

TIME WAS . . .
WHEN WE
HAD FUN

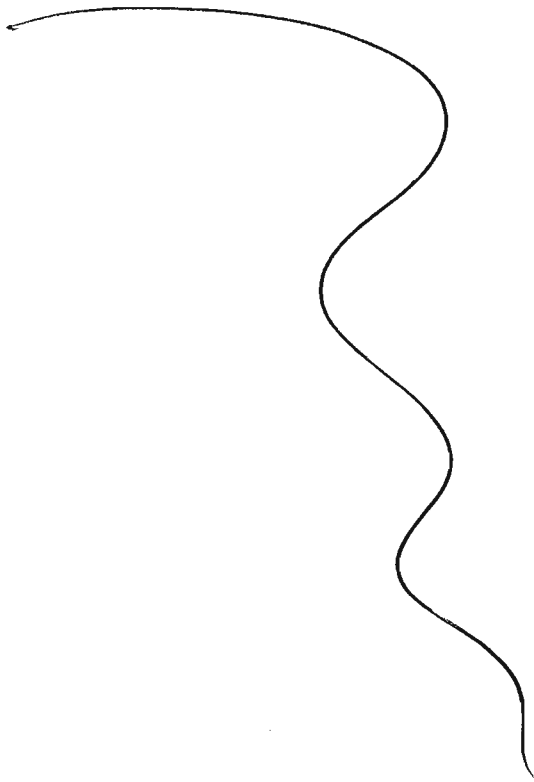
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"THE GOOD TIMES"
AT TURNER CAMP

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"PICNICS"

ORIGIN?? - MY MOTHER SAYS THEY STARTED IN THE FORM OF A HOSPITALITY ROOM AT THE CARE TAKERS HOUSE (MR + MRS ELSHOLZ) ON WEEKENDS BEFORE AND AFTER THE SEASON WHEN THE GREAT DINING HALL WAS CLOSED. - I KNOW ^{ON} ONE OCCASION THEY HAD REAL "HÄRSENPFEFER" - AND YOU COULD ALWAYS GET A SCHWAPPS TO WARM YOU UP - OR A BEER OR A GLASS OF RIEBLING FOR REFRESHMENT. -

WITH THE COMING OF THE BARENHÖLLE EQUIPED WITH A KITCHEN - THE VARIOUS SOCIETIES DECIDED TO TAKE OVER THAT TASK ON WEEK ENDS AND TAKE HOME A FEW DOLLARS TO BOOT - I'M NOT ONE OF THE FINNANCIAL GROUP BUT

IN THOSE DAYS - A 2 OR THREE HUNDRED
DOLLAR PICNIC WAS BIG BUCKS. ②

I REMEMBER LINCOLN PICNICS - WHEN THEY
BROUGHT ALONG THEIR WHOLE FIVE DRUM & BUGLE
CORPS. NOT TO BE OUTDONE BY THE SOCIALS -
I'LL HAVE TO HAVE HELP HERE - THE ONLY
TWO RING LEADERS IN THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT
THAT I CAN RECALL ARE JOHN WEIGERT OF
SOCIALS - AND BOBBY BROWN OF THE LINCOLNS
HERE YOU WOULD HAVE TO INSERT A
GROUP PICTURE WITH ALL THE BAND MEMBERS
NAMES - GOD BLESS THEM ALL -

JUST RECALLED A FEW - AFTER PRESSING
THE BRAIN A LITTLE - BERT BAUMAN - PETE WEBER
ART WOERZ - AND ^{CHUCKIE} YOUNG ART - REAL GOOD DRUMMERS
AND FIFERS -

ONE YEAR I REMEMBER FOLLOWING THE
MARCHING BAND UP TO FLAG POLE HILL
WHERE THEY PLAYED SOME MORE THEN

HAD ICE CREAM & CANDY - AND GAMES (3)
FOR ALL THE KIDS -

IT WAS GOOD OLD FASHIONED FUN ON
A WEEKEND IN TURNER CAMP

SPEAKING OF ENTERTAINMENT - IT CAME IN
OTHER FORMS - LIKE THE DUO OF MAX ZIMMER
ON MANDOLIN AND TONY GODETZ ON THE ZITHER -
MANY A SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE PLATFORM IN
FRONT OF THE PARENTHÖHLE - AND DON'T FORGET
OUR OWN GERMAN COUNTRY & WESTERN ??? -
SINGER NONE OTHER THAN WILHELM STORM OF
THE EICHC TURNERS - AND OF COURSE AS
THE REFRESHMENT FLOWED - SO DID MANY
AND MANY A WELL HARMONIZED SONG
CAME FROM AROUND THE LITTLE OUTDOOR
BAR -

MAY I REMIND YOU HERE THAT THIS IS
ONLY MY RECOLLECTION - A LOT MORE HAS
TO BE FILLED IN HERE - BUT IT'S A
START TO RECAPTURE THE "GOOD TIMES -

I REMEMBER ONE PICNIC IN PARTICULAR - GIVEN
BY THE FORWARD TURNERS - WITH A WESTERN THEME
THICK PLUGGERS SAID TO COME DRESSED LIKE
COWBOYS (AND WE DID) - DORIS WAS A NEW GIRL
THE KIDS ANDREA & JAY HAD TEN GALLON HATS
AND COUNTRY SHIRTS - I WORE MY FIRST
AND LAST PAIR OF JEANS -

BEING IN THE BAKERY BUSINESS WE DONATED
A COUPLE OF WESTERN STYLE DECORATED
CAKES FOR THE "RAFFLE" - USUALLY WENT
WITH A BOTTLE OF WHISKEY - A HOME MADE
SCARF OR SOMETHING. -

AFTER DINNER WAS SERVED - ILL NEVER
FORGET IT - CHRIS AREND'S CAME OUT OF
THE BAKERY HALL DRESSED UP LIKE A
PROSPECTOR (49^{ER}) WITH A PICK AXE AND
SHVEL - WAVING A NEWSPAPER ~~BEARING~~
THE HEADLINE "GOLD DISCOVERED IN TURNER
CAMP"

THEY HAD THE AREA SALTED WITH GOLD (5)
SPRAYED LITTLE ROCKS - AND ALL THE LITTLE
KIDS WENT ON A GOLD HUNT - A REAL THRILL
FOR DAUGHTER ANDREA - ABOUT 2 1/2 YEARS OLD
WHO FOUND 3 NOGGETS - "GOSH MAMMIE WERE RICH"
PRIZES WERE GIVEN FOR THE WINNERS -
- TURNER GO ARKEMA BROUGHT OUT 3 OR
4 RIDING HORSES FROM HIS STABLE FOR
MORE ENTERTAINMENT - ANOTHER FUN
WEEKEND IN CAMP - "DIFFERENT"

IT WAS AFTER THIS THAT THE SWISS
BUNCH RAN A CYCLE OF THEME PICNICS -
ONE IN SPRING AND ONE IN FALL -
- YOU'LL HAVE TO CORRECT ME ON THE
ORDER BUT I'LL LIST THEM AND GO
INTO SOME DETAIL AND DESCRIPTION -
- LIKE CRAZY GAMES - FOOD TO
SUIT - SPECIAL EVENTS

THE ALPINE PARTY

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SWISS NAVY DAY

DOG PATCH DAYS

COLLEGE DAZE

JUN JUN SUMMER

PIRATES PANIC

HAWAIIAN HOLIDAY

SLOW BOAT TO CHINA


ARABIAN NIGHTS

LET'S START WITH THE ALPINE PARTY -
ALL OF THESE PICNICS WERE RUN IN AND
AROUND THE BARENHÖLLE GROUNDS - THE
ROTHS AREA FIRST WAS USED TO HOUSE
AND FEED THE CROWD AT THE "ALL TURNER".

→ TO START THE BALL ROLLING - EMIL
HIRSCH SR. STARTED TO SELL COLORED
BEANIE ALPINE HATS WITH A LITTLE
FEATHER DURING THE SEASON TO

ADVERTISE TO NEW AND DIFFERENT COMING
EVENT - THE FENCE WAS DECORATED WITH ①
BIG PINE TREES CUT OUT OF PLYWOOD -
MANUFACTURED IN ERNE WIRTHS BASEMENT.
- WE HAD FAKE ROCKS ON TOP OF THE
BAR ROOF TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE A
MOUNTAIN CHALET - (PAPER MICHÉ) MADE IN
THE BILL SCHENK BASEMENT - IT WAS HERE
I GUESS THE SEED WAS SOWN TO MAKE
THE OLD BUILDING LOOK LIKE A CHALET
INSTEAD OF A STRUCTURE AT A PRESBYTERIAN
BIBLE CAMP. - THE WORM IS TURNING EVER
SO SLIGHTLY.

ALL THE GIRLS WERE THEIR SWISS DIRNDL[?]
- WE INVITED THE SWISS MAN ORATOR &
DAMEN ORATOR WHO ALSO CAME IN COSTUME
WITH THE SWISS CONSUL TO PROVIDE
MORE ENTERTAINMENT AND COLOR

TURNER CAMP NEVER HEARD THAT GROUP
OF SWISS SINGERS AND WERE QUITE IMPRESSED. 
— WE HAD ALL KINDS OF GAMES FOR THE
LITTLE KIDS — GAMES FOR THE ADULTS TOO
LIKE A WOOD CARVING CONTEST — WHERE
THE MEN WHO ENTERED WERE GIVEN A
PIECE OF Balsa wood AND A SHARP KNIFE —
WITH A TIME LIMIT (??) — YES A LITTLE
BLOOD WAS SPILLED BUT NOTHING A BIG
BIG BAND AID COULDN'T STOP. — FOR THE
LADIES — LACE MAKING AND EMBROIDERY CONTEST —
— A HOOP — MATERIAL — A THIMBLE — THREAD — YARN
A PATTERN — AND AWAY YOU GO — TIME RAN
OUT AND THE JUDGES GAVE THEIR VERDICT.
— FOR THE ACTIVE PEOPLE WE HAD MOUNTAIN
CLIMBING — (IN TURNER CAMP???) YES!!!!
TEAMS OF 5 REPED THEMSELVES TOGETHER
AXES AND PIES IN HAND THE WENT DOWN
THE ROAD TO THE THEN STEEP GRAVEL PIT

UP THEY CLIMBED - PROCEEDED TO THE TOP OF TURNER CAMP (FLAG POLE HILL) AND DECEENDED OVER ANOTHER ROUTE AND BACK TO THE BAREN HÖHLE - TIMING HERE WAS IMPORRIANT - WALLY FRIEZE AND HIS TEAM WON - HE STILL PROODLY DISPLAYS HIS ENGRAVED TROPHY - EVERYONE WAS BUSY BUSY BUSY - THE BOYS WHO ROASTED THE MEAT - THE BARTENDERS - THE TICKETSSELLERS - RAFFLES THE LADIES IN THE KITCHEN - THE ANNOUNCERS THE GAME PEOPLE - THE WEATHER MAN ALWAYS WAS PAID OFF - WHAT A BEAUTIFUL COLORFUL DAY IN TURNER CAMP - SWISS STYLE.

— NOW LETS TRY SWISS NAVY DAY

THE SWISS NAVY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A TARGET FOR JOKES AROUND THE WORLD - BUT THIS TIME THE JOKE WAS ON THEM - AL WITCHY WAS ABLE TO GET AN ARMY DUCK AN AMPHIPIOUS MACHINE FOR THE DAY

WE CELEBRATED IT THE S.S. WILLIAM TELL 10
- PEOPLE GOT ON BOARD VIA A REAL
GANG PLANK CONSTRUCTED AT THE ZWEIFEL
HARDWARE COMPANY. - IT WAS CRAZY BUT
A REAL LOT OF FUN FOR YOUNG & OLD -
- ALL OUR BOYS WHO WERE IN THE REAL
NAVY CAME DRESSED IN UNIFORM - BELL
BOTTOMS - ~~I~~ THINK SAILOR HATS WERE
ON SALE AT THE BAR - THIS PICNIC
JUST HAPPENED TO FALL ON MOTHERS DAY
AND ALL THE MOTHERS ATTENDING GOT A
REAL ORCHID - NOT TOO SHABBY.

