The IGHS inaugurates its SECOND ANNUAL SPRING-SUMMER STATEWIDE SERIES of Board/Membership Meetings at Ferdinand on Saturday, May 10th. These "movable feasts" explore our heritage around the state and provide association with members throughout Indiana.

IGHS members are invited as guests of the Ferdinand Historical Society. A tour of the town will begin at the Ferdinand Church at 10:00 a.m. The history of the church and town including the Ferdinand railroad, will be presented. During our visit of historical buildings, a working blacksmith will demonstrate his craft. At noon a no-host luncheon will be served at the American Legion Hall, Main and 5th Streets.

Our IGHS meeting begins at 1:15 p.m. in the Convent's Madonna Hall. Afterwards, Sister Mary Kenneth Schaussele will take us through the Convent. For further information call Joan Quante, after 5 p.m. at (812) 367-1672.

Oldenburgers are justifiably proud of the place their village holds in the German settlement of Indiana and in the Catholic history of the state and nation. The town was founded in 1837, as a German Catholic settlement. A Franciscan convent and academy were established in 1851, and in 1866, a Franciscan friary was constructed with its distinctive spires, still intact today. In 1894, the great brick monastery was constructed. Ever frugal and conservative-minded, the friars chose to move several houses from the monastery site rather than demolish them. The houses were relocated and continue to shelter Oldenburgers today.

The Oldenburg Monastery originally served as a seminary for men studying to become Franciscan priests. The structure is three stories tall with a full basement and a full attic under a dormered slate roof. It was constructed with enduring Indiana limestone and locally-manufactured brick. A fireproof library wing was attached in the 1930's, to which a tennis court and swimming pool were later added. These latter features are secluded from the quiet streets of Oldenburg by a long brick wall.

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M: NASTERY THREATENED—FUNDS NEEDED

Dwindling vocations forced the Monastery to close, and several years ago title to the Monastery was transferred from the Franciscan order to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. In March, 1985, the Holy Family parish of Oldenburg, which maintains the Monastery, obtained a permit to demolish the venerable structure.

The IGHS and the OPA have spearheaded local opposition to the building's destruction. Holy Family parish members, mindful of the deleterious impact destruction of the Monastery would have on surrounding property values and the general appearance of the town, oppose destruction of the Monastery by a margin of three-to-one. On numerous occasions, both organizations attempted to initiate discussions with the Holy Family parish and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to save the structure. The (continued next page)

OLDENBURG FREUDENFEST
FREUDENFEST TO INITIATE HOLTMANN

On Saturday, July 19, Oldenburg, Indiana will celebrate its Freudenfest, and Professor Antonius Holtmann of Oldenburg, Germany, will join in the celebration.

The Oldenburg Freudenfest is an annual event to celebrate the town's German heritage. It will begin at 8 a.m. with a Volksmarch. At 11:00 festivities will commence with German foods, bands, dancers, games, crafts and entertainment for all.

Professor Holtmann of Oldenburg University will be in Indiana this Summer to work on a joint German-American research project in Oldenburg, Columbus, and Indianapolis.

Also this summer historian Gerhard Auer and his wife will revisit Jasper, Pfaffenweiler's Sister City. While in Indiana they will renew last year's acquaintances and visit Bloomington and Indianapolis.

GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY OBSERVANCE

In 1983, Indiana joined the celebration of "300 Years of German Immigration to America." As IGHS members we mark October 6 as German-American Day and celebrate the first weekend in October.

Friends of the German heritage will gather again for a meal beginning at 6:00 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. Professor Charles Ingrao, Purdue University will present a lecture: "THE HESSIAN MERCENARY STATE AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: the role of German soldiers in the American Revolution. Everyone is invited! Dinner reservations are required: Call Bill Conners at (317) 636-0390 by May 19.

