



DEUTSCHER VEREIN

P. O. Box 15
JASPER, INDIANA 47546

LIEB DEUTSCHER VEREIN MITGLIEDER,

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 27th, 7:30 p.m. at the Jasper V.F.W. (Note: This is not our regular time.) We will not have a business meeting. We are going to be entertained by a (44pc) "Spas" band from Germany. The band is made up of people from all walks of life and will be playing strictly for fun. Deutscherverein will be treating them with a meal. To offset part of these costs we will be charging \$1.00 per person with everyone welcome to attend. These people come from towns the "Roots" tours have visited in the last couple years. Mayor Alles will be on hand to officially greet them to our proud city.

We know Monday night is not exactly the best night to "Go Out and Have a Few". It's the only night they are available. You may want to come out and enjoy a very attractively priced chicken dinner with them. Let's show them some Jasper Hospitality!!!!!!!

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"Allerheiligen Nacht"

Saturday, November 1st, 6:30-12:30, Jasper Holiday Inn Convention Center. Quite a program lined up! Plan to have continuous entertainment all evening and a great German-American buffet. Our feature entertainment will be by "Die Doppel Adler Musikanten" from Indianapolis. (Sure, you remember from the Straussfest). In addition to this band we have the Schnitzelbank Band, Larry and Betty Hanselman sing along, Deutscherverein Mannerchore, Deutscherverein Schnitzel Fritz.

BUFFET MENU:

Fried Chicken

Bratwurst

Smoked Wurst

Bockwurst

Sauerkraut

Kraut Mit Wurst

Grüne Bohnen

Rotkohl

Gemischter Salat

Relish Plate

Heiss Deutsch Kartoffeln Salat

Brot und Butter

Kaffee und Tee

Heiss Apfelstrudel

With a program like that it is easy to see why tickets are selling very quickly! Just a reminder, tickets are on "First Come - First Serve" basis. Advance sales only. Available from any bank, grocery store, Schnitzelbank, Holiday Inn or any officer of the club. In the event there are any tickets still available, they will be sold at our October 27th meeting.

Trip to Germany, Switzerland, Austria next summer. Hope to have all information tied down completely in November. Still waiting on a couple of travel agencies to submit final proposal.

Auf Wiedersehen,
Dan Wehr, President
JASPER DEUTSCHER VEREIN

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN

There was no business meeting, but a full evening of entertainment was enjoyed by all at the VFW on Monday, October 27, 1980 when the Fireman's Band from Germany arrived to entertain Jasper. A GREAT TREAT FOR US ALL!

See the clippings from the HERALD for a picture story

Jeanne Holler
Jeanne Holler, Secretary

Firemen's band plans county tour

The Schledehausen Fireman's Brigade Band will visit Huntingburg, Jasper, Ferdinand and Lincoln City next week and present two concerts as part of its tour of Southern Indiana.

The band leaves Chicago Sunday afternoon and arrives in Huntingburg at 7 p.m. to be welcomed by Mayor Dale Helmerich before dinner and an overnight stay at the Dutchman Inn, Best Western Motel.

Monday morning the group will arrive at Lincoln Park before 9 to tour the museum, farm and park before returning to Huntingburg and a visit to Southridge High School. There band members will be welcomed by Principal Ray Roesner, tour the school and have lunch in the cafeteria with students.

Arriving in Jasper around noon, the group will tour the county courthouse, then tour the Kimball Organ plant and music center in mid-afternoon before returning to its lodgings in Huntingburg.

After a picnic style dinner at the Jasper VFW home about 7, the band will present its first concert.

After visiting New Harmony and Evansville Tuesday and Owensboro Wednesday, the band will return to Huntingburg in late afternoon Wednesday and present an after-dinner concert at the Dutchman Inn.

Thursday morning the group will visit the Bartley Foods turkey processing plant then tour a turkey farm near Ferdinand before leaving for French Lick, Bloomington and Indianapolis.

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN
Invites You To The

"SCHLEDEHAUSEN SPASS CONCERT"

by the 44-pc. Schledehausen
Band on tour from Germany.

The band is made up of people from all walks of life playing for fun. They are visiting us from towns recent "Roots Tours" featured.

