

Hopkinsville, Ky. Jan. 2, 1930.

At the regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this evening at Hotel Latham, all members were present, excepting A.H. Eckles, Jas. A. McKenzie, Jas. Breathitt, Jr., Phil E. Chappell, Dr. F.M. Brown, Dr. W.E. Gary and D. P. Smith.

After dinner the meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Woodruff, and the minutes of the December meeting read and approved.

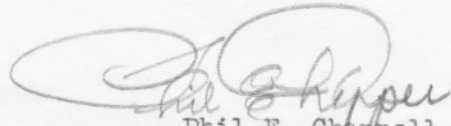
Excuses were offered and accepted for the absence of Dr. Brown, Jas. Breathitt, and Phil E. Chappell, from the present meeting and W. O. Soyars from the December meeting.

The Committee reported they were unable to have Mr. Trimble reconsider his resignation. Motion was made and carried that his resignation be accepted with regrets.

The Membership Committee reported the presence of Mr. Finck as a new member, and that a later report would be made on Mr. Joe McCarroll.

Ira L. Smith read a paper on "Speaking of Words", and S. Pettus White, on "Electricity."

The meeting adjourned.


Phil E. Chappell.
Secy.

Hopkinsville, Ky. Feb. 7, 1930.

At the regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this evening at Hotel Latham, all members were present excepting J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, Ira D. Smith, Alvin H. Clark, Ed L. Weathers, C.E. Woodruff, Jas. Breathitt, Jr., W.H. Southall, W.B. Holmes, Jr. and D. P. Smith.

After dinner the meeting was called to order by Horace Kingsbury, who presided in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

Excuses were offered and accepted for the absence of W.B. Holmes, C.E. Woodruff, Ed L. Weathers, A.H. Eckles, Ira D. Smith, and Alvin H. Clark, from the present meeting and Jas. A. McKenzie from the December and January meeting.

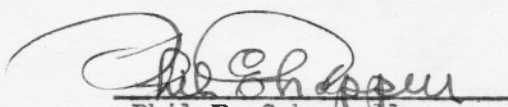
The Membership Committee submitted the name of Rev. B.W. Gaither and recommended his election to membership. Ballots were spread and the said Gaither was unanimously elected, and a Committee composed of Paul S. Powell, and P.C. Walker, so so notify him and request his presence at the next regular meeting.

C.E. Woodruff by unanimous vote was excused for not presenting his paper on account of his illness.

Chas. M. Meacham read a paper on "Superstitions And Spooks."

The discussion followed, joined in by two visitors, Edward Dabney and R. L. Woodard.

The meeting adjourned.


Phil E. C Hapbell,
Secy-Treas.

Hopkinsville, Ky. March 6, 1930.

At the regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this evening at Hotel Latham, all members were present excepting Jno. Stites, A.H. Eckles, Alvin H. Clark, C.E. Woodruff, Jas. Breathitt Jr., Phil E. Chappell, D. P. Smith and Paul S. Powell.

After dinner the meeting was called to order by P.C. Walker, presiding in the absence of the President and Vice-President, and the minutes of the February meeting were read by H.A. Long, acting Secretary, and approved.

Excuses were offered and accepted for the absence of J.W. Downer and W.H. Southall from the February meeting, Chas. M. Meacham, A. H. Clark, Phil E. Chappell, C.E. Woodruff, D. P. Smith, and Jas. Breathitt, Jr. from the present meeting.

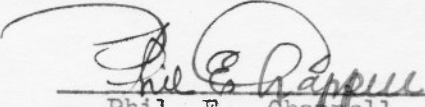
It was moved and seconded and carried that the annual open meeting be held on the first Thursday evening in May at Hotel Latham.

W. O. Soyars, H.W. Linton, and Ed L. Weathers were named the Committee on Arrangements.

P.C. Walker, S. Pettus White and Phil E. Chappell were the Program Committee for the open meeting.

W.H. Southall read a paper on "Soviet Russia under the five year plan".

After much discussion the meeting adjourned.



Phil E. Chappell,
Secy.-Treas.

Hopkinsville, Ky. April 3, 1930.

At the regular meeting of the Athenaeum held this evening at Hotel Latham, all members were present excepting John Stites, Ed L. Weathers, and C.E. Woodruff.

After dinner the meeting was called to order by James Breathitt, Jr., and the minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

Excuses ~~were~~ offered and accepted for the absence of John Stites from the present meeting.

Rev. B.W. Gaither was welcomed as a new member.

An amendment to the By-Laws was offered raising the Membership limit of the Club to 40, which was left for discussion and vote at the next meeting.

