



# DEUTSCHER VEREIN

P. O. Box 15  
JASPER, INDIANA 47546

January 13, 1983

## "DIE DEUTSCHER VEREIN ZEITUNG"

The next monthly meeting will be Thursday, January 20th, 7:30 p.m., at the German American Bank Community Room.

Charlie Hopf, through Holiday Liquors, has arranged a wine tasting party. He has contacted various wine sales representatives, who will be there, to explain several different types of wine.

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We will have election of officers at this meeting. The following slate of officers have been nominated:

- President - Ron Kieffner
- Vice President - Jim Corn
- Secretary - Nancy Burton
- Treasurer - Jan Hulsman
- Directors - Dan Wehr
- Dr. George Muenich
- Claude Eckert
- Gary Egler

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If you have not paid your 1983 dues, please mail your check, \$5.00 couple - \$2.50 single, or pay at the meeting. Sign up a new member if you know of someone that would be interested.

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Details are being finalized for German classes for both adults and children. Further information will be forthcoming as it is available.

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This will be my last news letter as president of our club. I sincerely want to thank the officers and directors for their hard work this past year.

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Let's all come out and welcome the new officers and enjoy<sup>the</sup> "Wein".

Auf Wiedersehen,

*Gary*  
Gary Egler  
President



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The February meeting will be held THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, at 7:30 PM at the JASPER V.F.W.

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ACHTUNG!! What a meeting we have planned for you! We call this our: DEUTSCHERVEREIN TREFFEN - WESTLICH-STIL! (German Club Meeting - Western Style). Claude Eckert has arranged a SQUARE DANCE PERFORMANCE, IN COSTUME, showing various types of dances and routines. The people dancing will be some of our fellow club members who belong to local square dance clubs. Also there will be a square dance caller to add the real live effect of the various dances.

After their performance there will be a chance for us amateurs to get in the act. Yes, we all need a break from dancing all those polkas and waltzes, so let's all come out and try something different! Just think! A FIRST! Square dancing German Style! WHY NOT?!

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A set of slides, donated by the German Club, will be presented to Mary Lou McCreadie. These slides depict the German Heritage, Jasper, Indiana and are for public use.

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ADULT GERMAN CLASSES: "Practical German For The Tourist".

Erika Muenich has finalized plans for an 8-week course in practical German. Erika has done this before and promises it to be not only a learning experience, but also a fun class. Hopefully after the 8-week period, you will be able to ask questions in German and know something about the German language.

You can sign up at the meeting or call Erika at 482-3006. The class will be held on Thursday nights lasting approximately 1 1/2 Hrs., beginning March 3, ending April 28. German Club nights will meet a different mutually agreed upon night and no class on Maundy Thursday.

TIME: 7:30 P.M. at REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, 32nd St.

COST: \$23.00 per person or \$33.00 per couple including all materials.

(This Class is Open to the First 20 People to sign up.) Erika will be at the meeting for any further questions.

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1983 DUES: If you have not yet paid your 1983 dues, you can mail them to P.O. Box 15 or pay at the meeting. Dues are still \$5.00 per couple or \$2.50 per single. By paying your dues now, you will continue to receive this newsletter.

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NEXT BIG PARTY: Held in April, plans are being finalized. The committee promises that there will be a lot of DIFFERENT & UNUSUAL events at the party.

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This will be our first meeting as your new officers and directors. If you have any ideas about any aspect of the German Club, please let any of us know. We are always open to new and unusual suggestions.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS:

Ron Kieffner, Jim Corn, Nancy Burton, Jan Hulsman, Dan Wehr, Dr. George Muenich, Claude Eckert, and Gary Egler.

Hope to see you at the meeting,



Ron Kieffner  
President

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN MEETING

JANUARY 20, 1983

The January meeting was held at the German American Bank. President Gary Egler called the meeting to order. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Jan Hulsman reported a balance of \$142.64.

Gary announced there is a 1983 Tricentennial Immigration to America Calander available for \$14.75 each.

Gary then announced the slate of Officers and Directors nominated by the nominating committee to serve the 1983 year.

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| President      | - Ron Kieffner | Directors - | Dan Wehr           |
| Vice-President | - Jim Corn     |             | Dr. George Muenich |
| Secretary      | - Nancy Burton |             | Claude Eckert      |
| Treasurer      | - Jan Hulsman  |             | Gary Egler         |

All present made a motion that the slate be accepted as presented..

Charlie Hopf of Holiday Liquors contacted two area wine salesmen, Tom Nigg and Beaner Henke, asking them to explain the seven different wines they brought along for us to sample.

Am schluß haben mir de ganzen nacht gegessen und getruken.

Respectfully Submitted



Nancy Burton



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"ZEITUNG"

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!!! HELP SUPPORT YOUR CLUB !!!  
AN-OLD-FASHIONED-GERMAN DANCE

YOUR GERMAN CLUB IS HAVING THIS  
BIG DANCE ON MARCH 26TH AND IF  
YOU COULD SELL A FEW TICKETS TO THIS  
BIG EVENT YOU WOULD REALLY BE DOING  
YOUR CLUB A BIG BENEFIT.

ASK YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, PARENTS,  
BROTHERS, SISTERS, OR ANYONE ELSE, IF THEY WOULD  
LIKE TO HAVE THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES? BELOW  
IS A COPY OF THE TICKET WITH ALL THE DETAILS.  
HOW COULD ANYONE SAY NO TO THIS FUN FILLED EVENING?

FUN  
VIEL SPASS  
FUN



**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
OLD FASHIONED GERMAN  
DINE & DANCE**



Sponsored by Jasper Deutscherverein-German Club

Jasper American Legion Club, Saturday, March 26  
Beginning 6:30 P.M. till ??

Cocktails: By-The Drink or Bottle    Dinner: German Menu with all the trimmings

Music by Evansville Germania Maennerchor and The Rhein Valley Brass German Band

Plenty Of Good Old Fashion German Food, Drink, Fun, Fellowship & Entertainment

Polka Contest - Sing-A-Long - Games - Beer Drinking Contest - Prizes

Contribution \$10.00 Per Person  
Tickets Courtesy of Corn Electric

FUN  
VIEL SPASS  
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FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

JAN HULSMAN 482-6024 OR RITA CORN 482-1491

JASPER DEUTSCHER VEREIN MEETING

February 24, 1983

The February meeting was held at the V.F. W. Club. President Ron Kieffner called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A balance of \$134.97 was reported by Treasurer Jan Hulsman.

A tape on Jasper's German Heritage was purchased by the Club to be placed in the Jasper Public Library. President Kieffner presented the tape to the head librarian, Mrs. Frances Parker. Mrs. Parker thanked us for the tape and the previous gifts we have given the library.

Erika Muenich announced that the German Class is full. If enough are interested there could be an afternoon class.