FEEL FREE TO ADD ANYTHING
TO THESE COMMENTS - LIKE I SAID WE
WERE ALL ^{SO} BUSY IN OUR OWN COMMITTEES
WE DIDN'T SEE EACH OTHER TIL LATE
AFTERNOON WHEN THE PICNIC WOULD
FINALLY BREAK UP

ABOUT CHILDRENS GAMES - ? AT THIS TIME ⁽¹¹⁾
IT WOULD TAKE A LOT MORE RESEARCH OR
MEMORY TO BRING THEM ALL BACK - BUT
IT WAS ALWAYS MY PHILOSOPHY TO GIVE THE
GAMES THE SAME FLAVOR AS THE THEME
OF THE PICNIC - I HATED JUST ~~THE~~ RUNNING
GAMES - ALWAYS TRIED TO GET THEM TO
FLY A KITE - ROP A CALF - OR PICK UP FOOD
WITH CHEP STICKS ETC.

DOG PATCH DAYS

EVERYONE IN THE REGULAR COMMITTEE
GIRLS ESPECIALLY CAME DRESSED UP IN
COSTUME - LOTS OF BEAUTIFUL KAINTURKY
GALS AKA DAISY MAG. AND MAMMY YOKUMS
ALL OUR MUSCLE MEN ??? PARADED
AROUND AS ABNER YOKUM - AND ASSORTED
HILL BILLYS - AND OF COURSE ONLY ONE
MARRYING SAM - WACCO KUTSCHA -

FOR ATMOSPHERE AND SCHWALTZ WE HAD ⁽¹²⁾
A COUPLE OF REAL PORKERS IN A PEN
AND REAL ROOSTERS AND CHICKENS DID
THEIR THING ON THE BAR ROOM ROOF
THE HIGH POINT OF THE DAY WAS THE
BIG FREE FOR ALL WHERE THE GIRLS
WERE ALLOWED TO PURSUE THE BOYS
HOG TIE 'EM AND MARRY 'EM — TRULY A
SADIE HAWKINS DAY — I'M SURE CORN
LIKKER WAS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR AND
SWEET POTATO PIE IN THE KITCHEN —

REMEMBER
ON TOP OF
OLD SMOKY

COLLEGE DAZE



YES EVERYONE ATTENDING THE PICNIC THAT
DAY GOT A DEGREE — IN GEMUTLICHKEIT
AND LIBERAL EDUCATION — BEFORE
THE SEASON ENDED IN CAMP THE BOYS

AND GIRLS OF THE SWISS MADE A (13)
GRAND ENTRANCE INTO THE RATHSKELLER
FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES - THE BOYS
ROWED IN - IN A LONG RACING
SHELL - 8 MEN AND A COXSWAIN
BELIEVE OR NOT - OF COURSE THEIR
FEET AND LEGS WERE STICKING OUT
THE BOTTOM -



ALL THE GIRLS & BOYS HAD ON WHAT
COULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST PRINTED
TEE SHIRTS - ALL BEARING NAMES OF
THEIR FAVORITE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE -
LIVE -



& OTHERS

HAD RATHER RISQUE MEANINGS
NOT FOR THE PURE IN HEART.

THE BARENHOLM was decorated (14)
WITH ALL SORTS OF REAL COLLEGE
PENNANTS - AND WE WENT ON RECORD
THAT DAY - FOR PUTTING ON A FIRST.
THE OUTDOOR BAR WAS TENDED BY ALL
GIRLS ALL DAY - TAPPING BEER
MIXING MARTINIS & MANHATTANS - ETC.

COCKTAILS WERE ~~NEVER~~ SERVED IN TURNER
CAMP BEFORE THIS DATE - WE SURVIVED
BUT I THINK A LOT OF ALCOHOLICS
WERE BORN THAT DAY (SHAME ON US) -
- ANOTHER FIRST ??? THE MEN AND BOYS
TOOK OVER THE WHOLE MEAL - PREPARING
SERVING AND CLEAN UP - WOW -
TALK ABOUT A TURNABOUT. - TOO BAD
WE DIDNT THINK ABOUT A REAL
TRIVIA CONTEST - WITH SOME SUPER EDUCATED
QUESTIONS ABOUT TURNER CAMP

INJUN SUMMER

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TRULY THE TIME FOR A FALL PICNIC - WE DID
A REAL PROMO ON THIS AFFAIR BY RUNNING
A RAID ON THE RINKHOLLER HATE IN THE
SEASON - PROBABLY ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND -
-THE MEN ALL CAME DRESSED AS REAL REDSKINS
WAR POINT AND ALL - TOMAHAWKS TOO - THE
INDIAN MAIDENS FOLLOWED IN THEIR FINEST
BUCKSKINS - WE ENTERED YELLING & SCREAMING
HOOTING & HOLLERING - AFTER WE SCALPED
A BUNCH OF PALE FACES - DRANK SOME
FIREWATER ON THE BAR - WE PASSED OUT
OUR SUCKS SIGNALS (PAMPHLETS) ADVERTISING
THE FALL PICNIC -

THAT DAY (A REAL BEAUTY) - WE AND
A PROFESSIONAL SCOUT TROOP PUT ON A
REAL LIVE REPRODUCTION OF TRIBUNES -
JOHN McPITCHERONS - INJUN SUMMER -
EMIL HIRSCH SR WAS THE GRANDFATHER

YOUNG KENNY HIRSCH (SON OF PAUL HIRSCH) ⑩
PLAYED THE LITTLE GRANDSON—
THE TROUPE ALSO PUT ON OTHER CEREMONIAL
DANCES—THE RAIN DANCE—HARVEST—WAR—
SPRING—ETC.—THE SCOUT TROOP HAD
A GOOD TIME IN TURNER CAMP—

ALL OUR OWN INDIANS DRESSED UP IN
TRIBAL REGALIA—THERE ARE STILL SOME
PICTURES FLOATING AROUND—THEY SURE
WOULD ENHANCE THIS REPORT.—

ONE THING I FORGOT HERE WOULD
BE ONE OF THE GAMES FOR THE TEEN
AGE GROUP—(TRIVIA TYPE)—NAME AS MANY
AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES AS YOU CAN—

A PIRATE PICNIC WAS NEXT—

SOME OF THE BRAVE MEN CAME AS
SWASHBUCKLERS—MYSELF AT THE TIME
WAS GROWING A FULL BEARD FOR
THE WOODSTOCK CITY CENTENNIAL—SC

1 FIT IN PRETTY GOOD -

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THE COMMITTEE WENT ALL OUT FOR THIS ONE BY ACTUALLY MINTING SPANISH DUBLOONS

TO BE USED IN BARTER AND EXCHANGE AT THE BAR THAT WEEKEND - NO - NO

BEER TICKETS THAT PICNIC - HARD CASH ONLY. - ONE GAME I CAN REMEMBER

WAS A DAGGER THROWING CONTEST

- REAL DAGGERS THROWN AT A TARGET ON HUGE SHEETS OF PLYWOOD - IT WAS HARDER THAN YOU THINK. - THE ADULTS

WERE GIVEN A TREASURE MAP - WITH

ALL THE TRADITIONAL MARKINGS - CODES ETC. - LEADING THEM AROUND THE BARN^{1/2}

AREA - BY THE SKULL AND CROSS BONE

PAST THE EMPTY RUM BOTTLES TO THE SUNKEN TREASURE @ HEST - GAD ~~BOOKS~~.

DO NOT KNOW WHAT ALL THE GIRLS (8)
DID FOR COSTUMES THAT WEEKEND - IT
WAS ALWAYS A STRUGGLE TO EVEN GET
OUR BOYS IN THE OUTFIT OF THE DAY.

HAWAIIAN HOLIDAY

A REAL NATURAL FOR ALL THE BOYS &
GIRLS - GRASS SHIRTS FOR THE DARING -
MUMMUS FOR THE OTHERS - MEN WORE THE
BRIGHTEST FLOWERED SHIRTS - PICK TRAVLE
AND EMIL HIRSCH JR. HAD WRAP AROUND SHIRTS
AND FANCY STRAW HATS THAT THEY WORE
ON THE ORIGINAL DRY LAND SURF BOARDS
AND LIVIE YOU SAY ANNIE THESE VEHICLES
WERE THE GRANDFATHERS AND THE NUCLEUS
OF THE MODERN POPULAR SKATE BOARD.
THE AREA AROUND THE BAR WAS COVERED
WITH FISH NETTING STUFFED FULL OF
FLOWERS

I BELIEVE THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF ⁽¹⁹⁾
PICTURES AROUND SOMEWHERE TO ROUND OUT
THIS SKIMPY REPORT —

— SLOW BOAT TO CHINA —

THE SWISS BUNCH TRIED THEIR HAND AT
RUNNING A CHINESE PICNIC — OF COURSE
WE HAD THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE FARE
CHOP SUEY — EGG FOY YOUNG ETC — THE
ZWEIFELS QUARA + HERMAN HAD REAL ORIGINAL
COSTUMES RIGHT FROM CHINA TOWN.

THERE WERE MANY OTHERS IN COSTUME —
PURI'S + AL GRAF CHINESE COOLIES RIGHT
OUT OF THE RICE FIELDS — AND SO ON —
TALK ABOUT SLOW BOAT TO CHINA — ONE
GAME WE HAD IN A SERIES OF GAMES
WAS — (A) SLOW BOAT TO CHINA

IT WAS A LONG HOUSE OR RAIN GUTTER (20)
FILLED WITH WATER - IN IT WAS PLACED
A LITTLE WOODEN SAILBOAT - THAT THE CONTESTANT
HAD TO FAR TO THE END IN A CERTAIN TIME

ANOTHER GAME WAS THE RICKSHAW RUMBLE - OR
THE BURMA ROAD - TAKE YOUR PICK - WE HAD
A REAL RICKSHAW - IT WAS PULLED BY A
CONTESTANT OVER A VERY CURVED OBSTACLE
COURSE - THE WINNER DETERMINED BY TIME.

- ANOTHER GAME WAS THE CHOPSTICK EVENT - WHERE
THE "CHINAMAN" HAD TO TRANSFER SUGAR CUBES
(RICE) FROM ONE BOWL TO ANOTHER IN
THE BEST TIME - WITH CHOPSTICKS

- ALSO CHINESE CHECKERS - WHERE A BEACH?
BALL WAS ROLLED DOWN AN INCLINE FILLED
WITH HOLES AND BAFFLES - EACH HOLE HAD
AN AMOUNT - (5) (10) (15) ETC - THE HIGHEST
SCORE WON - ANYONE COULD PLAY THIS ONE

LAST ?? ON THE LIST OF THE LITTLE (21)
SWISS TURNERS THEME PICNICS WAS THE
ARABIAN NIGHTS -

WE TRIED HARD TO CREATE MINARETS
AND MOSQUES - OUT OF CARD BOARD -
WE EVEN CREATED AN OIL DERRICK FOR
THE INVESTORS - THERE WAS A GUSH FOR EVERY
KOUR AND IF YOU HAD A LUCKY STICKET
SHARE ??
IT WAS BONANZA -

THE DARING GIRLS (YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE)
CAME DRESSED AS HAREM MAIDENS - AND
BELLY DANCERS - KATIE STARK I THINK WAS
THE SHEIKS FAVORITE - I TRIED HARD TO
GET THE BOYS TO COME OUT IN A SIMPLE
BATH ROBE - WE SOLD REGULAR FEZ'S
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SIMPLE AND PERFECT
- WHAT A BUNCH OF KUTZES -

WE DID HAVE ONE BRAVE LAD ROY HUSE

DRESSED IN A SIMPLE HOIN CLOTH - AND ⁽²⁾
A RAGGLE TAGGLE TURBAN - A BETTER
BEGGAR YOU'VE NEVER SEEN - MARCHING
ALONG IN FRONT OF ^{THE} OPENING PARADE
BEGGING FOR ARMS FOR ALLAH - ALL TO
THE TUNE OF THE MOHABEDAN HORN PLAYER
MUZTAFAH HERMAN ZWEIFEL - WE ALSO HAD A
MUMMY WRAPPING CONTEST

I DO REMEMBER AT MOST OF OUR
PICNICS AND EVENTS LITTLE KIDS AND
PEOPLE USED TO COME TO US AND ASK
MISTER WHEN DOES THE EXCITEMENT AND
GAMES AND MONKEYSHINES START -

- ANNIE I GUESS IF WE HAD SOME OF
THE GANG GET TOGETHER SOME NIGHT
AND READ OVER THIS REPORT - A LOT MORE
INFORMATION WOULD POUR OUT -

- THERE WERE OTHER PICNICS - ONE
HOLD BY THE LINCOLNS - CELEBRATING
THE COMING OF THE NEW WINE

HERB GRABIG - A FLORIST DECORATED
THE BAR AND HALL WITH THE GRAPE
VINES AND CLUSTER MOTIF - (WEIN LAZUNGS FEST)??

