RIGHTING AN OLD WRONG

Thanks in great part to the efforts of IGHS members William Selm and Eberhard Reichmann, the Indianapolis City-County Council voted unanimously to approve the erection of markers to commemorate the original German names of two Indianapolis streets on October 28, 1991.

Because of the United States entry into World War I and the accompanying anti-German sentiment, the Indianapolis city government enacted Special Ordinances numbers 3 and 9 in 1918 by which the names of Bismarck and Germania streets in the Haughville area were respectively changed to Pershing Avenue and Bellevue Place.

While markers will be erected to commemorate these names, the current street names will remain unchanged. The signs will be designed by the IGHS with help from officials from the Departments of Transportation and Metropolitan Development.

Reichmann stated it was a “righting of old wrongs from the bad days of World War I." He also mentioned that many American soldiers of German descent distinguished themselves in the First World War. Among these were Henry Strobel of St. Meinrad, the state’s most decorated Army private, and Paul Baer of Fort Wayne, the state’s greatest flying ace. It is also noteworthy that General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing for whom one of the streets was changed, was of German origin.

The Council also attributed Indianapolis’ sister city ties to Cologne as another reason for the markers.
CITY-COUNTY SPECIAL RESOLUTION No. 92, 1991

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION recognizing certain former street names.

WHEREAS, the Indianapolis streets Bismarck Avenue and Germania Avenue were renamed Pershing Avenue and Bellevue Place, respectively, pursuant to Special Ordinances No. 3 and 9, 1918; and

WHEREAS, the renaming of these streets was a result of anti-German feelings brought about by the hostilities of the Great War (now known as World War I); and

WHEREAS, Indianapolis is now a Sister City to Cologne of the Federal Republic of Germany and wishes to build good relations with our Sister City, now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The Indianapolis City-County Council ordains that signage be added to Pershing Avenue and Bellevue Place that will identify those streets as formerly being Bismarck Avenue and Germania Avenue, respectively.

SECTION 2. Further, that such signage shall be designed and installed with advice from the Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development, the Indianapolis Department of Transportation and the Indiana German Heritage Society so as to be historically informative, but not confuse the public who rely upon street signs in their daily activity.

SECTION 3. The Mayor is invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto.

This Special Resolution was sponsored by Councillors Carlton Curry and David McGrath and was passed by the City-County Council this 28th day of October, 1991.

ATTEST:

[Signatures]

President

[Seal]

[Seal]

Mayor
CHRISTMAS STOLLEN

Christmas loaves constitute a very popular and widespread category of Christmas cheer. These cakes bear such regional diverse names as Stollen, Stiezel, Stuten, Fruchteword, and Hutzelbrot. These cakes are long and wedge-shaped at the two ends. The most celebrated is perhaps the Stollen, a Bohemian-Saxon recipe that was first mentioned in the year 1299. Scholars have sometimes said that the Stollen symbolizes a boar while others say it is the Christ child wrapped in swaddling clothes. The Saxony or Dresden Stollen are the most famous of all. The Electors of Saxony used to make presents of Stollen to their royal nephews all over the world, and even today the Stollen remains a very popular Christmas gift with Dresden almond and sultana Stollen despatched far and wide. The recipe for Dresden Stollen is listed below.

500 gr. raisins, 125 gr. currants, 100 gr. candied lemon peel, 100 gr. candied orange peel, 250 gr. almonds, 2 1/2 litres glasses of rum, 1 kg. flour, 120 gr. yeast, 150 gr. sugar, .25 l. milk, 375 gr. butter, 125 gr. butter for brushing on afterwards, 100 gr. icing sugar.

Pour the rum over the raisins, currants, finely chopped candied peel, and the peeled and chopped almonds. Stand overnight--covered. Crumble the yeast, and mix with lukewarm milk. Add to the flour together with the soft butter and sugar, and knead into a smooth dough. Cover and leave to rise in a warm place for 20 minutes. Knead once more. Roll out on a surface covered with a little flour and make an oval slab about 3 cm. thick. Make a groove with a large rolling pin along the center of the dough, and then fold one half over the other. Let the Stollen rise for another 15 minutes on a greased baking tray. Bake for 20 minutes in an oven pre-heated to 200 degrees--and then for 70 minutes at 175 degrees. If the Stollen gets too brown, cover with some greaseproof paper.

