

THE BIG CITY

Better tell you what I did in Houston the other day. I grabbed a taxi drowsing at the curb and found out it was one of those new Japanese cars--it had a buzzer that wouldn't stop til I took off my shoes.

We started off and went through blocks and blocks of apartments that were just sitting there staring at each other, passed a movie theatre whose sign advertised an X-rated western--even the wagons weren't covered.

Arrived downtown and found a parking meter with time on its hands and went into a large department store where I noticed a waterfall of people spilling down the escalator. Made my purchase, back to the cab, onward to Hermann Park Zoo.

Beautiful, restful zoo. Flamingos scanning the shallows like proofreaders, a gazelle fleeing on dainty ballet hoofs, elephants dressed in their perennially wrinkled gray suits, a hippo shedding the river, and giraffes like tipsy cranes on the horizon.

Tell you one thing. One swallow doesn't make a summer, but it sure warms one on a cold winter day. As I was proceeding homeward at dusk, I noticed the city was putting on its neon make-up.

How wonderful is life in the city.

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THE 1976 REUNION REVISITED

The 35th Reunion was held at Aggie Park in San Antonio, Texas, on July 18, 1976, with 126 members in attendance.

Registration began at 10:00 a.m. followed by a picnic style luncheon at noon. The business meeting began at 1:30 p.m. with President Ray von Rosenberg presiding.

There were 6 Past-Presidents of the Association present: Lois Carnes of San Antonio, Glenn von Rosenberg of Waco, Clark von Rosenberg of Houston, Leo Meerscheidt III of San Antonio, Charles W. von Rosenberg of Dallas, and Robert Hein of San Antonio.

The minutes were accepted as contained in the Dec. '75 Newsletter and Robert Hein gave the treasurers report.

The oldest member attending was Edgar von Rosenberg of San Angelo, a tender 94, the youngest was Megan Meerscheidt of San Antonio, daughter of Alan and Kay Meerscheidt, and the members coming the longest distance to attend was the Oscar Paul Lytton family of Mesilla Park, New Mexico.

Glenn von Rosenberg of Waco conducted a memorial service for deceased members since the '75 Reunion and Lois Carnes gave a splendid and informative speech on medical hypnosis. What a remarkable and talented person Lois is.

102 fun-loving members attended the Social Evening the night before and what a gala occasion that was. If you weren't there, you really missed something. After a delicious bar-b-cue, we boated down the romantic San Antonio river in all its beauty and splendor and then arrived at the Arneson open-air river theatre by boat and were gallantly entertained by a well-done Mexican singing and dancing show. Everyone was impressed and had a good time.

It was good to see Jerry and Amanda Wood at the Reunion in San Antonio. They reside at 5614 Firewood Dr., Arlington, Texas, 76016.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil V. Lantz have a new address: Rt. 1 Box 427, Belton, Texas, 76513.

THANKS TO THE HOST

DEATHS

The Association offers it's deep-felt thanks to the San Antonio Host Committee of the 1976 Reunion and fun night. They put on a well organized dandy.

Chairpersons Sara and Leo Meerscheidt, Jr., aided tremendously by Nancy and Robert Hein, formed and detailed a great host of "helpers" consisting Of: Leo Meerscheidt III, Mary Lorraine Meerscheidt, Beverly Perkins, Kathleen and Jim Schock, Florence Helmke, Sonny and Joan Campbell (should have seen these 2 in action), Russell and Anita Campbell, Lois Carnes, and Dorothy and Frank Reed, all of San Antonio.

What a crew and what an event! Thanks to each of you who made the 76'er a Reunion we'll never forget.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance was pretty good again in '76. We recorded our 4th largest attendance in Association history with 126 attending.

Following are the complete attendance stats since 1939:

1939--153	1958-- 49
1946--127	1960-- 50
1948-- 90	1962-- 61
1949--143	1963-- 35
1950--101	1965-- 88
1951-- 98	1970-- 45
1952-- 60	1971-- 23 (yuk)
1953-- 77	1972-- 82
1954-- 71	1973-- 82
1955-- 88	1974--107
1956-- 45	1975--148
1957-- 63	1976--126

Erie von Rosenberg, wife of Clark von Rosenberg of Houston, has a question for all female members of our Family. I quote: "Do you suppose we could pose a question in our Newsletter to female members concerning their interest in our printing the two von Rosenberg coat-of-arms on personal stationary which they could purchase for individual use? Alma Tomlinson did it for many years since the year 1939." (end quote).

If you're interested, let me hear from you and we'll put it to your officers for approval.