ANY OTHERS WITH A THEME???

THERE WERE TEN YEARS OF FRENCH PASTRY
SHOP WHERE DORIS AND I NEVER MADE
IT OUT TO CAMP - SPRING OR FALL - AND
A COUPLE YEARS WE NEVER EVEN TOOK
THE SHUTTERS OFF THE COTTAGE -

THE ALL TURNER - ITS ORIGIN

ITS PURPOSE - ITS RECORD

WILL HAVE TO BE COVERED IN A
SEPARATE REPORT - REMEMBERING IS

HARD WORK - KICK THIS AROUND A WHILE

AND I'LL START - ALL TURNER -

YOU'RE HER ON BOWLERS PICNICS??

THEN COME SOME FOUNDERS DAYS ⁽²⁴⁾
- AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS
- YOU AND THE GIRLS RAN -
THE HORBO P. MIE - THE ORIENT
EXPRESS - ETC - AND ON AND
ON - THE BI CENTENNIAL -
WRITE EM UP

WITH TURNER GREETINGS
DORIS & A.C. GRAF

STILL HOPING TO GET TO CAMP
THIS SUMMER -

DORIS IS IN THE HOSPITAL TODAY
GETTING ANOTHER ONE OF THESE HEMO
TREATMENTS - PRETTY WEAK - CROSSING OUR
FINGERS -

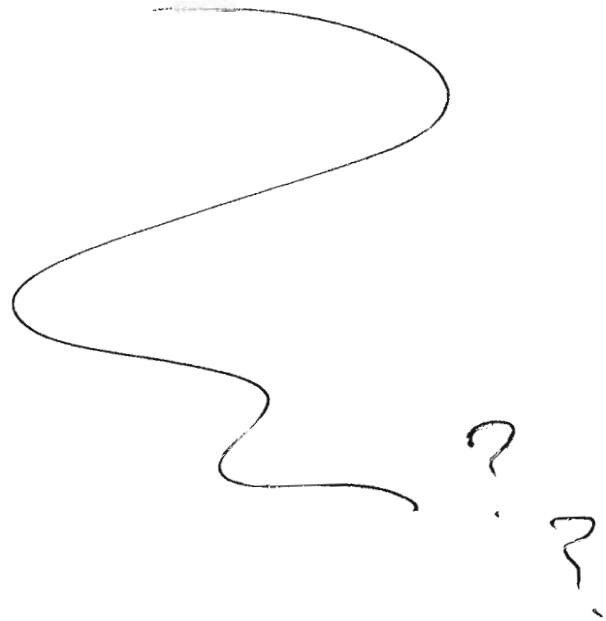
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DORIS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE

A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU IN A

VISIT TO PAL AND VERNIE'S

TO HAVE IT READ TO HIM.



April 1, 1987

Dear Al & Dorie:

Well, "the time has come to speak of many things".

I can go back in memory to 1953 when we joined the Swiss Turners. The first picnic was the Hawaiian Holiday. It was in the spring and Dick and the committee made the first road skate board. Should have patented it - we'd all have been rich now. Al well, 'que sera, sera! We decorated the Bawrenhohle kitchen with branches and kleenex flowers - looked real islandy. Everyone was in costume - lots of sarongs - men and women.

In the fall the Swiss Picnic was College Daze and fall also saw the first All Turner Picnic - 1953. Comes 1954, March 6th - was the 5th Illinois District Variety show held at the Logan Square Masonic Temple. This was "This was Your Life" and if you remember, you were the star. Your past came back to haunt you including three wives and you remember the watermelon seed you planted in your old school chums car - Harold? He had a lot of fun for a few years after reminiscing over that watermelon vic. It was so good we brought it back 3 years later for "izza Poppin" - at the Lincoln Turner Hall. Dick, Al and LaVerne and myself did a repeat of our "Shaboom" pantomime.

1955 picnic was Arabian Nites. The girls really did a job on costumes. Remember Roy Fugi, Alas for the love of Allah - he sure looked like an Arabian Nites begger. In the fall saw the Swiss having Halloween as their theme as it fell on the last weekend of October. You remember those were the days when each society had a spring and fall picnic. And Al, LaVerne, Dick and I did the first pantomime to a record with "Shaboom" at Turner Camp. That set off allot of entertainment thru the years for variety shows and other parties.

1955, March 12th saw a "Bole goes to Heaven" at the Lincoln Turner Hall. If you remember, we opened up the curtain with a large sole being pulled up. We wrote that ourselves at our committee meetings and had a lot of fun doing that. Ted designed the backdrop on sheets and Emil, Sr. painted them in his basement. We had the dance hall girls, the bad guy, the saw, drunken father, long suffering mother. Don Wirth played all the piano music to go along with each scene.

The Swiss fall picnic was "Little Abner" and we had Marie Tokum, Martin Sax, running bases lighting and smoking corn cob pipes, show gun wedding pedicured chickens (that escaped), pigs with papers, you name it. The Spring picnic theme became me at this time. Maybe it'll come back.

1955 might have been the year we did the Monitor and Merrimac for the water show.

March 10th, 1956 saw us at the Lincoln Turner Hall doing "Pizza Poppin". We resurrected our "Shaboom" number and also Harold's watermelon and at the end of the number we had pizza brought in for the audience. 1956 also saw the consolidation of Swiss, Forwards and Social Turners to become the American Turners-Northwest Chicago.

Northwest had their first picnic at Turner Camp and the theme was "L.A.

Olympiad" and as I recall we served about 550 dinners out of the Baerenhohle - real potatoes. We were the first picnic at Turner Camp to use the Rathskellar on Saturday nite due to the large crowd expected and it was there. I'll let you fill in on the games and activity schedule as you were the one involved there. There were lots of pots and pans but it was a good crew. You did a great job on the games and we also had each society provide a money making game for revenue and entertainment so that there were 5 different adult games in addition to the childrens games.

In the fall of 1956 we still held to the two picnic schedule for each society and we went right into a Chinese picnic which was well done in costumes .

In 1956 we had the western days picnic. We had the chuck wagon for Sunday nite supper. You secured it from some farmer in the area. Sunday dinner was served out of the dining hall - this was also a first for a picnic.

As far as the water shows, I don't think I participated in too many myself or was involved as we became Northwest Turners, but I do remember one and that was when we did Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. We used the pontoon boat that the Swiss group had made. This was 1962. It was one of the last good water shows at Camp - after this the interest seemed to kind of dwindle.

1962 was the summer I was the Bookkeeper at Camp and also the District treasurer.

Backtracking - 1956 was a combined Minstrel show at Lincoln Turners; Warren was the interlocutor. Endmen: Fred Zitta, Emil Hirsch, Dick Trankle, can't remember the fourth. The only definable one was Zitta with the bald head. The others all looked the same. What's where we got one of our medlies: Swanee, I'm Albany Bound, etc. We still do "Bears" once in a while.

1958 saw Northwest Turners doing little shows at Lincoln Turner Hall.

1962 was the first Invitational Turnfest at Turner Camp. The patio and Raths. were so packed on Sat. nite, you couldn't move. It was a tremendous success. It was a weekend outing, starting on Friday and ending on Sunday. I remember on Saturday nite at the Raths. the

Truel was built in 1963. The topography at the "A" Field area was changed. Warren spent an entire year of his life on this project full time.

Additional Turnfest years at Camp: 1965, 1968 and 1970.

5th Anniversary of Turner Camp - 1964

1973 saw \$30,790 in the Swimming Pool fund which was derived from picnic profits, donated tips and personal contributions. The feasibility study for the pool was started in 1971.

In 1971, I think we started with a meeting in your apartment in Chicago. We did a repeat of "A Sole Goes to Heaven" for a Variety Show at Northwest and from there we went on to 1972 - "Welcome to our World" which was the first combined show under one director, leadership, whatever you want to call it (except for the Minstrel show at Lincoln's). From there we went to the big time. In '73 we decided to try a Broadway production and we started with "Oklahoma". We were

all there so we know what it was. '74 we went to "My Fair Lady", '75 Brigadoon, '76 South Pacific and that was the Bicentennial year and we had a big party in Turner Camp. Ray Elste made around 40 kazoos - red, white and blue, to look like fifes out of orange juice cans, and we have thru the years used them for different sing alongs. Our Friday nites at the Rathskellar, we kept plugging away at that. We started out with fish fries which people attended and right after dinner went back to their cottages. We kept working at it until finally it was the event of the week, Friday Nite at the Raths.

Back to the Bicentennial at Turner Camp - On July 4th weekend we did out medley and all the little kids did a medley - they were dressed in blue shorts, white shirts and we all had red, white and blue bow ties. We brought the house down. Al, your 1977 report to the convention, tells it all for 1976.

It was a good cultural year for all of us. When you reach the top, I guess, like the they always say, there's only one place left to go.

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I think we're kind of a club tied together with gossamer.

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The variety shows moved to Northwest probably around 1961.

1961 Northwest had their 25th anniversary party at the hall. Attended by around 450 people.

I haven't includedall of your special projects, as I thought you had all your own records on these.

I hope this is something of what you were looking for.

See you in Camp soon.

Dear Al & Dorie:

Well, "the time ;has come to speak of many things"

I can go back in memory to 1953 when we joined the Swiss Turners. The first picnic was the Hawaiian Holiday it was in the spring and ~~the~~ Dick and the committee made the first road skate board. Should have patented it - large size we'd all have been rich now. Oh well, que sera sera. We decorated the Baerenhohle kitchen with branches and ~~käeenex~~ flowers - looked real islandy. It sure was beautiful and everyone was in costume - lots of sarongs, men & women.
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In the fall the Swiss picnic was college daze and fall also saw the first all Turner picnic - 1953. Comes 1954, March 6th - Was the 5th Illinois District Variety show held at the Logan Square Masonic Temple. That was "This was Your Life" and if you remeber you were the star. Your past came back to haunt you including three wives and you remember the ~~xx~~ watermelon seed you planted in your old school shums ear - Harold? We had a lot of fun for a few years after reminesing over that watermedon vine. It was so good we brought it back ~~inxxxxxxx~~ variety show - Pizza Poppin - at the Lincoln Turner Hall. Dick, Pal and LaVerne and myself did a repeat of our "Shaboom" pantomime.

