

WE BEGIN THE SECOND QUARTER CENTURY

1973 - 1977

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Volume 1 of the Proceedings concluded with the record of the year 1972, the close of the first quarter century of the Cajal Club, although the Proceedings volume itself was not authorized until 1973. The initial draft was prepared by Dr. Glenn V. Russell, a Past Nucleolus, and a printing bid of \$360.00 was obtained for a press run of 500 copies. The OK of Apical Dendrite Matzke was obtained, and so the cover and the 38 pages of that issue were typed and laid up, camera ready at Galveston by Dr. Russell, who had now, more or less on his own, claimed the title of Editor and Publisher of the Cajal Club Press. The assembled copy was delivered to the printer, The Letter Shop in Galveston, in August of 1973, and the press run mailed to the Apical Dendrite for distribution to the Membership in September. A few copies were distributed to the Library of Congress, the National Library of Medicine, and later on request to the Science Reference Library in London. It goes without saying that copies were deposited in the Library of the Instituto Cajal in Madrid. Recently we have found that this publication has been picked up by Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory of Irregular Serials and Annuals. It is Editor's presumption that we fall in the category of "Irregular", very irregular I would say, Serials. "Ain't life grand...and surprising?"

1973: During the period after the 26th Annual Meeting, our Apical Dendrite, Howard Matzke, sought and obtained a Tax Exempt Status for the Club from the IRS. The 27th Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, April 8th in good old New York City. Members assembled bright and early in the Empire Room of the Waldorf (Where else would we go?) to hear eight free papers. The Business Meeting, before lunch, was devoted to a lengthy discussion of possible translations of the "Histologie" into English, and the continuing dialog on "a possible Proceedings" publication. In the afternoon there were two, not one but two, Symposia as well as the 5th Annual Harman Lecture. Having revered Cajal and ourselves contributed to the advancement of the science of neuroanatomy, the assembled "congenial scientists" then adjourned to the subject of the "welfare of neuroanatomists" and "confraternization" with a, as always, well attended Socializer.

1974: This year it was the Grand Ballroom North of the Sheraton-Cleveland and the day was Sunday, March 30th. Despite the problems generated by the "energy shortage", and the odd scheduling of the Anatomists which was not to begin until late on Monday, the Cajal Club had a fine turnout. A headcount revealed that there were from 250 to 300 in the Hall almost all of the time, except perhaps for the low attendance at the Business Meeting just before lunch. Science was advanced by the presentation of seven first rate, free papers during the morning Session and a "A" level Symposium on "Recent Advances in the Study of Synaptic Structures" during the afternoon. Although the Symposium had stolen some of his thunder, Professor René Couteaux of the Laboratory of Cytology at the University of Paris was well received as the 6th Annual Harman Lecturer. Guess what we did after the Lecture?

Yep! We drank.

The central feature of the Annual Business Meeting was a Eulogy to the founding Nucleolus, Dr. Wendell J. S. Krieg who was to retire at the end of the 1974 Academic Year. Speakers were Dr. George Clark (Nucleolus from 1961 to 1962) and Dr. Clement A. Fox (the 2nd Nucleolus from 1952 to 1954). Both were members of the Nucleus of the Club along with Wendell. After many kind words, Dr. Fox presented Dr. Krieg with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Club (Fig. 4, p. 18).

The Report of the Apical Dendrite showed a balance of \$1043 in the General Fund and \$1302 in the Lecture Fund. Twenty-one new members were elected to the Rolls. Professor William Gibson from Vancouver reported on his efforts to complete an English translation of the "Histologie", and sought aid and assistance from members of the Cajal Club. C. C. Thomas has agreed to publish this work in some eight volumes.

After some debate on the actual details, the Covenant was amended to formally establish the Executive Committee. In the past, and by tradition, all of the members of the Nucleus of the Club, all Past Nucleoli, and the current Officers would foregather and behave like an Executive Committee. Henceforth, the current body of elected Officers, the survivors of the Nucleus, and the immediate past five Nucleoli shall be the official Executive Committee. Dr. David Whitlock was then elected to Chair the Program Committee for 1976.

1975: The Association of Anatomists had chosen the City of the Angels as the site of the Annual Meeting, so the Club gathered itself together in that great sprawling City on Sunday, March 23rd. It was Palm Sunday... and our 28th Annual Bash. On the evening before, the Executive Committee had found that our Club Cash Account was in such fine condition, that it acted to transfer excess monies in the amount of \$1,000 to the Harman Lecture Fund.

The Scientific Sessions were held in the Golden State Room of the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel located between 7th and Wilshire on Figueroa in the heart of downtown LA. There were 7 excellent papers on the morning free session, and six participants in the superb Symposium during the afternoon. Dr. Lennart Heimer presented the 7th Annual Pinckney J. Harman Memorial Lecture to a large and enthusiastic audience. Following the Harman Lecture, all present adjourned across the hall to the Garden Rooms East and West where customary libations were available for a modest contribution of the coin of the realm.

The Annual Business Meeting, held just before lunch, conducted the usual business, elected 19 new members to the 425 already on the rolls, elected Ray Guillery to be the Nissl Body, reelected Howard Matzke to another term as Apical Dendrite, and Dr. Ann M. Graybeil to be the Chairman of the Program Committee for 1977. The Covenant was amended to provide for relief from payment of dues for retired members, and the sum of \$500 was authorized for continued publication of the Proceedings of the Club, to be disbursed at the discretion of the Apical Dendrite and the Editor. In October, Dr. Russell visited Kansas City and the Apical Dendrite and began the Cataloging of the Archives and the Correspondance Files in his possession. That Catalog begins on page 30 of this Volume of the Proceedings.