Dave Buehler, who is with the Jasper Action Team, stated that they are in search of a Sister City in the Baden area. More news on this later.

Evansville's Germania Mannerchor would like for us to visit with them, especially on Friday nights.

Ron invited everyone to an old fashion Mine and Dance on March 26th, at the American Legion Club.

In appreciation for a job well done, the Deutscherverein presented Rita and Gary Egler with some German mugs to add to their collection.

Claude Eckert introduced the Buttons and Bows Square Dancers, who demonstrated their dance to us.

The remainder of the evening was spent square dancing.

Respectfully Submitted

*Nancy Burton*  
Nancy Burton

**Old Fashioned German  
Dine and Dance**  
Saturday, March 26-6:30 pm Till??

Sponsored by Jasper Deutscherveren-German Club

**JASPER AMERICAN  
LEGION CLUB**



Cocktails: By The Drink or Bottle  
Dinner: German Menu with all  
the trimmings

Music: Evansville Germania Maenner Choir and the Rhein Valley Brass German Band. Plenty of Good Old Fashion German Food, Drink, Fun, Fellowship and Entertainment. Polka Contest, Sing-a-Long, Games, Beer Drinking Contest, Prizes.

Contribution \$10.00 per person; Admission by Advance Reservation only.  
**FOR TICKETS 482-2984—482-1491—482-6024**

*Thur April 21, 1983*

Deutscherverein will meet at  
7:30 p.m. at Schnitzelbank. Film  
and program on Sister Cities.

Jasper Deutscherverein  
German class will meet at 1:45  
p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran  
Church fellowship hall. Open to  
public. For more information,  
call 482-3006.



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THE April meeting will be held Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 P.M. at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. Larry & Betty Hanselman invites you to come early and have dinner from their German/American Menu, also you may want to enjoy a glass of German Bier or Wine.

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DAVE Buehler, President of the Jasper Action Team has arranged a program regarding the possibility of Jasper obtaining a Sister City. A presentation will be given by Ruth Reichmann of Sisters Cities International. Ruth will show a TV Film which will include a drive from Zurich, Switzerland to Ochsenhausen/Mittelbuch. Also shown will be a drive to the famous Bavarian Alps. Her film and presentation promises to give you a good introduction to town affiliations, sharing of cultures, and the world of cultural exchange

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**ACHTUNG!!!** As Ed McMann of the Johnny Carson Show says, we will have a very special guest from the East. This special individual has consented to give a short humorous program on German Folklore. Drinking your favorite Bier and listening to these Deutschstories should be Viel Spass at the Schnitz.

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THE Old Fashioned German Club Dine & Dance held at the Jasper American Legion was a HUGE SUCCESS and many THANKS to the people who purchased and sold tickets. Also "Danke" to the committee who put it all together: Danny & Linda Wehr, Gary & Rita Egler, Jim & Rita Corn, Tom & Jan Hulsman, Claude & Martina Eckert, Harold & Nancy Burton, George & Erika Muenich, Ron & LaVerne Kieffner. The winners of the Polka Contest were: (1st) Dave & Carol Keusch, (2nd) Edward & Ioma Wening. The Beer Drinking Contest winners were: (1st) The Beer Blasters, Steve Dills & Al Bennett, (2nd) Chug-A-Logs, Jim Arvin & Dan Hoffman. In the Women's Division of the Beer Drinking Contest the winners were LaVerne & Shirley Inc., LaVerne Kieffner and Nancy Burton. For those who DID NOT attend, you missed the time of your life.

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THE Germania Maennerchor Club in Evansville is having a Spring Concert and Dinner Dance Saturday, May 14. DINNER-5:30-WIENER SCHNITZEL & TRIMMINGS. CONCERT-8:00P.M.-Men's & Women's Choirs. DANCE-9:00P.M.-Sonnenschein Band from Cincinnati. Tickets are \$5.00 per person, see Ron Kieffner if you care to attend. Thanks to the Germania Club Brass Band and to those members who made the trip to our dance at the Legion. It was good to visit with other German Club members.

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1983 German Club Dues are now due, if you have not paid you will have a notice attached to this newsletter. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

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GERMAN Club Trip to Germany - 1984??? We are looking into the possibilities of another trip to Germany in 1984. Are you interested in going? Do you



have suggestions as to the area, date of departure, and etc?? Please contact us with your ideas, we want your help in planning your vacation!!!

See you at the meeting,



Ron Kieffner, President

MR & MRS HAROLD BURTON  
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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 19, 7:30 P.M., V.F.W. Club

AGENDA #1: Dr. George Muenich will give a demonstration of how to make Bratwurst sausage from scratch. He said this is his own private method and recipe and up until now he has told no one of his secrets. He agreed to do this only if he can hand out samples of the finished product. (We plan to grill these samples at the meeting).

WOLLEN SIE MEHR??! READ ON!!

AGENDA #2: Eileen Schaber will give a demonstration on how to make Turnip Kraut! This will include the actual cutting of turnips in an original turnip cutter along with her special ingredients and fixins. She also will have samples to taste.

So, if you always wanted to know how to make Bratwurst and Turnip Kraut and were scared to ask, show up on Thursday, May 19 and you will find out!

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From the tremendous feedback at the last meeting, the wheels are turning to acquire a Sister City (from Germany) for Jasper. This should be an exciting asset for Jasper and our German Club Members. Expecially when you travel abroad to visit our sister city and meet with the people who live there

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Fred Roeder still has a pair of knickers (size 34) for sale. He says since no one was interested with the added bonus of a free tour around his farm he now is adding an all expense paid weekend at the Otwell Hotel & Country Club to whomever purchases these five pants. Fred says this is only good to the first person that calls 482-7027.

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For all you people who paid your 1983 dues, DANKE! You will receive this exciting newsletter for 1 more year. For those who have not paid your 1983 dues, you will be missing a real bargain at \$5.00 per couple per year.

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Yes, we are going to have an Original German Food Stand at this year's Strassenfest. After careful planning, we have acquired a person that will do all the food preparations with the balance of the work only being the actual distribution of the food in the stand. If you care to work in the stand,

(couple of hours only) contact Tom & Jan Hulsman. They have gracefully accepted the position of Chairpersons for the stand.

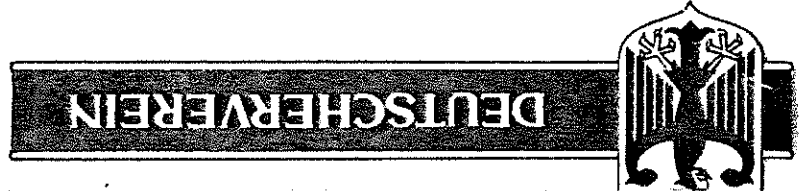
Don't miss this upcoming meeting  
Kommen Und Haben Sie VIEL SPASS

*Ron*

Ron Kieffner, President

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JASPER DEUTSCHER VEREIN MEETING  
April 21, 1983

The April meeting held at the Schnitzelbank, was called to order by President Ron Kieffner. The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer Jan Huisman reported a balance of \$1,182.