W.O. Soyars, Chairman of the Arrangement Committee, reported all arrangements made for the open meeting at Hotel Latham at 7 o'clock the first Thursday evening in May, at \$1.50 per plate.

Program Committee selected Jas. A. McKenzie, J.W. Downer, W.B. Holmes, and Ira D. Smith for the open meeting.

Motion was made, seconded and carried, that we enter into the election of officers for the ensuing year.

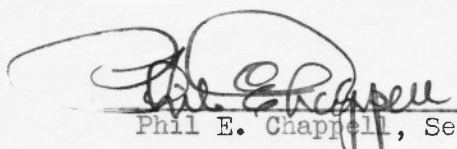
W.H. Southall was duly elected President and Horace Kingsburg, Vice-President, by acclamation. Chas. M. Meacham was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

It was moved and carried that after reading of the paper that the discussion be limited to thirty minutes.

Denny P. Smith read a paper on "Influence of Spain on the Development of this Government".

James A. McKenzie, supplying for Dr. F.M. Brown read a paper on "Dante".

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Phil E. Chappell, Secy.

Open Session May 1, 1930

DELIGHTFUL MEET OF THE ATHENAEUM IN OPEN SESSION

Interesting Addresses
Sparkling With
Keen Wit

DELICIOUS MENU

Members And Invited
Guests Thoroughly
Enjoy Feast

The twenty-eighth annual banquet and open session of the Athenaeum was held at Hotel Latham from 7 to 10:30 Thursday evening and proved to be one of the most enjoyable of the series. Twenty-seven of the 29 members were present. Only James Breathitt, Jr., who was not in the city, and C. E. Woodruff, who is ill, were absent. Most of the members were accompanied by their wives and other guests, those in attendance reaching nearly 100. The guests began assembling shortly after seven o'clock and after a pleasant reception in the parlors they proceeded to the dining room at 7:45 o'clock. Those who assisted President and Mrs. W. H. Southall in the receiving line during the reception were Dr. and Mrs. Horace Kingsbury, Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Weathers, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Eckles, and Mrs. James Breathitt Jr. In the dining room the tables were arranged like the letter E with the President and speakers and their guests occupying the southside of the long table.

The tables were beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers and ferns. This work was done under the tasteful supervision of Mesdames F. M. Brown, A. H. Eckles, Horace Kingsbury and Miss Nora Noe.

The programs were especially handsome, printed in purple ink

and the eight-page leaflets tied with purple cords.

The menu served in courses embraced fruit cocktail, half spring chicken on toast, green peas and pimentos, potato balls, hot biscuits, coffee, head lettuce with thousand Island dressing, wafers, brick ice cream, angel food cake, salted almonds and mints.

The invocation was by Dr. Horace Kingsbury.

The literary program began at nine o'clock with appropriate remarks by the president who presided with ease and grace.

President W. H. Southall
..... Toastmaster

Oratory may be symbolized by a warrior's eye, flashing from under a philosopher's brow. But why a warrior's eye rather than a poet's? —Hare.

Hero Worship . . . Jas. A. McKenzie
Worship of a hero is transcendent admiration of a great man. —Carlyle

Where Ignorance Is Bliss
..... Wm. B. Holmes.

Condition, circumstance, is not the thing. Bliss is the same in subject or in king. —Pope.

Whatever I Please . . . J. W. Downer
Put on your boldest suit of mirth, For we have friends who purpose merriment.

— Merchant of Venice.
May Day in Old Kentucky
..... Ira D. Smith

What delights us in the Spring is more a sensation than an appearance, more a hope than any visible reality. —Hamerton.

The speeches were all short and snappy. There were flights of eloquence, bits of poetry, chunks of wisdom, pictures of fancy, and flashes of humor. Mr. McKenzie started the ball with a beautiful tribute to the heroes from Achilles to Lindbergh, couched in language characteristic of this orator, who is the son on an orator.

Dr. Holmes, the gifted pastor of Westminster Church, whose deep-toned voice is familiar to radio listeners, laid aside his clerical tone for once and discussed the blissfulness of ignorance in vein of rollicking humor, with many gibes at those present.

Mr. Downer, the staid and dignified literary leader of the Athenaeum, appeared in a brand new light as a humorist and raconteur. He actually told some jokes that Tabloids would hesitate to print. The universal verdict was that it was the hit of his public speaking career.

Then came the dignified Judge

of the Circuit Court, with a charge "to the jury" that kept the members in a guffaw throughout its delivery. The Judge also appeared in a new role and hereafter will be ranked with Alf Eckles and John Stites as entertainers.

