

# THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA

May 11, 1982

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 18, 1982 at LABATT'S ALBERTA BREWERY, 4415 Calgary Trail, 12.15 p.m. Please note the change from our regular place of meeting arranged through the courtesy of Elmer MacGillivray.

## COMING EVENTS

1. The Tri-Club Installation Party will be held on Saturday, May 15, 1982 at Chateau Lacombe. Cocktails: 6.00 p.m. Dinner: 7.00 p.m. Cost: \$50.00 per couple.
2. The District VIII Convention will be held in Calgary, August 5 through 8, 1982, under the sponsorship of the Stampede City Gyro Club. Room reservations may be made at Marlborough Inn.

## BIRTHDAYS

Boyd Slavik May 17 Wladziu Valentino Liberace May 16

"The difference between men and boys is the price of their toys."-Liberace-

## SICK AND VISITING

1. Bill Muir is getting around with the aid of a walker. He will have further X-rays taken of his injury this week.
2. George Bissett is still recuperating at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

## THANATOS

The death occurred on April 27, 1982 of Bill Robinson a long time member of the Edmonton Gyro Club and President in 1964.

Born in Northumberland County, England, near the end of the 19th century, he received his education in the county schools, and, as a young man was employed in Newcastle in construction.

During World War 1 Bill joined the British Armed Services, one suspects before he was of age, and took part in the bitter fighting in France.

In 1928 he emigrated from England to Canada and worked in the construction industry in Toronto and Hamilton. In 1930 he moved west to Edmonton where he found employment with the Edmonton Public School Board as an instructor in Industrial Arts in the field of Woodwork. It was not long before he rose to the position of Supervisor of Industrial Arts in the city's school system.

Feeling that he should have an equal formal education as those under his supervision, and through evening courses and the summer school route he graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Education degree. This took a good deal of fortitude with which Bill was well endowed.

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Bill will be sorely missed by all. He made the world a better place for those who came within his ken.

To his dear wife, Lillian, and family we extend our deepest condolence.

The esteem with which Bill was held in the community was testified to by the large number of friends who attended the memorial Service at Westmount Presbyterian Church on April 29, 1982 under the direction of Rev. Dr. Jess Bigelow and Rev. Bill Graham.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Dave Duchak was read. He was away this winter employed as manager

of the Colony Club, Bridgetown, Barbados. He stated that he had a busy season in spite of the downturn in the economy, and hoped that the visit of U.S.A. President Ronald Reagan would provide the stimulus for a greater "influx of North Americans" during the tourist season.

He and Lauraine plan to return towards the end of May.

THIS WEEK

President Boyd welcomed the return of Garnet Nelson from his winter home in Yuma.

Howard Wilson won the weekly draw.

Marty and Shirley Larson, recently returned from California, reported having passed the time of day with John and Marion Halford in San Diego. The latter send greetings to their Gyro friends in Edmonton. They plan to return here in early June.

Reports given by Committee Chairmen indicated that Gyro flourished in Edmonton in 1981-82. Special mention was made of the 60th Anniversary and District VIII Convention in 1981 under the able chairmanship of Ernie Siegel and with excellent support from Committee members Harry Mills, Gordon Rennie, and Dave Webber. Gordon was also commended for the excellent coverage our Club receives in the Gyroscope in terms of both copy and pictures.

And speaking of the economy as noted briefly above, John Kenneth Galbraith, eminent Canadian born, American economist, teacher, politician, and diplomat tells of the efforts to restrain the more routine economic opportunities of the enlisted men in the U.S. Zone of Occupation in Berlin in 1946.

Even a private's modest pay in terms of U.S. dollars had huge purchasing power in direct sales or in exchange for hard to obtain but attractive items on the "Black Market."

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A large recreation centre, Truman Hall, had been opened near the American Military Headquarters. At the same time a new policy was adopted to curtail the commercial operations of soldiers. Instead of paying them in full in the greatly desired dollars, they were given the equivalent in chits that were only negotiable in modest amounts in American bars, PX's, and like facilities, of which Truman Hall had a full range. The remainder of the pay was held for later release.

Of course, to the irreverent G.I., Truman Hall promptly became known as  
Harry's Chit House.

We offer this as a thought for Gerald Bouey and the forgers of Canadian economic policy.

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