

German Texan Heritage Society

NEWSLETTER

SUPPLEMENT



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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Are you surprised to be receiving another NEWSLETTER so soon. Many members sent things to share.....and we wanted you to get the dates of events before they were old or over, therefore here's a short "EXTRA" edition.

Thank you for your wonderful letters, your poems, odds and ends, comments, dates, sources, comments and enthusiasm..... we love hearing from you! If you don't hear from us right away....Dona is trying to answer everyone personally....please be patient....this time of the year is murder for teachers!! After June 1 we plan to give most of our time to you and to the German-Texan Heritage Society!!

The next NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS JULY 1.
We welcome your contributions. Please send news, etc.....

Those folks up north - "The Society for German-American Studies" - in the midwestern states are thrilled that we exist. I attended their Symposium April 27-29 in Minnesota. Their scope is a little narrow for us - they promote primarily research and genealogical studies, whereas we are concerned not only with those aspects, but also with German-Texan cultural preservation and revival. I thought you would like to know that German-Americans in other parts of the United States share many of our same interests. They plan to have their Symposium in San Antonio in 1981.

GERMAN-TEXAN HERITAGE SOCIETY CONVENTION.....SEPTEMBER 1 and 2, 1979
Austin-Hilton, Austin, Texas

Put Sept. 1-2 on your calendar NOW! These will be exciting, interesting, inspiring days for all of us as members of the German-Texan Heritage Society. It is our opportunity to meet one another, to share our pet projects, learn something new, and to discuss our future together as members of this Society. We, your editors, want this meeting to be yours....what you want and need!! Please help us make the plans.....NOW.....

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 1

9:00(am) Registration
9:30 Kaffeeklatsch
10:00 - 11:30 Workshop I
11:30 - 1:30 Luncheon in Hotel
Entertainment
1:30-3:00 Workshop II
3:00-3:30 Kaffee Pause
3:30-5:00 Workshop III
Optional German-Austin
bus tour
5:00-7:00 Dinner
See exhibits
7:00-8:30 Workshop IV
8:30-11:00 "Deutsch-Texanisch Buntet Allerlei"
skits...music...readings....dances
singing..dancing
(beer, wine, soft drinks)

Sunday, September 2

9:30-10:30 Ecumenical Church
Service in German
10:30-11:00 Kaffee Pause
11:00-12:30 Workshop V
12:30-12:45 Closing remarks

HELP....HELP...HELP

Robert Robinson-Zwahr needs as many German-Texan genealogical books as he can find. If you know of any books about German-Texan families, please write to him AT ONCE. His address is in the front of your first newsletter.

CONVENTION.....September 1-2, 1979 (continued)

We have outlined the times. Now we need you to fill in the blanks. What would you like to learn about? What can you share with fellow members? Give us some ideas for the workshops. Here's what we have in mind....do you agree or disagree?

WORKSHOP TOPIC IDEAS for Convention '79

1. Antiques-collectibles...how do you know if what you have is worth anything? Who knows about these things(an expert) and could give members advice about their treasures, ie, furniture, household items, utensils, toys, pictures, paintings, other small articles?? Wouldn't it be great to get an honest appraisal on old items?
2. Blacksmith/Iron Works
3. Genealogists....How to session
4. Costumes...sewing....quilting
5. Other and all German speaking groups: who are they? Wendes, Poles, Czechs, Alsatians, Swiss, Austrians, Germans...who have we forgotten? Russians,.....
6. Early photos
7. German-Texan Conservation methods: farming, ranching, gardening, food preservation
8. Silversmith
9. Historical markers....how to get them placed.
10. Alte Schrift (old German handwriting)...how to learn it??
11. German-Texan architecture
12. German-Texan Folklore
13. German-Texan Music
14. Auf deutsch sprechen....come, practice speaking German...or even learn some...
15. How to set up fairs, festivals, exhibits....We already have a volunteer for this....Chris Gelin(Mrs. Carl H.) from Lubbock. She is a real expert in this area.
16. Research techniques
17. Promotion of German-Texan Culture, education, language teaching, etc.

What type of booths would you like to see?

1. Exhibits from local historical/conservation groups....PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW
2. Folklore
3. Book companies
4. Other

Why did we pick the Hilton Inn? It is convenient from the freeway.

What are the tentative costs? Registration is \$12.00 which includes the Saturday luncheon, coffee/tea breaks, other snacks, hand-outs.

