

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.

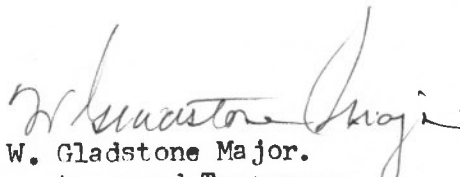
W. Gladstone Major exchanging for James G. Adams Jr. presented a paper entitled:  
A Pastoral for the 21 St. Century.

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*

William T. Turner  
Sec. Pro Tem

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
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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  
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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.

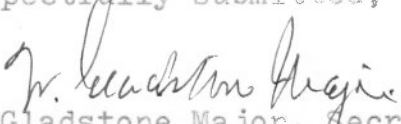
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The Secretary called the program for May 2, 1985 Open Meeting:

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
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Thursday, September 5, 1985

Following the Invocation by Rev. Mark Lowery and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:27, President Robert B. Sivley presiding. 28 members responded to the Roll Call, 10 being absent.

Minutes for the April meeting and the May Open Meeting were read and approved.

Letters of acceptance to membership of James Love and Judge Peter MacDonald and also a response to and invitation to Life Member Leslie B. Crane to attend the May Open Meeting and expressing his regrets, were read.

There being no old or new business, President Sivley called for the program for the evening.

Richard C. Brasher presented a paper entitled:  
Hair

In a highly amusing paper the writer presented the extensive facts concerning the rather commonplace subject of hair and in a subtle application of the facts, described how hair style has through the ages been a symbol of the attitude and mood of the wearer in response to the culture of the period.

Wendell H. Rorie presented a paper entitled:  
China's New Open Door

In a delightful paper the author described the western style Great Wall Hotel in Peking, explaining its isolation from the surrounding Chinese culture and at the same time how it was a symbol of the rejection of Marxism and the embrace of Capitalism by the government of a billion Chinese.

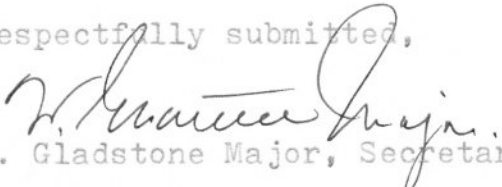
The papers were well received, 8 members making comments and asking questions, to which the writers replied in rebuttal.

The Secretary announced the program for October 3, 1985.

Dr. Sam H. Traugher  
Dr. Franklin A. Nash, Jr.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 by President Sivley.

Respectfully submitted,

  
W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ATHENAEUM SOCIETY  
Thursday, October 3, 1985

Following the Invocation by William T. Turner, the meeting at the Log House was convened at 7:37 p.m. by President Robert B. Sivley. The Roll Call affirmed 25 members present with 13 members absent.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Requests for excused absences for the September meeting were granted William T. Turner, Prewitt Owen, George S. Boone, Thomas Riley, William Rowlett, and George W. Engler; and for the October meeting Robert C. Baker and Richard C. Brasher.

There was no old business.

Requests by William Rowlett and Martin Standard that they exchange positions on the seniority listing, making Martin Standard vice-president for the years 1985-86 with William Rowlett to serve his term as vice-president in 1986-87. ~~was~~ was approved by the Society.

President Sivley called for the evening program.

Dr. Sam H. Traugher presented a manuscript entitled: Eat, Drink and be Merry  
The author described the medical practices of his grandfather's day, contrasting it with the health care available today and the costs involved, explaining why these costs might be accelerated in the near future.

Dr. Frank A. Nash, Jr. presented a paper entitled: Gone with the Trend  
In this delightful paper the author described the geographic wonders of the state of Idaho with particular focus upon the conditions and stories involved in the region of Coeur d'Alenes following the discovery of gold in the early 1800's and the vast subsequent lead and silver mining operations there, and explaining the trends that are eating away the mining industry.

In the subsequent discussion 8 members offered comments to which the authors responded in rebuttal.



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The program for November 7th was announced.

Dr. John H. Newsom  
Robert C. Baker

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
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Thursday, November 7, 1985

Following the Invocation by J. Brooks Major and dinner at the Log House, the meeting convened at 7:47, President Robert B. Sivley presiding.

The Roll Call disclosed 25 members present, 12 absent.

The minutes for the October meeting were read and approved.

Excuses for absence at the October meeting were approved for Wendell Rorie, Mike Herndon, Robert Baker, Wynn L. Radford III, Frank A. Yost, and Paul Turner.

Requests for absences at the November meeting of Richard C. Brasher, K. O. Cayce, Jr., Peter MacDonald, and J. Thomas Soyars were withheld by the President until they should make requests in person at the December meeting.

President Sivley called for the stated program.

Robert C. Baker presented a paper entitled:  
Non-Public Schools: The Truth of the Matter  
The writer presented figures and facts showing non-public schools embody unique values and make special contributions to American education, concluding that society would be poorer without the special qualities and the contributions they bring to it.

Wynn L. Radford III, supplying for Dr. John H. Newsom who resigned, gave a paper entitled:

Altered States

In this paper the writer explained the impact of the hormone Beta-Endorphin on the individual and on society, pondering whether future leaders would handle such genetic tinkering for the benefit of man or for their own use.

The papers were excellent, well presented and avidly received. Following intermission 7 members provided comments and critiques. The authors replied with concise and relevant rebuttals.

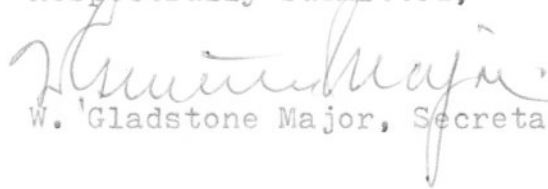
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The program for December was announced:

Robert M. Fairleigh III  
Douglas K. Steele

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 by President Sivley.

Respectfully submitted,



W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
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Thursday, December 5, 1985

Following the Invocation by William T. Turner and dinner at the Log House Restaurant, the meeting convened at 7:24, President Robert B. Sivley presiding.

The Roll Call disclosed 25 members present, 12 absent.

The minutes for the November meeting were read and approved.

Excuses for absences at the November meeting were approved for Peter C. MacDonald, J. Thomas Soyars, Franklin A. Nash, Jr., Thomas W. Westerfield, Prewitt Owen, Jack D. Amis, and K. O. Cayce, Jr. Excuses for absences at the December meeting for George S. Boone, Richard C. Brasher and Thomas L. Riley were also approved.

Charles L. Tilley, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the names of 3 persons for consideration for membership to be voted upon at the January meeting.

President Sivley called for the stated program.

Robert M. Fairleigh III presented a paper entitled: Why have we spent so much money and bought so little? With facts and figures, the writer presented the problem of accelerating welfare costs, pointing out that even so the number of persons qualifying for benefits under the present program was increasing, and suggesting the present laws should be scrapped and rewritten to give help only to those who want to become lawful and producing citizens.

Douglas K. Steele presented a paper entitled: Advertising, the Creative Process In this member's first paper for the Society, his introduction included recollections of some witty and provocative allusions of his father regarding the Athenaeum. Then focusing upon some innovations in the profession, he defined the factors involved in a serious marketing process.

Following intermission 7 members offered comments, criticisms and personal views to which the authors answered in rebuttal with clarification and courteous defense.

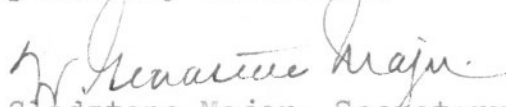
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The program for January 2, 1986 was announced:

Thomas L. Riley  
Edward H. Higgins III

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
W. Gladstone Major, Secretary-Treasurer