2 years
later

1954 picnic was Arabian nites picnic. The girls really did a job on costumes. Remeber Roy Hugi - Alms for the love of Allah - He sure looked like an arabian nites begger. In the fall saw the Swiss having Halloween as their theme as it fell on the last weekend in October. You remember those were the days when x each society had a spring and fall picnic. And Pal, LaVerne, Dick & I did the first pantomime to a record with "Shaboom". At Turner Camp. That set off a lot of entertainment thru the years for variety shows.

195⁵, March 12th saw a sole goes to heaven at the Lincoln Turner Hall. We wrote that ourselves at our committee meetings and had a lot of fun doing that. Ted designed the backdrop on sheets and Emil, Sr. painted them in his basement. We had the dance hall girls, the bad guy, the saw, drunken father, long suffering mother (Ruth Hugi). Mom Wirth played all the piano music to go along with each scene.

The Swiss fall picnic was little abner and we had manie Yokum, the whole shat, ~~xxxxxxx~~ running bases lighting and smoking corn cob pipes, shot gun wedding - Ernie Wirth was "Marryin Sam". The Spring picnic theme escapes me at this time. Maybe ~~youxxxxxxx~~ it'll come to me if I jog the old memory.

1955 might have been the year we did the Monitor and Merrimac for the water show.

March 10th 1956 saw us at the Lincoln Turner Hall doing "Pizza Poppin". We resurrected our "Shaboom" number and also Harols's watermedon and at the end of the number we had pizza brought in for the audience. 1956 also saw the consolidation of the Swiss, Forwards and Social Turners to become the American Turners-Northwest Chicago. We had our first picnic at Turner Camp which was your theme "Mad Olyppiad" and as I recall we served about 550 dinners out of the Baerenhohle - real potatoes. We were the first with- get this picnic to use the Rathskellar on Saturday nite due to the large crowd no instants expected and it was there. I'll let you fill in on the games and activity schedule as you were the one involved there. Lot of pots and pans but it was a good crew - lots of games and fun. You did a great job on the games and I'm

leave the kind of games they were to you ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ because they're probably in your memory better than mine, because you worked on 'em all. We also had getting back to the start of the All Turner Picnic - each society used to provide a money making game for revenue and entertainment so that there were 5 different adult games in addition to the childrens games.

In the fall of 1956 we still held to the two picnic schedule for each society and we went right into a chinese picnic which was well done in costumes. ~~fall~~ now I'm not sure if the chinese picnic was in 1956 or 1958. We also had the western days picnic. We had the chuck wagon which you must remember. You secured it from some farmer in the area. Western was spring of 1957. We served sunday night supper out of that and we had a regular Sunday noon dinner at the dining room. This was also a first for a picnic.

A little comment on

Electricity seems like it went in in 1954.

As far as the water shows, I don't think I participated in too many myself or was involved as we became Northwest Turners, but I do remember one and that was when we did Snow White and the Seven draws - ~~1961~~ and it was probably 1962 one of the last good water shows at camp after that the interest seemed to kind of dwindle.

1962 was the summer I was the bookkeeper at camp and also the District treasurer.

1966 saw the 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Northwest Turner Hall Sat. Nov. 20th 1966 saw the first swimming pool complex picnic with a net profit of \$735.00

1973 saw ~~\$32,796~~ \$32,796 in the swimming pool fund which which was derived from picnic profits, donated tips and personal contributions. The feasibility study for the pool was ~~started~~ started in 1971.

In 1971 I think we started with a meeting in your apartment in Chicago We did a repeat of "a. Sould Goes to Heaven for a Variety Show and from there we went on to 1972. We did "Welcome to our World" which was the first combined show under one director, leadership, whatever you want to call it and from there we went to the big time. In '73 we ~~started~~ ~~started~~ decided to try ~~with~~ Broadway production and we started with "Oklahoma". We were all there so we know what it was. '74 we went to "My Fair Lady", '75 Brigadoon, '76 South Pacific and that was the Bicentennial Year and we had a Bicentennial party in Turner Camp on the July 4th weekend and all those little kids on Saturday nite came in with their white shirts, blue shorts and red and white blue bow tie to sing their little medly, we did our medly. We brought the house down. Al, your ~~1977~~ 1977 report to the convention, tells it all for 1976.

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1975/215

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Northwest

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First show at Northwest _____

1981 Northwest had their 25th anniversary party at the hall. Everything brought horsdeovers. We had a package deal \$25.00/person/ There were about 450 people there.

1962 was the first invitational Turnfest at Turner camp. The patio ~~was so packed~~ and Raths. were so packed on sat. nite you couldn't move. It was a tremendous success. It was a weekend outing, starting on Friday and ending on Sunday. I remember on Saturday nite at the Raths. there wasn't a spot to move inside on on the patio. It really was an enthusiastic weekend. with all region 5 societies participating.

Parties at Northest: 1982 was the Western party. Wayne, Karen, Ray and Joan made a moving horse, . to take poloraoid pictures of people riding it. We alsomade cactus centerpieces. quite inovative. We all had our pictures taken on it with a poloraoid.

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without any music we went into -- it's kinda funny how it got in there.

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electricity seems around

-All turner 1956 1957 1953 saw electrical installatonn May ~~xxx~~ sold to the elctric company all componant parts. and installation was sold to the Northern electric co. service co.

x We purchased our cottage in 1960. 1953 first all turner picnic.

4 Track was built in 1963

50th anniversary of Turner camp 1964.

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GREETINGS ANNIE!

NO IM NOT FOOLING IM REALLY GOING
TO ANSWER YOUR NOTE OF A COUPLE MONTHS
AGO - DID HEAR ABOUT MA TRUNDLE IN THE
TURNER NEWSPAPER AND ALSO FROM ED
COTTON WHO CORRESPONDS - WE LIKED
HER - A KINDLY-HARDWORKING LADY -
PUSHING OUT COUNTLESS TASTY MEALS -
- WITH A SMILE.

AS PER OUR CONVERSATION LAST FALL
WHAT DID WE AGREE TO WORK ON - ??
- IM GOING AHEAD AND LET SOME
OR ALL OF THE PICNICS - GOOD TIMES
FOUNDERS DAYS - WATER CARNIVALS ETC,

AND IF I MISSED ONE OR TWO, PERHAPS
YOU - WARREN - CLARA OR SOME OF THE
OTHER | OLD TIMERS | P.P.P.P. CAN FILL
IN THE BLANKS -

— SORT OF A ROLL CALL IN OUR
LIFE AT TURNER CAMP -

"LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL"

WHAT GOOD WILL THIS DO? -

I DON'T KNOW - BUT PERHAPS IF
SOME ONE WRITES ANOTHER BOOK
ABOUT CAMP IT SURE WILL
BRING BACK SOME MEMORIES OR
PERHAPS - GIVE THE GROUPS COMING
UP - SOME IDEAS TO COPY OR EXPAND ON

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WENT DOWN TO THE POST OFFICE AND
GUESSED ~~WHAT~~ WHAT WAS THERE - THREE LETTERS
FROM THE TURNERS - YOURS, STARTED THE
SAME DAY AS MINE - ONE FROM TED STARK
DEALING WITH THE CHOICE OF A SHIELD
DESIGN IN FRONT OF THE BACRENTHÖLLE -
AND THEN ANOTHER FROM EID COLTON
ANSWERING SOME OF MY QUESTIONS
ON CAMP-HISTORY-AND NATIONAL BUSINESS.
SO IM GETTING RIGHT TO WORK -
I STARTED OUT WITH GOING INTO
THE WATER CARNIVALS - THEN PICNICS
ASSORTED GAMES & SPECIAL EVENTS -
THE FIRST THREE FLOATS - ALL SWISS
"WILLIAM TELL" - "OLD BLACK JOE" - AND THE
"GOOD TIMES" ARE ON PAGE ONE

DO YOU REMEMBER THEM?? —

— GOING TO COMPLETE ALL OF THESE
AND WHEN IM FINISHED — ILL MAKE
COPIES SO IF SOMEONE WANTS TO
PUT THEM IN BOOK OR CATALOGUE
FORM THEY WILL BE READY TO
USE AND ~~NOT~~ ^{BE} IN SOMEONES MIND.

— DURIS AND I SURE GOT A KICK OUT
OF YOUR REVIEW — BEAUTIFULS

DO YOU KNOW THERE WERE (10)
WHELPS YEARS — 1960 TO 1970 THAT
WE HARDLY DID ANYTHING IN THE
TURNERS — CAMP OR AT THE HALL — THOSE
WERE THE "FRENCH PASTRY DAYS" — ALL
WE DID WAS WORK WORK, WORK SLEEP WORK

SEE YOU IN CAMP ?????? — ??? —

DORIS AT THIS MOMENT WOULD NOT
BE ABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP —

MORE CHEMICAL SESSIONS ARE IN ORDER
AND THE DOCTORS STILL HAVE NOT
BEEN ABLE TO UNTANGLE THE UPPER
BOWEL SO DORIS CAN EAT A
REGULAR DIET — UP UNTIL A WEEK
AGO — ITS BEEN ALL WITH THE
OVERNIGHT IV — WERE NOW EXPERI
MENTING WITH LIQUIDS (BEEF & CHICKEN BROTH)
AND BABY FOODS — BUT EVEN THEN
ITS NOT ENOUGH CALORIES TO KEEP
A BODY GOING — JUST YOU PEOPLE
BEEN THERE STAY HEALTHY

HOW ABOUT SOME MORE WATER CARNIVAL
FLOATS - FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH? - BOSTON TEA
PARTY? - 4 AND 20 BLACKBIRDS? - THESE WERE
ALL SWISS - WILL HAVE TO TRY AND
GET SOME OF THE SERIALS - FORWARD
ANCELS AND C.T.G.'S - WHO WERE
THESE BUILDERS & CREATORS -

GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU ANNE
AND YOU SURE PUT AN EXTRA CHARGE
INTO OUR PROJECT -

KEEP THE GRAND THINKING OLD
TIME TURNER TRIVIA -

WITH TURNER GREETINGS
& LOVE
Doris & Al Graf

WATER CARNIVALS (THE GOOD TIMES) I

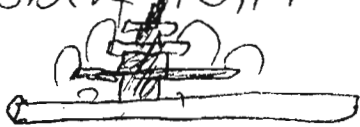
SWISS TURNER ENTRIES

WILLIAM TELL (FLOAT) A ROWBOAT WITH EMIL
HIRSCH SR. CARRYING A CROSSBOW (THE REAL THING)
LITTLE ROBERT BURNS (NEPHEW OF AL GRAF) PLAYING
THE SON WITH THE APPLE PERCHED ON HIS HEAD.

THE GOOD TIMES - A LARGE FLOAT WITH TREE
BRANCHES AND A PICNIC BENCH (LIKE A BEER GARDEN)
CHIEF BURNS (AL GRAF'S NIECE) PLAYING A REAL
LIVE PIANO ACCORDIAN - FOR THE GANG.