Several members of Evansville's Germania Maennerchor Club were present and invited us to their Spring Concert, May 14th.

Dave Buehler stated that Jasper was going to be entered in the All-American City Awards Program. Needing information about three major citizen projects, he asked for our support by filling out the form that will be in the Herald.

Louis Lukemeyer introduced his guest, Anja Langenborg from Germany.

*GERMAN*

Pat Backer has 280 recipes that could be compiled into a very nice cook book.

Ron announced that we still have pins available, and if anyone wants a vest, they can be ordered. Also there is still time to order your Lederhosen or Dirndl for the Strassenfest.

Ron announced that there is a possibility that we will be having a booth at the Strassenfest.

Dave Buehler introduced Ruth Reichmann of Sister Cities International. Ruth explained why Ochsenhausen Mittelbuch would be a good Sister City for Jasper. Ruth also had Tri Centennial calanders, books, and stamps for sale.

Our special guest from the East, Bob Steffe, along with his interpreter Danny Wehr, entertained us with several short stories about one of Jaspers early German settlers.

Respectfully Submitted

*Nancy Burton*

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There will be NO MEETING in July or August due to the busy summer schedules, but our club is involved in many summer activities.

### UPCOMING GERMAN CLUB ACTIVITIES

- August 4-7 Thursday thru Sunday: Deutscherverein Original German Food Stand, menu includes Strassenfest choice of Bratwurst or Smoked Sausage, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Dill Pickle, and Roll. Brat and Sausage Sandwiches.
- Thursday Main Stage Opening Ceremony: TAPPING OF THE FIRST BEER KEG CEREMONY and German Music by JAY FOX. Beer Garden: RHEIN VALLEY BRASS GERMANIA MANNERCHOR.
- Friday Main Stage: Die Dopple Adler Musikanten. Beer Garden: Jay Fox German Band featuring new musicians with Bass Player.
- Saturday Main Stage: Jay Fox German Band. Beer Garden: Die Dopple Adler.
- Sunday Parade: German Club Float. Bed Race: German Club & GAB Sponsors.

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August & September: German Club Float to participate in Various Parades.

September: Pig Roast & Bratwurst Family Cookout, bring German or American Covered Dish. Judging and prizes for German Dishes. Meat will be provided. Ecumenical Church Service, Local Brass German Band, more details to follow - next newsletter.

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Future Meetings: Homemade Wine Tasting & Judging, International German Beer Tasting Party, 1984 DEUTSCHERVEREIN TRIP TO EUROPE PRESENTATION.

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Strassenfest Food Stand: If you can HELP out in any of the following ways, please call Tom or Jan Hulsman, 482-6024.

- A. Help sell food in the stand (couple hours only). We are having food prepared by a caterer so the work load should be minimal.
- B. We need the following equipment for the stand, if you could loan any of these items it would be very much appreciated (Free pick-up and return).
  1. Stove with oven
  2. Refrigerator
  3. (2) Outdoor Gas BBQ Grills
  4. (4) 1 or 2 Burner Gas free standing counter top cooking units.
  5. 12x24 Tarp or Plastic for top of stand.

GERMAN CLUB FLOAT: Help set up, requires one evening, call Jim Corn at 482-1491.

CLOSING REMARKS: Your club is involved in many different activities, if you care to help out in any way, please don't hesitate to ask or call. Whatever we do, you can bet we will end up having fun (VIEL SPASS). Pass the word on to your friends, relatives, and neighbors about your FIRST ORIGINAL GERMAN FOOD STAND. Stop in and try the food or just stop in to say Wie Ghetz, Viel Spass, Gude Gliche, Auf Wiedershen, or whatever.

300 YEARS OF GERMAN HERITAGE

Ron Kieffner, President

*Hi Howard + Nancy  
Gude Gliche*

P.S. We need picnic tables to be used by our food stand during the Strassenfest. Contact Tom & Jan Hulsman at 482-6024.

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## "DIE DEUTSCHERVEREIN ZEITUNG"

### PIG ROAST & BRATWURST FAMILY COOKOUT

### WILKOMMEN ZU UNSER SCHWEINFEST, BRATWURST UND FAMILIE LUSTIGKEIT VERSAMMLUNG

Saturday, September 10, 4-H Park, Meat and Table service provided, (Bring your own drinks). Ecumenical Church Service (Mass & Protestant). Dinner to be served approximately 6:15 P.M. Bring a German or American Covered Dish, Judging and prizes for German Dishes (3 categories -- salad, desert, and vegetable). (\*NOTE--We had some German Kartoffel Salat left over from the food stand and we will attempt to prepare the remains.) Bring the entire family for some good old fashioned food, fellowship, and fun. DEUTSCHE STYLE! Roger Weisensteiner and his assistants will again prepare the meat. You are Willkommen to stop out anytime that day and see the cooks in action. I am sure Your Company will be appreciated over a Bier and some B.S! We hope to have a few other surprises throughout the evening. OH! YES we will have some kind of German Music.

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STRASSENFEST FOOD STAND: Huge Sccess, not sure on the profit, but alot of people loved the food. A BIG THANKS goes out to Tom & Jan Hulsman and all the people who helped in any way to put it together. Tony and Rita Long (our caterer) had to be tired after cooking for 4 days. Rita said she saw German Potato Salad in her sleep. Also, THANKS to Bernie Vogler for letting us store the stand in his storage facilities. We now Own the Stand and it is available to anyone on a Rental Basis.

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GERMAN CLUB FLOAT: Won First for the Best Float and First for the Best Float Unique to the parade Theme. Jim & Rita Corn did a super job co-ordinating the float project and they want to thank all the people who helped out. Also Danke to Danny Wehr for getting us the trailer and Mike Hochgesang for the tractor and storage of the float in his warehouse. Congratulations to the Ireland Fire Department for their German Theme Entry into this year's parade, LOOKED GREAT.

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FUTURE MEETINGS: Homemade Wine Tasting & Judging, also a Live Grape Stomping Demonstration.

International German Beer Tasting Party - featuring many different types of German Bier.

### 1984 DEUTSCHERVEREIN TRIP TO EUROPE PRESENTATION.

See you at the Picnic  
GUTE GLICHE & AUF WEIDERSHEIN

Ron Kieffner, President

Ecumenical Church Service will be held at 5:30P.M.

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN MEETING

May 19, 1983

The May meeting was held at the V. F. W. Club with President Ron Kieffner calling the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Jan Hulsman reported a balance of \$770.97.