We are trying to get an inexpensive tour of Austin, perhaps with Anna Thompson and her students as guides...bus and gas costs are a problem. Room rates will be in the July NEWSLETTER.

Which members did not receive their copy of the January Newsletter? One mangled example went as far as Midland, had its mailing label amputated and returned limping to your membership editor. Please let us know if you are not receiving your copy. And please let us know if your address changes; bulk mail is not forwarded, nor is it returned.

Many members will be saddened by the death of Dr. Alfred H. Nolle, German professor and Dean of the College at Southwest Texas State University from 1922 until his retirement in 1959. Dr. Nolle was a native of St. Charles, Missouri, and attended a bilingual (English-German) school there. He completed a Ph.D. in 1915 at the University of Pennsylvania, writing his dissertation on the German drama of the St. Louis stage. He did post-graduate study in Germany before joining the Southwest Texas State Normal School faculty as its first Ph.D. Dr. Nolle died March 7, 1979, at the age of 89.

Prof. Rudi Prusok, Department of Foreign Languages, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan 49855, is compiling information and documentation concerning Schuetzenvereine in the United States. He would like to know where they were, at what dates, and whether they are still in existence today.

NEW PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS

Dr. Ferdinand von Herff, The Regulated Emigration of the German Proletariat with Special Reference to Texas. Arthur L. Finck, Jr., trans. San Antonio: Trinity University Press, 1978. (\$10.00 plus tax and handling)

Arthur G. Wiederaenders, Coming of Age. A History of Texas Lutheran College. San Antonio: Paul Anderson, 1978. (May be obtained for \$11.00 from Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, TX 78155.)

Flora von Roeder, These Are the Generations. A Biography of the von Roeder Family and Its Role in Texas History. Houston: Baylor College of Medicine, 1978. (May be obtained from the author, 2515 Shakespeare #2, Houston, TX 77030 for \$12.00 plus \$1.25 postage and handling.)

Charles van Ravenswaay, The Arts and Architecture of German Settlements in Missouri. A Survey of a Vanishing Culture. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 1977. \$45.00. (While this book does not deal directly with Texas, it documents parallel developments and has numerous references to Texas. The volume has hundreds of photographs and an extensive bibliography.)

Louis E. Brister. "Exploring German-American Culture in the Community", Die Unterrichtspraxis, Fall, 1978, Vol. XI, No. 2, pp. 48ff

Dr. Brister is a professor of German at Southwest Texas State U.

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FROM OUR MEMBERS

Hugo T. Engelhardt, M.D.

The Joseph Tristram collection of books, papers and pamphlets dealing with the German element in Texas and particularly in Washington County has been established at the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library in Brenham.

The collection honors Dr. Joseph Tristram, a native of Germany, who was a prominent citizen of Brenham and a pioneer druggist. The collection is overseen by the librarian, Mrs. Nancy Blaine.

Membership Certificates, Bumper stickers, Posters for the German-Texan Heritage Society are being designed by members. First showing at the September meeting. Don't miss this!!

RUSSIAN-GERMAN SETTLEMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES.... a new book, originally written by Richard Sallet. Translated and expanded by LaVern J. Rippley and Armaud Bauer. Cost: \$9.50 Order from: The North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies, North Dakota State University, State University Station, Fargo, N.D. 58102. The book was first published in 1931 in German. It includes photographs, listing of place names of German colonies in Russia and Rumania, an essay on prairie architecture, and 25 pages of maps.

EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

- 16-July San Antonio.....Friedrich Richard Petri Exhibit, Institute
of Texan Cultures
- 20-28 San Antonio.....Fiesta
- 24-26.....nightly, Tues thru Thurs, music, food, drink
in Beethoven House Biergarten
- 28.....King William Street House and Street tour.
Once-a-year opening to the public. Cost
is minimal.
- 27-29 Muenster.....Germanfest. Entertainment, music, dancing,
fun, games. Locally made authentic German
sausages, cheeses and pastries. 10 mile
German Fun Run (Chamber of Commerce, Box 479
Muenster, 76252)
- 28-29 Ballinger.....State Festival of Ethnic Cultures (arts and
crafts)
- 28.....Parade

