

The Sloop Meeting - 1982

The 57th annual meeting of the Sloop Society of America was held commemorating the 200th birthday of Cleng Peerson on October 10; 1982 at the Norway Community Building, Norway, Illinois. At 1:00 p.m. the group went to the Nelson Cemetery where there was a dedication of a plaque in memory of Lester Seversike, who was a dedicated worker on Norwegian heritage. Mr. Walter Peterson gave a review of the first permanent settlement by the Norwegians who came to America on the Restoration in 1825. He also gave praise to Lester Seversike for his work and dedicated the plaque in his honor and memory.

After the dedication the group drove to the Norwegian Implement Co. south of Norway just off Il. 71, owned by Phyllis and Mervin Eastvold. There the group viewed the collections of artifacts of years gone by in the ~~and~~ ^{Shop} in their home.

At 3:00 p.m. the group gathered at the Norway Community Building for its meeting. Charles Mies, the president called the meeting to order. The audience sang "America" and gave the Pledge to the Flag.

Sloopers in attendance were from the Rosdail, Brastad (Thompson) and Nels Nelson families.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Weston ^{Fruland} read the Treasurer's report. \$475.00 is in the bank.

A few minutes of silent prayer in memory of those who had passed on was taken.

Rachel Southcombe reported that she had sold 386 books and 164 books were left to sell. There was \$1296.00 in the bank. She was going to send Christine Bailey, who had financed the printing of the books, \$1000.00.

Rachel Southcombe and Dorothy Rosdail ^{and} her two grandchildren had taken a trip to Norway, Europe during the summer. Rachel and ~~dorot~~ Dorothy gave an interesting review of their experiences.

Christine Bailey had donated money for two and one half acres of land, apart of the old Cleng Peerson farm, to the Community Park in memory of J. Hart Rosdail for a ball park. Wayne Borchsenius, on behalf of the Community dedicated this property in memory of J. Hart Rosdail. *

Dorothy Rosdail extended her thanks and Christine Rosdail's thanks for this dedication in memory of J. Hart Rosdail.

The officers elected were Charles Mies, President, Jay Rosdail, Vice President, Weston Fruland, Treasurer, Hiram Varness, Secretary. The nominating committee for the next years officers was Edith Mies, Erma Fruland and Dorothy Rosdail. ^{Hendley} ^{mildred}

Following the meeting a potluck meal was enjoyed as well as good fellowship.

Attendance - 36

Pro. Tem Erma Fruland