Monday, Oct. 27
7:30 PM
Jasper VFW

Members & Public Invited!
Admission—\$1.00 per person

If you like, come out and dine with the band. VFW will be serving an attractively priced dinner. If you plan to eat, please call 482-4432 or 482-6568 for reservations.





A oom-pah here and a oom-pah there

The Schledehausen Firemen's Band brought Germany to Dubois County this week, touring Huntingburg, Jasper, Ferdinand and Lin-

coln City. It presented two concerts, one in Jasper and one in Huntingburg. More pictures of the band are on page 18.

(Staff photo by Alan Petersime)





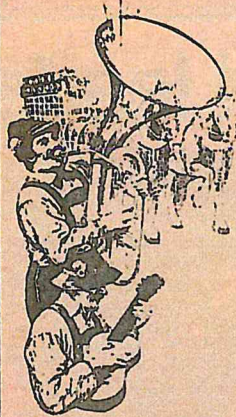
JOIN US IN OUR OLD BARN LOUNGE
FOR A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY THE

**Schledehausen
Fireman's Brigade Band**

Wed., Oct. 29

• NO COVER CHARGE •

Come out and join us for dinner
and an evening of entertainment
by this 44-pc. band on tour from
Germany. Carl Seng will emcee.



**Best
Western**

Dutchman Inn

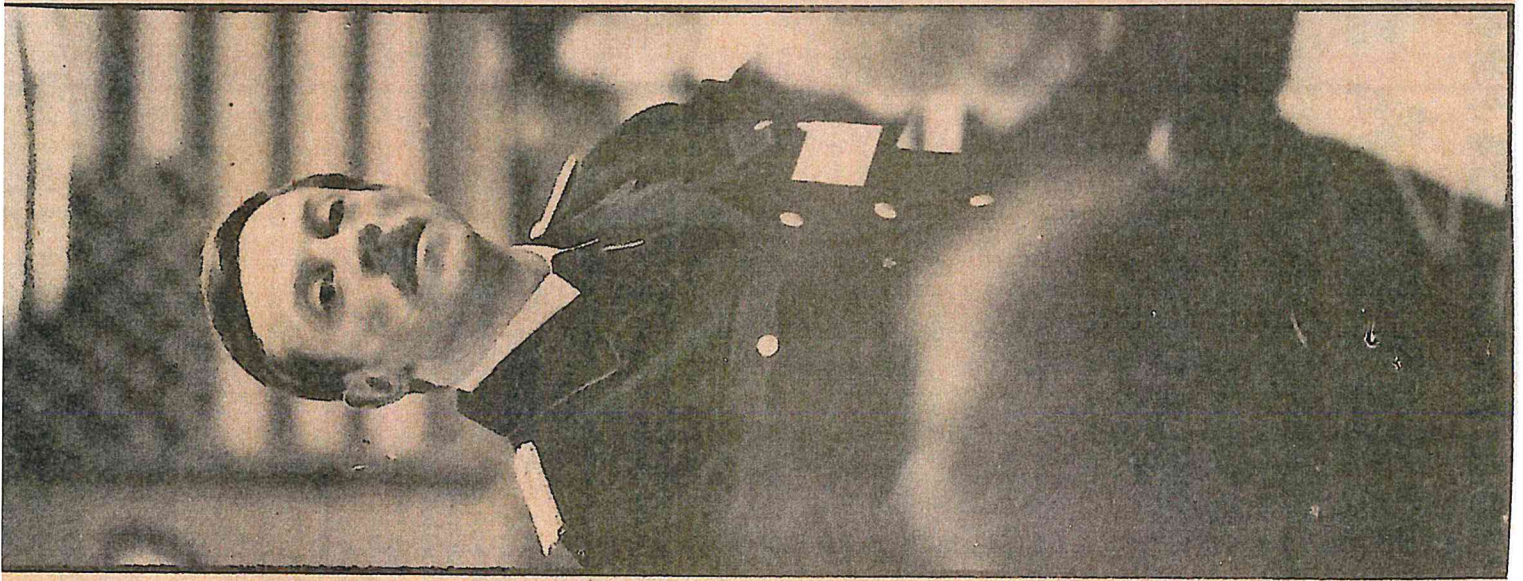
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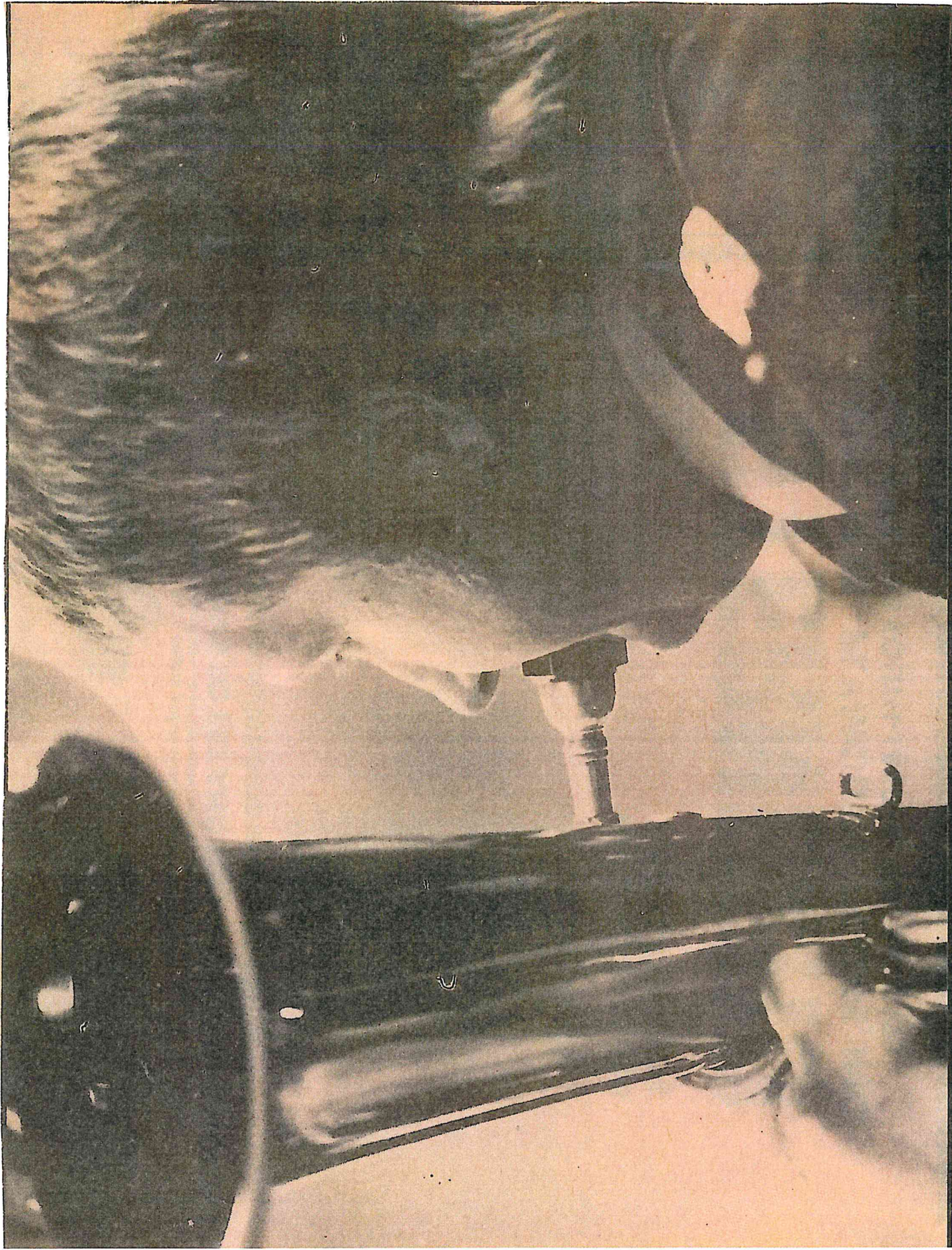
Oom-pah pah

Dubois County heard a lot of oom-pah-pah's (and a few Cole Porter tunes, too) when the Schleddehausen Fireman's Brigade Band played in Huntingburg, Jasper, Ferdinand and Lincoln City this week. The leader struck up the band at the VFW Monday for

the first concert, left, Wednesday, the band performed at the Dutchman Inn in Huntingburg. The band's members were from that part of Germany visited by the county's Roots tours.