MAY

- 4-6 Killeen.....International Fair
- 4-12 Austin.....100th Anniversary celebration planned at the
Saengerrunde Hall (116 Lied Hoch singers
from Glueckstadt, Germany, will be guests
of Saengerrunde members)
- 5 New Braunfels....Kindermasken Ball and Parade
- 5-6 Ennis.....National Polka Festival
- 6 Seguin.....Mayfest (arts and crafts)
- 11-12 Brenham.....Maifest (parade, fair, entertainment)
- 12-14 Fredericksburg...116 Lied Hoch singers from Glueckstadt.
Their singing is superb and the public
will have a chance to hear them (Alex
Frantzen, director of Arion Maennerchor
will have more details).
- 19-20 Abilene.....Frontier Fest and Cowboy Campfire Cook-off
- 24-28 Kerrville.....Annual Folk Festival
- 26-28 Kerrville.....Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair

JUNE

- 2-3 Waxahachie.....Annual Gingerbread Trail
- 4-10 Victoria.....Bach Festival Week
- 8-10 Austin.....Annual Austin Folk Festival sponsored by
the Austin Ethnic History Association.
6 p.m. - midnight all three nights. Fiesta
Gardens on Town Lake

EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE (continued)

- 9-10 Fredericksburg...Fourth Annual International Walk Fest.
Many European sports enthusiasts are
planning to take part.
- 17 Bellville.....German Celebration (barbecue, games,
dance)

JULY

- 6-8 Round Top.....International Music Festival
- 21 Fredericksburg...Night in Old Fredericksburg

AUGUST

- 2-5 San Antonio.....Texas Folklife Festival. Institute of
Texan Cultures
- 3-5 Schulenburg.....Festival
- 3-12 Austin.....Aqua Festival (write Chamber of Commerce
for more detail)
- 4 Seguin....."Hansel and Gretel" Opera
- 24-26 Fredericksburg...Gillespie County Fair (write Fredericks-
burg Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 506,
Fredericksburg, TX 78624 (512) 997-3104
for more details)

