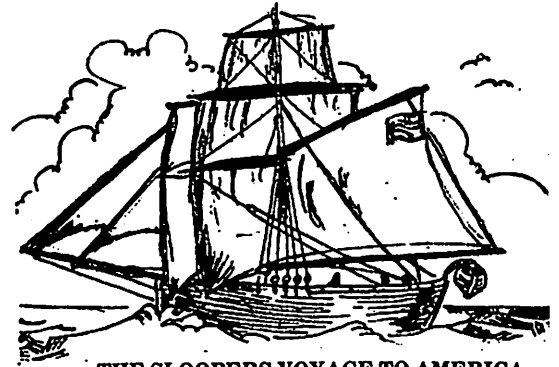


The Norwegian

SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Norwegian Mayflower People
Organized at the Ottawa Centennial, October 9, 1925



September 6, 1996

Dear Sloopers & Interested Norwegians:

You are invited to attend the 71st Annual Sloopers Society of America Meeting, Sunday, October 6, 1996, at the Norway Community Building, Norway, Illinois on Route 71. Dinner will be served promptly at 1:30 P.M. Please bring two dishes to pass and table service for your family. Drinks will be furnished.

The Norsk Museum will be open for your enjoyment. The Norway Store has many Norwegian goodies and will be open for your convenience.

We are fortunate to have Lynn Sove Maxson as our guest speaker for this meeting. Lynn lives in Des Plaines, Illinois, has traveled extensively in Norway, speaks and teaches the Norwegian language, dances in a Norwegian Folk Dance group, recently directed the Sons of Norway Youth Camp and was honored to have lunched with the king and queen last October. With slides, artifacts and music she will guide us to those special places that will give you a better feel for ethnic Norway.

The Sloopers, their Ancestry and Posterity Books and Pins are available. If interested, please contact one of your officers.

Our special thanks to Dan Hougas who served as our secretary from 1988-1995.

Hope you and your family will make plans to join us for an afternoon of good food, entertainment and fellowship.

Sincerely,

Lou Wise

Lou Wise, Secretary
Sloopers Society of America

THE SLOOPERS VOYAGE TO AMERICA

The first group of Norwegian Immigrants to America departed Stavanger, Norway - July 4, 1825 on the Sloop - Restoration and these 52 persons entered New York Harbor October 9th - 98 days later. Cleng Peerson led this group first to Upstate New York . . . then to this area of Illinois near Norway where the first Permanent Norwegian Settlement was established. Descendants of these Norwegians who came over on the Sloop have formed the Norwegian Sloopers Society of America, that meets annually at the Norway Community Center in Norway, Illinois the Sunday nearest to October 9.

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"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"

* The 71st Annual Meeting of the Sloopers Society of America was held Sunday, October 6, 1996 at the Norway Community Building with 37 Sloopers & Norwegian friends in attendance. Potluck dinner was served at 1:30 pm with grace given by Rev. Wes Hougsted & Norwegian table prayer sung by Lynn Sove Mapson our guest speaker.

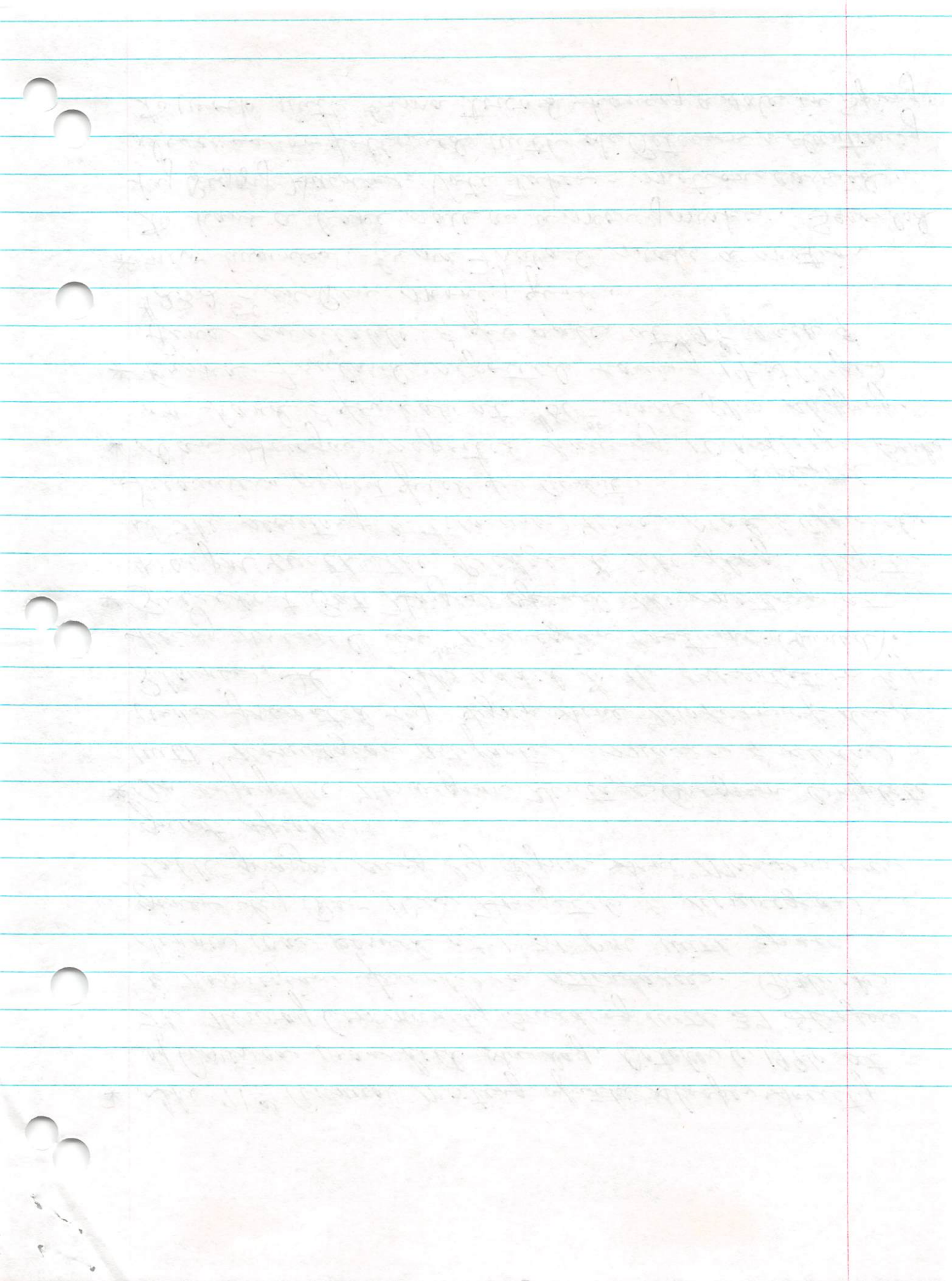
* An enjoyable Norwegian Heritage Program Complete with Norwegian artifacts, music & slides was presented by Lynn Sove Mapson of Des Plaines, IL. She added to the presentation by being dressed in ^{her} Norwegian costume (bunad).