Immediately after baking, brush the Stollen with melted butter and sprinkle thickly with icing sugar.

From Josef Ruland, Christmas in Germany.

ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEW

Germans Heritage, Ethnic History and Community Resources is the theme for the 1992 IGHS Annual Meeting. It will be held on March 13 and 14 at the Athenaeum.

The membership meeting will be on Friday, March 13, and will be followed by dinner and a musical program. The Arts Chorale under the direction of Elise Marshall will present German songs.

Three sessions are planned for bulk of the meeting on Saturday, March 14.

Session I--The Hoosier Germans and the Melting Pot. James J. Divita, Marian College will speak about his experience with the ethnic history section of the POLIS project. The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis, a complete reference work on Indianapolis-Marion County, is the goal of the POLIS project. The Encyclopedia will cover history, political life, demographics and biography.

Giles R. Hoyt, IUPUI, will speak about the Indiana Ethnic History Project and the "Germans in Indiana." Initiated by the Indiana Historical Society, the project will publish a volume, containing essays on most of the state's ethnic groups. Hoyt is currently researching and writing about the Germans in this volume.

The session will conclude with a panel discussion on: The Question of Melting Pot vs. Multiculturalism in Research.

Session II: Hoosier Heritage and History in Community and Classroom. Mary Fortney, Genieve Novak, Ruth Reichmann, Randy Studt, and Nancy Wolfe will discuss the involvement of young people in local and regional heritage and history studies.

Session III: An Introduction to Community Resources for the Study of Ethnic Heritage and History. Professionals from several ethnic history repositories in Indiana will discuss what materials are available for the researcher and how they can contribute to the understanding of the ethnic experience.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

A nominating committee has been appointed by the IGHS Board of Directors for submitting names of potential candidates for election to the Board at the Annual Meeting in March, 1992. Nominations are welcome from the membership. Any IGHS member who is interested in submitting such names and qualifications to the committee for consideration may write to the IGHS Nominating Committee, 401 E. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Board members must be members of the Indiana German Heritage Society in good standing (dues must be paid) and should be able to attend at least six of the meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at the Athenaeum at 1:00 PM.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

All yearly memberships in the Indiana German Heritage Society officially expire on December 31. It is now time to renew your membership. Despite inflation, we are keeping our dues at the present rate for at least another year. Please complete the membership renewal form in this Newsletter and return it to Indiana German Heritage Society, 401 East Michigan Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Membership includes four issues of the Newsletter, discount on IGHS publications, and notices of meetings and activities. This year we have added a new membership category: Student ($5.00). This category is available to all full-time students only, and please indicate your educational affiliation on the membership form.
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The recent elections in the north German state of Bremen in which the ultra right/Neo-Nazi German People’s Party (DVU) received 6.3% of the vote has been the topic of some concern. The following article is reprinted from the October 13 issue of The German Tribune and was taken from an article that appeared in the October 1 issue of Der Tagesspiegel (Berlin). The article, written by Matthias Zschaler, was titled "Neither a parliamentary upset nor a police problem" and provides some political insight on the situation. For those not familiar with the German political process, parties, not individuals, are voted for in elections, with representation based on percentage of votes received. As a result of the elections, 6 of the 100 members of the Bremen state assembly are representatives from the DVU. It is worth noting that David Duke received 39% of the vote in Louisiana.

"Politicians can’t pick and choose their voters, and every nation has the representatives it deserves. How they get on with their job is another matter.

People now all claim to be most upset about a German nationalist, anti-foreign party having achieved the formal status of parliamentary presentability in Bremen.

In comparison with the DVU's 6.3% other aspects of the Bremen state assembly elections seem almost incidental.

The Social Democrats, for instance, suffered heavy losses in an SPD stronghold for not having pursued convincing policies on the strength of their comfortable majority.