All in all, it was a program well worth the price of admission and the only pity is that it came too late to get into the County History.

The main trouble is going to be

in getting up future banquets to equal the one of 1930.

Those present were:

Members and Ladies.
President and Mrs. W. H. Southall, Vice-President and Mrs. Horace Kingsbury, Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Alvan H. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Phil E. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Downer, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Eckles, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fink, Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Gaither, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Gary, Col. Jouett Henry, and Mrs. Green Henry Russell, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Linton, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. McKenzie, Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. Powell, Judge and Mrs. Frank Rives, Judge and Mrs. Ira D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Soyars, Mr. and Mrs. John Stites, Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Weathers, Mr. and Mrs. S. Pettus White, Mr. and Mrs. Arkley Wright, Chas. M. Meacham and Denny P. Smith.

Guests
Mrs. James Breathitt and son, James Jr., Mrs. Mary Starling, Mrs. George E. Gary, Miss Clara Means, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wettstein, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Albritton, Dr. and Mrs. Gant Gaither, Wm. Gary, Jr., Joe McCarrol, Miss Louise Breathitt, Mrs. Dan Coleman, Mr. John C. Duffy, Mrs. McMurray, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley White of Cadiz; Spalding Trafton, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Farmer, Mrs. Burton Hoffman, Miss Annie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John T. King, of Cadiz; Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Fairleigh, J. A. McKenzie Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Austin Bell, Mrs. Lewis Powell, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Crenshaw.

Chas. M. Meacham
Sec.

Hopkinsville, Ky. ..June 5, 1930.

The Athenaeum met in regular monthly session at Hotel Latham with 22 members present, all excepting Jas. Breathitt, Jr., Alvan H. Clark, Phil E. Chappell, W.B. Holmes, Jr. Dr. F.M. Brown, Dr. W. ~~H.~~ Gary, and Ed L. Weathers. Dr. P.C. Walker arrived after dinner.

The meeting was called to order by W.H. Southall, President. The reading of the minutes of the open session on May 1st, was dispensed with.

Excuses were offered and accepted for Dr. Brown, Jas. Breathitt, and Phil E. Chappell.

The program being in order, Col. Jouett Henry, who was first explained that he had been absent from the city for several weeks and expected to be gone all summer, but returning unexpectedly, was unprepared. He was excused and will be assigned at the September meeting.

John Stites read a paper on "Your Home Town", which was followed by a general discussion.

The President and Secretary were instructed to prepare the annual programs for 1930-1931.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned until the first Thursday night in September, 1930.

Chas. M. Meacham
Sec.

Hopkinsville, Ky. Sept. 4, 1930.

The September meeting of The Athenaeum met at Hotel Latham at 7 P.M. with 17 members present, 12 absent and one vacancy.

In the absence of President, W.H. Southall, Dr. Horace Kingsbury, Vice-President, presided,

Those present were: F.M. Brown, Phil E. Chappell, J.W. Downer, A.H. Eckles, F.W. Fink, B.W. Gaither, Jouett Henry, Horace Kingsbury, H.W. Linton, H.A. Long, Jas. A. McKenzie, Paul S. Powell, Frank Rives, Denny P. Smith, W. O. Soyars, and S. Pettus White.

Those absent and excused were James Breathitt Jr., Alvin H. Clark, Chas. M. Meacham, Ira D. Smith, W.H. Southall, P.C. Walker, Ed L. Weathers, and C.E. Woodruff.

Absent and excuses not presented: W.E. Gary, W.B. Holmes, John Stites and Arkley Wright.

Jouett Henry read a military paper dealing with his recent tour with the Legionnaires to Europe, telling of the honors shown the American Veterans.

A.H. Eckles read a paper, "The Greatest Bank in the World", dealing with the bank of International Settlements.

Both papers were discussed by various members.

A report submitted by the Secretary, Chas. M. Meacham, whose place was filled by Phil E. Chappell, showed unpaid dues of \$31.50, and 75¢ on hand. All bills paid except \$16.00, for hotel balance and printing programs. Collection for the evening \$15.00.

Adjourned to meet October 7, 1930, with F.M. Brown and Horace Kingsbury on the program.

Chas. M. Meacham

Hopkinsville, Ky. Oct. 2, 1930.

The regular October meeting of The Athenæum was held at 7:00 P. M. in Hotel Latham, and was called to order by President W.H. Southall, following the usual dinner, with 20 members present, and A.H. Clark came in before adjournment:

Those present were: W.H. Southall, Chas. M. Meacham, Ira L. Smith, J.W. Downer, Jouett Henry, Frank Rives, A.H. Eckles, Jas. A. McKenzie, Ira D. Smith, S. Pettus White, C.E. Woodruff, Horace Kingsbury, Phil E. Chappell, H.A. Long, W. B. Holmes, Jr., Dr. F.M. Brown, Arkley Wright, Dr. W.E. Gary, Denny P. Smith, F.W. Fink, and A.H. Clark.