* President Pat Hayes opened the meeting at 4:00 pm with the Pledge to the flag. Reports of the secretary & treasurer were read & approved. Treasurers report filed for audit.

* Alan Hougas reported having 10 ^{reprinted} Slooper Books on hand & for sale at \$80⁰⁰ each plus shipping.

* Erna Truland reported having 14 Slopers Pins available & for sale at \$9⁰⁰ each. & \$232⁵⁰ in Pin money fund.

* new business: Erna Truland made a motion to have a bake sale as a money maker. Seconded by Peggy Haines. Vote Taken - motion carried. discussion followed with Si Peterson volunteering to work with Erna toward having a sale in Spring.



- * Announcement made regarding the death of Sloop member Florence Hougsted, Wes' mother.
- * Burt Syverson from Sons of Norway, Aurora, IL spoke briefly regarding ^{an} upcoming tour group going to Norway & upcoming events of interest to any Norwegian.
- * Motion made by Wes Hougsted to keep the Sloop meeting the first Sunday of October; seconded by Erna Truland. Discussion followed & motion retracted due to bylaws stating the meeting date to be the Sunday nearest to October 9th.
- * Next years Meeting Date: Sunday, October 12, 1997
- * Discussion re: mailing list costs, membership fees, etc; Executive Committee to meet & decide.
- * Door Prizes given to:
 - Chuck Entwistle
 - Violet Waterman
 - Irene Borcksenius
 - Marguerite Hougas
 - Julie Grubar
 - Margaret Nelson
- * Treasurers Report given.
- * Collection \$63.⁰⁰

Respectfully submitted,
Lon Wise, Secretary

Sloop
Families
(In attendance: Rosdails 9 Hougas' 9
Nelsons 7 Stangeland 3)

Approved 10-12-97

Treasurers Report
October 6, 1996

Balance at "95" Meeting 984.48

Income

1995 Collection	68.75
Donation	10.00
Book Sales	<u>489.90</u>
	568.65

Expenses

Pat Hayes - Supplies	30.00
Dan Haugaa - "	115.07
" " UPS + Postage	36.24
" " Books + Binding	653.95
Norway Improvement League	50.00
Door Prizes	<u>25.92</u>
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Balance on Hand 10-6-96 641.95

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Slooper Society



Pat Ainsley, right, of Dayton, presented Lynn Sove Maxson of Des Plaines, who gave the program at the Annual Norwegian Slooper Society of America. Mrs. Maxson is actively engaged in Norwegian heritage programs throughout the midwest. She has travelled in the country of Norway on 17 occasions and presents the results in a well

received presentation.

Sloopers are the descendents of the 52 Norwegians who migrated to the United States on the Sloop Restoration in 1825. Fifty-three arrived in New York when a child was born on the 98 day trip.

The annual meetings are held at the Norway Community Building.

TOWN & COUNTRY, November 27, 1996

Slooper Officers for 1997



Officers of the Norwegian Slooper Society of America are introduced by President Pat Ainsley Hayes; Vice-president, Rev. Wesley Hougsted of Wood Dale; Secretary, Lou Hugas Wise of Ottawa; and Treasurer, Silas Peterson of Norway.

The next annual meeting of the Society will be at the Norway Community Building on October 12, 1997. Information through the year may be obtained from Secretary, Lou Wise at 3544 E. 2250Th Rd., Ottawa, IL 61350.

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