That alone is not spectacular. One of the rules of democracy is that parties are given the order of the boot by their sovereign, the electorate, when signs of wear and tear gain the upper hand.

Which coalition partner the SPD goes for in the smallest LAN (state) is surely a secondary issue. What matters is how the SPD lost in Bremen, and in reality it wasn’t the only loser even though the other parties, winners all, would like to feel it was.

The Bremen elections results were a defeat for civilized politics as a whole. In other words, they were a defeat for us all.

It isn’t enough to attribute them to the well-known tenet that the two major parties have for years been losing long-term support and that the party-political landscape is tending toward fragmentation.

Comparison with similar line-ups elsewhere and in the past is only a limited help. The Bremen election outcome was directly connected with way Germans feel now, a year after unification.

The questions that arise do so almost inevitably in connection with the asylum debate, which has come to an increasingly volatile keynote of domestic political dispute. Bremen was the political counterpart to the anti-foreign riots in Hoyerswerda—a signal.

What is more, one is bound to wonder whether more must be taken into consideration than Bremen and Hoyerswerda, Bonn and Saarlouis, more than the asylum debate and the horizons of those who are involved in it.

A political party of the far right was elected in Bremen because many voters felt they were no longer represented by the established parties. That is the simple, banal truth.

So maybe attributing everything to the asylum debate is the easy way out. And could it be that the debate itself is the abbreviation of a process that is much more far-reaching?

The inability to take a level-headed view of what is strange and unaccustomed, the need to be able, in the progressively tougher struggle for survival, to look down on others weaker than oneself and to seek scapegoats for the disadvantage to which one is put are traits attributable to the loss of one’s accustomed sense of security and familiarity.

It isn’t just foreigners who are alien; living conditions have grown alien too, and this sense of self-alienation is a hotbed of reactionary aggression derived from anxiety and an inferiority complex.

This sense of self-alienation may use the vocabulary of right-wing extremism but it is often far from certain whether it is really based on a right-wing political world view.

In many cases it amounts to no more than a vague sense of powerlessness and protest against policies that are felt to have been a disappointment and to have left one in the lurch.

People who feel this way rally round those who promise them what they feel the established political parties are failing to deliver: actions that don’t require thought.

The strength of dull and hollow words and the lamentable strength of those who win votes with them are signs of weakness of both politics and society as a whole.

It really is no consolation that it isn’t just a German phenomenon but a challenge that is increasingly besetting all rich, pluralistic and highly-developed states.

Those who see the Bremen poll results as a kind of parliamentary upset seem destined for an even ruder awakening than those who regard the Hoyerswerda riots as merely a problem of the right police deployment."
The Passage, The Return of Indiana Painters from Germany, 1880-1905 will be on display at the Indianapolis Museum of Art from November 24, 1991-February 2, 1992.

Recently returned from its European tour, the exhibition features the works of Indiana's most respected painters: Theodore Clement Steele, J. Ottis Adams and William Forsyth. With Otto Stark and R.B. Gruelle they constituted the Hoosier Group. As distinctive impressionistic painters of Indiana, they were the foremost regional group in the Midwest. Their colleagues during their student years in Munich—Samuel Richards, J. Frank Currier and Harry Williamson—are also represented in this exhibition of 120 paintings, drawings and watercolors. Several of the paintings in the exhibition have never been viewed by the public, and many have not been on display for more than fifty years.

The exhibition was organized by the Indianapolis Museum of Art and the Wallraf-Richartz Museum, Cologne, and has been made possible by grants from PSI Energy through PSI Foundation, Inc., the National Endowment for the Arts, the Indiana Arts Commission, the cities of Indianapolis and Cologne, and private and corporate sponsors.

IGHS ASSISTS IN STATE PARKS 75TH ANNIV.

Donations are needed for an additional printing of 25,000 copies of the broadside enclosed in your newsletter. The flyer commemorates the 75th Anniversary of Indiana's State Park System and its founder, German-born Richard Lieber. IGHS funded the first 4,000 copies of this flyer. IGHS historian, Prof. Robert Frederick, provided the research and did the layout. Printmaster of Bloomington printed them a very reasonable price.

