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The Slooper Society -
Minutes of 1946 Meeting

The Slooper Society of America held its annual program and meeting in the Trinity Lutheran Church, Ottawa, Illinois, Sunday, October 6, 1946. Captain Johnson presided.

Although there was not the very large attendance of the preceding year, there was quite enough to give a warm reception to the well-organized program. This had been arranged by Mrs. Florence Haugsted with the assistance of Mrs. Mathilde Lober. A copy of the program is attached and is by reference made a part of these minutes.

The speakers were Mr. O. M. Nørlie, who needs no introduction, and Mr. Kenneth Bjerk, author and professor of Northfield, Minn. A copy of Mr. Nørlie's speech "Sloopers, Write Your Own Saga" has been placed in the Slooper archives. Mr. Bjerk gave a very interesting talk on the appreciation of history and tradition as one of the important things which makes life worth while. His message was made a lasting impression.

The secretary was called on to report on his recent 10,000-mile automobile trip designed to find and contact Slooper descendants. He visited Sloopers in New York, northern Washington, southern California, and Texas, and in many intervening areas.

After the program, a collection was taken and the secretary's report was read and approved. Captain Johnson called a short business meeting. It was moved by Nels Foulund that the present officers - Captain Johnson, Royal Jacobs, and J. A. Rosdail - be continued for another year. The motion was carried. Florence Haugsted and Irving Foulund were appointed to the program committee for 1947.

There was some discussion as to the place of meeting. The collection amount was found to amount to \$10.00 and the expense of the meeting was \$15.00. It was asserted by some that Ottawa had never provided as successful a turnout as Newark which seems to be a more unified Norwegian center. Nevertheless it was decided to hold the 1947 session at Norway because of its historic associations, with a possible return to Newark in 1948.

The meeting was then adjourned.

J. A. Rosdail
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