

# AHSGR CHAPTER ONE NEWS

Lincoln, Nebraska

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## WE'RE CONVENTION BOUND

30 Members of Lincoln Chapter One are making the trip to Boulder for the Third International Convention, set for June 7 to 11 at the Harvest House. They are an experienced group, having helped in many ways with the convention which was held in Lincoln in June 1971. Many of the delegation will have special responsibilities at this year's event.

Mrs. Katherine B. Weber has been busy all spring as the secretary-treasurer of the convention. Looking after the funds for an expected 500 is an enormous job. Miss Clara Rehn has made a file of all registrants and prepared a roster which will be distributed to all in attendance. Edward Schwartzkopf will give the invocation at the opening session and will chair a Round Table discussion on "Who's Who Among the Germans from Russia."

Others from Lincoln on the convention staff which has Miss Ruth M. Amen as the overall chairman are Mrs. Katherine Giebelhaus and Mrs. Frieda Alt who will be helping man the Exhibit; also Mrs. Delores Schwartz and Jack Lofink who will assist in the Book Store; and Jake Sinner who will help with the German "Hop". Mrs. Weber is also a member of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Magdalene Lebsack Novak will be making the report for our Chapter.

## GEORGE SAUER HONORED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND CHAPTER ONE

On May 20 your Board of Directors had a dinner to honor George Sauer who had just been presented the Distinguished Service Award by the University of Nebraska. Although George lives in Texas, he is one of our Chapter One members. We are proud of his many achievements as an All American in football and as a coach who is a member of the Football Hall of Fame.

We added another honor to the many he has received by awarding him an Admiralship in the Great Volga Marina.

## ZWECKERS FROM GERMANY TO VISIT LINCOLN

We are delighted to announce that Rev. and Mrs. Hermann Zwecker who are coming from Karlsruhe, West Germany to the Boulder convention will spend three days in Lincoln. Rev. Zwecker is to be the speaker at the Third International Banquet. He comes to us very enthusiastically recommended by Mrs. Emma Schwabenland Haynes whom many of you heard at the convention last June.

Plans have been made for the following events and you are all invited to come and bring friends.

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 P.M.

There will be a family picnic in Cooper Park across the street from the American Forward. Bring the whole family--all the children, aunts and uncles and grandparents. Bring a hot dish and a salad or dessert. We will provide coffee and cold drinks for the children.

At 8 o'clock we will move to Zion United Church of Christ on 9th and D Streets where Rev. Zwecker will speak to us.

Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 P.M.

The Women of Friedens Lutheran Church on 6th and D Street are planning a special meeting to honor all fathers. Rev. Zwecker will be the speaker and refreshments will be served. They have invited all AHSGR members and their friends to attend.

## A Word about Rev. Zwecker

Rev. Zwecker is a former teacher of religion. As a chaplain in the German army he was taken prisoner by the Russians and during his five years in Russia was able to establish friendly relations with many people in the Soviet Union. During five trips back to the Soviet Union since his release he has become acquainted with many Soviet Germans. Among them is Rev. Eugene Bachmann, pastor of the Tselinograd Evangelical Lutheran Church which became the first legally recognized Lutheran Church of Soviet Central Asia. Rev. Zwecker's beautiful slides include pictures of the people among whom the Soviet Germans now live. Remember! June 20 and June 21!