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With a tinge of shame, the Committee has to confess that their Secretary, JERRY HAINES (7 Bty) has recently become a grandfather. He still appears to be in full possession of all his faculties.

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Yours sincerely, On behalf of the Committee.
N.C. HAINES, Secretary.