SEPTEMBER

- 8-9 Midland.....Septemberfest

NOVEMBER

- 2-11 New Braunfels....Wurstfest

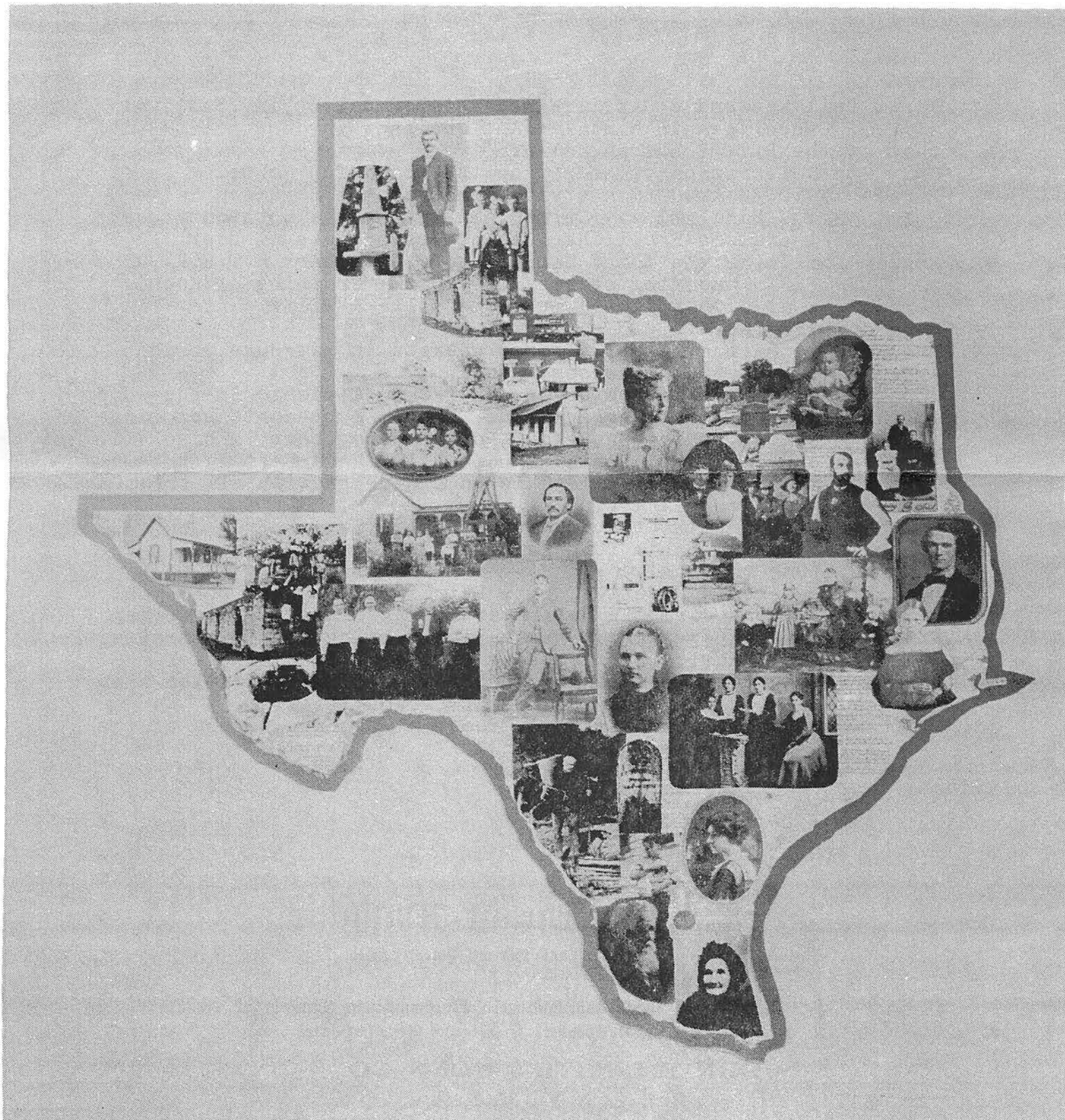
DECEMBER

- Christmas Copperas Cove....German Christmas service the Wednesday
evening preceding the holiday. Immanuel
Lutheran Church; Rev. Richard M. Manus,
Pastor.

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Peter Flawn, new president of The University of Texas at Austin, "wants the university and society to reaffirm the values of a broad, 'liberal arts' education, based not on simply teaching a trade but on preparing students to be thinking members of society, via an ability to use mathematics, a firm grasp of language, an exposure to their heritage and history, an understanding of the scientific methods of inquiry and a realization of the need for ethical and moral codes." - Let us work dilligently to make the German heritage and history available to the sons and daughters of Texans.

GERMAN TEXANS ARE a photo story by Glen Lich



Round Top Rifle Association

Round Top, Texas 78954

ORGANIZED IN 1850

AMUSEMENTS & DANCING

CONTINUOUS JULY 4TH CELEBRATION
SINCE 1851

1. First full weekend of April-Winedale's annual Spring Festival at U.T. Properties in Windale--Antique show in conjunction with that at the R.T. Schützen Halle.
2. July 4th Celebration-sponsored by the Round Top Schützen Verein Parade at 10:30 AM German style dinner at the Schützen Halle-German Brass Band all day-German singing by the Houston Liederkranz & Winedale's Fröhlicher Gesangverein--lots of beer.
3. Sunday following the third Saturday of September- R.T.S.V. SCHÜTZEN FEST- Shooting starts at 9:00 AM--Crowning of Koenig ceremonies at 6:00 followed by a big polka & waltz dance.
Hoch soll Er leben!
4. The Brenham Maifest-Usually first weekend in May-Huge parade-crowning of dukes & duchesses, etc.
5. June-Father's Day-Winchester Church Picnic-A picnic in the woods on the old Goebel Estate-Bar-B-Que, sauce, & bread to go-bring your own plates, potatoes, etc. Polka music, beer, & baseball.
6. April-second Sunday (I think)-Concordia's Sängerkfest at the Concordia Halle in Bellville-Chicken & sausage with all trimmings Lots of Gemütlichkeit & singing.
7. July 1-La Bahia-Between Round Top & Burton-Hwy. 237-Centennial Celebration of La Bahia Turn Verein-Brass Music, German singing, dancing. (One time only)
8. Labor Day Weekend- Fayette County Fair in La Grange- Sundayonly in Shelby at the Harmonie Hall starting at dinner-Food, German singing, dancing---- Warda Church Picnic-bring your own necessities Beer available-music. Bar-B-Que is served as in Winchester
9. October-First full weekend-Antique Show at RTSV-Activities also at Winedale such as Arts & Crafts, programs, etc.
10. RTSV Annual Stew Cook Off-Lot of food, atmosphere, music of the



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FROM OUR MEMBERS

Reunions.....Genealogical

from John W. Bormann
8400 Broadway #85
Houston, Tx. 77061

The first is in the area of listing family reunions. The following reunions occur yearly in the Seguin/New Braunfels area.