GOSHEN COLLEGE — JUNE 14

The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen College, third floor, with an introduction to the Library. We will look at books (quite a few from the 16th century); focus on the European origins of the Anabaptists and Mennonites, illustrated through dialect materials and artifacts. The library contains a large genealogical collection.

Dr. John Oyer, Director of the Mennonite Historical Society, plans to arrange a meal in an Amish home. After dinner at app. 2:00 p.m. we will return to the Library Basement for the Amish film: "People of Preservation" and a question and answer period conducted by Dr. Tom Meyers.

The traditional German dinner will cost app. $8. We need to know for how many. Please make dinner reservations by writing immediately or calling Ruth Reichmann at (812) 988-2866.

T. C. STEELE MEMORIAL — JULY 12

At 3:00 p.m. Owen Glendenning, Curator at the T.C. Steele Memorial in Brown County, will interpret the site and speak about T. C. Steele's Munich period and his Austrian-American wife, Selma Neubacher. Our Meeting will be followed by pitch-in dinner. Bring your tableware, a covered dish, salad or dessert. Drinks will be furnished. For further information contact Ruth Reichmann at (812) 988-2866.

INDIANAPOLIS GERMAN PARK

Are you looking for a German-good time, Gemütlichkeit, traditional foods, music, and dancing in a Hoosier German setting? The German Park on 8600 S. Meridian St. in Indianapolis is the place for you. A variety of programs will be offered again every Saturday from June 8 to August 9, 4:00 - 12:00 p.m. Oktoberfest at the Park is on August 29 and 30 and September 5 and 6. Want to know more? Call Lorra Schroeder at (317) 637-6001 or 535-7081.

Stammtisch

STAMMTISCH AT THE ATHENAEUM — MAY 21

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local parish finally agreed in August, 1985, to delay demolition of the Monastery until April 1, 1986, ostensibly to allow the preservationists to explore new uses for the building. However, the local parish ignored repeated requests for specific written guidelines as to acceptable new uses, and even ignored an offer by the OPA to assume all expenses of maintaining the Monastery for a period of two years while the OPA sought lessees for the building.

In December, 1985, the IGHS initiated a dialogue with the Indianapolis Archdiocese. During a meeting with representatives of the Archdiocese, IGHS repeated OPA's offer to pay all costs of maintaining the Monastery for a period of two years to allow the various preservation organizations sufficient time to explore new uses for the building, and repeated the preservationists' request for written guidelines as to acceptable new uses. Again this offer was ignored.

On March 3, 1986, with the April 1st demolition date rapidly approaching, the OPA offered to purchase the Monastery from the Archdiocese for the sum of $35,000.00. The OPA assented to numerous deed restrictions concerning reuse of the old Monastery which would be compatible with Church uses. The OPA's offer would have enabled the Holy Family parish to save the additional sum of $80,000.00. On March 6, the Archdiocese summarily rejected this offer, and later terminated all further discussions with the various preservation groups.

Paced with no other alternative, the preservationists have been forced to actively pursue their legal remedy, the appeal of the Oldenburg Town Board's issuance of the permit to demolish the Monastery. Demolition of the building has been postponed until June 1, 1986, and a hearing to consider the merits of the appeal is scheduled for May 14, 1986.

Although a lack of written guidelines has handicapped IGHS and OPA in their efforts to find a new use for the Monastery, they have received no fewer than eight (8) serious inquiries from prospective developers in Indiana and elsewhere. The Monastery is structurally sound and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Commercial developers would be entitled to take a substantial tax credit in the process of rehabilitating the Monastery to a new use compatible with its architectural scheme. In addition, the Monastery's strategic location in the middle of Oldenburg, 3 miles from I-74 and within a short drive of either Indianapolis or Cincinnati, makes it a strong candidate for commercial rehabilitation.