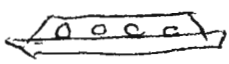
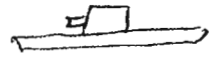
OLD BLACK JOE - A SMALL FLOAT CARRYING EMIL
HIRSCH SR. (BLACKFACE) ALL BENT OVER - WALKING TOWARD
A LITTLE ANGEL BEHIND A WHITE FENCE (THE PEARLY
GATES) PLAYED BY ANDREA GRAF - TO THE TUNE OF
"OLD BLACK JOE" - ONE OF TURNER CAMPS FAVORITE TUNES

THE SWISS GOT 1ST PRIZE (A LITTLE
HOME MADE THING - IT WAS THE FIRST
TIME AN AWARD WAS GIVEN FOR THIS EVENT

THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH — A LARGE FLOAT ON A RUBBER RAFT — WITH A HUGE CARDBOARD FOUNTAIN  — ON THE SIDE OF THE FOUNTAIN WAS PRINTED — "AMERICAN TURNERS THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH" — THIS FLOAT WAS EQUIPPED WITH A WATER PUMP FROM A FARM — AND PASSING THE REVIEWING STAND IT REALLY SPRAYED. — TWO LITTLE KIDS — QUORIO A BOY AND A GIRL WERE HOLDING HANDS — IN TURNER GYM OUTFITS —

THE BOSTON TEA PARTY — A HUGE FLOAT — A REPLICA OF A SAILING BRITISH MERCHANTMAN THE HMS GOLF. (CIRCA 1750) — ANCHORED IN FRONT OF THE BEACH WALL — OUT FROM THE SHORE CAME A FLEET OF CANOES — FULL OF INDIANS — ^{THAT} CLIMBED ABOARD THE BIG SHIP AND THREW OVERBOARD MANY PORTIONS OF TEA?? — THEN ONE OF THE CREWMEN PULLED A CORD AND DOWN CAME THE MAIN SAIL WITH A MESSAGE — READING ILLINOIS ACTIVE GOLF TOURNAMENT AUG-3-19(?) — LOTS OF EXCITEMENT ON THE WATERFRONT

THE MONITOR + THE MERRIMAC (SWISS) III

TWO FLOATS BUILT ON GROUPS OF INNER TUBES
(ASHED) TOGETHER -   - THE
BATTLE PLAN WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN UNTIL WAVES
FROM MANY PASSING MOTOR LAUNCHES CAUSED BOTH
VESSELS TO CAPSIZE - HOWEVER THE BOMBARDMENT
BY THE SHORE BATTERIES - PROVIDED A REAL THRILL -
- BY THE WAY THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT
ANY MAJOR FIREWORK DISPLAY WAS USED IN CAMP

THE GOLFING FLOAT (ILL ACTIVES)

A NICE FLOAT PORTRAYING A GOLFER STUCK
IN A SNOW TRAP (AL GRAF) HIS FORM WAS GOOD
BUT JUST COULDN'T GET THE BALL ON THE GREEN
ANOTHER FLOAT FOR THE ILLINOIS ACTIVE CAUSE

4 AND TWENTY BLACKBIRDS (SWISS)

A BIG 15 FOOT PIE - CONTAINING 4 KIDS
JAN + ANDREA GRAF AND THE TWO HERGIDUS KIDS -
THE RHYME WAS RECEIVED AND AT THE RIGHT
MOMENT THEY ALL BROKE THROUGH THE
TOP CRUST DRESSED AS LITTLE BLACKBIRDS

WHAT A DAINY DISH TO SET BEFORE
THE KING - THE KING PLAYED BY
EMIL HIRSCH, SR DRESSED IN AN ECCENTRIC
PURPLE CRUING TRIMMED ROYAL ROBES -
AND BIG GOLD CROWN -

A BIG BARGE OF A FLOAT - CONTAINING
RED + WHITE PAINTED BARRELS - MADE FOR MARKERS
ON THE BEACH PERIMETER - THESE WERE HIDDEN
BY A BIG CANVAS CLOTH. THIS FLOAT WAS PULLED
TO AND BY THE BEACH BY RUSSIAN VOLGA BOATMEN
ABOUT 12 OF THEM REALLY STRUGGLING AND
BEING WHIPPED INTO SHAPE (WITH A REAL WHIP)
BY A COMMISSAR NAMED GRAFSKI - THE SONG
WAS BEING PLAYED ON SHORE - AND AT THE RIGHT
MOMENT THE BARRELS WERE UNCOVERED AND
THROWN INTO THE RIVER - TRUE TRUE HISTORY -

THE SKUNK A GRAND PRIZE WINNER

THIS WAS A JUNIOR ENTRY - A BLACK + WHITE
PULG CAT WAS CREATED BY THIS BUNCH THAT
LOOKED LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF THE ROSE
BOWL PARADE. THIS WAS THE YEAR THAT
CAMP WAS PLAGUED BY REAL SKUNKS DISPLACED
BY THE BUILDING OF THE SUPER HIGHWAY.

ITS TAIL WENT UP AND DOWN AND V
WHEN IT WAS UP - A BIG CLOUD CAME
STEAMING OUT THE BACK - ENOUGH SAID

A FORWARDS FLOAT (A WINNER)

A BIG FLOAT - IN THE SHAPE OF A REAL
MISSISSIPPI RIVER ~~BOAT~~ PADDLE WHEELER - NATURALLY
BEING CALLED THE SHOW BOAT - AS IT
SAILED BY THE CROWD AT THE BEACH
REAL LIVE ACTORS AND MINSTRELS WERE
PERFORMING - MARK TWAIN EAT YOUR HEART OUT.
WHO BUILT AND CREATED THIS MASTERPIECE?
THATS WHERE YOU COME IN - I WOULD
GUESS RUTH & ANDY - DOYLE - THE BASLERS?
AND WHO ELSE - ???

ANOTHER WHIPPER BY THE SAME BUNCH
- A REAL MERRY GO AROUND - DEPICTING
THE FOUR SEASONS - ? HELP ME OUT.

A C.T.G. SPECIAL - WINNER VI
(CHICAGO TURN GEMEINDE)

THE HAPPY WANDERER - A FLOAT WITH A MOUNTAIN IN THE BACKGROUND - AND A ~~BOY~~ BOY OUT FRONT - DRESSED IN LEADER HOSEN AND RUCK SACK PLUS A WALKING STICK TO THE TUNE OF THE HAPPY WANDERER SONG BY THE CROWD - GAVE EVERYONE A REAL DOWN HOME - HOME MADE THRILL - JOE MUELLER - ALWAYS A C.T.G. - ACTIVIST - GIVE ME A LIST OF ANY OTHERS



GOOD BYE TO OLD SMOKEY FLOAT

ANOTHER GOLD MEDAL WINNER

PUT ON BY THE ~~SOCIETY~~ C.T.G. - WHAT A BUNCH!

THIS WAS THE YEAR THAT WE SAID GOODBYE ~~TO~~ THE FAITHFUL OLD KEROSENE CAMP - CAMP REALLY BECAME ELECTRIFIED

THIS FLOAT HAD A LARGE REPLICAN ^{VII}
OF A KEROSENE LAMP LYING AT REST
IN A BIG COFFIN - A VERY SAD AND
SOBERING SIGHT - AND OF COURSE EVERYONE
ON STAGE SANG ITS THEME SONG - GOODBYE
TO OLD SMOKEY - A REAL MILESTONE
IN THE HISTORY OF OUR TURNER CAMP.

NOW HERE IS WHERE WE HAD TO DIG
MY OTHER FLOATS WE FORGOT - HOW ABOUT
THE LINCOLNS? - SOCIALS? AFRICA? - ONE
YEAR A BRAVE YOUNG LAD FROM THE
CICHES PADDOLED BY IN AN INNER TUBE
WITH A SIGN - SAYING "MAYBE NEXT YEAR"

HELP US OUT -

WE DONT WANT TO LEAVE ANYONE
OUT OF THIS PARADE - WE WERE SO BUSY
GETTING OURS READY AND OUT DIDNT KEEP
TRACK OF ^{ALL} THE OTHERS

I DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHEN THEY ^{VIII}
STARTED THE SERIES OF WATER CARNIVALS
- BESIDES FLOATS - AND LIGHTING THE BEACH
FRONT - WATER BALLET WAS INTRODUCED -
DIRECTOR ??? - CANOE JOUSTING - WATER
SKIING AND WATER SKIING JUMPING
EXHIBITION - JAY MADALA - WATERMELON
DERBY - FOR THE FINAL NUMBER DON'T
FORGET THE KING, & QUEEN FLOAT AND
ONE FOR THE CROWN PRINCE & PRINCESS -
KIDS PULLED BY THEIR OWN CREW -
FOR THE MOST POPULAR - FRIENDLY ETC.

I STILL THINK BACK OF THE ONES WE
COULD HAVE PURCHASED - THE LANDING OF
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS - THE PILGRIMS

AT PLYMOUTH ROCK - AND MAN OTHERS
BUT TIME RAN OUT AND ENTHUSIASM

WANTED -

IX

—THE WATER STEWS AT THE POOL ARE GREAT BUT SOMEHOW ARE NOT THE SETTING FOR THE FLOATS ETC—

PERHAPS SOME DAY SOME PROMOTER WILL COME ALONG AND GET 8 OR 10 ENTRIES FOR A SERIES OF THEM. FLOATS MAKING IT ^A WORTHWILE EVENT— WITE VINCUS—

—I'M SURE LETTING THE PEOPLE KNOW OF THESE HISTORIC ^{EVENTS} WILL GIVE THEM A THRILL AS WELL AS THANKING THE ONES WHO WERE INVOLVED UP TO THEIR BATHING SUITS— THIS REPORT IS BY NO MEANS COMPLETE— WE DID NOT MENTION THE VARIOUS CAMP DIRECTORS WHO PRODUCED AND ORGANIZED THESE STEWS—

A SPECIAL PLEA COULD BE PUT ~~IT~~
OUT FOR PICTURES OF THESE EVENTS
— TOO BAD WE DID NOT HAVE
THE CAMERA EQUIPMENT WE HAVE TODAY
— WITH THIS LITTLE REPORT — I MAKE A
PLEA — FOR A SET OF BLEACHER SEATS THAT
COULD BE SET UP FOR THE AQUATIC
EVENTS AT THE POOL — IT IS IMPOSSIBLE
TO WATCH ANY EVENT FROM EDGES OF
THE POOL — IN LAWN CHAIRS AND ON TOP OF
PICNIC TABLES — SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE
TAKE NOTE — THESE BLEACHERS COULD BE USED
IN A HUNDRED DIFFERENT WAYS —

HELLO ANNIE — TAKE IT FROM
HERE NEXT COMES THE PICNICS —
AL GRAF

POST SCRIPT

ALONG WITH THE BEACH FRONT ACTIVITIES
YOU'LL HAVE TO INCLUDE THE CONTRIBUTION
THAT THE SWISS TURNERS MADE - NAMELY
THAT BIG WATER SLIDE - THAT PROVIDED
HOURS OF FUN FOR MANY YEARS - THEN
THE TWIN PIERS THAT WERE PURCHASED
FROM THE FIRST "ALL TURNER" MONEY -

A LITTLE FLEET OF WOODEN ROWBOATS
ONE DONATED BY THE SWISS TURNERS
ONE BY THE AURERAS - AND ONE FROM
ALL TURNER MONEY - RACING LANES AND
MANY CUPS & ENDS WERE PROVIDED FROM
THIS FUND - THE BEACH SHOULD NOT
BE FORGOTTEN - FRESH LOADS OF
GOOD SAND - MANY LOADS -

WOULD PROVIDE MANY SUN BATHERS
THE AREA TO RELAX IN COMFORT
IN CONTRAST TO THE HUM DRUM AND
A THOUSAND KIDS AROUND THE POOL

- THE AREA IS A NICE PLACE - YOU
COULDN'T WANT A BETTER TIME THAN
TO WATCH THE HORSE SHOE PEOPLE
HAVE THEIR FUN IN FALL - AND
THE TUNA TOURNAMENT CROWD -

- BY THE WAY THAT BEACH WALL NEEDS
A GOOD PAINT JOB -

DORIS AND I GAVE IT TWO COATS
ABOUT 4 OR 5 YEARS AGO -

LONG LIVE TURNER CAMP

AL GRAF

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL CHAIRMAN

The Cultural Report "76"

The 365 days running were surely star spangled - red, white and blue. But what's in back of all the hoopla, the parades, the fireworks and rockets. Yes! The right to vote and be properly represented. A beautiful new concept of government was formed and is still working today. So very different than the devine right of kings. A democracy where the more people that get involved the better it works.

The National Cultural Contest was to make a poster depicting the theme Happy Birthday U.S.A. Got off the ground like the early days of the revolution, defeats in the field. The country full of torries. The spirit was weak everywhere and a lot of apathy amongst the voters when they had the chance to express themselves.