Twenty-two Deutscherverein Members attended the Spring Concert at Evansvilles Germania Mannerchor Club.

Ron announced that we would have an Original German Food Stand at this year's Strassenfest. Acquireing someone to prepare the food, volunteers are needed to distribute the food in the stand for two hour shifts.

Ron stated that we would again have a float, and we would be taking it to other Fests. All help will be appreciated.

It was decided that the winter months would be the best time to work on the German Cookbook.

Ray Stockbridge had just returned from a trip to Hawaii, and brought a hat and several stories to share with us.

Thank you cards were received from the German students, Roberta Hurst, Lisa Margarida, and Carol Miller for our financial support on their trip to Germany.

Ron asked for ideas from everyone in regards for programs for future meetings.

Eileen Schaber in costume, demonstrated the art of turnip kraut cutting.

Dr. George Muenich in Knickers and a very colorful apron showed us how to make Braut.

Bob Proske and Sonny Brown from the Evansville Courier were present taking pictures and interviewing several mrmbers. An article on Jaspers German Heritage would be printed in a future Edition.

Respectfully Submitted



Nancy Burton



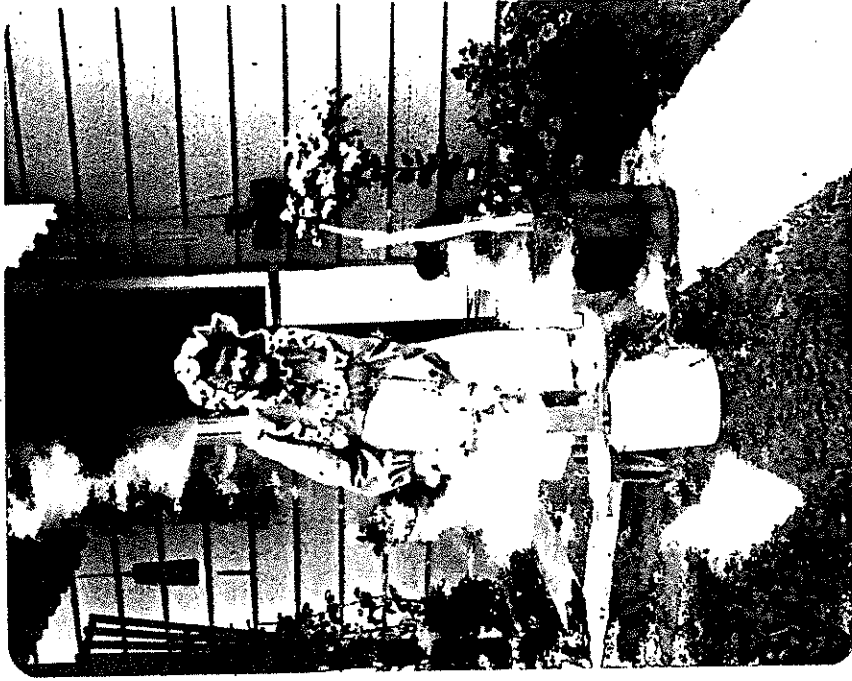
MASON JAR METHOD - TURNIP KRAUT

Wash and sterilize Mason Jars. Stuff jars with cut kraut. Add one teaspoon salt, one teaspoon sugar, and one tablespoon white vinegar will speed up the fermenting process. Add boiling water.

Seal jars with rubber and zinc lid. Place at room temperature for at least one week to ferment.

Turnip kraut can be eaten uncooked as a salad or cooked with pork (spare ribs or chops). Candied sweet potatoes are a good companion dish served with the cooked kraut.

TURNIP KRAUT and E. Z. S.



AS PRESENTED to the DUBOIS COUNTY GERMAN CLUB

May 19, 1983

TURNIP KRAUT and E.Z.S.

Eileen Z. Schaber of Haysville, learned turnip kraut cutting and making from her mother, Tillie (Harder) Seitz nearly 50 years ago at a time when her parents had a fresh produce route (before super-markets became popular).

It took a special cutter to make the "spaghetti-like" shape. Making turnip kraut was a weekly chore thru the months of November and December until the turnip supply was used up or the ground had frozen hard, making harvesting impossible.

During those years the kraut was made in the open crock method and sold at 20 cents per quart. In recent years, the Mason Jar method was developed, is currently used and retails at \$3.00 per quart.

Ms. Schaber's interest in turnip kraut was re-instated when she became a charter member of Four Rivers RC and D Arts and Crafts, seven years ago when the organization expressed a need for demonstrators.

In 1981, the kraut cutting history, recipe the community of Haysville and the Schaber name were documented into Indiana History in special recording, "Indiana Our 19th State" as a part of the German Heritage Program in DuBois County.

