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THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA

March 12, 1986

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 18, 1986, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12.15 p.m. At this meeting the Election of Officers for 1986 - 87 will be held along with the Primary Ballot for the Election of Directors. Be sure to attend to exercise your franchise.

COMING EVENTS

1. The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 1986 at which time each Committee Chairman will be expected to present a written report of his Committee's activities during the year. On this date, too, the final ballot for the Election of Directors will take place.
2. The Bridge Club Wind-Up Party will be held on Friday, April 25, 1986 at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club. Cocktails: 6.00 p.m. Dinner: 6.45 p.m. Bridge: 8.00 p.m. Cost: \$15.00 per person. Every ^{body} welcome. Please telephone your intention to attend to Janet or Roger Russell at 434-4333.

BIRTHDAYS

Ernie Siegel	March 22	John Halford	March 28
Dan Lawton	March 30	Rene Descartes	March 31

"A state is better governed which has but few laws and those laws strictly observed." - R. Descartes.

HOCKEY SWEEPSTAKES

Game No. 16, March 1, 1986

\$25.00 - Jean Lee, Ticket No. 1319; Dwight Sarabib, Ticket No. 1403; Jean MacDonal, Ticket No. 1240; C. Clement, Ticket No. 1324; Steve Werner, Ticket No. 1423.

Game No. 17, March 8, 1986

\$10.00 - D.R. Hamilton, Ticket No. 1288; Terri Russell, Ticket No. 1391.
\$15.00 - Sandy Rennie, Ticket No. 1239; John Dingwell, Ticket No. 1333.
\$25.00 - Jack Weber, Ticket No. 1259; Harvey Rubuliak, Ticket No. 1353.

THIS WEEK (24)

With the writer in the chair, the meeting, under control at all times, moved along with dispatch. A warm welcome was extended to our long time member, Stan Smith, and to Wes Van Duser of Vancouver. Be assured that the President for a Day appreciated their excellent judgment in selecting this particular ^{meeting} to attend. Wes put in a strong pitch for Expo 86 but he couldn't exactly guarantee accommodation. He assured us that it would be a great show that no one should miss, and further suggested, which he could arrange, an Alaska Cruise for relaxation after Expo.

1st. Lieutenant Governor Marty Larson gave a report on a recent visit to the Trail Gyro Club where he acted as Installing Officer. He stated that the Trail Club was strong and flourishing with its worthwhile asset of its own club room facilities. He brought greetings to Dave Duchak from some of his Trail team mates and colleagues of yesteryear. Do you really think Dave can remember that far back?

Marty will be attending Installations at Nelson, B.C. on April 12 and at Dawson Creek, B.C. on May 3. Anyone interested in taking in either one or both of these functions is asked to get in touch with Marty, soonest. It should have been mentioned above that Marty, too, installed the writer with his usual flair (Marty's not the writer's).

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Chairing a meeting today may be a deal easier than what it was in rural Alberta in an earlier age. The University of Alberta, a few years after it had been chartered, organized a Department of Extension in order to bring a measure of culture and learning to Alberta's outlying areas. Its method was to use travelling libraries that included records and films, lectures on many different topics, demonstrations of various sorts, and musical and dramatic productions, etc.

This department had a staff of three then: A.E. Ottewell, E.A. Corbett, and H.P. Brown. The latter handled the equipment necessary such as slide and film projectors, etc. The lecturers, Corbett and Ottewell, and they were excellent speakers, often said that their introductions by various chairmen were often more hilarious and revealing than the actual lecture, and both of these men had a fine sense of humor.

Mr. Corbett told of one chairman who introduced him at length and finished by saying, "I can assure you Mr. Corbett is a veritable Mount Vesuvius, and without any further remarks I will now allow him to erupt."

A voice from the back of the hall spoke up, "Hot air, I suppose!"

Mr. Ottewell was once lecturing in Southern Alberta at a time when the Government was distributing strychnine for gopher bait. The meeting was called for the double purpose of hearing the talk and distributing the strychnine. After Ottewell had finished his speech, the chairman rose to his feet and said, "Now, yez have all heard the lecture. Any of yez that want strychnine come up and get it."

"And they all came up too, mind you," said Ottewell as an afterthought.

And now you know what speakers and audiences have to put up with in terms of inexperienced chairmen.

Bill Graham won the draw.

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