

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
Thursday, January 7, 1982

Following dinner in the Lone Oak the meeting convened at 7:15, President George Draper, presiding. 32 members responded to the Roll Call; 8 were absent.

Requests for excused absence from previous meetings were granted. The minutes for the December 3 meeting were approved.

Lonnie Lowry, son of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Lowry, residing in Fort Worth, Texas was welcomed as a guest.

There being no substansive business items President Draper called for the Stated Program.

Wendell H. Rorie presented a biography entitled:

I, Michaelangelo, Sculptor

The author presented a summary of the ethos, psyche and genius of this sixteenth century sculptor, artist, architect and engineer who epitomizes the creativity of the Renaissance; Michaeangelo Buonarroti.

Graham Duncan introduced an innovation. Having prepared two papers with a common theme and title, he requested the Society to choose one of the two, by vote. A motion prevailed to hear the briefer of the two.

Mr. Duncan's paper had the title:

The Road to Ruin

The author presented the premise that public largesse is a form of addiction accompanied by insatiable appetites, painful withdrawal symptoms and demoralizing over-dependence on public funding. The case study was Mound Bayou, Mississippi. The denouement, our apathetic indifference to the process.

The papers were keenly followed. After intermission 3 members provided comments ranging from anecdotes in dialect through recollections of Florentine Art, human services and observations on situation ethics. The authors responded with brief relevant references and courteous comment.

The program for February was announced.

Frank A. Yost
David M. Gardner

The meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie B. Crane
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Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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Thursday, February 4, 1982

Following the invocation by Gladstone Major, and dinner at Lone Oak, the meeting convened at 7:20, President George Draper presiding. 31 members answered the Roll Call; 9 were absent.

Minutes for the January 7 session were read and approved.

Following an opportunity for business items - none expressed - President Draper called for the Stated Program.

Frank A. Yost presented a masterful paper entitled:
A Dream for Total World Prosperity

The writer reviewed two recent books, "The Soul of a New Machine" by Kidder, and "The World Challenge" by Servan-Schreiber developing a thesis that the rapid development of computer technology, robots, and the instant storage, retrieval and transfer of information may issue in an age as productive for capital growth as the 19th century industrial revolution.

David M. Gardner delivered a manuscript on:
The Great Wall of China

The author summarized the herculean dimension, the historic significance and the national identity of this two thousand mile structure dating from the third century B.C (Ch'-in dynasty).

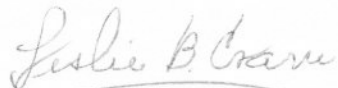
Following intermission twelve members offered comment. The authors responded with extended clarification.

The program for March 4 was announced:

William M. Rowlett
John M. Newsom

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

Respectfully,



Leslie B. Crane
Secretary - Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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Thursday, March 4, 1982

Athenaeum assembled at Lone Oak. The session was convened at 7:15 by President George Draper. 31 members responded to the Roll Call; 9 being absent. Requests for excused absence were granted.

The minutes for the February 4th meeting were approved as read.

The report of the Nominating Committee was submitted by William T. Turner:

Officers for 1982-83

President - Thomas L. Riley

Vice President - Kenneth O. Cayce, Jr.

Secretary - Treasurer - Leslie B. Crane

President Draper called for the Stated Program.

William M. Rowlett presented a biographical manuscript on:

"Rollie's War"

The monograph, using original resources, described the 1861-65 era in the Jackson Purchase area especially the involvement of the Rowlett forebearers with the Kentucky Confederate Brigade and their adversaries the Iowa Volunteers, both in local engagements and in the survival process.

John M. Newsom presented a masterful review titled:

Henry Ford - His Life and Times

The well referenced paper described the origin, motivation, mechanical genius and unique methodology of America's most influential industrialist.

Following intermission nine members provided comment and criticism. The distilled essence - the papers were "laudable" and most "listenable".

The program for ~~May~~^{April} was announced:

~~William T. Turner~~

~~Franklin A. Nash~~

Martin Standard

Sam H. Traugher

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 by President Draper.

Respectfully,

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Secretary - Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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Thursday, April 1, 1982

The meeting at Lone Oak was convened at 7:20 by President George M. Draper. 30 members answered the Roll Call; 10 were absent. The society voted to approve requests for excused absences.