Can you imagine a national contest of this nature had to be canceled because of the lack of participation. Yes those were the dark dim days. The Illinois District had only one entry. A revolutionary flag torn by shot and shell with the title - Born in Battle "76" - Hope the battle cry of the cultural generals will be soundly heeded come "77" Did you send in your short story? I did.

Tough and ready was the byword behind the lines where troops were being readied for a big spring offensive in the "South Pacific" where confidentially the American Turners never had too many enemies.

Perhaps we were our own enemies when we didn't pay attention to Colonel Clara's Whistle or came in with some sour harmony in response to a perfect chord by Bandmaster Janssens. We'll never get ready for the big push on the beach if you clowns keep forgetting lines and whole paragraphs hollers tough Master Sergeant Anne Trankle, But you guessed it - the young group of sailors, marines, waves, seabees and nurses were finally whipped into shape. Yeah, they rolled them over when the chips were down. Another tremendous Variety Show success.

Culture was up on the line again when a spring dinner dance was held in April at the Northwest Turner Hall with Bi-Centennial being its theme. Costumes were a plenty. Kind worn by our pioneer ancestors from 1776 to 1976. Farmers, back woodsmen, soldiers, colonial dolls, cowboys, hot rodders and hippies, statesmen, a chinese coolie, prairie folk, red, white and blue conventioners, Abe Lincoln, three sets of George & Martha Washingtons, a Ben Franklin, Davy Crockett and many more inovative interpretations of dress covering that fantastic 200 year period.

No, I'm not forgetting that terrific red, white & blue super shapley chorus line of Turner rocketts. Nothing like that type of performance to get the spirit rolling. It was a wonderful evening and it really felt good to be amongst that little band of all Americans.

Action sprung up at Camp with a little bit of culture showing up at several spring festivals with a theme. The Mad Olympiad with the "Dizzy Decathalon" given by the Northwest. And something special - an all American hot dog Chevrolet and apple pie affair run by our "downstaters" the Eiches. It's great to be an American and great to be a Turner.

The following months were spent in a propaganda campaign to promote and

get votes for cultures candidacy and to prove it is still a viable force in the fight to maintain its ranking somewhere in that sound mind in a sound body banner.

This time it was for help in our second try for congress - namely the Turner County fair in "76".

Yes we had posters, banner strung across the road. Sign up sheets and little pep talks along the campaign trail. Had we got out the big city vote and more of the latent talent in the District out to the booth we could have fulfilled my prediction of at least 4 to 5 thousand in attendance. Don't laugh. Some day we'll have a Jimmy Carter or a Jim Thompson of our own who will turn this trick. It turned out to be a good affair. The weather man cooperating and as per this article that made the November, December Turner Topics. This is what happened.

The Illinois District Cultural bunch turned agri cultural for one big weekend Aug. 21, 22. A repeat performance of one held in August of 1974. This was done by holding another "Turner County Fair" at beautiful Turner Camp. Remember the poster displayed at the National Convnetion in Moline. A picture of a big red steer with red, white and blue printing. A real Bi-centennial effort. A down home kind of thing. Yes sir, and howdy neighbor was the byword. Nothing more American than a County Fair. Especially by a group of American Turners.

For openers we had tractor driving training for all the little kids on a real "John Deere". A cotton pickin contest for senior ladies. Cattle judging open for everyone, and many other exhibits.

Farmer Browns acres got off to a miserable start with too much spring rain that prevented a professional disc job. Farming even a small plot 18'x18' is a hard job and some applicants never lifted a spade or sunk a shovel others started and gave up early and/or middle of the season. The summer was very hot with one just endless dry spell. Those that kept on cultivating mulching and watering (when they could) did realize a fairly good yeild. But that's what the whole idea of the farm was about. Was to teach and educate kids and city slickers in the trials and tribulations of raising a simple farmers crop. Last fall the ground was plowed over and never looked better, finally getting to most of the sappling roots, rocks and underbrush that we were contending with all along. This spring Ed Kolnar of Northwest Turners has agreed to lead the farmers by roto tilling and plotting out the land. Get together and work with him and hope you have a real successful growing season.

Will we ever forget that marvelous magic evening on the eve of the 4th of July, Saturday nite, the Turner Kazoo Band in their red and white outfits with matching kazoos made by our own Ray Elste. All playing those super patriotic numbers: Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean, I'm a Yankee Doodle Andy, Battle Humn of the Republic, The Artillery Song, God Bless America and many more. Clara, Dorothy and Anne in charge. It was tremendous. So bad it's only once every 200 years. The next day, July 4th, had the pleasure of ringing the dining room bell in my Valley Forge outfit. At the same time as all the church bells, school bells and bells of every sort across the nation were peeling out their song of liberty. Yes, you can safely say that Turner Camp was always a hot bed for patriots. Turner Camp, we love you.

Earlier that year culture was "conned" into heading up the dedication of three new, beautiful, built to last, tennis courts. Yes, we had a specially designed sign at the entrace a month in advance, weekly reminders

in the Camp Bulletins. Three ariel bombs to announce the parade to the Wild Memorial on Founders Day and another after our overland march to the flag pole overlooking our beautiful "A" Field where we pledged alligience to the flag. Then there were speeches at the court and the Founders and the guys with the guts were properly introduced but in the announcements following was one that really hurt. A young lad came with a plea that they were still short a couple women volley ball players at the Sugar Bowl.

Talk about division and lack of interest and Torries especially on this triple barreled day. That's what breaks hearts, weakens the societies and almost ruined our great country. But then there are some with a little extra spirit. Some who can take it when it all doesn't go your way. That afternoon we left for Moline to attend the National Turner Convention and had one hell of a good time.

November brought culture to the forefront again. This time it was An Americana Afternoon put on by the Northwest Turner Cultural Bunch and Glee Club.

A delightful affair that included a real nickelodeon, a continuous 4 hour film showing of Turner activities, bowling, Camp, Turnfests, District Meets, special events and the good times costing just 5¢. The producer and cameraman, John Hansak. Art displays were for sale by 6 of our favorite masters. All followed by a surprise program of songs out of America's past. The setting, a beautiful white gazebo, indeed something new in staging constructed by Wally & Peg Basler. The Boysens were good in portraying George and Martha Washington singing "Makin' Whoopee", Bothfeld and Barts in "You Can't Get a Man with a Gun", Dick Tribble and Jerry Mineo in the every popular "We're a Coupla Swells". The culture year was a good one and there's every reason why the coming years could be better.

And just as I stated earlier - Democracy works better when we the people and more people work at it and not only in the existing programs and time slots but be daring, inovate, create. If you flop or fail you'll come back stronger. Americans always have. Quote the dying soldier on Flanders Field "To You We Throw the Torch".

Take it, lead the way - "77_ will be a greater year with a victory in every little encounter. By being friendly, by education, by working together and getting satisfaction out of making people happy and that includes you, Your little old self. With Turner Greetings, Al Graf.

R. Schnell made a motion that a proclamation be issued and sent to A. Graf for his tremendous job as cultural chairman over the past years. Seconded. Carried.

The report of the Credentials Committee was presented. According to the statistical reports, a total of 49 society delegates are permitted, with Eiche entitled to seven; Aurora to seven; Lincoln to eight; Elgin to six and Northwest to twenty-three. The Committee reports that the societies are represented by the number of delegates as follows:

helped make 1975 a progressive Turner year!

Respectfully submitted, and
with Turner Greetings,
Ralph Markus
Technical Director

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL CHAIRMAN

Good Morning Ladies & Gentlemen. This is your friendly Sports Caster Al Graf reporting from ring side at the Aurora Stadium giving you a little inside and outside information on a pretty good battler from the midwest "The Illinois District" to be exact. This Fancy Dan wearing Red, White & Blue trunks used to be a lightweight, but now fights in any and all divisions.

Here he is now coming through the ropes. Give 'em A big hand folks - it's "Kid Culture". Nothing chicken about this boy. Right into a scrap with essay comers coast to coast, round after round were spent bobbing and weaving in and out of paragraphs, sentences, side stepping hyperboles, rounding off semi colons and catching 'em off guard with some fancy figures of speech.

The final bell sounded and we had a real knockout in January - winning the National Cultural award for the third time in a row. This years champ was yours truly and very proud to come from a real stable of talented fighters - Northwest Turners of Chicago.

Most of February was spent in training sessions at the club on Belmont Ave. where we were scheduled to box on a big card called "Brigadoon". The language barrier was bad enough but oh those handlers, coaches and seconds: Cauliflower Clara, T.K.O. Trankle and Dustem off Dorothy - what a motley crew. Come time for the bout, the crowd got a real surprise at all those laddies in pleated skirts - called "Kilts". Now I know why they called them the ladies from Hades on the western front. They really put on one Hell of a Show. Aye, and not without all those fancy lassies to be sure.

Later in March we turned Red, White and Blue, not from bruises and contusions, but Decorations never saw the Turner Hall look that good and that alive, not even on New Years. But it was A New Year for Rudolph Schrader - 100 and No. 1 for a great grandson born exactly 100 years later to the day.

Culture was surely there in the form of speeches, tributes and special songs for the festival and reflected too in gifts, paintings, plaques, given to Rudy in this once in a life time happening. Yes, Gut Heil. That afternoon never had it so Gut.

There wasn't too much time between encounters but after we seed a few catalogues we were ready for a bout with toughest campaigner of all time, Ma Nature. Imagine an outdoor ring. Almost an acre. The fighting farmers got in all their licks in April and May. Comparatively speaking, the rest of the contest was a waltz with plenty of prizes round after round.

Then in a neighboring ring called Turner Camp we went into a clinch with a Swiss newcomer called Schselauten. What fancy footwork just like tip-toeing through the tulips and everything come up roses. Kid Culture again the victor or was it Kid Gazebo. The boxing Commissioner, Warren Dalbke, thought we needed more work, so he had the whole string of District scrappers tune up and shape up for two days getting the Raths Ring & Stadium

ready for the tournament of the Century. Early in June Kid Culture and Company moved their camp to St. Louis where the big festival and turnfest was being held. The four days down there were really great and really hot. The kid showed off his stuff along side many artists in his or her fields. What a beautiful exhibition. Every possible phase in the business was covered. It was tough even getting out with a few trophies. But not any first place golds.

On Founders Day at Doyle Plaza a fantastic group of bantamweights, flyweights, welterweights, lightweights and all the way to middleweights gathered in various colored trunks, silks, fighting, training and pleasure uniforms of all types. Even battling farmers and baseball fencebusters. All under the tutelage of "Rog" Fredricksen and "Babs Mittlestadt".

What an inspiring spectacle. What a parade. All led by our ever ready Kazoo Band directed by Drum Majors Clara Zweifel and Annie Trankle.

The tribute given to the Founders at the Sugar Bowl was a run through of all the interesting events from 1916 to 1975 called that "Was a Very Good Year". It was indeed a physical and emotional break through. Imagine stopping volleyball on Sunday morning for one solid hour.

Culture got in a couple good licks during the long summer fight training session with the young juniors scoring a knockout over a tough decopage and solving the slippery style of Kid Ivory coached by a real pro, Turner Fred Deuerling.

Yes, in August they came. Sharpies from Ohio, hot shots from Pennsylvania, scramblers out of Indiana, punchers Kentucky style, corn feed golfers from Iowa, our own Illinois, flat footed flatlanders plus free lance lancers from the rest of the big 50. All equipped with clubs not gloves mind you. But the culture bunch stopped 'em cold. Our tennis temptresses on Wednesday and the Red, White and Blue Uncle Sam Review on Thursday evening.

What a fight card on the Labor Day weekend. A big Labor Day double header. What pluggers. What promotion. What direction. Again by Fredrickson and Mittlestadt and backed up by talent from every section of our lovely and lively camp. It was called Dress Rehearsal.

