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NEWS FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT
.....NORMAN C. EMERICK

FORMATION OF MAGS -

Most of you are aware of the formation of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society -- MAGS -- which occurred July 10th. The core Group Committee of the formative Maryland Chapter of Palatines to America decided they were unable to form a chapter. This decision was reached because of the difference which existed between the Core Group and the National officers. Persons present for the July 10th meeting (some who were original Core Group members) were Anne Tenny, Deborah Showalter, Ralph Knisely, Ardyce Harrison, Marta Coffman, Beverly Hoch, Doris Suresch, and myself. It was decided to retain the officers of the PALAM formative chapter on an acting basis until elections are held. Elsewhere in *DER KURIER*, the acting officers of MAGS are listed.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS AND DUES -

A letter was sent to all members of Palatines to America residing in Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia and the District of Columbia, explaining the actions of July 10th. This letter invited response from all concerning their desire to become members of MAGS. Anyone

receiving a copy of *DER KURIER* who desires membership in MAGS can do so by sending a note to the membership chairperson, Beverly Hoch. Individual yearly dues have been established for the first year at \$5.00. Family membership is \$7.00. The membership year begins September 1, 1982. For those who have either previously indicated their desire to become a member or are currently considering such action, please mail a check payable to MAGS, to Beverly Hoch, 13001 Meadow View Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. All persons who join the Society prior to Sept. 1, 1983 will be considered charter members. WE WELCOME ALL WHO WISH TO BECOME MEMBERS.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS -

I will establish a committee in September to formulate a constitution and a set of by-laws. We are presently soliciting the advice and help of several influential persons in other Maryland and national genealogy groups, particularly with respect to the framing of an adequate constitution and by-laws. These people will provide advice to guide the committee in writing the most effective documents. It is intended that a copy of the two documents be submitted to the membership about January 1, 1983 for approval.

PRESENT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES -

Because the time for planning and organization is not available prior to September 1st and the Fall meeting, the acting officers and committees will continue in force until the Fall meeting in September, 1983. It is believed because so much original organizational work must be accomplished within the first year, the officers and committees should be maintained as stated. Additional committees will be appointed from among the membership during the first few months to most effectively formulate programs and activities.

SOCIETY OBJECTIVES -

We intend to have meetings of several types throughout the membership year, though not all types will necessarily occur within one year. It is hoped that we will have two scheduled meetings each year; one in September and one in March. Both meetings will be business-oriented with special speakers. In addition, workshop meetings will be planned at times and locations to study problems and promote projects concerning the needs of groups of members from various geographic areas within our membership sphere. Projects will involve special committees and will be concerned with emigration from Germany, emigration patterns within the Mid-Atlantic area, ancestor charts, surname indexes, special research areas, as well as any subject or theme which has value for a significant group of members. Special activities such as field trips will be arranged as the need arises. The means are limitless for satisfying the members' needs and thought will be given to the many possibilities. Fees will be charged for all meetings to defray costs and

to return a small amount to the treasury in order to keep the dues at the lowest level. One item of great importance is a membership list. It is planned to send one to the membership by February.

WHO IS THE ACTING PRESIDENT?

Not much has been said about myself either in the work of the PalAM Core Group or in MAGS, in a published form. Beverly Hoch and I were co-chairpersons of the former group. Beverly asked to be relieved June 5th -- due to heavy demands of her time, whereupon I became the chairperson. In all Society work since then, I have had the help of the officers and committees in complete dedication. In particular, without the help and support given by Beverly Hoch, we could not have attained what we had planned. Her support has been outstanding, but must not diminish the support and accomplishment of the committee chairpersons and their members. They continue to offer their help in making MAGS a worthwhile organization.

DER KURIER -

It is intended *DER KURIER* be published quarterly, i.e., August, November, February and May. It will encompass the structure of both newsletter and journal until requirements demand otherwise. It will publish

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results of meetings, general news, reports on projects and surveys, queries, new members, and any item of concern to our membership. *DER KURIER* will be sent to all members and is included in their dues structure. THE FIRST ISSUE IS BEING SENT TO MANY POTENTIAL MEMBERS AS A MEANS TO ADVERTISE OUR ORGANIZATION IN A MOST POSITIVE WAY. Anyone, at any time, may mail articles to the editor for publication. We ask all members to exercise this privilege.

QUERY SECTION OF DER KURIER -

A query section will appear as the demand requires. Mrs. Ardyce Harrison is the query editor. For information on queries please read the article elsewhere in this issue.

ANNUAL FALL MEETING
....IN FREDERICK, MARYLAND -

Since the PALAM Core Group had planned an annual meeting in the Fall which originally was scheduled as a charter meeting, the structure of this meeting has been retained by MAGS, and will be held in Frederick, Maryland, September 25th.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a complete agenda and forms to send for reservations. WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE.

MAGS would especially like to thank Ardyce Harrison for opening her home to meetings, serving as liaison between committee members and officers, and taking on responsibilities for which others had no time.

SPEAKERS AT FALL MEETING -

Calvin E. Schildknecht, our morning speaker at the Fall meeting, will lecture on "Research on German-

American names." Mr. Schildknecht was born in 1910 at Frederick, Maryland, a seventh generation descendant of Wilhelm Schildknecht, a 1768 emigrant from Swabia, Southern Germany. As a Professor-Emeritus and former student of Gettysburg College, Schildknecht first moved to Gettysburg in 1959, after teaching at Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey. The move to Gettysburg made possible a closer look at the Monocacy Valley of Frederick, Carroll and southern Adams counties. He is currently compiling material for an upcoming book on the Germans of that area. Mrs. Schildknecht has also written articles for the *FREDERICK NEWS-POST*.

Substitute speaker: Mary K. Meyer

"The German element in Maryland and migration patterns as they affect Maryland" is the topic of our luncheon speaker, Dr. Morgan H. Pritchett. Dr. Pritchett obtained degrees in German and History from Johns Hopkins University and the University of North Carolina, prior to earning his Ph. D. in German from Johns Hopkins in 1964. He also taught at Loyola College in Baltimore, where he was head of the Modern Languages Department. Dr. Pritchett has an M.S. degree in Library Science from Drexel University, and was Librarian, for the Collection Development, Milton S. Eisenhower Library at Johns Hopkins University. At present, he heads the Maryland Department of Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore.

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ANNUAL FALL MEETING -- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1982
(See Map - Next Page)

DAN-DEE MOTEL AND COUNTRY INN - FREDERICK, MARYLAND
(Ample Parking)

8:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

- 8:30 - 10:15 Registration, coffee and treats, fellowship & exhibits.
- 10:15 - 10:20 Welcome and Opening Remarks by Norman C. Emerick,
Acting President
- 10:20 - 10:25 Introduction of speaker by Beverly Hoch,
Membership Chairperson
- 10:25 - 11:30 RESEARCH ON GERMAN-AMERICAN NAMES by -
Professor Calvin E. Schildknecht
- 11:30 - 12:50 Lunch, fellowship, and review of exhibits.
- 12:50 - 12:55 Introduction of speaker by Norman C. Emerick,
Acting President
- 12:55 - 2:00 THE GERMAN ELEMENT IN MARYLAND AND MIGRATION PATTERNS
AS THEY AFFECT MARYLAND by Morgan H. Pritchett, Ph. D.
- 2:00 - 2:30 Business Meeting - All attendees welcome - Informal
meeting about organizational structure planning and
possible activities.
- 2:30 - 3:00 Fellowship, exhibits, and opening bids for SILENT AUCTION

