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INTERNATIONAL AHSGR MOVES TO LINCOLN

By now many of you know that international headquarters of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia have been moved to 615 D Street here in Lincoln. The Lincoln Chapter is sharing this five room bungalow with the parent organization. The location will serve as both office and a repository as well as a meeting place for the Board of Directors and committees.

Do you have something from Russia or the early days of our forefathers in this country to loan or contribute? We are setting up displays and will welcome anything of historical interest. For example, an old kraut "huvel" and a large wooden bowl will be used in decorating the kitchen. There is a brass bed and an old cradle in the bedroom. We received a donation of some beautiful sheets and pillow slips with tatted lace insertions and a "geknüpfed" quilt. More about our plans is included in the enclosed report which was distributed at the convention in Portland.

Our headquarters will also have a library of books and materials which we hope members will use. A lovely book case has been given as a memorial gift by one of our members. We are also inviting students interested in research to come and use our publications.

There are some special needs which you can help us fill. Do you have any of the following, in good condition, to donate or loan?

- * A vacuum cleaner to care for the new carpeting.
- * Folding tables to use in the basement work room where we fill mail orders and prepare large mailings to all our members.
- * Old picture frames to use in displaying articles we have already received.
- * A porch swing like those we grew up with.
- * An old reed organ like those we had in our churches. (Do you know of one that is for sale?)
- * Books and pamphlets about Germans from Russia.
- * A clock. We need time pieces for the office, living room, and basement.
- * A refrigerator. Let us know if you hear of one in good, clean condition. We prefer automatic defrost, of course.

OPEN HOUSE TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 16

Mark the date now on your calendar. Our next chapter get-together will be on Sunday afternoon, September 16, from 2 to 4 o'clock. We will gather in the park across the street from 615 D Street for ice cream and cake. You may come anytime during the above hours, have refreshments and then tour our headquarters. See what has been accomplished in such a short time.

If you would like to furnish a cake for this event, please call Mrs. Ruth Nuss at 488-6181. She will be anxious to hear from you. Feel free to bring the children and grandchildren and your friends and relatives. This may be the right time to get them to sign up as members.

CHAPTER ONE HAS NEW LEADERSHIP

Ralph L. Giebelhaus is now president of the Lincoln Chapter and Mrs. Ruth Nuss is the vice-president in charge of program.

Ruth Amen, who resigned as president after being elected to that office in the international organization wishes to say "thank you" to every member of Chapter One for the fine cooperation and help given AHSGR since its founding. We know everyone will continue this splendid support which has resulted in our being trusted with the international headquarters. We are pleased to say that Edward Schwartzkopf is the new international secretary; Mrs. Katherine B. Weber is the new treasurer and Mrs. Delores K. Schwartz and Jake Sinner were also elected to the Board at the Portland convention.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 1973?

If there is an envelope stamped with our address enclosed with this issue of the AHSGR CHAPTER ONE NEWS, it means our record shows you have overlooked sending in your \$10.00. Please help us remain No. 1 in membership by paying now. We will send you all the material you have missed during 1973.

THE HONOR LIST OF THOSE WHO HELPED

In our next issue we will list those who have contributed their time and labor and gifts and donations to make our headquarters a reality. Cash contributions may be sent to Mrs. Gerald Willis, 219 D St., Lincoln 68502.