Several years ago the Indiana German Heritage Society held a program at "Whippoorwill Lodge," the former residence of Richard and Emma Lieber in Nashville. Last fall we discussed a similar program with the Park naturalist for the 75th anniversary celebration. Also discussed was IGHS involvement in the design of a brochure for that occasion.

By May of this year all funding for publications was cut by the Governor. The Indiana German Heritage Society agreed to pick up the cost for a limited printing of 4,000 copies to be used at Brown County State Park for their celebration on June 15. The DNR then hoped to have monies available for a larger printing in the new budget. This money did not materialize.

Printmaster of Bloomington quoted us another lower price for a second printing of an additional 25,000 copies at $2,000. Andy Rogers, owner of the Seasons Lodge and the Brown County Inn pledged the first $500. Another $1,500 is still needed! Please! Flyers would go to State Parks Division of DNR and some to story teller Bob Sanders for his presentations of the story of immigrant Colonel Lieber within the State Park system throughout the fall of 1991.

Like many immigrants, Lieber has left a great legacy to the Hoosier State and his adopted country. The contributions of Richard Lieber go far beyond the establishment of the Indiana State Park system. We believe that the people of Indiana and the many visitors to the parks should be made aware of the historical significance of Colonel Lieber and celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Park System. If you are willing to make a tax deductible contribution, send your check to "IGHS-75th Anniversary" and mail to R. 5 Box 175, Nashville, Indiana 47448.

Ruth M. Reichmann

WILLIE CELEBRATION SET

As reported in the last issue of this Newsletter, Indiana University is planning a celebration to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Wendell Willkie. These plans are now set. Conceived by Chancellor Herman B. Wells, the February 15-17 Willkie centennial will include issuance of a Willkie stamp in Bloomington by the U.S. Postal Service. President George Bush and former President Jimmy Carter have been invited, and guests are to include Willkie family members, supporters, friends, biographers, journalists, business executives, politicians, and historians.

Also to be invited are the members of the Indiana Historical Society, Indiana junior high and high school social studies teachers, political science and history professors at Indiana colleges and universities, Indiana legislators and IU faculty, staff and students. Private donations to the IU Foundation are to cover costs, estimated at about $60,000.

CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations go out to the following students who correctly matched the titles with the pictures for our contest at the International Festival in October: Marjorie Scholl, Indianapolis; Dennis Kelly, Indianapolis; John T. Wilson, Brownsburg; Malgonia Zukowska, Indianapolis; Shadi Hazhany, Muncie; Jan Melter, Indianapolis; Gloria Kellogg, Indianapolis; Nicholas Selma, Indianapolis.

We wish to thank the following for their generosity in supporting the Lieber brochure: Frank A. Rogers, Abe Martin Lodge, Nashville; William and Pat Koch, Holiday World, Santa Claus, Indiana; Robert and Phyllis Menke, Huntingburg; Eimeldingen Corporation, Indianapolis; Claude and Martina Eckert, Jasper; Robert J. Steffe, Jasper; Dubois County Bank Foundation, Inc., Jasper; Chancellor Herman B. Wells, Bloomington; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne K. Sowers, Bloomington; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold F. Habig, Jasper; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kremp, Jasper; Robert and Kate Sturgeon, Bloomington.
In 1916, our parks commemorated statehood. Guided by Col. Lieber, their first 17 years, created and supported by Resekins of all ages, they are visible symbols of popular achievement at their diamond anniversary, a PARTNERSHIP "OF THE PEOPLE" . . .

"Born in Germany, yung Rich came to Indiana in 1881, landed his self a job, got engaged, hitched n' had three kids. His 1910 trek t' Hills O'Brien turned his mind t' parks. Heint we lucky!"

