

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY  
Thursday, January 6, 1983

The meeting was convened at 7:32 by Past-President, George M. Draper. There were 28 members present, 9 were absent.

President, Tom Riley, Vice-President Kenneth Cayce and Sam Traughber communicated requests for excused absence. These requests along with other requests for excused absence from past meetings were approved.

The minutes for the December 2 meeting were read and approved.

The Membership Committee submitted the following names for membership in Athenaeum:

Winn Radford III  
Carmichael Fels  
William Graham Duncan V

The Society will vote on these candidates at the February 3 meeting.

Duard Thurman presented a paper on:

"You, Me and T.V."

The author outlined the environmental influence of T.V. on American learning, behavior, culture and economics.

Charles Tilly read with consumant skill a lengthy paper on the subject:

"There's A Long, Long Trail Awinding."

The author reviewed the crucial state of deterioration of our highway system; an outline of the development of our turnpikes, roads, and Interstate routes, then described the dilemma we face concerning their maintainence.

Following intermission, twenty-one members remained for the discussion. Eight offered comments, criticism and personal views. The authors answered in rebuttal with clarification and courtesy.

The program for February 3 was announced:

Tom Westerfield  
Robert Baker

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 by Past-President Draper.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leslie B. Crane*  
Leslie B. Crane  
Secretary-Treasurer

The Athenaeum Society  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky  
Thursday, February 3, 1983

The meeting was convened at 7:32 P.M. by President Thomas L. Riley. There were 28 members present, nine were absent.

President Riley, Sam Traughber, Howard Willen, and Curtis Brasher made request for excused absence from past meetings. These were approved.

The minutes for the January 6 meeting were approved.

The membership committee submitted the following names for membership in the society to be voted on:

This dealt with a person nominated but not accepted for membership & is censored from the scanned minutes on motion of the Society Sept 2016.

Rev. Art Stejskal was introduced as a guest of Dr. William Rowlett.

Thomas W. Westerfield presented a paper entitled:  
"Where Are We Going From Here"

The author outlined his thoughts on the evaluation process for looking into the future.

Robert Baker delivered a paper entitled:  
"English: A Self-Imposed Trade Barrier?"

The writer reviewed the social and economic impact of the English language on American society.

All members, save one, remained for the discussion. Ten members offered lengthy comment, which, along with the authors rebuttal, required a late hour adjournment.

The program for March 3 was announced:

Mark Lowry  
Robert B. Sivley

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

*William T. Turner*

William T. Turner  
Acting Secretary

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\* see below

The Society was called to order by the President at 7:30 P.M. Subsequent to the pre-prandial oration and refulgent repast, the Roll Call resounded with 27 raucous responses. Several erratic excuses were enunciated relative to previous absences and they were received with the same understated enthusiasm with which they were proffered.

The President then called for old business. The Society proceeded to exercise its right of suffrage anent three proposed new members, one of whom, Carmichael Fels, survived the rigors of the refractory respondents. In the interim between the elective elicitation and the enunciation of the end result, Robert Sivley swiftly secured a copy of the Constitution to corroborate a questioned codicil, while the remainder of the recrudescant rank and file retired to the rest rooms for refreshing relief.

Having disposed of the democratic diversion, the President then elicited the elocutionary effusions of the evening.

Tom Westerfield presently pontificated on a prolix proliferation of puzzling paradigms of prognostication, magnificently based on "Megatrends." Picking parallelisms from particular prophets, he elaborated tendentiously on ten tendencies with terse truth traced with an occasional tinge of tergiversation, fairly framing the future.

Robert Baker then delivered a delicate diatribe dealing with the dialectic deficiency of the monolinguistic mania that marks major manufacturing moguls and the American populace in general. In essence, he elaborated on the economic impact of this erroneous educational elision with elegance and eclat.

President Riley then, omitting the ordinary post-oratorical out-  
ing, called for comments. (It should be noted that this departure from designated decorum was due to the delay instigated by earlier deliberations.) At least 45 members indulged in the privilege of adding their insightful encomiums and occasionally egregious individual evaluations, some apropos and others ambiguously allegorical.

