

1956 Sloopers Meeting Oct. 7th, 1956

The Sloopers, descendants of the Norwegian Immigrants, who came to America in 1825, after a long voyage in a small sloop, the R Restoration, held their annual meeting at 2:15 P.M. Sunday, Oct. 7th at the Milton Pope School in Miller Twp., north of Marseilles and 1 mile west of Stavanger, Ill.

A large crowd was in attendance to hear the program. Royal Jacobs, the president announced the program.

The program America - by the audience, Prayer by Eric Hougstad, Pledge of Allegiance, Song by Norway Choir, Marimba selections by Darlene Moore ("in the Garden" "Ivory Palaces" and the "Old Rugged Cross") Vocal Duet- "Teach Me to Pray" by Mary Ann Hauge and Doris Houskin. Pause of silence in memory of the dead. Historian's report by J. Hart Rosdail, Piano Solo by Shirley Bernard, Speaker - Mr. Arthur Speltz, a superintendent of a school in Pontiac, Ill. In his address, he spoke of the strength the courage, the pride and vision of the early Norwegian immigrants and their descendants. Another characteristic was the willingness to do for others. The Norwegians immigrants and descendants are as important as the people of the Mayflower. A memorial tribute to Captain Joseph M. Johnson, Pres. Emeritus, was read by Erma Fruland. Another song by the Norway Choir.

Expenses - \$25 to School -\$10 to janitor and \$15 rent.

A suggestion to have a card shower for Mrs. Tom Risk, Sheridan, Ill. was made. Mrs. Risk is the only member of the Sloopers living of the 1st generation.

Officers elected Nelson Fruland, President, Joseph Larsen, 1st Vice President, Eric Hougstad, 2nd Vice President, Ernest Larsen 3rd Vice President, Otto Madland, 4th Vice President, J. Hart Rosdail, Historian and Treasurer, Mrs. Arden Classon, Secretary. Program Committee - Erma Fruland, Chairman, Francis Ingles, Ruth Jackson, Florence Hougstad and Otto Madland.

Honorary President Royal Jacobs

1957 meeting to be held at the Milton Pope School on the Sunday closest to the 9th. of October.

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Mr. Howard Richey urged the publishing of the book on the Sloopers.
He gave \$10 for the 1st copy.

Hubert Ingles and the Ness' Brothers were to beautify the monument
in Norway ,Ill. \$15 for some shrubs.

Erma Fruland ,Sec.