- o Ruppel - New Braunfels - First Sunday after July 4th
- o Eickenroth - New Braunfels - Second Sunday in September
- o Harborth - Seguin (Labach Hall) - Second Sunday in October.

The second concerns my progress in Genealogical investigations. Although I have as yet not published any of my findings, I have worked on the following families in my spare time for approximately 18 years (including two trips to Germany).

- o Bormann family of New Braunfels -- current information to 1688
 - o Glenewinkel family of Seguin -- completed information to 1743
 - o Heinemeyer family of Seguin -- completed information to 1689
 - o Harborth family of Seguin -- completed information to approximately 1730
 - o Timmermann family of New Braunfels -- completed information to 1634
 - o Kellermann family of New Braunfels -- completed information to 1656
 - o Grossgebauer family of New Braunfels -- completed information to 1758
 - o Ruppel family of New Braunfels -- completed information to approximately 1720
 - o Elbel family of New Braunfels -- completed information to approximately 1646
 - o Eickenroth family of New Braunfels -- completed information to 1701
- and,
- o Schulze family of New Braunfels -- completed information to 1708.

MORE REUNIONS

Kirchhoff family reunion
fourth Sunday in September.
Grapetown, Tx.
from Anthony Cieszyniski

The Wolters-Herder Family reunion.
Annually on the first Sunday in
October at Wolters Park in
Schulenburg.
from Mrs. R.K. Shafer

Lich family reunion on second
Sunday of June(annually) at the
Cypress Creek schoolhouse, 7 miles
northwest of Comfort. Covered
dish. Attendance 50-80.
from Glen Lich

GERMAN SAN ANTONIO, 1850-1895,
a new slide show, will be presented
on May 18, Friday, at 7:00 pm in the
Commerce Room, National Bank of
Commerce for the San Antonio Historical
Society by the MacArthur High School
German Club. Free parking: New NBC
Garage, entrance on Savings between
Main and Soledad. The show includes
pictures of early pioneers, family
life, business activities, churches,
and what is still left of those times.

**DANCE SCHEDULE 1979
HOUSTON LIEDERKRANZ**

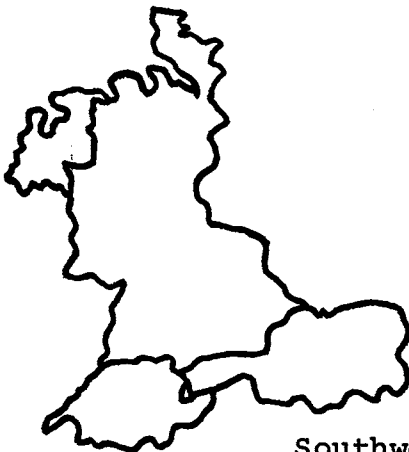
3519 Barnes

"Off Heights Blvd. at Memorial Dr."

| Date | Band | Festival |
|--------|---------------------|------------------|
| Jan 27 | Groman | Winterfest |
| Feb 24 | Dutchmasters | Fasching |
| Mar 24 | Space City Dutchman | Polkafest |
| Apr 28 | Groman | Frühlingstanz |
| May 19 | Dutchmasters | Maifest |
| Jun 16 | Space City Dutchman | Miss Liederkranz |
| Jul 21 | Groman | Sommernachtsball |
| Aug 25 | Dutchmasters | Bierfest |
| Sep 15 | Space City Dutchman | Herbst-Tanze |
| Oct 13 | Texas Dutchman | Oktoberfest |
| Oct 20 | Texas Dutchman | Oktoberfest |
| Oct 27 | Texas Dutchman | Oktoberfest |
| Nov 17 | Space City Dutchman | Winefest |
| Dec 31 | Groman | New Years Eve |

All dances 9-1 except New Years 9-2

HOUSTON LIEDERKRANZ
3519 Barnes
P.O. Box 7593
Houston, Texas 77007



Thirty-three travelers will depart from Texas on 17 May to begin the second German Heritage Tour with visits to five European countries. The group returns two weeks later.