(Staff photos by Alan Petersime)





You can't roll a without the horns and the 40-plus — Fireman's Brigade Bond had plenty of those for dancing



DINNER AND DANCING

Allenheiligen Nacht

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1980



SPONSORED BY

DEUTSCHER VEREIN (Jasper German Club)

**JASPER HOLIDAY INN —
CONVENTION CENTER**

6:30 P.M. Cocktails — (cash bar), Dinner —
(German and American Buffet), Dancing — (till ?)

Music by Die Doppel Adler Musikanten
from Indianapolis (previously played at our
Strausenfest) along with other entertainment —
Schnitzelbank Band, Männerchore
and Schnickelfritz

TICKETS \$ 10.00 PER PERSON

Limited Number by First Come Advanced Sale

Tickets available at

All Jasper Banks, Buehler's, Dippels', Parket Mar-
ket, Holiday Inn, Jasper; Dutchman Inn, Hunting-
burg; German Club Members or by calling
482-3129 — 482-6815

Jasper area finding heritage through its artists, craftsmen

By ANNE FITZ HENRY
Sunday staff writer

JASPER, Ind. — Efforts of the Jasper Community Arts Commission to reaffirm the German heritage in Dubois County have come to fruition through several projects.

Stephen Harroff, Ph.D., chairman of the department of modern foreign languages at Indiana University-Purdue University at Ft. Wayne, lived in Dubois County for several months to study the German-American heritage for a pilot project of the Indiana Committee for the Humanities.

Harroff presented mini-programs, lectures on the heritage of the area and gained an understanding of their heritage from residents.

"After the summer, I was firmly convinced there is a fine German heritage and a number of questions which needed to be discussed," Harroff said.

"Will (Dubois County's strong German heritage) continue as it has or will it change?"

"What will the influence of Patoka Lake be on the area and its heritage? Why have the school systems not picked up on study of the language? It must be a continuing effort to study the heritage in the schools for children of future generations."

"I brought the university, as it were, to them. A long-term humanist in residence could engage people in studying. We learn more from studying our own situation. With a humanist living with them, to help define the questions, we could begin to answer those questions."

And from Harroff's findings, Sabine Jordan, who holds a doctorate in German literature, was brought to Dubois County last summer as a humanist in residence.

Stephen Poyser, a Ph.D. candidate in folklore at Indiana University, spent two months last summer with county residents, surveying traditional art of the area.

"These are people who do quilting, wood

carving, gunsmithing — all different things," Poyser said. "None are professional artists, but very interested in it."

An exhibit of that work will be on display beginning today through Nov. 9 at Jasper Civic Auditorium.

If the Jasper Deutscherverein (German club) is any indication, the German heritage is alive and kicking.

Don Wehr, plant manager of Kimball International, formed the club last January.

Reception to the organization astounded even Wehr, club president.

"Without any membership drive, 450 have joined," he said. "That was by word of mouth and people coming to us to sign up."

It's a social club, but not without a purpose.

"We want to promote the German pride and heritage — and have a lot of fun doing it," Wehr said.

The intent is not to make money, dues are a only \$5 a year per couple, Wehr said. "This is a proud, clean town — much of it is like most cities in Germany — neat, clean, hard-working. We accomplish a lot with a little," Wehr said.

"We want to preserve the German pride and heritage of Jasper and the surrounding area."

At a recent meeting, members saw a slide presentation and heard a lecture on tracing their roots.

A German band may entertain one night. A German language instructor was scheduled for another meeting. On next month's agenda is a 40-piece German band which will make a stop in Jasper on its way back home.

And not all the members of the Jasper Deutscherverein are German, either.

"We want to make everyone familiar with the customs and heritage," Wehr said. "Anyone can join."

County trying to fortify bond with German roots

*Time present and time past
Are both perhaps present in time
future
And time future contained in time
past*

T.S. Eliot

By ANNE FITZ HENRY
Sunday staff writer

JASPER, Ind. — Taking the past, entwining it with the present for the future

... That is the intent of Sabine Jordan, a Berlin native who is endeavoring to reaffirm German heritage in Dubois County.

