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THE BREEZES

GALLISTEL RETIRES FROM UNIVERSITY!

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july '60

HEROIC HARDIHOOD OF HEAD RESULTS IN RESCUE

Harlan Head, established in his orange tent in the month of May, was wakened Memorial Day night by noises indicating the need for quick aid to persons in distress. Taking his air mattress, he paddled out in the dark to bring to shore two girls, who could not swim, while their dates remained with the disabled craft until the lake patrol came. Loaning dry clothing, Harlan was able to send the four on their way in reasonable comfort and health.

The next day investigation proved that the boat in which the two couples had been cruising had rammed the sailboat of a group of West Warders--Dave and Bebe Gillman, Elizabeth Bailey and Gary Clough --gouging a large hole in this boat and demolishing the moving, engine-powered cruiser. The sailboat has since been repaired.

To Harlan be this accord: well done, sir.

PIER AND WATER SAFETY RULES

The recreation directors, Rollo Taylor and Bob Bennett present these rules for a safe, enjoyable season of swimming:

1. No one under 10 is allowed on the pier alone; all children are asked to wear life jackets--a must for non-swimmers.

2. Fishing is prohibited if any swimmer is present.

3. No running on the pier.

4. Never swim alone. Have someone in the water or on the pier with you. Adults included.

5. If swimming after lights out, do not use diving board or make excessive noise.

6. No pushing or dunking of anyone. Carelessness causes accidents.

7. Don't swim beyond your abilities. Swim with someone if you go any distance from the pier.

8. Check water depth before diving; do not dive toward shore side. Water depth is 8', and caution is requested.

July 1, 1960 marked the date of the retirement of Albert Gallistel from the staff of the University of Wisconsin after 53 years of fruitful and honored service. It was back in 1907 that he joined the University staff as a draftsman after his graduation from the University of Illinois. Mr. Gallistel had spent his summer vacations during these college years working for the Board of Education of Chicago as a draftsman.

Albert Gallistel moved up to the job of Superintendent of Construction on the Madison campus a few years later and then to the position of Superintendent of Building and Grounds, with 500 employees working for him. Following World War I, when the big university building boom began, he was appointed Director of Physical Plant Planning for the University of Wisconsin.

Because of the twenty-four-hour basis of this important office, the Gallistels planned to move to their campus home in 1919, and that spring because this house was not quite ready for occupancy, they had their first introduction to the Tenting Colony and moved into the then "leaky wreck" of a cottage, which Mr. "G" proceeded to repair and improve over the years. As Mrs. Gallistel says, "Albert can do everything ... Plumbing, finishing, carpentry... EVERYTHING!" And one of his excellent do-it-yourself projects was the addition of the hand-built fireplace and ingle-nook of the cottage.

When asked what was the highest point of his career, the dryly humorous Mr. Gallistel quipped, "Building the 250-foot high Heating Station chimney!" Mrs. Gallistel went on to relate that this was built during their courting days, and he used to send her snapshots of the chimney's progress with him standing on top of it.

Mr. Gallistel has been accorded many honors during his long career as architect including recent citations for outstanding contributions to his field presented him by the National Association of Physical Plant Administrators. He was (cont'd, p.2)

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This is a . . . record of a peculiar people

Who, for the satisfaction of occult race memories

(And in open allegiance to a bonny ancestry)

Take to the woods with a whisp of canvas,

A typewriter, and a few accoutrements of this decadent age...

There, among strange friends and friendly strangers

To find again the Abundance which is the right of those

Who were born to be Citizens of Camp Gallistel.

--Art Willett, 1957

GREETINGS FROM HEADQUARTERS. We are always glad when you come. We are sorry when you have to go but hope you can come again.

There is one thing this year that makes us glad as never before. So glad we announced at Camp Meeting that we are not responsible for the weather. Maybe it will be better next year. Do come back to see...

Ten years ago in the Breezes for 1950 I wrote the above, and it fits 1960 so well that I couldn't resist repeating.

Good luck and happy days to all of you!

Eleanor Gallistel

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 twice president of this organization, which he helped found, and secretary for 27 years.

Albert Gallistel was a prime mover in the group responsible for bringing the University Arboretum into existence, and last year at a dinner given in his honor, he was informed that one of the woods of the Arboretum would be named in his honor. It is interesting to note that the beautiful signs marking the entrance of the Arboretum were designed by Mr. "G", as is the charming sign announcing the Ag campus at the corner of Bascom and University on the campus.

Active in civic as well as professional circles through the years, Albert Gallistel has been a member of the American Institute of Architects, Madison division; Red Cross Board of Directors; Anchor Building and Loan Board of Directors; Past President of the Madison Technical Club.

Although as of now Albert Gallistel is in retirement from his University post, he is busy...very busy, for he serves as planning consultant for three other colleges and does a great deal of appraising work throughout the state. He also has many plans and projects involving their new home, which they occupied this spring. And as always in the summer he spends many hours working in their garden (one of his favorite hobbies.)

