

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA

August 10, 1982

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, August 17, 1982, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12.15 p.m.

The Gyrettes are cordially invited to attend this Luncheon Meeting.

COMING EVENTS

Golf Field Day, Devon Golf Club, on Tuesday, August 24, 1982. Tee-Off Time for the Texas Scrambler is 12.00 noon. Cost: \$22.00 per entry payable in advance to: Chairman of Sports, Ernie Siegel. The following information should be forwarded to Chairman Ernie: (a) Handicap or average score.

(b) Do you intend to play 9 or 18 holes? (c) Do you intend to come for dinner only? Telephone: Bus. 429-1761, Res. 452-6689. Transportation will be arranged for those who intend to attend the dinner only.

Cost: \$22.00 per entry. Golf Only: \$10.00. Dinner Only: \$12.00.

Please forward by August 10, 1982, the required fee to:

Ernie Siegel
9423 - 143 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta, T5R 0P6

BIRTHDAYS

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"The old nobility would have survived if they had known enough to become masters of printing materials." - Bonaparte -

SICK AND VISITING:

Bill Muir had the misfortune to slip and strain his back. His doctor feared that he might have suffered a slipped disc.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A note of thanks was received from the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital, Toronto, for a donation in memory of the late George Bissett.
2. A note from Dorothy Hamly expressed her thanks for the messages of sympathy and the Edmonton Gyro Club's donation to the Shriners' Crippled Childrens Hospital in memory of her recently deceased brother, George.

THIS WEEK (32)

Allan Warrack introduced his guest, colleague Jim Dunn. a professor in the Faculty of Business, University of Alberta.

Rev. Bill Graham introduced his counterpart in the City of Edmonton Police Department, Chaplain Rev. Bruce Cowley.

President Tommy Douglas reported an enjoyable and fun-filled week-end at the Coeur d'Alene Hog Wallow. He was accompanied on the flight by Doris, and Helen and Ken Burnett.

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The guest speaker, Mr. Justice Tevie Miller of the Court of Queen's Bench, Alberta, was introduced by retired Chief Judge Nelles Buchanan. Nelles described him as an unusual judge, who was born, raised, and educated in Edmonton - in other words a real Edmontonian. Tevie, he said, was born to the legal profession, his father, the late Abe Miller, having been a highly respected member of the Alberta Bar, and still in the tradition Tevie's daughter is today a practicing lawyer in Edmonton.

Mr. Justice Miller in introducing his subject stated that when he had been asked to speak he was requested to "be funny for 15 minutes". He explained that courts and court cases were generally serious and not funny, but occasionally a measure of subtle humor did crop up.

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Many of the cases involved divorce proceedings, assault, rape, manslaughter, and murder.

A trial at Fort Resolution, Northwest Territories, was a charge of manslaughter, Joseph being accused of killing his brother, William, who had but one arm. Nicknames are common among the native people. Joseph was known as Jo-Jo, William as Willie-One-Arm, and a cripple, Marie, a key witness as Step-and-a-Half. Curiously the defendant rested his case on self-defense. But as Willie-One-Arm was considered by all in the community to be a pest and a nuisance, it was agreed beforehand that his death was justified.

In another case tried in chambers the plaintiff, a finance company, had made application to seize a car for non-payment of monthly installments. When asked if he had a lawyer to represent him, the defendant replied, "How in hell can I afford a lawyer if I can't make the car payments?"

In a case heard before Mr. Justice Cairns, related the speaker, a woman had sued for divorce. Her husband had picked up another woman in a beer parlor and had accompanied her home. In explaining her experiences that night she told the court that she had kept a record somewhat like a diary. 12.03 a.m. - sex, 3.04 a.m. - sex, 5.06 a.m. - sex, 7.09 a.m. - sex. I like a man who goes first-class.

Mr. Miller told of a newly appointed judge, Mr. Justice Russell Dixon, who was trying his first case, one of rape. It appears that both the plaintiff and the defendant had been invited to the same house party. The plaintiff had her dog, a small poodle along. The party involved loud music, considerable drinking, and the smoking of pot. Neither party, strangers to each other, cared to indulge in these activities and retired to the kitchen. The story of the plaintiff was that he invited her to go for a walk in a nearby park where she was criminally assaulted and raped.

The next day the judge heard the defendant's story. He claimed that she suggested the walk in the park, that she stumbled or fell, disrobed herself, and pulled him on top of her. While in this compromising position the poodle "cold-nosed" ^{him}. He became unnerved, forgot the business at hand, and therefore could not have been guilty of rape.

In discussing the case later with a colleague, Mr. Justice Cairns, he was asked, "Whom did you believe?"

"As there were no witnesses it was one person's story against another's, so I dismissed the case."

"A right and proper verdict," said Mr. Cairns, "but you didn't go far enough. You should have charged the poodle with disturbing the peace."

Stew Graham thanked Mr. Justice Miller for a delightful and amusing talk.

And now as Groucho Marx said as he placed his portfolio on the bench,

"I rest my case."