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HUGH DOBLER

January 13, 1916 - January 22, 2001

Hugh was born in Tripp, South Dakota, and came to Lincoln in 1972. He and Frieda became life members of AHSGR soon after they moved to Lincoln.

He served on the Lincoln Chapter board and was president for three years. He served as treasurer for several years and he was editor of the Chapter Newsletter. He kept track of the volunteer hours for the Society and spent countless hours of his own doing the microfilming for the Society, filing, and working with obituaries.

Hugh had a broad range of interests in life and was actively involved with them up to a few weeks before his passing. He was secretary of the WSI, president of the Golden K Kiwanis Club, a faithful member and volunteer in Sheridan Lutheran Church. He was an organizer and the first president of the Lincoln Wine-Making Club. Hugh was a long-time volunteer at Bryan Hospital and at Fairview.

The variety of his interests was matched by the skills he brought to each of them. His skills were undergirded by his persistence and his dependability. Truly, the "salt of the earth!"

Notes from Ruth

by Ruth White, President

We had a successful Annual Meeting. The potluck provided many delicious foods.

The revised Bylaws of the Lincoln Nebraska chapter AHSGR were approved. New officers were elected:

President

Ruth White

1st Vice President

LeRoy Butherus

2nd Vice President

Delores Schwartz

Recording Secretary

Lucille Hedges

Corresponding Secretary

Gladys Herstein

Historian

Delores Schwartz

Board Members

re-elected were:
Harold Bauer, Larry Schenkel, Ed Schwartzkopf, Jake Sinner, Delores Schwartz, and Ruth White.

The Executive Committee met and discussed the coming year activities. The tentative schedule, pending approval by the Board of Directors, is:

Board Meetings

3rd Monday of each month

March 23

Soup Supper

April 1

General Meeting, chapel, Program

May 4-5

Garage Sale (need site)

September 9

General Meeting, potluck, bingo

September 29

AHSGR Open House

November 1 or 8

Broda, with General Meeting

December 8

Christmas Festival

January 13, 2002

General Meeting, potluck, election

We need a site for the garage sale. Several are under consideration. Any comments regarding the soup supper? Please let us know.

We need help with our committees, especially the Social, and also help with our Broda and soup supper.

We have had problems with

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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

by Delores Schwartz

I know what a busy month December is for everyone. So many activities, shopping, and decorating to do. However, I wish all of you could have come for just a few minutes to our Christmas Festival. Some hard work was put into this and I hope some of you drove by the Headquarters at night to see the lights on the building.

Three outbuildings and the Amen Museum were decorated for the Christmas season. Santa Claus was in the Amen Museum along with a beautiful quilt display, and a couple of elves giving out the Christmas sacks.

The Summer Kitchen had Mrs. Santa Claus just finishing washing one of Santa's suits and giving out Russian candy.

The aroma of apple cider filled the general store along with cookies for all to enjoy.

The poinsettia lights and greenery wrapped around the altar railing along with two live poinsettias on the altar was a beautiful sight in the Chapel.

Last, but not least, was the Headquarters' building where coffee, hot tea, and cookies were served along with children's storytelling and dulcimer music.

Many chapter members helped put this together and we need to acknowledge and gratefully thank these members. Several of our grandchildren helped. Andrea Herstein, granddaughter of Gladys and Ed Herstein, was our storyteller at the Headquarters' building. Cami Jiskra, my granddaughter, was an elf at the Amen Museum helping Santa Claus, who was our own Rick Rye. Didn't we pick a good Santa?

Allison Rye was our all-around floater. Gladys Herstein was in charge of the refreshments and table at Headquarters. Helping

Gladys were Virginia Dietrich, Nancy Borrell and Judy Runion. Cookies were donated by Lincoln Chapter members. Norma Somerheiser did tunes on the dulcimer.

Our dear Molly Grenemeier in her red dress and hat was Mrs. Santa Claus in the Summer Kitchen. Relieving me several times in the General Store so that I could go and warm up was Irene Dinges who also helped where needed. Thank goodness for Phil Dinges who kept all the electricity in the outbuildings working.

Doing the decorating on the outside of the Headquarters' building was Norma and Larry Schenkel (Larry was the boss), Allison Rye (Norma Schenkel and Allison did the decorating in high places), Norma Somerheiser, Ruth White, and myself. Ruth White also kept the Christmas music going in the Chapel. The two live poinsettias in the Chapel were donated by Ann Reitz.

Decorating in the outbuildings and Amen Museum was done by

Lucille Hedges and myself. Lucille also watched over the quilt display during the festival. Thank goodness for Norma Somerheiser who came behind us and cleaned up our mess. Norma and John Schneider also saw to it that we had the racks for the quilt display in the museum.

Preparing the Christmas sacks for Santa to give out was Jake Sinner, Lefty Grenemeier and Phil Dinges.

We would also like to thank all the members who brought their lovely quilts for display...Mary Froscheiser, Helen Schwartz, Frieda Alt, Judy Runion, Pat Roth, Lois Sorenson, Martha Schleicher, and Gladys Herstein.

Space limits me to say all the I would like to say about the Christmas Festival. And, I certainly hope that I didn't forget to thank anyone for their help. Everyone did their part and did it well. THANKS!!!

