

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY

Jan. 10, 1985.

The meeting at Log House Restaurant convened at 7:40 President Paul Turner presiding.

After the invocation by Dr. J. Brooks Major, the roll call disclosed 29 members were present and 8 were absent.

Absences from the December meeting were requested and granted to Thomas J. Soyars, Robert M. Fairleigh III, Wendell H. Rorie, Thomas L. Riley, Paul K. Turner, William T. Turner, ~~Paul K. Turner~~, Charles L. Tilley, Jack D. Amis, Franklin A. Nash Jr. James G. Adams Jr., Carmichael Fels, and George S. Boone.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a letter of resignation of Dr. Raymond Lord which was accepted with regret.

Wynn L. Radford III was presented and welcomed as a new member.

Robert Yost Harper was welcomed as a guest of his Grandfather Frank A. Yost. President Paul K. Turner called for the program.

George M. Draper presented a paper entitled:

Artificial Intelligence or Thinking About Thinking.

In a well prepared and carefully documented paper the writer examined the construction and capacities of a device which can perform many functions of the thinking process, suggesting that artificial intelligence may be more closely allied to philosophy and psychology than to circuitry and electronic engineering.

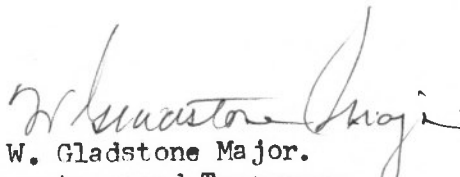
W. Gladstone Major exchanging for James G. Adams Jr. presented a paper entitled:
A Pastoral for the 21 St. Century.

In a rhythmic essay, the writer examined some of the eternal verities of life.

Interest and opinion in the handling of these subjects were evidenced by the fact that 8 members made comments and asked questions to which the writers replied in rebuttal.

The program for February 7, 1985 was announced;
Dr. J. Brooks Major.
R. Marshall Butler.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55.


W. Gladstone Major.
Secretary and Treasurer.

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February 7, 1985

The meeting at Log House Restaurant convened at 7:35 P.M. with President Paul Turner presiding.

After the invocation by Dr. J. Brooks Major, the roll call disclosed 21 members present and 16 were absent.

Absences from the January meeting were requested and granted to Sam Traugher, George Street Boone, Kenneth O. Cayce Jr., Thomas L. Riley, and James G. Adams Jr.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Business was called and there was no business to come before the society.

President Paul Turner called for the program.

Marshall Butler presented a paper entitled:

"My Hobby, or Be It Ever So Humble."

With his usual sparkling wit and modest self-deprecation, he delineated the trials - and rewards - of transforming a disaster area into a paragon of domestic felicity. An avid practitioner of the "do-it-yourself" school of home decoration and repair, Mr. Butler outlined, with obvious affection and pleasure, the trials and tribulations that continue to accompany the transmogrification of "Little Whitley on Chester." The membership was indulgently complimentary, pointing out that he had already mastered an art that many Athenaeum members struggle for years to attain: namely, the ability to deliver a paper on a topic which cannot really be subjected to criticism.

J. Brooks Major presented a paper entitled:

"The Dark Side of Brer Rabbit."

In a delightfully entertaining and informative presentation, the speaker delivered a collection of observations and interpretations on the writings of Joel Chandler Harris. The paper was witty and also provided much practical application for everyday life.

Seven members made comments in which much human interest was made evident.

The program for March 7, 1985 was announced:

James G. Adams Jr.

George W. Engler

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

William T. Turner

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Sec. Pro Tem

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OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
Thursday, March 7, 1985

Following the Invocation of Dr. Mark Lowery and dinner at the Log House restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:25, President Paul K. Turner presiding. 23 members responded to the Roll Call, 14 being absent.

In view of the snow and icy roads in February, absentees were excused for all prior meetings. Requests for absences for the March meeting were granted Dr. Sam H. Traugher and Robert C. Baker.

President Turner appointed a Nominating Committee for officers for 1985-86 composed of William T. Turner, Robert Fairleigh, and George Boone, to report at the April meeting. He also stated negotiations would be arranged to secure the Country Club for use of the Society for the May Open Meeting.

Two names were submitted for membership by the Membership Committee to be voted on at the April meeting.

President Turner called for the scheduled program.