- Abe Martin

Upper Rocky Hollow
Turkey Run State Park 1916

Indianapolis Museum, 1921
Gaar Williams

Clifty Falls State Park 1920

Turkey Run was the religion of Rockville's Juliet Strauss. Noted journalist, her letter to Governor Ralston called public attention to pending destruction of its priceless forest by timbering. With heroic effort it was rescued "BY THE PEOPLE."

Collapse of the Sugar Creek suspension bridge July 4, 1917, at Turkey Run, led to the 10-cent admission charge to replace it. The gate fee paid "BY THE PEOPLE" made them share-holders in its hills and development of their park system.

Busters on Spring Mill Lake

Drusilla Lanier Cravens, granddaughter of James F.D. Lanier, decoed his 1844 Greek revival mansion in Madison to Indiana in 1923. $12,000 was provided from general funds for restoration and 1850 furnishings. Her family gave an additional $8,000 for furniture. Miss Drusilla collected these as a labor of love, "BY THE PEOPLE."

In 1925, Indiana's legislature authorized state park memorials and monuments. Pictured: rededication of the James F.D. Lanier Home in Madison (1926).

Restoration in progress at Sprng Mill State Park (1932).

The Old State Capitol at Corydon (1923). "FOR THE PEOPLE."
Indiana's largest, Brown County State Park, contains 15,679 acres including Weed Patch Hill, highest elevation in the county. Opened to the public as a game reserve in 1924, it became a park in 1929. Located on Kin Hubbard Ridge, Abe Martin Lodge and 20 cabins were dedicated May 22, 1933. "FOR THE PEOPLE."

Lee Bright, whose forebears lived in Brown for several generations, wished to save its forests "FOR THE PEOPLE." He succeeded in convincing landholders to give options to the state.

A visit to Brown County in 1919 inspired Richard's vision of state parks. In the spring of 1911, off Jackson Branch, he built Whippoorwill Lodge as a summer retreat. Here he wrote America's Natural Wealth (1942). Al and Kaye Mood are its owners.

OUR NATIONAL PARK PARTNERSHIP

The National Park Service and Indiana State Parks were born the same year. Though national parks existed since 1872, Congress created the National Park System and Service in 1916. Stephen Tyng Mather became its first director and served until his death in 1930. Colonel Lieber was chosen first director, Department of Conservation (now DNR) in 1915.

Indiana Dunes State Park (1935) contained 2,182 acres and three miles of lakeshore. In 1936, the National Park Service created Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, adding 12,070 acres and 25 miles of shoreline.

Lieber and Mather: a rare and valuable friendship graced state and nation.

In 1921, they joined others to found the National Conference on State Parks and presided at its meetings. Each defined policies, shaped development, and conservation. Lieber led the nation's state parks as Mather the National Park System. At this diamond anniversary we salute their achievements and honor their memory.

On Ft. Sackville's site, a partnership of federal, state, county and city built the George Rogers Clark Memorial at Vincennes.

Dedicated by President Roosevelt in 1906.

"THE CCC - A YOUNG MAN'S OPPORTUNITY to work, to live, to learn, to build and to conserve our Natural Resources." From 1933 to 1943, national and state parks and forests benefited from federal Emergency Conservation Work.

THE INDIANA INDIANS UNION (1926) was formed to honor Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Its 1957-58 campaign raised $2,978,516 and included pledges of over 40,000 school children in amounts of 25c or less. By 1957, 1,758 acres, including the Lincoln Farm and the Nancy Hanks gravestones, were acquired. A joint effort of citizens, Department of Conservation and the Civilian Conservation Corps, this partnership "OF THE PEOPLE" completed the Memorial in 1944.

Lincoln State Park (1939) complements the Memorial. Since 1937, each summer DNR presents Billy Edd Wheeler's "Young Abe Lincoln." This superb musical outdoor drama at the Lincoln Amphitheater "BY THE PEOPLE" is celebrating the 175th anniversary of the Lincoln family arrival in Indiana - "FOR THE PEOPLE!"

