

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA
January 27, 1987

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 3, 1987, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12.15 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

The Annual Valentine Party sponsored by the Edmonton Gyrettes will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 1987 at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club.

Cocktails: 6.00 p.m. Dinner: 7.00 p.m. Cost: \$17.00 per person.

BIRTHDAYS

Bob Kerrison January 28 Robert Burns January 25

"From scenes like these, old Scotia's grandeur springs,

That makes her loved at home, revered abroad:

Princes and lords are but the breath of kings,

'An honest man's the noblest work of God';

- Robert Burns -

SICK AND VISITING

Murray Pawling was reported at home in sick bay.

HOCKEY SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Game No. 10., January 17, 1987

\$10.00 - M. McClure, 1531; Harvey Millar, 1570.

\$15.00 - Ron Holmes, 1443; Hilda Davies, 1582.

\$25.00 - Edna Lawton, 1457; Roger Lougheed, 1596..

Game No. 11., January 24, 1987

\$10.00 - Ruby Mills, 1521; Hilda Davies, 1582.

\$15.00 - Brian Hunt, 1441; Ron Masuda, 1602.

\$25.00 - Ron Holmes, 1443; J.J. Tremblay, 1604..

THIS WEEK (30)

Marty Larson introduced his guest, Ron Ewaniuk.

Two new members, Allan Ursulak and Barry Walker, were inducted into the Gyro Club of Edmonton by District VIII Governor Marty Larson. After explaining briefly the history and principles of Gyro the Governor presented the two inductees with a Kit, a Membership Certificate, and a Gyro Pin. They were then welcomed in turn by the members present.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. John Godfrey, was introduced by Harry Mills. A graduate of the University of Nottingham, Dr. Godfrey took post-graduate work at the University of Chicago where he was awarded a Doctorate Degree in Geology. He has been a member of the Research Council of Canada and off Alberta. In 1955 he joined the staff of the Department of Geology, University of Alberta.. Although now retired he has become a world traveller pursuing his first love, Geology.

Dr. Godfrey spoke on the planet Earth. Aside from its diurnal motion and its movement about the Sun, he said, that many think of the Earth as a static body. This is far from the truth.

Actually, the Earth is enclosed by a number of huge plates that are in constant motion. At one time the continent of South America was linked to the West Coast of Africa. Over millions of years there was a slow drift westward off the South American plate while the African plate drifted toward Asia. The Americas plate is drifting toward the Pacific. An interesting result of these drifts is that the Atlantic Ocean is widening while the Pacific Ocean is narrowing. The movement of these plates riding over and under each other generates sufficient forces, explained the speaker, that cause fractures or earth disturbances known as earthquakes.

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Another disturbance of the Earth's crust is an opening through which molten rock or lava (magma) and gases reach the surface. The lava flows down the side of the hill or mountain or issues from vents on the flanks of the cone. Typically, he stated, they form cone-shaped mountains that may reach several thousand feet in altitude. Mounts Rainier and Shasta in the Cascades of Northwest United States and Mount Fujiyama in Japan are good examples. The commonest negative volcanic land form is the bowl-shaped crater. Sometimes the walls collapse, he said, because of the removal of the underlying magma support. Lakes may form in these craters. Crater Lake in Oregon is a well-known one. Dr. Godfrey illustrated his talk with a slide presentation. Roger Russell thanked the speaker for his interesting and enlightening talk on our planet Earth, and presented him with a vinyl folder of stationery.

The current drive to ban smoking from almost all public places such as schools, hospitals, restaurants, etc. reminds one that it was Sir Walter Raleigh, a favorite at the court of Queen Elizabeth I, who brought tobacco from the New World and introduced smoking to Britain.

Perhaps his servant had the quickest and surest cure for the habit. Seeing his master enjoying a pipe and being enveloped in a cloud of smoke, he thought Raleigh must be on fire and quickly poured a bucket of water over his head. Even though he, ^{Sir Walter,} lost his head after incurring the wrath of James I over the latter's unpopular Spanish Policy, many in the 20th Century will agree that he earned this punishment for introducing tobacco to Europe.

Flash: A late report informs us that Ivy Rennie is a patient at the Royal Alexandra Hospital undergoing some medical tests. Gordon, although not hospitalized, is also undergoing some tests. We trust that the Rennies' tests reveal nothing serious.

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