers scored 4 runs in the ninth inning to win the game.

Officers Line-up: F/O Ramsay, s.s.; F/L Scott, 2.p.; F/O Wilson, l.b.; F/O Warren, c.; F/L Green, c.f.; F/L Burnett, 3.b.; P/O Flewelling, r.f.; F/O Yule, l.f.; W/C Snetsinger, p.2.

Sergeants Line-up: Sgt. Whitla, c.; Sgt. Atwell, p.; Sgt Stillman, l.b.; W/O Birkett, 2.b.; Sgt. Samain, s.s.; WO2 Loch, 3.b.; F/Sgt. Gould, r.f.; Sgt. Westfall, c.f.; Sgt Neice, c.f.

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Men's Softball League Opened With Juniors, Fliers Winning From Bristol and the Marines

Mayor Rollins Tosses First Ball With O.C. of I.T.S. Opening Second Bill

GOOD CONTESTS

"Red" Townsend's Army and Navy Juniors and Archie Green's No. 5 I.T.S. squads opened the Belleville and District Softball Association with victories at the Exhibition Park last evening.

The Juniors triumphed 10 to 2 over Bristol Aircraft in the curtain-raiser, while the No. 5 I.T.S. "Flyers" blanked the Stephens Adamson "Marines" 7 to 0 in the nightcap.

The winning pitchers were the features of both wins as Grant Wright hurled steady ball for the Juniors, while Bill Colvin, former Toronto moundsman, fired four-hit ball for the Flyers.

Although Wilf Latchford's Bristol Aircraft nine forged ahead to a two-run lead at the end of the second, the Army and Navy kids came back strongly and pushed a trio of runs over in the third to assume the lead and with Wright in top flight form the kids were never headed. Connie Harris started on the hill-top for the Bristol nine, but was relieved by Bob Bunton in the sixth.

Every member of the Juniors counted at least a single base blow, except Wright, who tended well to his pitching chores to strike out two and with fine control failed to walk a single Bristol batsman. McQuaid with a triple and Rollins' double were the extra base smashes registered by the kids, while Finkle clubbed a double, the only extra base hit registered by the losers. The Juniors fielded well and came up with the only twin killing of the

game, a fast play Wardhaugh to Cross to halt a Bristol rally in the second.

Played Errorless Ball

Archie Green's Flyers played errorless ball behind Pitcher Bill Colvin as the Airmen fielded a powerful hitting team to beat Stephens Adamson "Marines" 7-0 in the second game of a doubleheader. Colvin one-base blows and only in the sixth did the losers manage to crowd more than one aboard to be in scoring position, as two were left stranded on the runways. Colvin struck out six in the seven frames and walked three, while Jim Hunter, hurling for the Marines whiffed five and issued but one pass via the four ball route.

Hunter was afforded ragged support by his teammates, who booted the ball around in the field for five costly errors, all of which entered into the score column for the Flyers. The only extra base smash of the game was a triple by Thoms, the Flyers' snappy short-stop, who added a brace of singles to lead the hitters of the night. Kerr and Westfall collected two singles each for the winners.

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Colvin only allowed one Marine batsman to reach first base in three frames, a walk to Frain. In the meantime the Airmen helped Colvin by pouncing on Hunter for three runs in the second and a trio

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