"People as a rule don't speak about their heritage. Here, they feel it is slipping," said Mrs. Jordan, who has master's degrees in sociology and German literature and a doctorate in the latter. "There is a recurring theme running through conversations: The German heritage is slipping away and what can we do about it?"

Unless a crusade is begun to revitalize it, what is left of the heritage here will have vanished in 50 years, she predicted.

It is Mrs. Jordan's assignment to restore that sense of pride.

A humanist in residence for one year to study "The German American Experience in Dubois County," Mrs. Jordan's work is supported by the Friends of the Arts Inc. and the Jasper Community Arts Commission, with grants from the Indiana Committee for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts, and funds from German American Bank of Dubois County.

Mrs. Jordan moved here from Love-



Sabine Jordan

land, Colo., because the Dubois County residents themselves are making a conscious effort to re-establish their heritage.

"It came out of a feeling that this isn't the way it used to be," she said. "The fact that I'm here has grown out of this feeling. The fact that they took this unprecedented step points to a growing concern about losing their heritage."

At the root of maintaining any heritage is maintaining the language, she said.

"I can tell them that once the language is gone, the heritage is gone," she said. "Language ties people together and ties them to their origins. When the language goes... There are gravestones here with German inscriptions which become meaningless — no one can read them anymore. There are untold treasures in attics, yellowed letters from 1840 onward, passports of ancestors.

"If the younger generation does not know the language, this becomes junk thrown out in housecleaning."

Because language is not taught at home, it is up to the schools, she said.

None of the county's elementary or middle schools offers German language classes, Mrs. Jordan said. Students at Forest Park and Jasper high schools study German, while German at Southridge High School is about to be phased out, she said. Dubois High School's German program is in its first year.

Since her arrival here in June, she has addressed numerous community groups and, through interviews with younger residents, found their heritage is valued.

"I have interviewed young people — people just starting college," Mrs. Jordan said. "Several have said they are proud to be German-Americans. For the teen-agers, that part of their self-definition is fascinating. It's not a self-conscious difference. It's

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taken for granted as part of the social fabric."

Her German conversation classes at Vincennes University-Jasper Center are booked to capacity; other students are on a waiting list for next semester's classes.

She plans to bring an organist to Jasper next spring to present a program on church hymns popular with early settlers.

Mrs. Jordan is translating excerpts in a book with baptismal records, land contracts and tax records. She has translated family correspondence.

"Letters from a rural German district in the 19th century give a very vivid picture of life," Mrs. Jordan said. "There is hardly anyone around anymore who can read German script."

She hopes to establish a "sister city" partnership with a community in Germany and Germany-Dubois County teacher/student exchange programs.

Mrs. Jordan is beginning a series of

lectures on famous German-Americans and their contribution to the United States and presentations on German emigration policies during the early 19th century.

"People ask, 'Why did my ancestors emigrate?' They did not leave for religious reasons," Mrs. Jordan said. "They left for economic reasons — there were several bad harvests in a row, laborers had no hopes of ever owning land.

"I get phone calls, asking for a zip code for small villages in Germany, asking what does a clown look like in Germany (they look the same — makeup is international)."

What she accomplishes in the remaining months must be carried on by the community, Mrs. Jordan said.

"They're not interested in having something in a museum — they want to keep the spirit of it alive," she said. "That's why it's called the German American Experience."

And when her year is over, Mrs. Jordan hopes she leaves Dubois County with "a living presence," of its heritage.

November 13, 1980

Mr. Kurt Harker
Box 913, Wiley Hall
Purdue University
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Dear Kurt:

Thanks so much for participating in the Schnitzelbank German Band which played at our recent "Allerheiligen Nacht". We would have had quite a "lull" in the evening without your music.

You have a great sounding group and we really appreciate your joining us at our parties.

It helped make the evening a great success!

Thanks again.

Very truly yours,

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN

Dan Wehr, President

DW: jh

November 13, 1980

Mr. Gary Hanselman
R. R. 4
Jasper, IN 47546

Dear Gary:

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Miss Gail Hanselman
326 Lawn St.,
West Lafayette, IN 47907

Dear Gail:

Thanks so much for participating in the Schnitzelbank German Band which played at our recent "Allerheiligen Nacht". We would have had quite a "lull" in the evening without your music.

