

THE SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

(Minutes 1945)

The Sloopers Society of America held its annual meeting at the new Lutheran Church at Newark, Illinois, Sunday, October 7, 1945. All people interested in Norwegian-American History had been invited and the church was filled. Both from the standpoint of attendance and program, the meeting was one of the most successful in many years. A copy of the program is attached to, and hereby made a part of, these minutes. At the end of the program a collection was taken amounting to \$41.80.

After refreshments served by the ladies of the community, the business meeting was convened in the basement by President Johnson. The minutes of the 1945 meeting were read and approved. Florence Haugsted was appointed program chairman for 1946 and Ollie Strayer Assistant. Arthur Peterson, Rose Rosdail, and Nelson Fruland Jr. were also appointed to the committee.

An election of officers being in order, Mr. O.M. Norlie was requested to act as temporary chairman. In the election the secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the meeting for a continuance of Captain Joseph M. Johnson as President. Royal Jacobs was elected Vice-President, and J. Hart Rosdail as Secretary-Treasurer.

The following people were proposed as honorary Sloopers and were unanimously accepted:

- Mr. Ed H. Farley, Leland, Illinois -- Actively engaged in the recording of, and the promotion of interest in, local Norwegian-American History
- Mr. B. O. Berge, Ottawa, Illinois -- Gives advice, time, and other help to the promotion of the Sloopers Society
- Hon. Ole Benson, ^{Ottawa, Illinois} ~~Ill.~~ -- For many years ~~State~~ member of the State Legislature and active supporter of Sloopers projects.
- Rev. Nels Klungtveldt, Lisbon, Illinois -- Actively interested in Norwegian emigrant data and affairs.
- Rev. T. J. Knudson, Ottawa, Illinois -- Promoter of the Sloopers and Norwegian museum project, and supporter of Sloopers meetings
- Mr. Olaf Halverson, Huntington Park, Calif. -- Philanthropist, and President of the Norwegian-American Historical Assn.; financial contributor to the Sloopers Society.
- Mr. Wendell Martin Odland, Minneapolis, Minn. -- Columnist and author of a historical novel telling the story of the Sloopers and entitled "The New Canaan".

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the bills be allowed. These amounted to \$36.95. Since \$43.00 had been received in mail contributions prior to the meeting and added to the \$41.80 collection, this left a balance of \$47.85.

The meeting was adjourned.

J. Hart Rosdail

Secretary-Treasurer

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The following ~~member~~ people were proposed as honorary sloopers and were duly accepted.