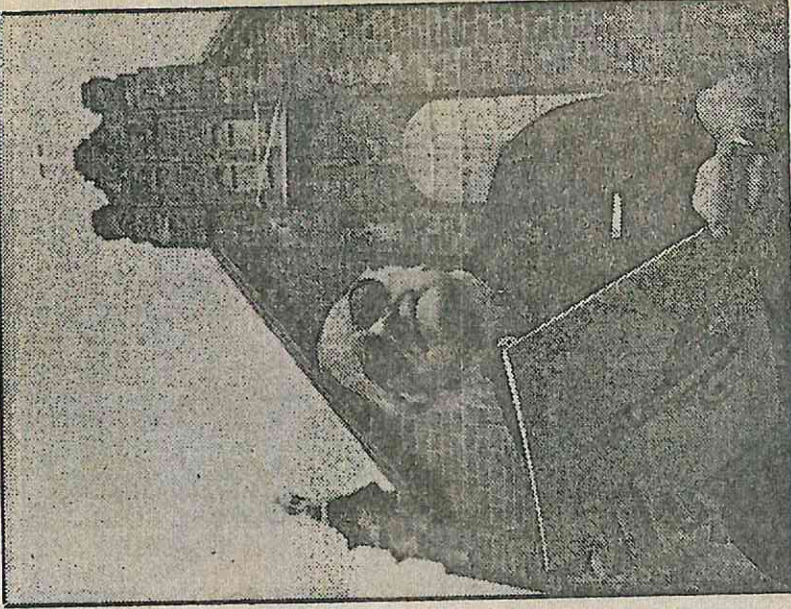
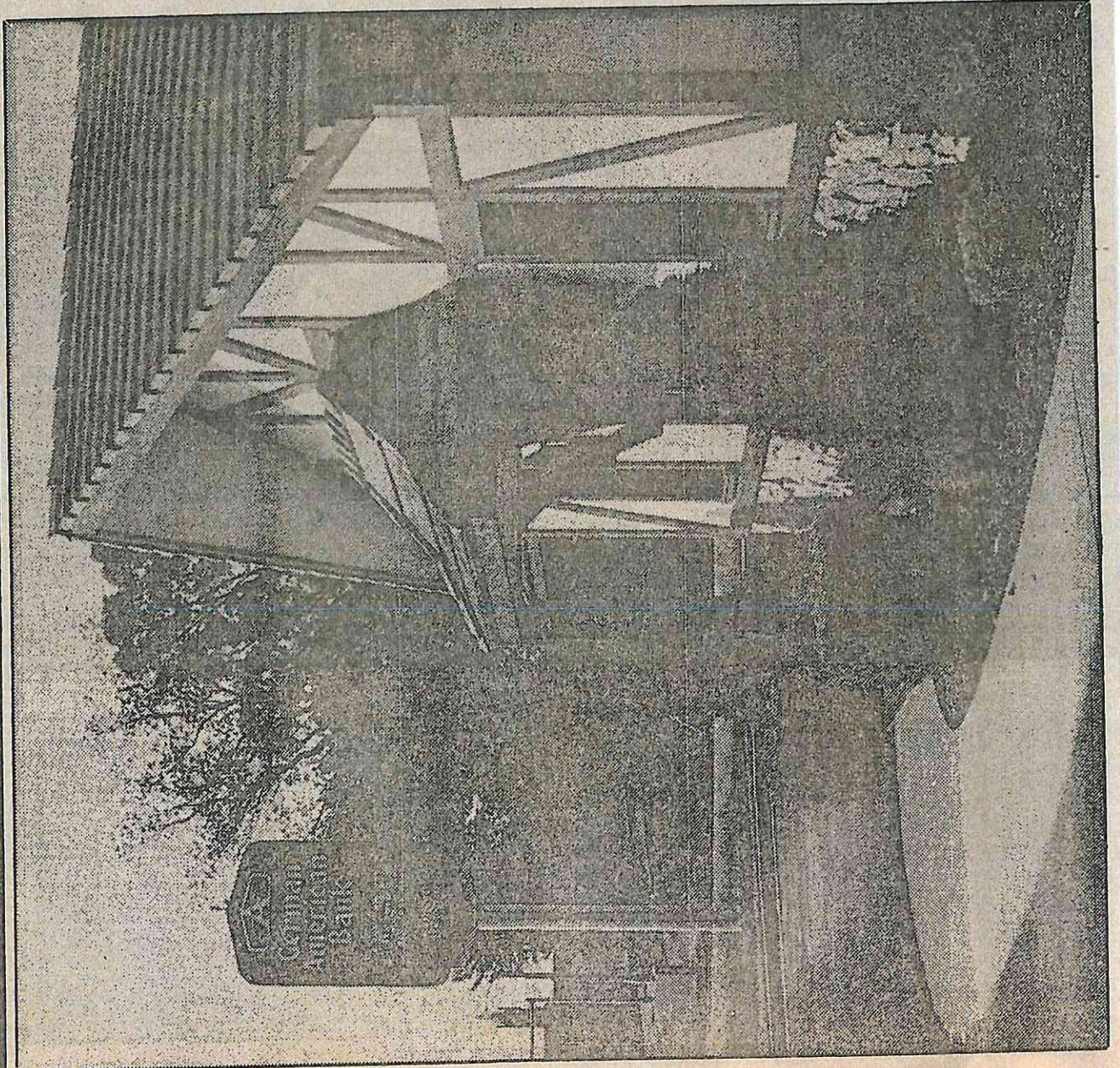
Mrs. Schaber also contributed to the DuBois County documentation "Past is Prologue" with a demonstration during the "Children's Heritage Festival in Bloomington."

The turnip kraut project was also entered at Indiana State University Folklore Archive on November 12, 1982.

Demonstrations and discussions were also presented to the Ireland and Haysville Elementary Schools and more recently the Anthropology Class of Jasper High School in May 1983.

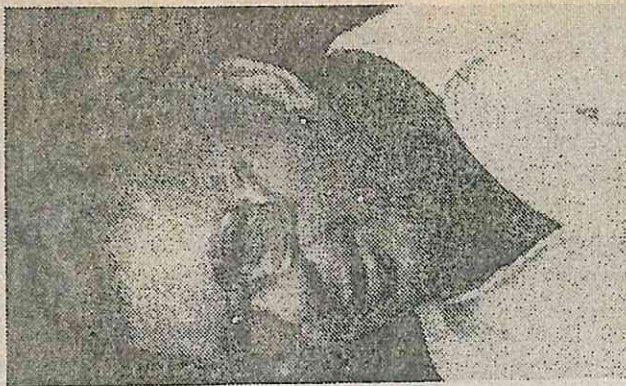
Uebelhor and Son Chevelet sponsored the "Turnip Kraut Cutter", Eileen Z. Schaber with her demonstrations in the 1982 Strassenfest Parade.

# JASPER



There is little question about the predominant ethnic influence in Jasper, Ind., where even the banks (left) bear both name and architectural style of the area's Germanic heritage. The Rev. Carl Shetter (above) is pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the largest in the state. (Courier photos by Sony Brown)

# JASPER



## True celebration of things German means food galore

In Jasper, the celebration of things German is no passing fancy, and much of that celebration involves good things to eat. Larry Hanselman (above) runs the Schnitzelbank, a restaurant that caters to all German cuisine including kassler rippen, beef rolladen and bratwurst. In color photo, Rita Egler (from left), Ron Kiofner and Jan Huisman whip it up at the 500-member German Club where Old World clothing, cooking and music are the standard fare. (Courier photos by Sonny Brown)

# 'You built as you had the money'

(Continued from preceding page)

"That's the reason it took 13 years," he said. "If they ran out of money, they would stop construction. They might stop six months, or a year."

The church was built for about \$100,000, and Shetler said, "You couldn't replace it today for \$20 million. You couldn't replace it."

As pastor of Jasper's largest church, Shetler often sees German traits in his parishioners.

"German culture and German rain work like hand and glove, inner wrapped with each other," he said.

"The great events in their life are built around the church."

For example, he said after a youth take's his first communion, his relatives often give him silver dollars. "And that's the beginning of his savings, the German thriftiness," Shetler said.

"If they have a play, they ask the priest to come out and say Mass on the afternoon of the play."

Shetler will also be asked to say a "prom Mass" and said "they can't have a wedding dinner without the priest saying prayer."

"They have a deep sense of reverence. You don't joke in church," Shetler continued. "Religion is a very serious matter, and that reverence almost borders on fear. They want to be correct with their religion, which is part of their reverence and fear for breaking a law. These are great old traits."

"They pray hard, they work hard and they play hard."

There is no better evidence of German's playing hard than the monthly meetings of the German Club, which meets at the Schmitzbank or the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

According to German Club President Ron Kieffner, "the primary goal is to educate anything to do with Germany."

At club meetings, members will learn to polka or waltz, to make bratwurst or turnip kraut, or see films on the countryside and people of Germany. The club has also sponsored trips to Germany.