Absent: John Stites, H.W. Linton, Ed L. Weathers, W. O. Soyars, Jas. Breathitt, Jr., P.C. Walker, Paul S. Powell, and B.W. Gaither.

The resignation of Jas. Breathitt, Jr., was received and accepted with regrets. The reason assigned was that official and professional obligations made it impossible for him to attend.

A motion made by Dr. W.E. Gary that the meetings hereafter be at 6:30 P.M. was passed.

President Southall appointed as the Standing Membership Committee, H.W. Linton, Phil E. Chappell, and Arkley Wright. It was directed that the Committee submit a report at the November meeting.

The program consisting of two well prepared papers, viz:

"Endocrines and their Relation to Health", by Dr. F. Manning Brown,

"The Revolution in India" by Dr. Horace Kingsbury.

After a general discussion, the society adjourned at 10:30 P.M. , to meet at 6:30 P. M. November 6th, 1930.

Chas. M. Meacham

Hopkinsville, Ky. Nov. 6, 1930.

The regular meeting of the Athenaeum for November was held in Hotel Latham this date at 7 P. M., President W.H. Southall presiding, with 21 members and one guest present.

Those present were W.H. Southall, Chas. M. Meacham, Ira L. Smith, J.W. Downer, Jouett Henry, A.H. Eckles, H.W. Linton, S. Pettus White, Alvan H. Clark, W. O. Soyars, and guest Mr. W. E. Peterman, of New York; P.C. Walker, Horace Kingsbury, Phil E. Chappell, H.A. Long, Dr. F.M. Brown, Arkley Wright, Dr. W.E. Gary, Denny P. Smith, Paul S. Powell, F.W. Fink, B.W. Gaither.

Absent John Stites, Ira D. Smith, W.B. Holmes, Jr., Jas. A. McKenzie, Frank Rives, Ed L. Weathers, and C.E. Woodruff.

The resignation of Mr. Woodruff was submitted and accepted with regrets, for the reason that he is leaving the city.

The Committee on Membership recommended the name of Mr. John L. Street of Cadiz, who was elected to membership.

Papers were read by Phil E. Chappell on "Investment Selections", a carefully prepared financial paper from the standpoint of a banker. This was followed by "Modern Medicine" by Dr. W.E. Gary. Both papers were distinct contributions to the papers of the Society and were discussed at length.

The collections for the evening were \$42.50.

Adjourned at 10 P. M., to meet December 4, 1930, at 6:30 P. M. On the program H.A. Long and J.W. Dowher.

Chas. M. Meacham

Hopkinsville, Ky. Dec.4,1930.

The December meeting of the Athenaeum was held at Hotel Latham at 6:30 Dec. 4, and proved to be one of the most interesting and instructive meetings of the year. President W.H. Southall presided and there were 21 members and two guests present.

Herschel A. Long, who as a Lieutenant in the World War spent eight months in Germany in 1919 as inspector of prisons, wrote most entertainingly of his experiences "In the Enemy's Country", His paper was a graphic recital of conditions in the heart of Germany and of his reception by the German people.

Mr. Long was followed by J.W. Downer, one of the older members, who discussed "Thackeray", a subject handled by him once before, about fourteen years ago. His lecture brought up-to-date, was new to most of the members and good enough to become a classic. Mr. Downer's subject occupied an hour or more and his marvelous mental powers permitted him to present it entirely from memory. Not once did he refer to the manuscript.

Both papers were discussed at length by various members. The membership Committee was asked to report, but requested further time. There are two vacancies to be filled.

Those present were: W.H. Southall, Charles M. Meacham, Jouett Henry, Arkley Wright, W.B. Holmes, H.A. Long, James A. McKenzie, W.E. Gary, Ira L. Smith, Horace Kingsburg, B.W. Gaither, Phil E. Chappell, John L. Street, F.W. Fink, H.W. Linton, S. P. White, W. O. Soyars, A.H. Eckles, and guest, J.H. Anderson and after dinner, Ed L. Weathers, and J.W. Downer, and guest W.T. Tandy. *P S Powell*

The next program will be given by F.W. Fink and Ira L. Smith.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 to meet Jan. 1st, 1931. On the program F.W. Fink and Ira L. Smith.

Chas. M. Meacham
Secretary.