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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA

September 29, 1986

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 7, 1986, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12.15 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

1. The 65th Annual Installation Party of the Calgary Gyro Club will be held in the Lord Strathcona Horse Officers' Mess, Harvey Barracks, 37 Street and Glenmore S.W. Cocktails: 6.30 p.m. Dinner: 7.30 p.m.
2. The next meeting of the Gyrettes will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 1986, at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. Cocktails: 6.00 p.m. Dinner: 7.00 p.m. A good attendance is requested as this will be your last chance this year to pass the time of day with those members who spend their winters in the southern part of United States.
3. The Gyro Tri-Club Founders' Night Celebration will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 1986 at the St. Maria Goretti Community Centre, 11050 - 90 Street (immediately west of Commonwealth Stadium). Cocktails: 6.30 p.m. Dinner: 7.30 p.m. 29
4. A Night at the Races will be held on Friday, October 17, 1986 at Northlands Track. Post Time: 6.00 p.m. Cost: \$17.00 per person.

SICK AND VISITING

No report was available as Chairman Harry Mills and Ruby were enjoying a visit to Expo.

BIRTHDAYS

Vern Sadd	September 19	Al Ireland	September 24
Paul Green	September 29	Enrico Fermi	September 29

"It is no good to try to stop knowledge from going forward. Ignorance is never better than knowledge." - Enrico Fermi -

FIRST POSTING

Richard Allan DOUGLAS
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Proposed by: John Ross
Seconded by: Allan Warrack

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In the absence of President Al McClure 1st Vice-President Neil Sheidow chaired the meeting. He made welcome the following guests: Allan Douglas introduced by John Ross; Bill Davies introduced by Bryce Van Dusen; and Al Hucaluk and Dick Manson introduced by Allan Warrack.

The Social Committee reported that the Chateau Lacombe had been booked for the Christmas party to be held on December 5, 1986.

Don Agnew introduced the guest speaker, Dan Lawton. Although Dan did not really need any introduction, it was fitting that Don should perform this task as he started out his gainful employment as an insurance agent under Dan.

The topic was Looking Back on a Career. In discussing a life time career our speaker thought one should show the contrast between what it was like in the beginning and what it was like now. So he displayed a photograph of a handsome young man just commencing a business career and let us draw our own conclusions about the changes that have taken place over the years. No doubt Dan has withstood the ravages of time remarkably well.

In the actual business in an earlier day all ledger entries were hand written, while today the computer has taken over almost completely. The

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training manual then was a thin little book, while today it might consist of several volumes each inches thick.

As World War II wound down to a conclusion the speaker found himself serving in the Armed Forces in Holland and he realized that he would soon have to return to the civilian world work force. So he took a number of aptitude tests administered by the services and found that he had the basic ability to pursue successfully any one of three occupations: bank robber, lawyer, insurance salesman. There were too many risks in the first, although the rewards might be high. The legal field would require several years of university level education. So he chose to work as an insurance salesman and joined the staff of the Great West Life Assurance Co. in Victoria, B.C.

After several successful years in Victoria Dan was persuaded to make a promotional move and became manager of the Edmonton Branch. In a few short years it was the top agency in North America. On his retirement after 30 odd years in the business he was the Regional Manager. Dan can now look back and take great satisfaction ⁱⁿ a work career which he thoroughly enjoyed.

He credits in part his success to having ^{people} outstanding ^{with} which to work; in being in the right place at the right time; in spending his career in a fine city and a great country; and in working for a company that was based on integrity and accountability. No policy holder, he said, had ever lost any benefits.

While deregulation was a current buzz word in business, the speaker stated, that in the insurance field some government regulation is still necessary. And may we wish Dan Lawton along with Edna many happy years of retirement. Gordon Rennie thanked the speaker and brought out the point that within our Club there are any number of members who can provide us with excellent program material.

Dick Manson won the draw.

Just to keep you up to date on the activities of some of our former members, a letter in a recent edition of Time magazine by one time president Frank Newson in reference to an article about a new book Crime and Human Nature which deals with the theories of Italian physicist, Cesare Lombroso, related that ~~he~~ (Frank) was reminded of a course in Criminal Psychology that he took in 1922, for which Lombroso's work, L'Homme Criminel, was a textbook.

One day, said Frank, the professor read to us from the book certain characteristics by which born criminals could be identified, some of which were "profusion of hair on the head, sparsity of hair on the face, and lean jaws constantly in motion."

Whereupon one of the back seat students called out, "You have just described my wife."

So much for crime, but don't go furtively looking for suspects in your home during the next episode of Crime Stoppers.

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