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Final plans are still being worked out for the annual IGHS-Athenaeum Turner Karneval marking the beginning of the Lenten season. This gala celebration will take place on Saturday, February 29, at the Athenaeum in Indianapolis. Details will be published at a later date. For those seeking more information, contact Ruth Reichmann at 812-988-2866 or the Athenaeum at 312-636-0396 around the middle of February.

RUTH REICHMANN RECEIVES CROSS OF MERIT

The Detroit Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany announced that Dr. Ruth Reichmann is the recipient of Germany's Federal Cross of Merit. General Consul Detlof von Berg will make the presentation on December 6, at the Deutsche Haus-Athenaeum in Indianapolis.

For Dr. Reichmann, nationally known for her contributions to German-American Studies and German-American relations, this is the second award from her native country. In 1985 she was honored with the Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award.

Indiana Governor Robert D. Orr recognized her many achievements in 1987 by awarding her the distinction of Sagamore of the Wabash.

Ruth Reichmann immigrated to the U.S. in 1952. Her thoughts on the linkages between the Old and New World culminated in a dissertation on Intercultural Education. Her activities and interests pertaining to her ambassadorial role are manifold. She has been assisting Indiana towns and schools with international partnership development in her role as state coordinator and representative for Sister Cities International, the Town Affiliation Association of the United States (1982-1990). She also served as first president of Indiana Sister Cities, Inc.

For Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Dr. Reichmann designed and coordinated the first Business and Engineering Student Exchange Program with the German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg.

In 1983 Ruth Reichmann was the Executive Vice-Chair of the German Immigration Tricentennial Commission for the State of Indiana. Her initiative led to the continuation of this Commission’s work through the founding of the Indiana German Heritage Society for which she served as president till 1988. Under her leadership, IGHS became one of the outstanding German heritage organizations and her council was sought on the national level as well. As Chair for the Society for German-American Studies Education Task Force she directed the development of "Guidelines" for German-American Studies.

Dr. Reichmann helped organize teacher workshops on the regional and national level. Between 1989 and 1991 she was involved in the design and organization of three international conferences in New Harmony and Indianapolis. She is currently heading the development of German heritage materials for the social studies and language classrooms.

Dr. Reichmann deserves special recognition for the key role she played in the re-introduction of "German-American Day, Oct. 6" on the American calendar. She introduced the initial resolution in 1987 at a membership meeting of the Society for German-American Studies and worked with various organizations and Senator Richard Lugar and Congressman Lee Hamilton to bring about Public Law 100-104 in 1988 and a Rose Garden ceremony with then President Reagan proclaiming October 6 "German-American Day."

Dr. Reichmann has been an Adjunct Assistant Professor at IUPUI since 1988 and Director of the German-American Center, Indianapolis.

One year ago, Dr. Reichmann's close personal partner and husband, Prof. Eberhard Reichmann, also received the Federal Cross of Merit.

IGHS NEWS

The Kentuckiana Germanic Heritage Society reported that its ANZIGER FEST was a successful celebration. The papers were well received by the assembled audience of approximately seventy who attended the symposium in the Ballroom on the second floor of the Filson Club. The posters, made from enlarged pages of the original Anzeiger and relating to important events affecting the German community of Louisville, contributed to the atmosphere and during the break, many visitors discovered interesting exhibits in the Museum. At a reception, J.W. Klappper presented Mrs. Mary Binghan with a framed copy of an article which appeared in the March 1, 1998 Jubilee Anzeiger, and written by Henry Watterson, then editor of the Courier-journal, congratulating the Anzeiger on its 50th anniversary. The name of the society's newsletter has been changed from the Kentuckiana Deutsche Nachrichten to the New Louisville Anzeiger with the November, 1991 number.

