

AHSGR CHAPTER ONE NEWS

Lincoln, Nebraska

October 1972

COMING UP -- TWO BIG EVENTS

Two meetings for the Lincoln Chapter have been planned and we hope for a big turnout for both occasions.

On Sunday afternoon, October 15, 1972, we will meet at the American Forward on 8th and D Streets at 2:30 o'clock. Please come and bring an "old timer". We will be showing pictures of the "north and south bottoms" taken many years ago and we believe you can help us identify locations and people. These pictures are from the Hattie Plum Williams collection and you can expect to see pictures of parents, grandparents and friends.

Also on the program will be a report (brief) on the highlights of the Boulder Convention and a pre-view of the Fourth International Convention next June.

Of course there will be time for "spass und gemeinschaft" -- and, as ever, "essen".

On Thursday evening, November 16, 1972, at 6:30 o'clock we will have our Third Annual "BRODA" Dinner at the National Guard Armory at 1776 North 10th Street. We hope to have Phil Legler speak to us on folklore related to wedding celebrations. Those who heard Phil at the convention will tell you that you may expect a most interesting and entertaining presentation. Phil is president of the Denver Metro Chapter and a member of the International Board of Directors.

Tickets for the dinner are \$2.50 for adults (\$1.50 for children 12 and under). They will be on sale at the meeting on October 15, or you may send your order with your check to Mrs. Gerald Willis, 219 D Street, Zip 68502. We must have your reservations by November 14.

WHAT DO WE GET FOR OUR \$10.00 DUES?

Members of all organizations ask this same question and those in AHSGR are no exception. We'd like to mention some of the benefits. At the same time we all need to be reminded that all the work in this society, which is barely four years old, is done by volunteers. They give not only countless hours of time and energy to help the organization grow, but they give much from their personal funds. This is true at headquarters and around the chapters. What do we get? -- 3 work papers each year -- 2 or 3 newsletters -- guidelines to help us learn about our heritage -- the fellowship of at least 3 chapter meetings -- the opportunity to attend a first-class convention -- scholars working in our interest -- etc., etc., etc.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Denver Metro Chapter is getting ready for a big event on November 4, 1972, a "KERB". These festivals were celebrated in the colonies at harvest time. From all we hear it will be worth a trip to Denver. There will be much "fröhlichkeit", authentic German-Russian music dancing and food. If you are going to be in the mile-high area that weekend (maybe to see the clash between the Cornhuskers and the Buffaloes) you won't want to miss the KERB. It is to take place at Windsor Gardens.

We are pleased to welcome a New AHSGR Chapter in McCook. We met some of the members and organizers at the time we presented our Folklore Pageant at German Heritage Days in McCook last May. We hope they will join us at some of our Lincoln get-togethers.

The Oregon Chapter is busy planning the 1973 International Convention. Many of us in Lincoln and elsewhere have relatives and friends in the Portland area. Let's plan early to visit them next June and attend the convention which begins June 19, 1973.

We've heard that more than 350 persons attended a buffet supper in Loveland, Colorado, on September 23. The event was the fall meeting of the Northern Colorado Chapter and drew people from as far away as Sterling as well as a large delegation from the Denver Metro Chapter.

Rev. and Mrs. Hermann Zwecker of Karlsruhe, Germany, have written to thank us for all the kindnesses shown them during their stay in Lincoln, as well as the day in Henderson. They included greetings to all they met during their visit. They continue sending packages to the needy Germans living in Russia.