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Very truly yours,

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Dan Wehr, President

DW: jh

November 13, 1980

Miss Linda Prechtel
867 2nd Ave.,
Jasper, IN 47546

Dear Linda:

Thanks so much for participating in the Schnitzelbank German Band which played at our recent "Allerheiligen Nacht". We would have had quite a "lull" in the evening without your music.

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Thanks again.

Very truly yours,

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN

Dan Wehr, President

DW: jh

November 30, 1980

Miss Mary Roelle
R. R. 5
Jasper, IN 47546

Dear Mary:

Thanks so much for participating in the Schnitzelbank German Band which played at our recent "Allerheiligen Nacht". We would have had quite a "lull" in the evening without your music.

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Thanks again.

Very truly yours,

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN

Dan Wahr, President

DW: jh

November 30, 1980

Mrs. Linda Messmer and
Ed Messmer
450 Giesler Rd.,
Jasper, IN 47546

Dear Linda and Ed:

What would we do without the Messmer family in our club? Here you help out with the Schnitzelbank Band as well as play in our own German Band.

We certainly appreciate you both being so willing to help. That Band certainly made the evening complete. We would have had quite a "lull" without your music.

Again, thanks.

Very truly yours,

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN

Dan Wahr, President

DW:jh

November 30, 1980

Father Donald Ackerman
Holy Family Parish
Jasper, IN 47546

Dear Father Ackerman:

Thank you for coming to "Allerheiligen Nacht" which was held recently at the Holiday Inn.

We really appreciate your having the Invocation for us, especially in German.

We are pleased the club has been so well accepted in the community. It has drawn people from all walks of life together for the sole purpose of having fun. It has proven that people of all social classes can unite for a good time.

You are always welcome to join us any meeting night.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN

Dan Wehr, President

DW: jh

November 30, 1980

Mrs. John Wibbels
Box 26
St. Anthony, IN 47575

Dear Ruth:

Those who were lucky enough to win one of the most beautiful steins which you made for us went home from the party thrilled. The remainder of the crowd sat through the drawing in anticipation that their name would be next.

Your ceramic work is beautiful and we certainly appreciate your making them for us. We would like to make it an annual affair and hope that we can have a repeat next year if you are willing to make them for us again.

Thanks for sharing your talents with us.

Very truly yours,

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN

Dan Wehr, President

DW: jh

November 13, 1980

Mr. Ray Stockbridge
R. R. 4
Loogootee, IN 47553

Dear Roy:

Thanks for sharing your humorous stories with the crowd on "Allerheiligen Nacht".

We have a good bunch of members, and we certainly appreciate the willingness of the crowd to participate in any way they can. It is the cooperation of all that has made our club a success.

Again, thanks for sharing a laugh with us.

Very truly yours,

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN

Dan Wehr, President

DW: jh

November 13, 1980

Mr. Ray Birk
2826 Howard Dr.,
Jasper, IN 47546

Dear Ray:

I want to thank you for assisting in leading the crowd in the singalong at the "Allerheiligen Nacht". You were just great.

You most certainly should be a member of this club! Where have you been? And you are needed in our Maennerchor.

Why not come to our next meeting at 7:30 Thursday, November 20th at the V.F.W. and join so you won't miss the 1981 activities?

Again, thanks for adding to our fun at the Holiday Inn.

Sincerely,

JASPER DEUSSCHERVEREIN

Dan Wehr, President

DW:JH

November 13, 1980

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hanselman
R. R. 4
Jasper, IN 47546

Dear Larry and Betty:

I wish to thank you for leading the crowd in the sing-along at the "Allerheiligen Nacht". Your efforts most certainly put the crowd in a great mood and I really appreciate your willingness to help.

Jasper Deusscherverein is an over-whelming success and it is due to the efforts of people like you who have worked to make it so.

Again, thanks for making our evening an enjoyable one.

