The annual meeting of the Slooper Society of America was held Sunday, Oct. 7, 1980 at Norsk Museum, Norway, Illinois. President Lester Seversike opened the meeting with prayer. Eunice and Crystal Thompson led in group singing.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Seversike told about the Sons of Norway buying the Church building for a museum, and some of the history behind it. He announced the following goals for sloopers:

1. Send Rachel Southcombe to Norway, Europe to present the Slooper book to the king. Motion was made by George Anthony, seconded by Mildred Hanley, and carried by vote to financially underwrite such a trip for Rachel in the amount of $1,000 if and when money becomes available.

2. Provide plaque at Nelson Cemetery, giving explanation of history to visitors to this area. Motion was made by Dorothy Rosdail, seconded by James Rosdail, and carried by vote to obtain such a plaque at projected cost of $500 if funds become available after sending Rachel to Norway.

Rachel Southcombe reported that 272 books have been sold. $3,500 has been paid back to Kristina Baley, leaving $872 on hand. More sales are expected, whereupon an additional sum of $500 will be paid back, leaving a balance of $2,000 due Mrs. Baley.

Treasurer's report was given, stating a balance of $136.33.

Mr. Seversike said he would continue to help Rachel in the selling of books as he is retiring as president.

George Anthony suggested that the Sloopers sponser an Octoberfest in the future when more facilities are available. This type of celebration would include Nor-wegian food and dancing, thereby making Norwegians known and also raise money.

The following officers were nominated and elected:

> President   -   Charles Mies
> Vice President - George Anthony
> Secretary   -   Hiram S. Varness
> Treasurer   -   Harvey Heusinger

A program was presented by Gladys Rucks of Aurora, showing slides.

Hiram S. Varness, Secretary