The President adjourned the melee as the orange orb of the sun reluctantly pierced the cover of the frigid and stygian gloom, to the great relief of all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Acting - W.P. Turner

\* Pseudo-minutes - composer anonymous

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY  
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1983

The meeting at the Log House Restaurant was convened at 7:18 by President Thomas L. Riley. The Roll Call affirmed 28 members present; ten being absent.

Paul Turner and Bud Hudson presented requests for excused absence from the March meeting. Requests for excused absence from previous meetings were received. All requests were approved. The Society noted with gratitude the report of Henry Hudson's improvement at home after his hospital experience.

Mr. Carmichael Fels was introduced by Marshall Bassett as our most recent member. The Minutes for the February 3rd meeting were reviewed and a condensed version approved.

President Riley requested the Membership Committee to serve as the Committee on Nominations for 1983-84. The Membership Committee also submitted the names of:

Cameron Love  
Ray Nienabor  
for Athenaeum Membership. The Society will vote on these candidates at the April 7, meeting.

A motion by Graham Duncan to adopt revisions of procedure at Athenaeum meetings was tabled.

President Riley called for the Stated Program:

Mark Lowry presented an original manuscript based on his translation from the Hebrew text of key verses in  
The Song of Solomon.  
The author entitled his paper  
The Hebrew Love Song.

Robert Sivley skillfully read an intellectual incursion entitled:

Finding a Solution to the Energy Problem.

The thesis presented incisive perceptions concerning adipose tissue as a natural resource that could be utilized to generate simple living, reform education and revolutionize dietary habits.

Following intermission twenty members remained - eight of whom offered comment and criticism. The authors responded with gracious brevity and courtesy.

The program for April 7 was announced:  
George M. Draper  
E. Ben Self

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 by President Riley.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leslie B. Crane*  
Leslie B. Crane  
Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY  
Thursday, April 7, 1983

The meeting at Log House Restaurant convened at 7:25, Vice-president Kenneth O. Cayce, presiding. President Thomas L. Riley, Curtis Brasher, Sam Traughber and Raymond Lord, being out of the city, requested excused absence from the meeting. Also Henry Hudson, now well along in his recuperation.

25 members responded to the Roll Call; 13 were absent. The above requests and other petitions for excused absences were granted.

The minutes for March 3 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Ray Nienabor was elected to membership in Athenaeum.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following nominees for 1983-84:

President: Kenneth O. Cayce, Jr.  
Vice-President: Paul K. Turner  
Secretary-Treasurer: Leslie B. Crane

There being no further nominations a motion prevailed that nominations be closed and the Secretary requested to cast a unanimous ballot.

Vice-President Cayce announced the plans for the Open Session at the Hopkinsville Country Club on May 5, 1983 at 7:00 p.m.

Having concluded business items Vice-President Cayce called for the Stated Program:

George M. Draper presented a paper entitled:

"The Game of Life-Style and Longevity - It's Your Move."

The author narrated an authentic account of an American family who represent the benefits of a basic high fiber diet; augmented by ethnic examples; statistical studies; and a well documented regimen for maintaining optimal good health.

Ben Self provided a manuscript on the subject:

"The Pursuit of Happiness."

The author summerized the classic metaphysical views, the current relevance of correlative interpretations and the dilemma in contemporary practice of this moral process.

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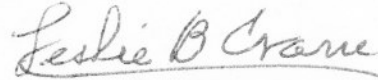
Following intermission 9 members offered comments, reactions and criticism. The authors responded with mutual courtesy and relevant rebuttal.

The program for the May 5 Open Session was announced:

George Street Boone  
J. Brooks Major

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 by Vice-President Cayce.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie B. Crane  
Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION  
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY  
Thursday, May 5, 1983

The 82nd Open Session convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall at the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club. 29 members and 66 guest were in attendance. The buffet dinner was excellent, the room and seating plan conducive for table conversation and the flower arrangement most pleasing.

Dr. J. Brooks Major gave the invocation. Following the dessert course Dr. Thomas L. Riley presented greetings and a brief reference to the first Open Session eight decades ago.