See photographs on back page of this newsletter. □

NOTES FROM RUTH

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some board members not regularly attending meetings. The new Bylaws mandate that if a board member misses three consecutive meetings without an adequate excuse, the process of removal starts. The president is to send a letter of removal from the Board and the person has ample time to appeal.

The Board enjoyed their Christmas dinner as it provided a time for fellowship. The weather provided bad streets but the majority of members were able to attend.

Our Christmas Festival was enjoyed by all. There is an article

elsewhere providing details.

Our great sorrow is to inform you that our 2000 editor, Hugh Dobler, has passed away. He will be greatly missed. Our sympathy goes to Frieda and the family.

The 2001 editor is Jerry McInnis. Any suggestions for the coming year will be welcome. Please let us know. We serve you, the members. □



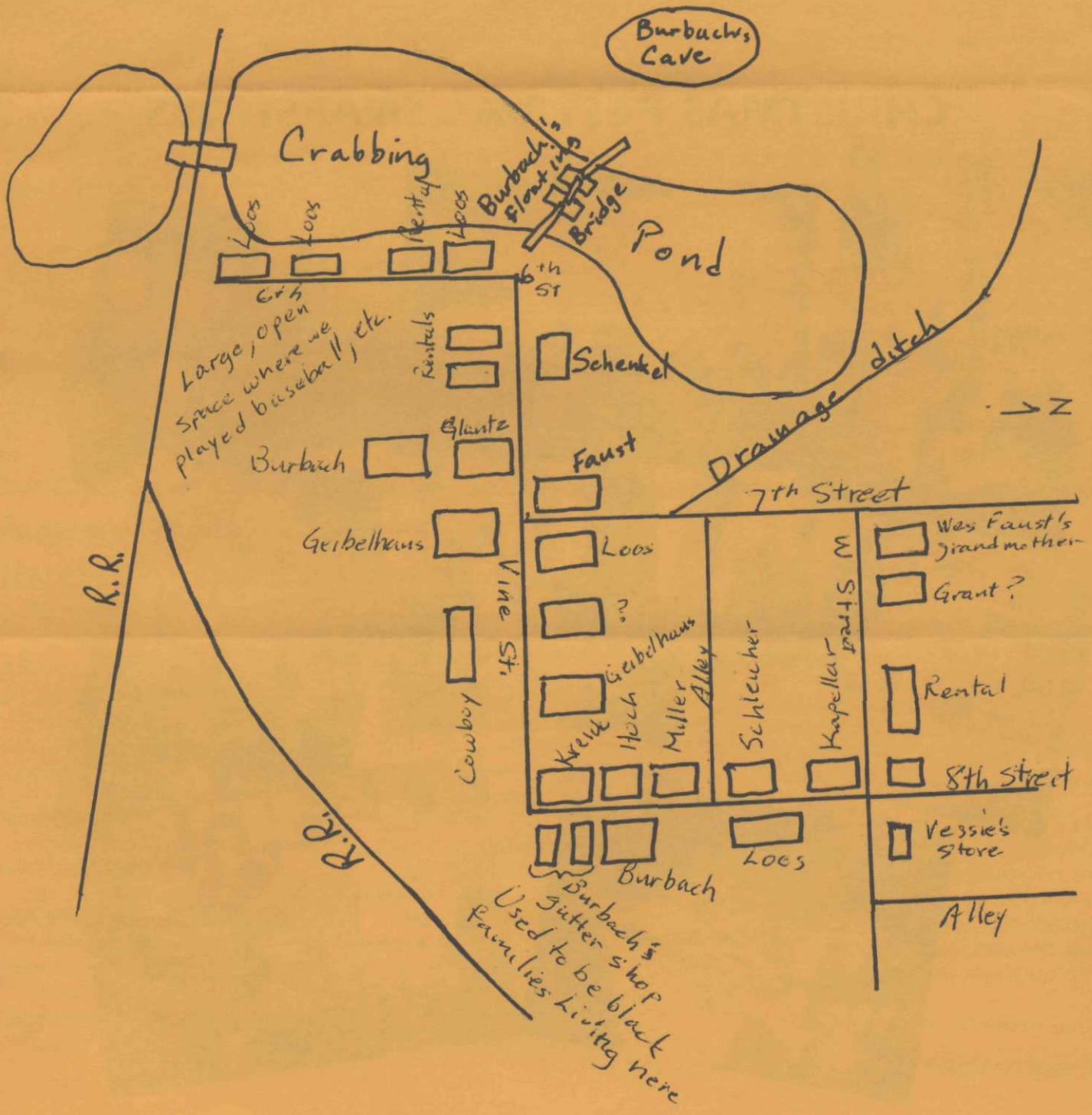
BULLDOG RING

by Larry Schenkel

I am still working on the origin of the name of "The Bulldog Ring." If anyone out there has any pictures of houses, etc., that show on the map I have inserted, or information about the families that lived there, or who might have owned the houses that show as rental, or the name and phone number of any-

one who might be able to help, please call me at 438-3814, or write to me, Larry Schenkel, 2111 Kiingswood Cir., Lincoln, NE 68521. If you would like to write information on the map and send it back to me, please do so. I would especially like the names of the families and their children and

sometime in the near future, I would like to build a model of this area and include a short biography of the families, their children, and where they are now. this is a huge undertaking and I will need a lot of help trackingiing down families. Maybe a lot of prayers, too. □



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