

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
Thursday, January 4, 1979

The meeting was convened at 7:25 by President Lowry. The Roll Call affirmed 29 members present; 8 members absent.

The minutes of the December 7th meeting were read and approved.

The Society voted to approve requests for excused absences for the December meeting.

There being no further business items President Lowry called for the stated program:

Littleton J. Pardue presented an essay captioned:

Time. A sub-title would include the definition, philosophy, history and evaluation of the mensuration, assizement and gauging of the devices and systems concerned with time.

Robert B. Sivley submitted a compendium, or summary of research, on:

Sleep - Perchance to Dream. This was a dissertation, accompanied by graphic materials, about the phenomenon that occupies nearly one third of our time. The verbage ranged from Biblical examples through classic lore, behavioral science experimentation, speculation about dreams to the methodology of research concerning sleep.

Each paper was enthusiastically received.

Following the intermission seven members offered comments, conjecture, personal views, pragmatic reminiscence and approbation.

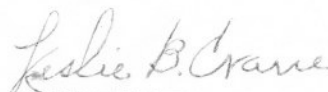
The scribes responded with relevent reenforcement and expository comment.

The program for February 1 was announced.

E. Ben Self
Thomas W. Westerfield

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 by President Lowry.

Respectfully,



Leslie B. Crane
Secretary and Treasurer

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The meeting was convened at 7:22 by President Lowry. The Roll Call verified the attendance of 29 members; 8 members absent. Finn Torjesen was the guest of Dr. William Rowlett. Mr. Torjesen is a furloughed missionary from Asia and the near East.

The minutes for the January 4th meeting were read and approved.

The Society voted approval for requests concerning excused absences at the January meeting.

President Lowry alerted the Committee on Nominations regarding the preparation of a slate of nominees for the year 1979-80. The Committee:

J. Brooks Major
David E. Cumbee
William T. Turner

Having concluded regular business, the President called for the stated program.

E. Ben Self presented a paper on:

The Crazyness of Champions. This Emersonian type essay analyzed the technique and motivation for becoming a champion. Elements included the isolation involved; the correlation of maximum effort and ultimate achievement; the role of pride, reward, recognition, and the residual benefits in behavior that yields distinction.

Thomas W. Westerfield submitted a review entitled:

Now You See It - Now You Don't. This document described the enigma of geography and navigation known as "The Bermuda Triangle". The series of incidents involving tragic maritime and aviation accidents elicit plausible explanations that range from extraordinary phenomena through mystical causation. The tragedies remain the objects of continuous speculation and tenuous theories.

Both papers received rapt attention.

The customary intermission followed.

Having reconvened 11 members offered comment, criticism, a number of anecdotal reviews and incisive wit. The content covered personal experiences, the American psyche and simplistic hero worship.

In rebuttal, the authors responded with apt comment, reciprocal compliments and appropriate acknowledgements.

The program for March 1 was announced:

David B. Conley
Stephen E. Underwood

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 by President Lowry.

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The meeting was convened at 7:23 by President Lowry. The Roll Call affirmed the attendance of 25 members; 12 were absent.

The minutes for February 1 were read and approved.

The membership voted concurrence with requests for excused absence at the February meeting.

The Committee on Nominations submitted its report concerning nominees for the year 1979-80 as follows:

President: Gladstone Major
Vice President: William T. Turner
Secretary-Treasurer: Leslie B. Crane

The election will be at the April meeting.

The President called for a report from the Membership Committee. Chairman, Brooks Major submitted the name of Dr. John Newsom. The Society was reminded that the name of Dr. Frank Nash, having been held over from the November meeting when voting was suspended, is in regular order for consideration.

The President called for the stated program.

David Conley presented, extempore, a discourse on The Ayatullah Ruhollah Khomeini. The material covered the origin, development and current emergence of militant reactionary Islamic rule in Iran.

Stephen Underwood presented a chronological brief on the emergence of Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-p'ing (pronounced dung-sheow-ping) and the normalization of relations between China and the United States.

Both presentations received absorbant interest.

The usual intermission followed.

Upon reconvening ten members submitted challenges and viewpoints that ranged from Jeremiad warning to imponderable generalizations. A concise description of rebuttal would be - an exercize in converting and convincing.

The program for April 5 was announced:

Charles L. Tilley
Jack D. Amis

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 by President Lowry.

Respectfully,

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Thursday, April 5, 1979

The meeting was convened at 7:20 by President Lowry. The Roll Call confirmed 27 members present, 10 absent.

The Minutes for March 1 were approved as read.

The membership voted concurrence with request for excused absences at the March session.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was reviewed and the election of officers called for. There being no further nominations a motion prevailed instructing the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for those nominated for the year 1979-1980.

President: Gladstone Major
Vice President: William T. Turner
Sec.-Treas.: Leslie B. Crane

The membership voted on the report of the Membership Committee submitted at the March meeting. The vote - verified by the tellers:

Franklin A. Nash - favorable
John M Newson - favorable

The president called for the stated program:

Charles Tilley presented a paper entitled:

Bye Bye My Babies - The Lullaby of Madison Ave. The manuscript summarized the world of advertising, the hyperbole, the panoply of persuasion, the consumerism, the epigrammatic, bombastic hucksterism and the modes of the art in every media.

Jack Amis delivered a polemic entitled:

Ape of a Cold God; The Life and Thoughts of Karl Marx

Within the parentheses of his lifetime this egocentric intellectual exemplified the dialectic materialism of the social-economic revolution. The author of Das Kapital died in 1883. Eleven attended his funeral at Highgate Cemetery yet the thunder clouds still reverberate from the interpretations of his pseudo-science and economic theory.

Following intermission six members presented comments and viewpoints. The authors responded with appropriate rebuttal.

The program for May 3, the 78th Open Session was announced:

Howard H. Willen
David N. Gardner

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 by President Lowry.

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Thursday, May 3, 1979

The 78th Open Session convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall at the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club. Members and guests in attendance totalled 81. The buffet dinner was excellent; the fellowship and table arrangement conducive for friendly conversation.

President Lowry called for the program of the evening at 8:15.

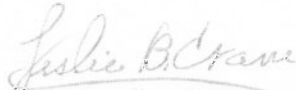
Howard H. Willen delivered a paper on -
Contemporary Criminal Justice and Correction in the United States.
The discourse grew from the author's avocational interest in our Kentucky correctional institutions. The subheads included the status of incarceration, rehabilitation, the taxonomy of causation, plus a description of current experiments in reform, early release, meaningful work and halfway houses.

David M. Gardner presented a lyrical summary on -
The Origin and Analysis of our Most Affectionate Word, or What is a Kiss?
The author's definitive treatment covered the gamut of affection, Biblical respect, greeting, familial devotion, friendship, and romantic manifestation; all encompassed in this bilabial exercise.

The subsequent discussion stimulated laudatory comments and a number of autobiographical insights. The authors responded with gracious mutuality.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully,



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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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Thursday, September 6, 1979

The meeting was convened at 7:20 by President Gladstone W. Major. The Roll Call verified 27 members present; 12 absent.

The Minutes for April 5 and the Open Session on May 3 were approved as read.

John Thurman, a recent graduate of Oberlin College and son of Duard Thurman, was a guest for the meeting.

Chairman Littleton Pardue presented the report of the Membership Committee submitting the name of Larry Campbell as a candidate for membership. Our current active membership stands at 39.

President Major called for the stated program:

Wendell Rorie presented a paper entitled My Last Letter. The manuscript, in the literary form of a detailed personal epistle, summarized the state of the first class Postal Service; the history of the public mail service; the current emergence of competing corporate and private delivery services; the financial subsidies involved, and the implication of electronic transfer of communication.