President Riley called for the program of the evening at 8:10.

George Street Boone presented a manuscript entitled:

"Looking At Flowers From a Galloping Horse."

The author reviewed the unique experience of 33 lawyers from the United States who were invited to visit the People's Republic of China to observe the Chinese legal system. The principles and tenets of present day China were reviewed, the actual trial procedures witnessed and the vast implication of peer group control studied. The tour was a part of the People to People program of 1980.

J. Brooks Major delivered an analysis identified as -

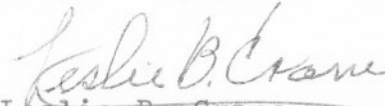
"An Impersonal and Objective Critique of the 1982-83 Season of the Athenaeum Society."

The author, with satiric humor, reviewed the content of Athenaeum papers with relevant surmises concerning sources, research, personal predilections and idiosyncrasies.

The subsequent time for discussion yielded very concise, brief comments, in truth - one extended critique by Dr. Lowry, and two succinct observations by Jack Amis and Robert Sivley. The remaining persons were reverential - heads bowed and a few eyes closed.

President Riley adjourned the session at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

  
Leslie B. Crane  
Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY  
Thursday, September 1, 1983

The Eighty-Third Year

The Athenaeum Society assembled at the Log House for the dinner meeting. The regular session convened at 7:25, President Kenneth O. Cayce presiding. 25 members responded to the Roll Call; 10 being absent. Martin Standard, John Newsom and Curtis Brasher requested excused absence for the meeting. The requests were granted.

The Minutes for the May 5th Open Session were read and approved; the Minutes for April 7th had been read at the Open Session.

Letters of resignation were reviewed:

Thomas E. Morris, May 5, 1983  
Howard H. Willen, June 1, 1983  
Lawrence F. Campbell, July 6, 1983

These resignations were approved with sincere regret.

The Current membership stands at 35.

Robert Sivley, Chairman, reported for the Membership Committee. The following were recommended for membership:

Douglas K. Steele  
Donald Atwood  
Lee T. White

The Society will vote on these recommendations at the October meeting.

President Cayce called for the stated program as amended:

Robert M. Fairleigh presented a paper entitled:

"The Assassination of President Abraham Lincoln"

The author reviewed the research of David Balsiger and Charles Sellier in their book, "The Lincoln Conspiracy", concerning information extracted from relevant documents and personal papers not a part of the official classified reports. The review was well received.

Following intermission five members provided comment. The author responded graciously.



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The program for October was announced:

Wendell H. Rorie  
Carmichael Fels

The meeting was adjourned by President Cayce at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie B. Crane". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Leslie B. Crane  
Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY  
Thursday, October 6, 1983

Following the invocation by Mark Lowry and dinner at the Log Cabin, the meeting convened at 7:40; President Kenneth Cayce presiding. 31 members responded to the Roll Call, a singular per cent present for only three members were absent.

Minutes for the September 1 meeting were read and approved.

Ben Self submitted a letter of resignation. This request was received and approved with earnest regret. The current membership stands at 34.

President Cayce called for the stated program:

Wendell Rorie presented a paper entitled:

"The Athenian Traveler - a Sketchbook."

The author, in measured cadence, gave a vivid description of a trip to Greece featuring the glory of the Acropolis, Athens, Corinth, Mycenae and the heights of Olympia. The circuit included the island and Asia Minor.

Carmichael Fels gave a concise monograph on:

"The Creation of Wealth."

This erudite initial manuscript opened with an overview of the nature of capital; then presented an analysis of the significant decline of manufacturing as a source for employment. The author then described the innovation and rapid emergence of a new enterprise - the "Thoughtware Industry", that seems destined to join the classic sources of wealth, namely, energy, health services, agriculture and merchandising, as a provider of wealth.

The papers were excellent, well presented and avidly received. Following intermission 3 members provided comment and critique. The authors replied with concise but relevant rebuttal.