The reuse of monasteries is not a new concept. Such transformations have been successful here and in Europe. In the 1880's, noted Indiana artists T. C. Steele and Otis

[Franciscan Monastery, Oldenburg, Indiana]

Adams studied at the Bavarian Royal Academy of Fine Arts, a former monastery in Munich. Steele and his family lived in an apartment in another former monastery outside of Munich. In Indianapolis, the former St. Agnes Academy and St. Vincent Hospital were converted to subsidized housing. The former St. Mary's Academy in Indianapolis now houses artist's studios, arts organizations, and arts-related businesses in its new incarnation as the Academy of the Arts. A former monastery in Huntington now serves as a Protestant church center.

These prospective developers have specifically proposed that the Oldenburg Monastery be converted into a retirement center, nursing home, destination hotel and even a rehabilitation center under the control of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. A proposal has been made by a Cincinnati physician to use the facility as a therapeutic center for children, involving the Franciscan Order. These proposed uses are compatible with Church teachings, and would be a welcome source of employment and tax revenues in the town of Oldenburg. However, the Church appears committed to proceeding with the senseless destruction of this legacy of our German heritage, regardless of the cost, and regardless of the divisive effect on the local community.

The "village of spires" is one of Indiana's great historical and architectural treasures, and the Monastery is one of its chief assets. The IGHS has redoubled its efforts to preserve this magnificent building for future generations of Hoosiers. We need your help. In the past, we have received generous financial support from our members. Our funds are now nearly depleted. Your tax-deductible contributions in any amount are desperately needed.

Please, make your checks payable to IGHS/Save the Monastery Committee, c/o Indiana German Heritage Society, Inc. 401 E. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204, Attention: William L. Selin.

Our SPECIAL THANKS TO: The Indiana Preservationist and Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, Inc.
Interim officers of the Indianapolis chapter, Die Erste Gruppe, are James Kleifgen, President; Mrs. Norma Kleifgen, Secretary; and Mrs. Ruth Scanland, Treasurer. Under the leadership of Jim Kleifgen the Indianapolis Chapter has done much of the Society's nitty-gritty work, furnishing local support for the monthly Stammtisch, film and lectures, the German-American Day activities in the Capitol and the revival of such festivals as St. Nikolausfest. Die Erste Gruppe has begun a video lending library, having taped a folk dance workshop, genealogy lectures and a demonstration of uniforms and equipment of the 32nd German Regiment.

For other communities around the State, they hosted over 100 visiting Germans who passed through on their way to and from their Sister Cities. Some of these include Jasper's Sister City delegation from Pfaffenweiler and the performing arts group from Goshen's Sister City, Bexbach. Often at moments notice, they were called upon to assist in special needs— from meeting a tour bus to finding year-long homestays for a group of German Duisburg exchange students.

Die Erste Gruppe is most appreciative of the Federation of German Societies, Inc. for their support and assistance this past year. In no way could the success have been made possible without the help from the German American Klub of Indianapolis and the Singing Societies. The partnerships made between these groups are a model for other local chapters to imitate.

One of the fruits of this partnership is the Indianapolis-Nuremberg Youth Exchange, sponsored by the German American Klub and the Indiana German Heritage Society. This will be a six-week cultural/educational exchange with each side spending three weeks in a host country. The American group will leave for Germany on July 18. Anyone between the age of 15 and 24 years is eligible. For further information contact Jim Hemsen at (317) 635-4391.

Evansville, under the leadership of Fritz Bockstege, sponsored a very successful Board/Membership meeting at the Germania Maennerchor, followed by a bus tour of Evansville and attendance at the Maifest. Fritz is getting in gear to get a regional group organized. The Bloomington/Nashville/Columbus group is rallying around these issues: participation in the Oldenburg Project, publication of the 2us Oeveste letters, and the preservation of the Old Dutch Church in Ellettsville.

The Society's greatest surprise, however, was at Vincennes where Ralph and Marge Ruppel, Bob and Anna Harmon and Chuck and Leona Kaiser organized a local German Heritage Society. Their first meeting on November 23, 1985, was a dinner attended by over 100 people! Featured speaker Professor David Liebberman spoke on the Vincennes' German heritage. Ruth and Eberhard Reichmann and Giles Hoyt were on hand to discuss the affiliation with IGHS.