ALONG THE LOWER ROAD

Those interested in botanical contrasts are directed to Bob Cross, who will find a bed-straw flower for them, and to Roberta Bennett, who can show them a toad stool big enough to be the umbrella for a giant elf.

Phil Ryan's kayak was battered on the rocks by the high wind Wednesday. Some of its ribs are broken but are repairable.

Carol Haglund's cousin and his family from Illinois had supper with the Haglunds the day after the Fourth.

The Cross Family, with Phil and Sue Stover for company, visited Tower Hill State Park last Friday, July 8.

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TOWN MEETING OF 1960

The 48th annual meeting of Camp Gallistella was held June 29 at Sam Hill Park. The 1959 mayor, Bob Cross, West Bend, called the meeting to order and welcomed new and old to camp. Sue Newton read the minutes of last year's meeting, which were approved as read. One member from each platform proceeded to introduce the family, hometown, field of study and number of years at camp.

Mrs. Gallistel welcomed the campers and asked that fee cards be brought to the cottage as soon as possible and that a list of all adults on each platform be given her. Mr. Gallistel, after apologizing for last year's weather, assured us we'd have weather -- but not necessarily any better weather.

Election of officers for 1960 were conducted by Bob Cross. Results are as follows:

Mayor -- Brooks Spencer
 Clerk -- Kay Taylor
 Treasurer -- Bob Hagland
 Constable -- Dave Gillman
 Recreation Directors -- Rollo Taylor and Robert Bennett
 Street Commissioner -- Zeke Newton
 Sanitary Commissioner
 East Ward -- John Gosbee
 West Ward -- Mark Dahler
 Alderman
 East Ward -- Rodney Paulsen
 West Ward -- Tom Norager
 "Breezes" Editor -- Enid Stover
 Historian -- Joan Chase
 Photographer -- Bob Cross
 Announcements concerning garbage, messenger service and telephone calls were discussed. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kay Taylor - Clerk

WANT ADS

SERVICES AVAILABLE: Phil Stover will bicycle to the Shorewood Shopping Center and run errands for a small fee.

WANTED: A SALTIER NICKNAME. Those having an unused, untarnished sobriquet, contact M. S. Pierce.

ALONG THE LOWER ROAD (continued from p.2)

The Cross family has a new addition this year -- Roger Cross, who is four weeks old.

Bill and Carol Herziger and their four children, John, Tom, Freddy and Helen, enjoyed their four-week stay and hope to come again next year. They are leaving Friday, July 15.

Betty Burke is having a wonderful summer since she has joined the "Red Dots" a Madison baseball team. She is pitching for them.

Freddy Herziger has proposed to and been accepted by Lisa Spencer. They plan to live first in Europe, then settle in Menasha. Sue Stover and Greg Gorder have also announced.

Zeke Newton was in the hospital Tuesday through Friday, July 5-8.

Story Hour is being held again this year at Platform No. 1 -- the Crosses.

The algae have discouraged swimming for the past few days.

The big rain of Saturday, July 2, sent two families hunting for other quarters. The Chases found shelter with the Crosses while the Herzigers went in to town to stay with Mrs. H's aunt.

Will Vail stayed overnight with Phil Stover on Wednesday, July 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Taylor entertained guests from West Bend Tuesday-July 5. On July 6 Grandmother Taylor and Uncle Marsh and Aunt Mae came visiting.

Fred and Jan Schroeder strolled via Volkswagen, through camp during setting up time. They are going to Minnesota, where Fred will start graduate work on a Woodrow Wilson fellowship.

The town council meeting moved from the Spencer patio to the study hall because of inclement weather.

UPSETTING EXPERIENCES DISCOMMODE CAMPERS

An unknown number of unknowns, unbownst to the tent colonists, unhinged three unmentionables and updumped them. The east end excitement occurred some time prior to 1:20 a.m. at which time our unsuspecting mayor was un-nerved by the confrontation of four spotlights blazing in his eyes and the unsettling comment, "Oh, it's only Brooks." Camp vigilantes were on guard to prevent any further upsets. When asked for comments next morning, His Honor stated, "The obvious thing to do is to contact Eisenhower and have him declare this a disaster area." However, trouble-shooting crews from the Building and Grounds Department saved Mr. E. this trouble by up-ending the right end, securing same by many lag bolts to insure against another such action.

On the evening of Tuesday, July 12, splintering sounds were heard earlier--before bedtime, in fact. Greg and Barb Gorder brought the word back on wings of wind, and the vigilantes ran again. The unknowns remained unknown, but facts, man, facts were amassed and handed over to authorities in a manner which, to quote Merrily Stover, "was just like TV". The Building and Grounds crews again were on the job while the birds were still singing their matins, and late risers had only hearsay that anything had happened.

Household hint: Placing all food in metal containers (for example: potato chip cans) discourages visits from chipmunks and squirrels. This also helps to keep crackers, dry cereal and potato chips crisp.

WANTED: TIME! By Tom and Harlan, who have wedding dates fast approaching.

WANTED: BUCKET. By Chases (Preferably silver plated). To bail themselves out of any forthcoming deluge.