The third German Heritage Tour is a reverse of the first two. In May 1980, some 25-35 German and Dutch travelers will come to Louisiana and Texas for a little over a week. The tour will focus on the diversity of life and landscape in the South and Southwest. Points of interest they will see in Texas include the King William residential district, the Institute of Texan Cultures, and the German Hill Country.

The German Heritage Tours are cultural itineraries for Texans traveling to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, and for Germans visiting parts of Texas and Louisiana where German-speaking immigrants settled. Information on future tours can be obtained by writing German Heritage Tours, Sturdy Oak Farm, Comfort, Texas 78013.

GENEALOGICAL EXCHANGE - These members have indicated their willingness to exchange genealogical information. Where family lines were given, these are included in brackets.

Dr. Carolyn Adlof, Box 340, Three Rivers, TX 78071
 Clara B. Allen, 586 Comal, New Braunfels, TX 78130
 Mrs. Kermit W. Altwein, Rt. 3 Box 647, Seguin, TX 78155
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 [Burmeister]
 Leopoldine Barker, 435 Timber Ridge, Kerrville, TX 78028
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 Mrs. Edgar Bergmann, Box 400, Boerne, TX 78006
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 Rev. B. H. Bohmfalk, P. O. Box 44, Lampasas, TX 76550
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 Mildred Lee Damon, Rt. 4 Box 346, New Braunfels, TX 78130 [Wolters, Herder]
 Mrs. H. R. Dettman, Rt. 2 Box 174, Stockdale, TX 78160 [Dettman]
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 Zemke, Prahl, Zielesch, Ferge]
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 Theresa G. Gold, 106 Ranchland, San Antonio, TX 78213 [Hoelscher, Buxkemper]
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 Meusebach, Zesch]
 Ernest and Irma Goeth Guenther, 4501 Spanish Oak Trail, Austin, TX 78731
 Mrs. Lu-Nita G. Gunn, 1309 Corona Drive, Austin, TX 78723 [Giesecke]
 Esther Haese, Rt. 1 Box 287, LaVernia, TX 78121
 Ingeborg Haley, Rt. 1 Box 85A-1, Comfort, TX 78013
 Hazel Herder Harris, 2114 9th Street, Galena Park, TX 77547 [Wolters, Herder]
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 Rose Mary Haynes, 610 Bensdale, Box 575, Pleasanton, TX 78064
 Lucille Bolf Hegar, 1007 Melissa Drive, San Antonio, TX 78213 [Neubauer]
 Helen Zuehl Hehmsoth, 266 E. Elmview Pl., San Antonio, TX 78209 [Mrs. Hehmsoth's
 ancestors came in 1844, 1845, she has "all sorts of information" and is
 happy to share.]
 Harrold Kent Henck, Jr., 6710 Golfcrest Dr., Galveston, TX 77551 [Henck,
 Anderson, Moffitt, Laylor, Browan, Müller/Miiller/Miller]
 Lisa Hering, 14558 Carolcrest, Houston, TX 77079
 Carol Honig, 107 Ft. Union, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

GENEALOGICAL EXCHANGE, cont'd.