Jim Hemsen
SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS

A Summer Institute for teachers dealing with the culture of the Indiana Germans will be offered for graduate credit on the IUPUI campus June 27 to July 18. The Institute will treat many aspects of Indiana German culture including immigration patterns, architecture, art, music, literature, social structure, family history, etc. The course, a combined effort of Professors Giles R. Hoyt and Eberhard Reichmann (Bloomington), will involve hands-on experience with original archival materials at diverse sites. Dr. Elfrieda Lang, Dr. Robert K. O’Neill, Dr. Joe Salmons, Bill Selm and other experts from various fields will provide lectures and workshops. Teachers of history, social studies and German are invited to participate.

For information contact Dr. Giles R. Hoyt, Dept. of German, IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN 46202 (317) 264-2330.

INDIANAPOLIS DEUTSCHSCHULE
INDIANAPOLIS GERMAN SCHOOL

For the fourth year, the Indianapolis German School will hold classes on Saturday mornings for children in Kindergarten through eighth grade. This is a very fine opportunity to introduce children to the German Language and Culture. Classes run for 13 weeks starting September 6th. Registration is due by August 30th. Tuition is $60 per semester with discounts if more than one child in the family enrolls, or if payment for the whole academic year is given. Enrollment is possible only in the fall so that continuity in subject matter can be maintained throughout the year. Teachers are fully qualified. The school is sponsored by the Department of German, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Phone contact can be made at (317) 264-2012.

NEW BOOKS


CALL FOR PAPERS

In anticipation of the Annual Meetings of the Indiana Historical Society, November 8 and IGHS on March 14, 1987, members wishing to present a paper should notify Eberhard Reichmann, or Bill Selm.

HONORING PAUL DRESSER (1859-1906)

"On the Banks of the Wabash" - A Paul Dresser Evening at the Deutsche Haus-Athenaeum concluded the Second Annual Meeting of IGHS on March 15. It was a wonderful tribute to the most famous Hoosier German song writer and composer on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of his death.

The Golden Raintree Singers of IU Bloomington performed under the direction of Claude K. Sluder, and the Indianapolis Marenchor was conducted by Gayle Byers. Eberhard Reichmann gave a sketch on Dresser’s life with readings from Max Ehrmann and Theodore Dreiser, Paul's equally famous brother (who kept the original German family name).

Thanks to our co-sponsors, the Maennerchor and the Athenaeum Turners. Let's join hands more often!
Dear Friends of the Indiana German Heritage!

Looking Backward — Looking Forward*

I welcome you to our second Annual Meeting. This first Anniversary is well suited for both celebration and reflection. As we look back to the activities of the past year we can be very proud. Over 140 persons attended the 1985 Annual Meeting. All of the sessions were well attended.

Our many programs, whether Annual Meeting, Stammtisch, St. Nikolausfest, or joint activities with organizations such as the Athenaeum and the Maennerchor, were well received. Properly focused on history and traditions, they became learning experiences for those who designed them, as well as for those who attended.

The summer meetings in Evansville, Nashville, Decatur, Zionsville, and the German-American Day Program at the Indianapolis Museum of Art (which drew a four-digit crowd) increased our historical understanding and intercultural expertise, while it helped promote, preserve and celebrate German Heritage. Another highlight was our involvement in the exhibit from the Wallraf-Richartz Museum, Cologne, at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, which brought to Indianapolis for its opening, German Ambassador Guenther Van Well and a host of dignitaries.

There will be fine programs again this year. I urge you to join us for as many as possible. On May 10th we will hold a Board/Membership Meeting at Ferdinand with a tour of the town and a meeting at Madonna Hall followed by a tour of the convent. On June 14th, our friends in Goshen are planning an exciting program and July 12th we welcome you to be with us at the T.C. Steele State Memorial in Brown County for a program and pitch-in.

