

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA

December 10, 1985.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 17, 1985, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12.15 p.m.

SICK AND VISITING

1. Alex Campbell was reported as having been hospitalized last week. We trust that he is now well on the road to recovery.
2. Ken McKenzie is now back at work part time. He spends the morning at his business and rests during the afternoon. He and Margaret will be leaving shortly for a winter of relaxation in the sunshine of Yuma, Arizona.

BIRTHDAYS

Larry Dobson December 16 Dickens' story "A Christmas Carol"
published December 17

'God bless us every one!' said Tiny Tim, the last of all. - Charles Dickens

HOCKEY SWEEPSTAKES

Game No. 4, November 30, 1985

\$10.00 - Vincent Folk, Ticket No. 1235; Elmer MacGillivray, Ticket No. 1323.

\$15.00 - G.D. Roberts, Ticket No. 1255; Colleen Wood, Ticket No. 1343.

\$25.00 - Ron Cowles, Ticket No. 1256; Larry Sands, Ticket No. 1344.

Game No. 5, December 7, 1985

\$10.00 - Merrill Morstad, Ticket No. 1271, Chris Fayant, Ticket No. 1401.

\$15.00 - William Fodchuk, Ticket No. 1312; Jim Humphries, Ticket No. 1342.

\$25.00 - Lauren Warrack, Ticket No. 1233; Andre Juchli, Ticket No. 1363;

Cor. Van Amsterdam, Ticket No. 1431.

P.S. G.R. Henderson won \$10.00 on Game No. 1 with Ticket No. 1435.

D.R. Hambleton won \$10.00 on Game No. 1 with Ticket No. 1288.

THIS WEEK

Boyd Slavik announced the distribution of money in the Club's Grey Cup Pool.

1st - Quarter: Dan Lawton; 2nd - Quarter: Andy Friderichsen; 3rd - Quarter: Alison Graham; Final Score: Boyd Slavik.

Gordon Rennie as manager, coach, advisor, consultant, confidant, cheer leader, broom and brush boy for the Edmonton Gyro Club entry in the District VIII Curl-A-Rama at Banff on November 29 through December 1 gave a report on this annual event for 1985. He stated that there were 20 rinks entered in addition to several who came just to take part in the Gyro friendship and fellowship. He noted that over the years the quality of the curling had improved immensely. In the championship final the two rinks, Cranbrook and Trail, played like the pros who compete in the Brier competition, keeping the house cleaner than any highly advertised detergent

The results were as follows: Event A - Cranbrook #1; Event B - Cranbrook #2; Event C - Lethbridge; Event D - Sherwood Park; Event E - Edmonton.

A sincere thanks to Jack O'Brien and his committee from the Calgary Gyro Club for an entertaining week-end.

Marty Larson, recently returned from a Panama Canal cruise, told of the excellent accommodation, the fine weather, the interesting entertainment, and the meals fit for any festive occasion.

Andy Friderichsen was a recent winner of a trip for two to a winter warm climate destination. He and Blanche will be leaving in January. Bon voyage, Andy!

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On Friday, December 6, 1985 the Edmonton Gyro Club held its annual Christmas Party at the Edmonton Petroleum Club with some 60 odd in attendance. Following the dinner Padre Bill Graham gave a short inspirational talk after which the Lynn Male Choral Group sang a number of old favorites under the direction and accompaniment of Lynn, herself. Then came the draw for prizes under the direction of Bill Agnew and Dave Burnett.

Our special thanks to the Social Committee of Larry Dobson, Bill Agnew, Dave Burnett, and Bob Walker for an evening of fine entertainment.

Howie Sharp won the luncheon draw.

The by-election of Wednesday, December 11, 1985 to fill the vacancy in the provincial constituency of Whitemud reminds one that elections of late have become rather prosaic and humdrum affairs in which most of the electioneering is done in front of television cameras and the various candidates attempt to project a favorable image. There is very little opportunity for questioning candidates on policy and attitudes etc.

Far different and much more entertaining was it before television took over, when the candidates had to face live audiences in assembly halls, auditoriums, and arenas, and were often subjected to interjections, invectives, and heckling, and therefore had to develop and fine tune oratorical skills and repartee.

One recalls the story of the banjo-playing, onion farmer from St. Thomas, Ontario, Mitchell Hepburn, Premier of that province during a Liberal regime from 1934 to 1942. He was addressing a group of farmers in a field, and not being the tallest of men he climbed aboard a manure spreader the better to present himself to his audience.

He opened his speech by saying, "This is the first time in my life that I have spoken from a Tory platform."

A loud voice roared back from the crowd, "Throw her in high gear, Mitch. She's never had a bigger load on!"

That broke up the meeting so it's a good place to conclude.

Have a Merry Christmas, all!

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