Sincerely,

JASPER DEUSCHERVEREIN

Dan Wehr, President

DW: jh

November 13, 1980

TO ALL DEUTSCHERVEREIN OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

We will have a Board Meeting before our regular meeting Thursday, November 20th. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:15 P.M. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative with your opinions on the following items:

1. Invitation to have our Float in Christmas Parade November 29th.
2. Consideration of various requests we may want to contribute to:
 - a) Sponsor JOHN HARVEY - student exchange to Germany
 - b) Gramelspacher-Gutzweiler House
 - c) Sabina Jordan suggests a couple books we might donate to the library
3. Trip committee has selected "Group Holidays" of Evansville for our trip to Germany, Austria, Switzerland next June-July.
4. Allerheiligen Nacht - Report.
5. Fastnacht II - Do we want? If we do, name committee.
6. By-Laws - This is a MUST we at least establish our rules on election procedures. End of year is rapidly approaching. Do we want to appoint a committee to nominate?
7. Any other business.

As you can see the list is long and items are important to discuss. Please make every effort to come to the meeting. I suggest also if time is not enough we might want to consider getting a table in the corner during the entertainment portion of regular meeting to finish the discussion.

Thanks,

Dan Wehr, President
Jasper Deutscherverein

DW:jh

JASPER DEUTSCHERVEREIN MEETING

November 20, 1980

The meeting was called to order by the President Dan Wehr. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Ron Kieffner gave the Treasurer's report, stating that a profit of \$1,100 was made from the recent Allerheiligen Night making a balance on hand of \$1,887.00.

Dan announced that there would not be a meeting in the month of December due to the many other activities. The date for the January meeting will be announced at a later time.

Dan also announced that the committee working on the plans for the tour of Germany, Austria and Switzerland this coming summer, 1981, had selected Group Holidays, Inc. of Evansville as the travel agency to handle the plans. Several agencies presented prices and suggested tours and this agency had the most to offer for the money. The tour will be the last of June and first part of July. Details will be announced at the January meeting complete with itinerary if possible.

The President stated that the Board was presently working on a set of By-Laws which would be presented at the next meeting.

The Board voted to donate \$100.00 to Historic Jasper, Inc. for the moving of the Gramelspacher-Gutzweiler home. This was done because of the fact this club is formed partially to preserve our German Heritage in the community, and it was felt that the preservation of this landmark home fell under that category of preserving our heritage.

Sabine Jordan also brought to the attention of the club that our Jasper library was in need of a good set of German-English and English-German dictionaries. The Board also voted to make this purchase as a contribution to the library. This will be a study aid to the students of the community.

After a program of music by our own Deutscherverein Band, Bonnie Richart instructed the group in the Polka and Shottish. She almost made dancers of some of us, then of course, many are already experts!

The meeting was adjourned and an evening of socializing followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Holler
Jeanne Holler, Secretary

LIEB DEUTSCHERVEREIN MITZLIEDER,

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 20th,
at 7:30 P.M. at the Jasper V.F.W.

Get ready for another "GROSS ABEND" !! The
Deutscherverein Band will be performing and Mrs. Bonnie
Richardt will be on hand to continue your adventures
in "The Art of Dance". She will be teaching the polka,
Jaltz and Schottische.

First information on trip to Germany, Austria,
Switzerland next summer. 1987 Membership Cards will
be available at meeting. Membership cost will remain
a staggering \$5.00 per couple.

Auf Wiedersehen,
Dan Wehr, President
Jasper Deutscherverein

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 20, 1980

The committee met prior to the general meeting on this date.

Dan Wehr stated that he had been approached for a donation from our club to the Gramelspacher-Gutzweiler fund. After a discussion, it was felt we should donate \$100.00 to Historic Jasper, Inc. for the moving of the old house since part of our purpose was the preservation of German Heritage in the community.

He also said that Sabine Jordan said there was a real need for German-English and English-German dictionarys at the library. The Board agreed that these should be purchased as a gift from the club.

Jeanne Holler presented a sample set of By-Laws for adaptation by the club. These were reviewed very carefully and were felt to be appropriate for our use. These will be presented to the membership at the January meeting for approval.

Dan said he had been approached to use the Deutscherverein float in the Christmas parade, but the Board felt it was not feasible for us to do so.