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 Chris Kormmayer, 2410 Quail Valley East Dr., Missouri City, TX 77459
 Preston C. Kronkosky, Ph.D., 8101 Hillrise Dr., Austin, TX 78759
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 Eberhard V. Lehnardt, 14002 Walters Road, Houston, TX 77014
 William H. Luedecke, 3403 Foothill Parkway, Austin, TX 78763 [Mr. Luedecke is preparing a genealogy at this time.]
 Christiana S. Lunday, 611 Woodland, Friona, TX 79035 [Ms. Lunday is preparing an historical account of her ancestors.]
 Mrs. James C. Lyons, 641 Cravens Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78223 [Finger, Fischer]
 Annette Ocker Martin, Ph. D., 6206 Knoxville Dr., Lubbock, TX 79413 [Ocker, Kemper, Gaeg, Haverkorn, Lehmann, Voelker, Von Haar]
 Msgr. L. T. Matthiesen, 1800 N. Spring, P. O. Box 5684, Amarillo, TX 79107 [Matthiesen, Hoelscher, Englert, Backman; from Münster and Olfen, Westf.]
 Mr. and Mrs. Hugo F. Meurer, 2324 Westoak Dr., Austin, TX 78704
 Connie Moss, 219 E. University, Apt. A, Denton, TX 76201 [Heinrich Hartmann, John Lindeburg and August Bohlen of Medina County]
 Arthur W. Nagel, Rt. 2 Box 166F, Boerne, TX 78006
 Mrs. Mark (Charlene) Nash, Rt. 2 Box 30, Lampasas, TX 76550
 Garth B. Parker, Box 544, Markham, TX 77456
 Robert H. Pfennig, 1608 Ellen, Brenham, TX 77833
 Robert R. ("Bob") Robinson-Zwahr, 3801 - 57th Street, Lubbock, TX 79413 [Bob's two-volume work will appear in 1979.]
 Ken L. and Vicki S. Sage, 5632 River Bluff Dr., Suffolk, VA 23435 [Althaus]
 Rev. B. C. Schmidt, 5409 Gloucester Lane, Austin, TX 78723 [Rev. Schmidt is compiling a family history; he has the writings of his father, Charles Frank Schmidt.]
 Layne J. Schmidt, 801 Gardenia, Victoria, TX 77901
 Dorothy Schomberg, 903 Front, Columbus, TX 78934 [Schomburg, Wiecker, Meir, Pelzer]
 Vernon Schuder, Box 14, Riverside, TX 77367 [Koehl, Lindner, Hoelster; Bushan, Laskie, Rhien, Ludmueller]
 Mrs. Emily L. Schweppe, 504 Schweppe, Boerne, TX 78006
 Mrs. A. L. Smith, Box S, Dilley, TX 78017 [Gass, Wille; Schleyer. Mrs. Smith has records dating back earlier than 1800s.]
 Mrs. Esther Stuessy Socia, 101B Village Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028.
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Deutsche Erbschaften

GRASSROOTS COMMENTARIES

New Topics and Research Projects

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Glen E. Lich and Lera Patrick Tyler

Compile membership lists of local social and service organizations and then gather biographical information on the members. What types of people were members? What were their occupations, political and religious affiliations, and community ties? Did the nature of the club stay the same throughout its history?

"The Mexican-German connection": What ties can you unearth between Germans in Texas and Germans in Mexico during the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the latter part of the nineteenth century?

Who were the German officers and men in the 1st Texas (Union) Cavalry, based in New Orleans under the command of Brig. General A. J. Hamilton (Military Governor of Texas) and Colonel E. J. Davis, XO (and last Republican governor of Texas until 1979!).

German-Texan tall tales -- Do you know any? Read the tallest bear tale of all in Olmsted's Journey through Texas (reprinted by UT Press in 1978), and ask around in your own family and community to see who can help you preserve similar yarns about feats against nature, family feuds, Indians, floods, winters, or rattlesnakes, for example.

[cont.]

WE NEED YOUR HELP: We are still looking for information on August Siemering and "Folk Foods and Seasonal Diets." Miss Ella Gold of Fredericksburg sent an interesting article on Siemering last month.

Ein Baldwin County-Heim.



Warum im Norden bleiben?

wo die Winter so kalt, die Sommer zum Verschmachten heiß, wo der Mieter die Hälfte der Ernte und noch mehr abgeben muß und dabei die Zeit des Wachens u. Erntens so kurz ist; wo der Landmann sein Vieh 6 Monate im Jahr im Stall pflegen und füttern muß; wo selbst der Landeigentümer bei großem Fleiß u. saurer Arbeit oft nicht einmal Zinsen auf's angelegte Kapital zurückerlegen kann; wo durch einen frühen Frost oder späten Regen eine Missernte droht—wenn man im schönen sonnigen Süden, in der deutschen Kolonie Alberta im südlichen Baldwin County, Alabama, mit weniger Arbeit, mit wenig Kapital, bei gesundem Klima, von zwei bis drei Ernten per Jahr auf demselben Land einheimen kann, wo man die Produkte zu den besten Preisen auf nahegelegenen Märkten umsetzen kann, wo man sein Vieh nur zwei Monate im Jahr zu versorgen hat, wo man doppelt so hohe Preise für sein Obst, Gemüse und sonstige Produkte erzielt, wie im Norden.

Gesundes Klima. Reines, weiches Wasser. Guter Boden.
Liberale Ankaufs-Bedingungen.

Wer sich für die deutsche Kolonie Alberta interessiert, der schreibe um
 Zirkulare und sonstige Information an:

Baldwin County Colonization Company,
 Suite 912 Hartford Bldg., Madison and Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

Look through your grandparents' and great-grandparents' German magazines for colonization advertisements like this one. What do they promise people? What types of magazines were they printed in, and to what kinds of readers would they have been appealing?

