

The annual meeting of the Slooper Society of America was held Sunday, October 12, 1980, at the Norway United Methodist Church, Norway, Illinois. Pres. Charles Mies called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting held October 7, 1979 were read and approved.

Pres. Mies called for a report of the treasurer, but due to the absence of treasurer Harvey Heusinger, no report was given.

A vocal solo was sung by Carol Jacobs.

Pres. Mies called on Lester Seversike for remarks. Mr. Seversike reported that an additional event was taking place at the Nelson Cemetery. In 1975 a drawing was made of a history board consisting of two bronze plaques to be erected at the cemetery. He read the wording of the plaques. Contributions have been received to finance the project, and the 28"x36" plaques have been ordered and will arrive shortly. Dedication of the plaques is scheduled to take place in 1981.

Mr. Seversike gave credit to Rachel Southcombe, Irma Fruland and Mr. and Mrs. Weston Fruland for their efforts in this project. He recommended that the Slooper Society donate \$300 from proceeds of book sales toward the cost which is estimated at \$4,500 to \$5,000. A brick wall and place to sit is to be included. He encouraged those present to stop and see the cemetery.

Pres. Mies stated that there are two treasuries--one for the Society and one for book sales. He called on Rachel Southcombe for her report on book sales. She stated that 325 books have been sold, and reported a balance of \$1,103.91 in the treasury. The amount of \$2,000 is still owed to Kristina Bailey, who had advanced \$6,000 to start printing of the books. Rachel stated that she did not go to Norway, Europe this year because she could not get an audience with the king. She reported payment of a photography bill for pictures by Hart Rosdail which was in excess of \$200.

A discussion was held on raising the balance needed for financing the plaques. Ten individuals have given \$3,700, and Irma Fruland suggested that if 50 families would give a minimum of \$10 each, we would have \$500. She made a motion that the secretary send a letter to the membership, describing the project, and extending the opportunity to make a donation to complete the financing of same. The motion was seconded by Jay Rosdail and carried by vote.

The president asked that an offering be taken to defray expense of postage and provide \$10 to the Norway church for the meeting place. The offering amounted to \$43.

Another vocal solo was sung by Carol Jacobs.

A motion was made by Mildred Hanley that the same officers serve for another year. Officers are Charles Mies, Pres.; George Anthony, V. Pres.; Secretary, Hiram Varness; and Treasurer, Harvey Heusinger. The motion was seconded by Weston Fruland and carried by vote.

An excellent program was provided by Eunice and Crystal Thompson. They showed slides of Norway, Europe, Stavchurch in Rapid City, S. Dak., N. Dak., Wisconsin, Ottawa, Pontiac, and Norway, Ill.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55.

Hiram S. Varness, Secretary