I never knew there were Turners back in the "Stone Age", building Pyramids in Egypt, riding crazy motor cycles, doing Babylonian belly dances. Do I sound mixed up? Good bye my Coney Island Baby. Yes I was, but I sure was entertained. And that's show biz. Saturday night live. Turner style. Right Howard?

Did I say double header. Here comes the other half. A real toughie. Another foriegner who called himself the Orient Express. Did you ever see so many Chinamen gathered around the ring.

And did any one ever figure out what that goofy Turk from Istanbul was passing out. Some said it was the menu. Not it can be told. It was promotion for a big bout with a mauler from the Middle East called the Big Bazaar to be held later in November.

After the always successful All Turner Outing came a surprise by a bunch of battling bowlers who scheduled a 10 rounder called A Night at the Cinema. DeMille would have been proud. There were One Reelers. photo guessing contests. Real live screen tests and a display of Hollywood characters from Carmen Miranda, Charley Chaplin, King Kong, Fay Wray, Richard Widmark, Walter Brennan, Marlon Brando, Barbara Stanwick, Laurel and Hardy, Roberto Rossellini,

Hoot Gibson and many other stars and stuntmen plus all of you wonderful and necessary extras. Culture struck another good blow on that Sunday - that cold one - but games were supplied to keep the blood and brains rolling - like run for the groceries for the girls - spear throwing for the lads - reatl pin spotting for juniors - mixed doubles for men and women and bowling phraseology for all.

The big ring at the Northwest Turners was transformed into a Mesopotamian Market otherwise known as a Bazaar. Complete with palm trees, tents, Casbah bar, dancing girls, Turkish bar tenders with Fez, snake charmer music, shish-ke-bob a-la Belmont and those wares for sale. What variety and what quality. The merchants on State Street took a real dive that day. Carlotta the camel ran away with the big purse and she deserved it.

It was another affair at the Belmont Hippadrome in the same month this time called "Come to the Fair". Truly a Sunday afternoon of something different. The Glee Club with some real surprise numbers - duets, trios, solos. How about that barker - the side shows, art exhibits, clowns, cultural exhibit winners from St. Louis, Kid Culture wearing the Northwest label sure did flatten 'em that P.M. A dream came true that same month for a couple seasoned heavies - John Hansak and Harvey Sanders when they had their photo collage unveiled. A masterpiece of pictures in a rustic setting in the Northwest Turner Club Room. All Baers, all Turners, some gone but not forgotten. On this same bill was another treat. The presentation of another work of art. An original wood carving by our Fred Deuerling showing a big bear having a big stein of beer along side the traditional barrel with Northwest Turners inscribed.

As the year of '75 drew to a close another event was carded. A Red, White and Blue affair. A real kick off for our "76" Bicentennial called the Night of Stars. Surely no shortage of patriotism in our ranks.

The Variety Show got its earliest start in history with a gathering in December and on March 6th. The Illinois District will present Rodgers and Hammersteins ever popular spectacular "South Pacific".

Aurora Turners - your presentation here last night was another truly cultural affair and we thank you for a wonderful time.

This was a review of the year of 1975. Looking forward to a big year in "76", our nation's 200th birthday and it will be and is being celebrated in 2 million different ways. What are the individual Societies going to do? The District?

Turner County Fair is coming back this year and with real Colonial flavor. Our Founders Day ceremonies will be held at the tennis courts and thereby dedicating this ambitious addition to Turner Camp.

The age of the minuteman is not over. There are many brave pioneers in modern times making do, innovating, fighting, planning, scrapping, trying to make better and more interesting lives for us and those we leave behind. Try your hand at something a little different this year. Be a pioneer. Don't be bashful. Make some mistakes. You'll learn and you'll be proud and we'll be proud of you for helping make your Soceity, your family and yourself richer with a priceless thing called A little bit of culture.

O.K. you guys - take a break - see you back in the ring in ten minutes.

Al Graf, Cultural Chairman

REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN
(Read by L. Bothfeld)

The year past was very busy again as our children and adults had many activities to participate in.

There was a very good turnout at the regional volleyball tournament, with teams from Madison, Milwaukee, Sheboygan, and South Bend participating in addition to the Illinois District teams. Perhaps a \$5 per team increase in entry fee would benefit the tournament as then we could afford some referees who could cool some of our Turner tempers.

It was unfortunate that the regional turnday was not held, but I am sure it was for the best that it was called off because only one society from outside our District was coming and they were only bringing five or six people. Lousy weather was the reason given for lack of participation. The only alternative would be to hold this affair in the Spring or Fall.

The children were kept busy with turndays and gymnastic competitions hosted by the societies in the district. Children's classes seem as crowded as ever, with the only class low in attendance being Junior Boys. I don't think we can offer these boys anything that we are not now, but they have so many activities available to them elsewhere.

The Novice Meet was extremely well attended again as usual with participants receiving a free meal from the Illinois District. We have been very lucky with the weather factor, and this year's meet should have an even greater participation as some of the district societies' gymnastic programs expand.

The Illinois District Invitational Gymnastic Meet is questionable as the weather is unpredictable and other meets in the area pull competitors away from this competition. With this being a National festival year, some consideration must be given to hosting this meet.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the instructors of the District societies for their help in the past years.

With Turner greetings,
Hans Hermann, Technical Chairman

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL CHAIRMAN

On a rather cold, bleak November Sunday evening, Fall of '73, the Robert E. Turner cast off all lines at the Lincoln landing. The last hours spent there were "mighty rowdy" and bein' a peace lovin' group we were glad to rattle up the plank, steam up and leave the levee.

At the Northwest inlet about 5 miles up the river we stopped for an afternoon to peer at some kaleidoscopes and mo'om pitchers taken by some of our crew lucky enough to go acrost the ocean to Germany. By the way, some more pictures -- late runnin' (but official like) of Stuttgart are on the way and will be viewed at a social gatherin' - Belmont Pier, November 17, 3 P.M. All you river rats and Turners are welcome to "Something to Do on a Sunday Afternoon." Tickets are a dollar. Better come a-runnin'.

That invitation is always open for ship's company play actors and

singers. Drop us a line. Rehersin' time is drawin' near.

Pushing up the Ohio in January with a load of sugar, I told Herm, the wheelsman, to ease over to the starboard and see what all those folks were wavin' about -- Look at 'em through the glass a-jumpin' and a-bollerin'. Our photygraph is Number One. Yes, Karl Meyer, a Northwester. Photo won the National Cultural Award. How sweet it is.

On March 2nd which happened to be an extremely balmy day, bordering on the hot, My Fair Lady arrived. Over 700 anxious and ogle-eyed ticket holders were on the wharf to greet her. What a beauty! And what a production! G. B. Shaw, Rogers & Hammerstein can sure conjure up some spellbinders. Course not without the assistance of Catfish Clara, Arkansas Annie, Deepwater Dorothy, and 60 hardworking deck hands. Encore! Encore! is ever the cry. Jumpin' Jehosephat. What is a mother to do? Give us the answer.

We thinks the Robert E travels too fast and is too heavy laden. It's a shame we can't make more ports of call with this beautiful and profitable cargo.

In May we did a little politicking and got two of our youngsters seats on the "Chicago City Council" -- Speaking of impact, the Lord Mayor Daley was so excited after the swearing in ceremony he didn't make the beautiful Youth Week Banquet at the Palmer House and couldn't return to chambers until September.

Thank you, John Gebhardt, for filling in as Chicago Park District Superintendent, and Richard Fawcett - a good job as Environmental Control Commissioner.

August found your skipper on a little cruise to Springfield, Massachusetts, on the big Connecticut River. We tied up at Port Agawam in Feeding Hills and for three days listened to some powerful talk by our National Turner leaders. Betty Dau, a true cultural pilot from Moline on the Mississippi - pushed for the revival of the District and National Turner Princess Run-off in the great St. Looney festival in 1975.

What comes after 75? "76" That's the spirit! A plea was made in my behalf at this convention for all turners to get involved in this country's great bicentennial in any or all levels -- neighborhood, city, county and statewide.

Later on in the lazy summer at the Fox River Landing at Algonquin our younger roustabouts participated in their town's annual parade, with some snappy gymnastic routines. Imagine that little burg over 135 years old!

In the middle of dog days, one of our sturdy engineers named Cajun Colton came up with a couple three "boiler stuffers" that kept this old stern wheeler goin' -- namely the services of Lady Jane Cowen out of Aurora to head up a most novel and productive craft program, later followed with a demonstration by the Bell Telephone Company called Phantasy in Sight and Sound. That truly held all the kids in Camp in its intellectual grip for several hours.

Then just try and top this one. In Paris, 1783, the Montgolfier Brothers invented and launched the first hot air balloon. We in Turner Camp had the unusual opportunity to witness this phenomena almost 200 years later, right on the "A" Field. Truly a nostalgic and cultural event par excellence. Mercie Beau Coup Monsieur Eduard Colton.

We interviewed a bunch of youngsters who we put out an ad for people to start a band on this here paddle wheeler. Most of them turned out to be Dixieland Drummer Boys - still lookin' for that trombone, clarinet and sax, and we won't turn down a hot fiddle or even a pair of bones.

Along the curved route of the year's interesting stops and landings were the ones made by our Glee Club - 8 in all, including the St. Paul House, Bethesda and the Admiral Home. There's only 20 of these prairie pioneers, and lookin' for 20 more. They sing their hearts out cheering up young and old 200 times their number. Bravo!

The ship's log has us docked at our summer supply base for an evening on August 24. The whole compliment went ashore to soak up gemutlichkeit and pay homage to its founder, Alfred Wild. Over 200 landlubbers gathered round a bristling, snapping campfire and sang songs - Camp songs - German songs - new songs - old songs - really had a lot of fun with other crazy antics familiar at those clambakes.

It was impossible to round up the crew until a week later, when they showed up disguised as hobos and tramps, with instruments no less. Oh, Lordie! Lordie! And the saints come marchin' in! The Singalong and delicious hot dog and pork and bean dinner rounded out a wonderful evening and a wonderful season.

Look, folks. There she goes. The Goldenrod, the biggest showboat ever built on the Mississippi. September's the month for the All Turner - followed by the Bowlers outing - where the grown adults behaved like a bunch of children -- shame on them.

October 6th. Just one miserable day, when it rained all morning after an all-night rain. Over 200 Turners and friends stood silently and absorbed. A beautiful ceremony dedicating the front entrance to Camp - now Doyle Plaza. Surely proving that the Doyle spirit synonymous with Turner is not dead.

....God, these currents are tricky, and all these sandbars are new! Hope we can make it all the way before the storm breaks.

Golly, Captain, you harped on that subject so much they're going to call you Irish. The theme: "A Sound Mind in a Sound Body." Get off your essays and send them to Betty Dau, #54 Lake Estates, 9500 75th Ave., Rock Island, Illinois 61201. If we win it's a district triple header.

Four fathoms.....four fathoms.....Mark Twain.....Watch that bog and log jam.....reverse those engines.....Wheelman, wheelman, hard to starboard.....Whew! No-o-o-o bottom's the cry. AND LOOK WHAT'S ROUND THE BEND! It's Elgin. I hear it's a right friendly town. Give me a couple of long diplomatic blasts on this pipes, Herm. Get those lines ready. Lower that plank. All ashore that's goin' ashore.

Enjoy your stay in town, folks.

Al Graf,
Captain - Robert "E." TURNER

participation in all District sponsored affairs.

Respectfully submitted,
Hans Herrmann, Technical Chairman

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL CHAIRMAN

The cultural market - 1972-1973 -- opened in November with mixed trading and bargaining for the Variety Show business.

A foreign brand under the Pinafore label showed up well and caused an early flurry but soon faded when a big Midwest interest from Oklahoma presented their prospectus.

Brokers lost no time in buying up all available shares. The charter for this block was controlled by Rogers-Hammerstein-Trankle-Zweifel-Janssens and Associates.