On the preservation front, our Historic Preservation Committee has been in the news for their efforts in saving the Oldenburg Monastery. They have vowed they will not give up. A call for donations has been made to assist the Oldenburg Committee with legal fees if needed. (See Oldenburg article herein - donations are needed especially now).

The Editorial Board and History Committee under the leadership of Dr. Eberhard Reichmann and Dr. Elfrieda Lang are collecting and planning the publication of documents on Indiana’s German heritage and its contribution to the way of life in Indiana. To finance our publications will require a concerted effort raising necessary funds. We will soon be kicking off a fundraising campaign. Anyone willing to help us, please, contact Jim Talley, chairman of the fundraising committee or any Board member.

Our Education Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Joe Salmons and Dr. Giles Hoyt, plans to go beyond merely creating awareness. In 1986, IUPUI will host the first Summer Institute for teachers of German and Social Studies, an intensive Graduate Course focusing on Indiana German Heritage and the contributions of the German settlers in the history and development of the state.

To aid those of German descent in understanding things German, is one of our major concerns. The Genealogy and Family History Committee, under the leadership of Doris Leistner and Bill Harris, will help anyone with family history projects, with deciphering German script, locating a German village, or writing to a German City Hall for information regarding records.

We will continue to strengthen our relations with the German-speaking culture areas of central Europe through visits, exchanges, and collaboration on projects of mutual interest, such as the joint German-American research and curriculum project with Professor Holtmann of Oldenburg University.

We again will have visiting German lecturers: on April 14, Dr. Hermann Glaser, Director of Cultural Affairs of the City of Nurnberg, will present a lecture: "POSTWAR GERMANY AND THE INFLUENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" at IUPUI's Lecture Hall. And we will have our first Nuremberg-Indianapolis exchange of young people. The Marienfelder Trachten und Volkstanzgruppe from the Osnabruck area will be in Indiana in August and will perform and teach German folk dances in authentic area costumes.

Another major emphasis for this year will be increased contacts and cooperation with communities around the state. Jim Kleifgen is currently forming an Indianapolis chapter. We are witnessing a resurgence of pride in the German Heritage in Vincennes, in Evansville and other places around the State.

Our Society is dedicated to research and preservation of Indiana German heritage. Lots of investigating, locating, identifying, recording, deciphering, translating, compiling, and preserving needs to be done, if we are to pass on to future generations what we have inherited. More scholars and research helpers will have to become actively involved, and more teachers must be reached and provided with suitable materials.

We would like to create a Speaker’s Bureau and data bank for the many aspects of Hoosier German history. Specialists need to be identified and asked if they are willing to present a paper or serve as a speaker.

*See Oldenburg article herein - donations are needed especially now.
High priority for the coming year will be the preservation of artifacts, documents, written materials, letters and mementos. Preservation means: identifying, collecting, preserving, studying and interpretation of German heritage. We need to search out materials in basements and attics, being ruined at a rapid rate, or carelessly discarded. We ask your help in this. We cannot afford many losses of the documentation of this heritage. We must try to save what is left and direct it to our friends at the Indiana Historical Society, the State Museum, or suitable regional depositories.

To get at the German heritage requires skills in working with immigration records, tapping the writings and memories of those who recall traditions and customs of family and community. It requires skills for transcribing and translating writings and recording memories, to discover what about them is German. The interpretation of ethnic art or architecture, customs and traditions, requires skilled interpreters. And we are proud to have so many skilled interpreters of this heritage with us today. Today's program reflects our broad range of interests. I hope you will find it to be an enjoyable learning experience.

*President Ruth Reichmann's address at the Second Annual Meeting on March 15, 1986.

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IN MEMORIAM ROSS CRUMP

We are saddened by the tragic loss of Ross Crump. Ross helped found the Society and served on its Interim and first Board.