David Cumbee, assuming the role of an authentic first century Roman, presented a scroll that simulated an interview with Publius Vergilius Maro, better known as Virgil, the author of The Aeneid. The paper presented the classic philosophy, social values, morality and ethical manifestations of this eclectic genius.

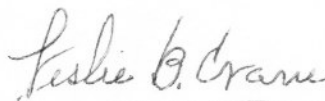
Following intermission ten members provided comments, critique and personal reflections. The authors responded in rebuttal with reciprocal courtesy.

The program for October 4 was announced:

Frewitt Owen
Martin Standard

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 by President Major.

Respectfully,



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Thursday, October 4, 1979

The meeting was convened at 7:24 by President Gladstone W. Major. 27 members responded to the Roll Call; 12 were absent.

The membership voted concurrence with requests for excused absences at the September meeting.

The Minutes for September 6 were approved as read.

The Society voted on the report of the Membership Committee submitted at the September meeting. The vote, verified by the tellers:
Lawrence F. Campbell - favorable.

President Major acknowledged the membership and presence of Dr. Frank Nash and Dr. John Newson.

The President called for the stated program:

Dr. Pruitt Owen presented a paper entitled:
Living High on the Hog. The manuscript summarized the development of our nation's energy utilization crisis; ~~also offered a resume of the alternatives;~~ also offered a resume of the alternatives to our dependence on fossil fuels; plus a description of the imponderable variables that will affect our future.

Martin Standard delivered an anthology on:
Life and Change of Life. The paper was a compilation of personal views concerning the verities of life; professional achievement, interpersonal relationships; also testimony concerning motivation, lessons of nature, rewards of duty, usefulness of work and fulfillment of responsibility.

Following intermission ten members offered criticism, reaction, and expanded discussion. The authors responded with mutual courtesy and offers for clarification.

The program for November 1 was announced:

Frank A. Yost
Paul K. Turner

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 by President Major.

Respectfully,

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The meeting was convened at 7:15 by President Gladstone W. Major.
27 members present; 13 absent.

Requests for excused absence at the October meeting were approved.

The Minutes for October 4th were approved as read.

Lawrence F. Campbell was welcomed as the 40th active member of the Society.

The President called for the stated program:

Frank A. Yost presented a summary of the bicycle - its history, development, significance, utilization in Kentucky and present status in our economy.

Paul K. Turner presented a discourse on the legal involvement in the current decadence of our spoken communication; namely, the interpretation of freedom of speech relating to the overt use of epithet and scatologic terms.

Following intermission, 13 members offered comments. The program participants responded with gracious acknowledgment.

The program for December 6 was announced:

Robert M. Fairleigh
Kenneth O. Cayce

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 by President Major.

Respectfully,
William T. Turner
William T. Turner, per JBC
Vice-president and acting
Secretary

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The meeting convened at 7:15, President Gladstone W. Major presiding. 30 members responded to the Roll Call; 10 were absent.

Request for excused absence from the November meeting were approved.

The minutes for the November meeting were approved as read.

President Major requested the Society to stand in respectful memory of Honorary Member Charles K. Steele (died November 14, 1979).

The membership also were advised of the sudden death of Mrs. Elizabeth Fort Duncan, wife of Honorary Member W. G. Duncan III and mother of W. Graham Duncan. Appropriate messages of sympathy had been sent.

The President called for the stated program:

Robert Fairleigh presented a paper on Our Credit Economy. The document analyzed the effect of federal deficit spending, the growth of credit, the issuance of paper money, the current rate of inflation and the emergence of the Euro-dollars.

Kenneth Cayce delivered an illustrated discourse on Fires, Fire Fighters and Fire Engines in Hopkinsville. The author outlined the history of fires and fire fighting from 1870 on with emphasis on the major fires interspersed with descriptions of the persons and properties involved.

Following intermission nine members offered reflections, discussion and personal evaluation. The speakers responded with brevity and courteous clarification.

The program for January 3 was announced:

Richard C. Brasher
James M. Wooldridge.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 by President Major.

Respectfully,

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