Good news came out of our Louisville office in January informing us that R. Walker representing our Northwest Branch - a big investor in the rhyming business -- cleaned up on the National market in an issue dealing strictly with machines and test tubes.

Going into February and March, 60 to 70 active shareholders in the Oklahoma conglomerate were striving to improve their par value before unloading in a big territory sale March 3rd. Talk about a panic! All available parcels were sold (over 700), a record in our exchange.

Many customers overlooked this package and were left out in the cold. And not too happy, in last minute jockeying before curtain time. Some crafty economists were still able to buy. After that, acquisition was virtually impossible.

Cheer up! Take heart. Be alert and take a tip. Lerner and Loewe are going to unload the first weekend in March with some real gilt-edge issues. Watch for the "My Fair Lady" brand. Buy a good thing when it's offered.

The foreign market entered the picture again, and in June 150 investors in European culture opened up headquarters in Stuttgart. The prime mission the first week was to check out 65,000 well developed body units. The rest of the month every agent was on their own to buy and sell, wheel and deal. Profit and loss statements were handed in at Frankfort July 8, followed by some sad declarations at O'Hare International a day later.

Business as usual was the byword at the Turner Camp Corporation and first off the ticker was news that the stockmarket took a decided tumble -- when Congress approved a big military spending bill -- This was due to the recruiting of a large All-Volunteer Army on the shores of the Fox River in McHenry County on August 5. It reversed itself, however, when they discovered it was a peaceful move -- to honor old soldiers -- plus rank and file hard-working Turners.

Later on in the summer, August 25 and 26, the talent market hit an all-time high on the Dow Jones averages - Standard and Poors - even the Richter Scale or any other yardstick you can devise for measuring a peak or dip.

What caused this tremendous influx? ... Commodities - Yes. Commodities - New on the market - never seen before - housewares, ceramics, textiles, food products, sporting goods, art treasures, all produced by our local manufacturers.

In the same third quarter beef and all meat prices remained frozen. Supply dropped sharply. Reserves dwindled and butcher counters emptied - but not in Camp. Especially not that particular weekend. Through good management and good luck we had plenty of beef on the grill and on the hoof. Budweiser and Oldstyle Lager made considerable gains along with Coca Cola and American Bottlers.

The equine market drew plenty of attention because of a dandy pair of products from Aurora, and one entry from Rockford. Bunny Fur took a big hop. Poultry laid low and the sheep and lambs took all night to count.

In a mixed display of dogs and cats, the only companies involved in any profit taking were Kitty Litter up $1/4$ and Kennel Ration up one and $3/8$.

A week later, September 2, another issue of Oklahoma was offered and 277 anxious buyers gobbled up all available shares. This gave the company confidence to proceed into larger ventures plus a very good profit picture.

Talk about pictures? Eastman Kodak is up over 7 points not only through the introduction of the new Polaroid camera but because of the interest in the National Turner photos tak-'em contest. Have you sent yours in?

Generally speaking, we hope everything on Culture Street in '74 will be interesting, profitable and exciting as it was last year.

The Board recommends the talent and culture market. Get a seat on the exchange. A foothold on the Curb. We need plungers, gamblers, bulls and bears. New products, new blood, new investors. We need YOU! Every Turner Hall has a branch office. Get in! You'll be richer for it. This report comes to you courtesy of Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner Smith and

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REPORT OF THE YOUTH CHAIRMAN

Turner Chairman, Delegates, and Guests:

In starting my report I first wish to apologize to all members of the Illinois District of the American Turners for not being able to fulfill the Youth Chairman's job the way it should be. But I would like to thank all those people who helped in having another successful program. There are quite a few people who have done so many things, I could never mention them all, but I would like especially to thank Dee and Ed Colton. These two people have gone beyond most points in helping the Youth, where others would have stopped. I personally thank you both!

This year's Chicago Youth Week was a real surprise event to the Youth Committee. Again, like the years before, we were prepared to have two girls or possibly one girl and one boy represent us, but this year we actually had two boys, which must be a first! Especially when we interviewed six girls and two boys for the two positions.

REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL CHAIRMAN

Turner Chairman, Delegates, and Guests

Again this past Turnyear showed an increasing number of young boys and girls enrolling in our Turner Gymclasses. Therefore all of our District Functions run for our younger generation were very well attended.

We had over 150 boys and girls ages 6 to 8 taking part in our 1st boys and 1st girls Turnday held on Saturday, Feb. 12, 1972, at Northwest.

The 2nd boys and girls did even better. We had well over 200 boys and girls ages 9 to 13, participating at their Turnday, Feb. 19, 72 at Lincoln.

March 4th, 72 Sr. Men, Sr. Ladies Regional Volleyball Tournament at Northwest Turners.

March 5th, 72 Jr. Bears, Active Men, Active Ladies Volleyball Tournament at Lincoln Turners.

Again over 200 gymnasts took part in the Annual Eiche Turners Invitational Gymnastics meet, which was held on March 25 and 26.

The Illinois District Novice Meet must have reached an all-time high for attendance, when over 250 boys and girls showed their skills at the Lincoln Turner Hall on April 8th, 72.

The Little Ten Gymnastics Meet for boys was held April 15th, 72 at Eiche Turners, followed by the Little Ten Gymnastics Meet for girls April 29th, 72 at Northwest Turners.

The first, hopefully "annual Turner Camp Invitational" was held on June 25th, 72 with almost 150 Turners and outside Gymnasts taking part.

A Illinois District Technical Committee Meeting was held to set up a tentative calender of events for 1972-1973.

Sat., Feb. 10, 1973 - 1st boys and 1st girls Turnday at Northwest

Feb. 24, 1973 - 2nd boys and 2nd girls Turnday at Lincoln

Mar. 3, 1973 - Sr. Men, Sr. Ladies Volleyball at Northwest

Mar. 4, 1973 - Jr. Baers, Act. Men, Act. Ladies, Volleyball at Lincoln

Mar. 31, Apr. 1, 1973 - Eiche Invitational Gymnastic Meet

April 14, 1973 - Little Ten Gymnastics Meet for boys

Date Open - Little Ten for Girls - Gym meet

June 2, 1973 - Novice Meet - Gymnastics and Track and Field at Turner Camp

Date Open - Turner Camp Invitational

In closing I would like to thank all Turners who helped make the past year a successful one.

With Turner Greetings,
Rolf Helmke

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL CHAIRMAN

A year ago last August Turner Zweifel picked me up out in the prairie and asked me if I wanted to play ball on his team. What position? When do I start? Right Now, and out in right field! I went out in the field all right, but I didn't know who was on second or what was on first. I'll never forget the first meeting in the clubhouse when I came to report

with a pencil and an empty portfolio. The skipper said, "Don't worry; it'll fill up." And it did!

I came to my first convention last November at Aurora and didn't even prepare a report before I got there -- Oh well, what more do you expect from a rookie? I sounded off with a lot of plans, projects, warnings and predictions. I was now in the cultural league and out scouting for a team. It wasn't long before all positions were filled and serious workouts began. Talk about the N. Y. Mets or Oakland A's! We scored our own World Series victory with "Welcome to our World," just a little different type of variety show. It took in \$1400.00 - an all-time record.

A quotation from my last year's report: "Pool your resources, form your trusts, and share in some of the laughs and fun dividends at all your committee meetings and rehearsals - to finally cash in at the big pay-off - the Variety Show itself."

The cultural bunch went to bat again - it was a first - called the Cultural Clinic held early in July. We got another hit when this event was written up in the Turner Topics September issue. I was farmed out for a while and tried to play for another team, the Youth Committee. Didn't set the world on fire but did come up with what you would call a save - save the dorms and helped save them with the Big "D" program.

Back in the big leagues with another stopper this time with an effort to save interest in Founders Day. We did it with Fun on Founders Day, a lively program put on by teams from the Swiss Village, Mosquito Hollow, Beer Mountain, Schnapps Knob, and the Gold Coast. We fought hard in another ball game the next weekend with an entry in the Algonquin Founders Day August 12. A float supporting parallel bars decorated red, white and blue, with five top Junior boys doing their stuff, preceded by 10 pretty Junior girls doing endless tumbling routines. We were a proud team coached by Hans Hermann, when we passed the reviewing stand - getting a big smile and salute from the governor of Illinois himself, Richard Ogilvie.

We jumped to the Bowling League in September (a daring move) to do a decorating job for the Pirates - the Pirates Paradise, a beautiful affair at Turner Camp. Scored again with a poem, "Try it, you'll Like It," promoting bowling, that made the national Turner magazine September issue.

From this pirate affair there spawned an idea to save the spirit of the seafarer with reckless abandon, and apply it to the Variety Show under the title of Gilbert & Sullivans H.M.S. Pinafore. But since this meeting the U.S.S. Oklahoma and its crew is looming very powerful on the horizon. And whoever wins -- ship ahoy, my mates and hearties, and see you on board at the Variety Show next March 3.

If you're ever at the Northwest Turner Bowl on a Tuesday eve at 6:30 take a look at some of the new uniforms on a new team called the Cultural Bunch, comprised of young Eric Risch, Hagen Scheussler, Ed Papierski, Ed Elste, and Al Graf. We hope you get our message. Our Turner Team is really loaded.

At first base we have our Turner Glee Club, making a fine comeback with its new director, Richard Tribble. On second, Rudy Keil and the Sunday evening folk dancers. At short we have young Luetke and his conversational German; then at third we have our National President Bill Meyer with his Turner trip to Germany -- and at the plate we have you - what

an infield. Wow! What culture!

I've played a year with this Illinois District outfit, and my batting and fielding average is really lousy when you consider the curve balls we missed and the games we lost because we didn't play them:

1. The Turner Trail and Water Wheel - washed out account of rain.
2. The Turner Totem Pole - still in the sketching and carving stage.
3. Cocktails and Culture - another form of show and tell still to be organized.
4. Something new in the form of entertainment in the Rathskellar during the summer.
5. Formulation of our own Town or German Band.
6. Creation of meaningful signs in Camp - like a big snail along the road to remind the drivers to slow down; a big whale near the beach, and so on.
7. Creation of a message center to send in your y ours spent in cultural activities and have them recorded.
8. Stripping the old flatbed trailer to make it suitable for a float when we need one.
9. Give the public buildings in camp a facelift - more pizazz. The Barenhohle into a chalet motif, Rathskellar and dining hall same order. Has anyone ever seen the Challenger Inn at Sun Valley? We could have same at our own Fun Valley!
10. A 3-part Schutzenfest - Long Bow, Cross Bow, Small Bore Rifle
11. Lack of Physical improvements, staging and lighting-wise, in order to produce a professional type show.
12. Long-awaited shuffleboard courts.
13. An art fair during the summer.
14. Struck out on the photocycle.
15. Struck out on the 2 x 4 contest. AND MANY MORE.

Looks like we're headed for the minor leagues. But don't worry, we'll all have another turn at bat and hope we'll get a little single or even a sacrifice fly. Anything's better than not trying to get the bat off the shoulder at all; I'm making a plea to all societies and their cultural people to keep on plugging for new and novel events and adding a little spice to the old. Change the playing dates. Shuffle batting orders and try to get younger players included in the line-up.

Life styles are rapidly changing or have changed. We hope they are for the better. The socio-economic biggie I think is coming is the four-day week. A big change indeed, giving the people much more leisure time to spend. What will you do with these extra hours? Sit in front of the tube and go buggy, rest on the couch and gain weight, fly around and high life it? Or try to discover yourself and a lot of other things you wondered about.

Get on those spikes and run around the bases - even though its only piggy move-up or bounce or fly. But GET ON THE CULTURAL TEAM!

Respectfully,
Al Graf

REPORT OF THE YOUTH CHAIRMAN

Turner Chairman, Delegates and Guests:

In starting my report, I first wish to express my sincere thanks to a committee which really worked together in making the youth program a complete success. The following people served on this committee: