

# Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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9 MARCH 2015  
Mares Meeting Room  
1722 E 19-Fremont NE  
7 P.M.

PROGRAM  
Book of German Protestant Immigration  
Dr Earl Underwood

BROWSE NITE 7 p.m.  
23 March 2015

Here I am writing the Newsletter for the month of March & with snowdrifts everywhere-in the driveway and sidewalks, plus the backyard patio – and trying to locate something to write about, today is Feb 10th. I rely on the old newspapers for ideas and also books of the past.

Our February meeting was a great evening, and was given by Yvonne Steinbach and Mary Bergan from the Saunders County Historical & Genealogical Society, telling the names of cemetery stones which have emblems upon them. The stones were from all over the U.S. some very old and some very new.

The ladies gave a very good program regarding the symbols that were etched on to the stones. A big "thank you to the both of you."

#### John Bentz Died Dec 24, 2014

John D Bentz, 97, of San Diego. Born Spencer NE, 1917. Worked for GM Parts Div., starting as a laborer in 1939. Becoming Director of Field Operations in 1970. Served in WWII as a Navigator on B-17 Bombers, awarded the Air Medal, 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross, European Theater Medal, and the Victory Medal and flew 35 missions. Married Edna Meyer of Omaha, in 1945. He retired to San Diego in 1979, was active in church work as well as the S. D. Genealogical Society and the German Research Assn and published several books on his German ancestors. He died peacefully on Dec 24 2014. He is survived by four children Karen of Leimen, Germany; Paul of Berkeley, CA; Roger of Springfield, OH; Tamara of San Diego; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren. Memorial Service 11:-- a.m. Jan 17 at Christ the Cornerstone Lutheran, Mira Mesa. No flowers. Donations suggested to: Christ the Cornerstone Lutheran Church of San Diego, CA, or The Lutheran Hour.

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March 19, 1915 Page 1, column 2.

#### MISS SCHOENECK ENTERTAINS A VALENTINE PARTY

The Spacious home of Mr. And Mrs. W. A. Schoeneck was thrown open to thirty-two of Snyder's young people, when their daughter, Miss Norma, delightfully entertained at a prettily planned *Valentine Party* last Sunday evening.

Progressive rummy furnished the principal amusement, the score cards being red hearts. The first prize for the ladies was won by Miss Valeska Junghanel, while Joe Pateidl claimed honors for the gentlemen. Consolation prizes were awarded to Mr and Miss Meyer, of Hooper.

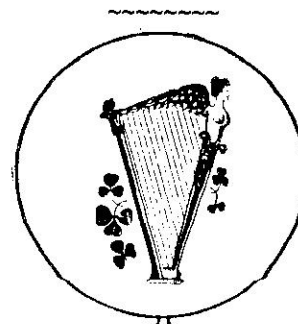
At midnight a dainty and delicious repast was served. Partners for this were chosen by lottery, the ladies and gentleman's number corresponding. After refreshments music, conversation and general sociability were indulged in, the guest being loathe to depart and disperse the merry company. And it was not till the wee small hours of morning that they bade their charming hostess farewell, assuring her of having spent a most delightful evening.

This was a splendid closing of the Pre-Lenten season of sociability in Snyder, and will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to have been present.

The guest list includes: Misses Ida Bolte, Amanda Vakiner, Katherine Husenetter, Clara Vakiner, Anne Flanagan, Valeska Junghanel, Norma Schoeneck, Viola Meyer of Hooper; Tillie Bolte, Gertrude Pateidl, Pearl Mead, Elsie Stollberg, Meta Frerk.

Messrs. John Ekelund, Joe Pateidl, Leo Roesch, Hans Wolf, G. L. Carter, Clifford Carter, Julius Meyer of Hooper; Arnold Schmitt, Ray Benson, Roy Flanagan, Elmer Seebeck, Henry Hagemann, Dr T J. Nolan, Arlan Schoeneck, Ralph Stollberg, John Bown, August Moench, Hilbert Schoeneck, August Hansen.

Noted in the Snyder Banner 19 March 1915.