PLATFORMS ARE RE-NUMBERED

Mrs. Gallistel and Hope Cross, wielding a stapler, placed new numbers on the platforms on Tuesday morning, July 12. The old numbers will be removed later this season.

Thirty-two is the number of platforms remain in camp, and all are occupied plus a small dormitory trailer at the far west end.

This is the first year since before World War II that all the platforms have been occupied, and many platforms have been removed as they became unusable and unused. At the time of the greatest use there were sixty platforms, according to Mrs. Gallistel. At that time the camp was divided into four wards.

FIRE DAMAGES BENNETT'S CONVERTIBLE

The Shorewood Fire Department cooperated with a tent colony bucket brigade headed by Bob Bennett to put out a fire in the Bennetts' Studebaker convertible.

Kathy Bennett came screaming down the hill. John thought she'd skinned her knee or something and didn't pay much attention. Mr. Bennett couldn't understand what she was saying, and he ran up the hill to see what was the matter. John followed. When they got to the top of the hill, fire was burning through the top of the roof. John ran down the hill and brought up buckets of water - Herziger and Taylors- which Mr. Bennett threw on the flames. Apparently a passerby informed the Shorewood fire department for a bright new truck appeared on the scene soon after the flames had been smothered. By the time many campers got there, smoldering roof and front seat (which was out of the car), heat-blistered glass and a burnt odor were all that remained to indicate the fire. The Bennett children had been playing in the front seat, apparently with something easily ignitable.

WANTED: FLYING COMPANION. With cash (\$10.00) to fly an hour from Morey's field across the lake. Two-seater, closed cockpit. After pay-day, rates may be pro-rated. See Bob Johansen.

SNAPSHOT OF THE SCHROERS

A family from Hamburg, Germany, Bert and Irmgard Schroer and their two-year old daughter, Sylvia, stayed at the tent colony for ten days while Bert attended the Theoretical Physics Institute. They have been in the United States for four months.

In 1933 Bert was born in Gelsenkirchen and Irmgard in Gotha, both of which are in the western part of East Germany. Bert left East Germany in 1952 and Irmgard in 1957. They are lately from Hamburg, where Sylvia was born.

After a stay at the University of Colorado, in Boulder, Bert will be working for the University of Illinois in Champaign, Ill. till February, 1961. His field is physics. Irmgard has studied Russian and is interested in translating scientific papers from Russian into English. They are not certain of their plans after leaving Champaign, but they may remain in the United States permanently.

When asked how they liked the tent colony, Bert and Irmgard were all smiles, saying that this was the best time they have had in America. They found people here friendly and helpful and were impressed by how well the children behave and get along together. This suggests their general impression as to the difference between Americans, as a group, and Germans, as a group, i.e. Americans seem more relaxed, friendly and hospitable. Considering how polite and friendly the Schroers are, one would expect that they would bring out the best in any people.

It was a pleasure to have the Schroers stay here in the tent colony. We hope they can come again sometime and stay for a longer time.

LAB SCHOOL CLAIMS MORNINGS OF EIGHT

Seven children from the East Ward and one from the West Ward attend lab school regularly this summer. The session is being held in Washington School, the grade school building on the bus route from Shorewood to town. Those children attending the lab school are: Bruce Bailey, Mary Beth and Roberta Bennett, David and Becky Cross, Janet and Peter Jacobson and Valerie Sica.

JOAN'S JOTTINGS OR

Social Life among the Tartarian Honey-suckle

This summer there have been a few events to break the "monotony" of swimming and sunning.

A baby shower was given for Edith Scott, who expects to add to the census during the middle of August. Coffee and sweet rolls were served. Edie left the 5th of July to return to her job in DeKalb, Illinois

The first camp sing of the season was held at 8:30 p.m. in Sam Hill Park on July 10. Rollo Taylor got the fire going. The event was enlivened by the excellent guitar playing of Bert Schroer, who sang many English songs.

A varied assortment of delicacies were presented in Sam Hill Park on July 11th for the annual get-acquainted picnic. It is amazing what an ice box, no running water and a Coleman stove can produce. Irmgard Schroer's dish of smoked herring, potatoes, onion and banana, the gastronomical treat of the evening, was eaten so rapidly that there was none left for her husband, who settled for some of Hope Cross' chocolate chip cookies.

Muffie and Martin Pierce had company around their fireplace Friday evening, July 8. With a guitar for accompaniment, students from Czechoslovakia, Russia and Indonesia sang. Muffie sang some of her poetry arrangements. Potato chips and fruit punch served as refreshment.

CANOE CAPSIZES

"It was all his fault", stated Ernest Broeniman, as he emerged, dripping algae, from under the canoe. Marshall (Skip) Boyd questions this statement. "I simply stood up to salute, in proper style, the inhabitants of the pier. Broeniman shouldn't have gotten desperate." E.B. agrees that desperation did not help. The canoe capsized, Ernie and Skip were dunked, and the population of the pier dived in to save them. They managed to get all inhabitants back up with no casualties, however.