RICHMOND GHS NEWS

German-American week celebrations in Richmond took on added importance with the formal groundbreaking of the Richmond/ Zweibrucken Partnership Rose Garden. The week began on October 4 at the City Building with Mayor Frank Walton proclaiming October 6, 1991, and every October 6 thereafter as German-American Day. October 6-6 featured an arts and crafts fair and a tour of homes in Old Richmond. The official groundbreaking ceremony for the Partnership Rose Garden was held on October 13 at Glen Miller Park with Dr. Peter Beerwirth, Deputy Counsel General from Detroit in attendance.
ATHENAEUM FOUNDATION UPDATE

As reported in the last Newsletter, the Athenaeum Foundation, now officially an Indiana not-for-profit corporation, recently took title to the Athenaeum Building with the intention of restoring the structure to its original condition, inside and out. Of equal importance, the Foundation is studying ways to establish within this building a new and dynamic Indianapolis cultural center: an artesian well of educational, literary, artistic and musical activities, including programs to promote the physical fitness necessary for a healthy spirit.

Time and the elements have nearly destroyed the Athenaeum Building, and nearly every part of the structure needs restoration or replacement. The roof leaks in many places, the windows are falling apart and the gutters are bad. These problems by themselves need immediate attention before the building is ruined beyond repair. The electrical wiring and the heating installations date from the 1890s, and they need replacement. Recently, the ballroom concert hall, now housing the American Cabaret Theatre, was beautifully renovated: however, the rest of the building’s interior, originally bright and opulent, remains sadly dilapidated, although it still reminds one of the interior of some exciting, fantastic castle.

Membership in the Athenaeum Foundation gives you the satisfaction of playing a role in saving and restoring the Athenaeum Building, an architectural treasure too valuable to be lost. You also become part of a new, dynamic spirit of educational and cultural activities. From time to time you will receive a newsletter and other materials updating you on the Foundation’s progress, and keeping you informed of new programs and activities to enrich your life and the lives of your family members. You are invited to complete the membership application and send it with your check for $50.00 made out to The Athenaeum Foundation, Inc., 401 E. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

GERMAN CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

The Indianapolis German School will begin its spring semester of German Classes For Children on January 18, 1992 at the IUPUI Mary Cable Building on the corner of Blackford and Michigan Streets. The classes are for children ages 5-13 and will last for twelve Saturdays from 9 AM until 11:30 AM. Cost of the course is $90 per child with a 10% discount for two or more. The registration deadline is January 13, however, registration will also be accepted on the first day of classes if space is still available. For more information contact Dr. Claudia Grossmann, German Dept. IUPUI, 425 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202 or phone 274-8290 or 274-2812.

HISTORIC GERMAN BUILDINGS FOR SALE

Two historic German properties in Indianapolis are being offered for sale by Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana.

The Sommer House at 29 East McCarty Street was built by German entrepreneur August Sommer in 1880. The Italianate brick house is trimmed with stone and decorative-woodwork. It offers potential for 4,300 square feet of office or retail space. The Sommer House was renovated in the early 1980s and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Purchase price is $210,000 cash or terms acceptable to seller.

The Merz Building, 801 S. Meridian Street, was constructed in 1886 as a meat market and residence for German immigrant David Merz. The three story brick building is an example of Victorian commercial architecture. The first floor is divided into two 950 square foot retail/commercial spaces fronting Meridian Street. The second floor is designed for living space, and the third floor is unfinished loft space. Purchase price is $135,000 cash or terms acceptable to seller.

For more information contact Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, Indianapolis Office, 1128 North Delaware Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202 or phone 317-638-5264 (FAX # 317-638-5763).

QUIZ RESULTS

As promised, we now present the correct answers to the German-American Day Quiz printed in the Fall Newsletter:

1. 1683
2. Concord
3. Pennsylvania
4. religious
5. Amish
6. Friedrich von Steuben
7. Molly Pitcher
8. Carl Schurz
9. Thomas Nast
10. John Sutter
11. Albert Bierstadt
12. Karl Postl
13. Heinrich Steinweg
14. Erich Remarque
15. Albert Einstein
16. Werner von Braun
17. Henry Kissinger
18. classical
19. kindergarten
20. Berlin
21. Vienna
22. Bern(e)
23. World Wars
24. four
25. German-American

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1. New Harmony
2. Athenaeum
3. Vonnegut and Bohn
4. (Turn) Vereine
5. Soldiers’ and Sailors’
6. Richard Lieber
7. Lieber
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