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We are sorry for the delay in giving you this condensed report of the minutes of the very fine reunion held at Hanford, California on October 15th. and 16th. last. Due to the long and serious illness of our Secretary—Treasurer, much of our Cody Family work has gone behind. We are happy to report that he is now back at his desk, feeling reasonably well, and with moderate care, should be able to carryon for some time to come. Our convention at Hanford was a great event, a good attendance, and an exceptionally strong and well organized Local Committee; we will now tell you something about it:

Saturday, October 15th. - registration commenced at 1,00 p.m. following an informal luncheon at the Chinese Pagoda. Local Chairman Evon G. Cody welcomed the attending delegates, and introduced the Local Committee, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey P. Cody, Mrs. Evon G. Cody, Mr. and Mrs. A. Milo Cody, Mr. and Mrs. Milo J. Cody, Mr. Thorley G. Cody and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan B. Turner. The total registration for the two days numbered 97 persons, coming from various points in California, Oregon, North Carolina and Florida.

General business commenced at 1.30 p.m. with the President, Hiram S. Cody of Winston-Salem, N.C. presiding. Our Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody of London, Ontario, by reason of his illness, was unable to be on hand, the first convention in 35 years that he has missed.

The minutes of the 1959 reunion at Oberlin, Kansas were ratified on motion of Evon G. Cody and John V. Geary.

The Treasurer's report, showing a balance on hand of \$83.15 was ratified by J.J. Deuel and Mrs. Agnes Cody Reid.

The Secretary's report outlined the work of completing our family records over the year, showing the new families embraced, and the general maintenance of our family records. The President outlined his own personal biography record of Cody Family contacts, and recommended to each branch of the family that much might be done in a similar way to perpetuate family records.

General discussion then took place on the matter of annual family dues, our greatest problem. Motion was made by Mrs. Agnes Cody Reid and J.J. Deuel that billing statements of dues be moiled to all members, and that it be understood that from one year hence those not paying their dues be dropped from the mailing list. A further suggestion was made that at Christmas time gifts of paid up membership dues might be made.

The question of preparing a new Directory was discussed, and it was felt the matter should be laid over for another year or until our financial situation improved.

The report of the Memorial Board was given by the President covering our activities at the Buffalo Bill Museum at Cody, Wyoming. It was with the deepest regret that we learned of the death of Mrs. Mary Jester Allen, Chairman of the Memorial Board, on August 26th. last, the founder and life director of this museum. To her we all owe so much and a silent standing prayer was held in her memory and for the others of the clan who have passed on during the year.

Attention was called to the Florida regional reunion to be held in Gainesville, Florida, February 25th. and 26th. - please see separate sheet of this bulletin outlining this most interesting event.

Once again attention was called to the energetic work of Miss Lydia S. Cody, Chairman of the Historical Board, in her publication of the Cody Family genealogy. This very fine publication is commended to all our families who have not yet received their copy.

On motion of the Nominating Committee, headed by Past President Harvey P. Cody, Aldus M. Cody of Kissimmee, Florida, was nominated for President, Evon G. Cody of Hanford, Calif. as Vice President, and Miss Helen Cody Allan of Cody, Wyoming as Chairman of the Memorial Board succeeding her mother, Mrs. Mary Jester Allen. All other officers were re-nominated.

Invitations for the 1961 reunion were received from North Platte, Nebraska, and the Flint area of Michigan. Further thought has developed that due to the fact that the 1959 reunion was held in Kansas, a near neighbor to Nebraska, that the 1961 convention be held in Michigan. A definite announcement of the Michigan reunion will be made shortly.

Following the adjournment of the business meeting the group was conducted on a tour of the Lemoore Maval Air Station through the courtesy of Lieutenant Richard Bowers - a most delightful and informative trip.

On Saturday evening family dirner was served at the Kings County Fair Grounds, with Evon G. Cody as Master of Ceremonies. Following the dinner actual films were shown of Colonel William Frederick Cody (Buffale Bill), taken many years ago and preserved and restored through the generosity of President Hiram S. Cody. Pictures were also shown on the screen of the tour made last spring by President Hiram and his wife Ann of our ancestral island of Jersey. The running narrative of the pictures was most ably told by Ann, and the entire showing was a real joy to all present.

Along with the evening program were included violin solos and duets by A. Milo Cody and Victor Starrett, Mrs. Vesta Baldwin, and piano selections by Carol Ann Cody and Carol Evonne Cody.

## Sunday, October 16,

Divine service was held at Burris Park, followed by a barbecue dinner. Gifts from the Board of Directors were presented by Evon G. Cody to Mrs. Luther M. Cody of Kissimmee, Florida coming from the greatest distance, to Thorley G. Cody, the oldest member present, and to Steven Cody, the youngest member present. Following discussion of unfinished business, a social hour of happy visiting was enjoyed before the break away for home commenced.

No Local Committee could have done a better job of arrangements than that headed by Evon G. Cody and his group; we owe them a deep debt of gratitude. Shades of our great reunion of 1938 in Hanford were re-born in the reunion of 1960; we thank them all for the great achievement, so well and generously handled.

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