Have you seen these? Boerner, Peter. "Amerikabilder der europäischen Literatur: Wunschprojektion und Kritik." Amerikastudien, 23, No. 1 (1978), 40-50.

Doerries, Reinhard R. "The Americanizing of the German Immigrant: A Chapter from U.S. Social History." Amerikastudien, 32, No. 1 (1978), 51-59.

Jordan, Terry G. "Perceptual Regions in Texas." The Geographical Review, 68, No. 3 (1978), 293-307.

There is a great deal of unrecorded history on German settlements in north and west Texas waiting for energetic local writers, junior historians, undergraduates, and M.A. candidates. For just a sampling, look into the county histories of Cooke and Haskell counties.

On the topic of "Folk Foods and Seasonal Diets" we are especially interested in receiving short notes telling what Germans generally ate during the different seasons. How much of their food was bought? How much "home-grown"?

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Edward Prill

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OLD GERMAN ENCYCLOPEDIAS

In the German Room of our Pioneer Memorial Library there are several old German language encyclopedias printed in the old Black Letter or "Fraktur" type. The German word for encyclopedia was "Konversations-Lexicon".

There is Schem's Deutsch-Amerikanisches Konversations-Lexicon in eleven volumes published 1869 - 1894, which is a veritable gold mine of information on the United States for that period. Every city, village, post office, and county is mentioned and often something said about each. Each state and the counties therein are tabulated, usually giving the census figures for 1860 and 1870. For each county there is given the number of persons born in Germany, Switzerland, and sometimes Austria. The results of the 1868 presidential election are given for each state and county. Data on the religious denominations in the U. S. and each state also are given.

Local persons may be interested in looking up such strongly German localities in this area as Fredericksburg (not given as Friedrichsburg here), New Braunfels, Boerne (with an umlaut over the "o" and not as Boerne), and Comfort, as well as San Antonio which was about one third German at the time.

Often it says that a place is so many "englische Milen" from another place. One German mile then was four and a half English (or American) miles.

The Germans, and at earlier times also other northern European countries used the Black Letter or "Fraktur" (also called Gothic but not quite correctly so). The more common German handwriting was with very pointed letters, and also some with rounded letters, but neither of these had the "gingerbread" associated with the "Fraktur" print.

Now in America we often complain that Johnny can't read our simple Roman type print. In Germany and also in some parts of America, years ago, the Hansels and Gretels became proficient in reading the cumbersome old "Fraktur". They also learned the Roman print, called "Antigua" or informally, "latinisch", but this was considered something special. However, for a long time back, German scientific works and some other scholarly works were printed in the Roman type.

The Germans stubbornly retained their "Fraktur" type just as the English and Americans stubbornly retained the cumbersome English system of measurement instead of the metric. In 1910 the German government made the Roman type printing official.

Just recently, the University of Texas at Austin bought a copy of the Gutenberg Bible for \$2,400,000. If they are so desirous of having old German books, then we in Fredericksburg should hang on to those which may be of value.

Our library also has multi-volume sets of Brockhaus Konversations-Lexicon (1895) and Meyers Grosses Konversations-Lexicon (1907 - 1909). The latter is the last edition before the great war, after which Europe was never the same again. These two encyclopedias are profuse with maps and pictures, often in superb color. They also picture and explain industrial and agricultural machines and processes, which now although largely obsolete, should be of interest to persons following the history of arts and crafts.

My observations of Milwaukee in my native Wisconsin, which until fairly recently was strongly German, is that it still has German culture but now somewhat submerged. Until about ten years ago the Milwaukee Public Library had a foreign language reading room with mostly German and Polish books. They now have what is called "The Goethe Room" stocked with German publications and open at certain hours for persons interested in Germanic culture.

The Institute of Texan Culture at Hemisfair Plaza in San Antonio is very commendable. It commemorates the numerous ethnic groups which helped build up Texas, and many of these same groups also helped to build up other parts of the United States.

Edward Prill

THANK YOU
 Theresa Gold for the copy of your new book, The Hoelscher Family of Texas. It is a wonderful gift for the Society. If any members want a copy of this 598 page, indexed masterpiece of hard-work and love, please write to Theresa. Her address is on page 11 of this Newsletter.

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