

Office of the Recorder -

Hdqrs. Holmes Beach, Fla.

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GENERAL COMMUNICATION #26, JULY, 1976

1. Although we should not stick too large a feather in our respective hats, if any, the remarkable fact is that our Scion is the first in all the world of the BSI to hold a meeting at Holmes Beach (Fla.) the hallowed place where the Master looking out on the turbulent ocean prophetically declared to his associate and chronicler John Hamish Watson, MD, "pointing to the moonlit sea, 'There's an east wind coming Watson....it will be cold and bitter (over England)'". (HB, 1914).
2. Hosted by our chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Benton Wood, rector at HB. (odd coincidence this abbreviation same as the letters for the case entitled "His Last Bow.") and Mrs Wood, an outstanding program was enjoyed and important business conducted, notably the starting on its way of another 'Round Robin Pastiche, entitled "The Second Stein", and preliminary consideration of the project of putting into practice some of the deductions with which, and thereby, Mr Holmes brought sixty criminal cases to successful conclusion. (see again Communic. #25).
3. Dr Wood personally produced a remarkably attractive program booklet, several sheets of puzzles and other incanabula. Members who may be without some of this material ask the Recorder. In this connection, please refer to Item 4, in #25, and, unless you already have done so, let the Recorder have your comments. This also applies to those members who, in the past year or so, according to our standing Rule, have not contributed to the "lubrication" fund.
4. One of our siblings the "Amateur Mendicant Society," based in Ann Arbor, Mich., received a considerable write-up in the magazine section of the Free Press, Detroit, May 16 following its annual meeting. Asked the customary "why" such as initiated our Scion, Ms. Susan Rice, Ferndale, responded effectively, "It has things we've lost and probably still are seeking..."
5. State Farm Fire & Casualty Co., Bloomington, Ill., has issued a handsome little brochure entitled "Adventures of Sherlocked Homes." Sixteen illustrated pages "How to protect your home from thieves."
6. Member Ronald DeWaal scores another first with his article in the magazine E-Go Collection Series, "Sherlock Holmes and the U.S. Presidents." Aside from references in The Sacred Writings to several U.S. chiefs of state, the author gives an account of FDR.'s interest in them, having become a BSI in 1942. Harry Truman accepted membership four years later. Dwight Eisenhower, Dr De Waal shows, was an authority on the Literary Agent. John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Gerald Ford all have had Holmesian cartoon (political) references. A remarkable piece of research, surely.
7. -And speaking of Member De Waal again, he has been awarded the national John H. Jenkins Award for Bibliography. It was of course for his compendious "World Bibliography of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson." This may be borrowed from our library. Send request to the Recorder. Postage \$1.00.
8. "Star Trek's" star Leonard Nimoy has the title roll in Chicago's Shubert Theater presentation of "Sherlock Holmes." One of Nimoy's reaction to the Founder of the Science of Deduction is reported to have been, the Chicago Tribune says, - "Life at 221-B Baker St., evidently was not too different to that on the Enterprise. (Incidentally the Star Trek Society recently held its annual convention in St. Petersburg with several hundred fans present.)"
9. Miscellata: (1) Member Siegrist informs us that the tinned "221-B Tobacco Mixture," of first quality, may be had from Gold Coast Pipe Shop, 1216 So. Dixie Highway, Lake Worth, 334 60. Ask for prices. (2) Member John Bennett Shaw's copy of a proclamation certifying Sherlock Holmes to be an "Honorary Citizen of Oklahoma," and signed by Hon David L. Boren, Governor, add one more to the national honors paid to the Nemesis of Crime. (3) Member Rick Burton finds that test results from the U.S. Education Office's National Assessment series indicate that ages 13, 17 recognize a picture of Mr. Holmes more readily <sup>than</sup> a high political figure. (4) "Engineering Design News" for June 5, advises "You don't have to be a Sherlock Holmes to do the job." (Illus. SH. & JHW.) (5) Schultz's marvelous "It's A Mystery Charlie Brown" is now in our loan library.

Happy Summer Everybody,

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"Five Rings in Reno" featured in "Ellery Queen Mystery Mag." for July, and by R.L. Stevens, shows that the Literary Agent effectively followed Mr. Holmes' methods. (First request gets it.)