

THE GYROLOG



July to Dec '77
THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
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December 12, 1978

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 19, 1978, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12.15 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS

Many Happy Returns to Chic Wiegand whose birthday falls on December 8.

HOCKEY SWEEPSTAKES

Game No. 4 — December 2, 1978

\$10.00 — Ticket No. 48 — Don Millar and Ticket No. 136 — P. Notton

\$15.00 — Ticket No. 88 — Clay Terry and Ticket No. 176 — G. Clement

\$25.00 — Ticket No. 98 — Keith Muirhead and Ticket No. 186 — H.A. Mcneil

Game No. 5 — December 9, 1978

\$25.00 — Ticket No. 65 — Eva Humphries and Ticket No. 195 — Robert Taylor

\$25.00 — Ticket No. 76 — J.G. Anderson and Ticket No. 106 — Jack Agnew

PRESIDENT'S COCKTAIL AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

The President's Cocktail and Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 10, 1978 at the Club Mocombo, St. Albert, with some 80 odd Gyros, Gyrettes, and Guests in attendance.

Following a social hour dinner was served, after which Padre Dr. Jess Bigelow spoke on Peace, the central theme of the celebration of Christmas in the Christian world.

In his capacity as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Dr. Jess, in the past year has travelled some 30,000 miles (48,000 kilometers), and has had an opportunity to observe first hand the relationship of the Church with its strong support of Peace, to various political regimes in different parts of the world.

The speaker told of two types of Peace — the Peace of Christ which had its origin some 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem and Pax Romana.

The Peace of Christ, he said, was in mood quiet, calm, and serene. The very setting and the nature of the things associated with the Christian Peace suggested tranquility — the pastoral scene, the crowded inn, and the stable with its cattle, sheep, and donkeys. As well the carols heralding this significant event maintain this composed, pacific atmosphere — "Silent night! Holy night!"; "O Little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie"; "While shepherds watched their flocks by night, The angel of the Lord came down." This is the kind of Peace people will

accept willingly.

In contrast to this, stated Dr. Bigelow, was the Peace of Rome imposed from without by military force. There was no questioning of the Rule of Rome; the Jews were ordered to register with the taxing authorities. The sort of Peace under these circumstances, said the speaker, forced on a people by tyranny could only be an apprehensive Peace. It represented a total limitation of human rights. Only a Peace that guarantees hope, liberty, justice, and good will could prevail. Even today he declared, there are throughout the world many dictatorial governments

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whose people have neither liberty nor justice, and hence no real Peace.

In conclusion, Padre Bigelow suggested that True Peace would only be established when all men accepted the truth of the angelic anthem, "Glory to God in the highest and Peace to men with whom God is well pleased." When mankind acknowledges Christ as the Ruler, he said, then will there be justice, freedom, and Peace.

Following the talk the Dell Hill Dancers, Katherine Horlor, and Caroline Kennard, accompanied by Piper Chris Stewart entertained the gathering with some Scottish dances.

The evening concluded with a Christmas Carol Sing-Song led by Flora Peterson and Harry Mills.

It was a splendid evening of Gyro friendship and fellowship, and to Birt and Jack we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation.

And as a final note of seasonal advice remember the words of a customer at a branch post office: "This package contains a very fragile vase - so please throw it underhand."

And to all: A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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