His interest in The Zur Oeveste Letters (see Newsletter, Feb. 1985) and origins of the Zur Oeveste family led to contacts with the homeland in Rieste, Germany. Ross was invaluable in the planning of the Columbus part of the Indiana German heritage project, representing the Bartholomew County Historical Society. He corresponded with Prof. Holtmann from Oldenburg University in the interest of joint research and publication activities. All of us greatly miss Ross Crump and his leadership. We happily continue this project so important to him, and to which he dedicated so much time, energy, and imagination.

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IN MEMORIAM ROSS CRUMP

C-cnmemorial text for Ross Crump.

THE RELIGIOUS GROUPS OF ADAMS COUNTY

Last year's July Board/Membership meeting took place in Amishville. Our appreciation goes to Dick Heller for organizing this very interesting program.

Claren J. Neuenschwander, secretary of the Berne Chamber of Commerce and president of the Adams County Historical Society, reported briefly on the three German dialects spoken in Adams County. The Amish south of Berne appear to be speaking the Alsace dialect, having come from that area; the Amish north of Berne use "Pennsylvania Dutch," an old American German dialect; while the Mennonites of Berne and the surrounding area employ the dialect of Switzerland's Canton Berne. The Amish still read German and use the Martin Luther Bible in their worship service.

Neuenschwander also stated that 72-year-old David Baumgartner brought his family to the area about 1852, cleared the woods and founded a congregation. Baumgartner is believed to have more living descendants in Adams County than any other pioneer.

However, Friederich Buuck and his family preceded Baumgartner by sixteen years and formed a community still known as Friedheim. They were German Lutherans from Windeheim, Westphalia. Mrs. (Don) Ardena Burke provided an interesting account of this group in the "History of the German Lutheran in Adams County." Church minutes were still written in German as late as 1945.

In 1839, the founders of another denomination emigrated from Lienen, Taklenberg, and settled between the Lutheran areas in Preble Township, Adams County. Mrs. Beulah Kruetzman gave an informative presentation on these God-fearing immigrants and the Deutsche Reformierte Saales Kirche--Salem Evangelical Reformed Church--north of Magley.

Lawrence Beckmeyer of Root Township spoke briefly about the German Catholics who arrived from the region of Osnabrück not far from Minden County. Most of the priests were of German origin.

According to Host Dick Heller this meeting was especially rewarding since it was the first time that all groups had gotten together to discuss their heritage. There was agreement that IGB would work with the Swiss Heritage Society toward mutual goals.

Dr. Elfrieda Lang
Calendar of Events

May 10 10:00 a.m. Meet at Ferdinand Church for tour of town. 1:15 p.m. Madonna Hall of Crewe, for further information call Joan Quanta, (812) 367-1672.

May 21 7:30 p.m. Athenaeum Stammisch: "THE HESSEIAN MERCENARY STATE AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION." Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; for reservations call (317) 636-0390 by May 19.

June 14 10:30 a.m. Goshen College, Mennonite Historical Library, 2:00 p.m. film on the Amish. For meal in Amish home call Ruth Reichmann (812) 988-2866.


June 30 Articles due for August Newsletter. Bob Frederick (812) 332-9064.

July 12 3:00 p.m. Program at the D.C. Steele Memorial in Brown County followed by pitch-in. Ruth Reichmann.

July 19 Oldenburg Freudenfest. Contact Bill Selm at (317) 283-7820.

August 9 German Park, Indianapolis. IGH participates in the Liederkranz Summerfest. Jim Kleifgen at 359-7181.

October 6 German-American Day

November 8 Indiana Historical Society Annual Meeting. Contact Bill Selm.

December 6 St. Nikolausfest

March 14, 1987 Third Annual Meeting

Committees

Do you need help with your local program? Do you have a question on a specific subject? We encourage you to contact the appropriate committee chair by writing to that person c/o our Athenaeum address. Or you may wish to give him or her a call at the number given below:

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