The program for November 3 was announced:

Richard C. Brasher  
Franklin A. Nash, Jr.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 by President Cayce.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leslie B. Crane*  
Leslie B. Crane  
Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
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Thursday, November 3, 1983

Following an Invocation by William Turner and dinner at the Log Cabin, the meeting was convened at 7:32 by President Kenneth O. Cayce. 26 members responded to the Roll Call. 8 were absent.

Minutes for the October 6 meeting were read and approved.

Robert Sivley, Chairman, reported for the Membership Committee. The following were recommended for membership:

Arthur Lee Burrows, Jr.  
Marshall Butler  
James G. Adams, Jr.

The Society will vote on these recommendations at the December meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Leslie B. Crane, advised the Society of his relocation to 1119B Hernando Street  
Ft. Pierce, Florida 33449  
as of December 15, 1983; also, of the willingness of Gladstone Major to again act as Interim Secretary-Treasurer for the remainder of the year, January-May, 1983.

A motion prevailed that Gladstone Major be appointed Interim Secretary-Treasurer for the remainder of the year (January-May, 1983).

President Cayce called for the Stated Program:

Richard C. Brasher presented a paper entitled:

"Temperance - Not an American Virtue"

The author described the background and influences in American culture, economic enterprise and social habits that brought about the dubious experiment in controlled moral standards. The 18th Amendment, the rise of the WCTU, Anti-Saloon League, the Women's Suffrage movement and the American propensity for conviviality on all occasions and among all demographic grouping were accurately and adequately defined. The dilemma was left unresolved!

Franklin A. Nash, Jr. delivered a monograph called:

"The Third Day Continues"

Following the creation verse from Genesis 1:9, the author graphically related the cosmic and catastrophic forces still at work in the volcanic areas of the earth's surface. Interwoven with the research references were

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accounts of personal witnessing these awesome phenomena.

Following intermission 6 members provided analysis and nostalgic comment.

The authors combined extended and concise responses. The excellent papers were avidly received.

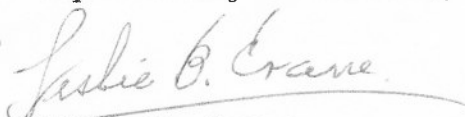
The program for December 1 was announced:

William T. Turner

John M. Newsom

The meeting was adjourned by President Cayce at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie B. Crane  
Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY  
Thursday, December 1, 1933

Following the Invocation by Brooks Major and dinner at the Log House, the meeting convened at 7:40; President Kenneth O. Cayce presiding. 25 members responded to the Roll Call; 9 were absent.

Requests for excused absence from previous meetings were approved.

Minutes for the November 3 meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made and seconded that the Society consider reducing the membership to 30 and revise the program to one paper per meeting. After discussion the motion was defeated.

Marshall Butler and James G. Adams, Jr. were elected to membership in the Society.

Business having concluded, President Cayce called for the Stated Program:

William Turner presented an illustrated discourse on:

Hopkinsville Landmarks

Homes Built in Hopkinsville 1900-1930

Our City-County Historian described the original owners, builders and architectural features of a number of homes in Hopkinsville.

John M. Newsom submitted a review of current literature on:

Granada, the Most Southerly of the Windward Islands

The author described the events resulting in the United States intervening in this strategic island.

The excellent papers were well received.

After a brief intermission 6 members made comments and stated opinions. The authors responded with compliments and appropriate response.

The program for January 5 was announced:

W. Graham Duncan  
William M. Rowlett

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 by President Cayce.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leslie B. Crane*  
Leslie B. Crane

Special Note:

Prior to the Program, President Cayce expressed appreciation, in behalf of the Society, for the labors of the retiring Secretary-Treasurer, Leslie B. Crane. This was followed by the presentation of an appropriate gift - namely, three books each bearing an inscription of earnest thanks. The titles:

The Last Lion - Winston Spencer Churchill

by William Manchester

In Search of Excellence

by Thomas Peters and Robert Waterman

Roget's Thesaurus (Revised)

(Based on the Language of the '80's)

These were received with deep appreciation.

*Leslie B. Crane*  
*Retiring Sec. - Treas.*  
*1977 thru 1983*

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