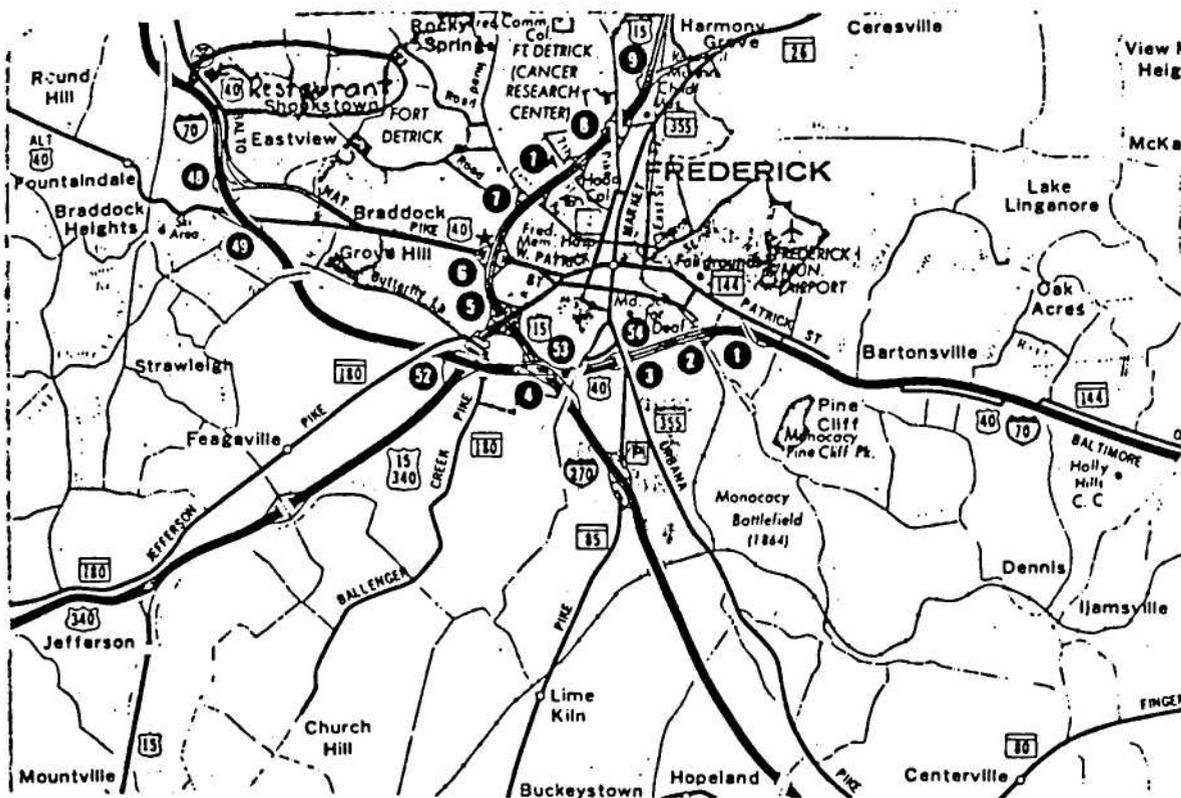
There will be a number of exhibits in the meeting area, which should be of interest to all. The three periods during registration, lunch, and after the business meeting should provide ample time for studying the exhibits, discussing research and exchanging notes.

EXHIBITS:

- SILENT AUCTION - Placing of bids for items
- TOMBSTONE RUBBING DEMONSTRATION - Required materials will be on sale
- COPYING OF OLD PHOTOS - Orders will be taken for this work
- MEMBERSHIP - Arrangements provided for new members to sign up
- SURNAMES - Displays explaining Surname Index and arrangements for submitting attendees' own cards
- REGISTRATION AND COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION
Registration and solicitation of committee assignments
- QUESTIONNAIRE DISPLAY - Results of recent query about society activities.

SEE RESERVATION FORM - MAP AND DIRECTIONS ON OTHER PAGES - -

MAP SHOWING DIRECTIONS TO DAN-DEE COUNTRY INN



DIRECTIONS TO DAN-DEE COUNTRY INN:

From Baltimore on I-70 - Take Exit 53 which leads to Route 15, North. Go to Exit 6 West which leads to Route 40 West. Continue on Route 40 about 4 miles to restaurant on the right (marked on map). DO NOT TAKE 40A or I-70.

From Washington on I-270 - Continue on I-270 which runs into Route 15 North. DO NOT TAKE I-70 to Hagerstown. Go to Exit 6 West and follow directions from Baltimore.

From Harrisburg or Gettysburg on Route 15 South - Take Exit 6 West and follow directions from Baltimore.

From Hagerstown or Virginia, West Virginia points on I-70 - Take Exit 53 which leads to Route 15 North. Follow directions from Baltimore.

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SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT
FALL MEETING -

A fund raiser for MAGS in the form of a silent auction will be among those activities planned for the annual Fall meeting. Such items as "One Night's Bed and Breakfast near Washington, D. C." will be among the items auctioned off. Each bidder

is issued an auction sheet with a description of each item for sale, its estimated value, and minimum bid allowed. At the end of the day, highest bidders will receive items.

If you would like to donate genealogical items, books or services for the auction, please (con't.)

write - MAGS, 13001 Meadow View Dr., Gaithersburg, MD 20878. For genealogical services such as "5-hours research at National Archives" or "overnight accommodations", please suggest a minimum bid for the service.

Bids will be taken by mail for those unable to attend the meeting. Send a SASE to the above address and an auction listing will be sent to you 2 weeks before the meeting. Please return your bids as soon as possible, so that they may be included on the bidding sheets the day of the Fall meeting.

BRING YOUR OLD PHOTOS TO FALL MEETING -

Ever wonder how you could have those old cherished photographs copied? Come to the Fall meeting and see the display of a photo copying process. Bring your old photographs with you

to be copied. Due to time and conditions, no work will be produced at the meeting, but orders will be taken to reproduce your photos. All old photos will be collected at the meeting and copying done in a film laboratory. The finished negatives and old photos will be returned to you in about two weeks. Cost of producing the negatives will be less than one would pay a commercial photo laboratory. This work is being done for our group by special arrangement. Think what a lovely Christmas gift you can give this year. AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR OLD PHOTOS WITH YOU.

CUT OFF AND MAIL THE FORM FOR REGISTRATION FOR THE FALL MEETING - WHICH IS BELOW THE BROKEN LINE.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL MEETING

(Cost includes coffee, treats and lunch)

COST - \$12.00 BY SEPTEMBER 14th - with this form
- \$14.00 AT THE DOOR

NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPT. 10.1982

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ registration(s) payable to MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY.

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____

List additional names of those attending:

MAIL THIS FORM -

(It must arrive by Sept. 14th)

TO: - Beverly Repass Hoch,
Registration Chairperson
13001 Meadow View Drive
Darnestown, MD 20878

YOUR QUERIES TO MAGS -

The Mid-Atlantic German Society offers an unusual opportunity for you to reach a special group having a broad base of German-American family information. Some of our members have documented families of German descent in this country extending back to the Germanic areas of Europe. One way you can share your knowledge is by submitting your queries to MAGS and replying to the questions of others.

To assure your query will receive the quickest reply:

1. Keep it short and to the point.
2. Use only one family name with as many alternate spellings as are known.
3. PLEASE limit each query to 50 words.
4. Send each query on a separate 8½ x 11 sheet of paper.

There is no charge to members for queries. You may submit two or more at a time, but indicate which you want printed first. Each of your submissions will be given numbers and an effort made to use them in the order received or requested. MAGS and *DER KURIER* reserve the right to rewrite and do not accept responsibility for the information contained in printed queries.

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DO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE QUERIES SERVICE. The more questions, the more chances for answers!

Please find a sample format on another page - -



I would like to be a member of MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY

- Family — \$7.00
- Single — \$5.00

Name _____

Address _____

Make check out to: MID-ATLANTIC GERMANIC SOCIETY
and mail to: Mrs. Beverly R. Hoch (Membership Chairperson).

SAMPLE QUERY FORMAT

August 15, 1982

(date: if you have several
queries, indicate priority)

TO --

Query Editor, MAGS
4925 Jamestown Road
Bethesda, MD 20816

FROM --

Ardyce E. Burr Harrison
4925 Jamestown Road (your name and address)
Bethesda, MD 20816

John Fiechter/Feichter/Fiester/Pfister/Feaster born Baden, 1822, died Benton County, Oregon 2 October 1861. Possibly civilian employee John C. Fremont's 1840s Colorado military mapping expedition. Joined wagon train, St. Joseph, Missouri for Oregon, May 1846, southern route. Writing biography. Exchange information.

WORKSHOP ON ELEMENTARY GERMAN -

We are trying to develop a series of continuous workshop meetings, where a qualified instructor would lead group study in elementary German, in both written and spoken form. We are not sure at this time what the cost per individual would be for the series of workshops. It will depend upon the response we receive to this and other notices. If you are interested in the German workshop, please send your name, address, and phone number to: ROBERT A. WEIMER, 622 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204.

SPEAKING OF GERMAN.....For \$3.00 per surname -- you can have current German phone books searched for surnames of interest in the larger cities of Germany. Send your money for EACH surname and you will receive xerox copies - to: Ms. Karen Husemeyer Boerboom, 2605 Flora, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.



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