✓ Mary Alice von Rosenberg, wife of Lester E. von Rosenberg of La Grange, died Wed., June 2, 1976, and was buried June 4 in La Grange cemetary. She was age 55 and the daughter of W. Albert and Mrs. Alice Johnson Lee and was born June 21, 1920. She is survived by her husband, a son Dan von Rosenberg, both of La Grange, and her daughter Mrs. R. S. (Nancy Ann) Hunter of Stafford, Tx.

✓ Newton F. Walker (M.D.) of El Paso died Aug. 12, 1976, leaving his widow Helen Hellmuth Walker who is Chairman of our Family branch #2.

✓ Marguerite Dexter of San Antonio, wife of Frank Dexter (who put on so many great magic shows for the kids at past Reunions) died Sept. 2, 1976. Marguerite was a very fine pianist.

✓ Inez Elvera (v.R.) Boatright died Sept. 1, 1976. Inez enjoyed playing piano duets, worked in the University of Tx. Archives, the Austin Public Library, Ellison's Photo Finishing Service, and as a saleslady. She leaves two daughters: Mary Ellen Neans Barrow and Inez Neans McDonnel, and grandchildren.

✓ Frances G. von Rosenberg (Mrs. F. A.) died in Richmond, Virginia on Dec. 16, 1976. She was the step-grandmother of Frederick A. von Rosenberg II, our Family Vice-President.

✓ Anna (Mrs. Charles W.) von Rosenberg of Montrose, Colo., died Jan. 7, 1977.

✓ Albert Lee von Rosenberg of Arlington, Texas, died Jan. 3, 1977. A.L. suffered a heart attack on Sept. 5, 1976, but made excellent recovery and returned to work in Dec. of '76. The second attack came on Jan. 3, 1977, en route to the hospital where he passed away 2 hours later. A.L. leaves his wife, Helen, and sons Karl, Eric, and Alex.

✓ James Otto Hornberger, Sr., 62, of Ft. Worth, passed away Feb. 3, 1977. Survivors: wife Helen Elizabeth, Ft. Worth; sons James O., Jr., Harvey Lee, Cleburne; grandchildren Jamey and Julie Ann, Ft. Worth; brother Gilmore of Burleson; sister Susan Kelly, San Diego, Calif. Buried in Laurel Land Mem. Pk.

We are pleased to announce, some four months in advance, the 1977 Reunion will be held in the beautiful city of Austin on Sunday, July 17th.

The site will be the Knights of Columbus Hall located south of the Colorado river near the Barton Springs and Zilker park area. The hall is air-conditioned and the area is gorgeous.

The Austin Host Committee is chaired by Mr. and Mrs. William F. von Rosenberg, Jr., 9401 Cedar Crest Dr., Austin, Texas, 78759.

Please, Austin members, call Bill von Rosenberg and volunteer your services for committee work. I have figured out there are more Family members living in Austin than any other city (S.A. second and Houston third) and I know this Reunion will be very well attended.

Therefore Bill will need all the help he can get and I urge you Austinites to get yourselves involved on the Host Committee and help put the thing over. You can phone Bill at 258-2876.

THE 1977 SOCIAL EVENING

The Social Evening has proven so popular and well attended in past years that the Austin Host Committee has definitely decided to hold it again in 1977.

It will be Saturday night, July 16, and complete details will be sent you in the June Newsletter.

A'PEAL! (Y'all come!)

You are encouraged to begin making your plans now to attend the Social Evening and Reunion on July 16 and 17, 1977. It will be great, I'm sure.

 Pamela Ann Meerscheidt and Nicky Rosen-
 cran were married in Houston Feb. 5,
 1977. Pam is the daughter of Phil and
 Dot Meerscheidt and Nicky is a law
 enforcement officer. Their mailing
 address is: Box 1480, Valdez, Alaska,
 99686. Welcome to the Family, Nicky,
 and as your father-in-law, let me tell
 you one quick thing: "there's nothing
 like a little exercise to change a man's
 life--especially if it's a walk down the
 aisle.

 Dot and Phil Meerscheidt celebrated their
 25th anniversary Sept. 29, 1976.

Newsletters to the following folks have returned to me indicating wrong addresses. Would you kindly read thru them and if you know any correct current address, please send them to me. The following addresses are wrong:

Eddie D. Adams 3613 Alamo Killeen 76547	Sharon Lee Lytton 30 South Pearl Denver, Col. 80209
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Joe A. Alexander Rt. 1 Box 248C Austin 78724	Sidney K. Ng 6419 Seneca San Antonio 78216
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Daniel W. Booth 221 Post Ave. San Antonio 78215	Jack Nowlin 8250 Park Place Houston
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Betty Campbell 2800 Turk Blvd. San Fran., Cal.	Arthur J. von R. 3900 Eisenhower San Antonio 78218
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James T. Collins 2420 Live Oak San Angelo 76901	Charles E. Simmons 7207 Forrest Wood Austin 78745
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William S. Dupree 111N 28th #152 Killeen 76541	Stanley R. Troop Bobbie Endicott 3783 Legendary Dallas 75224
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Duane L. Eaks Flat 48 Preston, Victoria 3072 Australia	John L. Trujillo 413 Leslie Lansing, Mich.
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Ivan W. Eaks Box 493 St. George, Utah	Fred Wilson, Jr. 1504 S. 1st Temple 76501
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James W. Lambert Celia Lambert 125 W. 7th Alice	Timothy Zierke Shady Prailor Park Temple 76501
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 ✓ Albert Campbell of Somerset, N. J. was
 married in Sept. of '76. Further
 details are not available.

MINUTES OF THE 2nd REUNION May 5, 1940

The second Reunion of the descendants of Peter Carl Johann von Rosenberg was held at the La Grange, Texas, Fair grounds on Sunday, May 5, 1940.

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.--arrival of members and registration by Alice Wupperman.
11:30 a.m.--business meeting was called to order by Chairman Herbert von Rosenberg. The minutes of the first Reunion, May 7, 1939, were read and approved. The minutes of the officers pre-union meeting on Feb. 18, 1940, at Lester Hotel in La Grange were also approved.

An address of welcome was made by the Chairman. The secretary, Mr. Wupperman, remarked on the work of mailing out questionnaires on Family history and suggested there be a committee appointed to take charge of the matter and also the records so far received pertaining to this matter. Miss Meerscheidt then spoke on the trip of the great-grandfather and his family from Germany to Galveston, illustrating the same by a large map showing the trip in detail.

After hearing the recommendations of the nominating committee, the assembly elected for the next 12 months the following officers and committees:

Chairman: Herbert von Rosenberg
of San Antonio.
Vice-Chair: Herman von Rosenberg
of Houston.
Secretary: H. Clark von Rosenberg
of Houston.
Treasurer: Esther von Rosenberg
of Austin.

Chairman and Custodian of Family history and relics: Miss Martha Meerscheidt of San Antonio.

Chairman of Committee for date and place of next Reunion: Alma Tomlinson of Houston.

For some unknown reason, the report from the treasurer was overlooked. A free will offering to cover the expenses of correspondence, etc., for the next 12 months brought \$19.65 cash.

Mr. Fred Reutzel, appointed to look into the advisability of having this society incorporated, was not asked to give his report on account of the already excessive amount of business to be transacted but personally reported to the secretary that he had not gone further in the matter on account of some opposition that had been expressed by members to the idea of incorporating.

Under new business came the discussion of appointing a committee which should study the possibility of a family relics museum under the direction of some member personally interested and financially able to maintain same for the Family. Mr. Wupperman explained how this matter is handled in his family in the old country and why this should be preferable to giving Family records and relics over to the state University or some museum. Mrs. Alma Tomlinson was appointed Chairman of this act.

After lunching in the open hall, the meeting was continued and a prepared program of speeches and songs were enjoyed.

Clinton Meerscheidt spoke on the reproduction of the von Rosenberg Family coat-of-arms.

Prizes had been prepared and were awarded as follows: Mrs. Lieschen von Rosenberg of San Angelo, oldest member of the Association; Mrs. Alex von Rosenberg of La Grange, oldest member present; Miss Patricia Neese, youngest member present.

The rest of the day was spent in looking at the exhibits arranged by Alma Tomlinson and Mrs. Moss of La Grange of Family records--relics loaned by various members of the Family.

Written and signed by:
Walter Wupperman, Secretary

New officers will be elected at the 1977 Reunion in Austin. We will elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian to serve the Association through the year 1979.

If you aspire to become an officer of this Family, let your intentions be made known to the Secretary. Your name will be forwarded to the nominating committee soon to be appointed.

Leo Meerscheidt III of San Antonio, Family President from 1973 to 1975, and Beverly Perkins were united in marriage in San Antonio March 12, 1977. They will reside in San Antonio. Beverly has attended our Reunions as a guest and we certainly welcome her into our Family. Congrats, Bev and Leo.

VOL. II

You are reminded that copies of Vol. II of the Family book are still available and can be obtained by mailing a check in the amount of \$13.00 per copy to Robert Hein, 413 Ridgemont, San Antonio, Texas, 78209.

THE EMIGRATION LETTERS

Copies are available of the booklet "Emigration of the von Rosenbergs to Texas, 1849," compiled and published first in 1938 by Walter Otto Wupperman, secondly by Mrs. Harold (Monte von Rosenberg) Fletcher in 1960, and thirdly by Phil Meerscheidt in 1976.

Please send your check of \$6.00 per copy to Robert Hein, 413 Ridgemont, San Antonio, Texas, 78209.

How 'bout that San Antonio branch of relatives who always hold two family occasions during the year in addition to the Association Reunion? They always have a party at Lois Carnes' swimming pool (commercial, for teaching) the night after she closes it for the season and a formal dinner on New Years day.

If you or any of your near relatives have moved since last year or if you know someone who isn't receiving the Newsletters, please send me their name and address and I'll take care of it.

Ellen Young Metz has a new address: 2400 E. 25th St., Des Moines, Iowa, 50317. Ellen is the daughter of Anna Belle Hornberger Young who is the daughter of Emma Saunders and Ernest Otho Hornberger.

DONATIONS

If you haven't made your \$5.00 donation to our operating fund for 1976-1977, please feel free to do so. Please make your check payable to "Von Rosenberg Family" and mail it to your Secretary, Phil Meerscheidt.

Rives and Rosa Meerscheidt and family visited his parents Sara and Leo Meerscheidt, Jr. in San Antonio in Dec. '76. Rives is stationed in Germany.

BIRTHS

Robert Brent Hunter, son of Steve and Nancy Hunter of Stafford, Texas, born June 28, 1976. Grandparents are Lester E. von Rosenberg and the late Mary Alice von Rosenberg of La Grange. Let it be known forever that little Robert weighed 7 lbs. and 15 ozs. at birth.

Charles Robert Mattox, son of Capt. Robert D. and Sara Mattox of Fayetteville N. C., born on Easter day, 1976. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. von Rosenberg of the same city.

Matthew Allen Crowson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Crowson of El Paso, born Aug. 3, 1976. Grandmother is Helen F. Walker of El Paso.

Mr. Walter E. Simms of Austin was married to Aileen Marchner Shufflebarger in Galveston Jan. 8, 1977. Can anyone supply me with their address?

The fact has been mentioned in past Newsletters that some 400 von Rosenberg and Meerscheidt letters were found in the archives at the University of Texas by President Ray von Rosenberg of Taft.

He turned copies of these letters over to Historian Charles W. von Rosenberg who formed a translation committee to translate and prepare them for possible publication.

Those helping have been: Anna Campbell of San Antonio, Laura Miller Wingo of Birmingham, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Guenther of Austin.

Alfred Wupperman and Robert Hein have also assisted in clearing some questions on subject matter.

The translations are now complete!

LISTEN TO CHARLES

I quote: "The task was a larger one than the committee anticipated and though the Meerscheidt letters are mostly about that Family, they contain many references and items worthy of note about others, such as the deaths of Amanda and Peter Carl in detail. A large part is concerned with what is known about the early lives of the brothers and sisters of Lina and their children. The period covered, if all are included, is from 1844 to 1887 and run to about 400 pages.

Also included are four letters in the Familie Froelich which were omitted from the Wupperman translation as they did not concern the emigration. The 400 letters are not only Family history but make United States and even European history a footnote! (end quote)

Y'ALL LISTEN!

Yes, we have the letters (and they are a precious "find") and they are translated. Those familiar with the content indicate every descendant of Peter Carl would enjoy and should be in possession of a copy of them.

But questions are popping up, like will the University of Texas grant our Association publishing rights, should all the letters be published in total or condensed (who is to decide what is unimportant), cost, and other things. These questions can and will be answered by an appointed committee

--BUT--

JUST EXACTLY how many members of our Family have enough interest in this cause to insure the effort and expense?

WE NEED TO KNOW

Therefore, we are asking you for your opinion. How do you feel about these letters? Do you sense the importance of them historically; and will you help in the expense of printing and publication?

PLEASE

Please write to your Secretary IMMEDIATELY and convey your opinions. We must take the Family's "temperature" on this most important project.

Don't hesitate with your answer, write the Secretary today.

Your opinion is very, very important.

In closing, let me urge you once again to begin making your plans to attend the Social Evening and Reunion this July in Austin. We should break all records this year and you should come and be a part of it.

This Newsletter is respectfully submitted by:

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This Newsletter will be mailed to 470 households.