

Joshua Van Winkle Writes of Rotary Picnic and Things

By Joshua (brother to Rip Van Winkle) on the occasion of the annual picnic of Birmingham Rotarians at the estate of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Baldwin, Upper Straits Lake, near Orchard Lake, this reporter is obliged to emigrate from his Rip Van Winkle retirement and chronicle the happenings of the event.

Brushing the weariness that long slumber adds to vision, tacking my yard-length whiskers into my knickerbockers, then hopping into my helicopter, I attended this affair Monday afternoon and evening at the Baldwin manse . . . and came away with food, fun, frolic, plus a perennial bewilderment over the State of Man . . . to write this piece . . . then to retire to the hills of home for another respite from the chaotic business of gregarious living. Ah, sweet are the uses of slumber . . . dreams and rest without number.

But to get away from pence to the restless world, and Rotary picnic.

Getting Down to Facts

Glad for any excuse to get away from their business and professional affairs, a score of Birmingham Rotarians arrived at Mister Baldwin's mortgage-free premises this Monday afternoon. Among them were Harvey Vachon and Bob McKee, the two Rotarians responsible for the providing and serving of food. They immediately repaired to a part of the spacious Baldwin lawn and soon had up its lovely surface with tables, chairs, scraps of paper, and a general expectancy of happiness.

At other parts of the grounds some of the Rotarians engaged in playing horseshoes—of the pitching variety. One of the hottest contests was staged between host

Baldwin and Lee North, against Robert Whaley, guest, and Bill DeGraff. No holds were barred. North used his Petoskey swirl to good success, even though the whirling iron never did know just where they were going to land. Baldwin, an old ex-pro baseball player, resorted to the dangerous knuckle-ball system, during which each pitch of the shoe would flip, whirl, then a double back-flip, winding up with a swan dive. Bill DeGraff called into action the Episcopal lurch, wherein both hands are used to grasp the shoe, then with a terrific ecclesiastical bow from the waist, he would gently and carefully deposit the shoe, then with a terrific ecclesiastical bow from the waist, he would gently and carefully deposit the shoe, then with a terrific ecclesiastical bow from the waist, he would gently and carefully deposit the shoe.

Golf Gets 'Em Too

Over at the Orchard Lake Country Club several Rotarians played golf. It is reported that Elmer C. Huston managed to get around nine holes, coming through with a score of 46; playing with him was Louis C. Hascall who, by keeping his own score, came through with

a 41 for nine holes. Phil J. Williams, who has always aspired to make a hole in one, played three of the course's 18 holes, and didn't even keep track of his score; admittedly, he was honest. Rex Humphrey played 15 holes, managing to get a 43 for nine of them—but he plays all winter in the south, and should have done even better. The guests, John Knecht, also played golf; but he was too shy to admit his final score—which keeps him in the 120 stroke class, according to Rotary rules.

Promptly at 6:30 o'clock, which was 7:15 by this reporter's watch, the Rotarians sat down to a dinner of baked spam, baked beans, potato salad, cold slaw, pickles, pie, and coffee and cream, but without sugar. Many of those present went back for seconds, and if raw for thirds—it was that yim yim!

However, because all the food was not eaten, Bob McKee, in the role of an auctioneer, auctioned off a quantity of food—for which each purchaser paid plenty, yet was quite satisfied.

Young 'Uns Play Ball

After dinner some of those under 70 years of age played softball. This reporter did not stay to see this tremendous weakening of the human being—observation of the numerous wickets by the home shoe throwers was enough for one day. However, it was later admitted by Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, Club president, that no big league scouts had appeared to draft any of the players for the Detroit Tigers; anyway, now that the war is over, it was felt that the Tigers will get back some of their former men under 50 years of age, and thus may be able to edge toward the pennant.

At every such picnic a putting contest is put on, each player required to deposit a quarter, the winner taking all. A close watch was kept over the cup into which the players deposited their coins—just to see that the game was played fairly, of course. After nearly smashing several windows in the Baldwin homestead, Robert won the cup of coins, having made the distance of several hundred feet (with a dog's leg twist, too) in three puts.

Among things who vied for the stakes in this contest were Ray Cook, Lloyd Linton, Rex Humphrey, and Elmer C. Huston (Rotarian guest). Harry Blissett and several others; the contest was won by Elmer C. Huston, who was unwilling to enter the contest due to his superior ineptitude in putting.

In a closing portion of the program, a score of the Rotarians remained for evening jamon of bridge, fantan, 66, parchees, and tiddle-de-winks.

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All in all it was a grand picnic made so by the presence and antics of those mentioned above, the Rotarians C. C. Bennett, Sam Bruni, Paul Friedrich, H. H. Gardner, Forbes Hascall, John McKee, Charles Mulholland, Victor Peck, O. P. Peterson, Charles J. Shain, Thomas Stackable, G. Robert P. St. George, B. Averill, Walter Scheiff, William Torrence, Col. Chester B. McCormick, Henry Wagner, Detroit Rotarian, and several others.

Thus ends the 1945 chronicle of the annual picnic of Birmingham Rotarians.

So now back to my quiet abode in the hills of home. . . Selah!

Gardeners Preparing Produce To Show At Big Harvest Show

Birmingham gardeners who are planning to exhibit their produce at the South Oakland Harvest show may get copies of the schedule from John Gaffill at 217 South Woodward. The schedule lists the classes in vegetables, fruit, canned products, and flowers which have been set up for competition in addition to those classes there will be a special feature section where annual and odd plants will be played. Junior gardeners are extended a special invitation to enter what they have grown or canned, or flowers they have arranged in their own section. Containers for specimens will be provided at the show, except for entries in the Artistic Arrangements section.

In selecting vegetables for exhibiting, the gardener should look for those which are in prime condition for eating—over-size specimens are frowned upon by the judges. They should be typical of the variety, uniform in color, size, shape and degree of maturity. Harvest as short a time as possible before exhibiting. Clean the dirt off with a brush or cloth, avoid washing, except for leafy greens. If tops are cut off roots to within one or two inches of the root they will not wither as quickly. Flowers to be exhibited should be cut and their stems plunged into cold water, set in a cool place for several hours, when they will hold up in the show room.

Entries will be taken at the Farmers' Market on First street in Royal Oak from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. on Saturday, Sept. 8. Several persons will be there to help exhibitors with their material, and make sure that it is shown to its best advantage.

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