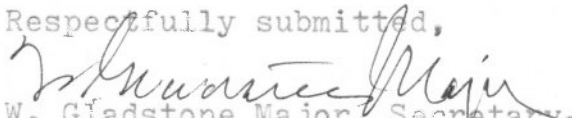
James G. Adams, Jr. presented a paper entitled: Robert E. Lee, The Epitome of a Southern Gentleman. In this paper the author masterfully delineated evidences which focused upon the exemplary character and personality of this great soldier, and which showed that his social contributions in times of peace far exceeded his superb military leadership.

George W. Engler presented a paper entitled: Tax Shelters, Are They Necessary? In this paper the author examined types of tax shelters, showing how some shelters are socially abusive and some are socially constrictive and justifiable; with some suggestion how they affect the investment market; but leaving us to wonder if today's government by economics under a tax system might have eroded government by liberty and equality under civil law.

The excellent papers were well received. After a short intermission a discussion of the papers followed, 8 members making comments to which the writers responded in rebuttal.

The Secretary announced the program for April 4, 1985.
George S. Boone
Mike Herndon

The meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-
Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
Thursday, April 4, 1985

Following the invocation by Dr. Mark Lowery, the meeting at the Log House Restaurant was convened at 7:35 by President Paul K. Turner. 20 members responded to the Roll Call, 16 were absent.

Requests for excused absence from the March meeting for Dr. Jack Amis, Marshall T. Bassett, Dr. Prewitt Owen, Henry Hudson and Douglas K. Steele, also for the April meeting for Dr. Thomas L. Riley, were approved.

The Secretary read a letter of resignation of James H. Wooldridge which was accepted with regret.

Voting for membership for the two candidates submitted by the Membership Committee at the March meeting was favorable. Letters of announcement shall be mailed to the proposed members for their consideration.

The nomination for officers of the Society 1985-86 of Dr. Robert B. Sivley, President, Dr. William M. Rowlett, Vice-President, and W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer, was approved unanimously by the members.

President Turner called for the stated program.

George Street Boone presented a paper entitled:
A Contemporary Federalist Paper
In this paper the author traced the development of the concept of providing for the protection of liberty, independence and freedom in our Federal Constitution and its appended Bill of Rights, and giving a number of illustrations of certain forces today which threaten to undermine these constituted rights, especially those provided for in the first amendment.

Mike Herndon gave a concise monograph entitled:
Kentucky's DUI Law: Does the Punishment Fit the Crime?
This initial manuscript of the member presented some of the provisions of the recently enacted Kentucky driving under influence law, citing several personal experiences which made him sensitive to the need for such legislation, but suggesting some provision should be made in the law to modify the penalties in certain extenuating circumstances.

The papers were excellent, well presented and stimulated interest as evidenced by the fact that 10 members provided comment and critique following intermission, to which the authors replied with concise and relevant rebuttal.

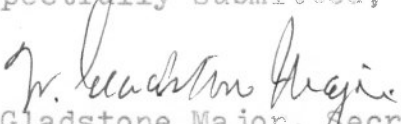
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The Secretary called the program for May 2, 1985 Open Meeting:

Dr. Robert B. Sivley
Dr. Jack D. Amis

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 by President Turner.

Respectfully submitted,


W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY
Thursday, May 2, 1985

The 84th Open Session convened at 7:00 p.m. in the dining hall of the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club, with 32 members and 43 guests in attendance. The buffet dinner was excellent and the tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and candles.

Dr. J. Brooks Major gave the invocation and following the dessert course, President Paul K. Turner presented greetings to the guests of the evening and they were then introduced by their hosts.

James Love and Judge Peter MacDonald were introduced as new members.

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

Dr. Robert B. Sivley presented a paper entitled:
The Disadvantaged Groups of America and How to Redress all their Grievances or The Decline and Fall of the WABMAIMS

In a clever, ironic dialogue the writer proposed to sift out the detritus of the modern citizens of industrial civilization, by discussing the new concept of the WABMAIMS which is short for "White Americans Born Middle Aged, Middle Income Males", who have victimized all other groups of disadvantaged and are responsible for the disadvantaged state of everyone else, with the recommendation that the situation be corrected by a new science of disadvantageology.

Dr. Jack D. Amis presented a paper entitled:
The Reigning Queen

In a pleasing literary style the writer described The Norway, last of the great steam superliners, and his cruise of the Caribbean Islands, comparing it with other famous ships and expressing his satisfaction for an opportunity to experience the majesty, the grandeur and the thrill of the most elegant and stately form of travel ever devised by man.

The subsequent discussion disclosed keen interest in the subjects involved, as 11 members made comments including a comment from one of the guests. The authors responded graciously in rebuttal.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Gladstone Major
W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer