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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

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August 8, 1978

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, August 15, 1978, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12.15 p.m.

COMING EVENTS:

Inter-Club Golf Tournament, Red Deer Golf and Country Club, Wednesday, September 20, 1978.

BIRTHDAYS

Russ Carter August 1

"Senescence begins and middle age ends
The day your descendants outnumber your friends." — O.N.

May that day be long in your future, Russ.

SICK AND VISITING

Wilf McBride, still in the General Hospital, has improved to such an extent that he may now have visitors.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you notes have been received from Nita and Bernie Brown, Jim Duncan, Jack Jones, Ted Langton-Adams (Trail North Foundation), and the Gyro International Memorial Fund.

THIS WEEK

President Jack welcomed Ted Brown (Crossroads Gyro Club) and John Young, a guest of Les Mason. Bob Sheldon arranged to have as luncheon guests five athletes from various parts of the British Commonwealth. Escorted by Jim Donlevy, coach of the Golden Bears Football Team and Chairman of the Athletes' Village Ceremonies, the five were introduced to the gathering by the following Club members:

Jayamani Kandasamy, middle and long distance runner from Singapore — Bert Boren.
Nick Akers, a 100 meter sprinter; Jacob Bonn, a coach and manager, from the Cayman Isles (tiny dots in the Caribbean midway between Cuba and Jamaica) — ~~Nasty Larsen~~
Ron Chambers, a long and triple jump entrant from Jamaica — Bernie Brown.
John Highham, a 400 and 800 meter runner from Australia — Jim Humphries.

Each of the guests in turn told something of interest about his work and his country, and then answered any questions that followed.

Russ Carter then presented to each as mementos of this occasion an illustrated book about the host city and a Klondike dollar. This experience was a wonderful opportunity for an expression of the friendship and fellowship exemplified by Gyro.

~~President Agnew extended to each good wishes for success in the various competitions, and~~

thanked them for an interesting and instructive contribution to the meeting.

And speaking of "success" you may recall the 400 meter final of the 1928 Olympics held at Amsterdam. Jimmy Ball, a speedster from Winnipeg, had a full step lead as the field approached the finish line. He looked over his shoulder to see who was following, and at that moment Ray Barbutti of the U.S.A. passed him. Jimmy had to be content with the silver medal. He secured a number of prints of the photograph of the finish and on his return to Canada presented them to his friends. Each bore the notation, "Jimmy Ball sightseeing at Amsterdam." As ancient Satchel Paige once advised: "Never look over your shoulder. Someone may be catching up."

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