Many members wear Bavarian costumes, which means "lederhosen" for the

men and a "dirndle" for the women. Recorded German music plays during the club's activities.

Kieffner said there are two main reasons someone would join the club. "Number one, it's a social club, where you have fun," he said. "Number two, he would join because his background is German and he wants to learn a little more about his background."

Membership totals 500, and Kieffner said nearly all have German ancestry. Kieffner said when Germans visit Jasper, "their comments are our community is a whole lot like theirs."

He believes Jasper will remain German. "Young people are interested in keeping the German heritage in Jasper, in keeping it alive," he said. "There are so many people interested in keeping the German heritage. . . it's not a small handful of people, it's total commitment of the community."

"And that's how the German Club got started, because that's what we wanted to do."

No German community would be complete without its own German restaurant.

In Jasper, that means the Schmitzbank, where diners have their choice of goulash, sauerbraten, wiener schmitzel, beef rolladen, kassler rippchen, wieners, bratwurst, hot German potato salad, sauerkraut and red cabbage.

Proprietor is Larry Hanselman, who collected much of the restaurant's decor in Germany.

For example, he bought a clock in the Black Forest which hangs over the fireplace and crests of nine Germany cities hang on the wall.

The Hanselman family crest is displayed behind the cash register and customers eat to the accompaniment of recorded German music Hanselman bought in Germany.

Schmitzbank translates into whittling bench in English, and is derived from a popular song at German get-togethers, "Ist das nicht eine Schmitzel Bank?"

Ironically, Hanselman said, the song was written by American brewmasters. The Schmitzbank opened as a restaurant in 1971, and before that was a neighborhood bar for 10 years.

"Some people have been coming in here 20-odd years," Hanselman said.



Art Nordhoff Sr. is the historian for Jasper, Ind., and its heritage. (Courier photo by Sonny Brown)

# Town's tight-knit ways are reminder of the Old Country

"My father was a poor man. He peddled through his entire life and made a poor living. . . ."

"We lived in one room, three brothers and my folks. We hardly had enough to eat. . . ."

"My older brother had gone to America and was working as a tailor. . . ."

"My uncle told me of a town in Indiana named Jasper where all the people spoke German. Since this was my language, we thought it would be better for me."

— Nathan Taichert, from "This Our Town. . . Jasper, Ind., 1866-1966."

By BOB PROSKE

Courier staff writer

**J**ASPER, Ind. — Nathan Taichert, like hundreds of Germans in the middle 19th century, left his native country and settled in Jasper, a small German speaking settlement on the Patoka River.

Taichert was one of many Germans who immigrated to America because of low wages, no jobs or other economic problems.

They traveled west to Cincinnati, where some stayed and others continued downriver on flatboat, settling Tell City, Cannelton, Ferdinand and Jasper. Many of Jasper's first settlers were promised land by the Rev. Joseph Kundek, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church; others, like Taichert, heard of Jasper through word-of-mouth.

But most immigrants had one thing in common. Once they settled, they stayed. Their descendants stayed also, and today the vast majority of residents trace their roots to Germany.

Some last names not even common in Germany are found in Jasper, and the phone book lists more Schmitts and Schmids than it does the name of Smith.

If Jasper's settlers were to set foot in the city today, they

would, of course, see a city vastly changed and more modern than the one they founded.

Although many of the banks, grocery stores and motels have copied German architectural motifs, the city is still typically American, with its string of fast-food restaurants, and its modern, brick homes in the subdivisions.

"I think the people make it a German town, rather than the landmarks," said Ron Kieffner, president of the Jasper German Club. "It's a very social community, where people really play hard, but on the other hand they work hard."

Or, as the Rev. George Muenich, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church said, Jasper is more American than it is German, but it is more German than nearly any other American city its size.

Muenich studied theology in Germany in 1962-63 and 1965-73, and sees many similarities between Jasper and Germany.

"It's very German," he said. "Even linguistically, as far as the language is concerned. People in general here do not have the typical southern Indiana way of expression."

"It's more or less, I would say, a neutral, mid-American kind of thing, and among older residents, in many cases, a German accent. Quite a few speak with varying degrees of a German-American accent. A lot of 'duh' and 'dis' instead of 'this.'"

"It's hard to describe," Muenich continued, "but just the way people think and act and behave seems quite similar to what I observed in Germany."

"Some of it would be a tendency to keep things within a family. A typical Jasper wedding will have 500 to 600 people at the reception, and most of it is family."

The many German families who have stayed in Jasper for generations reflect the European way of life, Muenich said.

"Once they settle in an area, they're really not all that eager to move and settle somewhere else," he said.

Muenich said stubbornness can also be a German trait. "If you're once convinced you're right, you're right," he said.

Muenich said in the 1930s a group of parishioners at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haysville, north of Jasper, was upset their church offered only services in German. The splinter group formed Christ Lutheran Church, where they could worship in English, but wounds were slow to heal.

"They absolutely refused to talk to each other until the '60s," Muenich said. "The two congregations had nothing to do with each other."

Muenich said the German musical tradition has continued in Jasper, and "one of the places it receives its strongest expression is in the church. There is a good strong emphasis on congregational music. Bach is not exactly an unknown word."

Jasper is an exceptionally clean city. There really is no bad end of town. And, Muenich noted, "One of the things that strikes American tourists going to Germany is how clean it is. There is kind of a passion for neatness and order."

Muenich suggested the short growing season in northern Europe has influenced residents there to take special pains with flowers and vegetation, and he said flowers in window boxes are typical in Germany.

Jasper homeowners continue the growing tradition, although Muenich noted in Jasper "the old window boxes have been lost." But flowers of nearly any variety grow in pots setting on porch ledges, hanging from porch ceilings, setting on window sills, hanging from macrame or simply growing in the dirt in front of homes.

The high stacks of lumber in the Jasper factory yards give tangible evidence that the German wood-working tradition has continued.

Art Nordhoff Sr., a Jasper resident now working on a

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# JASPER



## 'People make it a German town, rather than the landmarks'

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history of Dubois County from 1910 to 1980, said Jasper was settled in an area where the Germans had raw material to practice their woodworking.

"We're right in the heart of the hardwood territory," Nordhoff said. "Now you take north of Indianapolis, the land is flat, you find no hardwood up there. You get to the Kentucky-Tennessee line, you get all pine again. Like the Black Forest in Germany, it was heavily forested."

Muenich said the city's financial institutions provide evidence of conservative German financial habits.

"I don't know of any other community with this population having as many banks, all of them prosperous, as this one does," Muenich said.

"How many cities of 10,000 have three banks, two of which have branches, and two brokerage firms?"

