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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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May 31, 1979

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 5, 1979, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12:15 P.M.

COMING EVENTS

1. The Gyrettes will hold a Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 1979, at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. Social Hour 6:30 P.M.
Dinner: 7:30 P.M.
2. The Inter-Club Golf Tournament will be held at the Red Deer Golf and Country Club on Thursday June 14, 1979. Tee-Off Time: 10:00 A.M. Forward your entry soonest to Gordon Rennie. Those who plan to take part in this event will meet at the South end of the Southgate Shopping Centre Parking Lot at 8:00 A.M. on June 14th to arrange the car pool.
3. The 1979 International District VIII Convention will be held in Grand Forks, B.C. on July 19 through 21. Forward your Registration Form soonest, to

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BIRTHDAYS

Boyd Slavik May 17
Bill Robinson May 23
Enoch Loveseth May 29

Dave Burnett May 18
Murray Rawling May 25
Lloyd Loveseth May 30

"Life is not a problem to be solved but a reality to be experienced." - Soren Kierkegaard

Our wish is that you will all continue for a long time to come to experience to the fullest the reality of life.

SICK AND VISITING

Bill Robinson reported that Cyril Cormick was a patient in the Royal Alexandra Hospital (Station 63) for some medical tests. Cyril would welcome visitors.

OBITUARY

The members of the Edmonton Gyro Club were shocked and saddened at the news of the passing of long time member (over 30 years) Cyril Shaw, on May 12, 1979 at Las Vegas, Nevada.

A native of England, Cyril came to Canada in 1911 and eventually to Edmonton, where he completed his schooling. In 1938 he took over Century Sales and operated this business until his retirement in 1968.

Cyril was not only concerned with the success of his business but gave freely of his time to promote outside interests, particularly

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the Alberta and Canadian Motor Associations. Indeed, at the time of his death he was engaged in the business of the C.A.A., which he was serving as president.

Cyril enjoyed sports and was particularly happy among his various lodge and fraternal associates. The esteem in which he was held was well indicated at his funeral service conducted by the Rev. W. Graham on Thursday, May 17, 1979 at Westmount Presbyterian Church, which was filled to capacity. The world and Edmonton in particular is the poorer for the loss of Cyril Shaw.

The deep and sincere sympathy of all Gyro is extended to Margaret and her family.

THIS WEEK

President Jack welcomed the return of Herb Hamly, Enoch Loveseth, Louis Tremblay, John Boychuk, and George Bissett from their winter homes.

He then called upon Bill Robinson who introduced his guest, Bill Clarke.

The President then presented his report on the year's activities. He congratulated President-Elect Ernie Siegel and his new Executive on their election and predicted a successful 1979-80 season.

Dave Burnett gave an illustrated talk on the work of the Northern Transportation Company with Jim Wright as his projectionist.

Dave outlined the structure of his company stating that it was a Federal Crown Corporation which was operated in a similar fashion to a private corporation, in that it's aim was to operate at a profit. It was a capital intensive organization which employed some 700 during the year, 200 of these on a year round basis.

Its main function, stated the speaker, was to transport machines, supplies, and people into the Northwest Territories and the High Arctic by truck, barge and rail. This was a very challenging type of work as the rivers were open for perhaps 120 days during the year and there was but a safe 3 month period for freight delivery. The largest freight terminus in the North was at High River which was serviced by water, rail and highway.

The main fuel supply point, explained Dave, was Norman Wells, not far from the Arctic Circle, with Inuvik as the trans-shipment

~~point to the MacKenzie Delta and Tuktoyaktuk. The promise of oil~~
and natural gas at 70 degrees North latitude has encouraged a
number of drilling rigs to set up on the huge ice fields or on
artificial islands. This means, said the speaker, that the
freight has to be moved from strategically located staging areas
by ocean-going freighters and barges to the drilling sites at
Prudhoe Bay on the Alaskan North Slope shallow water 7 miles out
necessitates towing freight through the ever present ice floe to

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shore. At Stokes Point the barges are pushed up on the beach. This yearly arrival of the freight and supplies - Boat Day - for example at Coppermine is an occasion for a celebration by the inhabitants. They get their year's supplies all at one time.

Not only does Norther Transportation Company bring in the necessary supplies for these remote places, but it makes possible some of the amenities the more sophisticated outside world takes for granted. For example, said Dave, Gjoa Haven and Spence Bay now have microphone equipment for a dial telephone system.

And now with their cargo of freight safely delivered the ships race for home and hope to get their before freeze-up. In the 19th Century the advice was in the words of Horace Greeley, "Go West young man." In the 20th Century the paradoxical word is, "To reach the top of the World go down north young man."

President Jack thanked Dave Burnett and and Jim Wright for a most interesting and informative talk and film.

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