

THE PLEASANT PLACES OF FLORIDA

Corresponding Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars

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Recorder's Office,

, Hdqrs. Holmes Beach

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General Communication 16, Nov. 1974

1. With torrid temperatures on the downside, and holidays soon behind us, we might be giving consideration to the next meeting of our Scion. Probably late in January or sometime in February would be good, and as our headquarters at Holmes Beach are rather too distant, we could meet in the social hall, some Saturday afternoon, of my church here, which is near down-town and easy accesible- 419 Fifth St. South. With communication #17 we'll be more precise about the date, and supply a return questionair p.c.

2. It is with pleasure we welcome the following ⁶resident and non-resident ~~to~~ membership since our last Communication. They have each provided sufficient evidence of their Sherlockian scholarship and endeavor. Please add them to your Scion mailing list:

Burns, Jeffery,
Everett, Caroline W..
Petit, Margaret,
Tyrrell, Steve,
Mitchell, Thos. B.,

3. First time we've seen President Ford characterized as Mr. Holmes. His fellow boarder is a stout figure labelled "Economists" as he stands behind the pipe-smoking, deer-stalkered figure trying to solve the inflation problem. The noted political cartoonist Herblock made the sketch.

4. Newspapers in the N.Y.C. area surely out did themselves ^{proudly} with text and pictures anent the "Return to Broadway" of the Great Detective via the Royal Shakespeare Company. (Three large clippings) Also a complete preogram.

5. "Sherlock Holmes Was A Woman" this headline screened in the San Francisco Examiner.

6. W. Butts, B.S.A., reports she has a cassette recording of Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce in a Holmes' portrayal. She offers to make tapes for \$2.00. Write her direct. (see your address list)

7. A remarkable assembly of Sherlockian newspaper references in Colorado media, one of which is by-lined Mary Holmes, zeroxed for us by member Dr. DeWaal. Also his lecture at a BSI meeting "Holmes Away From Home." (see also #22)

8. Program of Le Petit Theatre du Vieux Carre, "New Orleans, "Sherlock Holmes and the Affair of the Amorous Regent" a new play by John Fenn, Apr. 26-May 11, '74.

9. Add to your BSI library list "The Sherlock Holmes Scrap Book," presented by Mr. Reesor. Extraordinary; deserves a place longside the famous "Annotated." And speaking of that Baring-Gould classic, member Tom Reesor offers to loan that large tome to any member, postage about \$1.00. "The Scrapbook," even contains pictures of Mrs. Hudson; the publishers agent and wife; Watson's first wife; The Woman. It also contains reproduction of the famous Gillette S.H. play, with Charlie Chaplin cast as the page boy. (see addit. top. 2)

10. Honorary Member Dick Bothwell, St. Petersburg Times featured columnist and also a fine caricature artist, has drawn for us a signed impression of the Master.

11. As a long-time Sherlockian remarked, this has certainly been a Holmesian year of years. Add to the outstanding features a book already on the N.Y. Times Best Seller list "The 7% Solution," and if member Reesor doesn't mind our again mentioning his name, this volume too he has presented to our library. We won't spoil it for you- but its really something, as reviewers all say.

12. member Norm Schatell makes a fine suggestion: As we annually sponsor a race at Belmont "The Silver Blaze," why not get behind a dog race to signalize "The Hound of the Baskerville(sic)? Commissionaire Julian Wolff, please note.

13. One of our newest members Caroline Everett, public librariian, already has added to our lore by discovering a reference in "Hazel-Rah" ~~a reference~~ to the Giant Rat of Sumatra, a case for which the public is not ready.

14. The soap operas don't miss any needed reference to the Great Detective. "Love of Life" brought him into the script October 8, CBS.

15. Even the capers of the cartoon "Andy Capp" finds Andy taking Mr. Holmes' name in vain.

16. The publication "Film Center" of the School of the Art Institute devotes an entire issue to a critique of "The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes" by Billy Wilder. We note the Nemesis of Crime is re-

ferred to as an "unassailable culture hero."

17. With the decease of the Sherlockian scholar John Holzappel, his magnificent Holmesian library has been put up for sale by Mrs. Holzappel. The Recorder has one copy of the Inventory. but it's best to write to Mrs. H. direct.

17B Several copies have been received of Howard Collins', 'The Saturday Review, remarkable "Your Literary I Q" feature, all of which question the reader on the Canon. Answers are given, separately.

18. Some genius made a sketch of the Master conceived as a mechanical lie detector and with his violin typically at the knee. The N.Y. Times magazine reproduced it in its "Thanksgiving 1973 number.

19. To back up its editorial "Misplaced Connections," the Massapequa, N.Y. Post June 27 used a cartoon purporting to show Mr. Holmes, in full regalia, plus a bloodhound, searching for a "misplaced sewer spur."

20. The National Observer for Sept. 7, '74, carried an extensive article, with a well-known profile, headed "The Case of the Sleuth and the Shrink- and Other Tales," by the Sherlockian writer Herbert Kupferberg; it's mainly a laudatory review of the aforesaid "7% Solution."

21. The Sherlockian authority Fr. Francis Hertzberg, 48 Shalmarsh, Hr. Bebington, Wirral, L63, 2JZ, England, offers a fine list of "Anything Sherlock Holmes." Write him direct.

22. Send your contribution to the Recorder for inclusion in the next Communication. A noteworthy addition to our list this time is Dr. DeWaal's "Holmes Away from Home." (Recorder.) He reports in Canonical detail "Highlights of a Sherlockian trip to Europe." Of course, his first stop was "221-B."

ADDENDA:

1. STCP-Press - Exclusive - Just rec'd London's Sunday Times ^{Oct. 20} first section of Charlie Chaplin's "My Life in Pictures," meaning films. But pictures there are galore, many never before seen, including two of Charlie as a boy actor taking part of the "bell boy" in Gillette's perennial Sherlock Holmes' presentations.

2. New member Tyrrell is manager of TV's WEDU, Public Broadcasting System. Tom Reesor is electronics engineer there.

3. Sotto voice, we confess our new typist's work is not impeccable, as you may have noted.

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