Mayor Jerome Alles, whose family goes back several generations in Jasper, said the heritage is evidenced "by the ownership of homes. Germans are thrifty, conservative, they want to possess their own things, they don't want to owe you, whatever they have, they want it to be theirs.

"I never owned a credit card in my life until I became mayor. Fifty-two years I went through my life like that."

Alles tells the story of a merchant who has operated stores in Jasper and another town.

"He said the difference in this community and the one he comes from, is that these old Dutchmen want to know, 'How much for that chair? How much does this cost me?'"

"In the other community, they ask, 'How much down?' and a month later, I have to go repossess it.

"They are conservative, they save their money, and they like to pay cash."

And as far as cleanliness, Alles recalls when the city applied for a federal grant for sidewalk and other improvements. The application was refused, and Alles called federal officials to ask why.

He was told, "Mayor, most places we do look like that when we're finished."

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Muenich said a new family in town will often be excluded from social gatherings, simply because some groups have been getting together for 100 years. "It's an unthinking kind of thing, but the pattern is established."

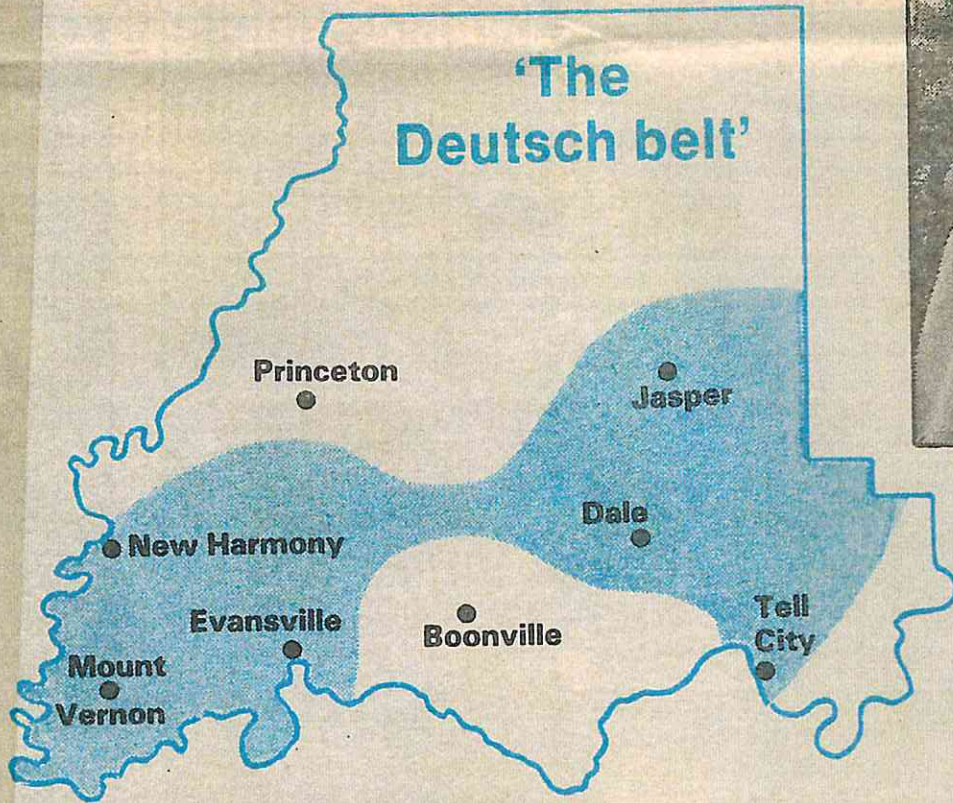
"Close-knit is a problem to outsiders," the Rev. Joseph Shetler of St. Joseph said. "And that causes some people to feel ostracized, because they're not accepted.

"They're not treated rudely, and it's unintentional. They don't mean to be that way and it's not a deliberate slight. It just shows how tight these family ties are."

Alles said one reason for the tightness of the community is that about 80 percent of the residents are Catholic. "And if it were 80 percent Lutheran, it would be the same way," he said. "There are so many people belonging to one religion.

"I hate to use the word," Alles said, "but they are a little clannish. I think they're a little apprehensive of a stranger, but once he's not a stranger, he won't have any problems."

Alles has heard salesmen say, "It's a tough place to get their foot in the door. But once they were there, they were there."



The area outlined in blue notes the portion of southwestern Indiana where the bulk of the German immigrants settled. (Courier map by Mike Jones)





# DEUTSCHER VEREIN

P. O. Box 15  
Jasper, IN 47546

## "DIE DEUTSCHER VEREIN ZEITUNG"

October meeting will be held Thursday, October 27, at 7:30 P.M. at Fritch's Dutch Tavern. As past summer, Paul "Whop" Fritch has been selling over a dozen different kinds of German and Imported Beers. Paul has agreed to reduce the price on the remainder of his stock and appropriately invited The German Club To Help Drink It. Along with the Deutsch Bier "Whop" and his gang will also be serving his famous Red-Hots, Sausage, and German Potato Salad (\$3.00 per person).

Whop's Menu of Deutsch Imported Bier includes:

|                            |                    |             |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Beck's                     | Hackerpschorr Brau | Moosehead   |
| St. Pauli's Girl           | Altenminster       | Foster      |
| Henninger                  | Kulmbacher         | Steinlarger |
| Dortmunder (Light or Dark) | Molsom Golden      | Grolsch     |

Also, we plan to have someone give a brief talk on the Different Kinds of Bier and About Bier In General. Seating shouldn't be a problem. Whop will utilize all seats in his restaurant including both bar areas. This should be a fun evening so plan to come for dinner (Approximately 8 P.M.) or just try one (Or several!!) of the Imported Beers.

We also plan to have some special surprises that night and, of course, there will be German Music.

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PIG ROAST - Another huge success and only because of the people that made it happen. A BIG THANKS goes out to the cooks and helpers: Roger Weisensteiner, Dan Wehr, Dennis Fritz, Stan Englert, Gary Egler, and Al Astrike. And how about that Nice Church Service by Dr. George Muenich and Fr. Donald Ackerman? Also Thanks to everyone else that helped out in any way. Boy, Great Job With The Grape Stomping Demonstration.

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Fall Dance because of the Big Strassenfest and the good turn out at the Pig Roast. (Note: think we need a break!). It was decided to wait until Next Spring for the dance. Perhaps put forth a big effort and have A Different Type of Dance. By then we will be ready to party again after we have acquired CABIN FEVER from the winter!

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CLUB FLOAT - Thanks to Arist-O-Kraft our club now owns a FLAT BED TRAILER. I am sure fellow club members Jim Arvin, Gib Verkamp, and Stan Krempp had a lot to do with offering us this tremendous donation. Thanks again and you can bet we will put it to fun use. Also, thanks to Ron Keusch from Keusch Bros. Body & Glass for letting us park it on his property.