ST. PATRICK

I found this article in the March 4, 1915 of the Scribner Rustler

#### SWEAR TO AGE

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Conductors must be sure of half-fare age else get parents' affidavit  
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It will be the clever parents who can take their child or children on a journey hereafter without paying the proper fare. Ever since the days when railroads first began to turn their wheels it has been customary for parents to get by with their children with loss in revenues to the corporations and consequent saving to the family purse. Conductors in many instances have refrained from demanding half fare when children were 6 to 7 years of age, or full fare when they were between 13 and 15. Rather than start an unpleasant argument with the father or mother, or both, most conductors have accepted the word of the adults concerning the age of their progeny and let it go, at that. As a result the roads have lost considerable revenue in years gone by.

Now this is all to be changed. The interstate commerce commission has stepped in and asserts that it is unlawful for the roads to carry children over 5 years of age, except upon payment of half fare and that all children over 12 must pay full fare. Conductors are now required to insist upon the collection of proper fare and if the parents or guardian still insist that the statement concerning the age is correct, then conductors, under a new regulation, must ask parents to sign a blank which is in the nature of an affidavit and which places them upon record in respect to the children's ages. It is believed that many parents, rather than commit themselves to perjury, will pay the proper fare. In any event the road is protected and, in case of a spotter who was placed in service by the interstate commerce commission to check up the conductors in this direction, both the conductor and the company are protected should a charge of violating the law be filed.

#### Grand Father Havrda Dead

John Havrda died Tuesday at his home northeast of Dodge of old age. He was born in Ze]rue, County Caslav, Bohemia, 85 years age. Came to America 33 years age and settled on a farm.

His wife died three years ago. The children left to mourn for him are Vincence Havrda living 7 miles southeast of Howells, Mrs Anna Klamt 6 miles north of Howells, Mrs Antonia Ruzicka 3 miles northeast of Dodge.

The funeral was held today at St Venceslaus' conducted by Father Drbal, The family have the sympathy of all.

Mr Havrda was a familiar figure in this community and although quite old was always of a pleasant disposition, and had many friends.

Dodge Criterion 11 March 1915 4:2

#### STATE BASKET BALL

The state basket ball tournament will be held at Lincoln next week, beginning Wednesday. There are forty-five teams entered. Twenty-five teams are in Class A, the highest class Dodge is in this class and will be pitted against Omaha, the game to be played Thursday. Dodge has played a number of games and has lost none so far, and it is hoped they will win against the Omaha team. If they win this they will be in line to play with other winners.

The players are Joe Chmeler, Howard Hrabak, Chas Kucera, Edward Schwein, Gilbert Srb and Adolph Brazda. Ellis Reynolds will go with them.

Here's hoping they bring home the first prize.

The boys went around with a paper asking help to pay expenses and met with liberal response. They desire us to say that they thank those who donated to the fund.

Spotted in the Dodge Criterion 4 Mar 1915 3:2

#### WOODEN WEDDING CELEBRATED

The friends and neighbors of Mr & Mrs Frank Sink in the Valley Grove neighborhood, congratulate themselves that they stole a complete march on the latter couple when they went in upon them Wednesday evening to remind them that the first anniversary of their marriage had arrived and was to be properly celebrated.

One account of bad roads, the invitations had been limited to the immediate neighbors, but, including the children, this made a jolly party of fifty-five guests. The evening was spent informally in visiting, cards, and other games, and later some of the ladies spread the bountiful supper which the guests had brought. Before the close of the pleasant evening, Mr Fred Howe, acting fo the guests, presented Mr & Mrs Sink with a substantial token of regard, requesting them to purchase with it something to remind them always of their "wooden" anniversary.

North Bend Eagle 18 March 1915 1:4

When you open this letter you will find there are two letters This one and one regarding the annual dues.

We thought it best to make use of one envelope with both items, to save us money for sending two letters. We do have a regulation with the post office that we must have at least 200 envelopes with each mailing to receive a lesser price on postage, if over 3 oz our price will be higher.

You will find in the "dues letter" there are some that have paid their dues even before the beginning of the year, and hopefully I did not forget any one, but I have placed a note on the letter stating if you are a life member or have paid your dues for 2015 up to 2017 disregard the little envelope and short form for completion on dues.

