

Office Recorder;

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1. It's a pleasure to welcome two more corresponding members to our roster since last reporting: Ms. Barbara Iris Ulan, ;  
Mr. Odin W.V. MacNeill, . Both have given  
sufficient evidence of being steeped in the lore of the Canon.
2. An extraordinary event and exhibit: Auxiliant Caroline Everett, of the St. Petersburg Public Library staff, happening to pass a local sundial observed (a Sherlockian prerequisite) thereon FIVE ORANGE PIPS. Could they have been there since 1887, circa? Were they there for some malevolent purpose? Why five? Ms. Everett didn't stop to find out but rushed them to the custodianship of the Recorder who offers them for inspection with no admission charge.
3. Recorder's correspondence with the Christian Science Monitor correcting highly un-Christianly-Scientific errors in writing up the Nemesis of Crime.
4. Long newspaper piece, unidentified by supplier, headed "Baker Street Revisited," reviewing John Neville's portrayal, at the Broadhurst Theatre, NY, of you-know-who.
5. And speaking of visiting Baker Street, Prof. and Mrs. Tom Mitchell walked the seventeen steps this summer. We hope to have a first hand report of their hegira at our next meeting.
6. A comparatively new, and finely produced magazine, "West Coast Review of Books," vol. 1, #3, April, carried an exceptional feature "The Return of Sherlock Holmes--Has He Ever Been Away?" Illustrations include the Master as a violin virtuoso, and the cruel, menacing physiognomy of the Napoldian of Crime, Prof. Moriarty.
7. Extraordinary and extensive article in May "Fantasy and Fiction" magazine entitled "Sherlock Holmes Versus Mars." Where was the Master during the believed Martian invasion? Our thanks to Member Norton for this. Member Burton told us about it, too.
- ~~8. Auxiliant Wanda Marvel is bringing out a periodical, bearing the Great Detective's Monicker. Sorry - our amanuensis mystified us here. See below.~~
- 8A. Not content with its rather weak pastiche "Sherlock Jones and Dr. Dolston" in its June number, the playful "etc" PLAYBOY monthly continued its dissertation in July, this time with an illustration which in deference to the sensibilities of our Auxiliant members we have decided not to offer or describe.
9. Even the "Advisers to the Love-lorn" are getting in on the still greater interest in the Canon (we abhor the idea of a "revival") "Dear Abby" in her 6/23 syndicated column advises some young lady that in order to catch her admired one she "might try using Sherlock Holmes' methods."
10. Visitors to 419 Fifth St. S. St. P., (nee 221 B. Baker St.) past few weeks included members Tom Reesor, Ed. Morgan, Dr. Mitchell, John Fought
11. When entertainers Carol Burnett and Cher, portray the Master, even donning deer stalkers and the typical pipe--that's really something. With actor Dennis Weaver they were "investigating" a double "murder," a segment of one of the Cher TV atrocities.
12. Auxiliant Mary Petit, favors us with a Polaroid of six coasters which besides Mr. Holmes included such diverse characters as Joe Cannon, longest reigning Speaker of the House, and a beautiful Christy Girl.
13. The indefatigable researcher Auxiliant Butts supplies us with a lamp-lit publisher's blurb of "The Complete Jack the Ripper." Following a gruesome summary, with no reference to he who really solved it all, there is a notice of "The Seven-Per-Cent Solution"--which near holds the record for continuing on the Best Seller list.
14. Change address of Librarian and Curator R.L. Hall, BSA, to 212 Washington St., Port Richey, 33568.
15. Surprise newspaper headline "Baskerville(sic) Hounds."
16. Documents affirming any of the foregoing items may be had from the Recorder. First come, first served. Each member's participation in observation and research and reporting results, is a part of the avouchment of office.

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8. Auxiliant Butts, whose pastiches are a sensation, reports that the magazine MARVEL is bringing out a periodical bearing the Great Detective's monicker.