The minutes for March 4 were read and approved as corrected. (The program for April 1: Martin Standard and Sam H. Traughber)

Leonard Hayes, a graduating medical student from Louisville Medical School was the guest of Dr. Sam Traughber.

Election of officers for 1982-83 was held. The nominees:

President: Thomas L. Riley
Vice-president: Kenneth O. Cayce, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer: Leslie B. Crane

A motion was made and seconded that nominations be closed, and the Secretary be requested to cast a unanimous ballot; motion carried.

President Draper called for the Stated Program.

Martin Standard read and commented on a paper entitled:
"Triticale - The First Man-Made Plant Species
Capable of Reproducing Itself in Kind."

The author described the environmental factors affecting food production; the tremendous potential of the crossing of wheat and rye as a new grain - triticale, and its possible role in providing adequate nutrition among Third World nations.

Sam H. Traughber presented a paper entitled:
Light at the End of the Tunnel.

The manuscript reviewed the research on "Near Death Experiences" conducted by Raymond Moody, MD, and others. The author described the categories, "core experience" and etiologies of this intriguing phenomenon.

Following intermission 22 members remained for the discussion; 9 offered comment or requested further clarification. The authors responded with considerable zeal and detail.

The program for May 6 was announced:
William T. Turner
Franklin A. Nash

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 by President Draper.

Respectfully,

Leslie B. Crane

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Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
Thursday, May 6, 1982

The 81st Open Session convened at 7:00 in the Dining Hall at the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club. Members and guests in attendance totalled 81. The buffet dinner was excellent, the flower arrangement exquisite, the room and seating plan conducive to friendly conversation.

Dr. Thomas L. Riley gave the invocation.

President George M. Draper called for the program of the evening at 8:10.

William T. Turner delivered a biography of Frank H. Bassett, M.D. Using original source material the author reviewed the attributes, the civic leadership, the service to humanity, the family and the professional competence of this unique man.

Franklin A. Nash presented a manuscript entitled:
"A History of Hypnosis and its Entrancing Power."

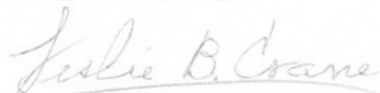
The author outlined the history and contributions of early practitioners through ancient priest, Mesmer, Elliotson, Esdaile, Braid, the contemporaries of Freud to the present state of hypnotic therapy and experimentation.

The subsequent discussion elicited nostalgic anecdotes, laudatory comments and considerable autobiographic detail.

The authors responded with mutual courtesy.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully,



Leslie B. Crane
Secretary - Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
Thursday, Sept. 2, 1982

The meeting at the Log House Restaurant was convened at 7:25 by President Thomas L. Riley. 26 members responded to the Roll Call; 13 were absent.

Requests for excused absences were approved. The minutes for the April 1 meeting and the Open Session on May 6 were approved.

A memorial moment for Charles J. Petrie, a member since 1932 and Secretary-Treasurer for the period 1960-1977, was observed. A motion was adopted to include a Resolution of Sympathy in the Minutes - a copy to be sent to his daughter and family.

President Riley called for the Stated Program.

Gladstone Major presented a treatise entitled:
June 5, 8498 Anno Domini

The author, in poetic cadence, described an insight in human survival that would envision an ultimate cosmos of technical competence and social values in which equality would prevail; all menial labor replaced by programmed machines; and strife yield to mutual respect; in a unified society.

Marshall T. Bassett delivered a manuscript entitled:
A Short Study of the Clan System

The author reviewed the origin of the Scottish Clan structure that developed in the Highlands of north Britain. These family units preserved the concept of selfdetermination and selfworth that has served as the matrix for constitutional government in two continents. The ceilidhs (kaylees) of the Scot Clans provided prototypes for our democracy. How much we owe -
"the Scots wha' hae wi' Wallace bled."

The papers were well received. Nine members offered comments and critique. The authors responded with courteous relevant rebuttal.

The program for Oct. 7 was announced as revised:
Henry E. Hudson
William F. Edmunds

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 by President Riley.