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS - If you know a Fellow Club Member that is NOT receiving this newsletter, please let us know, because there has been numerous address changes. Since this is a bulk mailing, we do not get the undelivered mail returned to us. WE NEED YOUR HELP. THANKS!

PLEASE READ 

See You At "Whop" Fritch's Tavern  
October 27 For A Fun Evening.

*Ron Kieffner*  
Ron Kieffner, Pres.

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JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN MEETING

October 27, 1983

President Ron Kieffner called the meeting to order at Fritch's Dutch Lunch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A balance of \$1,227.02 was reported by Treasurer Jan Hulsman.

Tom and Jan Hulsman say, that nestled in the Georgia Mountains is a unique little German Village. A great tourist attraction, Helen Georgia offers many shops and Fests for a worth-while vacation stopover.

Ron stated that eight couples enjoyed the Volksfest at Evansville.

We were again invited Germania Maennerchor members to a Dinner Dance on Nov. 5th., and also the Fall Concert and Dinner Dance on Nov. 16th.

Ron thanked Tom and Jan Hulsman, and all the members who made the food stand at the Strassenfest such a success.

Receiving trophies for Best Float, and German Heritage, a grosse danke to Jim and Rita Corn and their crew.

More thanks from Ron to the Bed Race Crew, Gary Lautzenhieser, Larry Haas, Jerry Messmer, Greg Leinebach, Dan Wehr, John Keusch, Harold Burton, and Jack Brandt.

Viel Danke to the Pig Roast Crew, Roger Weisensteiner, Stan Englert, Dennis Fritz, Dan Wehr, Gary and Rita Egler. The money collected at the church was donated to the Nursing Homes.

We are now the proud of a flatbed, donated by Aristokraft. Thanks to Jim Arvin and Gib Verkamp. Also thanks to Ron Keusch For storage.

Anyone interested in the trip to Germany, please fill out the form on your Deutscherverein Zeitung, and return to Ron as soon as possible.

For your favorite shirt we now have a decal. The Sports Garden will be happy to put these on for you.

An article on Jasper's Heritage appeared in the June 28th issue of the Evansville Courier. You can obtain one from the Courier Office.

Being a non profit organization, John Chappell is helping us to get our postage lowered to 5¢.

Our next meeting will consist of a homemade wine judging contest. Bring at least a fifth for sampling. Prizes will be awarded.

The 1984 dues will be due in January. If there are any address or phone changes, please contact LaVerne Kieffner or Rita Corn.

Ron stated that we will not have a dance this Fall, but plan to have one in Spring.

Larry Hanselman presented a plaque mit pferd mist, to Harold Burton, for his above and beyond the call of duty clean sweep, before the Strassenfest Bed Race.

Attendance prizes were won by Stan Englert and Steve Dills, with the grand prize going to Carol Seng.

The raffle Prizes, German Beer Kegs were won by Al Astrike and Dave Buehler.

Bob Hedinger, of Jasper Beverage, enlightened all of us with his interesting information on the art of brewing and ageing beer.

A big thanks to Cotton and Lavella Singer, and to the only "Whop" for a super meeting hall.

Respectfully Submitted

*Nancy Burton*

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# DEUTSCHER VEREIN

## "DIE DEUTSCHER VEREIN ZEITUNG"

### NOVEMBER MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 7:30 P.M. GERMAN AMERICAN BANK BASEMENT

PLEASE NOTE!!! Due to several conflicts this month's meeting will be on a WEDNESDAY. This meeting should be a real thriller. There has been a lot of talk among fellow club members that they make the best HOMEMADE WINE in the county. Well now, this is their big chance! So, if you make wine, bring  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon wine to the meeting and you may win one of six BIG awards

There will be two catagories of judging, professional and by Club Members. Our own Roy Stockbridge who has judged wine at the Indiana State Fair will be the professional judge. He also will give a brief talk (15 minutes) on HOMEMADE WINE. I have heard rumors of who some of the contestants may be, but I am sure they will be more than just the following:

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|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Virgil Schnaus | Jim Arvin          | Danny Wehr     | Keith Staczyk  |
| Ron Keusch     | Joe Rohleder       | Dan Hoffman    | Chuck Burk     |
| Tom Hulsman    | Dave Buehler       | George Muenich | Fred Hollinden |
| Don Drone      | Gary Lautzenhieser | Ken Heim       | Mike Humbert   |

Please, note to all contestants, bring at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon of HOMEMADE WINE in order for everyone to get a taste. We will also have some commercial wine to taste along with Cheese and Sausage Hors D'Oeuvres.

This should be a FUN! FUN! evening, so plan to hold that night open to enjoy some good old fashioned HOMEMADE WINE made right here in Dubois County.

\*\*\*\* NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 30 \*\*\*\*

DANKE goes out to Paul "Whop" Fritch and to Paul and Lavella Singer for their efforts to help make last month's meeting a success. Everyone enjoyed the different German Beers even if they stayed till 3:00 A.M. Also, thanks to Bob Hedinger of Jasper Beverage Co. on those fine words about German and American Beers.

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"1984 DEUTSCHER VEREIN TRIP TO EUROPE" is getting lots of interest, looks like it could happen. Please send your form if you haven't yet done so, even if you think you just might want to go.

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1983 Comes to a Close - This will be the last newsletter for 1983. On behalf of the Deutscherverein Officers and Directors we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year and Danke to all club members who helped to make your club a successful and fun experience.

See you - Wednesday, November 30  
Wine Tasting Party & Judging

*Ron*

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JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN MEETING

November 30, 1983

The November meeting was held in the German American Bank Basement and was called to order by President Ron Kleffner.

The minutes were read and approved.

Jan Hulsman, our Treasurer, reported that we have a balance of \$1,030.37.

Ron reminded everyone to turn in the form attached to the news letter if interested in a trip to Germany. To date, thirty-five have responded.

Ray and Ruth Stockbridge did a super job judging all the homemade wine entries. They chose Jim Arvin's grape wine made in 1982, No. 1. No. 2 was Greg Krodel's grape wine and No. 3 was Wendolin Krodel's grape wine.

Peoples Choices were

1. Jim Arvin
2. Joe Rohleder
3. Wendolin Krodel
4. John Wibbels
5. Dallas Krodel
6. Norb Kreillein
7. Fred Hollinden
8. Mike Humbert
9. Dan Wehr

Bob Hedinger and the club donated four mugs which were awarded to Jim Arvin and Wendolin Krodel for their top entries. Stan Englert and Mike Hochgesang each received one for the Peoples Choice Entries.

Lucy Schmitt won the door prize.

The remainder of the evening was spent enjoying the wine sausage and cheese.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Burton

Dear Ron,

Ray + I would like to thank you and the Club for treating us to a delicious dinner at the Schmitzbank Restaurant. It was unnecessary but very much appreciated.

The Stockbridges