Respectfully,

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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Thursday, October 7, 1982

The meeting at Log House Restaurant convened at 7:26, Past-president George Draper presiding. President Thomas L. Riley and Vice-president Kenneth O. Cayce, Jr. were unable to be present. The Roll Call affirmed 26 members attending. Requests for excused absence were sent by Thomas L. Riley, Kenneth O. Cayce, Howard L. Willen and Curtis Brasher. These and other requests from previous meetings were granted.

The minutes for September 2 meeting were read and approved.

Past-president Draper called for the stated program as revised.

Henry E. Hudson presented an original essay entitled "This and That"

The author effectively outlined the dynamics, the behavior pattern, the frustrations and the exultations relating to the care and exercise of man's best friend - i.e., his dog.

William F. Edmunds delivered an analysis of: The New Madrid Earthquake Zone including the historic earthquakes of 1811 and 1812 that were experienced in our area. The consequent effects reached out for hundreds of miles.

The author outlined the implications of the Mississippi Embayment and the North American plate for the future, particularly the population centers and concentrations of industry.

The papers were well received. Following intermission nine members offered comment, extraneous data and criticism. The authors responded with compliments and appropriate rebuttal.

Norman Lazare announced his subject for the December session: Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" and urged members to reread this classic of American frontier life.

The program for November was announced as revised:
Stephen E. Underwood
Howard H. Willen

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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Thursday, November 4, 1982

The meeting at the Log House was convened at 7:25 p.m. by President Thomas L. Riley. The Roll Call affirmed 32 members present; 7 members absent.

Requests for excused absences from previous meetings were approved. Requests for excused absence from the November 4 meeting were received from Curtis Brasher and Sam Traughber. Requests were granted.

The minutes for the October 7 meeting were approved as read.

The membership committee, Duard Thurman, chairman, submitted the name of

William Peterson for membership.

President Riley called for the evening program as revised:

Norman Lazare presented a review of Mark Twain's masterpiece of frontier mid-America:
Huckleberry Finn

In eloquent cadence the author defined the essence of this description of life seen through the eyes of an incisive boy; the reality of natural truth, deception, exaggerated language, hypocrisy, arouses perennial empathy. The true son of the towns derilect may have been the model but Samuel Clements gave America an indelible memory for the experience of passing from youth to maturity.

Howard H. Willen delivered an original essay, based on collected observances entitled:

Signs: A Treatise on the Use and Misuse of an American Institution.

The author traced the genre, the truncated communication, the token humor and the dubious acumen of these ubiquitous plaques.

26 members remained after intermission. 15 offered comment, anecdotes and discussion. The authors responded with rebuttal and extended scrutiny.

The program for December 2 was announced as revised:

Stephen E. Underwood
Jack D. Amis

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

Respectfully,

Leslie B. Crane

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Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
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Thursday, December 2, 1982

The meeting was convened by Vice-President, Kenneth O. Cayce, Jr. at 7:28 p.m. 28 members responded to the Roll Call, 8 were absent.

Curtis Brasher, Thomas L. Riley, and Duard Thurman communicated requests for excused absence from the December session. Requests for excused absence from previous meetings were received. These petitions were granted.

The Rev. Frank Cayce, brother of Kenneth Cayce, was a guest for the evening.

The Minutes of the November 4th meeting were approved as read.

Two communications were received:

Stephen Underwood submitted a letter of resignation from Athenaeum effective December 2nd.

David Gardner also submitted a letter of resignation from the Society effective December 2nd.

Both resignations were approved with sincere regret.

The resultant active membership of Athenaeum is 37.

Vice-President Cayce called for the revised program:

Jack D. Amis presented a manuscript entitled:
Life on the Mississippi.

The Author described in vivid detail his experience during the summer of 1953 while working as a deckhand on "The Java Sea", a large commercial tow boat of the American Barge Line. The authentic recollection covered the challenge of this enterprise, the exertion, the awesome risk and the interpersonal relationships in actual work experience on the Mississippi River.

The autobiography was well received. Eleven members offered comment and personal insight.

The writer reaffirmed his empathy experienced in this laboratory of life.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 by Vice-President Cayce.

*January Program:
Duard N. Thurman
Charles L. Tilley

Respectfully,

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